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In progress

- Kristen Habbestad hosted the editor of "Westside Weekly," a weekly community paper inserted in the Orange County Register, on a tour of campus and lunch at Culinary Arts. While dining at culinary arts, the editor interviewed Department Chair Michael Pierini and Banquet Chef Amber Mason for a "restaurant review" that will appear in the Westside Weekly on Friday, Sept. 16.

- Ms. Habbestad also spoke in a journalism class on campus at the request of faculty member Rich Cameron. During the class, Ms. Habbestad discussed her role on campus, provided business cards and examples of marketing pieces produced by the public affairs staff, and answered questions about how Telon Marks reporters may best work with her in reporting campus news.

Coverage

Bellflower Citizen – August 2005 – Blurb about Cerritos College celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Lynwood Press, The Press, Herald American, Wave – West, North & East Edition – August 4, 2005 – Brief sports article about Rafael Macedo, a forward from Cerritos College has signed to play soccer at UC Irvine.


Herald American – August 4, 2005 – Article about candidates running for various school boards. Cerritos College included in article.

The Press – August 4, 2005 – Article about candidates running for various school boards. Cerritos College included in article.

Press Telegram – August 10, 2005 – Blurb about Cerritos College sophomore Dan Kuykendall committing to play football at the University of Oregon.

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Palo Verde Valley Times – August 10, 2005 – Article about the first local student to be accepted into the GM Automotive Service Educational Program at Cerritos College.

Glendale News Press – August 20, 2005 – Article about former Cerritos College student David Allen Garrett.

Press Telegram – August 23, 2005 – Article about candidates running for various school boards. Cerritos College included in article.


Los Cerritos Community News – August 26, 2005 – The second article from a series focusing on the history of Cerritos College in the 60s.

Orange County Register – August 28, 2005 – Blurb about Cerritos College professor Brenda White-Gatlin being named Business Person of the Year at the Black Chamber of Orange County.

Whittier Daily News – August 31, 2005 – Article about Cerritos College assistant football coach being arraigned on 26 counts of felony conspiracy and grand theft.

Westside Weekly – September 2, 2005 – Article about Cerritos College student, Lucy Sanchez, receiving a full scholarship to attend the American Psychological Association’s 113th Annual Convention in Washington, D.C.

Westside Weekly – September 2, 2005 – Article about campuses going through construction. Cerritos College included in article.

Daily Pilot – September 2, 2005 – Blurb about Cerritos College professor Brenda White-Gatlin being named Business Person of the Year at the Black Chamber of Orange County.

Related Articles


Whittier Daily News – August 8, 2005 – Article about the new president of Whittier College.

Whittier Daily News – August 23, 2005 – Article about students on the first day of class at Rio Hondo College.

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Whittier Daily News – August 24, 2005 – Article about UCLA study disputing state's exit exam results.

Whittier Daily News – August 27, 2005 – Article about grants getting kids ready for college.

Whittier Daily News – August 29, 2005 – Article about colleges contending with hovering parents.

Los Angeles Times – September 1, 2005 – Article about the toll of hurricane Katrina on students and colleges in the Louisiana area.

Los Angeles Times – September 1, 2005 – Article about California colleges helping gulf students.

Whittier Daily News – September 2, 2005 – Article about raising fees crimping students' lifestyle.

Los Angeles Times – September 6, 2005 – Article about UC Merced opening its doors for its freshman year.

Los Angeles Times – September 8, 2005 – Article about UCLA Chancellor leaving his post.

Press Telegram – September 9, 2005 – Article about CSULB accepting displaced college students from hurricane-ravaged areas.


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Cerritos College Theatre to Perform “The Diary of Anne Frank”

WHAT: 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. The play, which celebrates its 50th anniversary on Broadway this year, is a reenactment of events from the diary of a Jewish girl who hid with her family from the Nazis in Amsterdam. For decades this award-winning play, along with the diary on which it is based, has been viewed as an insightful portrait of courage, dignity and perseverance.

In celebration of Cerritos College’s 50th anniversary, all shows during the 2005-06 theatre season will feature returning alumni in prominent roles. In “The Diary of Anne Frank,” Renee Duron, who has recently completed training at the prestigious South Coast Repertory and is working on a master’s degree in theater at California State University, Fullerton, and alum Joseph Wise will return to the Burnight stage to star as Anne and Mr. Frank, respectively. Duron and Wise were hand-picked and pre-cast by director Kevin Hoggard.

Please note: this show will be held in the intimate setting of the Burnight Center Studio Theatre. Seats are limited, so please reserve tickets early!

WHEN: October 7, 8, 13, 14 and 15 at 8 p.m. and October 16 at 2 p.m.

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

CONTACT: For more information or to purchase tickets, call (562) 467-5058 or visit

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www.cerritos.edu/theatre

COST:      General $12
           Students and senior citizens, $10

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Media Alert

Cerritos College Associated Students to Host Katrina Relief Drive Sept. 15

Proceeds to Benefit the American Red Cross' Efforts to Aid Hurricane Victims

WHAT: The Associated Students of Cerritos College (ASCC) will host a Hurricane Katrina Relief Drive for funds to benefit the American Red Cross' efforts to help those displaced and affected by Hurricane Katrina. Donate cash or checks made out to “Relief Drive” during the event. Donations may also be made at the student activities offices Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

WHEN: Thursday, September 15, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

WHERE: Cerritos College Falcon Square
11110 Alondra Blvd, Norwalk, CA 90650

CONTACT: For more information call (562) 860-2451 ext. or 2475 or visit www.cerritos.edu/activities

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Cerritos College Receives $282K National Science Foundation Grant

Three-Year Funding Supports Teacher TRAC Partnership with CSULB

NORWALK, CA — September 1, 2005 — Cerritos College announced today that its flagship Teacher Training Academy (TRAC) program has received a $282,360 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF). The award, which goes into effect Oct. 1, 2005 and expires Sept. 30, 2008, will go toward developing a secondary school mathematics and science teacher preparation program called Teaching Secondary School Scholar Partnership (TS’P).

“We are thrilled to be awarded the National Science Foundation’s grant,” said Sue Parsons, director of Teacher TRAC. “There is such a great need for a secondary school teacher development program, given recent changes in state credentialing and an increased emphasis upon technological skills. Additionally, there are far too few qualified secondary teachers in the mathematics and science area, particularly in the high school classrooms of our high-poverty, multicultural service region.”

Teacher TRAC’s TS’P is based on an existing, highly successful partnership between Cerritos College and California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) that prepares future elementary school teachers through a streamlined program that allows the completion of a baccalaureate degree, student teaching and a multiple subject teaching credential in just five years. TS’P will build on this foundation by creating a secondary school teacher development program.

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“Qualified mathematics and science teachers are vital to providing expanded educational opportunities not only within the classroom,” said CSULB Dean of Education Joan Hauke, “but as a necessary element to adequately preparing students for today’s technically sophisticated workplace.”

The overall project goal of TS3P is to increase the number of secondary school teachers who have single subject credentials in mathematics or the sciences. To accomplish this goal, seven objectives will be developed and implemented, including: 1) recruitment, 2) curriculum development, piloting, and pathway development; 3) fieldwork, 4) mentoring, 5) counseling and advising, 6) professional development, and 7) university transfer.

The project seeks to train and assist future high school math and science teachers in transitioning from a two-year to a four-year institution without “transfer shock.” Parsons and faculty say that the seamlessness with which this transition happens among students is the result of years of intensive collaboration between the faculty and administrations of Cerritos College and CSULB to develop a model of intersegmental articulation to benefit students, and to meet the needs for qualified math and science teachers in regional high schools.

According to the grant proposal, the TS3P model will have a broader impact than merely meeting an identified regional need by allowing other institutions nationwide to benefit from the years of groundwork accomplished by Cerritos College and CSULB.

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Cerritos College Kiosk Provides Convenient Way to Hunt, Apply for Jobs

NORWALK, CA – September 1, 2005 – Job seekers who visit Cerritos College can now search and apply for jobs online with the touch of a screen, thanks to a new myCareerSite kiosk installed in the Cerritos College Library on the Norwalk campus.

The free-standing kiosk is free and open to the community and provides several ways to search online through classified ads from local newspapers, including searching by job title, industry and location. Cerritos College is one of 30 kiosks installed free of charge to the host sites by Jobview, a company that operates the kiosks to provide newspapers’ classified ads more accessibility and higher visibility among potential respondents. The 30 kiosks are installed in various public locations throughout Ventura, Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

Classified ads available in the myCareerSite network pull from those that appear daily in the Press-Telegram and its affiliates, which include the Pasadena Star News, the San Gabriel Valley Tribune, the Los Angeles Daily News, the

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Whittier Daily News and several others. Information in the myCareerSite job database is updated on a daily basis.

Cerritos College Career Center Placement Specialist Christina The said that the kiosk has been very popular since its installation on August 19.

"In less than a week, 96 kiosk users had already accessed 233 available jobs," she said.

The kiosk provides printouts of job listings and a "receipt" that a job search has been conducted. The interactivity of the kiosk allows users to create a virtual resume and to apply to many of the job announcements online.

The myCareerSite kiosk is located downstairs in the library in the Academic Support Center and near the main computer lab.

For more information about the myCareerSite kiosk, please contact Christina The in the Cerritos College Career Center at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2367 or by email.

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Cerritos College Foundation, Southern California Gas Company and Boeing Host Summer Science Camp

Industry Experts Lead K-12 Students, Teachers in Science Instruction

NORWALK, CA – September 6, 2005 – The Cerritos College Foundation, in cooperation with The Boeing Company and Southern California Gas Company, hosted more than 500 local K-12 students from 80 area school districts at its third annual Summer Science Camp July 15-16, 22-23, 29-30. Engineers, physicists, chemists and technology experts volunteered their time and knowledge to lead students and their instructors in hands-on learning sessions in the culmination of a three-part program established through collaboration between private and public sectors.

“Summer Science Camp is a unique opportunity for students and their teachers to have direct interaction with industry specialists,” said Steve Richardson, executive director of the Cerritos College Foundation. “Nothing excites these young people as much as working alongside enthusiastic science and technology experts. What better way to expose future generations to career paths and opportunities than a program specifically created to expose them to learn about science and technology through hands-on experiments?”

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Summer Science Camp is the culmination of an “enrichment trilogy,” entitled T.E.A.M. Science Teacher Enrichment And Mentoring. The first part of the training program took place with Educator Enrichment Day in April 2005, while the second part of the T.E.A.M. Science collaboration involved arranged mentor-protégé relationships between Boeing employees and K-12 teachers. This program allows Boeing employees to impart their experience and practical knowledge of applied science in industry to K-12 science and math instructors. Funding for this program is through Boeing, Cal Poly Pomona, Southern California Gas Company and the Boeing Aerospace Leadership Chapter.

The Boeing Company is the world’s leading aerospace company and the largest manufacturer of commercial jetliners and military aircraft. With additional capabilities in rotocraft, electronic and defense systems, missiles, rocket engines, satellites, launch vehicles and advanced information and communication systems, the company’s reach extends to customers in 145 countries. In terms of sales, Boeing is the United States largest exporter.

Southern California Gas Company is the nation’s largest natural gas distribution utility, providing safe and reliable energy to 19.2 million consumers through 5.5 million meters. The company’s service territory encompasses approximately 20,000 square miles in most of central and Southern California. Southern California Gas Company strives to provide exceptional customer service to enhance the quality of life in the community. Southern California Gas Company is a regulated subsidiary of Sempra Energy (NYSE: SRE). Sempra Energy, based in San Diego, is a Fortune 500 energy services holding company.

The Cerritos College Foundation, a non-profit organization, serves as a charitable vehicle for the community, individuals and alumni, to assist with financial support of Cerritos College beyond that which state funding supports. Financial assistance and educational opportunities are made available to Cerritos College students through the kind support of donors. Supporters of the foundation can provide Cerritos College

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students with life-changing education assistance by donating to the Cerritos College Foundation online at www.cerritos.edu/ccf.

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Cerritos College Celebrates 50th

Cerritos College turns 50 this month and plans to celebrate the entire school year. Events include a golf tournament, celebration kickoff, luncheon, dinner, silent auction, homecoming and the opening of a time capsule. For details visit www.cerritos.edu/50 or call (562) 860-2451, ext. 2401.
Sports Briefs

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College honors top first-year students

NORWALK — The Cerritos College Foundation and the Norm Reeves Honda Superstore in the Cerritos Auto Square have awarded four students scholarships totaling $2,400.

Norm Reeves Honda underwrites four student scholarships each semester for students who are part of Cerritos College’s First-Year Experience program, said Kristen Habbestad, the college’s media relations manager.

Karla Caparoso, of Lakewood, and Roberto Lizamo, Victoria Padilla, and Elizabeth Ramos, all of Norwalk, were each presented with a certificate and a check for $600.

The first-year program emphasizes student success and responds to studies showing that students whose first experiences at college are positive tend to stay in college and complete their degree or certificate program.

The program organizes incoming students into “houses,” which are coordinated sets of courses for which students co-enroll. Students sign up for a full program of courses taught by faculty who are trained to work collaboratively for their benefit, Habbestad said.

The five houses consist of two remedial groups, two intermediate groups, and one transfer group. Two houses are also designated for Project Hope, which targets underrepresented students interested in health occupations careers.

Norm Reeves Honda General Manager Dave Conant, left, presents ‘First Year’ award to Cerritos College students Karla Caparoso, Elizabeth Ramos and Victoria Padilla. Not pictured is scholarship winner Roberto Lizamo.
South Gate clerk will make second run for college board

BY ARNOLD ADLER

STAFF WRITER

SOUTH GATE — South Gate City Clerk Carmen Arvia will once again seek to hold two government jobs by running for a seat on the Cerritos College Board of Trustees Nov. 8 election, according to a representative of the county Registrar of Voters office here.

Arvia was unopposed in her effort two years ago. Her city clerk position also is an elected one, but she has no conflict between the two posts. She resides in the part of South Gate which is in the Cerritos College District.

Incumbent candidates have submitted formal petition of candidacy in the third week of the filing period. Petitions of nomination must be in by 5 p.m. Aug. 12. If an incumbent in a race does not seek re-election, the deadline will be extended to Aug. 17, but the challenger can challenge only, according to the registrar's office.

The following candidates or potential candidates either filed or took out nominating petitions to circulate as of Tuesday.

- ASB Unified School District: Linda Lindell of Cerritos has filed to challenge incumbent Louise Sodano, an appointee, for the remaining two years in the term.

Filing for a four-year term the past week was Benjamin An, an engineering student from Cerritos.

Incumbents Olympia Chen, David Montgomery and Mark Polito along with Doan, have filed, as have challengers Randell R. (Randy) Economos, a public affairs advisor, and Annette K. Songia, an accountant.

The district covers Cerritos, Artesia and southern Norwalk.

- Bellflower Unified: Incumbent Paul Holzer filed the past week to join fellow board members Richard Solomon of Lakewood and William St. Marie of Bellflower on the ballot.

Potential challenger Laura Sanchez Ramirez of Lakewood is circulating petitions. All terms are for four years.

- Cerritos College: Arvia joins incumbent Bob Verdehr of Downey and challenger Robert Huyett, a retired campus administrator from Cerritos, who is filing.

Also running on the four-year terms are UTG graduates Gary McQuaugh and Barbara F. (Evelyn) Pusateri of Norwalk and Robert Epstee of Bellflower. Epstee was appointed to fill the term of his late wife, Cherry.

The college district covers the cities of Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Hawaiian Gardens, Downey, Lakewood, La Mirada and Norwalk.

- Downey Unified: Nancy A. Sweeney, a management systems analyst, filed the past week for the seat of Betty Permley, who is not seeking re-election in District 5.

Barbara Formica (Santiago) has previously filed for re-election in District 7 while candidates Joseph Santana, an educator, and Martha E. Solorio, a parent educator, have filed in District 1.

Former City Councilman Gary桌子上 has taken out petitions in District 3 for a potential challenger in District 1 for the four-year term of Cheryl Anderson, who has resigned.

- Little Lake City Unified: Hills A. Zamora of Santa Fe Springs and challenger Ronald Castellano of Norwalk have filed for one of the two open seats. The second open seat is that of Jane Beck, Santa Fe Springs. Gino Almario-Ramos of Norwalk has taken out petitions. Both terms are for four years.

The district covers Santa Fe Springs, northern Norwalk and part of southeastern Downey.

- Norwalk-La Mirada Unified: Incumbent Daryl Hults of Norwalk and challenger Barbara J. Biehl, a county grant officer from La Mirada, have filed.

Incumbent Ed Hingtgen of La Mirada has taken out petition. Also open are the terms of Gabriel Garcia of La Mirada and Ana Valencia of Norwalk. All terms are for four years.

Appraiser Karen Morris of La Mirada has filed for the remaining two years in her term.

Paramount Unified: Incumbents Alicia Anderson of Paramount and Sonya E. (Cela) dei of Bellflower have filed. Also open is the seat of Tony Perez. All terms are for four years.
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Aranda was unsuccessful in her effort two years ago. Her clerk position also is an elected one, but she says there would be no conflict between the two jobs. She resides in the part of South Gate which is in the Centinela College District.

In other school board races, a number of incumbents and challengers have submitted formal petitions for candidacy in the final week of the filing period. But no one has completed the filing process for City Council seats in Maywood.

Petitions of nomination must be filed by 5 p.m. Aug. 12. Filing-incumbents in a race does not seek reelection the deadline will be extended to Aug. 17, but for challenger only, according to the registrar.

The following candidates or potential candidates either filed or took out nominating petitions to circulate as of Tuesday:

- Centinela College: Aranda joined incumbent Bob Venderfer and challenger Robert Huggett, a recent college administrator from Centinela, in filing.

- Norwalk: Incumbent Edward Chan has filed while incumbents Hector Chacon and Gersi Guzman have taken out petitions. All terms are for four years.

- Maywood City Clerk Hector Duarte said the terms of council members Luis Lara, Jose Zaniga and Tomas Martinez will expire this fall. All have taken our nomination petitions as of Tuesday and are expected to seek another four years each.

Duarte said five potential challengers who have taken out petitions include Maywood Planning Commissioner Sergio Gallegos, Felipe Aguero, Raymond Lopez, a recreation supervisor for the city, Marcus Beltran and Esteban Garcia.
Kuykendall commits

Cerritos College sophomore defensive tackle Dan Kuykendall has given a verbal commitment to the University of Oregon after taking a recruiting trip to Eugene over the weekend.

"I really love the area and the coaching staff and facilities are just great," said Kuykendall in an announcement.

Kuykendall, a Millikan High graduate, recorded 32 tackles, four quarterback hurries, three sacks, two blocked kicks and two fumble recoveries as a freshman.
Local student accepted into prestigious General Motors education program

Palo Verde High School grad first local to attend program

By Ivan Murray
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Blythe resident Alvino "Junior" Olivas may be the first local student to be accepted into the General Motors Automotive Service Educational Program (ASEP) at Cerritos College in Norwalk, Calif.

The program curriculum is designed by General Motors and Cerritos College to train competent automotive technicians, and it leads to an associate degree, according to information provided by Cerritos College.

The total program lasts two years, and students spend about half the time at the Cerritos campus and the rest at the sponsoring dealership as an employee.

Olivas, a 2005 graduate of Palo Verde High School, is being sponsored by Larry Green Auto Center in Blythe.

He will spend the first nine weeks of this fall's semester at Cerritos followed by nine weeks of work experience at Larry Green Auto Center.

The rotation schedule continues until the program is completed.

During his junior and senior year PVHS Olivas was enrolled in the Palo Verde College Automotive Technology program taught by PVC professor Henry Rinaldi at the high school campus.

He was one of the students working on the PVC stock car that competed in races at the Lucas Oil 100 Speedway races during the past year.

He was considering enrolling at a private technical school until George Walters, PVC Occupational Education Manager, told him about the Cerritos program.

The cost differential is substantial. Enrolling in a private school could cost as much as $30,000.

The GM/Cerritos program costs approximately $300 a semester for fees and books.

The initial cost of the tool set is about $750 with an additional cost of about $400 to upgrade the set as the program continues.

A student is also responsible for food, housing and mileage costs, but since dealerships pay student trainees during periods of dealership-coordinated work experience, a considerable portion of the costs involved in the program is offset.

Olivas is the son of Scott and Corina Richards of Blythe and Vino and Cheri Olivas of Chino, Calif.
David Allen Garrett

David Allen Garrett of Glendale made his transition on August 7, 2005 shortly after being diagnosed with cancer. He was loved by all and will be remembered as such a giving person.

David was a Professional Planner since 1952 and, upon his completion of graduate work at UCLA, worked as a Professional Planner for the Glendale City Planning Department. He had also worked for Long Beach City Planning, Los Angeles County Regional Planning and the State Division of Highways (Caltrans) as a Jr. Civil Engineer. In 1955, David went to work for the Los Angeles City Planning Department and worked there for 27 years, retiring in 1985. He supervised professional staff in the preparation of subdivision, zoning administration and environmental as well as community planning and development reports.

David’s educational background included an A.A. Degree from Cerritos College, a B.A. Degree from the USC and a Master’s Degree from UCLA. He was an active member of the Association of Environmental Professionals, Glendale Chamber of Commerce, Building Industry Association of Southern California, National Association of Home Builders, Business Property Council, American Management Association and a Lifetime Member of the Republican Party.

David is survived by his fiancée, Anne White of Burbank; daughters, Bonnie Garrett of Thousand Oaks, CA and Sabrina Simpson of Moorpark, CA; son-in-law, John C. Simpson; grandchildren, Joshua Simpson, Heather Simpson and Nathan Simpson of Moorpark; his only surviving sibling, brother, Norman Garrett and sister-in-law, Adele Garrett of Los Angeles; nieces, Gayle Grandahl and nephew-in-law, Spencer of Santa Monica, CA; Betsy Colp and nephew-in-law, Len of Covallis, OR and Susan Avia Garrett-Upskay and nephew-in-law David and great-niece, Sage of San Diego, CA.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00am on Saturday, August 27, 2005 at Westlake Church of Religious Science located at 880 Hampshire Road (corner of Wild Rose & Hampshire) in Westlake Village, CA.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the City of Hope.
Area school board hopefuls file

Education: ABC, Bellflower, Downey, Norwalk-La Mirada, Paramount, Cerritos College face races.

By Kevin Butler
Assistant Editor

LONG BEACH — Challengers who filed candidate papers with the county by last Friday’s deadline are hoping to become the newest school board members in area districts this fall.

Voters on Nov. 8 will elect school board members in the ABC Unified, Bellflower Unified, Downey Unified, Norwalk-La Mirada Unified, Paramount Unified school districts and the Cerritos College Board of Trustees.

In ABC Unified, voters will cast ballots in two races. Louise R. Dodson, who was appointed to the school board after the resignation of Bob Baldwin, will compete against two candidates to serve out the remainder of Baldwin’s term. Her opponents are educator Paul Kang and Linda Linder.

Three other ABC board seats are also up. Four challengers — engineer Benjamin A. Johnson, political advisor Randy Economy, financial analyst Mona Denise Hawkins, and accountant Annabelle A. Segura — are seeking to unseat incumbents Olimpia Chen, David Lee Montgomery and Mark E. Nally.

Chen, who is seeking a third term, said she’s proud that test scores at the lowest-performing ABC schools have been climbing.

But Economy says that the ABC school board lacks accountability and transparency.

"It's completely disconnected, it's dysfunctional, and it's wrong," he said.

In Bellflower, two challengers — Charles "Sonny" Sawyer and Laura Sanchez-Guzman — are trying to defeat incumbent Richard J. Rosecrans, Paul Heuley and Bill St. Marie. Although she filed papers, Ismael K. Roxas said she no longer is running.

Two Downey Unified incumbents — C. "Sonny" Sawyer and Betty Ferrara — have declined to seek re-election this year, creating two open-seat races.

In Paramount, the three incumbent — Alika Linda Anderson, Saulo Cardoza and Mary Pena — plus only one challenger, Kennedy H. Collins, are facing two challengers — Bob Hiepl, a general contractor, and George Avila — in the race.

In Norwalk-La Mirada, incumbent Gabe Garcia has chosen not to seek re-election. Voters will elect four school board members from six candidates — incumbents Darryl Adams, Ed Hoag, and Ana Valeria, and challengers Robb L. Johnson, a math teacher, Victor R. Juarez, an event coordinator, and business owner Chris Paperino.

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Automotive-repair programs hail initiative

By Alvin Sampine

CERRITOS — Local community college automotive repair instructors are prouing a proposal by state Assemblyman Rudy Bermudez to spend $5 million for training equipment.

"This is going to be a huge thing for us," said John Pfeil, associate professor of automotive technology and alternative fuel at El Dorado College.

"If we get $5 million and have $10 million in matching funds, I can get more kids getting their (mechanic's) certificate earlier," Pfeil said.

"I am getting a grant mean we can offer eight more sections of the course, that's helping students get the training they need," the teacher said.

Pfeil said the bill, AB 286, which was approved Wednesday by the Senate Education Committee, would provide the funding for the training.

The bill is approved and signed by the governor; the money will come from licensing fees and other revenue received by the state Board of Automotive Repair.

High schools and community colleges could then apply for maximum grants of $50,000 for one-time purchases of equipment.

With 10 technicians leaving the automotive repair business for every one who enters it, the demand for qualified mechanics is huge, he said.

"California without a doubt is facing a crisis in automotive repair if we don't take immediate action to restore the trade," Pfeil said.

At a time when demand for skilled mechanics is high, many school districts have dropped their automotive-training programs, he said.

"The jobs pay fairly well, he added.

"It's not the kind of job that millions of people will want to do," Bermudez said.

Bermudez conceded that $5 million may not seem like much.

"But if you look at how many cars are in our state, it pays for itself," he said. "We're losing more and more facilities on a daily basis. It's going to stop the bleeding right now."

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CERRITOS COLLEGE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS IN THE MAKING

Exponential Growth: Expansion and Development of 1960s Campus

The 1960s were years of societal change, reflection and reform. This period marked growth for the Cerritos Community College District as the campus grew and evolved pride from its citizens. These were the college’s true formative years, as additional buildings adorned the campus, new departments and courses were added, and the World War II baby boom flooded to the burgeoning institution. The buildings had been completed on campus, and new wing was also added to the campus for the accommodation of students. The Student Center was completed in 1961. It became an anchor of social interaction for students who could collaborate, question, debate and discuss the topics of the day.

The library, completed July 1961, became an anchor of social interaction for students and the community. The library and the faculty were the heart of the campus, and they continued to attract students and faculty from all over the country.

The 1960s were years of societal change, reflection and reform. The college expanded its resources and facilities to accommodate the growing student population. The new buildings included classrooms, new departments, and new curricula were created.

The $1.3 million performing arts center, was constructed north of the main campus, and it was a magnificent example of architectural and engineering excellence. The center was dedicated to serve the college and the community.

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Following President Royce Barlowe's retirement in 1970, Dr. Jack W. More became the second president of the college. More was a strong leader who was committed to the success of the college. He emphasized the importance of teaching and learning, and he worked to improve the facilities and resources of the college.

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like Richard Milhous Nixon and renouned author and historian William L. Shirer paid illustrious visits to the campus. Future author Ray Bradbury lectured on "The Space Age as a Creative Challenge," and foreign nationals from Brazil, Vietnam, the Caribbean and the secret society for college students. There were no student clubs, no student organization, no student government, no student activities, no student services. The college consisted of a group of 14 students responsible for planning and managing a substantial budget in representation of the Associated Students of Cerro Coso College (ASCC). This was a collaborative effort to implement a new constitution incorporating new laboratories, policy and procedures for the executive branch. If passed by votes, these changes might lead to the enrollment of students who were serving on council would have the opportunity to become elected officials. The ASCC president characterized the student's role as one of the college's "three-legged stool." The ASCC president, a student leader, a faculty member, and an administrator were considered to be the "legs" of the college.

The college continued to evolve in 1969, as the college's first gala event was held to celebrate the college's growth. The gala featured entertainment, food, and live music, with proceeds going towards the college's scholarship fund. The college received its first state funding in 1969, which was used to support the college's growth and development.

Cerro Coso College's 50th anniversary celebration officially began on August 1, 2020, with a virtual event that included a special performance by the college's renowned dance troupe. The college also held an Annual Golf Classic, which was held in September. A fundraising gala was planned for October, with proceeds benefitting Cerro Coso College's Student Emergency Fund.

During the college's 50th anniversary celebration, a plaque was dedicated to honor the college's founder, Dr. Jack L. Moers, who served as the college's first president until 1975. The plaque was placed in the foyer of the college's main campus building.

Cerro Coso College's 50th anniversary celebration included special events, performances, and lectures throughout the year, with the college's campus transformed into a cultural hub. The college also held a special event for alumni, which included a gala dinner and a reunion weekend.

Cerro Coso College celebrates its 50th school year as its 50th anniversary on serving as a comprehensive community college for southeastern Los Angeles County. The college has grown from a small campus serving 80 students to a sprawling campus with over 7,000 students. The college has also added new programs and services, such as online courses and dual enrollment opportunities.

Cerro Coso College is proud to be a part of the community and continues to provide quality education to students of all ages and backgrounds.

Visit Cerro Coso College online at http://www.cerros.edu and view a celebratory time honoring the college's 50 years of tradition, history and community.
Black O.C. chamber honors strides in diversity
Association recognizes the Register and 5 people for achievements in community.

By MICHELE HIMMELBERG
The Orange County Register

Brenda White-Gatlin was named Business Person of the Year and The Orange County Register received the Corporation of the Year award Saturday at the 14th annual banquet of the Black Chamber of Orange County.

Publisher and CEO N. Chris Anderson III accepted the award on behalf of the newspaper at The Grove in Anaheim. The award recognizes a corporation that has demonstrated outstanding diversity leadership in promoting and enhancing the quality of life for African-Americans and other minorities.

The Orange County Register, a three-time Pulitzer Prize-winning newspaper, is celebrating its 100-year anniversary in 2005. It is the largest of 26 daily newspapers operated by Freedom Communications Inc. of Irvine, one of the largest privately held U.S. media companies.

Freedom Communications also publishes the Spanish-language newspaper Excelsior and OCExelsior.com, 23 community weeklies, OCRegister.com, myOC.com and Orange County Home and Coast magazines.

Business award-winner White-Gatlin has owned Touch of Class Coiffures in Tustin since 1982. She is also an assistant professor at Cerritos Community College.

Jerome Hunter, chancellor of the North Orange County Community College District, earned the Aaron/Elijah Lovejoy Award given annually to a person who has helped African-Americans and other minorities economically or educationally. The Black Chamber also honored three people for their efforts in community leadership: Orange County Sheriff Mike Carona, David Yani, former Cal State Los Angeles basketball coach; and Jerry Mandel, chairman of the board for the Orange County Performing Arts Center.

Bobby McDonald, executive director of the chamber, announced that the group has launched an endowment program for the Black Chamber Education Fund.
Cerritos coach pleads not guilty
Callahan facing 26 charges of conspiracy and grand theft

By Greg Mellon
City News

BELLEFLOWER — Suspended Cerritos College assistant football coach Patrick Callahan was arraigned Tuesday in Bellflower Superior Court on 26 counts of felony conspiracy and grand theft.

Callahan, wearing a sport jacket and gray slacks, pleaded not guilty with attorney Jessica Green representing him in place of attorney of record John Barnett.

A Sept. 16 date was set for a pretrial meeting between Barnett and Leonard Torrealba, Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney.

Callahan remained free on bail.

The 57-year-old coach was arrested Aug. 1 after a five-year investigation by the U.S. Department of Education into allegations he fraudulently helped football players receive federal Pell Grants between 1989 and 2004.

It is alleged that Callahan of Artessa helped 13 players receive $86,000 in federal aid to which they were not entitled.

According to government documents, Callahan wrote more than a dozen letters fraudulently claiming players were estranged from their parents. That allowed players to receive “dependency overrides” that made them eligible for aid without providing parents’ financial status.

It is also alleged that he tried to cover up the plan by having players lie to investigators.

None of the 13 players or their families have been charged. Another 15 players may have also received Pell Grants fraudulently, according to investigators, but were not named in the complaint.

Callahan is also suspected of recruiting players from out of state in violation of California Community College Commission on Athletics rules and obtaining in-state tuition for out-of-state players.

Pell Grants are a form of financial aid given to students throughout the United States on the basis of economic need. The grants generally have a $4,000 maximum per year and are based in part on a student’s expected family contributions.

Callahan has been suspended as defensive coordinator of the football team, but has retained his faculty administrative position at the university as coordinator of judicial affairs.

If convicted, Callahan could face up to 11 years in state prison.
Scholarship for psychology student

Cerritos • Lucy Sanchez, a psychology student at Cerritos College, received a full scholarship to attend the American Psychological Association's 189th Annual Convention in Washington, D.C.

Sanchez

As a scholarship recipient, Sanchez participated in the 2005 Diversity Project and Beyond Summer Institute, a mentoring and leadership program for future psychologists held Aug. 10-15.

Sanchez, a second-year student, received the scholarship through her involvement in Psi Beta, the national honor society in psychology for community colleges.
School campuses become work sites

Many students in Westside cities are returning to campuses with no small amount of dust and debris. These schools, which are now a generation or more old, are using a variety of local and state funds to bring their facilities into the 21st century. Some are only renovating existing buildings. Others are building brand-new ones and starting a new legacy for the next generation of learners.

**SCHOOL START DATES**

Aug. 3
Los Alamitos Unified School District
Monterey Elementary School

Aug. 15
Cerritos College

Aug. 22
 Cypress College

Aug. 31
Kaiser High Union High School District

Sept. 1
Brea–Yorba High Union High School District

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What’s been done: New carpeting and paint are part of

KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL, LA PALMA

What’s been done: Several buildings have undergone modernization and renovation. In addition to improving existing campus buildings, the school is also getting a new auditorium and gymnasium.

The library and its media center will also be expanded as part of the construction. Modernization projects include classrooms, science labs, administrative offices and a new shop.

What’s next: Construction continues throughout the school year on the auditorium.

Los Alamitos High School, Los Alamitos

What’s been done: The construction of a new 25-classroom building, which began in August 2004, is almost complete. It is the all-campus modernization project. Six of the 25 classrooms in the new building will become a technology center.

The modernization project provided each building on the campus with better infrastructure, new carpeting, tile, lights, wiring, bells, paint, fire alarms and heating and air conditioning units. The project has also included construction on the media center and administration building.

What’s up next: Some renovations are expected to be completed over the next two weeks after school starts on Sept. 8.

The school district is requesting donations for new computers and equip- ment for the six new technology classrooms.

How it’s being paid for: Funding comes in part from Proposition 47, the state school facilities bond, which passed in 2002. The modernization project is estimated to cost around $7 million and the construction around $11 million.

School-year impact: The new building will open up space now occupied by portable classrooms and reduce the rising demand for classes focused on technology and computer use.

Information: Los Alamitos Unified School District

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Cypress: Oxford, Gant

Cerritos College and Lexington

Cerritos, Costa Rica and Milbrae High schools.

Auditorium building for the career center, continuing education and vocational programs will be renovated.

How it’s being paid for:

2 million. The funding comes from a 2002 bond measure and state matching grants.

School-year impact: The Walker Street gate to campus will be closed for the 2005-06 school year. The south lot will only be accessible from Crescent Street.

The staff parking lot on the north side of campus is closed. Staff will park in the Walker Street lot.
CERRITOS COLLEGE,
CERRITOS

What’s been done: Nothing is finished yet. The new science and math complex, which will feature 50 percent more lab room, broke ground in September 2004. The science phase of the construction will be finished in fall 2006.

What’s up next: Several new buildings and renovations are planned for the next 10 years.

Among the projects is a new media arts complex. A larger child development center will provide affordable child care and a laboratory for students. The main driver entrance and exits will also be improved.

How it’s being paid for: The primary source of funding is a $250 million bond measure that was passed by voters in 2004. State funds are also adding to construction revenues.

School-year impact: A staff parking lot is used for staging. There are other occasional parking lot closures.

Information:
www.cerritos.edu/bond
Locals raise money for education

B.W. COOK
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The 14th annual Cotton Club West: Puttin' on the Ritz gala came to Orange County, sponsored by the Black Chamber of Commerce of Orange County.

The Grove of Anaheim was the setting for nearly 1,000 guests -- including a significant contingent of Newport-Mesa civic, community and social leaders -- who came together to raise nearly $30,000 for the Black Chamber Education Fund.

Jerry Mandel, saxophonist and retiring president of the Orange County Performing Arts Center, joined the UC Irvine Jazz Orchestra and jazz great Ernie Andrews to entertain the crowd. The mistress of ceremonies for the evening was Gayle Anderson from KTLA-TV.

This year, special honors were bestowed upon Mandel, Orange County Sheriff Michael Carona, retired Cal State Los Angeles basketball coach Dave Yanai, North Orange County Community College District Chancellor Jerome Hunter, and cosmetologist and professor Brenda White-Gatlin.

Mandel was given the Community Leadership Award for his extensive local outreach efforts.

Bobby McDonald, president of the Black Chamber of Commerce, served as host and awards presenter alongside Anderson.

The crowd enjoyed dinner and dancing, celebrating cultural and racial diversity and excellence in Orange County.

For more information on the Black Chamber of Commerce of Orange County, call (714) 547-2646.

* THE CROWD appears Thursdays and Saturdays.
Rio Hondo College appoints new dean of business

"We are very pleased to have Ron Christie join the administrative team at Rio Hondo College," college President Rose Marie DePrato said. "Ron's exceptional administrative, leadership and teaching skills and experience make him ideally suited to lead our business and technology programs."

From 1993 to 1999, Christie served as director of business administration and accounting at Cypress College, where he oversaw programs ranging from business administration to finance and accounting to real estate and office technology.

From 1991 to 1993, Christie worked for Hughes Aircraft as lead instructional systems designer for two large-scale military training systems. He also has taught at Cal State Long Beach State, Cal State Los Angeles and Whittier College.

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"My entire career prior to managing college administration was technology related," Christie said. "I spent nearly 14 years in the aerospace industry at Hughes Aircraft and Northrop and six years in the auto industry with American Honda."
New chief takes over at college

By Tracy Garcia
Staff Writer

WHITTIER — Sharon Herberger loves the fact that her newest job is heading up a college named after Quaker poet John Greenleaf Whittier.

She also loves the fact that the 100-year-plus school is among a small group of institutions in the nation that was attended by a U.S. president. And then there's that lovely California weather.

Herberger, 56, is only the second woman ever to serve as Whittier College's president since its founding in 1885. She said she and her husband, David, recently shared a laugh about the dreadful East Coast weather they'll be missing out on.

As they enjoyed a concert at the Hollywood Bowl, she said they realized they would have been drenched in sweat from humidity while slipping away bugs the size of houses had they been outdoors back East.

College trustee Judy Swayne, who headed up two committees that worked on finding a replacement for former Whittier College President Katherine Haley Will, who left last year, is also thankful the couple are here instead of over there.

Now, more than a month after the Herbergers' arrival, Swayne is more certain than ever that the long search for a new president was well worth it.

"We were very patient because we knew we wanted excellence, and that's what we got," Swayne said. "She has a strength to her that I think all of us immediately sensed. She has been very patient and it's been a perfect match."

Sharon Herberger is the new president of Whittier College. Herberger is a former psychology professor and administrator at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn.
Herzberger once taught psychology

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done her homework about the city of Whittier, which is sort of like a child — it has its flaws and its excellent points, and she knew most about both.

"We're excited to have her come to us. She's excited about the job. What more can you ask for?"

Herzberger spent the past 35 years at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., working her way up from a psychology professor to vice president of institutional planning and administration.

Her Whittier College post is her first presidency.

Herzberger began her term July 1, overseeing both the undergraduate campus in Whittier and the School of Law in Costa Mesa. From the outset, the trustees made clear to her their priorities for Whittier College:

"One is to obtain more resources for the college so it can continue to grow and excel," Herzberger said in an interview last week. "Another is to establish stronger ties and build on the affiliation between the Whittier campus and the Costa Mesa campus."

"Another is to help implement the strategic plan of the college, and one component of that is to foster a better connection between what students are learning on- and off-campus," she added.

Much of the work in establishing the college's strategic plan was done by her predecessor. Now, Herzberger said, her priority is to "move forward quickly with the implementation."

Currently, college officials are waist-deep in planning for the 2005-06 school year, which begins Sept. 1.

Herzberger's inauguration is scheduled for November, but she's mostly looking forward to students arriving later this month, as well as strengthening and promoting the relationship between the school and the town.

"I love the fact that we're named after John Greenleaf Whittier — a poet, strong abolitionist and originator of what is now the Republican Party. He was a renaissance person who had this whole other side to him," Herzberger said.

"And I love the fact that we educated a president," she added. "It's a very important part of our history. And we need to honor these tremendous things and continue the legacy."

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Students file in for fall semester at Rio Hondo campus

By Troy Garcia
Staff Writer

WHITTIER — On his first day of class at Rio Hondo College on Monday, Sergio Noreiga of El Monte spent about three hours waiting — to find a parking spot, to pay his class fees, to get a student identification card.

Others like Denise Zepeada of Santa Fe Springs had it all worked out in advance. She caught a ride to school and paid her fees before classes got under way. She spent a good chunk of the day reflecting on her new surroundings.

"It's a lot like I expected," said Zepeada, 18. "It's sort of like high school in some ways, but then in others it's not because you're more independent. And now your success depends on you."

Noriega and Zepeada were among thousands of new and returning students who kicked off the 2005 fall semester Monday at the aging hilltop campus, where officials say enrollment has been climbing steadily for years and is expected to continue.

Although a final head count has not yet been conducted, officials say the equivalent of about 11,000 full-time students have enrolled at the college this semester, an increase of about 60 students from the same time last year.

And those are just students who are taking Rio Hondo classes for credit, said Henry Lee, the college's vice president of student and community services.

There also are thousands more enrolled in training courses for working professionals, classes through the college's police and fire academies and non-credit classes through the college's community services department.

"I think the number of students taking advantage of our wonderful programs is a testament to the importance of Rio Hondo in our local community," said college President Rose Marie Joyce.

Photo BY MICAL MULLER

RIO HONDO COLLEGE students stand in line for registration information Monday on the first day of classes.
Where budget cuts have reduced the amount of classes and services other community colleges have been able to offer, Rio Hondo continues adding to its schedule, officials said.

Among the new offerings this semester are emergency medical training through the college’s fire academy and a Java programming course through Cisco Systems for the college’s networking academy.

For student Odilia Cabello, the decision to attend Rio Hondo this semester was an easy one. She attended the college several years ago to learn English and become a licensed vocational nurse. Now she’s back trying to get into the registered nursing program.

“I feel like this is my school,” said Cabello, 47 of El Monte, who works a full-time and part-time job while attending school. “I am very happy to be back and I just hope I have enough time to study so that I can pass my classes.”

RIO HONDO COLLEGE student Demitri Mosby waits his turn in line during first day of classes.
UCLA study disputes state’s exit exam results

Associated Press

SAN JOSE — State education officials painted a brighter picture about the percentage of students passing the high school exit exam because they ignored dropouts, according to a study released Tuesday by UCLA.

The study is the latest salvo in the long-standing fight over the state’s exit exam, which tests students on their ability to master basic math and English. The mandatory, multiple-choice exam is in line with targets for state accountability and the new federal requirements under the No Child Left Behind law.

California high-schoolers have been taking the test since 2006, but for the first time, members of this year’s senior class could be denied a diploma if they fail.

According to data the California Department of Education released last week, 80 percent of this year’s seniors passed the math portion of the exam by last spring and the same percentage had passed the English portion — a steady improvement since the class began taking the test as sophomores. It was not known what percentage of students have passed both portions.

But when researchers at UCLA’s Institute for Democracy, Education and Access recalculated those figures and factored in children who dropped out of school since first taking the test or simply stopped sitting for the exam, they found only 68 percent passed the math portion of the test and 67 percent passed the English portion.

“We know there is a dropout problem, but that’s not the question we’re trying to answer,” said Rick Miller, a spokesman for the California Department of Education. “We really need to ask why are these children not getting the education they need to pass the test.”
Grant readies kids for college

GEAR UP aides area schools

By Tracy Garcia

WHITTIER — A local collaboration that involves two Whittier area middle schools and Whittier College has been awarded a federal grant of more than $790,000 to help low-income middle-schoolers get on the college track.

More than $136 million was awarded to California schools and agencies this week by the U.S. Department of Education as part of the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP).

Locally, a $754,000 GEAR UP grant was awarded to a consortium that is led by the El Monte Union High School District and includes Whittier College, Los Nietos Middle School in West Whittier, North Park Middle School in Pico Rivera and Columbia Elementary School in El Monte.

Los Nietos Principal Les Mason said the prime directive of the grant is “to cultivate a college-going culture.”

Mason said a group of sixth-grade students will be selected for the program, and will be followed through their middle school and high school careers.

During this time, GEAR UP funds can be used for training and development opportunities, for teachers, counselors and for the families of students selected for the program, as well as for student tutoring programs.

“As the students go through the program, their teachers will get support as well,” Mason said.

This money will make an impact as the students go through each grade level.

“And the students in the cohort that will be tracked will be the biggest recipients,” he added.

Whittier College will provide technical assistance and tutors, Mason said. All schools involved in the local consortium must meet by Friday to discuss the program’s goals and objectives.

This is the second year that Los Nietos Middle is receiving a GEAR UP grant, Mason said.

Last year’s grant amount was $10,000.

“It’s given our teachers the opportunity to collaborate and plan effectively, as well as provided for a parent institution,” he added.

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Colleges contending with hovering parents

By Justin Pope

ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAMILTON, N.Y. — They're called "helicopter parents," for their habit of hovering — hyper-involved over their children's lives. Here at Colgate University, as elsewhere, they have become increasingly bold in recent years, telephoning administrators to complain about their children's housing assignments, roommates and grades.

Recently, one parent demanded to know what Colgate planned to do about the suburb plumbing her daughter encountered on a study-abroad trip to China.

"That's just part of how this generation has been raised," said Mark Thompson, head of Colgate's counseling services. You add a $40,000 price tag for a school like Colgate, and you have high expectations for what you get.

For years, officials here responded to such calls by hitting their lips and making an effort to keep parents happy.

But at the hers last week, parents heard a different message: Colgate is making COLLEGE students a higher priority than customer service. The liberal arts college of 2,700 students is finding that "helicopter parenting" has gotten out of hand, undermining the out-of-the-classroom lessons on problem-solving, seeking help and compromise that should be a part of a college education.

Those lessons can't be learned if the response to every difficulty is a call to mom and dad for help.

"We noticed what everybody else noticed. We have a generation of parents that are heavily involved in their students' lives and it causes all sorts of problems," said Dean of the College Adam Weinberg. College, he said, should be "a time when you go from living in someone else's house to becoming a functioning, autonomous person."

Colgate says it has ample resources to help students, but when parents call, unless there's a safety risk, they're usually told to encourage their children to seek out those resources themselves.

As for the China inquiry, Weinberg said, "We tried to explain in the 21st century, the ability to plan down in a foreign country and hit the ground running is a fundamental skill." He said students who are too involved with their children's lives.

Heightened parental involvement is one of the biggest changes on college campuses in the last decade, experts say. One major reason is the tight bond between baby-boomer parents and their children.

"This is a group of parents who have been more involved in their children's development since in utero on than any generation in American history," said Helen R. J. Johnson, author of "Don't Tell Me What To Do, Just Send Money," a guide for college parents. "I think colleges have been far too responsive to inappropriate ways to this very savvy group of consumers."

Another factor is cell phones. The era of the ultimate weekly check-in from the pay phone in the hall has given way to nearly constant contact. Rob Sobelman, a Colgate sophomore, says when students walk out of a test, many dial home immediately to report how it went.

Many schools have noticed the trend, but they've been reluctant to alienate parents. Some have tried to accommodate the change, opening parental liaison offices, for instance.

But some schools, while glad to see parents care, are expressing concern over the downside. During freshman orientation this year at Northeastern University in Boston, administrators urged parents not to call their children but to tell them to call home when they want to talk. The University of Vermont hires students as "parent counselors" to help keep parents from interfering too much, for instance, by establishing meetings with advisors.

Colgate acknowledges there have already been parent calls. "We get quoted the price tag frequently," said Dean of Students Affairs Jan Ernhard. "But what you're paying for is an education, not a room at the Sherman, and sometimes that education is uncomfortable."
Hard Lesson for Students, and Colleges

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KATRINA'S RISING TOLL

BY STEPHEN SCHEIDERSMAN, Assistant National Editor

Who are the people that really suffered the most from Katrina? They're the students, the ones who are still in college. They're the ones who are still struggling to get through college, and people are just starting to realize that.

I met a couple of days ago, a student from the University of Southern Mississippi, who told me that they were completely unprepared. They had no idea what was going to happen. They had no idea what was going to befall them.

For Tulane, as for thousands of others in colleges and universities in New Orleans, their entire year has been thrown into disarray. Students have been caught completely off guard, and students have been left wondering what their future holds.

Many of the students are still waiting to hear from parents and loved ones. Many of them are afraid to return to their homes, which may be uninhabitable. And many are worried about their academic future, as their coursework has been interrupted.

Most of the schools are under water, and many students are stranded. But many are also determined to make the best of the situation, and many are already planning to return to their schools as soon as possible.

Tulane University in New Orleans is one of the schools that have been hit the hardest. But many other schools in the area have also been affected. And many students are now looking for ways to continue their education despite the challenges they face.

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California Colleges to Help Gulf Students

BY STUART SILVERSTEIN
Times Staff Writer

California's two public university systems and colleges around the country said Thursday that they would set aside quickly to find room for some of the thousands of students whose campuses were closed by Hurricane Katrina.

The 23-campus California State University system, the nation's largest public university, will take in "a good couple hundred, at least," of the affected students, spokeswoman Colleen Bentley-Alder said. Cal State's overall enrollment is about 400,000.

One of Cal State's most popular campuses, San Diego State, said it had begun enrolling about 20 students, mainly freshmen, who were planning to attend the University of California at Berkeley. Cal State officials said that the system would waive nonresident tuition charges for students until the end of this academic year.

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Los Angeles' Loyola Marymount University, for example, said it had received inquiries from more than 200 affected students, including many from a sister school, Loyola University of New Orleans. It has begun to admit some students for the fall term, which began Monday, with a non-degree status, "with hopes that the course work here will easily transfer at whatever point students can return to their home universities," Fronz Rose, LMU academic vice president, said in a statement.

As many as an estimated 250,000 students in the New Orleans area, Mississippi and Alabama were enrolled in the roughly 30 two-year and four-year campuses hit by Katrina.

Elsewhere around the country, numerous schools, including Indiana University, Pennsylvania State University and University of Nebraska, said they would open their doors to affected students.
Raising fees crimps students’ lifestyles

By Lisa W. Seidler and Esther Chow

While California's public college and university students pay some of the lowest tuition and fees in the country, students complain that skyrocketing gas and housing prices are putting a crimp in their lifestyles.

Students at community colleges grumble about having to live at home with Mom, packing, photocopying or sharing pricey textbooks and even double-failling each other's classes just to make ends meet.

"I haven't been to the Vally in years," said Robin King, of West Hills, an aspiring nurse who attends Pierce College. She working, but I spend all my money on gas, books and tuition.

For many students, living at home isn't an option; it's a necessity. They'd like to move out of their parent's home and be independent, but they can't afford to pay rent. Even students with part-time jobs say their minimum wage salaries aren't enough to cover all their bills.

"I was on my own, I didn't know what I would do," said David Vade, a Pasadena City College student who lives at home and works part-time at a coffee shop. "Even though tuition is cheap, you still have to pay for expenses."

Juan Rojas, College student Anthony Martinez of Montebello has watched his friends struggle to balance school, work and money. "I can't worry about not being able to live where I live right now," he said. "We want to be able to get by, not just survive."

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UC Merced Opens for Its Freshman Year

By Rebecca Thronson  Times Staff Writer

In Merced, Calif., nearly two decades after it was approved by the University of California Regents, UC's 10th campus officially opened Monday near the Central California city, welcoming its inaugural students with musical fanfare, colorful processions, a barbecue lunch and — despite months of worry — only minor glitches.

Addressing about 4,000 dignitaries, community members, parents and students gathered to celebrate the opening with a formal convocation. UC Merced Chancellor Carol T. Tomlinson-Reaney acknowledged the many delays and problems that for a while beclouded the campus.

"There were lots of times people said this day would never come," Tomlinson-Reaney said as the UC Merced students seated before her responded with sustained cheers, whoops and applause. "But it has, and we're just very glad it's here.

Throughout the two-hour ceremony in a giant white tent near the unfinished library, the chancellor and others spoke of the challenges they faced in opening a new campus.

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PRIDE: Former Gov. Gray Davis, left, was involved in the planning of UC's 10th campus, giving a thumbs-up as he acknowledges applause at Monday's opening ceremony, attended by about 4,000. "This will be an enormous boon to the valley," Davis said afterward.
First Day: Addison Gross, 18, with Prabir, a freshman, from Bellis Park, CA, and UC Merced. Chancellor Carol T. Tavani, center, listens to speeches during Monday's opening ceremony.

Doors Open at UC Merced

[Merced, from Page B1] establishing the campus, including increased environmental regulations, political turmoil and a state budget crisis that caused a one-year delay in opening.

Many of the political and university leaders who worked to establish the campus and ensure its funding took part in the ceremony, including former Gov. Gray Davis and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. Schwarzenegger did not attend but he had stopped in last week for a brief tour and meeting with campus leaders.

Just outside the entrance to campus Monday, a handful of anti-Schwarzenegger protesters, mainly members of nurses and teachers unions, held a small demonstration but did not disrupt the proceedings.

Inside the air-conditioned vans, adorned with banners and posted fliers, one of the campaign slogans is: "One of the leaders, Robert C. Dynes praised those involved in creating the campus, saying they had defied the odds.

Now, Dynes said, he could only imagine the exuberance of those who will be the first to work and study at the new campus.

"We've had quite a ride," he said. "That's your seat belt. That's your fare for more."

Set in rolling grasslands about five miles north of this farming community, UC Merced is the first major American research university to be built this century and the first UC campus to open in 40 years. It is also the first UC campus in the San Joaquin Valley, and university off-

Jenise Odell, 19, a freshman from Modesto, said of the power problem. "And they say we won't have cable, maybe for a month. But it's OK. Everyone's really welcoming here, really positive."

Other students were similarly upbeat. As they milled about a plaza between the dorms, waiting for the opening ceremonies to begin, many wore white polo shirts with UC Merced emblazoned on the front. A few sported navy blue baseball caps dotted with fuzzy fake bobcat ears, in honor of UC Merced's Bobcat mascot.

Another freshman, Michael Parker, 18, of Napa, said he was drawn to the campus by the enthusiasm of the professors he met at an orientation meeting and by the university's small-town atmosphere, which reminded him of his hometown.

"I'm going to have to be a little flexible at first, but that's part of the fun of everything," he said. "And once one of us is new too. We get to start all over again, take a new course at first, but that's part of the fun of everything."
UCLA Chancellor Will
Leave Post on June 30

By STUART SILVERSTEIN
Times Staff Writer

UCLA Chancellor Albert Carnesale, who presided over successful fundraising efforts and extensive campus construction over the last eight years but struggled with state budget squeeze and a medical school scandal involving donated cadavers, announced Wednesday that he would give up his job at the end of this academic year.

Carnesale, who will turn 70 two days after leaving his post on June 30, said it would be the "right time" largely because UCLA this year would conclude one of the biggest fundraising drives in American academia, with about $5 billion in expected contributions and pledges.

He said that he was looking forward to resuming teaching and conducting research in his field of nuclear proliferation and international security. After a sabbatical of up to one year at another, still undetermined campus, Carnesale plans to return to UCLA as a professor in the public affairs and engineering schools. Before coming to UCLA as chancellor in 1997, he was second-in-command at Harvard University and a longtime professor and dean there. "It seemed like it was a good time to pass the baton, from a university point of view and from a personal".

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Chancellor at
UCLA to Leave

Chancellor Charles E. Young will step down in August to become president of Illinois State University at Normal.

By Jody Lott

Young, 63, president of UCLA since 1989, will leave the campus July 1, 1995.

The chancellor's decision is the result of a crisis in the UCLA academic community over the handling of sexual harassment complaints.

Young's decision comes after a series of internal and external reports that criticized the university's handling of sexual harassment complaints.

Young's departure follows a series of scandals, including the sexual assault of a female student, the resignation of a former chancellor, and the suspension of a top administrator.

Young's legacy at UCLA will be marked by his efforts to improve the university's academic reputation and his role in the hiring of notable scholars and administrators.

The chancellor's resignation is expected to have a significant impact on the future of the university, as it is unclear who will lead UCLA in the wake of Young's departure.
Students adjust to new reality

Disaster: N.O. colleges evacuated by Katrina; some enroll at CSULB.

By Kevin Butter
Chief writer

LONG BEACH – Late last week, New Orleans college student Christopher Hicks was fatally being taken by bus to another, safer state campus. He and his fellow passengers from Xavier University were told to put their heads between their legs during the ride. Not because of debris or water in the way. Because of 1,500 angry riders who pelted the bus with rocks as it passed the Superdome, he said.

"A lot of us were praying," said Hicks, who also has a gun, directed at helicopter. "That's pretty much all you could do.

Hicks is one of 19 students from hurricane-ravaged areas who have enrolled at Cal State Long Beach this week as part of a new emergency program across the 23-campus Cal State University system. About 25 more students will soon join them at the Long Beach campus, officials said.

Hicks, whose mother lives in Buruma Park, had just started his freshman year at Xavier when he was awakened at 6 a.m. Aug. 27 and told to evacuate. After he failed to find a flight or hotel room, he decided to wait out the storm at his dorm.

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Anthony Nguyen, right

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Although his parents' home was damaged, the homes of his other family members were completely ruined. O'Keefe said. His mother is still stuck in the New Orleans area, he said. His father is still stuck in the New Orleans area, he said. His father is still stuck in the New Orleans area, he said.

"It's kind of surreal now, trying to grasp the reality that home isn't home anymore," he said.

Anthony Nguyen, a sophomore at the University of New Orleans, had moved into a rental house near Lake Ponchartrain two weeks before he and his roommate were forced to evacuate early Aug. 28. They drove to Dallas with Nguyen's suitcase filled with clothes.

He watched on television as the city flooded following the levee breaks.

"It's really hard to watch it," said Nguyen, whose college roommate also lives in CSULB.

He is new in living with his mother and brother in Bellflower while he attends the Long Beach campus.

"As time progresses, it sinks in," he said. "You say, OK, everything I have is gone."
UC Berkeley has few black freshmen

By Michelle Locke
Associated Press

BERKELEY — This fall's incoming class of 4,000 students at UC Berkeley is expected to include just 129 black freshmen, a disturbing trend to leaders of the socially progressive and academically elite school.

"There are very talented people out there. I believe, who for a whole variety of reasons end up not coming to Berkeley, or to another of the flagship campuses in the UC system," said Chancellor Robert Birgeneau.

The number of black freshmen this fall is slightly higher than last year but still an extreme minority. And about 11 percent of the 4,000-student class will be Hispanic — well out of step with a state where Hispanics make up about 30 percent of the population.

Birgeneau has been outspoken in his dissonance at enrollment figures and the need to change them. He questions whether voters intended these consequences when they passed Proposition 209, the 1996 ballot measure banning consideration of race in public hiring, contracting and education.

But Ward Connerly, the former UC regent who chaired the Proposition 209 campaign, bristles at the idea that there's a problem with race-blind policies.

"I just don't understand why certain people have gotten themselves all worked up about who gets to go to Berkeley and UCLA as if that's the only path to a successful life in California, because it is not and the evidence is abundant that it is not," he said.

The expected freshman class at Berkeley will be about 47 percent Asian-American. UC campuses have engaged in numerous recruitment and retention programs aimed at boosting minority enrollment, and admissions are up slightly for black students looking at aggregate figures for the 10-campus system.