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In Progress

- Kristen Habbestad worked with a reporter from the Westside Weekly to arrange a tour of the Cerritos College culinary arts program for a front-page feature. She also provided the reporter, who edits the Westside Weekly, a subsidiary of the Orange County Register, information on the new “Building Futures” display at the Cerritos Library.

Coverage

*Senate Rostrum* – May 2005 – Article about web advising in the community colleges. Cerritos College included.

*Herald American* – September 22, 2005 – Captioned photo of the Miss Sept. 16 Court, chosen during the Mexican Independence Day celebration. Cerritos College student Shirem Montero was crowned Miss Sept. 16.


*The Downey Patriot* – September 30, 2005 – Article about Cerritos College’s 50th Anniversary Traveling Display on exhibit at the La Mirada Activity Center.

*The Downey Patriot* – September 30, 2005 – Blurb about Cerritos College Department of Theatre presenting “The Diary of Anne Frank.”

*American Careers* – October 2005 – Article about Cerritos College campus police officer Angel David Castillo.

*Press Telegram* – October 1, 2005 – Sports article about Long Beach City College’s football team. Cerritos College included.

*La Opinion* – October 3, 2005 – Blurb about Cerritos College’s hosting a seminar by Mike Rounds to teach people how to create a personal website.

*Press Telegram* – October 9, 2005 – Sports article about Cerritos College’s track team at the Howard Brubaker Irvine Invitational.
Press Telegram – October 12, 2005 – Sports article about local junior college sports teams’ scores.

Press Telegram – October 12, 2005 – Sports article about Cerritos College men’s and women’s soccer teams.

Whittier Daily News – October 17, 2005 – Article about Cerritos College hosting a virtual courtroom project tour.

Whittier Daily News – October 17, 2005 – Article about Cerritos College’s 50th Anniversary Traveling Display on exhibit at the Norwalk Sports Center.

Press Telegram – October 19, 2005 – Article about Cerritos College faculty protest over contract negotiations.

La Opinion – October 20, 2005 – Article about Cerritos College faculty protest over contract negotiations.

Westside Weekly – October 21, 2005 – Article about the candidates running for three seats on the Cerritos Community College District Board.


Related News
Whittier Daily News – October 14, 2005 – Article about Rio Hondo College candidates vying for different seats on the college district’s Board of Trustees.

Whittier Daily News – October 16, 2005 – Article about former Compton Community College trustee pleading guilty to theft charges.

Whittier Daily News – October 16, 2005 – Article about a Whittier College conference aimed toward Latinos and encouraging parents to get their children into college.

Whittier Daily News – October 16, 2005 – Article about a Biola University conference for “God bloggers.”

Whittier Daily News – October 19, 2005 – Article about college tuition increases slowing.

Los Angeles Times – October 24, 2005 – Article about New Orleans College recruiting following Hurricane Katrina.

Press Telegram – October 25, 2005 – Article about teens’ dismay over the closing of a recreation park.
Whittier Daily News – October 25, 2005 – Article about Biola University’s plans for a $10 million business school expansion.

Los Angeles Times – October 25, 2005 – Article about Cal State Northridge stepping up their efforts to get students to finish their studies.

Los Angeles Times – October 26, 2005 – Article about UCLA being able to use cadavers again.

Press Telegram – October 27, 2005 – Article about eight Southland college students who were among 85 nationwide who won scholarships of up to $1,000 each.


Press Telegram – October 28, 2005 – Article about students angry over CSU decision to raise fees.

Press Telegram – October 28, 2005 – Article about Cal State Dominquez Hills’ student newspaper may be closing its doors due to budget constraints.
Cerritos College Celebrates 50 Years with Golden Gala

Dinner and Silent Auction Benefit 50th Anniversary Scholarship

NORWALK, CA – October 28, 2005 – In celebration of Cerritos College’s 50th Anniversary, the Cerritos College Foundation hosted a multitude of well-wishers—including former and current college trustees, faculty, administrators and staff, community members, local legislators, alumni and retirees—at a gala dinner and silent auction on Friday, October 21 at the Norwalk Marriott Hotel. Proceeds from the silent auction will go toward establishing and growing the new 50th Anniversary Scholarship established jointly by the Associated Students of Cerritos College and the Cerritos College Foundation.

Throughout the cocktail hour, program and dinner, attendees were treated to entertainment provided by a virtual “who’s who” of notable Cerritos College groups and personalities. Performers included the Cerritos College Jazz Combo, an improvisational comedy team comprised of Cerritos College Theatre Professor Kevin Hoggard and his current and former drama students, as well as the Cerritos College Pep Squad and .

An additional program highlight featured retired Cerritos College Administrator Dr. Fran Newman and current Cerritos College Music Department Chair Dr. Christine Lopez performing a piano duet medley of songs from the last half-century of popular music. Dr. Ed Bloomfield, retired Cerritos College philosophy professor and college administrator, served as emcee for the evening.

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“Anniversaries provide a very special time to reflect and reminisce about the past, celebrate the present and anticipate the future,” said Bloomfield, welcoming the audience.

“My memory is filled with the names and faces of so many people who have had a part in making Cerritos College the great institution it has become.”

Bloomfield’s comments included a number of reminiscent anecdotes from his more than 30 years at the college and included special recognition by way of audience applause for notable retirees, current leaders, faculty members, classified staff and current and former students. President Dr. Noelia Vela also shared comments with the audience, thanking local supporters and friends of the college.

“It is with your support that our students continue to succeed and surpass their own expectations,” she said.

“We are delighted to celebrate this milestone year with our community and to share with you in the triumph of what Cerritos College has accomplished.”

Along with hundreds of individual supporters and sponsors, a number of corporate benefactors contributed to making the gala evening a touchstone event. Gala sponsors included Bovis Lend Lease; Cerritos College Trustee Bob Arthur and Family; the City of Cerritos; the City of Norwalk; Follett’s Cerritos College Bookstore; Gerald P. Roodzant, D.D.S.; Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe; Norwalk Marriott Hotel; Seville Construction Services; Southern California Gas Company: A Sempra Energy Utility; Swinerton Management and Consulting; tBP Architecture; and The Pepsi Bottling Group.

Cerritos College celebrates the 2005-06 school year as its 50th anniversary in serving as a comprehensive community college for southeastern Los Angeles County communities including Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood, La Mirada and Norwalk. The 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 22,000 students. Visit Cerritos College online at www.cerritos.edu, and view a celebratory site honoring the college’s 50 years of tradition, honor and values at www.cerritos.edu/50.
Web Advising in the Community Colleges

As the discipline of Counseling runs to keep up with technology and meet the needs of a growing population of students that "come to college" by logging onto the internet, the Counseling and Library Faculty Issues Committee has been contemplating where we are as a system on this matter.

Ironically, it seems that the ability to survey our colleges and to present current information is the most difficult part of the task. As soon as we send out surveys, we hear of changes and find ourselves behind in reporting the activity of the field.

The process for this survey included a letter to all local academic senators, with a request to solicit assistance from the Counseling Services on their respective campuses. Of the 109 colleges in the system, 74 responded about the online web advising services that they offer, with 35 (or 32%) of the colleges not responding. Of those submitting their survey, 35 (or 32%) do offer this support. These services vary from the low-tech email response to the high-tech web procedures and databases that provide a culture of evidence along with support upon student demand. The remaining 39 (or 36%) of the colleges responded that they have no official online or web-advising services, but most added that they do communicate with students via email on a regular basis.

To answer the question "Is this common practice?" we believe that the fact that almost a third of the colleges are responding to student advising needs online predicts that the growth of this practice will be common to all in the near future. What some colleges seem to be waiting for is the direction that the services should take. What the college should include and what liabilities are out there for counselors and students are just two questions that need to be answered.

A number of common concerns were identified in the survey. These poor areas of dialogue for your college. A review of the guidelines presently in place for face-to-face appointments and those established to protect privacy rights for phone conversations are similar distinctions that should be addressed for web or online communications. You may also want to identify differences specific to your college, district, faculty or students. Similarly, students would need to know which policies or regulations apply to all students throughout the district. An example would be the probation standards, which would probably be the same for your college as well as other colleges in your district. Students that only connect by distance education or online may have no idea that your services are "district-wide" and this may prevent enrollment with other colleges in your district.

Another common concern is the definition of terms. Although we have professional associations that help us to identify the differences between "advising" and "counseling," our students don't come to us with that ready knowledge. You may choose to use the "counseling" term for all forms of the service if that is the campus culture (a rose by any other name is still a rose). It may be more appropriate to list your limitations of service for online assistance or alert students to when they would need a face-to-face appointment to answer their particular question. Others may be directed to phone calls with a security option to ensure that counselors are indeed talking to the appropriate individual.

Disclaimers, clearly addressing the confidentiality (or limits of same) during online advising, and statements of "information subject to change" are both needed for student understanding. As with all communications, counselors can only respond to questions that are asked and if a student's information is incomplete or time passes before a student takes action, your advising may have unexpected consequences for the student.

Many of the websites developed a set of FAQs for the student to access during the use of online services. Respondents recommended that schedules be included with the availability of online counselors or timelines for email responses. There were no recommendations specific to 48 or 72.
hours being better, but students could make better choices if they knew they would receive an immediate response or would have to check back at a later time for an email response.

Recording this online activity is another area to focus on. Will you keep manual logs of the activity? Or can your college IT system offer the support for a web-based intake? The more sophisticated the system, the better you may be able to accommodate the growing need or use; however, these options require ongoing discussions with your college or district technology committee so that your needs can be advocated for and met.

For additional assistance with code of ethics, standards of practice, or guidelines for electronic communications, check with the American Counseling Association (www.counseling.org) or the National Career Development Association (www.ncda.org), two resources that colleges have already used.

There are also a number of technology resources that you may find helpful. The CVC Online Training has developed a comprehensive student support services resource that you can access at http://training.cvc.edu/services. The login: number and password: students should allow you to access the information.

An electronic journal, *Journal* (June 2004, no. 8; Retrieved May 2003 from http://www.journal.us/is sue_08/issue08_MeyersAndOstade_01.htm), includes Paul Meyer’s article “Pulling the Forces Together: Comprehensive Online Support Services.” And finally, many of the colleges referred to training on distance counseling that was provided by ReadyMinds. You can access their services at: http://readyminds.com/training/dcc_cert.asp

So if you believe that your college is moving into cyberspace and your counseling services don’t want to be left behind, what can you do next? You might want to view some of the best practice sites that colleges shared with the committee. If you still have time for some surfing of the Internet, we hope that you check some of these out soon.

https://onlinecounseling.bccc.edu (Long Beach City College)

http://www.cerritos.edu (Cerritos College)

Both of these sites work with the Region 8 Online Consortium for Online Counseling (Orange County). They have been meeting regularly to develop guidelines for this growing field.

http://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/counseling

This is a comprehensive online orientation that includes information for students on getting started, FAQ’s and distance education for Bakersfield College.

http://academic.cuesta.edu/counseling/navigation/

This guideline for counselors at Cuesta College gives examples of canned answers for counselor efficiency when responding to students. It is detailed to the specific environment with Cal Poly close by, but gives you great ideas.

The committee members want to thank the colleges, counselors, and local academic senate for your hard work in providing the answers to the field of web advising in the community colleges!

Yula Fournay, Mt. San Jacinto College (Co-chair); Teresa Aldredge, Cuyamaca College (Co-chair); Deborah Moore, Glendale College; Lakshmi Ariaranum, Butte College; Linda-Rosa Carazon, Skyline College; Micaa Gray, Santa Rosa Jr. College; and Gail Conrad, San Diego Mesa College.
Members of the Miss Sept. 16 Court, chosen during the Mexican Independence Day celebration in Norwalk Saturday are, from left, Rosa Contreras, 18, a student at Glenn High School, who was second runner-up; Shirem Montero, 19, a student at Cerritos College, who was crowned Miss Sept. 16; and Vivian Valdez, 19, a student at Cal State Fullerton who was first runner-up. Other contestants were Candie Aguilar, Christina Rodriguez, Crystal Martinez and Maria Ruiz. Selection was based on an essay ‘September 16’ or ‘What My Mexican Heritage Means to Me.’ Poise, confidence and delivery were also factors.
Campos named to head Downey Police Dept.

New chief will replace John Finch

By Jenny Marder
Staff Writer

DOWNEY — In 1958, Roy Campos moved to Norwalk with his parents and eight siblings. They were the first Latino family on the block.

Upon arriving, his parents, Nacho and Lupe Campos, did something that came naturally to them — they invited all of their neighbors over for mariachi and ranchera music and traditional Mexican dishes.

“It stayed with all of us, the importance of inclusion in a community, the importance of being neighbors in a community,” said Roy Campos, 48, who was named Downey’s police chief Tuesday by the City Council.

“That’s what we expose here at Downey. If we offer a respectful hand, we more often get a welcoming response.”

On Oct. 29, Campos will replace Chief John Finch, who is retiring after five years.

Campos said his goal is to keep police officers safe and to ensure the department is in touch with the needs of the community.

“For any police chief to be effective, they’ve got to make the police department close to the community as possible,” he said.

“I also need to look out for the well-being of all members of the Police Department, whether that means striving for budget allocations or the absolute necessity of ensuring that all members of the department have the latest police training available and the best equipment available.”

Downey Assistant City Manager Lee Powell said Campos was chosen for his strong leadership and communication skills, and his ability to work well under pressure.

“He’s shown the ability to deal with difficult employee situations and stressful situations,” Powell said. “There isn’t going to be much of a learning curve for Roy. It’s going to be a very clean transition, I believe.”

Campos’ interest in law enforcement was sparked in 1979, while he was leading through a textbook of a friend who was taking a class on the criminal justice system at Cerritos College in Norwalk.

He signed up for the class that fall and soon after began performing clerical duties with the Los Angeles Police Department. He finished first in a class of about 30 at the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department Academy.

Campos was hired as a Downey patrol officer in April 1979. He quickly climbed the ranks, becoming a detective in 1986 and sergeant soon after.

In 1990, he was promoted to lieutenant, working as a watch commander, and later, as an administrative lieutenant, responsible for recruitment, training and supervising the code-enforcement unit.

By the time he was promoted to captain in 2002, serving as patrol division commander, Campos had worked within every division of the Downey Police Department.

“It’s not only just the practical knowledge and experience, but it’s a person that has a lot more confidence to handle the next level of responsibility,” Campos said.

Campos has been married to his wife Jeanie for 22 years. They have two children, Marisa and Michael.

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50th anniversary display in La Mirada

NORWALK—Cerritos College’s 50th Anniversary Traveling Display, “Building Futures,” a free exhibit of college memorabilia, historical photos and collector’s items, is now at the La Mirada Activity Center, 13810 La Mirada Blvd. in La Mirada. The exhibit will run through Oct. 7; activity center hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m. and, on Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

La Mirada is one of eight local cities that are located within the community college’s district boundaries. It is also a city with which retired CC faculty members and administrators have had prominent ties: for instance, retired CC philosophy professor Sherill L. Moses served on the La Mirada City Council in the 1970s, and CC pharmacy technology instructor Hal Malkin is currently serving on the council.
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The Diary of Anne Frank” opens Oct. 7

NORWALK — The Cerritos College Department of Theatre and the Associated Students will present “The Diary of Anne Frank” by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett, October 7-16 at the Burnight Studio Theatre, 11110 Alondra Blvd., Cerritos.

General admission tickets are $12; students and senior citizens pay $10. For more information, call 467-5058.
ANGEL DAVID CASTILLO POLICE OFFICER

As a campus police officer at Cerritos College in Norwalk, California, Angel David Castillo enjoys the variety in his work.

"I really like my job," he says. "Every day is different. As a campus police department, we get a little bit of everything."

Castillo says that a college campus is not the sleepy place some might imagine. With classes held year-round, valuable property to protect and plenty of activities going on, the need for campus security continues 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Castillo earned an associate degree from Cerritos, majoring in administration of justice and graduating with honors. Then, after a stint in the Marine Corps, he returned to the school and took a job with the campus police force.

His job varies from handling parking problems to tackling unusual situations such as bomb threats, where his military training in dealing with explosives comes in handy. He especially enjoyed participating in a multi-agency task force working to catch auto thieves.

"I got to work undercover for a year," he says. "It was almost like being on TV."

Castillo notes that training is a major element of his job. He has to qualify in using weapons twice a year and completes refresher training on a number of topics. He also helps provide training for fellow police officers.

Castillo works with seven other full-time officers, two sergeants, a lieutenant and a chief. He also interacts with students, faculty, administrators and campus visitors.

Along with normal police-related equipment ranging from radios to handcuffs, Castillo also uses a computer for writing reports and keeping records.

"We didn't use computers when I first started, but now I swear by them," he says. "I've even trained others in working with computer forms."

Castillo says that along with the necessary training, a job such as his requires good people skills and the ability to communicate clearly.

"Life experience helps a lot," he says. "You must try to be fair with everybody and use good judgment. Communication skills are also a priority."

-- Mark Rouch
Game on for LBCC, Falcons

JC football: Vikings have had more success than rivals so far in 2005.

By David Felton
Staff writer

Long Beach City College football coach Jerry Jaso knows the Cerritos team he saw on film from last week is not the same one his Vikings will face today.

"You can't look at a score from one week and make an inference about the upcoming game," Jaso said after seeing tape of the Falcons' 43-28 loss to Riverside a week ago. "I don't expect that Cerritos team to show up this week. The great Cerritos team we play every year is the team we're going to see."

LBCC and Cerritos meet for the 47th time at 7 p.m. today at Veterans Stadium in a Mission Conference crossover game. The Vikings (3-1), ranked seventh in Southern California, broke a five-game losing streak to the Falcons (1-3) a year ago with a 40-21 victory. Cerritos holds a 25-20-1 edge in the series.

"Long Beach is a good football team, especially on defense," said Cerritos coach Frank Mazza- toni. "It's going to be a hell of a game, no doubt about that. If we can just get..."
LONG BEACH CITY VS. CERRITOS

JC: 47th meeting of rivals

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Cerritos head coach Jim Mazzotta said job up front." Cerritos has been led offensively by running backs Jeron Johnson (523 yards, six TDS) and the passing of sophomore Jeff Kline (59-96-5, 423 yards, five TDS). Against Riverside, freshman receiver Genoa Ellis caught a 72-yard touchdown pass from Kline and returned a kickoff 87 yards for another score.

"You know, our kids don't feel like losers," Mazzotta said. "Everything we've done is get beat, we can fix it. We can't worry about LBCC, we have to worry about ourselves. We're a good team and I don't think anybody is looking at us on film and saying Cerritos isn't very good."

After a plugging in the offense, Cerritos moved from the American Division of the Mission Conference to the National Division, meaning today's game will not affect either team's bid for a conference crown. Not that those changes mean anything to either school.

"I don't think that makes any difference," said Dao. "It's still a huge rivalry in this neighborhood."

Mazzotta agrees.

"Realignment doesn't matter," he said. "The rivalry is still intense because all our kids know each other. LBCC has a lot of Polar kids and they got a lot of talent. I'm being honest, I don't know who our rival is anymore. It seems like everybody we play. El Camino, Mt. SAC are our rivals these days. The Mission Conference is more intense these days."

Last year, LBCC won one non-league game and then won the conference. I'm not saying we're going to do that as well, but it's possible.

"But you throw everything out in this game. It doesn't matter if we're 10-0 or 0-10, you always want to best those guys."

One of the major players in today's rivalry game between Long Beach and Cerritos will be Vikings quarterback Alex Aspuru, who leads the state with 14 touchdown passes.

Carl Hiaasen / For the Press Telegram

Staff writer Ben Villa contributed to this story.

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Cerritos’ Fолоссо runs to title

From staff reports

Maryl Fолоссо of Cerritos College was clocked in 19 minutes, 53 seconds over three miles to win the women’s individual title at the Howard Brubaker Irvine Invitational on Saturday at Irvine Regional Park.

Fолоссо helped the Cerritos women to a second-place finish behind Riverside in the team competition, with Long Beach City fifth. The Vikings were led by Amelia Valinsky-Fillos, who finished second in 20:10.

In the men’s division, run over four miles, Cerritos was second to El Camino, with LECC ninth. The Viking men were paced by Alberto Espinosa (20:59), who finished fourth, and the Falcon men were led by Brandon Johnson (21:05), who placed fifth.
Basketball practice but days away
By David Felton
Staff writer

The unmistakable echo of a leather ball bouncing against polished hardwood will be coming to a junior college gymnasium near you in just a few short days.

Basketball practice for JCs — as well as NCAA schools — can officially begin Saturday, kicking off months of travel and practice and ensuring that every team hopes will eliminate the way it did for Cypress College’s women’s team a year ago — with a state title.

Coach Margaret Mohr returns just two players from a year ago, but one happens to be defending Orange Empire Conference co-MVP and all-state first-teamer Ana Pakatsou, a forward from Wilson High. She is joined by forward Paula Reed.

“We are young,” said Mohr, whose team finished with a 26-5 record a year ago. “We have 14 new bodies.”

Like several other area coaches, Mohr will wait until Monday to begin practice.

“It’s a long season, we hope,” she said.

At Cerritos, women’s coach Karen Welliver returns seven sophomores and two starters from last year’s team that went 18-13 and tied for the South Coast Conference championship.

“We’re really balanced,” said Welliver, who will also start practice Monday. “We’ve got 12 kids working hard.”

Point guard Kilianna Carter and forward Ebony Edwards return to the starting lineup for the Falcons. Two additions to the team are all-CIF first-teamer Mallissa Neely, a forward from Downey High, and guard Anna Conner from Glenn.

At Long Beach City, men’s coach Gary Anderson returns five sophomores from last year’s SCC championship team that went 13-9, although forward Eric Williams won’t join the team until LBCC’s football season is over.

Anderson knows his team has experience and talent, but he’s learned over the years that chemistry will determine how far a team goes.

“Chemistry has to be developed every year,” said Anderson. “That’s going to be the determining factor (in our success).”

Defending SCC MVP Kevan Johnson has moved on to Long Beach State, but SCC first-teemers Williams (Wilson) and Chris Fields (Poly) are back as are SCC honorable-mention players Chris Hart (Wilson) and Dominique Hazel. They will be joined by freshmen Isaiah Bridges, a forward/center from Poly, and guard Jason Davis from Jordan.

On the mat

Cerritos opens its SCC wrestling schedule tonight at 7 at Golden West in the same gym where it placed third in the Golden West Tournament on Oct. 1-2.

“It will be typical Golden West. They’ll be scrappy,” said second-year Cerritos coach Steve Glassy. “They don’t have a lot of depth. Where they’re good, I think we’re better.”

While not fielding a complete squad at the tournament, the Falcons had five wrestlers place in the top four of their weight divisions, including third-place finishes by Jeff Davis at 165 pounds and Louie Audelo at 194.

Cerritos received fourth-place finishes from Jimmy Valdivia (189), Nathan Sore (141) and Brandon Doran (heavyweight).

The Falcons shared the SCC title a year ago with Santa Ana and then placed third in Southern California and fifth at the state finals, where Eugene Yasumori claimed the state crown at 125 pounds.

Oct. 19 will be Alumni Night when the Falcons host Palomar at 7 p.m. Glassy encourages all former Cerritos wrestlers to attend.
Couple of lapses cost Cerritos vs. Harbor

Two defensive mistakes — one early and one late — were enough to scuttle an upset bid for Cerritos College's men's soccer team.

L.A. Harbor's Pascual Díaz scored from the run of play in the 11th minute and Emanuel Guzman tallied off a set piece in the 99th as the visiting Seahawks edged the Falcons, 2-1, on Tuesday afternoon in South Coast Conference play.

"Defensively, we played a great game. We just had two mental lapses," said first-year Cerritos coach Benny Artiga. "That's how this game works."

Harbor (10-1-3, 2-1-1) is ranked 10th nationally among non-scholarship JCs by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. But the Falcons (8-4-2, 2-1-1) controlled much of the play in the second half and just missed on several scoring chances. In the 82nd minute, they finally tied the game when freshman midfielder Derek Woody beat Seahawk goalie Stephen Merriweather on an assist from Missael Macedo.

That joy was short-lived, however. Guzman headed an indirect free kick past freshman goalie Miguel Lopez in the final minute of regulation, giving Harbor the narrow victory.

"Set pieces have been a big, big issue for us," said Artiga, who praised the play of defender Marco Pulido.

— David Felten
College to host virtual courtroom project tour

NORWALK — Cerritos College’s court reporting department is hosting a virtual tour via video conference of the Courtroom 21 Project from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday at the college’s Wilford Michael Library’s teleconference center, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

Courtroom 21 is an ongoing international demonstration model that studies how technology can be used to improve all aspects of the judicial system. It also serves as an educational setting for the public, court staff and lawyers.

The project is located in Williamsburg, Va., and is home to the William & Mary Law School mock trials.

For more information about Courtroom 21, visit www.courtroom21.net.

For more information on the free workshop, call Mary Balmages at (562) 880-2451, Ext. 2792.
Cerritos College relics displayed

NORWALK — A free exhibit of Cerritos College memorabilia is on display through Oct. 28 at the Norwalk Sports Center, 13000 Clarkdale Ave., in honor of the college's 50th anniversary celebration.

Throughout the years, college administrators have had prominent ties with the city of Norwalk. The exhibit is called "Building Futures," and includes memorabilia, historical photos and collector's items.

The display is available for viewing from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on alternating Fridays. For more information, call Megan Richardson at Cerritos College at (562) 860-2451, Ext. 2401, or the city of Norwalk at (562) 929-5773.
NORWALK — In the first rally of the newly formed Cerritos College faculty union, college employees voiced frustration over 20 months of stalled contract negotiations with the district.

Organizers used the forum to protest three initiatives in the Nov. 8 ballot that they say are unfair attempts to balance the budget on the backs of teachers and other workers: Proposals 74, 75 and 76.

About 80 teachers and students gathered in a small auditorium on campus with signs that read “Vote no on Prop 75,” “Respect the faculty” and “Fair contract now!”

“It’s time for the faculty to make it clear that we’re asking for respect — for the board of trustees to treat us on an equal plane,” said David Fabish, English professor and president of the Cerritos College Faculty Federation.

Contract negotiations, Fabish said, have stalled over the evaluation process of tenured faculty. The union is asking that teachers continue to be evaluated by their peers, while the district is pushing for a change in policy, he said.

District officials wouldn’t comment on details of negotiations but in a written statement, said: “There is no disagreement between the district and the union over economic matters at the college. The district and union have mutually agreed to go to mediation.”

The union, which represents the first of its kind at the college, organized in November. Negotiations with the district began Feb. 27, 2004.

Issues on the bargaining table also include class size, grievance procedures and protection for part-time employees.

Assemblywoman Jackie Goldberg, D-Los Angeles, offered to help with mediation.

Goldberg also urged voters to oppose Props 74, 75 and 76. Prop 74 would extend a teacher’s trial period to five years before they can qualify for tenure. Prop 75 would require public employee unions, such as those representing teachers, firefighters and paramedics, to get written permission from members before using dues for political purposes. Prop 76 would set a state spending cap, while giving the governor power to make cuts if finances fall out of balance.

She also stressed the importance of getting young voters to the polls.

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Maestros exigen contrato

Docentes de Cerritos College llevan casi dos años negociando

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Membros de la Federación Facultativa de Cerritos College (CCFF) manifestaron esta semana su inconformidad porque después de dos años de haber formado un sindicato, todavía no han recibido su primer contrato laboral.

Acompañados por decenas de estudiantes y varias políticas, los docentes se reunieron el miércoles en el anfiteatro de la escuela para pedir al distrito que negocie de buena fe y poder llegar a un acuerdo laboral cuanto antes.

Lo trágico del caso es que la parte económica ya está arreglada.

No estamos pidiendo dinero, simplemente que se respeten los derechos de los trabajadores de menor tiempo”, explicó David Fabish, presidente de CCFF.

“En dos años nos hemos reunido 28 ocasiones y hasta el momento no ha habido respeto y atención debido a los trabajadores”, explicó. “No ha de los empleados quiere llegar a las últimas consecuencias, pero si ellos insisten en tratar inquietamente no tendrá otro remedio”.

Los miembros del Colegio Comunitario del Distrito de Cerritos mandaron una declaración escrita donde mencionan que no hay ninguna desacuerdo económico entre el sindicato y el distrito y que ambas entidades habían acuerdo a ir a mediación. Además el distrito consideró inadecuado recurrir a los medios de comunicación durante las negociaciones.

LARGO TIEMPO

Actualmente el colegio de Cerritos es uno de los pocos escuelas de ese nivel en el estado donde todos los empleados han trabajado sin contrato por 56 años, pero desde principios del año pasado los maestros lograron sindicalizarse, sin embargo, hasta ahora no han podido estumar su firma o el primer contrato.

Unos de los problemas que enfrentan los empleados del colegio es que de los 496 trabajadores sólo una tercera parte son empleados de tiempo completo y el resto, o sea, 646 tienen que luchar por un puesto en las escuelas cada semana.

“Hay gente aquí que ha trabajado por 15, 20 o 30 años y como no son de tiempo completo tienen que estar compartiendo con personas de afuera y creo que no es justo”, expresó Peter Nguyen, director de CCFF. “Lo único que pedimos es que se tome en cuenta que ya han trabajado para el distrito”.

Luego de casi dos años de negociaciones, las plantillas se han decendent y han enten en un periódico donde un intermediario participa.

“El problema con el distrito es que contracen a unos negociadores que sólo pueden estar dos horas en cada sesión y no importa que esté a punto de llegar a un acuerdo, ellos se levantan y se van, lo que nos dice que hay respeto para nuestras peticiones”, agregó Nguyen.

En el evento participó la asamblea Jack Goldberg y el secretario del sindicato AFT-CIO, Martin Lowen, ambos manifestaron su apoyo a los trabajadores y de paso expresaron su rechazo a las Proposiciones 74, 75 y 76.

En el evento los maestros firmaron una proclamación escrita que dice “Contrato Justo Ahora”, misma que será entregada a la Junta del Distrito el día de hoy.
SCHOOLS

Four candidates are running for three seats on the Cerritos Community College District Board on Nov. 8. The terms are four years. The district includes Cerritos and surrounding cities.

CARME R AVALOS
Residence: Downey
Occupation: School custodian
Age: 55
Family: Married with four children

Priorities: Avalos, who served as a witness during the recent presentation of a South Gate city treasurer and was sentenced to 10 years in prison, wants to see open government and public accountability.

"You need to inform people what’s going on so corruption doesn’t happen," she said. "You need to be transparent." She said she would like to see the student newspaper publish where the public’s money is being spent and why teacher staff is being cut.

She said she would like to see the college give more classes at times that are convenient for working students and to offer more programs for older students.

ROBERT EPPLE
Residence: Bellflower
Occupation: Tax and estate attorney, in- cumbent
Age: 62
Family: Widowed with one daughter

Priorities: Epple said he wants to work on upgrading the school’s facilities, including the new Student Center, and to recruit and retain top faculty. He also said that the college can’t afford to pay top salaries.

He also said he wants to help the state for more funds to ensure that Cerritos receives the same money per student as other community colleges.

"We’ve been able to change the system and it’s a little bit of a change," Epple said. "We’re not one of the way there in terms of gaining equality in the state.

Epple is focused on negotiating the first contract with the new teachers union.

BOB HUGHLETT
Residence: Cerritos
Occupation: Retired college administrator
Age: 62
Family: Married with two children and two grandchildren

Priorities: Funding for community colleges is a top priority for Hughle t. He said he has developed a committee that includes the school district and wants to lobby the state level to help fund the school district.

"It’s the first step in the right direction," he said. "We need to do this and do it as soon as possible." He also said he would like to see the college give more classes at times that are convenient for working students and to offer more programs for older students.

BOB VERBERGER
Residence: Downey
Occupation: Retired engineer, substitute teacher, incumbent
Age: 67
Family: Married with four children and 30 grandchildren

Priorities: The major goal at hand, Verberger said, is to negotiate the first contract with the newly formed teachers union and to work on more funding for the school.

"I’ve always been interested in two things: facilities and teachers," he said. "They are very important and I think we need to work on them together." He also said he would like to see the college give more classes at times that are convenient for working students and to offer more programs for older students.

Three candidates for running for one seat, an unfilled term set to expire Dec. 7, 2007, on the ABC Unified School District Board. ABC is a 13-member board that governs the district.

LOUISE DODSON
Residence: Lakewood
Occupation: Los Angeles County probation officer, incumbent
Age: 45
Family: Married with two children

Priorities: Dodson, who has volunteered in ABC’s intervention programs, wants to provide more resources to students, including better teaching and more staff. She also said she would like to see more classes at times that are convenient for working students.

"I want to continue to be the neighborhood that the kids have increased access to intervention," said Dodson.

Parent education is also a priority, she said. She also said she would like to see the college give more classes at times that are convenient for working students and to offer more programs for older students.

FRA U KANG
Residence: Cerritos
Occupation: Retired college professor
Age: 62
Family: Married with two children and two grandchildren

Priorities: Kang wants to improve school performance and to provide support to students, including better teaching and more staff. She also said she would like to see the college give more classes at times that are convenient for working students.

"I want to continue to be the neighborhood that the kids have increased access to intervention," said Kang.

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LINDA LINDELL
Residence: Cerritos
Occupation: Homemaker
Age: 62
Family: Married with three children and two grandchildren
Experience: Raising her own children, "That’s my success," Lindell said.

Priorities: "I’ve got involved because I didn’t like the board members are running themselves," said Lindell.

She said the board had been de facto for a number of years, and that the board members had been "in the dark" on the school’s financial situation.

"I was put in the dark. I think they’ve gotten more involved in their financial situation," she said.

Accountability and trust are her top priorities as a candidate, she said. She also said she would like to see the college give more classes at times that are convenient for working students and to offer more programs for older students.

In addition, Lindell said she is concerned with student safety at Artesia High School.

"I’d like to improve it, it’s a shame to see the school," she said.

Profile by Carole Shih
Art scholarship entries sought

SANTA MONICA – The Art Institute of California in Los Angeles is seeking high school seniors interested in applied arts and design to participate in its 2006 scholarship competition.

The competition is open to all students scheduled to graduate in 2006 from a U.S. high school or equivalent foreign institution, and who will be pursuing degrees in graphic design, media art and animation, game art and design, interior design, interactive media design and video production.

Up to six full-tuition scholarships are awarded based on the quality of projects submitted.

Students must fulfill general admission guidelines and competition guidelines, including a 250-word essay, educational resume, letter of recommendation and entry form. Students will also need to submit samples of artwork relating to each individual program as explained in the entry form.

An entry form can be obtained by calling (888) 646-4610 or visiting www.aiaca.artinstitutes.edu.

All entries must be postmarked by March 18. Winners will be notified by April 10.

Recycled materials session announced

NORWALK – The second in a series of workshops intended to show teachers how to use recycled materials in their classrooms will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 5 at the child care center at Cerritos College, 11110 Avenida Blvd.

The workshop is designed to encourage teachers and students to be creative with natural and recycled materials in their curriculum and in the environments of young children.

There is a $30 fee. The first 40 who register will receive the book, "Designs for Living & Learning." A certificate will be given to participants upon completion.

For more information, call Lynda Roberts at (562) 860-2451, Ext. 2260.

Lions Club honors four area students

WHITTIER – Four Whittier-area high school students have received Outstanding Freshman of the Year awards for the 2004-05 school year from the Whittier Host Lions Club.

The recipients are Richard Coronado and Melissa Rono, both of Whittier High School, and Jason Bernal and Samantha Ortiz, both of St. Paul High in Santa Fe Springs.

These students received trophies at a recent club lunch.
The awards are meant to recognize exceptional scholarship, leadership and community service during the first year of high school.

Sullivan appointed to schools post

WHITTIER — Whittier City School District board members recently appointed Elyse Sullivan to replace retiring Keni Cox, assistant superintendent of instructional services.

Sullivan served as a teacher and administrator in the Los Angeles Unified School District until June 1988, when she became a principal in the Pasadena Unified School District.

She moved back to LAUSD in 2001 as an standards-based education administrator and school services director. She is also part-time professor at USC and Cal State Northridge.

Sullivan has a bachelor's degree in political science from UC Berkeley, a master's in administration and supervision from Cal State Northridge and a doctorate in education from USC.

If you have an event or notice deserving attention, write us! Send your notice to Tracy Garcia, education reporter, at 7612 Greenleaf Ave., Whittier, CA 90602. You may call the office at (562) 698-0955, Ext. 3051, or send e-mail to tracy.garcia@sgvn.com.
Rio Hondo hopefuls near spending record

By Mike Sprague

Four years after Rio Hondo College trustee Michelle Yanez spent $22,500 on her campaign — considered a record at the time — two candidates vying for different seats on the college district’s Board of Trustees appear to be on their way to surpassing her spending.

Trustee Andrea Quintano, a candidate for the Division 1 seat, has raised $29,408 in campaign contributions and spent $20,641 of that amount. Meanwhile, Angela Acevedo-Salazar, who is running in Division 3, has received $17,655 and spent $4,415 so far. The figures are from campaign finance reports filed with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk’s Office.

The Rio Hondo College District is broken up into five different areas, or divisions, with one trustee elected to represent each division of the college’s service area.

Ralph Pacheco, a former Rio Hondo College trustee who now serves on the Whittier Union High School District school board, said inflation is driving the increased spending in this year’s races, but so is the...
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Rio Hondo hopefuls report spending

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tough competition this election season. The races for the three college district divisions will be decided Nov. 8.

"The trustee areas for Rio Hondo are relatively good-sized areas, and they are hotly contested races this year," said Pacheco, who also is a political consultant. "You combine all of that together and you end up spending a little bit more."

Acosta-Salazar's opponent in Division 3, Louis Reyes, has raised $1,121 and spent $1,762.

In trustee Division 3, Tom Gyseis and Garry Cousse-Vasquez have raised 20,448 and $4,920, respectively.

Most of the candidates have raised funds through donations from their friends.

One exception, however, is Quintero, who received some of his money from people and companies that have contracts with the college. Those giving at least $1,000 to Quintero's campaign include Trinidad Jimenez, executive director of the Rio Hondo College Foundation; EMC, an architectural firm, Southwest Management Consultants; Vanir Construction Management; and Vantage Technology Consulting Group.

That is in sharp contrast to Quintero's opponent, David Segrist, who has neither raised nor spent any money so far.

"Segrist said he thinks it is wrong to accept donations from people and companies that do business with the college."

"I don't think it's ethical," he said. "People expect favors back when they do that kind of thing."

Quintero disagreed.

"A lot of folks who are contributing to me have seen firsthand the work I've been doing at Rio Hondo College," he said. "It also takes three votes to approve a contract. Whether they're contributing to me or not, it's not something I factor into my decision-making."

Gyseis also isn't relying much on friends for campaign money. He is his biggest contributor, having loaned his campaign $7,000 of his own money.

"I think this position is important, and I have this passion on education," he said.

Cousse-Vasquez, Montebello's chief of police, said he is not worried that his opponent, Gysels, has raised more money than he has, particularly because Cousse-Vasquez has three fund-raisers scheduled. Also, he said, his campaign will be more grassroots.

In the Division 3 race, where Acosta-Salazar has raised nearly three times as much as her opponent, much of her money has come from friends, many of whom do not live in the district.

"I've been working for the last eight years on a statewide level on issues of education," she said. "I've been really blessed to have friends and family that support my commitment to education."

Reyes said he is not worried about being outspent by Acosta-Salazar.

"She isn't known in the community, so she has to get her name out," he said.

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Raising funds

Here is how much money candidates for the Rio Hondo College District Board of Trustees have raised and spent so far on their campaigns:

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NOTE: Garry Cousse-Vasquez has unspent bills of $2,313

Source: Campaign finance statements for the period up to Sept. 24, filed with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder's County Clerk's Office.

Staff graphic by MANUEL AMAYA
Ex-college official guilty of theft

COMPTON — A former Compton Community College trustee pleaded guilty to misappropriating more than $1 million in public money by creating a phony company to enroll soccer players in classes that never were held.

Ignacis Pena, 46, of Paramount pleaded guilty Friday in Superior Court under a plea deal that requires him to spend four years in prison and repay $1.1 million, according to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

He also will be barred from ever holding public office in California.

Pena, who was charged with conflict of interest, crime of a public officer and grand theft, was scheduled to be sentenced on Nov. 11.

Pena's wife, 42-year-old Bertha Bayondo Pena, pleaded guilty to grand theft. She will have to make $150,000 in restitution and faces three years of probation and 300 hours of community service.

Prosecutors contended that the pair set up a mail company, Familias en Progress, that received a Compton College contract to enroll members of a community soccer league in college courses. The classes never were taught.

The money was funnelled to Pena between 1998 and 2002. Pena also was accused of using college credit cards for personal use.

His wife was accused of submitting invoices for books intended for the courses that never were purchased.

Compton Community College was taken over by the state last year, turning its elected board into an advisory body.

Associated Press
Conference aims Latinos toward college

Parents given tips, encouragement to prevent dropouts

By Bridget Schimmerer

WHITTIER—Parents took one step closer to seeing their children attend college when they attended an education conference Saturday at Whittier College.

The purpose of the sixth annual conference, presented by the Hispanic Outreach Taskforce, or HOT, Whittier College, Whittier School District and insurance broker Keenan and Associates, was to help parents get their children into college after high school graduation.

HOT President Mary Romero said a study showed the percentage of Latino children who dropped out of high school between their junior and senior years was 27 percent, which she said is a significant improvement from previous years.

“We still want to do more,” Romero said. “We want to reverse the trend of Latinos dropping out of high school”

Presented in English and Spanish, the conference featured panel members who are professionals in the fields of education, law, medicine and psychology.

The panelists shared their experiences of deciding to continue their education after high school.

One panelist, attorney Felipe Plascencia, said that despite his desire as a boy to do more than others in his neighborhood, he did not receive encouragement from educators at his high school.

“I saw friends’ brothers becoming gang members and decided that I didn’t want to live my life that way,” Plascencia said.

He said he has since made it his mission to recruit students to go to college and law school.

Another panelist, Claudia Ramon-Dowman of Whittier College, told parents that with her education to back her up, she could defend her opinions for her, that was the greatest benefit of a college education.

Following the panelists’ presentation, parents attended workshops on the differences among types of colleges, the application process, literacy awareness and parent leadership. Parents were also provided an opportunity to speak to current Latino college students about their own experiences.

In a financial aid workshop, HOT member Daisy Mora, who also works at Wells Fargo Bank, talked about different types of saving accounts for college-bound students. She also spoke about how and what information must be provided when applying for a student loan.

“With parents, the earlier you start saving, the better,” Mora said. “The feedback we get from parents is that they wish they would have been given this advice when their children were in elementary school.”

About 350 parents attended the conference from Charter Oaks, La Habra, La Mirada, Los Puente, Norwalk and Whittier.

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Using Internet for evangelism
Biola University conference advises ‘God bloggers’

By Gillian Flaccus
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LA MIRADA — What would Jesus blog?
That and other pressing questions drew dozens of Christians to Biola University this weekend for what was billed as the first-ever national conference for “God bloggers,” a growing community of online writers who exchange information and analyze current events from a Christian perspective.

The three-day conference at Biola, which ends today, marked an important organizational benchmark for Christian bloggers, who have worked behind the scenes for several years to spread the Gospel and infuse politics with religion. It was the first time many of the 135 bloggers met face-to-face, and organizers took the opportunity to address sometimes controversial questions surrounding the future of the Christian blogosphere.

Topics included God bloggers’ relationship with the traditional church, the role of faith in political campaign issues and how bloggers can maintain their spiritual convictions in the online world.

Please turn to BLOG AS

JAN LYNN
of Tustin surfs the Internet during the 2005 GodBlog Conference at Biola University in La Mirada to consider Christians’ roles in religious and political blogospheres.

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Christian writers discuss roles

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Christian writers are now putting less emphasis on hot-button issues such as abortion, assisted suicide and homosexuality. Instead, they are writing about religious oppression, poverty and world hunger, said Andrew Jackson, a seminary professor and pastor at the World of Grace Church in Mesa, Ariz., who blogs daily at smartchristian.com.

"I think there is more and more a voice in the blogosphere against partisan politics and a voice toward public policy, social action issues and justice issues," said Jackson, who was a panelist at the Biola conference.

That change is in part because bloggers are realizing the tremendous influence they can have — and how that influence can be misdirected and misunderstood, he said.

"There is a voice of caution — and that is even coming from those who would self-identify as Republicans. Partisan politics is not what informs our faith. The Bible is what informs our faith," he said.

Blogs are beginning to take on more unifying issues such as religious persecution, human trafficking and oppressive poverty, said Joe Carter, a panelist and author of evangelicaloutpost.com who came from Deerfield, Ill., for the conference.

"With blogging you tend to break out of those circles and you see other points of view," said Carter. "There's a bigger world out there than gay marriage and abortion."

Blogger at the conference stressed, however, that they don't want Christians to put aside their beliefs to appease non-Christians.

During one well-attended workshop titled "When Non-Christians Read Your Blog," Biola professor Timothy Muehlhoff instructed people on how to write about their faith without alienating nonbelievers.

He stressed that God blogging has the potential to be a "train wreck" because done wrong, it can reinforce stereotypes of evangelical Christians as angry and close-minded "pit bulls of the culture wars."

"We need to write in such a way that people can see themselves presented as ... complex people who aren't monsters," said Muehlhoff, who studied conflict between homosexual students and conservative Christians at his previous post at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

"As Christians today we are embroiled in the argument culture and we have forgotten this one thing: 'Blessed are the peacemakers.' Wouldn't it be nice if we could say we brought a level of civility back to the conversation?"
College tuition increases slowing

For students and parents, it's the first sliver of good news about college costs for several years: Price increases slowed this year, growing at the lowest rate since 2001.

But the bad news is the 7.1 percent increase at public four-year universities remains well above the general inflation rate, and drove the "list price" of tuition and fees at those schools to an average of $5,491, according to an annual survey released Tuesday by the College Board.

Prices at two-year public colleges, which educate nearly half of American college students, rose 5.4 percent to $2,191. At four-year private, nonprofit colleges, costs rose 5.9 percent to $21,235.

Most families don't pay the full list price, thanks to grants from the government and other sources, as well as tax breaks. Typical net costs: $11,600 at private four-year schools; $2,200 at public four-year schools, and just $400 at community colleges.
New Orleans College Recruiting Runs Dry After Katrina

By STUART SILVERSTEIN
Times Staff Writer

At college fairs in high schools and convention centers around the country, recruiters draw lots of questions from parents and prospective students. But these days Mark Rasic also is getting something else: plenty of watermarks, déclassé and sympathy.

Rasic is the Los Angeles-based western representative for Loyola University, a 5,500-student Jesuit school that escaped the worst of Hurricane Katrina and is scheduled to reopen in January.

Still, like other universities in the hurricane-ravaged city, Loyola faces a monumental marketing task in trying to lure high school seniors from California and other parts of the country. The university won't get an inkling of the payoff until freshman applications arrive, starting with an initial deadline Dec. 1.

In the meantime, crowded college fairs can be bruising experiences for those setting the virtues of New Orleans schools.

Even though New Orleans recruiters receive kind expressions of support from many parents and enthusiasm from prospective students, the nigers make a hard task even harder.

During a fair at Simi Valley High School last week, a mother attending the event with her daughter stopped briefly before Rasic's display table and asked, "Do you offer swimming programs?" A little later, a man inquired, "Are you guys underwater?"

For his part, Rasic, 36, a former middle school and high school English teacher,ceaselessly maintains an upbeat attitude. "Sometimes people just need to say something." Rasic also is quick to point out that Loyola, like its neighbor Tulane University, suffered relatively light damage and is well along in its preparations to reopen. Still, parents occasionally are perplexed by his optimism.

"Sometimes I sense that they don't believe me," he said.

When Rasic has more extended conversations — typically during daytime visits to high schools — he tries to highlight a bright side of the disaster: more opportunities for community service.

"Students who really want to see what it's like to go out there and help people rebuild their lives...they're going to have experiences you couldn't have anywhere else," Rasic told students at Marymount High School, on the Westside near (See Recruiting, Page B9)
Campus’ Storm Damage Largely in Public Relations

TOUGH JOB: Mark Rasic, a recruiter for Loyola University New Orleans, sees reduced interest from local high school seniors.

For some of Rasic’s counterparts, it’s not easy to remain cheerful.

“It’s clearly the most trying situation I’ve ever encountered in my 20 years of working in higher education,” said Darren Rankin, vice president of enrollment for Dillard University, a historically black school in New Orleans that was hard hit by Katrina. “We’re dealing with a real public relations nightmare here,” he added.

Rankin predicts that Dillard will lose many of its current freshmen and sophomores when it reopens, on a temporary basis, on the Tulane campus in January. And when Dillard grants its next freshman class next fall, Rankin predicts there will be only 300 first-year students, versus the usual 700.

“New Orleans, contrary to popular opinion, isn’t easy to recruit to anyway because of the whole crime issue and problems that New Orleans has been having for some time, even before Katrina,” he said. “But this time around... it seems like the parents and concern are on a different level.”

On the other hand, Dave Seaver, who oversees the recruitment staff for Tulane, said his university was encouraged about the attitudes of prospective students.

High school counselors, he said, tell him that parents are expressing reservations about sending their children to New Orleans, but the students themselves appear enthusiastic.

Seaver, who two weeks ago wrapped up a 10-day recruiting trip to Los Angeles, said the pivotal time will come just before the beginning of May, when students must indicate whether they will attend.

“Rasic has some creative programs on campus that will entice admitted students to at least take a look at us. I think that’s going to be the key,” he said.

Loyola’s Rasic, though, first has to get past some logistical challenges as he makes his rounds from high school to high school. During his stops, Rasic hasn’t been able to distribute a recruiter’s typical stack in trade, color brochures. His supply is in New Orleans, inaccessible. He has relied instead on black-and-white photocopies.

And when Rasic has hit the road in California and in other Western states, he has gone without his usual prospecting intelligence: he hasn’t been able to call up the files, stored on the computer system at Loyola, about teenagers who previously expressed an interest.

At some high schools that Rasic visited, the only ones interested in speaking with him were the college counselors.

Rebecca Wandro, director of college counseling at Convent of the Sacred Heart, an all-girls Catholic high school in San Francisco, said two seniors in her 54-student graduating class had previously expressed a strong interest in Loyola of New Orleans.

That ended with the hurricane, she said. “Their thoughts were that it’s already going to be such a challenge in the first place going to college, why go to a city that has so many challenges ahead?”

But at 8:30 a.m. last Monday, Rasic got his recruiting day off to a good start with a visit to Marymount High School. Seven students at the all-girls Catholic school showed up, a strong turnout at a campus with a graduating class of not quite 100.

Rasic tackled the hurricane issue first.

“Of course, on the news, it looks like the whole city has been wiped out, but that is not the case,” he told the girls.

“Our campus lured beautifully. We had no flooding, we had very little damage — broken windows, tree branches down, that was about it,” said Rasic, who has his office in his Eagle Rock home and hasn’t been to New Orleans since Katrina struck.

Marymount students asked about on-campus activities, study-abroad programs and religious services, as well as whether Rasic thought Mardi Gras celebrations would be damped.

“I actually keep telling people that’s not going to be a very stable, friendly place to send anybody, let alone a young adult.”

By the end of the night, only five students filled out cards seeking more information about Loyola of New Orleans.

Rasic had hoped for at least a few more but said he was pleased by the turnout at Marymount and the conversations he had at other schools that day. He noted that California has been a big market for Loyola, with a record 48 freshmen last August coming from the Golden State.

Rasic conceded it will be hard to match that this year, but his strategy remains: “You always keep positive and you keep plugging away.”
Center's closing dismays teens
By Greg Mellen, Staff writer

LONG BEACH — It's a gloomy Monday afternoon around Wilson High as a group of about 25 teenagers come and go from the Bruin Den Teen Center a block east of the school.

Gregory Gordon and Brandon Tyler wander around the pool table at one end of an open gymnasium. Outside, Kiana Johnson, Angela Cooper, Brandy Tyler and Amber Coleman are huddled together, gossiping and munching on cake for Coleman's 16th birthday. A number of teens are grouped around a couple of computers or playing football video games.

It's a typical, albeit lightly attended day at the teen center. Gordon says on an average day there might be 40 to 50 kids around. "Michael Jackson says up to 100 kids have showed up in a single day.

In less than two weeks, however, there will be none.

The center at Recreation Park will be closed Nov. 4 as part of $66,000 in budget cuts targeted at the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine's six teen centers.

The Rec Park teen center, open from 2 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, will be the lone center to close its doors, which will save the city $56,067, said David Wodrys, budget bureau manager. The other $30,000 will be split equally among the five remaining teen centers by reducing programs such as cooking classes that require supplies. Field trips will also be limited to local destinations, Wodrys said.

The other teen centers are at Silverado, Houghten, El Dorado, Cesar Chavez and California Recreation parks.

Third District Councilman Frank Colonna said the center was being closed because it had low attendance and he believed the services offered were offered by after-school programs at nearby Wilson.

"My understanding is they're having 20 on a good day," Colonna said of the attendance.

Chrsy Marshall, superintendent of the Community Recreation Services Bureau, which oversees the teen centers, was unavailable for comment.

Jackson, now a freshman at Cerritos College who has been going to the center since his freshman year in high school, scoffed at the suggestion that school could play a similar role.

"Who wants to stay at school all day?" Jackson asked. "Kids come here and let out the stress from the day so when they leave and go home they can feel good about themselves."

Colonna said he'd be more inclined to support the center if it had an academic component.

"I'd like to see progress in helping get test grades up, rather than just recreation," Colonna said. "Basically that would be..."
Kids at the center said they often do homework there. The center also sponsors dance classes, has poetry readings, fields flag football and basketball teams and other activities.

"Everybody stays out of trouble here," said Gordon, a Wilson sophomore.

Colonno didn't rule out reopening the center at a later date, especially if a partnership could be formed with parents, the PTA and volunteers.

"But right now the city foots the entire bill," Colonno said.

Several of the kids said the center is an effective tool in fighting gang involvement. One boy said he had a cousin who was being recruited by a gang.

"Brenda (Williams, the director of the center) talked him out of it," the boy said. "She said 'They're not your friends, your friends are here.'"

Dr. Lydia Hollie, co-chair of the Long Beach Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Task Force, said she was shocked to hear of the impending closure.

"Any time you lose the opportunity for young people to engage in positive lifestyle activities that enable them to be stakeholders and stay connected to the community, that's devastating," Hollie said.

She added that she worried that the "human deficit" caused by such a closure would outweigh any short-term economic benefit.

Teens at the center Monday were stunned.

"We'll have nowhere to hang out," the four girls celebrating Coleman's birthday said in unison.

William Blanchard, a senior at Poly, was also at a loss.

"I have nowhere to go," Blanchard said. "There ain't nothing to do but be on the streets. If we don't have this, problems will start happening."

Blanchard said even though the teen center at California Recreation Park would remain open, he wouldn't go there.

"Here's the only place where I feel safe and get along with everybody," Blanchard said.

The Recreation Park program has the equivalent of nearly two full-time employees, who would be transferred to vacant park positions. Wodynski said. Despite that, eliminating the Recreation Park positions from the books would save $34,627 in personnel costs, he said.

The cuts are part of $22 million in reductions called for in the 2006 budget. Other cuts have included library hour reductions and the elimination of the D.A.R.E. program.

To people like Jackson and the other kids at the Rec Center, a dollar figure can't be put on what the teen center offers.

"What's better than keeping someone safe for a day?" Jackson asked.

Staff writer Jason Gewirtz contributed to this report.
Biola University plans $10 million business school expansion

Ground broken for permanent home at Christian school

By Tracy Garcia
Staff Writer

LA MIRADA — After 11 years of floating from one temporary facility to another, Biola University's School of Business is getting a permanent home. On Monday, officials broke ground on a new, 32,000-square-foot building.

If all goes as planned, the two-story structure should be ready by early 2007. It will have 17 classrooms, a computer lab, staff and faculty offices and an outdoor eating gathering area.

Hundreds of students, faculty, administrators and alumni at the Christian-based private university were on hand for Monday morning's groundbreaking ceremony, despite a steady drizzle.

Andrew Crowell, whose family's roots can be traced back to the founding of the university, said those at the ceremony marking the start of construction that the new facility wasn't so much about "brick and mortar, but about building the kingdom of God."

"This is a formative facility for young men and women to be effective leaders in Christ in the marketplace," Crowell said.

The new building will be visible from Biola Avenue, located at the current site of The House, the facility that used to house former Biola President Samuel Sutherland and his wife, Richard Chase.

The House will be demolished to make room for the new building, and the adjacent parking lot will be expanded, said Ken Bascom, senior director of Biola's facilities, planning and construction.

"This is the first building with new classrooms that will be built on this campus in the past 30 years," Bascom said. Plans and fundraising for the business school began several years ago, Bascom said. It's expected to cost anywhere from $8 million to $12 million, though it's not certain how much of the effects of Hurricane Katrina might spike those costs.

The new building is coming to Biola just in the nick of time, said Student Body President and Senior Christof Meyer, 38, one of a handful of people who ceremonially turned over the dirt at the ceremony.

With scandals like the one seen at Enron Corp., Meyer said he feels there is a "huge interest in business and ethics."

"The timing of this new building is fortuitous because the students who come out of here will have a strong founda-
Grad Rate Rises by Degrees

Cal State Northridge, which had a reputation for being indifferent to dropouts, has stepped up efforts to get students to finish their studies.

By STUART SILVERSTEIN
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It's just the first semester of his freshman year at Cal State Northridge, but Manuel Munoz already is thinking about what it will take to graduate.

The university, he explained, started profiling freshmen to focus on getting a degree, and getting it on time, at orientation programs in August.

"It came up tons of times, said Munoz, an 18-year-old from Granada Hills who has yet to choose a major.

That emphasis reflects a major shift at Cal State Northridge, a campus with one of the worst graduation rates in California and, until recently, a reputation for indifference toward dropouts.

Now it is emerging as a textbook example of a campus trying to propel more undergraduates to bachelor's degrees and as a catalyst for reform in the 23-campus California State University system, the nation's largest network of public universities.

The school's challenges remain formidable. Even with progress in recent years, the latest federal figures show that only 36.3% of Cal State Northridge's freshmen stay at the campus and earn bachelor's degrees within six years. That compares with an average of 44.9% for the Cal State system, a national norm of 54.3% and rates exceeding 80% at more selective schools such as UCLA and USC.

Cal State Northridge's struggle reflects the difficulties often faced by U.S. campuses that chiefly serve urban commuter students, including many who also hold down jobs and who are the first in their families to attend college. Higher education researchers say those students are more likely than others to drop out or require extra years to graduate.

However, since Cal State Northridge President Jolene Koester took the helm of the 23,000-student campus in July 2000, the school has adopted or expanded a broad array of programs to build social bonds among freshmen.

It has encouraged students to be more active on campus, not just drive home when classes end. At the same time, the university has tried to improve advising and ease the long-standing problems undergraduates have faced in enrolling in crowded required classes.

"It's our responsibility to remove as many institutional obstacles and barriers as we can," Koester said. "We're talking about a culture change."

Her push already has yielded progress; the graduation rate moved up from 25.6% in three years. In another sign of improvement, 77.1% of last year's freshmen showed up this fall for their sophomore year. That figure has inched up steadily since a decade ago, when the freshman-to-sophomore retention rate was lower.

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Campus Does Homework to Boost Graduation Rate

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Charles B. Reed, Cal State system chancellor, said getting more students to earn degrees in four or five years is crucial to keeping enough classroom space available for the students growing number of high school graduates. In that effort, Cal State Northridge administrators have been pushing harder, he said.

Many of the university's initiatives stem from research showing that college dropouts typically drop out before starting their second year. In response, Cal State Northridge is offering for-credit "University 100" transition classes to which students get, among other things, practical tips on how to use the library, take notes and memorize material, along with advice on joining student organizations and activities.

The university also is putting newcomers to 95 students in "Freshman KB" groups that take several classes together. This has worked out well for Edward Katz, 19, of Fullerton, California, who faces university 100, along with Chinese studies and sociology courses, with 17 other students in his group.

Katz said he fell behind when he started at the university in August. But within a few months, he had made new friends and was feeling more comfortable with the classes.

"I now make friends very easily when I see them all the time," Katz said. "I didn't even miss class because I got a lot of support from them for class assignments."

Munoz, who is in the freshman group with Katz, said the campus seems to be far different from what it was in the 1960s, when his two older brothers attended the school.

"Now, we have to work harder," Katz said, "but it's much easier than what it was in the 1960s."
CRACKING THE BOOKS: Cast aside Northeast’s communications major LaMese Smith, 21, peaks in some study time between classes. The campus produces more freshmen than any other state school.

AGENT OF CHANGE: President Joann Koester has taken steps to instill the idea of graduating in the minds of freshmen.

Koester says one of the first questions she asks students is, “When are you going to graduate?” And when she meets students who say they are working on a second major—which could complicate their path to graduation—Koester often catches them off-guard.

“I certainly say ‘Why? Why would you want to do that?’” said Koester, 57, who displays an informal, outgoing manner as she talks with passers-by on campus. Her aim, Koester explained, is to stress how serious the campus is about helping students earn their degrees.

Koester said she was shocked after arriving at Northeast to learn that freshmen orientation, didn’t even mention graduation. August’s orientation programs, by contrast, pounded away at the issue, beginning with a Koester pep talk.

In one session, Thomas E. Perrin, director for student development and international programs, paraded across the auditorium stage carrying a graduation gown beaded with an honor’s medal. “We celebrate every single one of you can earn something like this to wear to your commencement,” he said.

At another point, Perrin told the freshmen, “This may not be the best idea you are going to do in college. You’re like, ‘Why are they talking about graduation when we’re on our first day?’ Eye on the prize is a little bit about what we’re saying here.”
Willed Body Program can open again

Education: After being suspended for a year, UCLA can use cadavers again.

By Meredith Pierce
City News Service

LOS ANGELES — A revamped UCLA Willed Body Program — with stricter guidelines for how donated corpses are used and disposed of — can open in the next two days, a court commissioner indicated Tuesday.

The program was suspended last year after its director and an associate were placed on leave by the university and later arrested on suspicion of selling hundreds of body parts to medical research corporations.

In 1996, several lawsuits were filed against UCLA over how corpses that had been donated to the teaching program were disposed. The plaintiffs allege their loved ones’ remains were mixed together and taken to a garbage dump.

"The actual management of the Willed Body Program didn't provide for any checks and balances," said attorney Mike Arias, who represents a class of individuals who had signed up to donate their bodies when they die, but then sued UCLA, seeking stricter guidelines on the program.

"This protocol does provide that," Arias said. "So, I think donors, now, should feel very comfortable and confident that when they donate their remains … UCLA will use them in a dignified manner and dispose of them in a dignified way. And that's all you can ask for."

Los Angeles Superior Court Commissioner Bruce Mitchell indicated that he would sign off on a modified preliminary injunction, which will allow the program to reopen immediately, as soon as it is delivered to his court.

The terms of the injunction were agreed to by all parties.

"All the changes — the major changes — are in place," said UCLA attorney Louis Marlin. "The program's ready to go. We need to get it open again."

In one or two months, Mitchell is expected to approve an 18-month permanent injunction that — like the modified preliminary injunction — will require UCLA to follow the new guidelines, Marlin said.

The court would retain jurisdiction over the program during that time.

If Mitchell finds that UCLA has failed to abide by the court order, he can extend its length. If he is satisfied with UCLA's performance, then he will lift the injunction and hand control back to the university.

Arias said "the general public should be very satisfied" with the changes made within the Willed Body Program.

"Now there is consistency, and a defined protocol, which will tell you each and every way the body's going to be used, what you need to do, what they are going to do, and it's much more defined," he said.

UCLA spokeswoman Roxanne Yamaguchi-Moster said that although the program will technically reopen Wednesday or Thursday, it will not be able to accept bodies until construction is completed at the site sometime next year.

People wanting to donate, however, can still do so, she said, but the bodies would be routed to one of the other Willed Body programs in the UC system, such as UC Irvine.

Charges have not been filed against the two people arrested in connection with the alleged sale of the body parts.
CSULB picks F. King Alexander

Education: The trustees name President Robert Maxson's successor.

By Kevin Butler
Staff writer

LONG BEACH — F. King Alexander, president of Murray State University in Kentucky, was named the next president of Cal State Long Beach Thursday by the California State University Board of Trustees.

The selection concludes a six-month search to replace CSULB President Robert Maxson, who is retiring after 21 years of running the 23,800-student campus. "I think it's a wonderful honor to head such a prestigious institution and be able to work helping the students of Cal State Long Beach," Alexander said.

"I acknowledge that the popular Maxson is tough to follow," Alexander said. "I'm the second of the president that President Maxon and I'll be very happy." Alexander, who plans to start at CSULB around Jan. 10, has been president of his 10,000-student campus in Murray, Ky., since 2002.

Alexander is also an alumnus fellow at Harvard University, in the University of Oxford and a faculty affiliate at Cornell University.

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University and the University of Illinois, where he also worked as an assistant professor. Alexander also was the coordinator of the higher education program at the University of Illinois.

Alexander was a lecturer at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and served as director of annual programs and coordinator of external programs at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

He said he is looking forward to coming to a "vibrant university." (CSULB) is looking to grow and expand in a lot of new and innovative ways in the future," he said. "They want to really move the institution to another level of success, and it's on that path." Alexander said one of his priorities is improving graduation rates.

"This is a very important issue that's receiving a great deal of statewide, as well as national, attention," he said.

While attending an on-campus forum on Oct. 20, Alexander also emphasized his fund-raising skills.

The Board of Trustees will set his salary at a meeting either Nov. 8 or Nov. 9.

Alexander beat CSULB Provost

Gary Reichard, Wilson G. Bradshaw, president of Metropolitan State University in St. Paul, Minn., and Richard H. Wells, chancellor of University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, for the job.

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New President of Cal State Long Beach Named

Robert Maxson will turn over the reins to the leader of Kentucky’s Murray State University.

By Stuart Silverstein, Times Staff Writer

F. King Alexander, the 42-year-old leader of Murray State University in Kentucky, was chosen Thursday to become the sixth president of Cal State Long Beach.

Alexander, who has headed Murray State since succeeding his father, Kern Alexander, in the job four years ago, will replace Robert C. Maxson. 69. Maxson announced in February that he planned to step down this year after 11 years at the helm of the university.

The incoming president, who will assume his new duties in January, has enjoyed a rapid rise through academia. He became president at Murray State after four years at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he was a professor and managed a graduate program in higher education.

Alexander will leave Murray State, which has 10,000 students, for a far larger campus. Cal State Long Beach, with an enrollment of 34,500, has the third-largest student body of any public university in California, behind only UCLA and Cal State Fullerton, according to the latest figures.

In a telephone interview, Alexander said he hoped to boost the number of undergraduates who stay at Long Beach and earn bachelor's degrees, bucking the widespread pattern of high dropout rates in much of the Cal State system. He said he also hoped to expand fundraising efforts, noting that the campus has never had a formal capital campaign in its 56-year history.

"With the great success of the institution, the timing is right to explore new areas in private fundraising," Alexander said. "For someone coming in from the outside, it appears that there's a great degree of wealth in Long Beach, near Long Beach and associated with Cal State Long Beach to find new avenues of funding."

Maxson said the chief challenges for Alexander would be handling the demand for the university to expand and serve more students, as well as to deal with the various constituencies at a large campus, including donors, alumni, the intercollegiate athletics program, and city and community groups. Still, Maxson wasn't concerned about Alexander's youth: "He's run a campus, he's been a president, and he's done it well."

"It's nice that they've hired a young president to start here," added Maxson, a widely admired campus leader who will work for the Cal State system for another two years as mentor to new campus presidents. "He has the potential to be here a long time."
A widower who lost his wife to breast cancer five years ago, Alexander is a single parent raising daughters ages 6 and 9.

Cal State officials said Alexander’s salary has not been set and declined to provide an anticipated figure. But base salaries for presidents in the 23-campus system, under an increase approved Thursday, range from $220,116 to $288,988 annually, and they receive housing and auto allowances as well.

Alexander was one of four finalists considered by the Cal State University Board of Trustees. Another leading contender was Gary W. Recher, 61, the one in-house candidate, who has been Long Beach’s provost and senior vice president for academic affairs since 2002.

For eight years before that, he was the associate vice president for academic affairs and a professor of history at the campus.

The other finalists, both of whom visited the campus last week, were Wilson G. Bradshaw, president of Metropolitan State University in Minnesota, and Richard H. Wells, chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

In a prepared statement, Robert Foster, the Cal State trustee who was chairman of the search committee, said Alexander “has the right combination of an excellent academic background and superb administrative experience to take the helm of Cal State Long Beach. He is a strong supporter of student success, is energetic and a visionary who can enhance the campus reputation that outgoing President Bob Maxson built.”

TRAVEL

Tombstone, Where Ghosts Live On
Lined with saloons and plank walkways, the dirt streets of Tombstone still see plenty of action. PHOTOS

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Students angry as CSU votes to hike fees again

By Michelle Locke
Associated Press

LONG BEACH — California State University trustees voted Thursday to raise fees for the fifth straight year despite strenuous objections from students who said the state is abandoning its historic commitment to higher education.

The increase, which is 8 percent for undergraduates and 10 percent for graduate students, is part of a previously negotiated long-term pact between CSU and the legislature. The University of California also is part of the agreement, with the systems promoting a make-cut-and-raise fees to provide stability and accommodate modest enrollment growth.

CSU's budget request for 2006-07 is $2.8 billion, which includes enough money to enroll 10,000 additional students.

Cal State Trustees, who approved the hike by voice vote — the student trustee voted no — said they don't like raising fees but don't have much choice given the state's fiscal crisis.

"We want the degree that you're working so hard and probably going into debt for to be worth something," said Trustee Bob Foster, who is also a candidate for mayor of Long Beach. "You have to preserve quality as well as access."

Before the vote, students, some near tears, asked trustees not to raise fees, saying they are stretched too thin.

"We can't afford this. We can't take another hit," said Carol Peters, a student at San Diego State University, one of more than 100 students who attended the meeting.

Under the state's 1960 Master Plan for Higher Education, CSU is designed to serve the top one-third of high school graduates, and UC, which educate from the bottom 12.5 percent of high schoolers, is supposed to be tuition-free for in-state students.

California residents still don't pay tuition, but non-incidental system and campus fees have increased substantially. With the new hikes, CSU will be charging $2,724 in systemwide fees per year for undergraduates in 2006, about 90 percent more than students paid in 2001. Students also pay campus fees, which this year averaged $841 a year.

Fees at UC also have risen sharply, now nearing $7,000 a year for undergraduates, including campus fees. At CSU fees are scheduled to jump another 8 percent for undergraduates next year.

CSU officials noted that one-third of the new fee hike money will go into financial aid. They also point out that CSU costs are still well below comparable institutions.

CSU has about 410,000 students at 23 campuses and student organizers said representatives from all campuses were at Thursday's meeting, including 50 in an overflow room, to protest the fee increases.

Also Thursday, trustees approved a five-year executive compensation plan that included substantial pay increases for campus leaders. System administrators say a study showed that CSU executive pay lagged the market by roughly 50 percent. Meanwhile, officials say faculty pay is about 13 percent behind the market.

The board approved raising executive salaries by 13.7 percent and faculty salaries by 3.5 percent. Officials said the percentages correspond to the 60 percent and 13 percent legs. With the increases, which are retroactive to July, salaries for executives range from about $5,200 for the presidents of the Monterey Bay and Maritime Academy campuses to $397,000 for the president of CSU San Luis Obispo.

Pay for the system's chancellor will rise from $318,692 to $362,500, with $30,000 coming from private support.

Some students were dismayed to see pay raises passed at the same time as fee hikes.

"It definitely feels like a low blow," said Rebecca Baldens, a San Jose State student. She said, however, that faculty salaries need to be brought up to market and said students don't want to become distracted from their key message: Higher education is a smart investment.

Speaking to trustees before the vote, Baldens said fee hikes are unfair because they target students, who end up paying more for the same level of education.

"Our state as a whole benefits from education and our state as a whole should invest in our education," she said.
CSUDH may close paper

By Karen Robes
Staff writer

CARSON — Cal State Dominguez Hills' student newspaper may be the latest casualty in the university's budget.

Administrators are considering closing down the CSUDH Bulletin at the end of the semester if the college cannot find enough money to keep the bimonthly student publication running, school officials announced this week.

Funding the newspaper has just become too much for the College of Liberal Arts to pay for, especially since the college budget is $1 million less this year, interim College of Liberal Arts Dean Dr. Garry Hart told the Bulletin, which published a story of its pending demise Wednesday.

The $75,000 it costs to produce the paper annually could be used to fund six more classes, Hart said. CSUDH President James Lyons or Carol Tubbs, acting interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts, did not immediately return phone calls for comment.

Students and faculty members were saddened by the silencing of the campus "community voice."

"They're trying to take away something that's positive, something that gives the college an identity," said Jessica Gotzca, a sports reporter for the Bulletin.

Cathy Risling, adviser for the Bulletin, said the newspaper not only serves as a source of information for students, but as a way of teaching writing.

"If this class is taken away, you're taking away valuable instruction and learning from the students," she said.

The Bulletin's final issue is scheduled to publish on Dec. 7.

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Denny's cooks up scholarships

Education: Partner HCF helps aid 8 Southland students.

LOS ANGELES — Eight Southland college students were among 85 nationwide who won scholarships of up to $1,000 each from a partnership between Denny's restaurant chain and the Hispanic College Fund.

The HCF scholarship program provides a merit and financial need-based scholarship to Hispanic students, it was announced Wednesday. To be eligible students must be:

- a U.S. citizen of Hispanic/Latino heritage;
- pursuing a bachelor’s degree in a major related to business, engineering, technology, entrepreneurship or that leads to a career in business;
- in good academic standing with a minimum 3.0 GPA; and
- enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student for a full academic year.

The Denny’s partnership with the nonprofit HCF has helped nearly 328 Hispanic students realize their educational goals by providing more than $300,000 in scholarships over the past four years.

The students from the Southland receiving scholarships are:

- Adrian Burgos, Downey, UC Irvine;
- Ruby Horta, Atwater, UCLA;
- John Leem, Huntington Beach, CSULB;
- Alicia Marquez, Brentwood, Cal State Sacramento;
- Jazmyn Marquez, Long Beach, Cal State Dominguez Hills;
- John Ochoa, Lyndoid, USC;
- Kristle Robles, Van Nuys, Brown University; and
- Brenda Suarez, Long Beach, CSULB.

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