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In Progress

Kristen Habbestad has been working to place ads in local CSU student newspapers to publicize the upcoming second 9-week session.

Coverage

Westside Weekly—September 8, 2006—Brief announcing a lecture commemorating three 19th century Mexican and Central American independence movements hosted by Cerritos College.

Press Telegram—September 16, 2006—Brief about a month-long photo exhibit featuring the work of Patrick Hebert in the Cerritos College campus gallery.

Press Telegram—September 18, 2006—Article about former Cerritos College faculty member and women’s softball team coach, Nancy Kelly, visiting the Temple University Hall of Fame.

Press Telegram—September 27, 2006—Article about the recent renovation of the Cerritos College football and track field.

Press Telegram—September 27, 2006—Article about Cerritos College football team player Terrell Cole.

Related News

Press Telegram—September 27, 2006—Article about three suspects being held and released in alleged Long Beach City College attack.

Los Angeles Times—September 27, 2006—Article about Education Secretary Margaret Spellings and her plans for American higher education to catch up to global competition.

Los Angeles Times—September 29, 2006—Article about UCLA’s shift to a more ‘holistic’ student admissions process.

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Cerritos College Auto Program to be Featured at Orange County Auto Show  
Annual Super Show Connects Students with Industry Career Opportunities

NORWALK, CA – September 29, 2006 – Instructors and students from the Cerritos College Automotive Technology will join auto makers, industry specialists and motor trend enthusiasts this week at the 2006 Orange County Auto Show October 4-8 at the Anaheim Convention Center. Cerritos College’s display, located in the show’s Automotive Underground, will include a Dodge Viper, information on automotive classes and certification programs, and instructors with helpful tips on career and learning opportunities.

“Every year, the show provides a great place for us to let potential students know about career opportunities available to them in the auto industry—in fact, Thursday, October 6 is “college two-for-one night” where two students with valid IDs can get in for only $10—less than going to a movie,” said Cerritos College Automotive Instructor Kevin Taylor.

“Right now, the auto industry is seeking to hire trained technicians into high-growth, high-wage positions, and our programs get students to the place they need to be to land these jobs.”

Also featured at the show is information about the bachelor degree program in automotive marketing offered through an agreement between Northwood University and Cerritos College. Northwood serves as a “campus within a campus” at Cerritos College, providing a means for students who have earned their associate’s degree at Cerritos College to enroll in Northwood’s program to earn a bachelor’s of business administration (BBA) degree.

Students in the new program attend all classes on Cerritos College’s campus and take higher-level courses from Northwood University instructors after meeting general degree requirements through Cerritos College courses. Automotive students may also choose to tailor their bachelor’s degree to reflect an emphasis in automotive management. The combined course offerings from both Cerritos College and Northwood University comprise the bachelor’s degree

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program and offer students substantial savings: the first three years of the four-year degree cost are very affordable, since they consist of transferable classes at Cerritos College. The final year of the degree is offered at Northwood’s tuition rate but still takes place at Cerritos College’s campus.

“We want to be there to meet the thousands of automotive enthusiasts—some of whom might be thinking about a career in the industry,” said Northwood University Program Manager Javier Garza.

“There are so many different career opportunities available in the industry—jobs in sales and marketing, management, technology, design and promotion are all in demand, and we want to serve as a connection for students to the industry.”

The 2006 Orange County Auto Show will be held October 4-8, 2006 at the Anaheim Convention Center. For more information, please visit www.orangecountyautoshow.com.

Cerritos College has offered automotive training technology since the college began in 1955. The offerings consist of certificates degrees and special programs in the disciplines of automotive repair, advanced transportation technology, auto collision repair, intelligent transportation systems and alternative fuel and hybrids, making it one of the most comprehensive programs in the U.S. Students can also earn a bachelor’s degree in automotive management at Cerritos College through an agreement the college has with Northwood University.

Cerritos College’s Auto Technology Program provides students with hands-on, nationally authorized training for GM, Ford, DaimlerChrysler and import vehicles, and operates a California Advanced Transportation Technology Center to encourage development of alternative fuel sources.

Perhaps most impressively, Cerritos College is physically located just blocks from the world’s largest auto mall where it partners with dealers to train and employ technicians and dealer managers. The greater Los Angeles area is home to more than 17 corporate support centers for the robust Southern California auto industry. It is also home to a number of design centers producing vehicle prototypes for future sales. Automotive-industry management opportunities routinely require a minimum of a bachelor’s degree.

Cerritos College serves as a comprehensive community college for southeastern Los Angeles County. Communities within the college’s district include Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Norwalk, and portions of Bell Gardens, Lakewood, Long Beach, Santa Fe Springs and South Gate. Cerritos College offers degrees and certificates in more than 180 areas of study in nine divisions. Annually, more than 1,200 students successfully complete their course of studies, and enrollment currently surpasses 20,000 students. Visit Cerritos College online at www.cerritos.edu.

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Cerritos College Theater to Host “Backstage Q&A” with Cast, Directors

Performers and Directors will Discuss Current Shows, “Hamlet” and “Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead”

WHAT: The Cerritos College Theatre Department will present three backstage question-and-answer sessions that will give audiences an insight on how both productions of Shakespeare’s “Hamlet” and Tom Stoppard’s “Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead” came to life. Discussions will cover the language of the plays, how they translate on stage, themes, and the actors’ approach to the text.

WHEN: Tuesday, October 10 at 6 p.m. – Overview of both plays, as well as a Q&A session with the cast and directors.

Wednesday, November 1 following 8 p.m. performance – Discussion with the cast and director of “Hamlet.”

Thursday, November 2 following 8 p.m. performance – Discussion with the cast and director of “Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead.”

WHERE: Burnight Center Studio Theatre (BC 31)
Cerritos College
11110 Alondra Blvd
Norwalk, CA 90650

A map of the campus is available at www.cerritos.edu/guide

CONTACT: John Zamora at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2638 or jzamora@cerritos.edu

COST: Admission to the “Backstage Q&A” is free to everyone. To reserve a space, please contact John Zamora at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2638.

November 1 and 2 performances offer school classes a special group rate of $8 per student for each performance. To receive this special rate, the tickets for your class must be purchased together. For more information, please contact Theatre Arts Promotions Specialist John Zamora at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2638 or at jzamora@cerritos.edu

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NORWALK

Viva la revolution: Cerritos College will host a lecture commemorating three 19th century Mexican and Central American independence movements that occurred during the month of September.

Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla of Mexico, Francisco Morazán of Honduras and Ramón Emeterio Betances of Puerto Rico will be the focus of the talk, titled “Commemorating Independence Movements: Mexico, Central America, and Puerto Rico.”

Topics will include “who rebelled and why,” “how they are remembered” and “what became of the revolutionaries that pioneered the independence movements.”

The free symposium is 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesday on campus in the Wilford Michael Library’s Teleconference Center, LC 155.

Cerritos College is at 11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk. 562-860-2451, ext. 2757.

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Art exhibit opens at Cerritos College

Cerritos College on Oct. 2 kick off a month-long photo exhibit featuring the work of Patrick Hebert in the campus gallery.

“Patrick Pato Hebert: Photo Works” will run until Thursday, Nov. 2. On display will be large-scale panoramas of Los Angeles landscapes and lenticular photography — a technology that enables an image to change as a viewer walks by — exploring the visual concepts of home, family, racial identity, memory and harmony.

Admission is free. Campus parking is $1 per day.

An opening reception will be held Oct. 5 from 6 to 9 p.m., and an artist walkthrough from 4 to 5:30 p.m. is scheduled for Oct. 18.

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Cerritos College Art Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 6 to 9 p.m.

Cerritos College is at 11110 Alondra Blvd.

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Nancy Kelly of Long Beach recently took a trip back to her alma mater, Temple University, and visited the Hall of Fame where her portrait is on display. She's in good company, fellow alum Bill Cosby’s portrait is in the upper right corner of the photograph.

L.B. woman sports standout

By L.R. Larsen

Longtime Long Beach resident Nancy Kelly recently took a visit to her hometown of Philadelphia, Pa.

Nancy visited the campus of Temple University, where in the T.M. McGonigle Hall — the Athletic Hall of Fame — hangs an oil painting of her. She is an alumna of Temple, where in 1950 she earned her bachelor’s degree. She later earned her master’s degree and was in 1973 ordained a Christian Minister of the Gospel.

Nancy’s teaching career included positions at Gettysburg College, Swarthmore and South Philadelphia high schools and Pasadena College. She’s taught kinesiology, physiology of exercise, health education and theology and coached field hockey, softball, field hockey, tennis and volleyball.

She was hired at Cerritos College in 1975 as a full-time teacher and coach, and later led the Women’s Intercollegiate program. Her women’s fast-pitch softball team won the state championship in 1978.

On February 22, 2001, the softball complex was renamed the Nancy Kelly field.

Nancy retired from Cerritos College in May 2002.

The fast-pitch softball field at Cerritos College was renamed for Nancy Kelly a few years ago. She coached and taught there from the 1970s until 2002. Her women’s fast-pitch softball team took the national title in 1978.

She continues to compete in the Senior Olympics. On Feb. 8 in Palm Desert, she won her 26th gold medal for free-throw shooting.

Nancy is enjoying her retirement on Long Beach golf courses playing 18 holes each Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

L.R. Larsen lives on Conant Street in Long Beach.
Stadium has Falcons on a high

David Felton
Staff columnist
Inside SOCAL

Now that's one big Falcon.

It begins at the 50-yard line at Cerritos College's Falcon Stadium, extending 40 feet wide and 70 feet tall, a beautiful blue-and-white painting of the college's mascot that looks ready to take flight at any time.

It represents big changes at the Norwalk campus, a symbol of $3.5 million in renovations to the football field and track that will once again put Cerritos College's facilities at the forefront of Southern California athletics.

Cerritos has installed a new synthetic turf on its football field and is in the process of replacing its track with a synthetic surface called Mondo. Both surfaces are considered to be state of the art.

"It's been a long time coming and as a result, we once again now have one of the top fields in the state," Cerritos football coach Frank Mazzotta said in the school's media guide. "Over the years, our field has been held in high regard and now with this new field ... we can hold claim to being right back up there at the top."

Until this summer, Cerritos was actually behind the curve when it came to facility upgrades. Through last year, the Falcons were still playing on a grass field while other JCs and even some area high schools had installed synthetic surfaces. But voters in the community that surrounds the campus passed a $210 million general obligation bond for improvements around the college.

"It's a credit to the voters that voted it through," said Cerritos dean of physical education and athletics Dan Smith.

Beginning this summer, IC Improvements of Toronto began installing the football surface, which features more blades per square foot and has a thicker backing than most surfaces. Unlike other surfaces, it doesn't have sand in its base and the rubber used in the base is "cryogenic," according to Mazzotta, meaning it isn't made up of shredded tires and doesn't contain any metal.

"It plays more like real grass," said Smith.

As with any construction process, finishing on schedule was a great concern. Smith and Mazzotta were assured the field would be ready for the Falcons' first home game, Sept. 2 against Moorpark. But just to be safe, Smith reserved Warren High's football field for the game.

"Up until that Thursday, I was still holding onto Warren High," Smith said.

He was told by the contractor and consultant the field would be ready. And after construction continued through the night late that week, and the owner of IC Improvements came out from Toronto to supervise, the field was indeed ready for the first game, with about one hour to spare.

"I never thought they'd make it," Smith said. "It's a real credit to the consultant and the construction company."

Smith said when the bid process began, he didn't think the college would have a chance at either surface. But be-
"I was really surprised at the (Mondo) bid," he said. "I never anticipated we would have a Mondo track."

The main benefit of synthetic surfaces is low maintenance costs.

"You don't have to paint it, water it, mow it, aerate it, fertilize it," said Smith. "Strictly from a cost perspective ... it pays for itself in a few years."

But Smith sees other benefits as well, specifically less injuries. Teams can't practice on a grass field because of wear and tear, so less well-maintained areas are usually used that can contain holes and dips, and those can get players hurt. The Falcons now practice on the field itself.

The new field also makes Falcon Stadium more efficient for students and the community. Instead of just being used five times a year for football and once in May for graduation, multiple events can now be scheduled without having to worry about ruining the field.

Smith said PE classes can be taught on the field and soccer tournaments can be held. The college has even installed new goal posts that allow soccer goals to be placed below them to utilize all 120 yards of the field.

Cerritos hosts the CIF Southern Section track and field finals each year and the CIF state meet every other year. But the famous blue track was in desperate need of replacement.

"The track was worn through," Smith said. "I don't know how it would have lasted."

Smith has been told the new track will be ready by early January, in time for the defending state champion women's track team to begin training on it.

"(Cerritos track coach Doug Wells) is awfully happy," Smith said. "There are only a few other Mondo tracks in the area."

In the past, throwing events at track meets have been held in the grassy area behind Falcon Stadium just south of the baseball field. When construction is complete, those events will be moved to the area just south of the football field. Eventually, the field house and parking lot will be removed to make even more room available.

And according to Mazzotta, the new field has one benefit, especially when viewed from high in the bleachers, that was not anticipated.

"The stadium looks small," he said, "but the field looks huge."

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Cole a man of action

By David Felton, Staff writer
Inside SOCAL

CERRITOS - Terrell Cole always wants to be in the middle of the action. And on Saturday, when the Cerritos College football team hosts rival Long Beach City at 7 p.m., you can bet Cole will get himself in the mix.

Cole is a sophomore safety for the Falcons and one of five captains on the team. He began his college career at the same position where he was an All-Moore League performer at Lakewood High - cornerback.

But as a freshman at Cerritos, his aggressive nature sometimes got him into trouble at a position where discipline is a key.

"He cannot contain himself from getting involved in the action," Cerritos coach Frank Mazzotta said. "He wants to be around the ball all the time."

So between his freshman and sophomore years, Cole was moved to free safety, where he has more freedom to pursue the ball.

"He's probably our best corner ... but we've got him in a position where he can make more plays," said Mazzotta. "He's been nice at safety. He's in a position where he can see the whole field."

Cole agrees.

"It's just like center field out there," he said.

Cole leads the team with 15 solo tackles and is tied for the lead in total tackles with 21. While it's never a coach's dream to have a defensive back lead in tackles, Cole's aggressive nature means he's always around the ball.

And when he makes a tackle, the man with the ball knows he's been hit. Cole spent plenty of summer hours in the weight room and packs a punch when he makes contact.

"He will hit you," said Mazzotta. "I was worried about him getting hurt (as a freshman) because he has no regard for his body. ... Physically he would kill himself."

The switch from corner to safety isn't the first Cole has made. From his days in youth football to his sophomore year in high school, Cole was a wide receiver. But as a junior at Lakewood, former coach Mike Christensen asked if he'd move to cornerback.

"I said I'd play wherever gets me on the field," Cole said.

And this probably won't be Cole's last position change. At 5-foot-11 and 185 pounds, Cole is a little small to play safety at the NCAA Division I level and will probably move back to cornerback. His 4.45-second speed in the 40-
"He's a cover corner," said Mazzotta. "He's got all the attributes."

Cole, 19, said he's received scholarship offers from Boise State and Utah State and recruiting interest from Minnesota, Oregon, Oregon State, Arizona State, Nebraska, Purdue and Mississippi, just to name a few. He'd love to play at Ole Miss but says Minnesota has shown the most interest and is at the top of his list. Seeing the Gophers on ESPN just about every Saturday doesn't hurt.

"I like that TV time, I want that TV time," Cole said. "(Minnesota) plays Ohio State, Penn State. They play everybody."

The Cerritos-LBCC game always brings out plenty of emotions. Many players on both sides played either with or against their opponents in high school. Cole and Long Beach sophomore wide receiver LaTroy Dinkins, a Jordan High graduate, may have some interesting conversations Saturday night.

"He's my friend," Cole said. "We've got a little rivalry thing going."

Cerritos won last year's game, 28-24, and holds a 26-20-1 edge in the series.

"(Beating Long Beach) means a lot," said Cole. "Everybody wants to win this game more than anything. If they win, they can talk, and I won't be here next year, so they can talk forever."

But Cerritos, 2-2 and ranked 15th in Southern California, may have even more motivation this year. The Falcons had a new synthetic turf field installed this year, but are 0-2 at home so far.

"It feels like it's not our field yet," Cole said. "I hate losing at home."

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3 held, released in alleged LBCC attack

By Tracy Manzer
Staff writer

LONG BEACH — Three people were detained last week in connection with an alleged sexual assault at Long Beach City College, but all were released without charges being filed, authorities said Tuesday.

Detectives with the Sex Crimes Detail began their investigation after a woman told police she was attacked inside a women’s bathroom in the Mathematics/Science Building on the college’s Liberal Arts Campus, near Carson Street and Clark Avenue, on Sept. 19.

The victim told police she was in one of the stalls around 1 p.m. when a man forced his way in, knocked her to the ground and sexually assaulted her.

“Within the first 24 hours, we received a lot of information

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and we did detain three people,” said Sgt. David Cannan, a Long Beach Police Department spokesman.

“They have since been released,” Cannan added. “That’s not to say they are exonerated, or that they are suspects. The investigation is ongoing.”

The names of those detained were withheld because they were not charged with a crime.

News of the attack alarmed many students at the Liberal Arts Campus and triggered an increase in the police presence there. Patrol cars have cruised the campus since then, and officers handed out fliers and posted information about the attack.

A composite sketch was released last Wednesday. The victim described her assailant as white or Latino, about 30 years old with a tan complexion, brown hair, green eyes and a mustache. He wore a white T-shirt, dark blue jeans and brown tennis shoes.

A flood of calls immediately came in from tipsters, and investigators are slowly working their way through all of that information, Cannan said Tuesday.

“They are very encouraged by the amount of public information that is coming forward, and they will continue to work with everything that they’ve received,” he said.

Anyone with information on the case is asked to call the Sex Crimes Detail at (562) 570-7308. For general campus safety questions, call (562) 938-4807.

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Education Secretary Has Colleague Shake-Up in Mind

By REBECCA TROJINSKI
Times Staff Writer

Saying that American higher education had slipped behind its global competition, Education Secretary Margaret Spellings on Tuesday laid out her plans for an overhaul, including creating a federal database to track students’ academic progress and revamping the financial aid system.

Spellings, responding to a national commission report that called for a broad shake-up of higher education, also urged the nation’s nearly 4,000 colleges and universities to cut costs and do a better job of monitoring and improving — just what they give their students.

“Our universities are known as the best in the world, and a lot of people will tell you things are going just fine,” Spellings said in a Washington speech that was broadcast over the Internet. “But when 90% of the fastest-growing jobs require post-secondary education, are we satisfied with just fine?”

No. Not to me,” Spellings said.

She said she wanted to increase students’ access to college by improving their academic preparation during high school and by aligning high school standards with college coursework. That would come, she said, by working with Congress to extend the Bush administration’s No Child Left Behind law into high schools, an idea Congress has greeted coolly.

The report, proposed that colleges and universities regularly test their students to learn whether schools are meeting their goals and promises. Those results would then form part of a national database that would help students and their parents learn about and choose colleges.

President Bush issued a statement praising the report, while higher education advocates and college leaders, some of whom had expressed concern about the commission’s criticisms, expressed a measure of relief at Spellings’ recommendations.

David Ward, president of the American Council on Education, a Washington group that advocates for the nation’s colleges, said that he continued to have some reservations but that he was pleased that Spellings appeared willing to work with the higher education community.

“She talked a great deal about meetings and dialogue today, and I think that’s helpful,” said Ward, a member of the panel. He was the only one of 19 commissioners not to endorse its final report.

Others, including California State University Chancellor Charles B. Reed, were enthusiastic.

“What this does is send a much-needed wake-up call to higher education in this country,” Reed said. “It’s a good report, something all of us can work from.”

In Spellings’ comments and in the commission report, the Cal State system was praised for several innovations, including a program that tests 11th-grade students for college-readiness in English and math.

But Edward J. McEntire, president of the American Federation of Teachers, criticized the report because it did not address shortages in academic staffing or state funding for higher education. It “deserves a grade of ‘incomplete,’” he said in a statement.

In her speech, Spellings, who has a college-age daughter, suggested that nearly everything about a college education — including researching and selecting a school and trying to pay for it — was too difficult for students and their parents.

People buying cars, she said, could get more relevant information than people picking a college.

“I too, experienced the confusion and frustration many parents face with the college selection process,” she said. “I found it almost impossible to get my questions answered, and I’m the secretary of Education.”

Spellings said much of her proposed “action plan” would require the help of Congress, state governments, as well as colleges and universities.

Part of her proposal, she said, was a plan to restructure the federal financial aid system, which she described as a maze of competing programs and overlapping, confusing websites. In its report, the commission recommended several changes to the system and starting over.

Details about the most controversial part of Spellings’ plan, the creation of a database that would track students’ performance, were sketchy Tuesday. She said that much had yet to be worked out but emphasized that it would protect the privacy of students and not include their names or other personal information.

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UCLA Agrees to ‘Holistic’ Approach to Admissions

No longer will students’ academic and personal files be read by separate reviewers. Concern over a drop in black students helped spur change.

By REBECCA TROUNSON
Times Staff Writer

UCLA announced Thursday that it will shift immediately to a more “holistic” student admissions process, much like UC Berkeley’s, in which all facets of each applicant can be considered at once by admissions reviewers.

The change, which was driven partly by campus and community concerns over declining numbers of African American students at UCLA, will be in effect for students applying in November for the 2007-08 school year. Admissions officials said that students should not try to tailor their application to fit the new process.

Some details remain to be worked out, but the announcement came after the third of three faculty panels, all of which had to approve the plan, endorsed it this week. The move had been expected; the revisions have been strongly backed by acting Chancellor Norman Abrams and key faculty leaders.

Abrams said Thursday he was delighted with the vote, which he believes will lead to fairer admissions for all UCLA applicants.

“I am convinced that this will be a better process overall, and I think it will improve the quality of our student body,” said Abrams, a veteran UCLA law professor who became acting chancellor July 1.

He and other UCLA officials emphasized, however, that the campus will continue to abide by restrictions imposed by Proposition 209, the 1996 voter initiative that barred California’s public colleges and universities from considering race in admissions or employment. And they said they do not know what effect the changes will have on admissions numbers for African American students or any other group.

Abrams and several faculty members said that for more than a year, UCLA’s faculty, which sets admissions standards for the campus, had been considering a switch to a model similar to Berkeley’s, in which individual readers are allowed to review all parts of an applicant’s file.

At UCLA, in what admissions officials have described as an effort to increase objectivity, applicants’ files were divided into academic and personal areas, and read by separate reviewers.

But the officials said a major impetus for change came in June, with the release of figures showing that only 96 African Americans—3% of the freshman class—were likely to enroll at UCLA this fall. The numbers, the lowest at the campus since at least 1973, prompted calls from alumni, students and community leaders for an overhaul of UCLA’s admissions practices.

Adrienne Lavine, an engineering professor and the outgoing chairwoman of UCLA’s faculty senate, said the changes will allow the campus to consider each student’s academic achievements in the context of the opportunities available to them in high school, and in light of their family circumstances.

She and others said that was increasingly important, given that more than 47,000 students

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Heated campus debate

By Kevin Butler
Staff Writer

LONG BEACH — A speech by a controversial Muslim leader calling Israel an “apartheid state” at Cal State Long Beach on Thursday sparked a demonstration by a Jewish student organization.

Amir Abdul Malik Ali, a leader of an Oakland mosque, addressed an audience of more than 200 students, including demonstrators from Beach Hillel, in front of the University Bookstore in the afternoon.

Ali, who has spoken before at CSULB, was invited to the campus by the Muslim Student Association.

Ali said Israel was an “oppressor” comparable to Goliath, and he likened Muslims, including those in rival groups Hamas and Hezbollah, to David.

“You are Goliath, you are the oppressor, you are now standing with imperialism and apartheid,” he said.

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Jordan Greenberg, a 20-year-old junior and member of Beach Hillel, said he showed up because Ali is a "hateful speaker" who blames Jews for the world's ills.

"He's just such a radical that I feel it's my responsibility as a Jew and a human being to show up" at the speech to demonstrate Thursday.

Other students were supportive of Ali.

Nora Kueider, a 23-year-old member of the Muslim Student Association, said she liked the speech.

"It may not be the best speech, but I think he made very valid points," she said.

She said she was upset that some in the audience incorrectly perceived that "we are against the Jews."

"This is about oppression in general, humanity and what is going on in Palestine with the Zionists," she said.

Ali said it is his speech that the media, particularly cable news, has "controlled by Zionist Jews," were referring to assortment of Jews.

"The Jewish group Beach Hillel holds signs in protest as Abdal Malik Ali speaks at Cal State Long Beach Thursday. Ali leads an Oakland mosque. Student Sanna Zaineh, above, looks or listens during the speech. "

"You're not seeing us being victim of armed conflicts in the area, who ignoring who he is and all the wrongs being committed by the Jewish people," Ali said.

"Today, all this is made up of lies," he said. "This is the end of the Zionist state."

"The people of Middle East say we are killed and you are doing nothing."

"I think it's important for us to stand against hate," said student Temir Ahmed.

"That side of the globe trying to make him look like he's an anti-Semite," said Almaz Mouawad, member of the Muslim Student Association.

"I'm not saying he's an anti-Semite," said Ali. "I'm saying he's an anti-Israeli."

"I'm saying the speech is about some important points, "he said. "If it raises the other side up, then so be it."

"He's talking about defending yourself and protecting your life and your property and values and your honor," said Mouawad.

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