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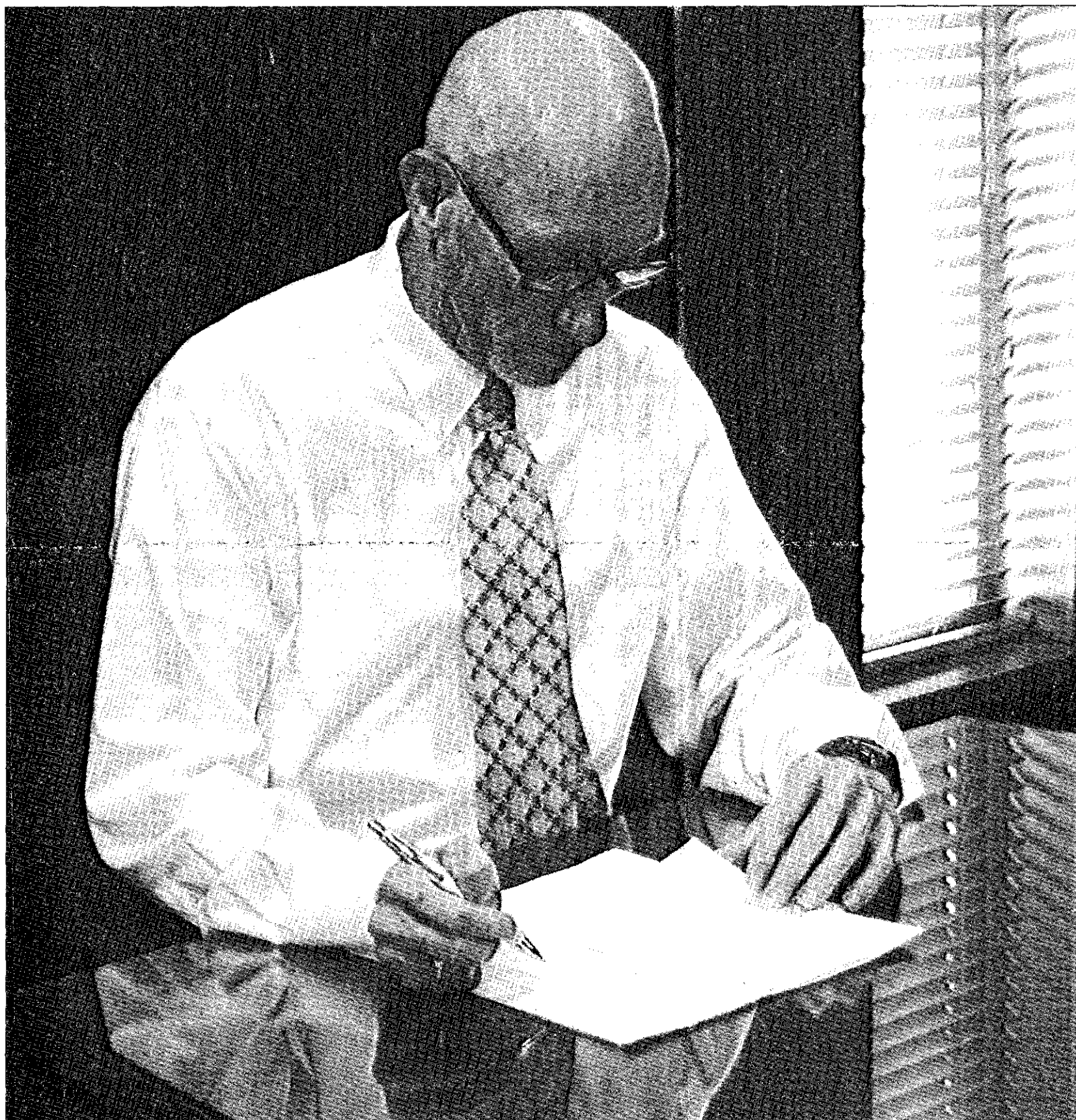
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Farmer in as acting president



Acting president: Bill Farmer was appointed as the acting president/superintendent for Cerritos College effective on July 31.

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The Cerritos College Board of Trustees has appointed Bill Farmer as acting president/superintendent.

The decision became effective on July 31 and was a move by board members that will ultimately finalize into the installment of an interim president.

The former President/ Superintendent Dr. Noelia Vela left to take the position of Chancellor at San Bernardino Community College District.

Last semester Vela was given a vote of "no confidence" by the Cerritos College faculty senate.

This saga began in October of last year when the HPEA Division attended a Faculty Senate meeting to explain its dissatisfaction with the Master Plan.

On April 16 many faculty members pleaded their case to the Board of Trustees.

Prior to that, the faculty released the Academic Leadership Outcome survey.

The ALO Survey was distributed to 230 people and 134 were returned.

There were 91 surveys submitted by the faculty, 19 by administrators, eight by staff, six by students and 10 submitted surveys by individuals that declined to indicate what group they represented.

The survey was broken up into five sections:

- College Community
- Constituent Organization
- Decision making and governance
- Academic agenda
- Specific initiatives and projects and
- Overall.

The people that took part in the survey had a rating scale that scored from one, meaning never meets ex-

pectations, to five, meaning consistently meets expectations.

The survey rated Vela's performance as president very low in many key areas.

So, now Farmer will be acting president.

As acting president, he will serve temporarily, a maximum six months while the board searches for an interim president.

An interim president can serve up to one year. Any extension of the term requires permission from the chancellor's office.

Farmer holds an impressive academic and professional record that easily accomplishes 27 years as a teacher and administrator.

Farmer said the reason the board of directors appointed him in office was, "Maybe because of the increasingly responsible administrative jobs at colleges I have held." After a moment of reflection he went on to add, "I would like to think that that is the reason."

In addition to these stations, he has served as an official for two executive boards: California Community College Chief Instructional Officers and the English Council of California Two-Year Colleges.

Farmer earned his Bachelors in double majors, Speech Communication and Political Science, from Georgetown, Ken., and a Masters in Speech and Theatre from Bradley University.

As the president of the campus, Farmer will see that the board's policies are carried out as well as manage those officials responsible for the divisions of operations entrusted in their care.

This encompasses everything from accounting to the academic structure and support of the college.

ADDITIONAL REPORTING BY
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Barrita has plans for semester

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ASCC President Michael Barrita has some plans in mind for the upcoming term he is serving with Shola Shidoya, ASCC vice president.

His main plans are for the student government to contribute to the faculty senate's "Habits in Mind" campaign, increase scholarships, renovate the outside of the student center and continue its book service program.

The faculty senate's "Habits in Mind" campaign involves a 5 x 8 card to help first-generation students succeed in college.

"Eighty percent of our campus (is) first generation," Barrita said.

It uses the acronym, F.A.L.C.O.N. which stands for:

- focus,
- advance,
- link up,
- comprehend,
- organize and embrace

- new ideas.

In Spring 2008, Barrita was working on a similar idea to create a pamphlet called "Tips by Students for Student."

Barrita is now contributing to this because he doesn't want to give students mixed messages.

In the spring, the ASCC gave out \$2500 in scholarships. Barrita says he wants to continue doing that.

Barrita has also expressed his distaste for the look of the outside area of the student center. He spoke with Tom Ritchie, head of facilities, about this.

As for the area between the student center and the game room, he wants to add some more benches, shade, plants, and trees.

For the front of the student center, he wants to see something done with the empty fountain.

"It's ugly," he said. "What is this?"

He was thinking about putting some material in it to fill it up and put some rocks over that.

"(I will) be talking about this at the Campus Transformation Committee," he said.

He wants to see this project "student-funded," using student reserves to pay for the renovation, in hopes that it gets done quicker.

In Barrita's term as vice president in the last school year, he was pushing a book exchange program as a way to battle the bookstore's prices.

The founders of the UC Davis book exchange program came to Cerritos to show the ASCC Senate how it works.

There were changes made to the UC Davis system by the ASCC.

"It's changed from a book exchange to a book service," he said.

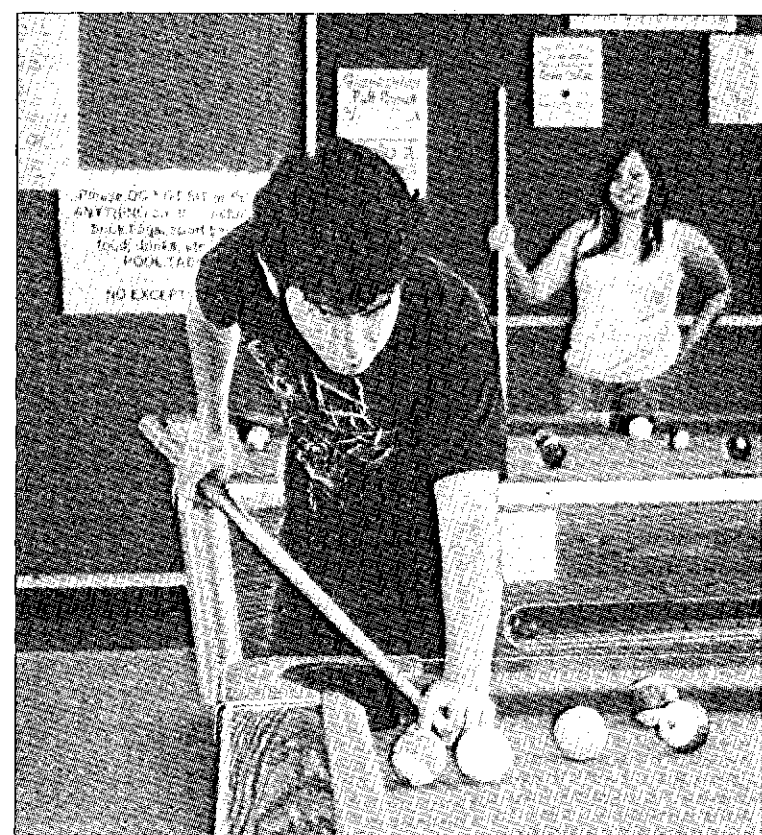
Instead of giving books to the ASCC with prices that students choose to sell them at, the ASCC simply sets up three bulletin boards over campus where students can post their books at.

Barrita says there were more than 300 hits on the boards.

"They were full," he said.

"(I'm) working on making (the book service) an institution of the ASCC."

POOL TIME



TM SPECIAL BY CANDY SOTO
Cues out: Ricardo Quiñonez, biology major, is having a relaxing time playing pool in the game room while he's not in class.

Faculty Senate tackles tough issues

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Several important issues were discussed at the Faculty Senate meeting held Tuesday.

One issue discussed was that of student transfers.

According to Faculty Senate president Bryan Reece, there are 2,205 students this year eligible for transfer. However, 1,300 of these students will not fill out transfer applications.

More than half of the students eligible to transfer give up such an opportunity because most of these students are not even aware how to obtain their eligibility status.

The Faculty of Cerritos College plans to create a "reach out" program where the students are informed that they are indeed eligible.

Reece stated that the school's computer system has in fact identified those students who qualify for eligibility. Of course, under the basis of the completion of more than half of the units required for transfer and under the presumption that by the spring of next year, all requirements will be fulfilled.

The school's goal is to contact its faculty and let them inform their students of their eligibility. Whether it be by personal interaction or creating a pop-up window under their "To Do List" in their MyCerritos account, the school will advise said students to see a counselor.

Although it is a "tremendous undertaking," as Liberal Arts representative and Speech Pathologist Ellen Horvath stated, she believes it will be of great benefit for Cerritos students.

Student transfers are of great impor-



Faculty Senate: Craig Bright, fine arts representative, talks about transfer students and their need for financial aid.

ELIETH KOULZONS/TM

ance. Yet, the main focus of the faculty senate meeting was the school's accreditation.

Cerritos College has four recommendations it absolutely must correct by next March.

There were eight total recommendations, all of which must be resolved by June 2010.

This is a major change because in previous years, schools were given six years to correct deficiencies. Due to a new rule implemented by the National Depart-

ment of Education, schools are presently allowed only two years before the new accreditation team visits.

Cerritos College must submit a report next March, which will be followed by a visit of a smaller team who will determine the school's status.

If in fact it has addressed the four main recommendations, all that is left is for Cerritos to do is make up for the last four by the following year. However, if it does not, we will then be considered under a "warning" status.

Considering that Cerritos has moved out of "stabilization" and increased its enrollment by 7.56 percent since last fall, it can not afford to lose its funding from other institutions, let alone its accreditation.

Acting president Farmer clearly emphasized that the faculty will be stressing on this for it will be their priorities one, two, three, and four.

Farmer said, "We must assess, plan, implement, and improve and must be constantly in that cycle."

Students are welcomed back by In-N-Out

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The Welcome Back event was held last Thursday at Falcon square to help students get acquainted with some of the programs provided here at school.

"I think these events help students come back to school with ease," explained Sara Chavez, CalWorks employee.

CalWorks is a program for students who are single parents. It provides them with money for children and relatives caring for them.

"These is a really great program because we offer free child care, and work study in which we help our students with job resumes that will help them land a job," said Chavez.


Students were also able to receive information on the student health services provided on campus.

The student health center provides Medicare for no cost. They provide everything from free birth control to chiropractic services.

"Everything is free, except the eye exams which are \$40, but we do everything possible to benefit students here," said Reyna de Luna, a student health employee.


Another participant of the Welcome Back Day event was the vocational program booth.

Apart from the information booths, the In-N-Out truck was there once again to provide free lunch to all Cerritos College students.



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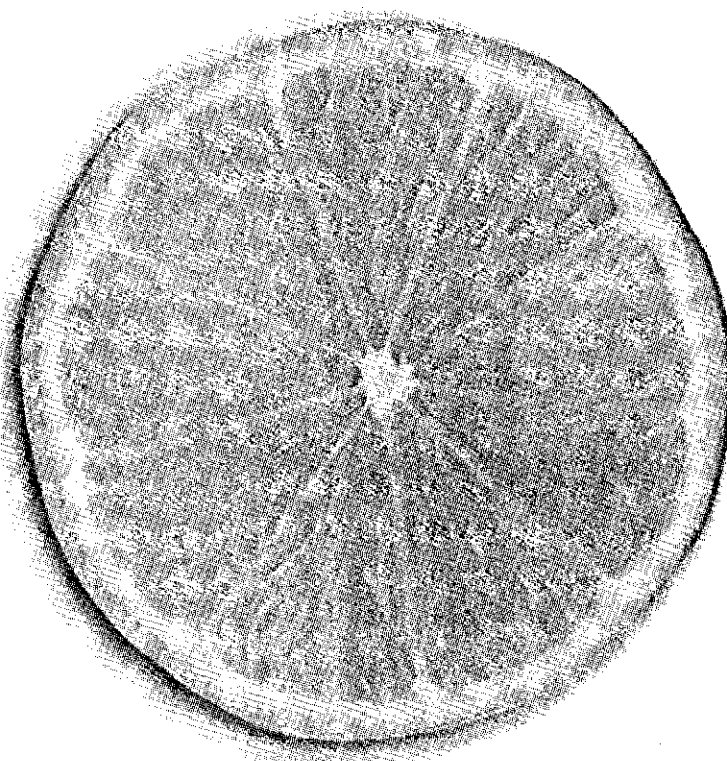
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Students get on TRAC with \$200K grant

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Students interested in automotive technology, woodworking and welding at Cerritos College this year will be able to take advantage of a grant dedicated to producing more vocational teachers in those fields.

The Teacher Training Academy program will do this by recruiting high school students, current Cerritos College students and career professionals as vocational teachers.

"What this project is trying to do is produce more teachers for those classes, to produce shop teachers, to interest young people in high school into thinking about becoming a teacher and become an automotive, welding, or a woodworking teacher," said Richard Nicholson, California Industrial Education Consortium Facilitator.

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office renewed the Career Technical Education Pipeline Grant for Cerritos College after awarding the grant to Cerritos last year.

The grant was written last year and is being run by the Teacher TRAC program.

Teacher TRAC is a program at Cerritos College that offers services and programs to students interested in teaching careers.

Teacher TRAC's flagship program partners with California State University Long Beach.

A student in the integrated program can earn his or her Bachelor's degree and multiple subject credential, and complete student teaching.

The CTE is targeted towards high school and current Cerritos College students, in addition to industry professionals, such as auto mechanics from dealerships or professionals working in carpentry and woodworking.

According to Carina Huynh, the program's project manager, the CTE is "building more awareness among the community and campus about this program to inform students or the community about certain teacher track programs.

"That's eventually to become a vocational instructor in the three strong programs we have here at Cerritos: welding, woodwork-

ing and automotive technology. There's a shortage in the market for these types of instructors, especially vocational instructors."

Richard Nicholson said most CTE instructors will teach in California high schools, where most of the jobs are located.

A student can become a CTE instructor in about two years, depending on experience.

For a student wanting to teach at the high school level, he or she will need to earn a bachelor's degree and a teaching credential.

In order to teach at the community college level, a student will need either six years work experience and an associate's degree or two years work experience and a bachelor's degree.

The CTE program also has a counselor, Phil Salazar, dedicated to the program.

There is also the possibility of funding for student teaching internships and observations.

"We have already built relationships to set up internships and observations with La Mirada, ABC School District and Norwalk. It's a way for students to go into the classroom and observe the instructor to see if this is something they would like to do to. And the internship this year is going to be a paid type of internship," said Carina Huynh, CTE Pathways Grant Project Manager.

The CTE program also has funds available to take students to professional conferences or to bring professionals to Cerritos College and hold special workshops.

Interested students can attend an open house coming up on Sep. 16 between 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. in the student center.

"School is a disconnect for most people. That's why we've got almost 25 percent dropout. There's somehow we gotta hook people up. They don't all have to go to college, but we got a way with those people with those interests to go to college, go to Cerritos, learn more and maybe come out and become a teacher. This isn't a hard sell," Richard Nicholson said.

Fun in the sun with DJ Quiz

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The wheels of steel: DJ Quiz spins today's latest hits at the Hill last Tuesday.

It's hot, sunny, and as most of other Southern California college students are still vacationing at the beach, Cerritos College is in session.

Some students looked anxious to be back in school, but most seemed as if they were shut out of all the fun.

DJ Quiz, a local Los Angeles DJ and a DJ at La Mirage Night Club in Artesia was seen in Falcon Square by former students as well as new students. His job: to "motivate students to get back in school."

He mixed hits from the duo, LMFAO, "I'm In Miami" to Pitbull's "Fuego." He also mixed in some house, and techno.

Jose Mercado who is working on his general education said, "It's cool, I like it, but people should get up and dance."

Others, like Chester Randolphs, undecided major, thought the music is "relaxing for the state of mind."

DJ Quiz was mixing live in Falcon Square from 11 a.m. until noon on Aug. 21, and he will be making re-appearances throughout the semester.

Albanese named VP of Business Services

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Dr. James Albanese started his first week as interim vice president of Business Services at Cerritos College on Monday.

He is taking over from Jo Ann Higdon, who took a position at El Camino College, said Igerna Morriss, secretary to the director of Fiscal Services.

The Board of Trustees appointed Dr. Albanese to serve for one year.

"That's why it (Cerritos College) needs an interim, because it takes a while to fill a position," he said.

Dr. Albanese is already familiar with Cerritos College.

"I've known people here for years. I've known the person at this office 20 years ago," he said.

Business Services has a tentative budget of \$98 million, which was passed in June.

"We haven't put some income in yet, because we don't have a figure yet," he said. "I'm hoping the numbers go up. We may not adopt this budget until August."

With the problems with the state budget, an-

other concern is that there will be cuts from the Cerritos College budget this year.

"If they make cuts we could have problems, but we're okay. Students will be taken care of. We have reserves. We're taking care of students the best way we can."

The interim vice president will also oversee a major construction project in the spring semester, once the contractors' bids are approved.

The project will include some renovations and demolitions of four buildings, although Dr. Albanese did not specify which buildings.

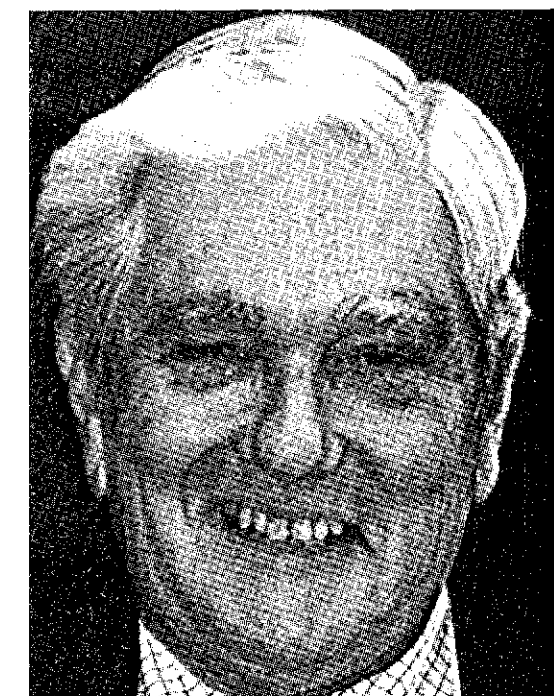
Dr. Albanese said that there will be a loss of student parking as the construction will require staging areas in parts of parking lots C-10 and C-1, but that the staging areas will use only two or three rows in C-10 and a few rows in C-1.

Dr. Albanese was born in Hawaii and grew up in San Diego. He currently lives in Whittier.

He taught in the classroom for 10 years and served at Mt. San Antonio College for 20 years.

Since then he has served as executive vice chancellor at San Mateo, and has held positions as interim vice president at Chaffey and Pasadena Community College districts.

He enjoys playing golf, although he said he hasn't been able to play for a while.



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ASCC:

Club Info Day & Night

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Also Sept. 4 in Falcon Square from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
This is a great chance to check out our Clubs & Organizations!

ASCC:

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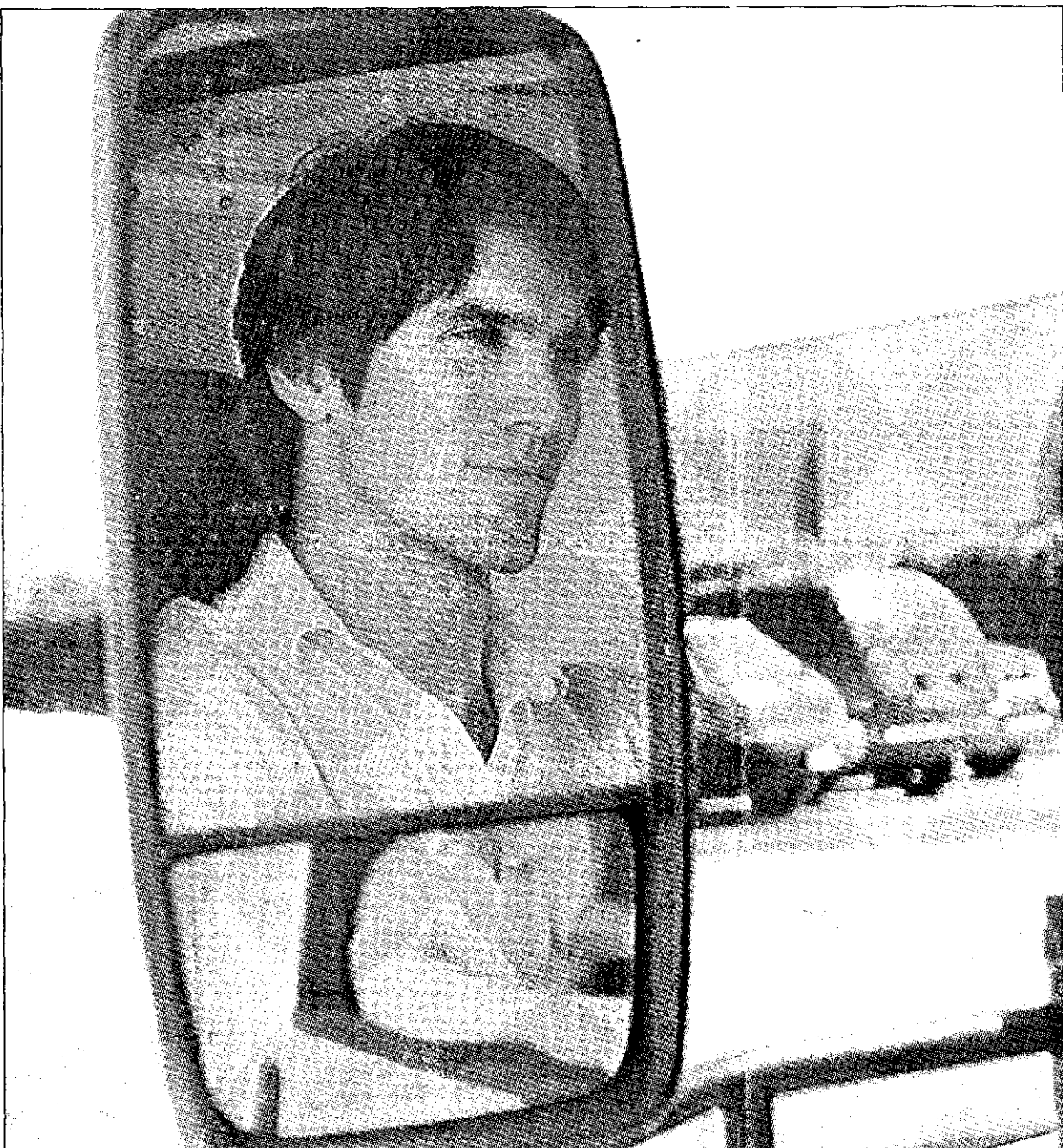


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EDITORIAL

Parking drives students crazy



Parking has been an issue among students at Cerritos College for a long time.

Usually it is about a matter of finding the spot closest to one's class.

During the first couple weeks of school, it is a matter of finding a spot at all. For the sake of education, something must be done to fix this problem.

The first couple of weeks are the most important. If students don't get to class, teachers will drop them.

Most students get to school, drive around and end up being late to class. This is disruptive to the learning environment.

A student can drive around both parking lots for close to an hour to find an available spot during the first few weeks of a new semester.

The said student isn't complaining about parking all the way next to the strawberry fields, because those spaces are taken as well.

A solution must take place to take care of the temporary parking problem in the first couple weeks of school.

Many staff parking spots are available; maybe it's time to evaluate how many of those spots are being used by staff at any given time.

No one wants to take spots away from teachers. If teachers can't park, the classes won't begin.

However, while every single student space is filled and there are plenty of staff spots open, some should be given to students.

dents.

The aisle reserved for student government isn't being used nearly to its full capacity in the beginning of the semester.

And if it's too much of an issue to give some staff parking spots to students, there are other places that can be negotiable.

The people at Home Depot have not liked it when students use their parking lot. It could be time to make a deal with these people to allow students to park there for the first couple weeks.

Another way is to use the high school's parking lots and have a shuttle to bring students from there.

There are also on-campus parking spots that have meters and time limits. What if student were able to use those spaces without paying or having any time limits.

Something needs to be done about the parking situation at the beginning of school. New parking lots aren't necessarily the answer because the back rows of the parking lots do open up after a couple weeks into the semester.

But something less permanent could be available. Not being able to find a parking spot isn't acceptable. Students need to come to class.



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Cell phone etiquette is lacking

Proper use of cell phone etiquette helps you, and the people around you.



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"Where you at?" Chirp! Chirp! Then, a barrage of garbled sounds, like a radio from the second world war. Chirp! Chirp! Again! This time it's the other guy responding.

It baffles me how communication can be had between two parties when it is so unintelligible. Cell phone rudeness doesn't just apply to walkie-talkie phones. Any jerk with a cell phone can annoy whoever is within hearing range.

It is the responsibility of any cell phone user to understand and practice proper cell phone etiquette.

Here are a couple tips all cell phone users should know:

1. Respect people's personal space. Maintain at least 10 feet from anyone while talking.
2. Refrain from talking in elevators, libraries, museums, restaurants, theaters, waiting rooms, places of worship, auditoriums or other enclosed public spaces, such as hospital emergency rooms or buses. And don't have any emotional conversations in public - ever.

3. Keep your ringtones tasteful! Don't use loud and annoying ringtones that rattle concentration and destroy eardrums.

4. Texting and walking is serious business. Take a seat and finish that juicy conversation before you end up smashing into a fellow Falcon.

These are just a few recommendations that will not only respect other people's privacy, but yours as well. Everyone doesn't need to hear about the aftermath of last week's party.

Seeing as how impersonal our generation has become, one would think that cellphone etiquette would be common knowledge.

Just this summer, the state of California passed a law banning motorists from talking on the phone while driving, unless on a hands-free device.

It amazes me that sanctions needed to be imposed to get people to do what to me seems like common sense.

With over three quarters of the American population owning a cellular phone, I believe it is only right that we all understand that proper cell phone etiquette that will help not only us, but the people around us in having a more positive cell phone experience.

I have worked in the wireless industry for over five years now, and it amazes me to this day how people can say incriminating things about themselves for all to hear.

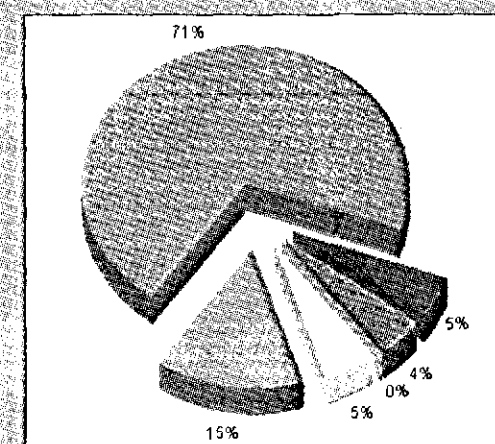
While at work one day, I overheard some guy tell his wife she should get checked for STD's because he had just tested positive for something. I could not hold my laughter as there were female customers in the store. He became aware of his blatant indiscretion, only after the women joined me in laughter. Needless to say, he promptly left the store.

So remember, keep your conversations private, and save yourself and the people around the embarrassment.

Texting and walking is serious business. Take a seat and finish that juicy conversation before you end up smashing into a fellow Falcon.

STATISTIC OF THE WEEK

Noam Chomsky teleconference	71%
Faculty Senate voting 'no confidence' in Dr. Vela	15%
Women's soccer team winning state title	5%
Board of Trustees elections	0%
Pepsi shutting down ASCC's water refills proposal	4%
None of these	5%



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What was the most interesting thing you did this summer?

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CHRISTOPHER OCAMPO
education major
"I took a summer class, which I've never done before. I didn't know what to expect at first. It was pretty intensive. I learned a valuable lesson: Never do that again."



ANDY CORTEZ
nursing major
"I went to a martial arts gym called New Breed Jiu-Jitsu in Santa Fe Springs and that's what I did most of my summer, just train."



CHRIS MORANO
music major
"I learned how to count cards and went to Vegas. And you kinda use the skills there. I made two grand."



JOHN RODRIGUEZ
journalism major
"One cool thing I did was I went to this show of this band called the PoleCats. They haven't played in a while and I was lucky enough to go. Other than that, I just worked."



JENNIFER MORRISON
English major
"I recovered from a potentially lethal addiction."



MICHAEL BARRITA
ASCC President
"I was able to meet with Tom Ritchie who's head of facilities on campus to talk about a project that we're trying to get underway for the student body here on campus."

Rivaling for the perfect part

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To begin the fall semester at Cerritos College, the theater department held auditions for its upcoming play in October.

The cast includes:

- Jason Falske as Sir Anthony Absolute,
- Maria Lopez and Barbara Lopez as Mrs. Malaprop,
- Mary Ann Boice as Lydia Languish,
- Richard Martinez as Captain Jack Absolute,
- Matthew Merys as Faulkland,
- Renee Duron and Ashley McDonald as Julia,
- Liza Manchenkov as Lucy,
- David Wrathall and Tony Bartolone as Bob Acres,
- Dirk Komrij as Sir Lucius O'Trigger,
- Emmanuel Plascencia as Fag,
- Jaszmon Green as Thomas and
- Paul Tully as David

Matthew Marys, a student in Cerritos College, has been an actor for six years, two of which have been for our very own theater program. Marys says he is very excited about the play and is looking forward to working with the good cast.

Minutes before the auditions began, students paced anxiously back and forth outside the audition room going over the script.

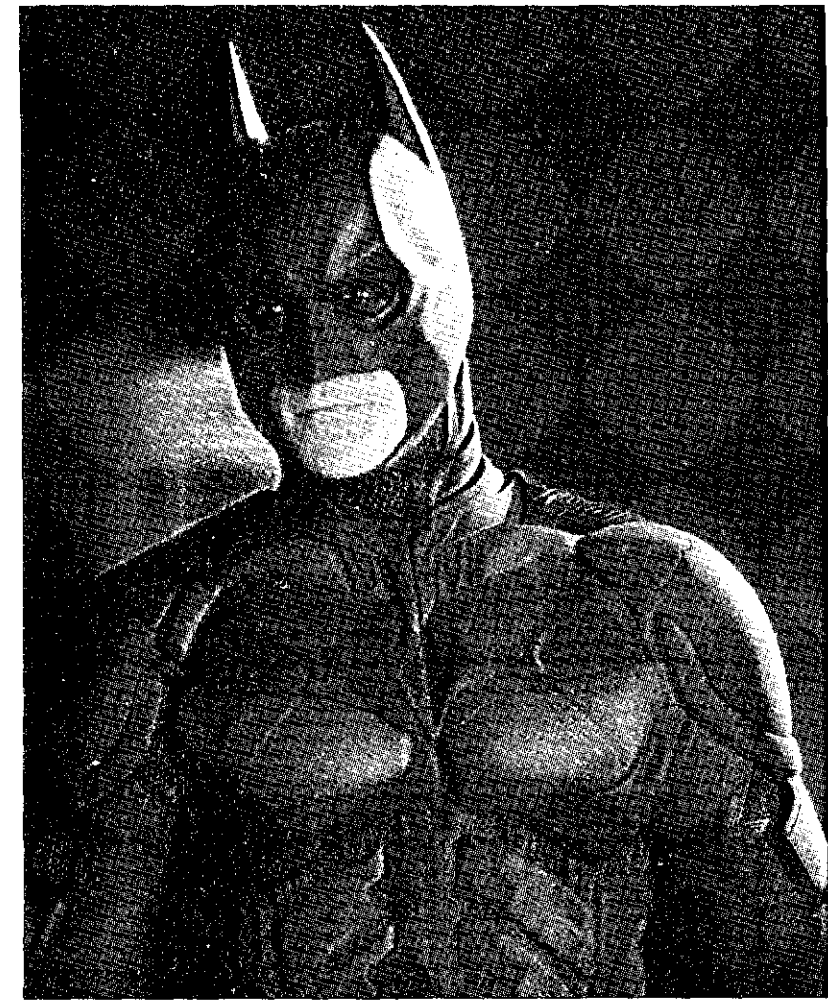
Others sat confidently discussing the different roles in the play.

Faculty, students, and board members were all welcomed to audition for this theatrical comedy.

The play, named "The Rivals", features a number of roles which required certain ages for the particular parts.

"The Rivals" is a comedy that centers around three unique, but eligible, bachelors and a clueless society girl looking for the "real" romance she reads about in novels.

Along with the competition for the beautiful heiress, this comedy is most known for a character known as Mrs. Malaprop who is most known for her inappropriate use of words in a comical manner.



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Batman returns with a big bang

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(Aaron Eckhart).

Dent plays the incorruptible, media darling of Gotham whom Batman adamantly protects with the belief that Dent will change Gotham for good, to take his rightful place as predecessor of the bat.

Strangely enough, Dent is also the fiancé of Rachel Dawes, which adds a sort of "Spider-Man" flare to the super hero love triangle.

The most intriguing super villain of the Batman chronicles, Joker, can be described as a cross between Hannibal Lector and Jack Torrance.

The interesting composition of energies that the Joker's character entails will make you sit on the edge of your seat wondering just what the heck this guys problem is.

The late Ledger does an excellent job at convincing the audience.

The most impressive cinematography here is that the director Christopher Nolan ("Batman Begins") expertly pools the lives of all the characters in such a full and rich array of challenges, hopes, and fears that you realize the Dark Knight's tale is actually art imitating life and getting it right this time.

Loaded with a classic cast of seasoned yet fascinatingly fresh talents, Batman, "The Dark Knight" returns for the second installment of a gothic tale that chronicles the very wicked, and few good, of Gotham, a fictitious city that is soon to encounter its very first, and worst evil, the Joker (Heath Ledger).

Up until the rise of the Joker, the texture feel of the plot implies that the Batman (Christian Bale) needs little in a struggle to intimidate Gotham's underworld on up to it's very own high public officials as the iconic bat is feared by all.

As a plot to murder the shadowy prolific hero threatens the everyday lives of Gotham citizens.

The screen relationship between the two mortal enemies builds in intensity as true physical encounter is suspended for a while, giving the movie enough time to epitomize two other larger characters Rachel Dawes, Wayne's love interest (Maggie Gyllenhaal) and Gotham City's District Attorney Harvey Dent

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Let's get ready for some football: The Cerritos College football team runs drills leading up to its first game on Sep. 6 against East Los Angeles

TM SPECIAL BY MICHAEL OH

New year, new hope for football team

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The Cerritos College football team, with a good recruiting class and new assistant coaches look to rebuild after a disappointing 2007 campaign.

"This is one of the better recruiting classes we have had in a long time," head coach Frank Mazzotta said.

The Falcons finished last season with a record of 4-5 but barely missing out on a playoff berth.

"We could have easily been 9-1 last season," he said. "Mt. SAC is the only game we really should have lost."

Mt. SAC featured quarterback Kevin Craft who was recently named as the starting quarterback at UCLA.

One game last season was cancelled due to the fires that tore through the southland and of the team's five losses, four of them were by less than touchdown.

This year, the Falcons will have a lot of youth on team but Mazzotta hopes that inexperience will be counteracted by speed, depth and character.

"This one thing we really looked at is character in each player we recruited," Mazzotta said. "In previous years we had talented players but a lot would quit when it got hard."

Another thing the Falcons fo-

cused on this season is teamwork.

"We really emphasized a lot the team aspect and I think we are more together this season," Mazzotta said.

The team will return a lot of talent in the defensive front seven led by sophomore nose tackle Johnny Tivola.

Tivola recorded 46 tackles last season and was named to the All-South Coast Conference team last season.

"This year I think we have more speed throughout the defense and we just have a whole new mentality because of our new defensive coordinator."

Another returning player from last year's squad is offensive guard

John Burrows.

He will help anchor an offensive line that has deep tradition and seems to always big the biggest in conference. "I just want to keep that tradition alive," he said. "My main goal personally is to get a scholarship to that next level."

He is one of three returnees on the offensive line and hopes that this team will get to at least a bowl game.

This year, the team will have one more advantage. Six of its 10 games will be at home.

The reason for that is Santa Monica College is having its stadium rebuilt and it will not be ready for the game against Cerritos.

Teplitzky named as new men's basketball coach

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As the new men's basketball season approaches, a new head coach commences his journey to attain yet another championship for Cerritos College.

Inspired by his high school basketball coach, Jesse Teplitzky turned to a coaching career as his gateway to success.

With 10 years of coaching experience, Teplitzky was offered a position as the head coach for the men's basketball team here at Cerritos College.

Before coming to Cerritos College he served as an assistant at Santa Monica College.

"It was too good of a job to not take it. Cerritos has lots of tradition and it's excellence was appealing," Teplitzky said.

He received his bachelor's at Metro State College in Denver and his master's at the University of Colorado.

Teplitzky intends on "maintaining the high level of excellence this team has. It was already in good shape before I arrived."

The prior coach was a very, very good coach. "Though my system may be different, it will still provide a high level work ethic."

Teplitzky identifies his team as a "motion" team.

He explains, "A motion team basically consists of freedom. There's a freedom in how you play, how you move, and how the game is structured. It simply allows the player freedom to move the way he wants to as opposed to having one partic-

ular role throughout the game."

This system works in favor of the players.

Point guard Jeremy Pope said, "It makes everyone work. You have the freedom to move the way you want, yet it's organized and family structured. His system is exactly what allows each player to help achieve every possible championship."

Marcellus Jackson, forward, contributes, "Coach's system is hard and competitive but it brings out and utilizes the best potential in a player."

Jackson followed Teplitzky from Santa Monica College.

He believes Teplitzky is "an excellent coach who has a lot of heart and will put his entire effort into winning. He's created an almost perfect system that will definitely get us a championship."

"He gets guys where they want to be," Pope added.

At the end of the season, Teplitzky hopes to "help these overachievers use every ounce of their potential to obtain a championship, have a great season, and for them to gain personal strength and confidence. I would like for them to get through the program and leave with the satisfaction of becoming a better person, a better student, and a better basketball player."

"I want them to work hard and play together. I want to help them understand that great sacrifice makes great achievements," Teplitzky aspires.

He promises, "I will be here for a long time and I promise I will hang another banner."

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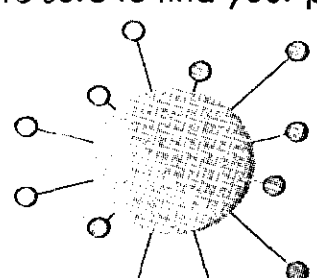
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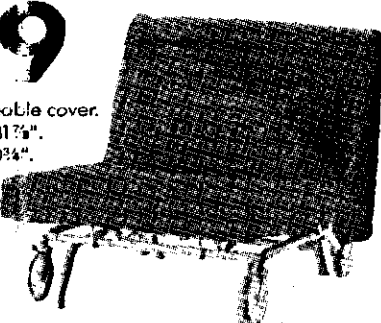


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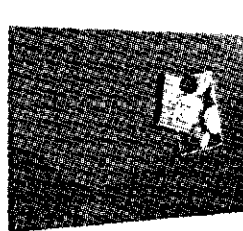
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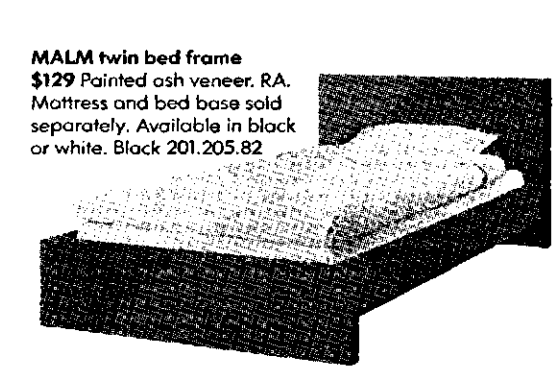
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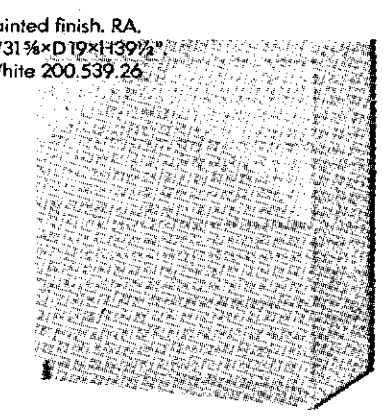


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Soccer ready to make run at national title

2008 Women's Soccer Schedule

Aug. 29	3 p.m.	@ De Anza
Aug. 30	7 p.m.	@ Cosumnes River
Aug. 31	2 p.m.	@ Santa Rosa
Sept. 6	2 p.m.	vs. Cosumnes River
Sept. 7	9 a.m.	@ Victor Valley
Sept. 7	3 p.m.	@ Grossmont
Sept. 12	4 p.m.	vs. Allan Hancock
Sept. 19	TBA	@ Polk County (FL)
Sept. 29	4 p.m.	@ San Bernardino Valley
Oct. 3	4 p.m.	@ East Los Angeles
Oct. 7	2 p.m.	vs. Los Angeles Harbor
Oct. 10	2 p.m.	vs. El Camino
Oct. 14	1 p.m.	@ Pasadena City
Oct. 17	2 p.m.	vs. Mt. San Antonio
Oct. 21	2 p.m.	@ Long Beach City
Oct. 28	2 p.m.	vs. East Los Angeles
Oct. 30	4 p.m.	@ San Bernardino
Oct. 31	4 p.m.	@ Los Angeles Harbor
Nov. 4	1 p.m.	@ El Camino
Nov. 7	1 p.m.	vs. Pasadena City
Nov. 8	TBA	vs. Mexican National
Nov. 11	4 p.m.	@ Mt. San Antonio
Nov. 14	1 p.m.	vs. Long Beach City
Nov. 22	TBA	Southern Cal Regionals
Nov. 25	TBA	Southern Cal Regionals
Nov. 29	TBA	Southern Cal Regionals
Dec. 5&7	TBA	State Championship



Women's Soccer: Forward Monique Cisneros (M) battles for the ball with her new teammate during practice.

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The defending state champs are looking to defend their title and take it one step further by winning the national championship.

The Cerritos College women's soccer team returns 11 players from a squad that finished with an overall record of 24-2-3 and ended the season ranked No. 2 in the nation.

"This year we have more depth and speed than we did last year," head coach Ruben Gonzalez said. "I am confident in putting two completely different teams on the field and not losing anything."

This year, the Falcons will begin

their season by playing the first six games against teams that were in the playoffs last season.

"We will know early where we are as a team," Gonzalez said.

Last season, even though the Falcons won the state title, their coach was disappointed that they were not ranked No. 1 in the nation after beating the previously ranked No. 1 team in the state finals last season.

He said, "When you beat the best and ranked No. 3 you expect to move into that No. 1 ranking."

Last year, the team was made up of mostly freshmen and now that they are sophomores, they are expected to finish this season the same way they did last year.

One of those sophomores is De-

siree Cardenas, who will be one of the captains of the team this year and play a multitude of position for the Falcons.

"Last season, we gained a lot of confidence as a team," she said. "This year, we must not get overconfident because every team will be gunning for us."

As captain, her role has changed from last year because now she must be one of the leaders of the team.

She said that she now has to demand from her teammates to always play their best because of her leadership role on the team.

Another returnee is forward Corina Villegas; she was the student athlete of the month last November and led the Falcons in goals with 32 and

assists with 17.

Now that she is a sophomore, she said she has to set an example for the rest of team, play hard, and never have a letdown.

Tara Corcoran transferred from Long Beach State and is looking to make her mark on the Falcons this season.

She said her biggest goals this season is to get an education and not make any mistakes on the soccer field.

Another new face to the Falcons this season is forward Liliana Leos.

She played at Southeast High School last season and said the biggest difference between high school and college is the speed in which the game is played.

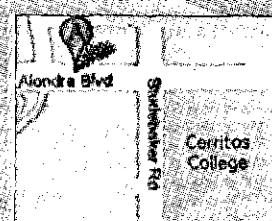
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A TALE OF TWO PARTIES: DEMOCRATS REPUBLICANS

The U.S. Constitution didn't provide for political parties. In fact, the Founding Fathers thought they were dangerous. Yet soon after George Washington was elected president in 1789, two competing parties were at work. Here's how political parties developed.

PARTY IN POWER

When parties held the presidency, from 1789 to present.

- Democrats
- Republicans
- Federalists
- Whig

- 1789-1800: Federalists
- 1800-1828: Democrats
- 1828-1860: Democrats
- 1860-1896: Republicans
- 1896-1912: Democrats
- 1912-1920: Democrats
- 1920-1932: Republicans
- 1932-1964: Democrats
- 1964-1980: Republicans
- 1980-2001: Republicans
- 2001-2009: Democrats

THE PARTIES

1792 Democratic Party born: Thomas Jefferson objects to the Federalist Party favoring a strong central government. He creates Democratic-Republican party to fight for state's rights.

1800 Jacksonian democracy: War hero Andrew Jackson is first political outsider to become president. Party process opens to more people with development of the national convention and party platform. Democratic-Republicans become Democrats and dominate the political scene until the Civil War.

1828-36 Whig Party: Wealthy Southerners and Eastern industrialists favoring a national bank and a strong national government split from Democrats in 1832.

1860 Free Soil Party: Forms in 1848; anti-slavery members from other parties want free land for Western settlers.

1860 Republican Party born: In response to the Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854, Free Soilers and former Whigs join ranks to prevent spread of slavery into territories.

1875 Theodore Roosevelt and the Progressive Era: Roosevelt's reform movement leads to the first presidential primaries as the public objects to boss-dominated conventions. In the first primaries (1904) voters choose convention delegates.

1901 Socialist Party: Forms in 1904 to promote worker rights, oppose capitalism.

1925 Progressive Party: In 1912, Teddy Roosevelt and other Republicans split with conservative President Taft.

1968 Riots bring change: Democratic Convention in Chicago is rocked by mass rallies against Vietnam War policies of President Johnson. Resulting reform of convention rules brings more public involvement in the party. Minorities, youth and women gain some influence.

1975 Libertarian Party: Forms in 1971; favors minimal federal government, individual responsibility.

2000 Reform Party: In 1992, Ross Perot emerges, combining a protectionist trade view and a moderate/libertarian social policy and setting the stage for the rise of the Reform Party. He gets 19 percent of the vote. Bill Clinton is elected with 43 percent. By 2000, the Reform Party begins to unravel and eight state parties quit the national organization. The party remains and in 2004 endorses Ralph Nader for president.

2000 Green Party: Forms in 2001 from the Association of State Green Parties, joining activism and environmentalism. In 2008, the Green Party nominates former Democratic Rep. Cynthia McKinney as its presidential candidate.

THE PARTIES' MASCOTS

How a donkey and an elephant became the symbols of the major American political parties

The donkey was believed to be first used as a mean name for a Democrat. But later it became better known when newspaper cartoonist Thomas Nast used the donkey to represent newspapers that supported Democrats and that Nast thought were being stubborn. But that negative meaning didn't last long. By the late 1800s, the Democratic Party made the donkey its mascot.

The elephant symbol used for the Republican Party also goes back to Nast. A cartoon showed an elephant as a sign of Republican voters, frightened by a donkey dressed in a lion's skin. Soon after, the elephant became a symbol for the Republican Party.

A FEW WORDS ON PARTIES

"Both of our political parties, at least the honest portion of them, agree conscientiously in the same object: the public good; but they differ essentially in what they deem the means of promoting that good."

— Thomas Jefferson to Abigail Adams, 1804

"In every political society, parties are unavoidable. A difference of interests, real or supposed, is the most natural and fruitful source of them."

— James Madison, 1792

"The common and continual mischiefs of the spirit of party are sufficient to make it the interest and the duty of a wise people to discourage and restrain it."

— George Washington, in his farewell address, 1796

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Fact: George Washington was not officially a member of any political party.