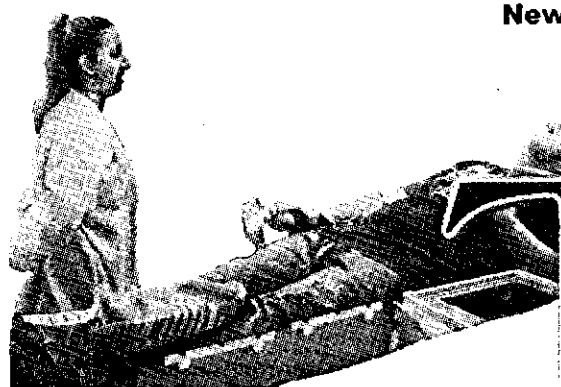


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Title V Grant lands on iFALCON nest

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Faculty Senate president Debra Moore announced at the Board of Trustees meeting Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Cheryl A. Epple Board room that the iFALCON campaign was approved to receive a Title V Grant.

The grant, which was something the ASCC was struggling to obtain last spring, has been granted for a period of five years in which the school will receive a total of \$514,163 for the first year.

The iFALCON campaign has been implemented in most classrooms for the past year in order to teach and enhance student studying skills and learning capabilities.

Two of its founders were last year's ASCC president Michael Barrita and the new dean of Humanities and Social Science Bryan Reece.

Moore thinks the funds this grant will provide will come to a great benefit not only to the staff that is participating in this campaign, but mainly to the students.

"This is a great campaign and the fact that we got this grant is even greater," she said, "it will help provide the tools and supplies the school needs to make this campaign go even further."

As one of the founders of the iFALCON campaign, Barrita feels a great sense of accomplishment in part of everyone who worked on the campaign.

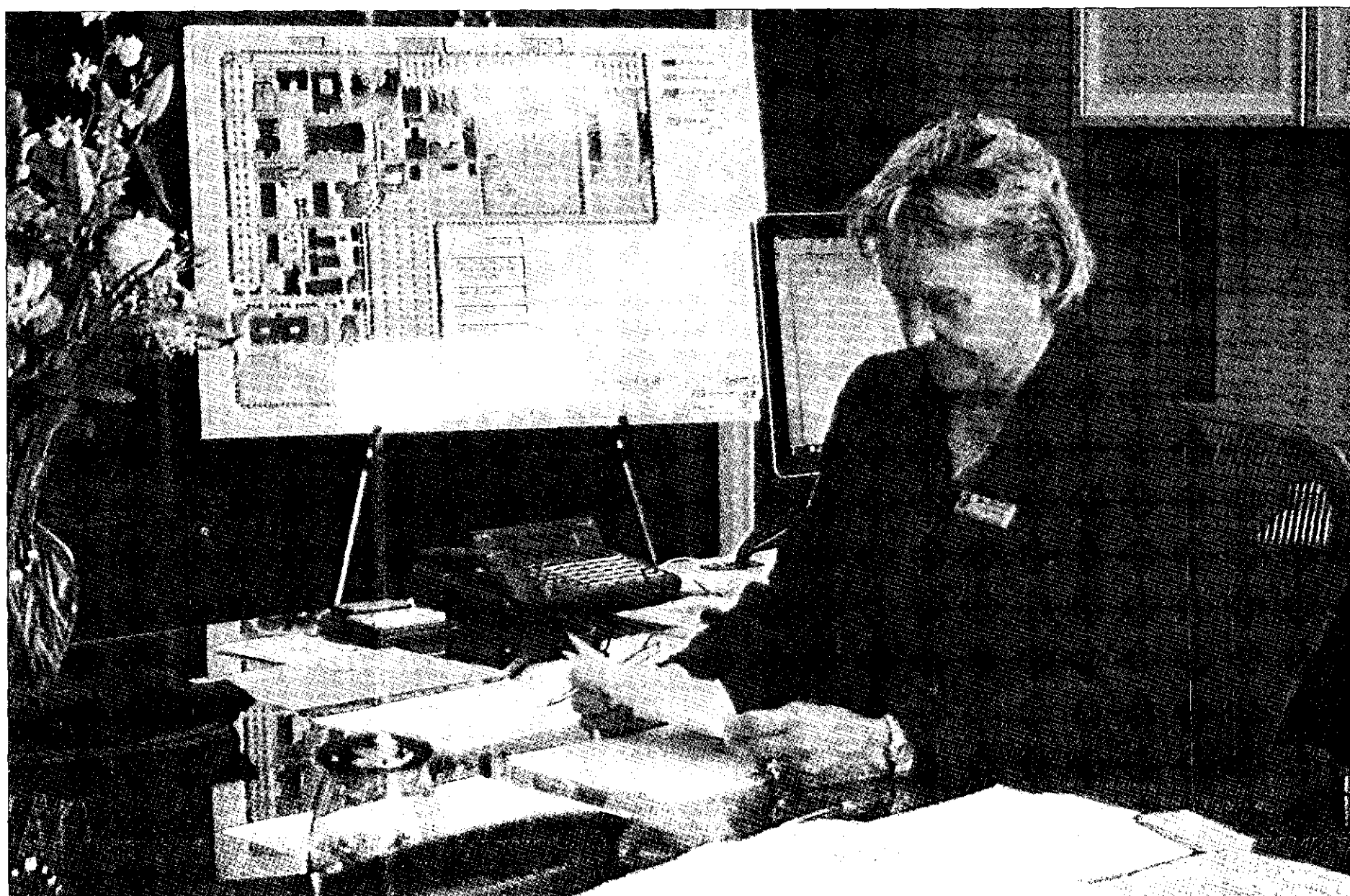
But most of all, he said he is glad that the school, as well as the state, has recognized how much potential the campaign has and how much success it can bring to those students who make good use of it.

Connie Mayfield stated that she firmly believes the grant will provide resources to the faculty so that they may proceed in contributing to student success.

"The faculty did not have many resources available to it so that it may continue to implement the campaign and encourage students to practice these study habits," said the Dean of Fine Arts.

Students like art major Jennifer Padilla, who had no idea what iFALCON was, hopes that the school makes good use of the money to promote and implement the campaign.

She said, "I had no idea what the campaign was about. Although I had never heard of it, does sound very useful."



JUAN RAMOS/TM

Ready to go: Making the current budget crisis her priority, Linda Lacy wastes no time getting to work on her first day and immediately begins reviewing several reports.

Linda laces up at Cerritos

Linda Lacy is officially
in office as the new
president of Cerritos.

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Newly appointed superintendent Linda Lacy officially began her tenure at Cerritos College on Monday.

After her start date being under negotiation, it was announced in the last board meeting on Sept. 2.

The former Vice Chancellor of Student Services and Operations of Riverside was one of two remaining candidates along with Mark Zacovic before being

picked to assume acting President Bill Farmer's responsibilities.

Prior to being chosen, she spent 23 years serving Riverside College as an instructor, coach and past interim president.

"I am excited about beginning a new phase of my career. Of course I will miss my close friends and colleagues at RCC but this is an opportunity to forge new relationships," Lacy said.

Along with many community colleges in California, Cerritos College has suffered from severe budget cuts this semester.

Tuition fee has increased by \$6 and many classes have been cancelled that do not fill the required 20 enrollments.

Lacy knows what is first on her priority list.

"Address the budget crisis, while trying not to hinder students more than what has already happened with the elimination of classes and reduction of services," Lacy said.

She believes one solution will be to seek funding from private and grant sources.

Other issues she would like to address are to support developmental education programs and to increase the transfer rate.

"Cerritos has several great programs in place to help students achieve their educational goals. Again seeking alternate funding sources will help expand the programs," Lacy added.

UCs and Cal State Universities have also cancelled their spring enrollments and limited the amount of transfers due

to budget issues.

Lacy realizes the importance of transferring and is currently on a statewide transfer task force, which streamlines transfer for students.

Lacy enters Cerritos as the third president in the last three years after Farmer took over for the separated Noelia Vela in the Fall of 2008.

Lacy remains optimistic despite being the third president in as many years and is aware of the pressure to perform.

"Every president feels pressure, but Cerritos is poised to weather the budget crisis through sound leadership," Lacy said, "we will survive and emerge stronger."

Former acting president Bill Farmer is appreciated in luncheon



Choked up: Board secretary thanks Bill Farmer for his hard work and dedication.

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After a successful year as Acting President of Cerritos College, Bill Farmer is leaving office in order for a new president to take over, Dr. Linda L. Lacy.

Board Members showed gratitude for all the hard work by arranging a luncheon for Farmer Wednesday afternoon.

Farmer already familiar to Cerritos College being that he was and will take

his place as Vice President of Academic Affairs, took head-on the turmoil Cerritos was going through.

He was able to take Cerritos College out of probation from the state's college accreditation, and in doing so did it in an orderly fashion and with teamwork.

"(Farmer) quieted down a lot of unrest, and let us out of warning from the college accreditation, he had a healing effect on the community," board member Tom Jackson stated.

Farmer is a veteran when it comes to

governing colleges. He has the passion and experience to take on serious problems.

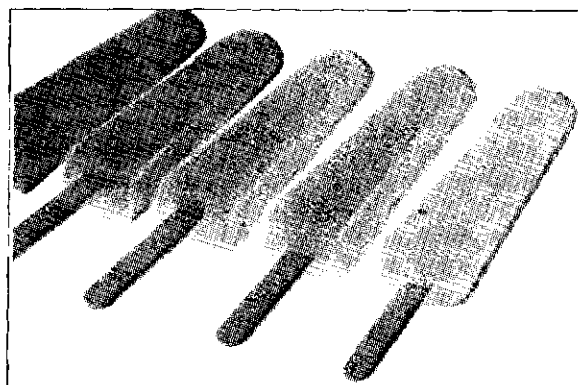
His resume includes work at Los Angeles Mission College as Vice President of Academic Affairs, as well as Pasadena City College, and California Community College Chief Instructional Officers.

Not only has he served to gain experience but he also gained knowledge from books. Farmer has a double major in speech communication and political science as well as a masters in speech and

theater.

On Wednesday afternoon Vice President Dr. Bob Hughlett opened up the ceremony and welcomed colleagues. He presented Farmer with an appreciation award with an inscribed message. It is the nurturing force that fuels all growth.

Student Activities coordinator, Dean Ackland got attendees laughing when he presented Farmer with an In-N-Out certificate on behalf of the ASCC. "Hopefully it will cover one meal, but thank you very much," Ackland said.



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Cerritos program receives funding for Pathways

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As a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, more than \$265,750 was awarded to the Cerritos College Pathways program.

The Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board distributed the federal stimulus funds.

The Pathways program is an on-campus program committed to helping students create a strong career pathway. One of the ways the program has been able to aid students is through its summer work program.

Nearly 100 Cerritos College students got to take advantage of this over the summer.

As part of the summer work program, participants received the opportunity to take part in a work-readiness training course.

From there, they were placed into different on and off-campus jobs.

The students had to be between the ages of 18 and 24 and meet certain financial requirements in order to be allowed to enter the program.

The math, counseling, physical education and career services departments were just some of the 16 different on-campus departments

that benefited from the program.

Obaldo Bautista, proctor and clerk typist of career/assessment services said, "During the summer we had a lot of graduated high school students here to take the assessment tests.

"The student workers helped keep everything organized and took on a lot of responsibilities, so it definitely ran smoother than recent years."

Program participants were all paid through the Workforce Investment Act, which is part of the recent stimulus package.

This enabled companies to hire at no cost to them.

"Since the program was totally grant funded, the grant was essential to running the program," said Carla Yorke, the Pathways Programs fa-

cilitator.

For many, this was the very first job experience that they had ever had.

Not only did they get very valuable work experience, which is essential in these rough economic times, but they got work experience that for most, directly corresponded with their future occupational interest.

Perhaps the most direct benefit was that they also earned a paycheck. This helped a lot of the program participants prepare for the fall semester.

Other companies also took part in the programs.

"The student workers helped keep everything organized and took on a lot of responsibilities, so it definitely ran smoother than recent years."

— Obaldo Bautista
Clerk typist



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Falcons donate blood: Nurse Elizabeth DeMartino is confined to draw the blood out of students like nursing major Joshua Molina, who more than willingly donate blood in order to help the helpless. The American Red Cross comes to Cerritos College several times a year in hopes of collecting large amounts of blood for hospitals in need.

Falcons get blood sucked

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"It feels weird when they put the plasma back into your veins," law major Crystal Garcia expressed looking back at her recent blood donation using the ALYX machine.

"I feel ok now, I was just cold," she added. She has donated blood many times using the traditional method but now only uses the ALYX.

"The normal way started bugging me, that's why I stopped (donating) for a while," she added referring to the recovery time immediately after donating blood.

ALYX is not only a bit more comfortable, it's also a lot more efficient by taking out more red blood cells than the average donation and replenishes your body with plasma and saline said Nursing Technician Yidira Enriquez. "We even

use a smaller needle with the ALYX," she added.

Turnout for the blood drive has been really good according to Tami Kocsics, Red Cross Team Supervisor. "It's just been wonderful seeing the students that have stepped up to the plate," she said.

The Red Cross Blood Mobile will remain at the Cerritos College Student Center Stage this week through Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Anybody with a valid I.D. is welcome to walk in or make an appointment to donate blood.

Information is available for anyone interested in knowing more about blood donation and how one can help. "I think the more people are informed of the impact they can make, the more they will be encouraged to donate," Kocsics suggested.

Here on campus, falcons and others have donated much more than 50 pints each day so far. The Red Cross isn't scheduled back on campus

until November, so Wednesday is the last day to donate on campus.

The main requirements are for donors to be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 lbs, and reach the height requirements of 5 feet for males and 5 feet 5 inches for females. Other requirements may hinder a donor from donating, but most people that qualify for the preceding can usually donate without a problem.

Refreshments and snacks are provided free of charge to participants after they have donated blood to replenish nutrients and fluids. Eating and drinking prior to donating blood is encouraged.

On-the-job nursing instructor Marina Zavala recommended drinking plenty of water and eating before and after taking blood to aid any fatigue one may experience after blood donation.



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New president: Debra Moore prepares to take on her role as faculty senate president.

Moore takes charge of presidency

The former faculty senate vice president is now ready to take on the role as the new president now that Reece has resigned.

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Debra Moore becomes new acting Faculty Senate President after Bryan Reece was given the new position as dean of Humanities and Social Science.

As former vice president, one of Moore's obligations was to carry out the president position if the president resigns.

As a result of the new changes, the position as vice president has not been filled, but is in the process.

Moore's transition as new president began in the summer and was settled when the fall semester came around.

She quoted one of her favorite authors Anais Nin, "Life shrinks and expands in proportion to one's courage." Moore explains it has been a favorite quote of hers for a while and is happy to finally use it.

With a positive outlook on what is ahead, she also knows that with the title a lot will be needed in return.

As Faculty Senate President, it is Moore's responsibility to attend meetings and to be a voice in many big decisions being made, as well as a chance to excel in bigger plans for Cerritos College.

Being Faculty Senate President is a big role to play and gets very busy at times.

With the help of secretary Miriam Tolson assisting Moore, help in organizing schedules and meetings have been easier.

Before joining faculty senate, Tolson worked in admissions and records and has worked at Cerritos altogether for almost 14 years.

Just like Moore, Tolson is new to her position, only joining senate in January.

"With both of us being new this fall semester," Tolson said, "processes that were ongoing enabled us to start our own system."

Not only is Moore a part of the Senate Fac-

ulty, she also served as system and technical coordinator for the library as well as a librarian for eight years.

Lorraine Gerstiz, librarian at Cerritos, expresses her thoughts on Moore, "She was a great colleague and a wonderful librarian, and we'll miss her. Our loss will be the Faculty Senate's gain because she will be an equally dedicated senate president."

Throughout the duration as president, Moore plans to focus and expanding the name of iFALCON.

iFALCON is a program to help improve student academic success. After a pilot year and an acquisition of Title V grant, there are high hopes that the program will have a bigger impact for students.

Other goals include more advances in student success issues.

Although new elections for faculty senate will start next April, Moore is ready for what it takes to fill in as a successful president for the remaining of the term.

E.O.P.S. continues to help students strive

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The EOPS/C.A.R.E. program at Cerritos College does a great deal of work in order to help students reach their academic goals.

The EOPS program offers counseling, guidance, priority registration, and academic support in all different areas, and helps single parents with a low income succeed.

Although Cerritos College has been affected by the budget cuts, the program still has their full staff of counselors, but are unsure of what the future holds for the program.

One thing that has been affected by the budget cuts is the Supplemental Instruction Program, which gave students an opportunity to meet with their instructors in the con-

ference room located in the EOPS/C.A.R.E. office.

Another change that has been noticed is the rise of applicants seeking information and help from the program. CARE coordinator Marcia Chaney encourages students to walk in and ask for help and information.

One of the advantages of the EOPS/C.A.R.E. program is that there is a smaller group of students allowed into the program so it enables counselors and students to connect at a different level.

The program makes it impossible for a student to fail in their academics. They offer extra tutoring, workshops, and guidance to students that need extra help or feel lost in their studies.

Chaney said, "We want to make students aware that we are here to help as much as we can."

Many students at Cerritos College have the misconception that the program is only beneficial because they give out "gifts" to students.

EOPS assistant Robert Aguayo stresses that, "The Hallmark of the program has always been academic services."

Many of the students that turn to the program for help and end up transferring find themselves better prepared because they have built the habit and comfort of meeting with counselors and looking for guidance when needed.

The Cerritos College Web site has been updated and any students interested in learning more about the EOPS/C.A.R.E. program can log onto www.cerritos.edu and search EOPS or C.A.R.E. under the ABC Index on the site.

Cerritos raises \$67,000

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The 24th Annual Golf Classic Tournament hosted by the Cerritos College Foundation raised a record amount of \$67,000.

The charity event was held on Aug. 3 at the Friendly Hills Country Club in Whittier and was attended by external community corporate sponsors and individual sponsors alike.

Among the 80 sponsors, Bovis Lend Lease, an international construction and project management company, was the title sponsor for this year.

Program director of Bovis Lend Lease and also the representative of the organization at Cerritos College Jerry

Jones attended the golf event for the fifth time.

"I play around six different golf tournaments a year, but the tournament hosted by Cerritos College is always an excellent experience for me," he said.

He said he enjoys the event is because it is always well organized and held at the best venue.

Cerritos College Foundation Executive Director Steve Richardson was also in attendance and was content with the turnout at the event this year.

"We raise money so we can support scholarships and other requests from Cerritos College, such as college tours and funds for various clubs," he said emphasizing the significance of such events for the college.



Play that classical music: Little statues in the display case in library show a humorous side to the classical music genre.

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Music Dedication Month

The display is to help students feel more comfortable in the library

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The Cerritos College library is celebrating the month of September as Classical Music Month, and has a

display case with various music-related objects inside.

Paula Pereira, library clerk, said, "One of the purposes of the display is to help students feel more comfortable in the library."

There are various objects inside the display case.

Lisa Nitsch, adjunct librarian, said, "There are various musical figurines and collectibles that I have gathered over the years. A small selection of books on music, as well as CDs which emphasize the various

aspects of classical music."

Students can become involved as well.

"The library home page has a link to a classical music research guide that I created, as well as well as a link to some favorite classical music videos on the Web for all to enjoy," Nitsch said.

There are other ways students can get involved.

"The library blog, which is also accessible from the library home page, features additional information about the display. Finally, there is an accompanying survey sheet next to the display which I encourage all to comment and participate," Nitsch said.

There are several featured musi-

cians.

"Yo Yo Ma, Gustavo Dudamel and the Anonymous 4 are some of the featured musicians in the display," Nitsch said.

There are several programs of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, which demonstrates the vitality of classical music in Los Angeles, she said.

Robert Megill, film and philosophy major, said, "Some of my favorite classical musicians are Beethoven and Bach."

Santos Chia, aerospace engineer major, said, "One of my favorite classical musicians is Mozart."

In 1994, President Bill Clinton declared September "Classical Music Month."

Burnight Center nears its final performance

Cerritos plans to open another building for arts

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Buildings keep popping up all over campus, just as the Burnight Center Theatre did. The theatres were built in thanks to Dr. Frank Bach, anthropology and theater professor, and Dr. Lee Korf.

They were solely responsible for the production, the architecture and the dedication of the theatre, which took place in 1965.

Both doctors were huge supporters of the arts so they wanted to make sure there was a place where everything could happen.

They incorporated the name Burnight in honor of Dr. Ralph Burnight but they did not want it to be called just a theatre.

By having it called Burnight Center Theatre, recalls Theater Production Manager, Etta Walton, "We

are a center here. We are theater, radio, television and music."

Inside the theatre is a dynamic sound set up that attracts many artists.

The walls of the theatre are made of teak wood and no space between each piece of wood is the same.

Bach and Korf listed the theatre as a Lecture Hall so the state would grant them more money for the project. That is why all 362 chairs come with a retractable desk.

The new location is said to be in the back of the school.

Etta Walton and Georgia Wells have both heard the same.

A specific G.O. Bond is supposed to be for that but no one knows where the money is when it's actually supposed to happen.

In the meantime, the 1960s style building stands in its Y shape with its 30ft solid glass walls on the east side of the theatre's entrance, 84 doors all together and some of those doors are 10-foot glass doors. The next performance will take place in October when the Many Wives of Windsor.



MICHAEL AGUDO/TM

Burnight doors: The Burnight Theatre doors may open for a new theatre.

Jay-Z spits fire once more with the BP3 album blazin'

CD Review

The Blueprint 3

Artist: Jay-Z
Label: Roc-A-Fella
Rating: ★★★★★

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Shawn "Jay-Z" Carter has once again dropped a classic album for the ages.

The most anticipated album in two years for me, "The Blueprint 3" delivered the lyrics needed and timeless instrumentals from some of the best producers in music today to make a finished product that I will play well in to my 40s.

Jay-Z gave the world a small hint of what was to come with his first hit single from the new album, Death of Auto tune.

The heavily-criticized song speaks to the so-called artists in hip-hop today who chose to include the voice box in their music.

It speaks to the person making terrible music that does not stick to the art of real music.

The Blueprint 3 has about six classic tracks out of the 15.

Not to say the other songs aren't good but Jay-Z just didn't have the complete melting pot needed in making a classic song.

If you are a true hip-hop fan, this will play in your CD player for the next two weeks.

I must say that although the album was what I expected, it was not Jay-Z's best body of work.

Cole is featured on the track "A Star is Born" in which he delivers a few bars of heat just to give us a taste of what's to come.


One major issue I had with the album was the use of new artist Drake whom, is used for the hook of the song "Off that."

The usual team of Jay-Z and the Neptunes has once again showed why they have had so much success together on songs.

Kid Cudi who is a newly signed talent with Kanye West, made an appearance on the classic hit "Already Home."

Overall, Jay-Z has used his same team of producers and has succeeded in creating a classic body of work in "The Blueprint 3."

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•EDITORIAL•

Farmer comes to the rescue

Bill Farmer landed in a tough situation when he stepped in as acting president, having to fill in for a president who lacked communication and had faculty upset. Not to mention the fact that the school's accreditation was at stake and the budget was slowly tightening up.

Farmer accomplished a great deal during his term as acting president, which began last July and came to an end on Friday.

Despite going into the role without any knowledge of how great the responsibilities were, or just how essential and critical his decisions would be, he managed to pull through and take on the president position with patience and determination.

His greatest accomplishment is one that Cerritos College can never take for granted. After being placed on a warning status by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges last June, accreditation became the most important issue on Farmer's to-do list.

By the time the accreditation team came back, Cerritos College had addressed the recommendations that were given to it.

Not only did Farmer have to take the heat for the school not obtaining accreditation, but he also had to configure a way to address the recommendations in the amount of time the school was given.

He sent out weekly memos and accreditation updates to the faculty and staff as a means to establish a form of communication.

He also held several meetings established specifically for the discussion of the accreditation status and what was being done to take Cerritos off of warning.

When Cerritos was in desperate need of someone to take reign of the responsibilities and duties that the former president failed to meet, Farmer came to the rescue.

Not only did he establish a better form of communication with the faculty and staff, but he also took their concerns and suggestions into consideration for the college's accrediting problem.

Without Farmer, Cerritos may not have gone off the accreditation warning status it was on as quickly as it did.

Farmer did an outstanding job as acting president and it will be a large position to fulfill.

Thank you, Bill Farmer for your commitment to Cerritos College, the faculty, employees and students and for seeing the institution out of warning.



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Video games: My own virtual haven

When I play a video game, I can immerse myself in another world.

The video game industry is growing, this news is not surprising.

What may sound surprising is that video games can actually benefit you, in more ways than one.

While there are games such as Wii Fit tailored to help you get in shape, many other games can help relieve stress, focus the mind, help your critical thinking and even improve hand-eye coordination.

When I play a video game, I can immerse myself in another world, as I play strategy and role-playing games.



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Games such as "Final Fantasy" and "The Legend of Zelda" have intricate puzzles that must be solved in order to advance further in the game.

These puzzles require critical thinking and use of the environment to advance.

Games like "Grand Theft Auto," "Mercenaries 2," "Call of Duty" and "Halo" all help me relieve stress when I need to most.

While all of these games are violent, in moderation, they can be therapeutic and

help the player to relax and explore a virtual world with no adverse effects.

These games are indeed violent, but adults should know that the things we see in video games are not to be repeated.

Growing up, all I played was different role playing games, as well as "Dungeons and Dragons."

In these games are foes that must be defeated to advance in the game.

Special stronger enemies, called bosses, usually require a certain strategy to defeat.

Figuring out the proper way to defeat a boss is one of the most amazing things.

It gives me a sense of accomplishment when the victory fanfare plays.

Games such as the "Ace Combat" series

and some of the minigames in "Mario Party" have helped to improve my hand-eye coordination.

In "Ace Combat," players fly one of several different fighter planes.

This may sound simple, but in some cases it takes a lot of practice.

In the final mission of "Ace Combat 5," the player must fly through several very narrow tunnels.

One wrong flick of the joystick could result in a mission failure.

All of this has helped me to become who I am.

Gaming is a choice, but always remember to keep things in moderation.

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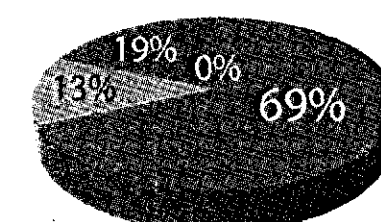
- Keep accreditation at bay
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- Other

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How do you feel about the construction on campus?

- It will be great for the campus 67%
- It's taking up parking space 22%
- I only take online classes 0%
- Other 11%



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What do you believe should be the main concern for the new superintendent?

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DIANA HERRERA
English major

"She should concentrate on trying to provide more classes for students. I think that's most important."

LEO ZAMBRANO
English major

"She should establish communication with the student trustee and discuss what students need right now."

RONNIE GALVEZ
Business major

"The new president should focus on providing more classes for students."

ANOUSENE NONHPRASITH
physical major

"I think the president should try to come up with a better way to make more classes available to students."

JACQUELINE LIZCANO
business major

"She should try to reduce the parking fee. Tuition went up so she should at least try to leave parking affordable."

SHAKIRAH JOHNSON
kinesiology major

"She should find a way to provide more general education courses instead of offering a lot of electives."

AT A GLANCE

Wednesday

Water Polo
Women @ Rio Hondo 7 p.m.

Friday

Soccer
Women vs. Palomar 4 p.m.

Volleyball
@ San Diego Mesa Tournament

Water Polo
Women @ Chaffey Tournament

Saturday

Volleyball
@ San Diego Mesa Tournament

Water Polo
Women @ Chaffey Tournament

Cross Country
Women @ Orange Coast Classic 9 a.m.
Men @ Orange Coast Classic 9 a.m.

Football
@ Long Beach City 6 p.m.

Tuesday

Soccer
Men vs. Orange Coast 2 p.m.
Women vs. Taft 4 p.m.

RESULTS

Last Thurs. 9/10

Soccer
Women vs. Oxnard W 6-0

Last Fri. 9/11

Soccer
Men vs. Golden West W 6-0

Water Polo
Men vs. Citrus W 13-10
Men vs. Mt. SAC W 13-10
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Women vs. Foothill W 16-11

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Men vs. Los Angeles Valley L 6-7
Women vs. Cabrillo W 18-1
Women vs. Cuesta W 22-8

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vs. Chaffey W 25-23, 25-18

Football
vs. Santa Monica W 66-2

Cross Country
Men @ Fresno Invitational, 4th place
Women @ Fresno Invitational, 6th place

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Gaylord out, Brooks moves up

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After 17 seasons as head baseball coach at Cerritos College, Ken Gaylord will switch positions with his assistant coach, Jack Brooks.

"Coaching is coaching," said Gaylord, who doesn't necessarily see his new coaching change as a major adjustment.

Actually, his job may have just gotten easier because of the impact that Brooks has already had on the team since his arrival.

Coaching at third base during games and coaching the infield and outfielders for Cerritos baseball may attribute to the success

of the defense and scoring in past seasons.

Brooks, who has spent three seasons with the Falcon baseball program, has a resumé that more than qualifies him for the head coach position.

Before joining the team at Cerritos, Brooks played as an infielder at Loyola Marymount University and earned a Bachelors Degree in Urban Planning with a minor in History.

Brooks began his coaching career with the man he played for in high school, his father Kim Brooks who still coaches at La Mirada High School.

After being an assistant to his

father, he became head coach at Norwalk High School and led the team to its first CIF playoff win in the school's history.

That kind of winning attitude and strong baseball background has surely benefited the Falcon baseball program so far, as well as his aggressive hands-on coaching style and vocal leadership.

Cerritos baseball also expects to build upon last season's success with the return of Sophomore Joe Terry, who was drafted this summer by the Seattle Mariners.

With a team of returning players as well as new recruits, coach Brooks said that he expects the youth to make mistakes and learn

from game to game but also expects the returning players to lead by example on and off the field.

Leaving the team this season is assistant Wally Kincaid, who has been coaching at Cerritos for 22 seasons.

In his head coaching days at Cerritos, Kincaid led the Falcons to the only undefeated season in California Community College baseball history.

He was also the first basketball coach in Cerritos College history, and has played with and coached countless players who have gone on to be successful on a professional level.

Although coach Kincaid will

no longer be in the dugout with the Falcons, his teachings have been beneficial for both Gaylord and Brooks.

After learning from both Kincaid and Gaylord, Brooks has the tools to continue the winning tradition of Cerritos baseball.

Gaylord stated that Brooks brings his own twist to the program and has been a great addition to the staff.

Brooks and the baseball team are currently training in preparation for the upcoming fall season. He will make his head coaching debut on September 29 when the Birds take on Chaffey.



JUAN RAMOS/TM

Football: Sophomore Eric Russell makes an open field tackle on a Santa Monica receiver during the third quarter of Saturday's 66-2 victory

Football wins by historic margin

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A blocked PAT returned by Santa Monica for two points was all it took to ruin a shut-out produced by the Cerritos College football team's defense in its 66-2 victory on Saturday at Cerritos College.

The defense forced a fumble inside Santa Monica's 10-yard line, which led to a touchdown, forced 11 punts and linebacker Jack Francis returned a 55-yard interception for a touchdown.

Much of that success came from free safety Eric Russell who had four tackles and seven pass breakups.

Head coach Frank Mazzotta believes the success from the defense comes from players getting to the ball quickly and feels that if it weren't for the two rare mistakes made from

last week's game and the blocked PAT, the defense would have allowed zero points.

"We're running well on defense," Mazzotta said.

Cerritos also displayed its versatility, scoring not only on offense but on special teams as well.

Wide receiver Dion Curry returned a 49-yard punt for a touchdown in the second quarter. He had a total of three returns for 117 yards.

Despite the touchdown on their first possession, the Falcons struggled offensively in the first quarter scoring only six and allowing two sacks and one interception.

After the first quarter, it was a different story.

Cerritos racked up 463 yards of total offense including a balance attack of 234 yards passing and 229 rushing.

Quarterback Chris Morales went 10-20

with 230 yards passing and connected with wide receiver Michael Willie four times for 155 yards.

Mazzotta was pleased with Morales' performance, noting that he made the right decision in his 22-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Joshua Robbins in the second quarter.

Morales noticed the one on one match-up and decided to go long for Robbins in the end zone despite a different play being called.

"That's knowing our offense," Mazzotta said.

Cerritos will now have to travel to Long Beach City to avenge last year's loss to its cross-town rivals next Saturday.

Linebacker David Flores said there's no concern facing a tougher team in Long Beach City after facing poor teams in East Los Angeles and Santa Monica.

Falcons edge out Rustlers

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Salvador Melendrez's first goal of the season was enough to see the men's soccer team beat Golden West 1-0 on Friday at home.

Melendrez streaked down the right wing and struck a volley from the corner of the box in the 7th minute for the Falcons' only goal.

"It's really exciting to finally get my first goal and have it be the game winner," Melendrez said.

After a strong first half, Cerritos had a tough time keeping Golden West's attack under control after the break.

Goalkeeper Danny Lizama responded to the increased pressure by recording seven saves, including three diving stops over a span of five minutes, turning away multiple attempts from strikers JT Thompson and Austin Rovazzinni.

"At times I did have to come up big," Lizama conceded. "[Golden West] was attacking a lot in the second half."

Credit Golden West with being able to make the necessary adjustments in order to take Cerritos away from its game and create opportunities on offense.

"We were able to put some pressure on them in the second half, but the bounces just didn't go our way," explained Rustlers head coach Matt Wells.

Cerritos head coach Benny Arriaga agreed that "Golden West did a very good job pressuring and slowing us down. We got caught up playing into their tempo."

Cerritos will attempt to improve upon its play on Tuesday, when it hosts Orange Coast College at 2 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Women's soccer still undefeated

Cerritos (5-0) remains the top ranked team in the country after its 6-0 victory over Oxnard on Thursday. The team was led by Ruby Leon's two goals. The Falcons continue play on Friday, when they host Palomar.

Men: The No. 2 team in the nation beat Golden West 1-0 on Friday. Salvador Melendrez scored in the 7th minute and goalkeeper Danny Lizama recorded seven saves to push the Falcons' record to 5-0-1. Next, Cerritos faces off against Orange Coast College on Tuesday.

Cross Country

Men: The Cerritos College men's cross country team finished fourth at the Fresno Invitational on Saturday. John Martinez (22:19), Angel Aguirre (22:21), and Jason Zapien (22:26) all finished in the top 60. Next, the team will compete in the Orange Coast Classic on Saturday at Fairview Park in Costa Mesa.

Women: The Falcons finished in sixth place on Saturday in the Fresno Invitational.

The Falcons were led by sophomore Erica Sandoval's time of 20:33. Next, the team will compete in the Orange Coast Classic on Saturday at Fairview Park in Costa Mesa.

Wrestling

The team starts its season on Saturday at the Mount San Antonio Duels.

Volleyball

The Falcons swept Cuyamaca and Chaffey, but came up short against Cypress and College of the Desert at the Coyote Classic over the weekend. Next, the team will participate in the San Diego Mesa Tournament on Friday and Saturday.

Football

The football team improved to 2-0 after beating Santa Monica 66-2. Running backs Marshawn Fr-

iloux, Tylik Carter, and Ray Craig combined for 4 touchdowns and 197 rushing yards. Next up is rival LBCC at Long Beach on Saturday.

Water Polo

Women: Cerritos won the Central Coast Classic at Cuesta College over the weekend. Cerritos (4-0) was led by the scoring of Georgiana Bray, Natalie Peng, and Amber Smith. Today, the Falcons take on Rio Honda College at Rio Honda.

Men: PJ Gabayeron and Cory Baccus led the Falcons (2-3) in the Golden West Tournament over the weekend where the team won two and lost two. Next Wednesday, the Falcons are away at El Camino.

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