FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 16—29, 2007

In Progress
Kristen Habbestad assisted KPCC-FM reporter Adolfo Guzman Lopez during his visit to campus on Monday, May 21. While touring the Auto Technology Complex, Lopez interviewed several students and instructors. The piece will air within a week or two.

Ms. Habbestad provided Eric Gutierrez, editor of the Southeast Perspective, with the names of all Norwalk residents who graduated from Cerritos College, with either a degree or certificate, on May 12. This list appeared in the paper’s May 17 issue.

Coverage


Long Beach Press-Telegram — April 27, 2007 — Brief on theater production of “Godspell” at Cerritos College (from press release).


Southeast Perspective — May 17, 2007 — Listing of all Norwalk residents graduating from Cerritos College.


Related News
Long Beach Press-Telegram — May 16, 2007 — Article on the new president selected for Cal State Dominguez Hills; also an update on contract negotiations between California State University Board of Trustees and unionized faculty members
Cerritos College Summer Intrasessions Begin June 18 and July 2

For Immediate Release: May 8, 2007

Registration Contact: Rose Alegre, Admissions and Records; (562) 860-2451, ext. 2211

NORWALK, CA - May 8, 2007 - Registration for Cerritos College's summer session classes is now underway. Students may access a schedule of classes, complete an application and register online for a variety of classes by visiting www.cerritos.edu/admissions.

Classes for the first 6-week and 8-week sessions began Monday, May 21.

An 8-week intrasession runs June 18 - August 10, and a second 6-week session is available July 2 - August 10.

All eligible returning students have an option to either register online through MyCerritos or by using the automated Falcon Phone registration system at (562) 865-3276.

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Cerritos College Theatre Students Breathe Life into "Play's Anatomy"

One-Act Plays to be Showcased at 12th Annual Student Festival

For Immediate Release: May 24, 2007
Event Contact: Mary Ann Boice, Theatre Department; (562) 467-5058

WHAT: The Cerritos College Department of Theater presents "Play's Anatomy," a student festival playing June 15-24. Several one-act student plays will be performed.

WHEN: Friday, June 15 at 8 p.m.
Saturday, June 16 at 8 p.m.
Thursday, June 21 at 8 p.m.
Friday, June 22 at 8 p.m.
Saturday, June 23 at 8 p.m.
Sunday, June 24 at 2 p.m.

WHERE: Burnight Studio Theatre
Cerritos College
11110 Alondra Blvd
Norwalk, CA 90650

COST: General admission: $12
Students, staff and seniors with ID: $10

Tickets are available for all performance dates and can be purchased online at www.cerritos.edu/theatre or at the theater box office, open Monday through Thursday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Group rates are available.

CONTACT: For more information, call (562) 860-2451 ext. 2638 or visit www.cerritos.edu/theatre.

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Cerritos College Foundation Appoints New Board Member

George Gordon is a Downey Realtor and Part-Time College Instructor

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 24, 2007
Media Contact: Kristen Habbestad, Public Affairs; (562) 860-2451, ext. 2287

NORWALK, CA - May 24, 2007 - During its bi-monthly meeting on Thursday, May 10, the Cerritos College Foundation Board of Directors voted to approve the appointment of George Gordon as a board director. Gordon is co-owner of Century 21 Home and Investment in Downey and serves as a part-time faculty member at Cerritos College. He joins other community members and business leaders on the board in lending direction and oversight to the foundation's fundraising and scholarship distribution efforts.

"We're thrilled to have Gordon join the board," said the Honorable Peter Espinoza, a Los Angeles Superior Court judge who also serves as the foundation board's president.

"George brings to the board his credibility and experience in our community, and that is invaluable to our organization."

Gordon has served as co-owner of Century 21 Home and Investment in Downey since 1981. Prior to that time, he worked with the Hoag Company. In 1986 he served as president of the Downey Association of Realtors and has served as the district representative for the California Association of Realtors. He currently teaches a class in real estate principles for the Cerritos College Business Division and is familiar with the students and the college's campus.

Gordon also serves as chairman of the board of deacons for Downey First Baptist Church and is the church moderator. He and his wife, Brenda, reside in Downey.

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Cerritos College Court Reporting Program Offers Online Training

Classes Offer Overview of Stenotype Machine for Very Little Cost

For Immediate Release: May 29, 2007

Program Contact: Micki England, Court Reporting Program; (562) 860-2451, ext. 2746

Media Contact: Kristen Habbestad, Public Affairs; (562) 860-2451, ext. 2287

WHAT: Cerritos College's Court Reporting Program will offer online theory classes for the first time with the start of the fall 2007 semester on August 13, 2007. This entry-level set of classes provide an overview of the court reporting stenotype machine and are open to anyone wishing to pursue a career in court reporting or captioning. Per-unit fees at Cerritos College are only $20. (Out of state non-resident tuition fees are $160 per unit and international student fees are $186 per unit. Refer to Cerritos College's Schedule of Classes for complete fee information.) Students will also need to provide their own steno machine (purchased or rented) and purchase books to accompany the course.

For more information about the new online theory course offered by Cerritos College's Court Reporting Program, please visit www.cerritos.edu/courtreporting and click on "online classes," call (562) 860-2451 ext. 2746 or e-mail mengland@cerritos.edu.

WHEN: Cerritos College Fall 2007 Semester
Monday, August 13 - Friday, December 14

WHERE: Cerritos College
11110 Alondra Blvd
Norwalk, CA 90650
A map of the campus is available at www.cerritos.edu/guide

COST: Classes are $20 per unit for state residents.

CONTACT: For more information, contact the Court Reporting Program at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2746 or mengland@cerritos.edu.

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Cerritos College Foundation Awards Spring Scholarships

More than $2,000 Awarded to Cerritos College Students

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 29, 2007

Media Contact: Kristen Habbestad, Public Affairs; (562) 860-2451, ext. 2287

NORWALK, CA - May 29, 2007 - The Cerritos College Foundation awarded a number of scholarships at its bi-monthly board meeting on Thursday, May 10. In all, more than $2,400 was presented to Cerritos College students.

Daisy Ramirez, of Bellflower, received the $300 Albert Ostroff Scholarship, which was established in memory of Albert Ostroff, father of Francine De France, instructional dean of Cerritos College's Humanities/Social Sciences Division. The scholarship is awarded to an outstanding Cerritos College student each semester.

Annamarie Conrad, of Norwalk, received the $500 Robert W. Collins Scholarship for Administration of Justice Students. Charles Rockwell, of Norwalk; Amber Salcedo, of Norwalk; David Santos, of Huntington Park; and Jackeline Delgado, also of Norwalk, each received a $100 Robert W. Collins Recognition Award for Administration of Justice Students, which was established in memory of Robert W. Collins, who served in the U.S. military during World War II and the Korean War. The memorial scholarship honors his public service as a police officer who rose through the ranks to become the chief of police for the city of Monterey Park.

Elvira Velasco, of Los Angeles, received the $500 Broderick/Commeford Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship was established by the late Cerritos College professor Dr. William Broderick, and was named in honor of Dr. Broderick’s father-in-law.

Vannarong Run, of Long Beach, received the $500 Cassidy Family Scholarship, which was established by Jack Cassidy, former foundation board member and chairman, to recognize outstanding students in the Cerritos College Visual Communications Department. Georgina Davay, of Bellflower, and Mark Granville, of Paramount, each received a $500 Greater Harbor Area Employer Advisory Council Business Scholarship. This scholarship was established by the Greater Harbor Area Employer Advisory Council and is awarded to outstanding students who are full-time Business Majors who maintain a grade point average of 2.5.
Anna Maria Julianelli, of Downey, received a $300 John Pelloni Scholarship, which was established in memory of cosmetology professor John Pelloni, and is awarded to outstanding students in the Cerritos College Cosmetology Department.

Sang Pok, of Downey, and Angela Reyes, of Norwalk, each received a $250 Yamaha Music Scholarship, which was established by Yamaha Corporation of America and is awarded to outstanding students in the Cerritos College Music Department.

Susan Massey, of Oceanside; Karen Martinez, of Bellflower; and Jonathan Adams, of Compton, each received a $650 Dr. Keith Allen Hinrichsen Scholarship in the areas of History, Political Science and Economics, respectively.

Vanessa Villalobos, of Downey; Marcelino Sifuentes, of Whittier; and Gail Briney, of Downey, each received a $150 Assistive Technology Scholarship for Students with Disabilities. This scholarship was established by Mary Hunt, a specialist in the Disabled Students Programs and Services program at Cerritos College. The scholarship is awarded to disabled students for educational technology needs.

"We’re tremendously proud to award these scholarship funds to our well-deserving students," said the Honorable Peter P. Espinoza, chair of the foundation board and a judge for the Superior Court of Los Angeles County.

"We wish them the best in their educational goals and future careers.”

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Student art show set at Cerritos

NORWALK — The Cerritos College Art Gallery is featuring its annual exhibition of student artwork through May 8, College Public Information Officer Kristen Habbestad said.

The exhibition features artwork by more than 100 students chosen by Cerritos College fine arts instructors from courses that include photography, drawing, painting, printmaking, ceramics, computer graphics and design, video and computer animation among others, she said.

The Art Gallery is in the Fine Arts Building on campus, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday.

Information: (562) 860-2451 ext. 2612.

Friday, April 27

“Godspell” performance:
The Cerritos College Theatre Department presents “Godspell,” a musical based on the Gospel of St. Matthew, beginning at 8 p.m. in the Burmiltz Center Theatre, on campus at 11110 Alondra Blvd, Norwalk. Subsequent performances are at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 3, 4 and 5; and 2 p.m. May 6. General admission is $18. Students with spring identification and senior citizens are admitted for $15. (562) 467-5058, ext. 5058
“Godspell.” Cerritos College Theater presents John-Michael Tebelak’s 1970 musical retelling of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, in which Jesus is crucified in a junkyard and is carried back into the world of the living in New York. 8 tonight-Saturday, 8 p.m. Thursday-May 5 and 2 p.m. May 6. Burnight Center Theatre, Cerritos College, 11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk. $18 general, $15 students and seniors. (562) 467-5058.

Cerritos College Art Gallery, Room FA 35. 11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk. (562) 860-2451. Ex. 2612. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday. "Annual Student Art Exhibition" features more than 100 student works; through May 5.
Dumbed-down musical gospel lacks grace

By A.K. Whitney
Staff Writer

Is it a sin to give Jesus Christ a bad review? One hopes not, because John Michael Tebelak and Stephen Schwartz’s “Godspell,” now at Cerritos College, is not great.

The show, which could be renamed “Jesus’ Teachings for Dummies,” was a hit in the 1970s, but hasn’t aged well. For one thing, it can’t seem to make up its mind what it wants to be. It sets out a premise which seems sound, though perhaps more suited to a Sunday school class. Let’s simplify Jesus’ teachings and stories by acting them out!

But then, by the end of the second act, it veers into the end of Christ’s life — the betrayal, crucifixion and resurrection, though in a very sanitized, almost happy way, which completely deflates any drama.

Mel Gibson’s “Passion of the Christ” may have been brutal, but at least it was dramatic. And as Jesus musicals go, “Jesus Christ Superstar” may be overblown, but it tells its story much better.

This means that director Jim Grollman and his student cast already had a challenge to deal with. But that doesn’t make up for the fact that the cast’s energy often lags and that the singing (Schwartz’s music is somewhat atonal, true) is mostly just acceptable.

Maybe that is because the show is set in Venice Beach, and many of the actors, including Jesus (a laconic Kevin Mansell), are under the influence of controlled substances.

And casting Josue Orozco as John the Baptist and Judas is a bit confusing, since he didn’t really distinguish the two, which made one wonder why John was betraying Jesus.

But there are some nice performances in this flawed show. Tina Fiala is fun as the kooky Gilmer, giving “Learn Your Lessons Well” some good punch.

Doreen Wiley is brash and sassy as Sonia, and has a lot of fun with “Turn Back, O Man.” Gina Maldonado, as Peggy, and Leslie Ezeh, as Joanne, do a very nice harmony on “By My Side.”

Cerritos College’s theater department has put on some very good shows in the past, including “The Diary of Anne Frank” and “The Laramie Project.” But God was not with them on this one.

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Register for classes at Cerritos College

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Berkeley’s Garcia is new CSUDH president

By Kevin Butler

LONG BEACH — Mildred Garcia, president of Berkeley College in New York and New Jersey, will become the next president of Cal State Dominguez Hills, the California State University Board of Trustees decided Tuesday.

Garcia, who has served as president of Berkeley College since 2001, will assume her new duties in the summer, taking over from interim CSUDH president Boice Bowman.

“I am honored and humbled to be selected as president of such a strong institution,” Garcia said in a statement. “Together, we will bring Dominguez Hills to the highest level of excellence for the benefit of our students, faculty, staff and the state of California.”

Garcia was one of four finalists named for the position. One finalist dropped out prior to the final interviews of candidates by the CSU Board of Trustees.

At the nearly 6,000-student Berkeley College, Garcia oversees six campuses offering two- and four-year degree programs.

From 1997 to 2001, she held several positions at Arizona State University, including vice provost for academic personnel and associate vice provost for academic affairs. She also was a tenured professor in the college’s Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Garcia holds a bachelor’s of science degree in business education from Bernard M. Baruch College and a master’s degree in business and higher education from New York University.

She also has master’s degree in higher education administration and a Doctor of Education from Columbia University-Teachers College.

NEW FACULTY CONTRACT

Also on Tuesday, the California State University Board of Trustees’ bargaining committee ratified a proposed contract with its unionized faculty members, bringing almost two years of negotiations closer to a successful end.

The full Board of Trustees is expected to ratify the pact today at its meeting in Long Beach.

The California Faculty Association’s 12,000 members, voting on all 23 CSU campuses earlier this month, approved the tentative contract with 97 percent of the vote.

CSU officials said the proposed contract provides faculty members with base pay increases of 20.7 percent over a four-year period, along with some step increases.

In addition to the pay increases, $28 million will be set aside for merit and equity increases to provide raises for senior faculty who have reached the top of the pay scale, as well as boost junior faculty compensation, according to CSU officials.

According to the CSU, the base salary increases will raise the average salary for a tenure-track faculty member from $73,873 to $90,593 and the average salary for a full-time, full professor with tenure from $86,054 to $105,531 by the end of the contract period.

The total pay package will cost CSU more than $400 million over four years, university officials said.