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April 18th and  
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## No more excuses for tardiness

TARA CARTER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Antonio Anguiano attends Cerritos College on Mon. and Wed. nights; he cautiously walks through the campus to the parking lot after class hoping that he and his vehicle will depart the campus safely.

"I'm not scared, but I keep an eye out when I'm walking here at night," Anguiano said.

"This campus is really dark at night and it doesn't appear to be safe at all. I think I would be really easy for a criminal to assault someone or steal a car after night-fall."

Thanks to a bill passed the Cerritos College senate Anguiano, and the rest of Cerritos College students, will be able to walk across campus and feel a lot safer.

The Associated students of Cerritos College created senate bill 02S009 as their contribution to student success. The bill passed unanimously by the college senate on April 3, reinstates the school tram with posted hours of operation for day and night students, improves lighting on campus, provides escorts for the cosmetology students that have extended hours, extends library hours, and calls for the installation of emergency phones around campus.

"We wanted our voices heard and the administration worked with us," said Nassrin Bonyadloo ASCC president. "Safety is imperative to Cerritos College students and we (ASCC) want to make the campus as safe as possible."

Campus safety is a major concern for students at Cerritos College but many students are not aware of the safety features on campus, and do nothing to ensure their safety. Linda Dinkel, President of Alpha Gamma Sigma, conducted a survey of



Photo by Laura Aguilar

ASCC spent funds to bring back the tram in hopes of helping students feel more secure, and will help get students to class on time.

approximately 150 students and found that:

- Less than 2% perform security checks when before getting into their vehicle
- 85% did not know that the tram existed
- 80% knew the tram existed but did not

know it was for student use

- 88% would ride the tram if they knew it existed.

The new safety features on campus comes as a surprise to business major Flora Hernandez, and she is happy to see them

instituted. "Cerritos is a nice place to come to school," she said. "I am happy to see that the administration is acknowledging that our safety is as important as our education."

Not all students are as happy about the new features as Hernandez.

Shirly McDonald, a disabled student, said, "I support the tram for the student body as a whole but we (disabled students) can not use it because it is not accessible and it has no handle bars and no seat belts."

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## "American Feminist Spirit"

ALICIA WARNER  
FEATURES EDITOR

During the month of March, Cerritos College celebrated Women's History Month, but one event was postponed until April.

Mavis Leno was supposed to speak to the students of Cerritos College in March but she had to postpone the event due to a family emergency.

On April 2, Mavis Leno came to speak to the students and faculty on a presentation "The American Feminist Spirit," in the student center.

The event was sponsored by the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance and the Colloquium for Women's Studies.

Leno spoke to the students about the Feminist Majority Foundation's Campaign to Stop Gender Apartheid in Afghanistan. The audience was filled with students, faculty and board of trustee members. Some of the students were there for extra credit assignments. The audience was shown a video on Gender Apartheid in Afghanistan. The video featured information about what goes on in Afghanistan and how the United States needs to get involved with helping the women of Afghanistan to be heard.

The video explained about how the women in Afghanistan are being treated by the Taliban regime in everyday situations. Women can be beaten or even stoned to death for what seems to be no big deal such as having to breastfeed your baby in public. The Taliban encourage men and women to come to the public stoning and executions. The reason why the Taliban do what they do is they say they are following Islamic Rule, but it's not that at all. They just use it to do as they please.

The video also talked about how 70 percent of the children suffer from severe anxiety and at least 90 percent have witnessed violent attacks.

Leno talked about what the Feminist Majority Foundation is trying to do in their fight to stop gender apartheid. The foundation has been involved in stopping Unocal from putting a pipeline in Afghanistan so the

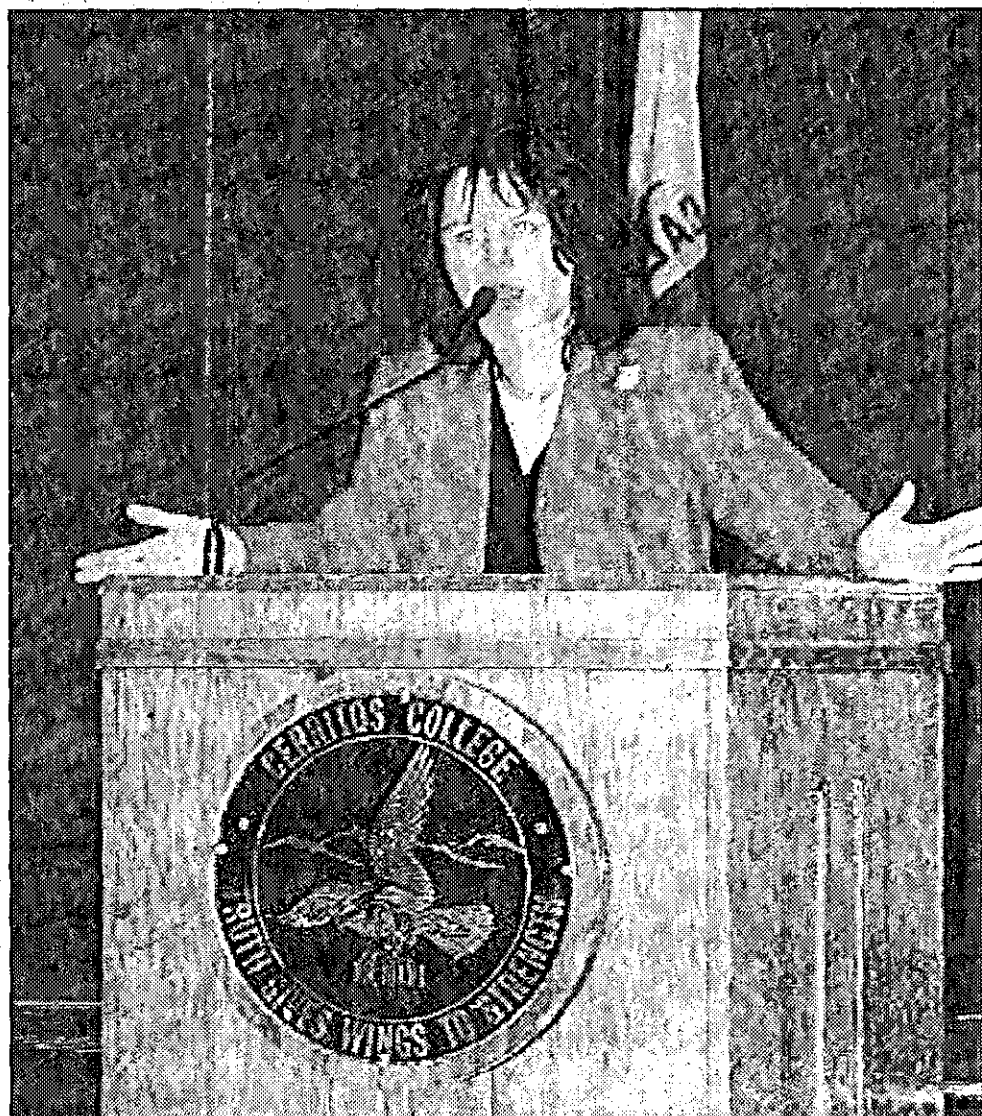


Photo by Alicia Warner

Mavis Leno celebrates Women's history month by speaking against Gender Apartheid in Afghanistan.

Taliban will not become more powerful and create problems with the flow of oil. They also stage protest to help make people more aware of the situation in the country.

Mavis said that the Taliban had cut off the country to any media outlets so the people would feel that no one was trying to stop the Taliban. The people were basically put under house arrest. The women in the country were not informed about the freedoms that they do have since Afghanistan was under democracy.

Mavis Leno joined the organization in 1997 when the Taliban was only a few months old. From then on she has made it her life to help the women of Afghanistan be free of gender apartheid.

"No newspapers or magazines would cover the story," Leno commented. The Taliban figured that the American people

would not be interested in what is going on in foreign countries let alone the women of Afghanistan.

Mavis wants make sure to let the people of America know what is going on. "We are going to make a huge stinking deal about this so no one will be oblivious to what is going on," Leno said.

Leno has been involved with making the public aware of this delicate issue. One of Leno's main goals is to make a difference in securing women's rights within and outside of the United States. She encourages everyone to follow their heart and get involved in something they really care about.

The FMLA and the Colloquium of Women's Studies gave her a plaque in recognition of all the hard work she is doing to keep the "Spirit of Feminism Alive."

## Find a Job on April 18th

TARA CARTER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Looking for a job, or just want to improve your resume?

If so, Cerritos College has just the thing you're looking for, the 32nd Annual Career Expo 2002.

On April 18, in the student center employers from over 40 companies will be at Cerritos College to meet and interview potential employees, offer students current internship and employment information, and critique student resumes.

Christina Tap, a student placement technician for Cerritos College's job placement office, recommends that students attend the expo. "Where else will you be able to find 40 plus employers in one place?" she asked.

"Today's jobs are more difficult to get, even if you are not looking for a job right now. I think students should go to the expo to enhance their interview skills."

Tap also advises students to pick

up a job placement flyer before attending the expo. The flyers can be found around campus and they inform students on how to maximize their interview performance.

Some of the companies that will be attending the expo include:

- California department of corrections
- California Highway patrol
- Farmers Insurance
- Bally's Total Fitness
- United Parcel Service
- Kaiser Permanente
- Footlocker, Inc.
- Childcare Careers
- Helpmates Staffing Services

The career Expo is sponsored by the ASCC and Cerritos College Career Services. The Expo will be held in the Student Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, please contact the college's Job Placement Center at ext. 2366 or visit the web site.

## New Writing Center

ERICA PALMA  
STAFF WRITER

"What is the new Writing Resource Center that everyone is talking about in the Liberal Arts building?" asked Veronica Valles, Cerritos college student.

It is an English department program that would provide writing assistance to Cerritos students.

The new Writing Resource Center is a project developed by the English Department and spearheaded by Professor Suzanne Ashe.

This new resource center is to serve the college community in variety of ways, such as providing students in all courses across campus with a Writing Resource Center where they can get help with any type of writing task and to help students become more comfortable, and adapt using educational technology for writing and communicating with others. "Students who use the center services constantly learn to write more powerful and effectively in the classes they

take," said the advisor.

Led by Ashe, these workshops provide an introduction to essential writing skills.

These workshops will include sliding into writing: tips for breaking the ice that is designed to help you feel more comfortable with writing and to show you some simple techniques. Another workshop would be writing papers the easy way. They would talk about a secret that all good writers already know. There are going to be four more work shops.

"I think these workshops would help me and many students to be successful in our classes," said Cerritos student Carlos Ochoa. "Professor Suzanne Ashe would do great job having this new resource center. She is a great professor and she has a lot of patience for students," said Cerritos student Juan Gavidia Cerritos student. For more information, log on to [www.cerritos.edu/nwrc.com](http://www.cerritos.edu/nwrc.com)



## Safety phones

TERESE LEON  
MANAGING EDITOR

A safety phone is kind of like the red phone Batman had that connected him directly to Commissioner Gordon. The phones connect the user directly to the Cerritos College Police Department.

The ASCC members have committed themselves to ensuring students are provided the phones by using up to \$20,000 of their own money to purchase them. Senator Mark Duran said, "It's unfortunate that the board isn't paying." However the ASCC thinks the issue of safety on campus is such a big deal that they are willing to pay for the phones out of their own budget.

ASCC presidential candidate Victor Shen thinks the phones may not be necessary. "Cerritos is one of the safest community colleges in California," Shen said.

"Students need to be able to distinguish between perception and reality," he said. "The perception is that we're not very safe, but the reality is that we are."

Duran feels differently. "Having safety phones is imperative to Cerritos students," he said.

The ASCC members will continue planning to set up the phones. Currently they are in the progress of bringing in outside contractors to help them decide on the best placement of the phones.

## Escorts

Cerritos College will dispatch a campus police officer to the Health Occupations building to be there when cosmetology classes dismiss at 10:30 p.m.

## Tram, lights, phones, escorts okayed

TARA CARTER  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Thanks to the Cerritos College tram night time students no longer have to walk through the parking lot after class and worry about their safety.

Ninety-seven students rode the tram on April 1, its first day back in operation, and many students have

taken advantage of it ever since.

The tram serves as a deterrent for crime," said the ASCC president.

In addition to deterring crime, the tram serves as a transportation device for incoming and outgoing students, draws communities and potential students the campus, assists elderly and injured students and prevents parking lot traffic.

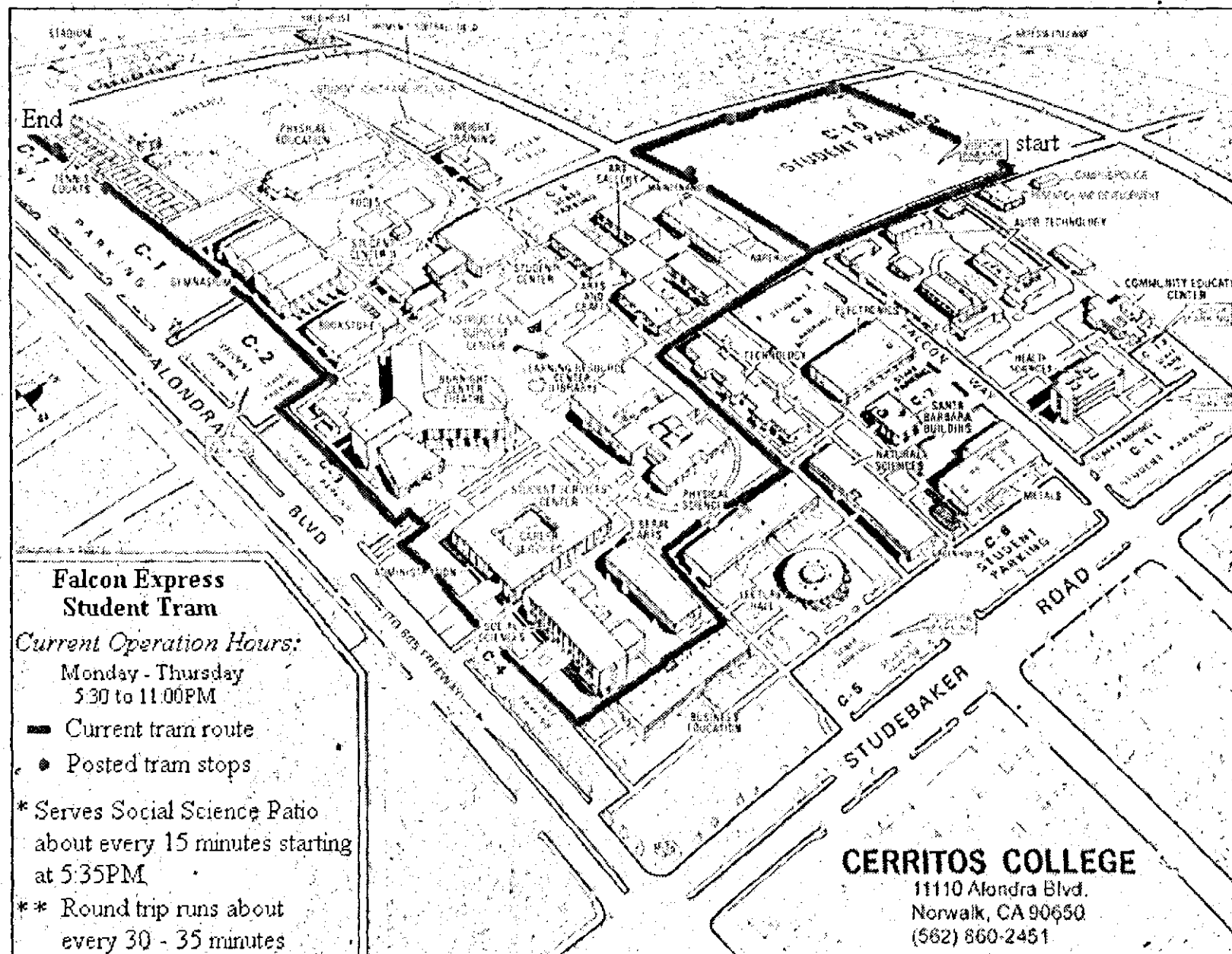
Although many students are happy about the reinstitution of the tram, some students are less enthusiastic.

Victor Shen, Psychology major pointed out the tram only holds 20 students at a time.

"We have 24,000 students on campus, and students aren't very healthy," Shen said.

"It only takes 10 minutes to walk across the campus, students can use the exercise."

The tram schedule is still under construction but for now the tram will be running Monday through Thurs. 5:30-11:30 p.m. It will make scheduled stops through out the campus every 15 minutes.



## Library open weekends

TARA CARTER  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Ever have to study for a test or research a paper on the weekend but the library is closed? Thanks to the ASCC this may never happen to you again.

The library will now be open Sunday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Visual impaired students and those who are wheel chair bound would benefit a great deal because of less traffic and more room in the library.

Low-income students will also benefit from the extended hours because they will have access to textbooks on file in the library.

ASCC members point out the extended library hours will also:

- Set up students for a chain reaction
- Meet the needs of the local communities
- Help PACE program students
- Provide a safe haven for life-transition students, so they may succeed with their education

## Better lighting

TERESE LEON  
MANAGING EDITOR

Safety on campus is definitely the top concern among night students, lighting being one of the major ones.

At a board meeting on April 3rd, students told the Board of Trustees where they felt the lighting on campus could use improvement.

In some places lighting was improved by simply cutting back shrubbery. Currently, the board is waiting for a list from the ASCC of other locations that are a concern to students. The board will then, "explore the potential problem and the best solution to it."

## Concert

# United Methodist Male Chorus



*Under the direction of Clavis Ballard, this program will include spirituals, hymns, gospels, as well as traditional and modern songs which express the African American experience of suffering, sorrow, hope and justice.*

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## EDITORIAL

### "United" we profit

America will never change, it is still out to be the most powerful and wealthy nation in the whole wide world.

America thinks it is the whole world and everything revolves around.

America get involved in other countries business because it needs to publicize that America is such a spectacular country.

The only reason we help foreign countries is to protect volatile customer relations or to bring hopes of world peace.

Lets face it, America is not what its cracked up to be.

We have a country that is held up on a pedestal. Millions of people, from other countries look up at us and want to live the "American Dream." But they have no clue that they may become one of the millions of Americans and immigrants living on the American streets hungry and unemployed.

We are a self-centered and egotistical country that shoves everyone out of the way because we want the credit for being this "Great America."

So yeah yeah yeah..... we give aid to foreign countries and blah blah blah... we help you now you owe us and yada yada yada lets not forget how great America is.

It's a country full of citizens out to make a profit off of a national tragedy.

On a recent visit to New York City, a revelation was found. Businesses and everyday street vendors in New York are profiting from the terrorism attack on the World Trade Center.

So, is this shocking news to the American people?

Well not really, if you are a politician or the one profiting from the purchases. But for the citizens in America that haven't visited New York since the recent terrorist attack, your in for the shock of your life.

Businesses are making huge profits off the recent attack and the money is not even going to the foundations. The products range from the normal souvenirs to the special edition memorial items.

It's understandable that before the attack happened that businesses were selling items of the World Trade Center because of it being one of America's icons. Those same items are still available as well as, but lets not forget your 9-11 baby-tees and shirts with the American flag or your beanie that says FDNY 9-11.

Of course citizens of America want to be supportive, but if its not going to a foundation like the WTC Relief Fund or for the NYPD or FDNY then how supportive is the average American citizen being.

There is a point of wanting to remember the tragedy and buy souvenirs. Then the point of moving past the event, and not forgetting about it.

If America really wants to be a "Great and Powerful Nation," then it needs to take action and make sure that America is really "United" and not some money hungry egotistical nation. But a nation that cares about what its citizens are doing and also one that is willing to help foreign countries without holding it against them. Its called volunteering America.

## Letters to the Editor

Throughout our lives, we are deeply influenced by a plethora of things, which envelop and permeate us. From our cultural surroundings we soak up information like a sponge, and through gradually maturing observation, we pick up people's behaviors and beliefs and incorporate them into our habits of thought.

For instance, we are continually bombarded by images of the "ideal" female type. Media such as magazines, television, advertising and movies frequently send the message that women must be young, thin, and beautiful in order to be feminine, and that beauty is a more important quality in women than intelligence, having a strong personality or self-esteem.

The Mass Media has pressured women into

adopting the mind set that being thin will make you physically attractive and thus more acceptable to society irrespective of what you are like on the inside. Advertisements are not only selling clothes, they're selling images of bone-thin women and seductive bodies. As young children, we have few predispositions in the way we interpret our environment. A consequence is that our impressionable minds are molded by what is portrayed in our society.

Very few women work in the world's media. This allows men to reinforce distortive, demeaning stereotypes of women. A "bad" girl has attitude, does not fit in societal roles, does not follow the norm; she's a trendsetter, rebellious, challenges the system, stands up for herself, has lack of shame, has voice and leadership. If males did those things, they would be thought positive. However, most of these

things would be considered negative traits in women. The "positive" characteristics of the stereotypical woman are passivity, submissiveness, silence (or at least docile quietism), demureness, and vapid-ity. That's the male/female dichotomy.

changes in our community and society.

As we approach the 21st century, we must be aware of the significant contributions we make to our society. Though we continue to move farther and farther away from a gender dichotomy, we must also recognize that we are affected by our environment, and as long as women are put forth as being less competent than men, and judged based on appearance, there will continue to be unjustified negative portrayals of women.

Beatriz Barceló-Boyer



## Putting pimps out of business for good



SYLVIA DURAN  
Opinion Editor

Sometimes the government creates its own problems by creating laws that are impossible to enforce. By legalizing some of the existing illegitimate business such as prostitution, gambling and the sale and consumption of Marijuana, the government can lower crime rates and make money at the same time.

You'd think that the government, motivated by greed, would have already taken advantage of these money-making opportunities.

Prostitution is one of the oldest professions known to mankind. I think it should be legal on designated areas, be monitored by

the government, and employees should be of legal age. This will put pimps out of business and cease the exploitation of women and men and young boys and girls.

Besides, if women have the right to kill their unborn child, they should also have the right to sell their bodies if they choose to. As for the customers, they should know the risks associated with sleeping with whores.

Marijuana has not been proven to cause death or serious damage in people. Deadly cigarettes, far more damaging than joints, are legal and available to young kids.

The only ones that benefit from the prohibition of the substance are the drug dealers and cartels. If it was legalized the community would benefit from the taxes imposed on the product. Drug dealers will lose millions of dollars in sales.

Gambling could also bring in revenues to the community. Gamblers know the risks associated with the game. It they feel foolish,

I mean lucky, enough to put their homes and life savings on the line, they should have the right to. Meanwhile, their loss will be our gain as the government taxes the money. Soon, you'll be kissing those irritating street potholes good bye and saying hello to brand new city parks located in inconvenient sections of your city.

I am sure that my propositions will offend somebody. Too bad, I don't care. But remember, if you don't agree, don't participate. Nobody is forcing anybody to smoke pot, rent a whore, or gamble. Your morals should keep you safe.

"Why should we be forced to live in an immoral society that allows prostitution, gambling, and the sale of marijuana run rampant," someone will surely screech. Sorry to break the news to you, but it is impossible to live in a perfect society and these vices will always be around whether they're illegal or not.

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## Campus Comment

### What is the worst pick-up line you have ever used or heard?

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#### ONLINE POLL What illegal acts do you think should be legal?

- ☐ Smoking marijuana
- ☐ Prostitution
- ☐ Underage drinking
- ☐ Public nudity
- ☐ Sex with minors
- ☐ Teenage smok-

"Do you want to go eat pizza and then get something, something, wink, wink?"

MARIANA MEZA  
HISTORY

"Hey, what's up? You got a man?"

"Are you tired? 'Cause you've been running through my mind all day long."

ANTHONY GUERRERO  
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"Guys don't even have pick-up lines anymore. They just come up and start talking. Where do you stay at?"

"What's your number?"

STEVEN SMITH  
COMPUTER INFORMATION

"Baby, c'mon let me wine and dine you tonight."

"Are you an angel?"

MIN JIN  
ENGLISH

"Have you fallen from heaven 'cause you must be an angel?"



## Showing off snapshots

Art Gallery features eye-catching student and faculty photo exhibit.

TERESE LEON  
MANAGING EDITOR

The Art Gallery's newest exhibit The Spectrum: Student/Faculty Photography Exhibition will be open for only two more days until it closes this Thursday. The group display features photos by the Cerritos College Photography Department faculty and students. The art gallery is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesday through Thursday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information contact the Art Gallery at (562) 860-2451 extension 2612.



Photography major Ryan Hamburger's photo is titled "Mary's Protest." Like many of the other pictures there it has a surreal quality. Hamburger referred to his photo as "the rape of Mary." Hamburger used silver gelatin print, oil

and layers of plexiglass and images to create his piece. It also has a message. Hamburger said he considers himself "pro-spiritual, but anti-religious." His photo is a medium for him to express his spirituality and distaste for organized religion. Hamburger also considers his photo to have a feminist quality.

Fine Arts major Anna Javier's photo started out as an assignment to take a picture of a landscape. So she went to The Huntington Library and took a picture of a garden. Not satisfied with a simple photo, Javier altered it using Photoshop. The sky is a picture of water, the plants are on fire, two moons swim in the sky and two different self-portraits are hidden in the scene. Javier said her picture has a "dream surrealist effect."



Students view student photographer Lupe Nevarez's photo, "Lola." Nevarez used ink jet on paper to create the picture for her photo class.

Photo by: Laura Aguilar

## Spanish sex romp is fun!

MARISOL ROJAS  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

"Y tu inama tambien" is not an average teen movie where horny adolescents make the best of their time showing their love to apple pies.

This is an intense and elaborate film directed by the Mexican director with Hollywood experience, Alfonso Cuarón.

The story is based on two best

friends, Julio (Gael Garcia Bernal) a young adult who comes from a working class family, and Tenoch (Diego Luna) the son of a corrupt politician, who is forced to ignore his dreams of becoming a writer to major in economy.

With both of their kinky girlfriends off for the summer, they decide to go on a road trip unlike any other.

Along for the ride is Luisa

(Maribel Verdu) an older woman who's world seems to be crumbling at her feet. Motivated by the anger she feels after discovering her husband has been cheating on her, she decides to tag along, turning it into a sexual road trip for three.

The movie is extremely intense, and maybe even too graphic for some, but the crude language and ironic situations are what keep the movie interesting and funny.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Chorus Concert

The United Methodist Male Chorus will be performing in the Student Center this Friday at 7 p.m. and ends at 8:30 p.m. The chorus, founded in 1991, preserves African American culture through song. Admission is free. For more information call the Music Department at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2629.

#### Open auditions

Open auditions for student-written and directed summer one-act plays will be held April 30 and May 1 at 6 p.m. in the Burnight Theatre. The advisor in charge is Kevin Hoggard. The one-acts will be performed June 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30. For more information call Theatre Arts at (562) 467-5058.

#### 'Rumors'

Neil Simon's "Rumors" will be performed April 26, 27 and 28 and May 3, 4 and 5. The play is about four couples gathered in a New York townhouse for a party that never begins. The comedy, directed by Julian White, is \$32 per ticket and \$30 for students. Call the Theatre Office at (562) 467-5058.

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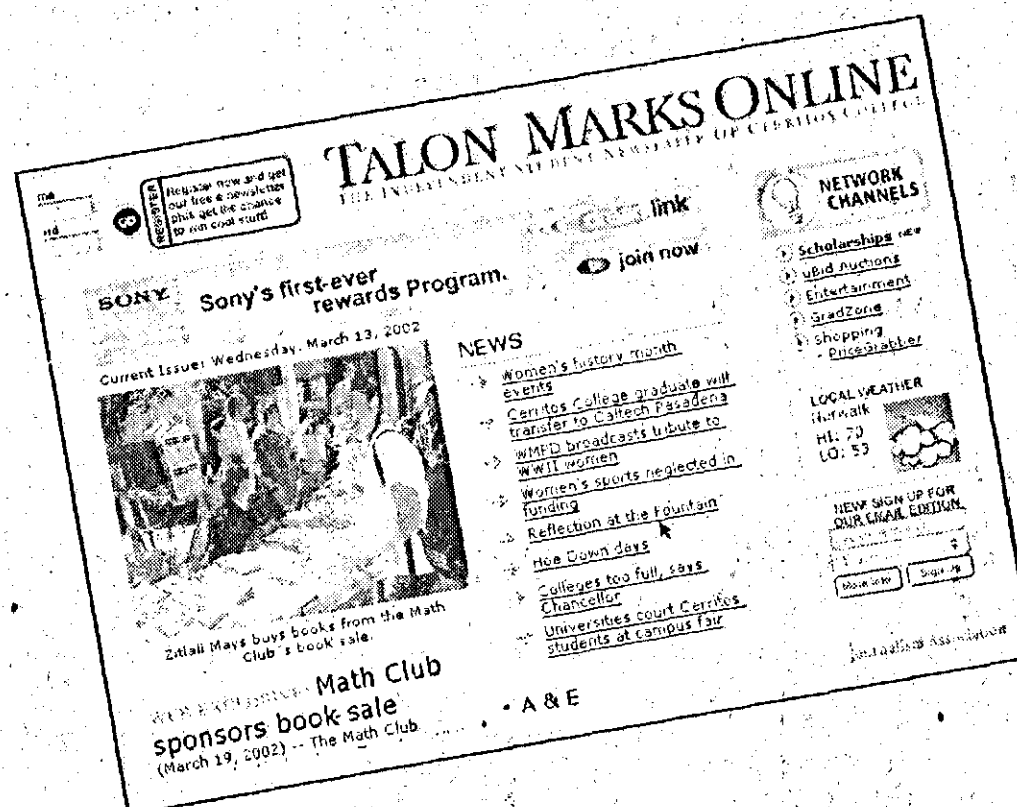
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## Presidential Elections

### • Editor's Note

Talon Marks gave all of the presidential nominees an opportunity to address the readers. The following two candidates returned their surveys. This is not an endorsement for the any candidate.

### Kelly Stewart: Vice president nominee

• Class: Sophomore  
• Major: Transition and Interpretation

#### What is your platform?

Victor Shen, my running mate, and I would like to see vocational awareness for the people in such programs as the American Criminal Justice Association, Court Reporting, Cerritos Students woodworkers Association, Culinary Arts, the Future Teachers Club, Cosmetology, and all of the health occupations students, which would include SADHA, the nursing program, and the pharmacy techs and clerks in training.

We would also like the international clubs to sponsor an International Awareness week. During this week the students would learn of other cultures and religions through such things as dance, foreign films and informative handouts.

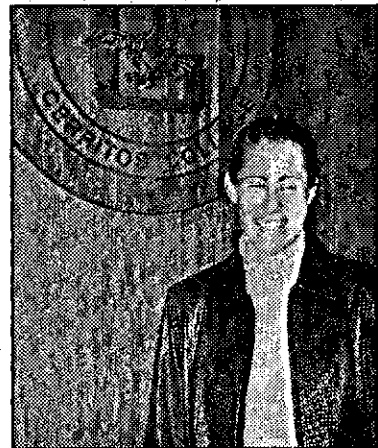
Because sports unite students across campus, something we feel would bring more students out to participate is giveaways, where things would be given to the students just for coming to the games.

Tutorial programs such as Math 9T and Chem 9T are vital to our student's success. Therefore we believe it is important that other such tutorial programs be available to the students in classes and programs such as the Liberal Arts, Health Sciences, Physical Sciences, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Business and technology.

To see more of our platform please read my running mates Victor Shen's article.

#### What improvements do you plan to bring to the campus?

I would like to assure that all stu-



dents are aware of the services available to them (i.e. the health Center's hours, Financial assistance, scholarship opportunities, Library hours and assistance, etc.) This information would be posted around campus in places such as the library, student center, social sciences patio, and the student activities offices, and would be updated frequently.

I would also like to see implemented a clear and easy to follow admissions procedure for a minors and Vesey program students. I would be willing to work with the dean of academics affairs in orders to make it a practical and timely procedure for all.

I would like to see a new orientation program made available to all incoming students. This program would be lead and promoted by various student leaders of the ASCC. The program's intention would be to familiarize the student participants with the skills required to succeed in their colleges years.

I have noticed a great need for newer resources in the library, such as books and scholarly journals. To acquire these materials I would be willing to launch a campaign dedicated to raising the needed funds.

#### What are the goals you plan to accomplish if elected?

My continued goal is to be concerned with the success and well being of each and every student. I want the very diverse of every student to be met. I plan to provide every student with schol-related information when they seek it. This will be accomplished through such services as Club Information days, the annual ASCC Leadership Conference, Financial Aid, veterans Affairs, EOPS, International Students Association, Career Services Dps, the instructional Support Center, Learning Assistance program, the Scholars honors program and the teacher Trac.

I am also concerned with encouraging trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship in each individual student whether I become Vice-president or not.

#### What other interests or hobbies do you have?

I love to go to the beach. I love to read books, especially the classic novels. My two favorite books are Frankenstein and the Phantom of the Opera. I also love music; I enjoy all music mainly Spanish rock and German, French, and American love songs.

### Victor Shen: Presidential nominee

• Class: Sophomore  
• Major: Philosophy & Psychology

#### What is your platform?

Student Success is my number one priority. Whether it be graduating with an AA or AS degree, completing a certificate program, or transferring to a four year institution; it is my hope that I can advocate for your needs. I currently see the following needs:

1. Increase the number of counselors- Currently there is approximately a 1 counselor to 1000 student's ratio.

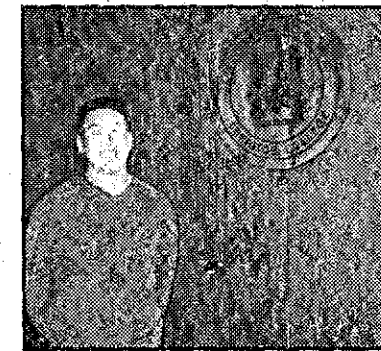
2. Pursue the true mission of Student Activities- The mission of Student Activities is to provide activities that enrich the college experience outside of the classroom.

A) Create a speakers series- Once a month bring a speaker who can share his or her experience in order to help us succeed. Whether it is successful alumni like Washington University Basketball Coach Lorenzo Romar or a community leader like LA County Supervisor Don Knabe, I hope they can share, educate and inspire us to achieve our best.

B) Club Leadership Conferences- Clubs and organizations on this campus are the backbone of student activities. It allows students to pursue personal interests ranging from feminism to salsa dancing. I hope to provide training to club leaders at the beginning of every semester in order to help them further develop their leadership skills.

#### What improvements do you plan to bring to the campus?

Awareness of the opportunities to students on this campus is the biggest improvement that needs to be made. From vocational programs, to transfer days, to clubs I hope that students on this campus can make informed decisions concerning their future. In order to accomplish this I hope to work with faculty members on announcing a monthly bulletin of upcoming events in every classroom.



Representation of all students

us. I hope that we are able to put on a Special Olympics and disabled awareness week in order to create a community that embraces, accepts and helps others different from us, disabled or not. I hope to hold open forums with the Board of Trustees for the students to voice their concerns. I hope to bring political figures on campus for debates and representation. I hope that we can use what we learn at school and make it beneficial to the surrounding community. I hope that we can support our fellow students athletes in sports such as Football, Basketball and track and field for both genders. I hope that we can recognize the woodworking students that help make campus improvements both aesthetically and structurally. I hope that students will step out of their comfort zones and meet the great people on this campus. I hope that we can make Cerritos College a true community.

#### INTERESTS AND HOBBIES

Leadership- Through mentors such as CSULB President Dr. Bob Maxson and former California State Treasurer Matt Fong I have been able to learn about the world I live and how I can leave it a better place. Through studying and reading about people like John Wooden, Coach K of Duke, Gandhi, Mother Teresa, and Jesus Christ, I feel as though I am constantly being mentored by the best.

Motivational Speaking- Over the past two years, I have been privileged to share myself, my knowledge and wisdom on many topics to over 20,000 young people. From leadership to perseverance to networking, I love sharing and helping others.

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# SPORTS

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## Falcons win three of four in extended week

The Cerritos College baseball team won three of four games last week to remain in contention for the South Coast Conference championship.

The second place Falcons (20-12 overall, 9-5 SCC) split two games with Long Beach City before recording a two-game sweep of El Camino.

This week Cerritos will enjoy a two-game bye before resuming action this Saturday at home against Pasadena City at 1 p.m.

The two games against El Camino were like night and day.

In their opener, freshman first baseman/pitcher Ryan Andrews recorded a rare feat. After com-

ing in at the top of the ninth inning and allowing a run that saw Cerritos fall behind 2-0, he slapped a one-out single to score the game-winning run in a 3-2 decision.

Down 2-0 heading into the bottom of the ninth inning, freshman center fielder Auri O'Neill singled, followed by sophomore right fielder Carl Johnson, who also reached base on a hit.

Freshman second baseman Ron Prettyman then responded by drilling the first pitch into the right-centerfield wall, for a two-run triple, which tied the game.

In the second game, freshman designated hitter Rene Rodriguez registered a two-run single and a three-run home run to help propel the team to a 10-1 win.

Sophomore pitcher Ivan Rodriguez, in his

first start of his career, went five innings, allowing no runs and just three hits before sophomore Sal Aguilar pitched the final four innings for his first save.

In addition to Rene Rodriguez, O'Neill also had two hits and scored two runs, while Johnson drove in three runs.

## Softball team reaches prestigious semi-finals

The Cerritos College softball team has played in three tournaments this season. They were the champions of the Los Angeles Valley and East Los Angeles Tournaments. But first-year head coach Kadee Murray was more impressed with her team's showing in the Ventura Tournament last weekend.

The Falcons, who played some of the toughest teams in Southern California, advanced to the semi-final game, where they were defeated by Fullerton, 3-1.

Over the course of the tournament, Cerritos won three of their five games, and are now 22-15 on the year. The 22 wins are the most by a Falcon team since they went 22-15 back in 1997.

In the opening game, the Falcons jumped out to a 3-0 lead over perennial powerhouse Cypress. However, Cerritos committed three errors, which led to three Charger runs and an eventual 5-3 setback. Cerritos then defeated a talented Cuesta team, 8-5 and then posted a 10-4 win over San Diego Mesa in four innings.

The Falcons then came back from a 3-1 deficit against Ventura and scored four runs in the bottom of the seventh for a 5-3 triumph. That set up their game against Fullerton.

In the game against the host Pirates, freshman first baseman Michelle Mariscal led off with a double.

Freshman second baseman Erin Brown followed with a base hit. Freshman right fielder Nina Nieves reached base on an infield hit to load the bases.

After a fly out, freshman left fielder Sam Sadri tied the game with a two-run double. After another out, freshman center fielder Kim Simpkins won the game with a two-run triple.

Wednesday the Falcons will host East Los Angeles at 3 p.m.

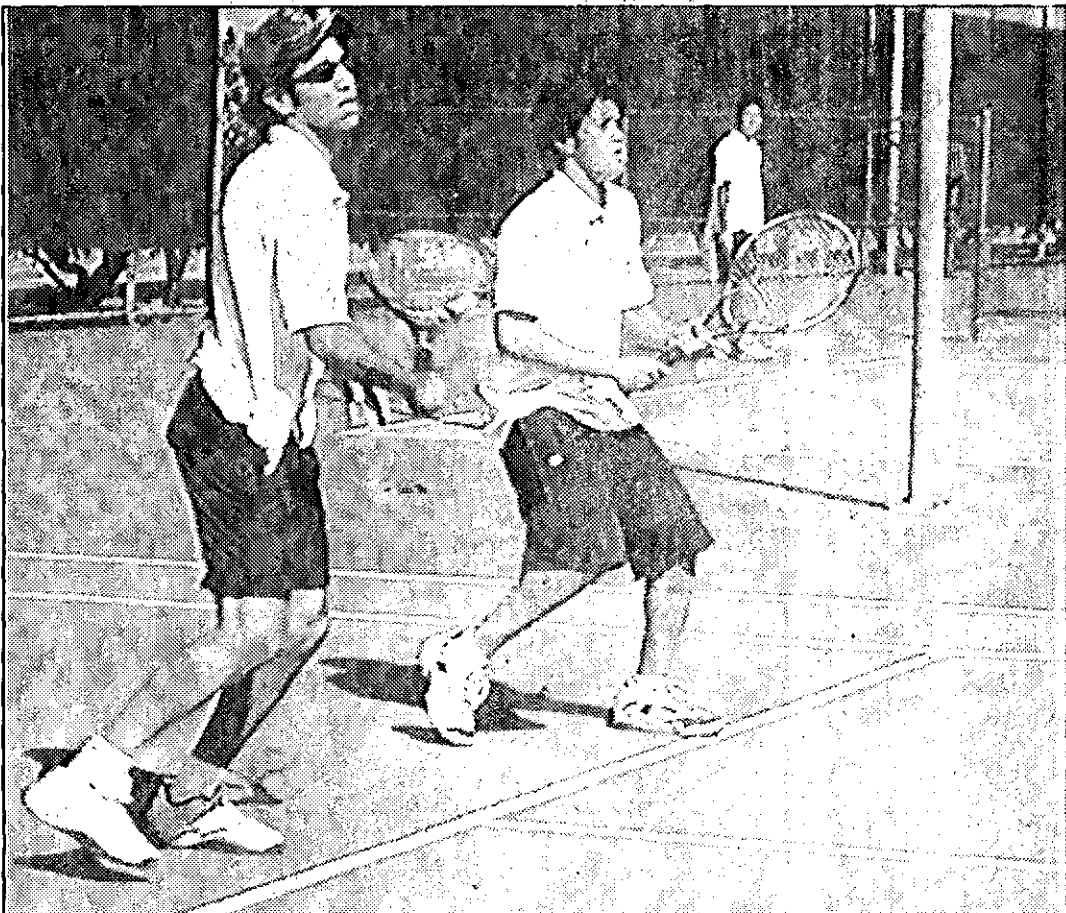


Photo by Daniel Aguilar  
Sergio Huerta and Neil Mangrabang struggle in a match they lost against El Camino.

## SPORTS THIS WEEK

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

3:00 p.m.

Softball vs. East Los Angeles at Cerritos

### THURSDAY, APRIL 11

1:00 p.m.

Golf vs. Los Angeles City at Griffith Park

2:00 p.m.

Women's Tennis at Mt. San Antonio

### FRIDAY, APRIL 12

All Day

M&W Swimming at Pasadena Invitational

11:00 a.m.

Golf vs. College of the Desert in Palm Springs

### SATURDAY, APRIL 13

All Day

M&W Swimming at Pasadena Invitational

1:00 p.m.

Baseball vs. Pasadena City at Cerritos

### SUNDAY, APRIL 14

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### MONDAY, APRIL 15

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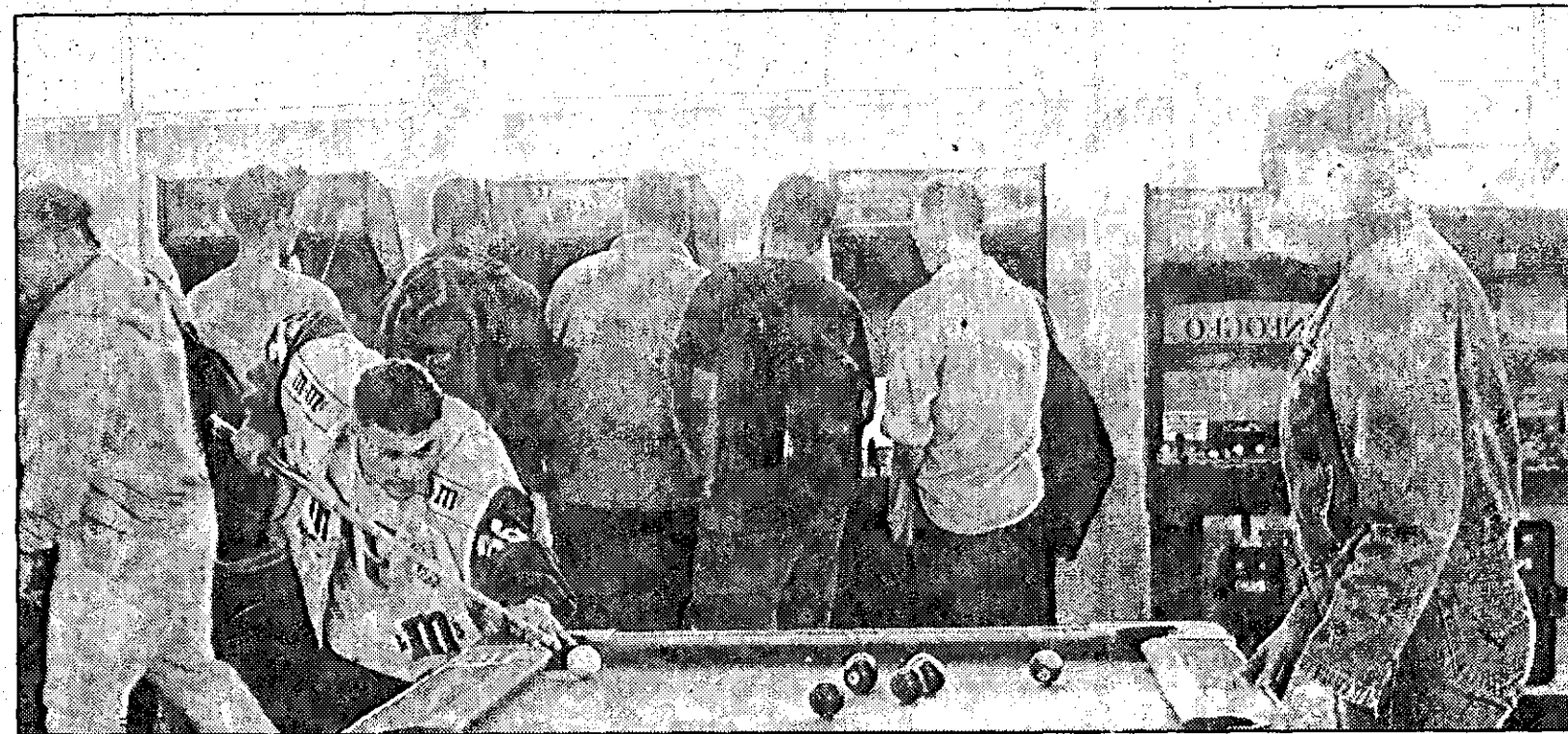


# Campus Life



Lana Rangel (left) and Veronica Toscano have lunch in the food court between classes.

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Xenia Marroquin (right) watches in amusement as Joshua Astillo plays pool in the Game Room.

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Marianne Stafford (right) practices playing her violin with Joel Kubiak playing along on guitar.

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Paul Jojo (right) tutors Janet Alvarez in the Math Learning Resource Center.

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