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UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Renovations on campus ready students and staff for future

Construction: Cerritos College gears up for the next few phases of construction, with the Child Development Center and the Culinary Arts kitchen set by the end of Fall. The most recent addition to the campus is the new Liberal Arts and DSPS building, which was finished last June.

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A bunch of rubble, obnoxious noise and talk of the future is all that's immediately evident thus far on campus.

But what goes down, must come up - er - right?

With the emergence of the Liberal Arts and Disabled Students Services building, inch-by-inch does the completion of the grand construction plan come to be.

The new building now serves as a benchmark for all other future buildings.

The following is what's next in line for the construction on campus.

- The Child Development Center is the next

to be completed, with the completion of the structure set for the end of this semester - in December.

- The Culinary Arts kitchen is slated for completion that same month, filling the void that Oh No Tokyo! left behind in the Student Center.
- The renovation of the Learning Resources Center will be worked on during this time, as well. Excess equipment during this time will be placed in the Multipurpose building.
- Along with these plans in mind also came the groundbreaking of the warehouse building last August, paving the way for the Fine Arts complex, set to be completed January 2016.
- January 2016 will also see the Computer Information Systems and Math building finished, lurking where the current Technology building stands.

Board of Trustee President Carmen Avalos said, "Having been a student here, I think it's phenomenal to see this college come up to the standard that I know we're known for.

"To be able to offer facilities that are state of the art, where students can continue and achieve their goals; to be a part of those successes, that's what we're looking forward to."

All the construction fits into the Facilities Master Plan established in 2011. In accordance with the plan are these guidelines:

- Maximize functional space.
- Eliminate non-functional space.
- Improve efficiency and utilization of site and facilities.
- Right-size the campus to address program needs.

- Develop a collegial learning environment.
- Improve campus identity, connections and circulation.
- Simplify implementation.

Whether or not the new structures fit these presented molds, the goal has always been to be in accordance with the well-being and the future of the student.

Trustee Shin Liu said, "I'm actually jealous of these students. We did a great job to plan all this, so students would be able to have these state-of-the-art buildings; for their children, and maybe even for their children, too. It'll stay for awhile."

Panoramic view of the new Liberal Arts and DSPS Building: Page 4 and 5.

Search team to take shape with firm interviews at board meeting

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President Linda Lacy's looming retirement has the board taking action and starting a search team.

The board will interview two firms during the board of trustees meeting Wednesday. The meeting starts at 5:30 p.m.

"I have not met any of the firms," Trustee John Paul Drayer said. "I am open minded to see who does the best job of answering all the questions to conduct the best possible search for our college."

According to Trustee Shin Liu, five firms applied to help in the search for a new president and superintendent.

Out of the five firms, ELS group and CCSS will be the firms interviewed at Wednesday's board meeting.

Liu was one of three subcommittee members who

was in charge of determining the top-two firms who would go on and do a second-level interview. The other two were Board President Carmen Avalos and Board Secretary Marisa Perez.

Liu said, "All five firms are very qualified. It was a very hard decision for the subcommittee members to select the top two to do the second-level interview."

The purpose of the firm interviews is to "provide executive level consulting services to the board for the president and superintendent position ... and to finalize a contract with the selected firm," according to the board of trustees agenda.

The contract would be ratified on the Sept. 17 board meeting, with the services of the selected firm to cost roughly around \$22,000 to \$32,000; the money coming out of the 2014-2015 Cerritos College general fund budget.

Lacy announced the decision to retire last June, effective for July 2015.



DANIEL LINARES/TM

Retirement: Cerritos College President Linda Lacy (far right) announced her retirement last June, set to take place July 2015. The board will interview firms during Wednesday's meeting to aid in the search for Lacy's replacement.

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Renovations: The Student Center featured new food choices to Cerritos College, such as the Fresh and Natural's One: Bowl and Market Deli and Burdogs Gourmet Eats. These new choices have replaced Chicago Harv's and Frantone's. The renovated Elbow Room has changed its appearance to welcome new and returning students with a nice look.

New food and new look for Cerritos

Student Center features new food choices.

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For returning student Melissa Uranga, a sociology major, she said dining at one of the two new eateries available on campus was an exciting experience.

The new food vendor, Fresh and Natural, splits into two new places - One: Bowl and Market Deli and Burdogs Gourmet Eats. They both offer similar menu items with the eateries they have replaced.

Both replaced the burger-filled menu of Chicago Harv's, and the pizza-run menu of Frantone's.

With items offered on its menu, One: Bowl and Market Deli has already caught the eyes of students dining on campus.

"I stopped by (One: Bowl and Market Deli) today because I was really hungry and it seemed to be one of the healthiest option(s) offered here on campus," said communications major Frank Rodarte.

On the flip side.

Biology major Carlos Perez said, "Although the menu is very similar to Oh No Tokyo!, One: Bowl and Market Deli has nothing compared to it."

Burdogs Gourmet Eats also offers similar items on its menu as Chicago Harv's.

The choices span between a Western-Rider burger, a barbeque burger; a Black-and-Blue burger, a black-bean patty with blue cheese; and six other burgers all for under \$4.75.

Medical assistant major Jesus Meillon said he was satisfied with his experience at Burdogs Gourmet Eats.

"I randomly chose to eat here today and was surprised it was good," he said. "But, although the price seemed to be very similar to Chicago Harv's, I would still prefer Chicago Harv's over this."

Although the new eateries have already sparked some discussion about their menu, some students still prefer Taco Bell, the only remaining food vendor from last semester.

Gerardo Martinez, computer science major, said he decided to play it safe for the first day of the semester.

"I wanted to play it safe. To be honest, I didn't know what the other restaurants were since they had no signs up on top."

Renovated Elbow Room opens doors to students.

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The Elbow Room has debuted its renovations this semester to new and returning students at Cerritos College.

The Elbow Room is both quick and convenient for students in a rush to get to their next class or go to work.

Elizabeth Luna, education major, said, "Good service. Worth the wait. Healthy food," when summing up the convenience store.

According to students, the renovations make the store look lively and the usage of the space made it look like there is more room.

Tiffany Nguyen, the manager of the Elbow Room, said, "There are still many improvements to come. I want to make it a happier environment."

Students seemed to be mixed about the new look, with them being both enthusiastic and disappointed

about the new features and additions that have been made.

Phillip Shura, commutative disorders major, said, "It looks nice, but it still lacks some variety. Maybe it's because it is the first day and whatnot."

The Elbow Room was also being considered to be moved into the recently constructed Liberal Arts and Disabled Student Services Building, but some students had no idea, or wondered why it had not been moved at all.

The previous semester, it was mentioned to be a part of the new complex.

Nguyen spoke on that as well, "I have no idea why it wasn't moved there, but I think that it will be moved in the next few years."

The Elbow Room seems to have done well due to its renovations, with Nguyen showing pride about the upgraded facility.

Many students are looking forward to what the Elbow Room has to offer in the days to come.

"As the manager of (the) Elbow Room, I take pride in what I do here and hope to continue my business here," she said.

The Convocation outlines new plans for current school year



Plans: "Cerritos College is here for the community, whether it's your first year after highschool or 10 years since you've been to school. Everyone is welcome," ASCC President Miles Aiello said during his speech at the Convocation. The Convocation outlined plans for cheaper or electronic textbooks, new buildings and the retirement of President Linda Lacy.

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"It's a special time of year," said President Linda Lacy in her opening speech of the Convocation.

The Convocation took place last Thursday at the Burnight Center Theatre at 11 a.m.

To begin, Lacy asked the faculty to join her in a moment of silence for the passing of soccer-athlete Jasmine Cornejo, Chief of Police Richard Bukowiecki and former softball coach and hall-of-famer Nancy Kelly.

There was also a song dedicated to Lacy performed by band-led music instructor David Betancourt, in a parody to the song "Lowrider."

"I think it went very well. We tried to present some good information and start off on a good foot for the year," Lacy said.

The Convocation aimed to inform faculty about the plans for the new year, as well as welcoming Cerritos faculty and congratulating others who received commendations, such as Outstanding Classified Employees.

Many of the speakers addressed Lacy directly due to her retiring.

Dr. Solomon Namala, the Cerritos College Faculty Federation president said, "I think it went well. It was a nice time to start off the year. A little sad, given the

passing of our community members. We have a lot to do as faculty."

During his speech, Namala gave thanks to the members of the CCFF and faculty for their support.

"We actually want to work on a 16-week calendar. Many of the students, we can tell as teachers, that 16-week calendars are much better for students," he added.

During the Convocation, Vice President of Business Services David El Fattal outlined the master plan for new buildings and renovations in the gym, like Automotive and Technology services and the Social Science building in the coming years.

Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Joanna Schilling outlined her plan to help provide students with cheaper books and alternative electronic resources.

She wanted to open new avenues of learning for students in the future.

Schilling said, "My big goal this year is to support faculty and developing open educational resources. To me, that's a prime issue that we really need to address because student textbook costs are just soaring."

Schilling understands the burden of book costs.

"So we need to find alternatives and ways to help our students afford their education," Schilling added.

Faculty noted that more student-involvement would be informative.



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EDITORIAL

New semester, new places to get food

With the new changes to the Elbow Room and the Student Center, many students wonder whether it was worth the money and wait. Well, it all depends on how much worth, you, the student, are willing to put into it.

Gone are the quick, greasy and delicious meals of Frantone's, Chicago Harv's and Oh No Tokyo!

Now, for about the same price, you get healthier food options. If you absolutely fear change, then Taco Bell is still there next to the new food stations.

The new food places are a breath of fresh air, so to speak, since there are two Frantone's on campus. Now, students have options between something other than a burger or pizza. Sometimes, one has to think about how many students eat there begrudgingly and out of desperation before the start of the next class.

Within walking distance of the Cerritos campus are a sea of fast-food burger places and quick convenient stores. Let's face it folks, there aren't a lot of options for us healthy students.

As far as the Student Center goes, maybe instead of Taco Bell, there could have been a Subway or a Quiznos or something other than tacos and burritos.

The obvious benefits to these changes is that a lot of students will be happy about eating out at school and feeling awful for betraying their diet or messing up their carbohydrate count.

Again, it all really comes down to how much value you're willing to put into the new changes here at Cerritos College.

Take for example the Elbow Room.

At first glance it may not look all that different, but it actually looks neater, welcoming and more modern. Of course, it would have been better to show off its new look in a the recently opened Liberal Arts building.

Just as well, with only two places on campus to get a quick snack and the ever-so-important Scantron sheet, the Elbow Room is really an underrated resource if ever there was one. Its stock has changed and it's also serving healthier snack options, in addition to the familiar junk food snacks.

It makes it more convenient for students who don't want to walk down the flight of stairs of the Social Science building to go across campus to the bookstore and back, so that they can buy a Scantron for an early morning pop quiz.

It would have been great to have the Elbow Room turn into this cool, hip cyber cafe; a place where students can gather 'round, sip coffee, contemplate the mysteries of the universe and pretend to write a screenplay.

As far as improving the quality of Cerritos College students, we're heading in the right direction. Most of the readers will probably be gone by the time books are free and everyone gets the classes they want when they want them.

Oh, and you can't forget a trans fat-free sandwich and jet packs.

As students, we've made a lot of progress improving the quality of our lives here, there's always more we can do and a lot more changes we can implement.

In terms of money, the changes that came with the expenditure was worth it. Students have a greater selection of choice for food - in conjunction with the burger places near the campus - the Elbow Room's new look invites more students to come in and buy necessities.

In a nutshell, the changes, for students here and now, are truly worth it. But only if you're willing to take advantage of them.



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A battle of phones: Who's the best?



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Siri, can you change the channel please? No? Thought so. For the last couple of years, Apple's iPhone has dominated the smartphone market, but that has quickly changed due to the capabilities and customization that its major rival, Android, is able to excel at. And as for Windows, it still has quite a ways to go before it is able to fully compete with these two juggernauts.

Not only are Androids, for the most part, more affordable than the iPhone, they are also by far more capable of being personalized to each single user.

For example, the Samsung Galaxy S5 and HTC One, among other phones, are able to become universal remote controls. Who needs to be slaving around looking for the remote control when you can just as easily change the channel

using your Android phone? Not only that, but you can also raise the volume and turn the television on or off with your phone.

Affordable phones aside, Android's Google Play Store has by far the most options in any of the three mobile application markets. With only 300,000 available apps, according to CNET.com, Windows is unable to compete in the smartphone market because of its small app count, just like Blackberry. Ultimately, Windows phones will reach the same fate as Blackberry and will never be able to compete in a market dominated by both Android phones and iPhones.

With the simple addition of the ASmart Remote app found in the Google Play store, users are able to control over 700,000 devices. The closest thing an iPhone can do is check your local listings; and as for Windows, not even close.

We live in a social media driven world, so why

not customize your phone in the same way? Although the iPhone's lock screen has a nice modern, simple look, Android phone users are able to customize what they see on their lock screens.

Given that some people may argue that a lock screen only serves to keep information hidden to others, some of us would rather have access to frequently used apps right from our lock screen.

With the easy installation of Start, an Android app, users are able to fully personalize what they see without having to fully unlock the phone. Users are able to get a complete view of their social media networks with notifications right there. iPhones are also able to show users their social media notifications, but only after you unlock the phone.

Being a full-time college student and having a part-time job, a phone's battery life is crucial to how much time one can enjoy being entertained by a smartphone.

The battery life on most Android devices by far surpasses the iPhone 5s. For the sake of comparison, we will only see the comparison of the Galaxy S5 and iPhone 5s, the holy grails of today's smartphone market.

While the iPhone 5s can last up to on average 10 hours of talk time, the Galaxy S5 averages about 16 hours. That's a six hour difference.

Lastly, the most obvious reason as to why Android smartphones are clearly better than the iPhone is due to screen and resolution size.

While the iPhone 5s comes at a mere four-inch display, the Galaxy S5 comes at a whopping 5.1 inch display. That's over one inch larger than the iPhone 5s. This makes the S5 perfect for streaming movies, watching videos on Youtube or playing any games on the device.

While screen size may not matter to many people, screen resolution is something everyone should be concerned about.

Who wants a phone with a mediocre screen resolution, right? An iPhone 5s comes at only 640 by 1136 pixel resolution; the Galaxy S5 comes at a massive 1080 by 1920 pixel screen. Enough said.

Next time you're in the market for a new smartphone, do yourself a favor, and go for an Android-powered phone over a has-been iPhone.

Stay tuned for Sept. 17 for why Apple is the best.



What do you think about the new food options in the Student Center?

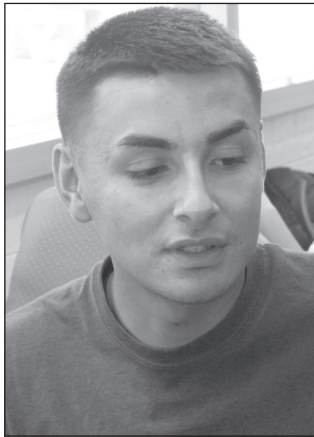
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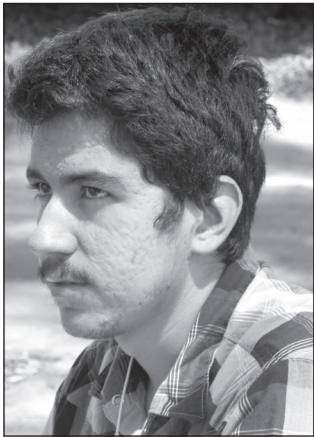
ANDREW VEGA
Culinary Arts major

"I really liked that they decided to make a change."



JESUS PINEDA
Accounting major

"It's a better environment, and I am looking forward to buying my lunch there for the rest of the year. It seems healthier than before and I love the new look to it."



SAMUEL FIENNES
Dentistry major

"It's healthy for students because they don't have to eat fatty-filled foods all the time."



RICQUELLE LOPEZ
Theater major

"I really like it. It feels like it's a great environment and it's really helpful for all the students to be able to choose to change their health trend."



ALEXIS SUAYAN
Psychology major

"I like the options because we already had a bunch of Frantone's, so it's great that they made a change to the usual menu of food available at Cerritos [College]."



Want to take a peak inside? We got you covered - the GoPro way!
Scan for a tour of the building.



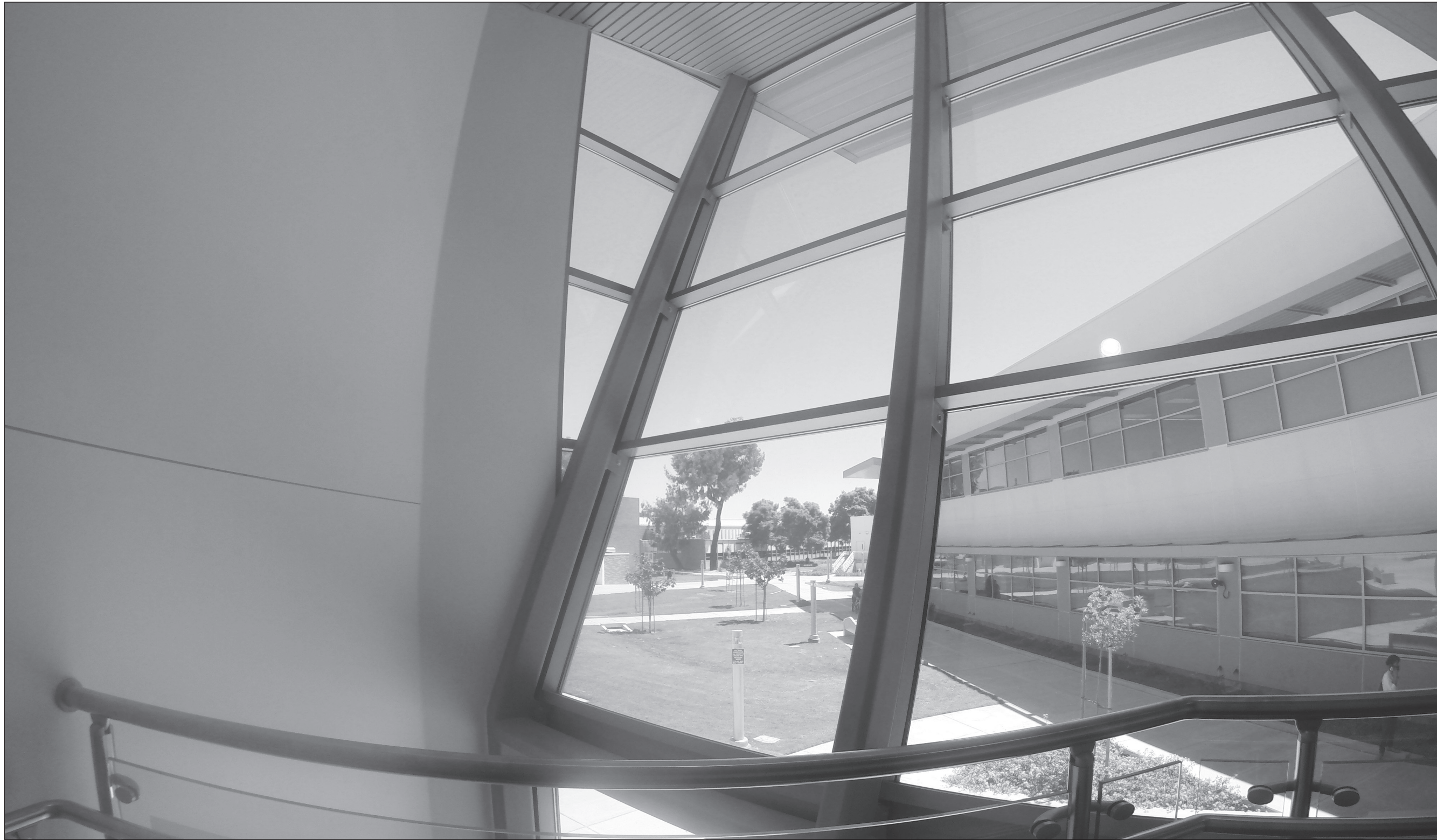
Is the building indicative of the Facilities Master Plan's objectives?
We'll be the judge of that! Scan to read our editorial.



We asked students on campus what they thought of the building.
Scan to see what you guys had to say.

Newly constructed: The Liberal Arts and Disabled Student Services building, completed last June, was officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony last July. The building is one of many pieces to the Facilities-Master-Plan puzzle. It was paid for by the General Obligation measure, which contributed roughly \$350 million in renovating the entire Cerritos College campus. With the structure now completed, it's now available and operational for students, with classes now available for this Fall semester.

Liberal Arts, DSPS building a piece of 'Facilities Master Plan' puzzle



Resources: An inside-looking-out type of look at the Liberal Arts and DSPS building. Irving Bartikofsky, disability specialist, noted that along with the renovated facility came an advanced way of learning for those in the Disabled Student Services department. New programs, like Premiere, are available for all students on campus. The program is a text-to-speech program that accomodates the needs of those with disabilities.



Liberal Arts: The new building houses the disciplines of Liberal Arts and Disabled Students Services. New resources and technologies are available, with things such as smart computers, projectors, printers; new tools are available for advanced learning.

A new addition to Cerritos College.

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The all too familiar scene of construction, serving as Cerritos College's mask at the corner of Alondra Boulevard, was but a memory when students bore witness to what was now towering over them.

A glimpse of the future is what now stood.

A roughly one-and-a-half year construction process culminated last June when the new Liberal Arts and Disabled Students Services building was completed.

At 40,000 square feet, the structure is just a piece of the Facilities-Master-Plan puzzle.

The Facilities Master Plan, established in 2011, seeks "improvement of campus buildings and aging infrastructure ... fulfilling its commitment to provide high-quality, academically-rigorous instruction," according to the Cer-

ritos College Facilities Master Plan website.

The building was paid by the General Obligation measure, which was approved in November of 2012, with the bond contributing \$350 million in renovating the Cerritos College campus.

Liberal Arts

Relocated to the northwest portion of campus, the Liberal Arts discipline leaves behind the outdated, brick structure for a new, modern look.

Cerritos Mayor Mark Pulido said about the structure at the ribbon cutting last July, "I think it's a wonderful addition to Cerritos College and also to the community."

He continued, "The common thread that I got here is that there is a tremendous love for Cerritos College, for the community, for promoting learning and development for our students."

The building, as sleek and modern it is touted to be on the outside, is just the same on the inside - academically.

The building houses new equipment that changes the way teachers teach and students learn.

A complete computer lab and "smart" classrooms provide that dynamic change. Items, such as printers or pro-

jectors, are much more easily handled and will be the resources available for all future buildings.

Trustee Shin Liu said, "It's very modern and brings new technology, this kind of modern style is good for the learning environment."

In addition to new technological resources for learning are the progressive steps taken to being more environmentally friendly as a campus. Solar panels conserve energy, among other features.

The old Liberal Arts building is now known as the Multipurpose building, which serves as a resource facility where extra offices can be placed, in addition to having extra technological equipment placed while the new Technology building is being constructed.

DSPS

The relocation of the Disabled Student Services facility from the local it had by the Student Center to the new building, playing sister to the Liberal Arts facility, provides the DSPS facility prominent visibility than before, in addition to easier access.

The DSPS portion of the building is on the first floor of

the building. Upon entry, new offices and chairs are prevalent.

The merging of the Liberal Arts and the DSPS departments make sense - geographically, as the DSPS facility is now at the entrance of the campus, echoing and fulfilling the easier access as was mentioned before.

"Before, if we wanted to get help from someone, we'd have to go across campus to get in contact, Irving Rivas Bartikofsky, disability specialist, mentioned in reference to the old DSPS layout, which had two separate facilities.

Judi Holmes, also a disability specialist, said that the close-knit layout of this new structure makes it easier for everybody to cooperate and get work done.

Not only co-workers, but students.

"Now if I need to refer a student somewhere, I don't need to say, 'Hey, go over here.' I can take them myself."

DSPS now has additional resoruces available, with new programs like Jaws, speech-to-text programs and Premiere.

Premiere is a program Holmes and Bartikofsky were adamant about, as it is available to every student on campus with access to a computer.

The additional resources will forever change the way teaching and learning is done.

More than just a label

Acedo talks about his band, love for all kinds of music and the stereotypes that come with it.

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When you look at Jose Acedo - long dark hair, band shirt, hand gestures and dressed in black clothing, it is hard not to want to label him as a “metal head.” But the term “metal head” is not all he is about.

In middle school, he had an option to either take a computer class or a music class. Without hesitation, he chose music.

While the other kids listened to “mainstream” music, he listened to all kinds of music, especially classic rock, metal, Spanish rock and old-school rap.

“I was isolated because I was listening to music people thought was weird.”

During a Halloween concert in the fifth grade, he decided he wanted to be a musician.

Instead of sitting there playing instruments, Acedo and his classmates ran on stage dressed in costumes, entertaining the crowd.

“I saw people who were stressed, sad or bullied were relieved with our music. I realized I was helping through music.”

In 2013, Acedo posted an ad on Craigslist and advertised a flyer to form a band. One year later, Acedo’s ad came to reality, forming the five-piece band called Amplified Inception.

Composed of two guitarists, a bassist, drummer and vocalist, the band incorporates various styles of music, such as ska, alternative, metal, Spanish rock and classic rock.

The band performs in backyard gigs in the Los Angeles County area, showing its talent to music lovers like the band members themselves.

Spanish rock bands, such as Heroes Del Silencio and El Tri, play a major role in how Acedo incorporates the Latin culture into his bands shows, such as piñatas and similar music styles.

Bands like KISS, his all-time favorite band, inspire Amplified Inception to stage-perform during shows.

The band throws fake-candy blood, use fog machines and allows the audience to go onstage and play its instruments.

Its lyrics talk about politics, life, brotherhood, unity and to do whatever makes you happy.

The band also performed last June for the Cerritos Commercial Music Fair.

Amplified Inception believes in the concept of giving out their music for free, because their fan’s support is already “a million dollar” feeling.

Acedo takes classes with Dr. Maz, a music recording professor, to learn more for his major, commercial music. If music doesn’t work out for him, he would like to be a psychologist.

Acedo defies the stereotype of a metal head by being a fun, cheerful and a positive young man, surprising those who have the misconception of what the word even means.

The band has aspirations and goals, but it is ealistic enough to accept that it will start off in small venues.

“Music is a way to connect with people, it connects you universally,” Acedo said.

It has a first demo and are in the process of making its second one.

His band is a sign of a celebration; it is what music and shows are all about. For Acedo, he is not a label, nor is he just a musician; he is an individual who loves music, and one day hopes to make an impact on people and leave a mark in the music industry.

Print-making instructor is promoted to full-time job

Sergio Teran is also an instructor of design and the foundation of arts.

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Sergio Teran, instructor of printmaking, design and foundation of arts, was promoted to full-time instructor for the Arts Foundation at Cerritos College for the Fall semester. He got the position after working seven years as a part-time instructor.

The Arts Foundation is made up of full-time instructors in the Arts Department who teach their specific discipline, such as ceramics, painting, drawing, printmaking design and foundations of drawing.

Teran teaches printmaking as an art form of making multiple images, with each called a print. He added, “Printmaking most commonly known as silk screening, shirts, skateboards and posters.”

In class, Teran lays the foundation of printmaking for those who are unaware of the art form, “Giving them the history breakdown, simplifying it where you can see and relate it to printmaking.”

He continued, “Then is technique, this is how they deliver the image, and then is exercise and get them to practice it and develop their own.”

Other than being an instructor, Teran has been an exhibiting artist as a painter and printmaker for 18 years. His artworks focus on storytelling, as he goes on to explain further, “They deal with the human condition and there is typically people immediate to my community who I see on the outside and use them as characters.”

Growing up in Los Angeles, he was inspired by the murals all over the city. “When you don’t ever see

art, then you see this stuff on the wall, and that’s huge. And not all cities have that, and there is history to doing murals, and that is Los Angeles to me.”

The ability and diversity of the different backgrounds of the arts students at Cerritos College is what has intrigued Teran. He can relate to their stories.

“They are my people, people I relate to and so I could see myself and I went through that struggle to get where I am at. And, at least as an example, be someone there to show ‘Hey this guy could do it, and you could do it.’”

What Teran loves most about his job as an instructor is the interaction and communication with the students. “You are constantly learning, too. As a teacher, you are teaching something that you already know that is the foundation to get them (to) the next level, but at the same time, everybody comes with different experiences,” he said.

Sussanna Negrete, a studio assistant in the printmaking class, has known Teran for six years and talks about him as a person and teacher. “He comes from the community and you see how students really respond to that. They know how to interact with him and he knows how to interact back.”

Negrete goes on to explain how he has been able to help her the most, “Being able to see someone who is really passionate about what he does and dedicates the time necessary to do what he wants to do.”

Teran explains why arts are important to community college students and to a society, “Arts is a language to communicate without actually fouling up with Mathematics or English ... and art bridges gaps for people and allows them get to places that they wouldn’t otherwise get.”

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Falcons keen on opener against Saddleback

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Last season, the football team finished with an overall record of 7-4 and a conference record of 4-2 last season. The Falcons finished with a 64-33 win over Grossmont in the Western State Bowl.

Frank Mazzotta, head coach, believed that the win was a culmination of a great season and a good bounce-back win after its loss against College of the Canyons.

That loss cost the team the playoffs and the conference championship, which it had won for two years in a row.

Mazzotta said that the team has many goals set up for this season, but the most important is winning the first game.

“Our goal is always to win the opener; win the conference; win our bowl game; win a state championship. We don’t look at it any different than that. If you talk to our players right now, our No. 1 goal is to win the opening game. That’s huge for us to do that, to get the season started right,” he said.

Brian Cable, athletic trainer, highlighted the player’s efforts.

“They worked real hard this summer. They’ve

done all of their strength stuff. We should be good. You never know until you get to the games, but everything we’ve been told and seen, they look pretty good,” said Cable.

Christian De La Luz, freshman and offensive tackle, is anxious to start this season and appreciates the work his teammates are putting in at the practices.

“I’m really excited. I think we have a lot of good players. Everyone is working really hard and the goal is (the) state championship,” he said.

According to De La Luz, one of the things that the team is focusing on is working on its speed so it can beat its opponents.

“We’re focusing on being a lot faster than our opponents. We do a lot of speed training. The coaches say ‘speed kills,’ and we’re lifting a lot, trying to get a lot stronger and just get the tempo of the game.”

He says that everyone is talking about the first game of the season against Saddleback.

Jimmy Walker, quarterback; two-year player with the Falcons, has high expectations of the team winning a lot of games and giving its best effort.

He is excited to play against Fullerton and Saddleback. “They’re two big games for us and we have conference games that are always huge.”

Mazzota, who will be coaching his 37th team

at Cerritos College, has been focusing on making the team more defensively ready for the season.

“Our strength right now on the defensive side will be our front seven - that’s our linebackers and our d-line. Some of the things we can work on is (that) we can get off the ball and communicate a lot better,” said Mazzotta.

However, he also said that it is difficult to win the first game when you only get 13 practices in before the first game against Saddleback, but he isn’t too worried because of the great staff that he has working with the team.

Beside talks of championships and strategies, coach Mazzotta also wants his players to focus on their academics. He was thrilled about the 23 scholarships his players received last year.

According to him, the easiest thing the team could do is play football, but that the player’s studies could be the hardest thing to accomplish and is something the athletes should focus on as well.

The game against Saddleback is Saturday at 7 p.m.

“We have a long history of being good and the key to all of it is having good football players,” said Mazzotta



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Contact drills: Coach Vander Sluis (right) instructs Daniel Dingman (left) and Keith Walker (middle) as they go through linebacker drills.

New recruits and game-fitness key to season



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Going for the goal: The Cerritos College water polo teams will debut at home Sept. 17 in a double-header starting at 3 p.m.

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The Cerritos College water polo program is back in action this Fall and according to the men’s head coach Joe Abing, this new breed of aquatic gladiators will be run by fresh recruits.

“Last season was a great season,” Abing said. “We had a strong run in the playoffs and I felt very good about last season.”

He continued, “It’s a completely different team than last season. We had an excellent first week and I am really excited.”

The men’s coaching staff believes that match-fitness is a crucial obstacle that could jeopardize performances.

“We are trying to get into better shape without people getting injured,” Abing said.

Sophomore Utility Carlos Abrego is a returning player that wishes to contribute heavily to the team.

Abrego has set a goal of having a huge impact on the California Community College Athletic Association during competitions.

“I want to beat Long Beach,” Abrego added.

According to him, the long-time rival of the Falcons, Long Beach City College, is a long-awaited and vengeful challenge the team faces, as the Vikings have proved to be victorious over the Falcons in the past.

Similar to its male counterpart the women’s water polo team will take to the pools this season and attempt to make a splash at conference.

Sophomore Lefty Carla Harvey believes a unit is not complete unless all individuals are on the same page when in the heat of a game.

“Probably more communication and taking better shots, but, other than that, I think we are pretty equal from last year,” Harvey said. “I’m just excited about getting this season started.”

The team has both veterans and new players at the helm.

“We are trying to just get everyone comfortable and back into shape and bonding with the team to get to know each other’s strengths and weaknesses,” she said.

Harvey has her sights set on trying to win conference and to making it to regional.

While Harvey rejoins the team as a veteran, new talent has made its way into the team’s core.

Freshman Briana Zuniga is new to team, but is tried and tested to the game.

She played all four years in high school.

“It’s exciting, a little bit nerve racking because you don’t know how your teammates are going to play,” she said.

According to Zuniga, the team’s conservative style of play on the attack has to be rewired to fire more shots toward the goal and test the opposition’s goal-keeper.

“We have to fight for it, if we want it we have to earn it.”

The men’s first home game is on Wednesday Sept. 17 at 4:15 p.m. while women’s first home game is Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 3 p.m.

Volleyball team sets sights on taking the conference

Building a strong repertoire from last season, the Falcons now have the experience.

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There is a numerous amount of energy stemming from the volleyball team this season, and expectations are very high for this team.

Head Coach Teresa Velasquez said, “My expectations right now is to win the conference and work hard for that.

“The team chemistry is very good because it’s the same thing - we have a lot of returners, so it’s always going to be a difference when we have more returners than freshman.”

One sign of determination that has been demonstrated is the fact that not only does the coach want to win conference, but the players want to win it just as badly. The team’s right-side-hitter Tisha Lenon also said, “My expectations for my respective team is to win conference, and even to make it to the first round of playoffs.”

The majority of this year’s team are returners, but it did manage to get some extra help with more players and more coaches. Lenon also stated that, “One approach that we did differently

this year was getting different coaches and doing different techniques to making it to our goals.”

Dymond Johnson, the women’s defensive specialist, said, “I will be starting off by being a red shirt, but I will be cheering my team on in the sidelines to show her support for my team.”

Even though she may not be starting right away, she will still be a part of the team and contributing in any way that she can.

As players, they all acknowledge at least one individual that will make a big impact to the team.

Lenon said,
“There are two

players that stand out to me.

“Michelle Barba, who plays as the setter, always gets us energized and pumped up and is in charge of what plays to run; and the second player that stands out to me is Jasmyne Roberts, who plays as the outside hitter, (and) is considered our star hitter and the player that sets us up.”

The team is looking very well and its is walking into the season with its chins up high and full of confidence.

The mindset has been set and are ready for a productive season as it goes on the road to winning the conference, as the team said it was.



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Long-time coach remembered at field



Hall-of-fame life: Attendees look at a poster detailing the life and accomplishments of former coach Nancy Kelly. Kelly was the first female coach at Cerritos College and had the softball field named after her in 2001.



A legend remembered: Friends and colleagues showed up to former coach Nancy Kelly's memorial to remember her contributions to the college. The event was held at the Nancy Kelly Field, where President Linda Lacy gave a speech.



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A memorial for former softball coach Nancy Kelly took place at the softball stadium last Saturday at 10 a.m. It helped remember the life of Kelly and her contributions to the sports program at Cerritos College.

The memorial was organized by the president's office at Cerritos College and Kelly's family.

People who took part in the memorial were treated to food and drinks. The Cerritos College Foundation was also accepting donations for the Nancy Kelly Academic Scholarship.

Various speakers - including recipients of her scholarship and people she mentored - at the memorial shared their thoughts and cherished moments about Kelly.

Pamela Sokolik-Putnam played with Kelly from 1974 to 1976. She was the first woman at Cerritos College to receive an academic scholarship because of Kelly and has known her for almost 40 years.

"I'm just expecting a lot of respect for Nancy. She has done so much for so many people. I wouldn't have gone to a four-year college if it wasn't for her," said Sokolik-Putnam.

Sokolik-Putnam described her as an incredible person and sports-woman.

Kelly talked about winning with integrity and honesty, a lesson that has carried on in Sokolik-Putnam's life.

Lisa Henderson, family member of Kelly, described that her love for sports carried on to the

family.

"She was so loving and fun. She had a kick of watching my kids growing up and having them involved with baseball. She just loved knowing what they were doing, she was a bright light."

Henderson said that Kelly loved being a part of Cerritos College as a teacher and a coach. She liked influencing the students in a positive way so they can be good citizens.

"There is no better place to celebrate her memory than here."

— STEVE RICHARDSON
Executive, Cerritos College Foundation

through Cerritos College," said Henderson.

Crystall Perky, catcher, talked about how Kelly would support the team even though she retired from coaching.

"I know Nancy Kelly was a very good coach and she was pretty cool. She would come out to a lot of our games and support. She was always out here showing love, she was a good woman."

Kodee Murray, coach of the softball team, met coach Kelly 13 years ago when she first started coaching.

Murray said that Kelly would always be involved, meeting every player on her team. This year's team will be the first team that Kelly won't be able to meet in person.

However, Murray brought out the team to know the story and accomplishments of the legendary

coach.

Kelly was always giving back to the team by volunteering her own time and money to improve the softball team, according to Murray.

She was there to witness the softball team win the state championship in 2008. She always contributed to the school since she first started working here.

"Coach Kelly is just an amazing person for what she has given to the program. She's a true Falcon," said Murray.

Steve Richardson, executive of the Cerritos College Foundation, said she essentially built the softball program here at Cerritos College.

Richardson said that his relationship with her spans about 14 to 15 years. She was involved with the golf tournament that they both held every year. She served on the golf committee and had golf-committee breakfasts with him.

"She loved teaching, she loved the students, she loved donating back her time and money to make this field what it is today," said Richardson.

He added, "There is no better place to celebrate her memory than here."

Kelly was the first female coach in Cerritos College history. The Nancy Kelly Field was named after her on Feb. 22, 2001.

She led the softball team to five south coast conference championships, 15 Southern California Regional Playoffs and a state championship in 1978.

She totaled 502 career wins.

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