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Students adjust

to new semester

ANDY KARLE . STAFF WRITER

It's that time of year again when Cerritos College begins a new semester and students are thrown back into the masses of people trying to fight past each other to make it to classes.

On "Welcome Day," students came out to be reacquainted with the campus.

Returning students were thrilled to see friends they had not seen in a while, as there were many embraces and smiles.

The familiar face of DJ RAY, a regular at school events, was seen spinning his records and blasting his tunes for the harried students.

In 'N' Out burger also sent a large kitchen on wheels to offer up free burgers, chips and drinks for students showing their school I.D.

All was not just fun and games, however.

Class petitioning is always a factor of coming back to school. Returning students have first dibs on classes but call-in registration is a way to lessen the stress.

When the faces of college come into a freshman's life, it is a big shock to most of them. They have to search not only

around the campus for their classes,

but for the question of, "Why am I even here?"

Not everyone is here for the same reason.For instance Eileen Perez (Undecided Major) said, "I'm coming here just to get my parents off my back."

Chase Whitney (Criminal Justice Major), said, "I plan on hopefully transferring to a Cal State and I'm also coming here to save money."

Whitney added," I'm doing this for myself."

Most incoming freshmen love the fact they are away from the high school "cookie cutter" schedule. Students see being in college as a great opportunity towards becoming an independent person.

Kurt Landgren said," I like it because I don't have to worry about being in class earlier than I'm supposed to be and not being in class all day."

Fall 2001 semester is a brand new experience for all freshmen and another memory for returning students. However, all can appreciate the freedom college life gives a person just getting out of 12 years of somebody else's rules.

Photo by Armando Brown Students searched the lists of classes outside the administration building during the first week of school hoping to get lucky.

Harmon settles in as new president

ARMANDO BROWN EDITOR IN CHIEF

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A new era was launched this summer when Cerritos College welcomed Dr. Jane Harmon as its seventh president.

Certitos has also had two interim presidents, Dr. Walter Magnuson from July 4, 1992 - June 30, 1993, and Dr. Morgan Lynn from

administrators, faculty and staff surrounding her hiring last spring, Harmon says that since coming to Cerritos in May, she's had a chance to work, and meet with a number of them who were on campus during the summer.

She "[thinks] there is quite a comfort level -with who I am, and how I operate, and how I'm going to fit into this organization and help

good shape, as well as the parts of it that are in need of repair.

"My gut feeling is we're going to see good things," Nunnery said.

"[Harmon] is out working hard to meet. people," Bob Chester, faculty senate president said, "she's been active and busy so she's doing what she's supposed to do."

When polled, many students had no idea who Dr Jane Harmon was, let alone that the college was searching for a new president. Harmon does not think that was a bad

thing. She feels that for the students, the president should be in the background.

"[To] the student, on an everyday basis, if a campus is healthy and running well, the president isn't necessarily someone who they need to even have an awareness of," Harmon said.



DR. JANE HARMON

Senior Center construction finally begins

TARA CARTER STAFF WRITER

Approximately 50 senior citizens will be able to call a part of the Cerritos College campus their home in the spring of 2002. Now currently under construction, Cerritos College has leased the city of Cerritos one-third of the land now known as the strawberry patch to build a senior citizen

assisted care living facility. Developers have already paid

Cerritos College approximately, \$156,000, one-half of the ground lease rent, and when construction is complete developers will also pay the college \$330,666, the full renters fee, along with an additional participation rent of 2.5 percent of the gross revenue.

Although it is not certain what the is money is going to be used for, Micheal Sebak, director of physical plants for Cerritos College, said "the money is earmarked for student success, things around campus that will improve the ability of students to get around to use the campus and the classrooms."

Cerritos College students will not just benefit from the money that the senior center will generate, but also from the senior citizens themselves. Because of its proximity to classrooms, nursing and cosmetology instructors will integrate fre-Continued on page 2

May 15, 2000 – June 1, 2001.

Harmon, the former president of Adirondack Community College in Queensbury, N.Y. arrived at Cerritos in May so that she could begin getting acquainted with the college. She officially began her new job June 1. Harmon will be succeeding Dr. Fred Gaskin, who left Cerritos in June of 2000 to, take the job as Chancellor of the Maricopa Community College District in Arizona. Although there was controversy among

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to move . . . [it] forward.

"I think if you'll talk to people on campus, you'll find that."

Wayne Nunnery, director of operations said, "I've watched her actions, and so far I'm impressed.

He said he spent three-and-a-half hours with her, and they went around and looked at the whole campus, where he showed her what he called, "the good, the bad, and the ugly" of the school; the parts of the school that are in

Toni Ann Sallade, facilities scheduling/coordinator said, "She's been doing the things that she said she was going to do.

"You know that's the best way to build a positive relationship, and I think she's succeeding in that."

While the board of directors was conducting its search for a new president last spring, most of Cerritos College's students were oblivious to the process, or the controversy it , basis." was causing on campus.

"They're not going to come to Cerritos College because of the president, they're going to come because of the outstanding faculty, the outstanding programs, the people in student services, the counselors, the people that they have contact with on a day-to-day

That said, Harmon does want the students * Continued on page 2

Follett takes over bookstore operation

ARMONDO BORBOA STAFF WRITER

An array of changes to the leadership and facilities of Cerritos College are greeting students this year. Most visible are the new bookstore and the revainped facilities within.

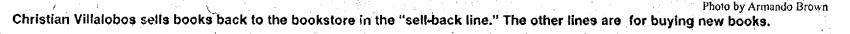
With the bankruptcy of the Wallace bookstore chain on April 12, just before Spring finals, students were faced with the very real possibility of being forced off campus to look for their required materials and supplies.

The three-year contract with Wallace was nearing its "renew or quit" deadline when the home office unexpectedly shut down. Follett, a national college bookstore chain, stepped neatly into the gap to provide Cerritos students with unbroken service two weeks before summer semester.

Corrie Thibodeaux, store manager under both Wallace and Follet, was grateful for the quick and overwhelming support of the new corporation. "They pulled managers from all the local stores around here to help us put it together."

Although the bookstore folding was without warning, no interruption of student services occurred due to a well rehearsed corporate vision implemented by the home office.

Director of Operations Wayne Nunnery said, "It was amazing." They knew what they wanted that bookstore to look like before they Continued on page 2





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Photo Courtesy of Hagop Najarian

Students enrolled in summer art class get a first-hand glimpse of history while learning. The class lived in Rome and was able to travel while attending classes

Art class roams Rome's hills

ALICIA WARNER STAFF WRITER

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During the second session of summer school, a Beginning Drawing, taught by Hagop Najarian left to study in Italy for four weeks. There were 24 students who went on the trip to Italy along with two advisers.

The group of students had been preparing for this trip for quite some time before it left, learning history, culture and the 'anguage. While in Rome, the students studied many historical buildings, statues, and the city life. The students went to school at the University of Washington Rome campus and learned how to draw four days out of the week from 9 a.m. to noon by Najarian.

They also had 24 hour access to the studio, so they could work in the have a moped or a smart car, which only one person can fit in.

es from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. everyday The class' main focus was in Rome, but students traveled to little just to spend time with their family. hill towns that had their own style Everyone was so intrigued by all the history around the city their sketch books were filled with many "Rome has a very busy life to it

and each city has its own charm," drawings. Najarian says. Rome has so much great art that field trips while on their visit and

to them.

had lots of free time to just explore the students got up close and perthe cities and have some time to sonal with many famous places such as the Michelangelo's David, reflect on the historical sites. the Vatican, St. Frances of Assisi and the Colosseum. everyday to write their thoughts,

The students lived in the center ideas, and drawings. Students engaged in activities in the city such of Rome called the Piazza Campo Dei Fiori, which was near the as the disco in the colosseum, that had a variety of music for every-Vatican.

The students did have homeone's enjoyment and dinner. work like a normal Beginning fresh everyday. The students could Drawing class would have except go down to the market place and get they got up close to the real thing.

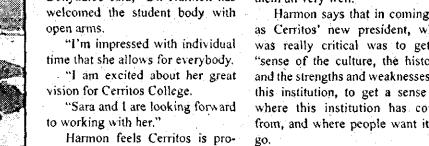
They actually make time to go placed on every corner. home and shut down their business-

Najarian plans on making this an annual trip for the class and will continue to stay in Rome. "Where else can you go that you

have so much art history wrapped up in one city," Najarian says. The trip cost \$2,500 for four

weeks in Italy. The students paid for the trip themselves and some students had help from financial aid and student loans. Jun-Sik Kim contributed

to this article



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in as president

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to know who she is.

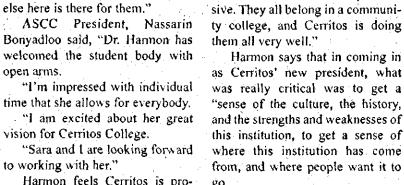
dents." she said.

gressive, innovative, and that it understands its role; a role that she thinks she is a perfect fit for, one that did not feel quite suitable for Adirondáck College.

Harmon feels that Cerritos "is very different from the organization I was at previously. And I think that's a real critical factor. You need to understand who you are as a leader, and what your values are. As much as possible you have to match that with the organization that you're going to be leading."

Before coming to Cerritos, Harmon says she wanted to make sure that it wass "an organization that fit with who I am and what I believe, and I believe that's absolutely the case."

While there were grumblings at Adirondack College, that under



"And in doing that, you find what it is that you can do in order to further that mission in order to bring that institution along."

Harmon says her primary responsibility as president will be to ensure that Cerritos College runs smoothly, that the mission and the objectives of the school are being fulfilled, that people are being hired using a fair process, that they're being supported in the job that they're hired for, that they're being evaluated, and that information is shared with them.

[•]Harmon says it's also important to present a public face to the community, and to state and national organizations. In this way, she plays a key role in getting grants and recognition at these levels.

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Harmon it was becoming too vocational, she says that she is "very "I want them to know that Dr. excited" about Cerritos because Jane Harmon is here to serve stu-"[we] are truly a comprehensive community college, and I've been "I want to be as visible as I can at institutions that haven't underwith students. I want to be able to stood that role, that you can have a meet with student leadership, with strong academic and honors prostudent clubs, I'd like to be in on gram, and at the same time have a celebrations because I want people strong career and vocational proto know that the president of this gram.

"Those are not mutually exclusive. They all belong in a communi-

ty college, and Cerritos is doing Harmon says that in coming in as Cerritos' new president, what was really critical was to get a "sense of the culture, the history, and the strengths and weaknesses of

studio whenever they liked. They went on many walking and bus trips around the city looking for things to draw or sketch in their books.

Mostly everywhere you travel in Rome is by walking unless you

Students were overwhelmed by all the different ways the people in Italy live their life. They live a very different

lifestyle than Americans. "They live life first and jobs are second," Najarian says.

fresh fruit, vegetables and practical ly anything they wanted. Many students tried coffee and gelato for the first time. Whenever the students got

The students took four major

The students even kept a journal

The food was excellent and

thirsty they would drink out of the public water fountain that was

Senior Center construction begins

ing program in the spring.

Continued from page 1 quent visits to the center, allowing students to obtain experience in their chosen field of study.

Cerritos students are greeting skills they learn in class and immethe senior center with a warm diately apply them to a real situareception. "I think the senior center tion, 1'm excited about it." will help the nursing program a

lot," says Nohelia Fonseca, a stuenthusiastic about the senior center dent who will be entering the nurscompletion.

Arthur Walking, a 77- year-old "Students will be able to use the Cerritos resident said "I would enjoy living in the center, maybe some the college students youthful-Prospective residents are also ness would rub off on me."



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EDITORIAL

The more things change

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With an incoming college president and two new vice-presidents, three long-held seats on the board of trustees are up for grabs. Combined with the groundbreaking of the senior care center and other improvements, these changes promise vast challenges and opportunities for college and surrounding communities. At the same time, it seems nothing much

changes from year to year. Several coaches are suing the school for "wrongful disciplinary actions" as a backlash means of diverting attention from their own departmental mismanagement activities.

Two members of the college community have left amid a torrent of Gossip and innuendo regarding their personal lives away from campus. Hack writers on a local paper spew inflammatory yellow journalism about the college and its members.

As if the legal and moral wrangling were not enough, there are other problems on campus to be concerned about 4

College communities are traditional strongholds of democratic idealism and political change, yet circulated polls and petitions remain unsigned and unnoticed.

Many instructor evaluations last semester came back incomplete, illegible or did not come back at all.

Impacted classes are filled to overflowing by students who drop in the middle of the semester, leaving other students without seats.

These are symptoms of a larger plague of apathy and an overwhelming attitude of "I can't make a difference" infecting American society.

Yet how many armchair quarterbacks are willing to rise up out of their comfy couches, dust the cheesy puffs off their beer guts and do something to make a change for the better?

If the board of trustees is doing such a bad job, why do they keep getting re-elected to office? If the college is not meeting the needs of the com-

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Busy getting hasseled by the man...

ARMANDO BROWN EDITOR IN CHIEF In last semester's final issue of the Talon Marks, a student who apparently had a bad experience with campus police officers. sent in a letter to the editor. This officer had been "incon-

siderate," and had "condescending" attitudes while giving him a ticket. According to the letter, the

student was given a ticket for not stopping at a stop sign he says he did stop at. When he tried to dispute the officers' claim, he says their atti-

tudes became even worse. I wish we could have heard the officers' side of the story community must be aware of because there are two sides to every story.

We've all heard terrible stories about inconsiderate and condescending police officers. Then again, we've also heard

stories about people who refuse to admit when they're wrong.

the attitude that they have been terribly wronged by any form of contact with police. I applaud this student for

sending in his letter about his experience with the campus police.

Whether completely accurate, or maybe a little overblown, the

even the slightest possibility the police might have been a little people.

heavy-handed, If that type of behavior is allowed to go on unchecked, there is the danger that it could become worse.

I am sure the corrupt officers Sometimes these people have at the L.A.P.D.'s Rampart division did not immediately start planting drugs on people.

They probably started disregarding people's rights on a much smaller scale, maybe by being inconsiderate and condescending with traffic violators.

When they saw people did not speak out against it, they may

have became more arrogant and confident their mistreatment of

The police are people who are supposed to protect us and make us feel safe.

They are not supposed to cause us to worry about mistreatment whenever we are pulled over for a traffic violation.

I hope the situation the student wrote about in his letter was overblown.

I hope Cerritos College's campus police are fair and considerate to the students they are supposed to be protecting.

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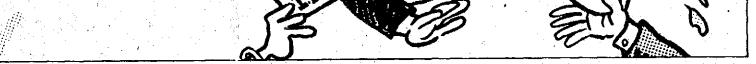
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munity and its students, then why hasn't anybody done something about it.

If something is broken, then why doesn't somebody fix it? 🗇 🔮 👘 🗄 👘 Two incumbents and four challengers will be running for three seats on the board of trustee's this fall. This community needs to make these people understand our desires regarding classes and instructors, parking and student services.

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We must have a forum where they can express their view. Next, voters need to be willing to actually go to out and vole... and then to hold those elected officials accountable for their actions. A democracy only works when all its citizens participate in the governance of their community and nation. If the community is not participating in its own governance, then the people are only getting what they deserve when they get substandard representation. It is easy to bitch and complain, it is hell of a lot harder to go out and make a difference.



Wild child large and in charge

ARMONDO BORBOA has gone overnight from STAFF WRITER "Jenna who?" to instant The great part of national party animal and being related to a public naughty girl.

figure like the President Underage drinking, of the United States is the sneaking into bars and instant celebrity status. wild parties are a normal and recognition incurred. rite of passage for most of On the other hand, the us as we get older. problem with being relat-Sure it is illegal, but ed to the President of the then again so is speeding United States is the on the freeway and makinstant notoriety and ing a rolling stop. scrutiny by the public.

Getting the punish-With the elevation of ment we so rightly her old man to the top deserve is just the price office of the land, Jenna we pay for our fun.

After all, it is all a part of growing up, The fact that Jenna

happens to be surrounded by a highly trained and heavily armed corps of secret service personnel does not seem to be a problem for her, however. You can bet the farm she will never be hassled

by guys asking for her number or somebody messing with her drink. The only problem i see is the army of tabloid

reporters following in her

wake, catching every bro- let her hair down and ken nail and run in her nylons on film. Come on, guys... give

her a break! It's hard enough being in the public eye when there by choice. It must be a nightmare for a teenager who just wants to have some fun. Chelsea had a relatively free pass to grow up unmolested by the

tabloids.

party away from the stress of being the daughter of the president? The next time you are

in town, go ahead and give me a buzz, Jenna. Have your people call my people and let's do lunch. I'm a hell of a dancer, entertaining enough to keep you smiling and I

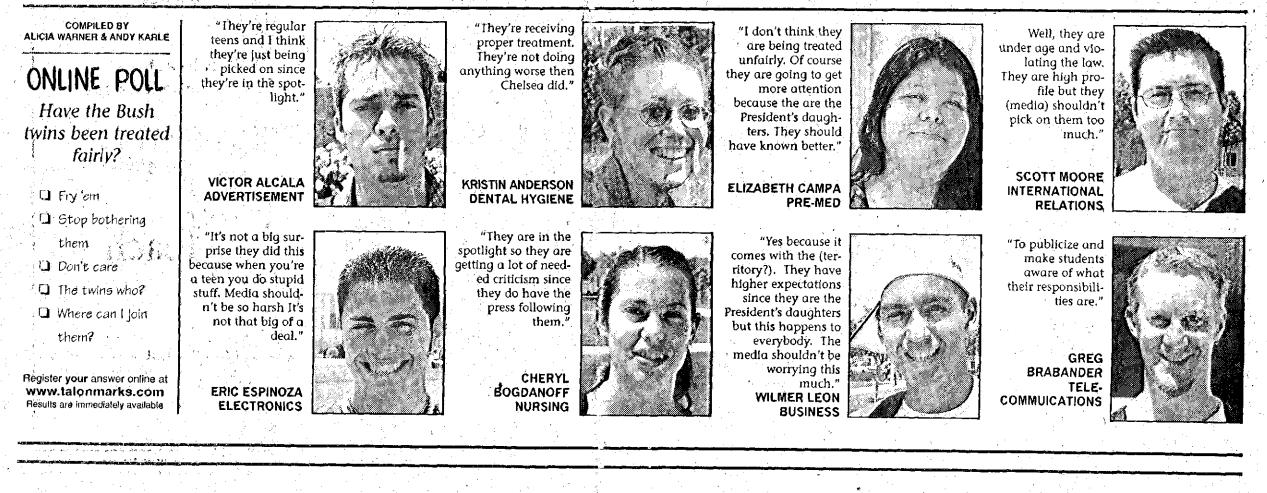
am also smart enough to not get caught. I would love to hang Doesn't Jenna deserve with you and have people say, "Armondo who? the same consideration to

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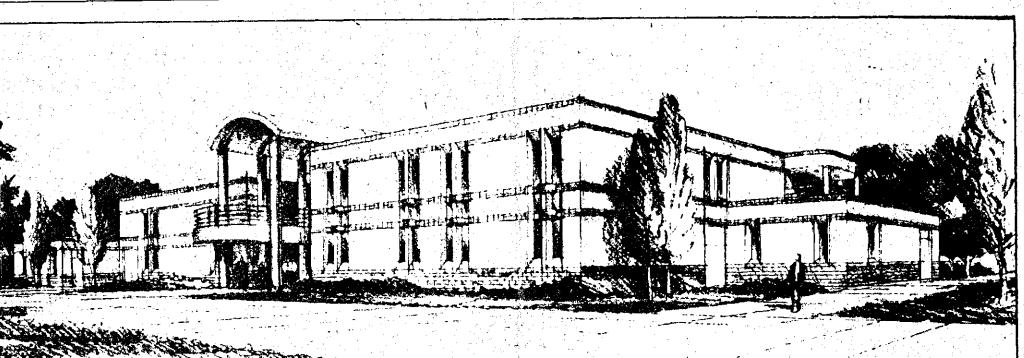
Rich Cameron Instructional Aide Nancy Ballard

Letters to the Editor are subject to editing due to content and spacing. Letters must be submitted the Thursday before publication at Talon Marks, AC 42.

Campus Comment Jenna Bush received a \$600 fine, loss of driver's license for 30 days, 36 hours of community service and lots of national attention for using a fake ID. Have she and her sister Barbara been treated fairly?







Artist's conception of new building to replace the current round Lecture Hall. The building is expected to be completed by early 2005.

New science and math building due

SYLVIA DURAN

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STAFF WRITER The Cerritos College Lecture Hall and Natural Sciences. buildings will be demolished and replaced by a \$20 million state-of-the-art Science and Math Complex by 2005.

The two-story, 61,609 square foot structure, will include six lecture halls, four chemistry labs, five biology labs, a prep area and offices.

The project is estimated at a total cost of \$19.43 million.

Norman Fujimoto, Instructional Dean of the Science, Engineering and Math Division.

"We're all very excited. It's like building a new home." Referring to the design of the Lecture Hall, which was built in the 1960's, Liberal Arts major Marissa Gonzalez said, "It's about time they replaced that dinosaur of a building."

Director of Physical Plant Michael Sebak explained, "The new structure will be built to meet current codes and chemistry

"However, the state is likely to make adjustments," said lab requirements such as proper ventilation and waste receptacles."

Geography Instructor Robert Kreger agrees with the decision to develop the school. "We need classrooms modern in technology that are carefully planned and laid out to satisfy the

Construction will begin in 2003 and end in late 2004 or early 2005. The Natural Sciences labs will remain open during the development to accommodate students until construction of the new building is done.

finished, the Natural Sciences building will also be demolished.

posed plans for a cross-campus master plan five years ago. During inspection, the Lecture Hall was found in serious need of repairs.

Fujimoto said that since it "didn't make sense to remodel," administrators submitted proposals for improvements to the Chancellor's Office. The state approved the building and released funding for preliminary plans.

"It's a major impact," Fujimoto raved. "It's a wonderful opportunity for Cerritos College. It's definitely a step in the right direction for the future of this college.'

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Women's soccer

Contined from page 6 continue once we start playing games.

"This team has a ton of potential."

After a scrimmage at San Diego City College Saturday, the team will play at Antelope Valley, Rio Hondo and Golden West Colleges before coming home to face El Camino College Sep. 7.

Jensen called the preseason games "a big test for us, and the [players] are aware of that.

"They know what they have to do those first couple of games.

"Every game, I know that we'll just get better and better. So I can't wait to start playing because it's so exciting.

"We can't wait to see who's going to emerge as the leaders of the team, and who's going to pick up the slack when the other [players] are down."

Volleyball

Contined from page 6 Sep. 7 and 8. Ortega said, "We are going to

play tough teams in the Arizona tournament. "What makes me think that the

team is ready to play is that in practice the team feels that it is ready to start the season.

Middle blocker Vanessa Sed said that the team is starting to build team chemistry. She continued, "We need to

come ready to play.

"August 31 is going to be a practice game for us. In that game we will find other areas to work on. "We have a good chance of making state."

Follett takes over bookstore

Continued from page 1 even set foot on campus." Most students did not even notice the changeover. "There's more students, new lines ..., better access." stated drafting Major Albert Granados.

Other students cited the cash-only line, the new shelving rows and the improved organization systems as positive aspects. A major concern to the college and

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the Associated Students of Cerritos College (ASCC) was the status of the staff and student employees working in the store under Wallace.

According to Nassrin Bonyadloo, ASCC president and student trustee, "That was one of the first things we asked them (Follett) about."

Some of the improvements brought by the new management are the additional registers, the on-line ordering and the overnight ordering of specialty items. "If we don't have a general edition book, we can probably get it within 24 to 48 hours," Thibodeaux said.

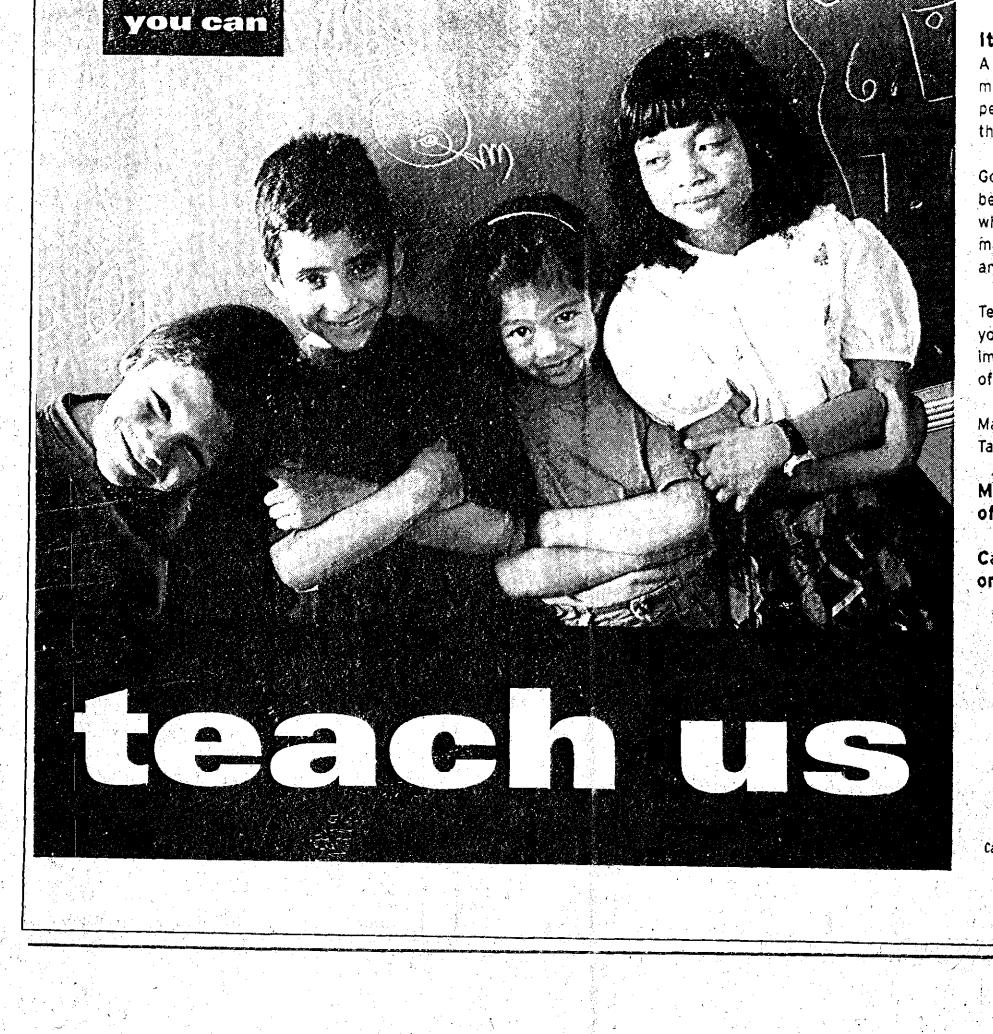
Students are also encouraged to purchase their items at the bookstore rather than going off campus to find better prices.

"We will price match any competitor's listed price, so they might as well come here," declared Thibodeaux.

teachers' and students' needs."

When construction of the Science and Math Complex is

- The change was brought about when school officials pro-



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DRIVING THE BALL - Miguel Zepeda (center) dribbles around a defender during practice. The defenders are playing for a spot on the team.

Photo by Elizabeth Parra/TN

New soccer coach will rely on defense

JOHN KITANO SPORTS EDITOR

With a new coach and a new playbook, the men's soccer team looks to get back to winning games. After taking the South Coast Conference title in 1999, the Falcons finished 2000 with a 2-17-3 record. Juan Torres begins his first year as the Falcons' head coach. He played on the 1999 team and was an assistant coach last season.

He said that the last season was "disastrous"

because the team had a lot of injuries. With improved conditioning and a "new system of plays," he expects the team to "score a lot of goals" and "complement the offense and defense" to reach its goal of winning the SCC championship.

At forward, two new players will join returning sophomore Nestor Elias.

They are Nino Piazzi and Jorge Vargas, who Torres

calls "real good players."

The defense will rely on newcomers Ivan Cano, Tony Toledo, Alex Arce, and Josue.

Torres predicted that they will be the "best defenders Cerritos has ever had in its history." The players also see improvement,

Miguel Zepeda said "We have a lot of offensive firepower" and "good chemistry. Something we didn't have last year."

He added that the team is "more confident" than last year, and with "closer bonds" between the players, will be "a lot better on the field."

Calvin Ruiz said that the new system of plays is "more offensive minded" and hopes that it will "put the ball more in the net."

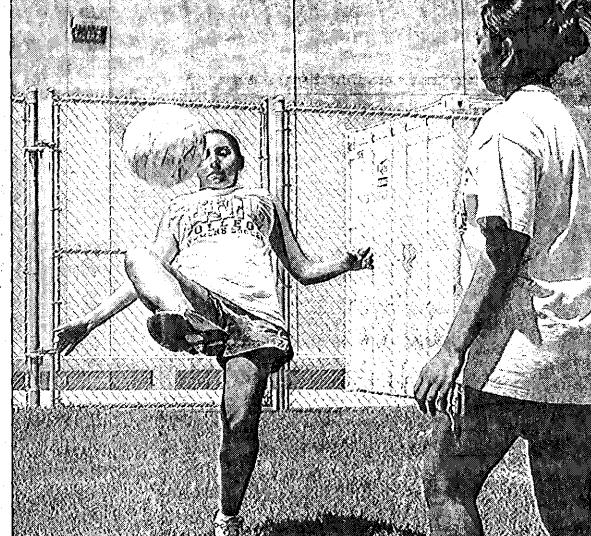
The Falcons open the season Monday at Orange Coast College. Their first home game is Aug. 29 against Victor Valley College.

Early season sports schedules

MEN'S SOCCER

may be best ever JOHN KITANO Escorsia said that this year's SPORTS EDITOR team is a "lot better overall" and is The players and coaches of the

Women's team



women's soccer team are looking forward to the upcoming season, expecting to win games at both ends of the field.

After finishing in fifth place in the South Coast Conference, the team expects to improve on its 6-11-3 record in 2000.

Head coach Debbie Jensen said that this year's edition "looks like" the best team in seven years.

"Everybody is excited. We have a really balanced team this year on offense and defense.

attacking team this year. Which will lead to scoring more goals.

"On the other end, we have a stronger, more solid defense, which I think is going to be able to shut down the other teams, and decrease the number of goals scored against

"This is where our balance is coming in."

The team will depend on returning players Lupe Chavez and Jessica Escorcia.

expected to play big roles this season, along with goalkeeper Carmen Cortes, Funes, a freshman, said that the team is working as a unit. "We hope to treat everyone equally and as a family."

Claudia Lozano and Mirna

Funes are among the new players

"more skilled."

She added that everyone is "getting along, and that's what's most important, to bond with each other," Georgina Molina, who played "We're going to have a better for Cerritos two seasons ago, said that this team has a "good defense" and "looks way better" than the 1999 team.

Jensen said that the whole team has a good work ethic and great attitude.

"They don't complain about the heat. They just get the job done at practice.

"We've seen some players improve over the summer, and we know that the improvement will Continued on page 5

Photo by Armando Brown/TM PRACTICE KICK - Lupe Chavez kicks the ball in the air as Maria Zuniga watches.

Aug. 27-4 p.m. at Orange Coast Aug. 29 3 p.m. Victor Valley Sep. 1-3 at Southwestern Tourn. Sep. 7.2 p.m. at Citrus Sep. 11 4 p.m. at Glendale Sep. 12.4 p.m. at Cypress Sep. 14.4 p.m. at Mt. San Antonio

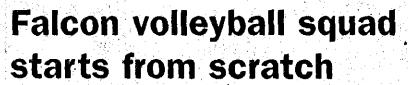
WOMEN'S SOCCER

Aug. 25-12 p.m. at San Diego City (Scrimmage). Aug. 28 4 p.m. at Antelope Valley Aug. 31-3 p.m. at Rio Hondo Sep. 3.6 p.m. at Golden West Sep. 7 4 p.m. El Camino Sep. 11 4 p.m. at Compton Sep. 14.4 p.m. L.A. City

VOLLEYBALL

Aug: 31-2 p.m. Scrimmage pool play at Riverside Sep. 5.2 p.m. Scrimmage pool play at Cerritos Sep. 7-8 at Prescot, AZ Tourn. Sep. 12 7:30 p.m. Santa Ana 🔅 Sep. 14 7:30 p.m. Sacramento City

Sep. 15 at Cypress Tourn.



DAVID AMEZCUA STAFF WRITER

Even though the Cerritos College women's volleyball team has no key returning players, it is ready to start the season.

Last season the team lost in the playoffs to Long Beach City College by a score of 15-4, 15-3 and 15-3. The team finished with a record of 15-4 overall and second place in the South Coast Conference with a record of 9-3.

Cérritos coach Teresa Ortega said that she is not worried about not having any returning key players, saying that the new players have good potential.

She said, "We need to improve in all areas of the game.

"The two areas that we need to improve the most are serving and passing. Because due to the new rule change, if we miss a serve the other team automatically gets a

point. She said that Long Beach, Pasadena, and El Camino are the teams to watch out for this season. "I think we can match up against those other teams."

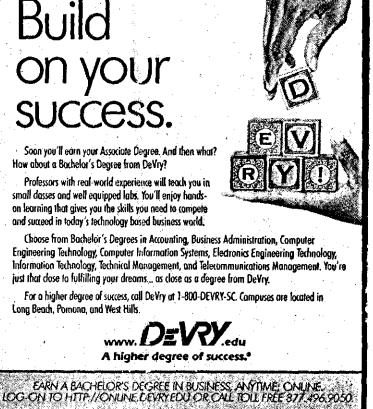
Defense specialist Lilly Cabrera said that the team looks good. "We have lots of talented players." "We have to help each other out.

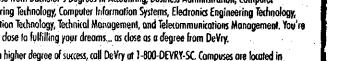
We have to motivate each other." "I think we will give those other

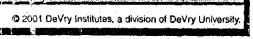
teams a good match." Ortega said, "I don't know how long it will take the team to be one the best teams in conference.

"As the season goes on I am looking for the team to improve, and that should take the pressure off of them."

The Falcons will play in scrimmages Aug. 31 at Riverside and Sep. 5 at Cerritos, and travel to Prescott, Arizona for a tournament Continued on page 5







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