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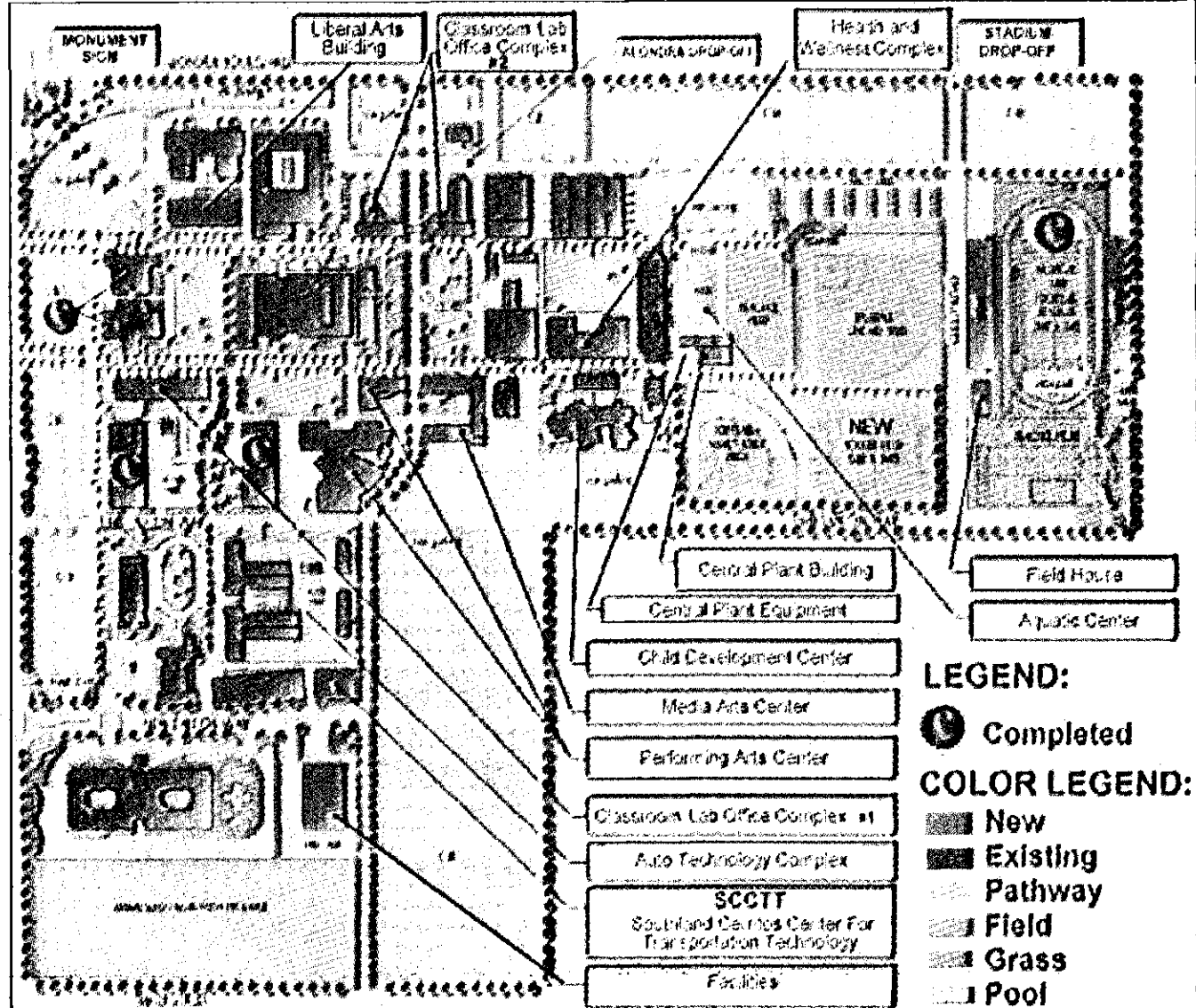
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## Football pounds Santa Monica, 56-24

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**Campus transformation:** Jim Albanese, Vice President of Business Services, held a public forum for people to make comments and suggestions in regards to the campus transformation plan.



## Forum held for transformation

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Cerritos College held a presentation to explain what is going on with construction and what is going to happen. The facility master plan is already in place. Two different master plans, with different future designs were discussed.

Jim Albanese, Vice President of Business Services, discussed the two master plans of construction. The master plans are options that were presented for review.

Albanese said, "The swing space buildings are like a 20-year-old car it can keep going, but eventually you're going to need a new one."

Questions were asked about swing space, which is renovating or keeping old buildings while the new ones are built.

"A lot of construction will be held during spring," he said. "Swing space will be sufficient to all departments needs."

CLO1 will keep the old Fine Arts and Liberal Arts buildings until the new ones are built. CLO2, the second master

plan, will shift the Liberal Arts buildings if put in to construction.

In both plans, the Burnight Center will be built, while the old one is still in use.

The changes that have been made are:

- Cerritos College construction has the facilities maintenance, OPS, and purchasing facilities have been relocated to 166th Street.
- The Child Development Center has been moved to the south of the campus police, adjacent to the senior housing, which allows soccer practice field to stay in the same place.
- Liberal Arts and DPS facilities have been moved to the south, between the Science Building, and the LLRC.
- The Classroom, Lab, and Office Building No. 2 have been moved to the northwest corner of the campus, north of the Science Building.

Dates have been posted to finalize the plans for construction, online surveys will take place on Sept. 18.

The next Campus Transformation Committee meeting will be on Sept. 25.

Recommendations to the Board will be on Oct. 15.

## Latin American Revolts presented to students

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La Sociedad de Profesores Hispánicos and the History Department presented an inside look at the revolutionary wars that occurred in Latin America.

Students filled the lecture hall to listen to Walter Fernandez, history instructor, discuss many aspects of the revolts in Mexico, Puerto Rico and Central America.

"I do this because I want students to think about the different ideologies about the wars for independence in Mexico and Puerto Rico," Fernandez said.

Fernandez continued, "(I also want students) to think about the

beliefs and ideas in the movement for independence in Central America," said Fernandez.

Fernandez says this is the third year its been presented and is usually held the same time of the anniversary of Mexico's Independence Day.

Fernandez goes into depth about the important people and factors leading to the revolutionary wars.

Joseph Mastron, biology major, said, "I thought (the presentation) was very good and interesting."

To continue the festivities of Mexican and Central American Independence Days, Puente will be hosting a Bilingual English Spanish presentation on Sept. 18 at 11 a.m. in Falcon Square.

## Culinary Arts Café is now open for business

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Three weeks into each semester at 11 a.m. aomas of various foods seep into the Student Center from Cerritos Café. Once the sliding doors open students line up to try the weeks featured food.

Beginning at 8 a.m. Monday through Thursday about 50 students of the Culinary Arts program begin preparing the food for Cerritos Café.

The students in this class are working towards Chef's Training Certificate of Achievement and/or their AA Degree.

There are between 12 and 20 different choices of food each week. The menu changes at the beginning of each week.

Michael Pierini, Culinary Arts instructor states, "This is a scratch kitchen, meaning that we make everything from scratch from the bread to the mayo."

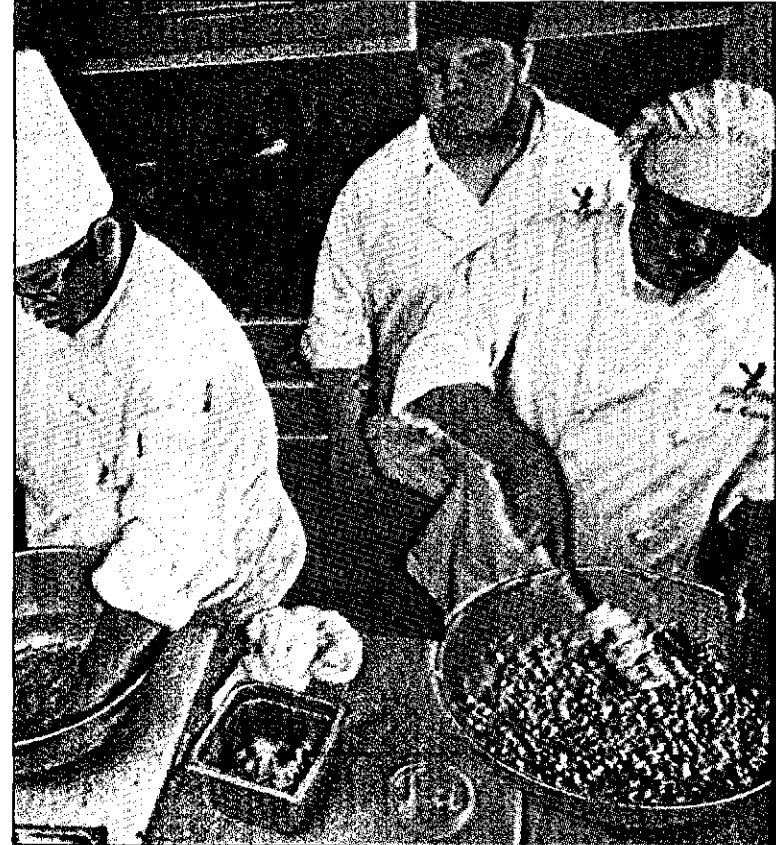
The kitchen staff also doesn't use recipes but works on, "taste only," states Pierini.

The café remains open until 1 p.m. The price of the food ranges from five to seven dollars per meal.

Adam Llamas, Culinary Arts student, said "The café is great, but it would be better if more people came."

By coming to the café students are helping their fellow students achieve while they are enjoying a variety of food.

For more information about Café Cerritos, can visit [www.cafe-cerritos.com](http://www.cafe-cerritos.com).



**Culinary arts:** The Culinary Arts Café is open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



# 33 elected to ASCC Senate

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The ASCC Senate election results from Wednesday and Thursday are in and posted at the ASCC office.

Newly elected senator Juan Guerra, political science major, stated "I want to make a difference here at Cerritos College."

A total of 290 votes were counted and there were three voids.

Guerra said, "I want to propose wifi on campus so as to eliminate the congestion at the computer lab and library."

He encourages students to submit a letter to the ASCC if

they have any type of suggestion or comment as to any change they want to see happen on campus.

The first senate meeting will be held today at 2 p.m. and the next will be on Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 2 p.m.

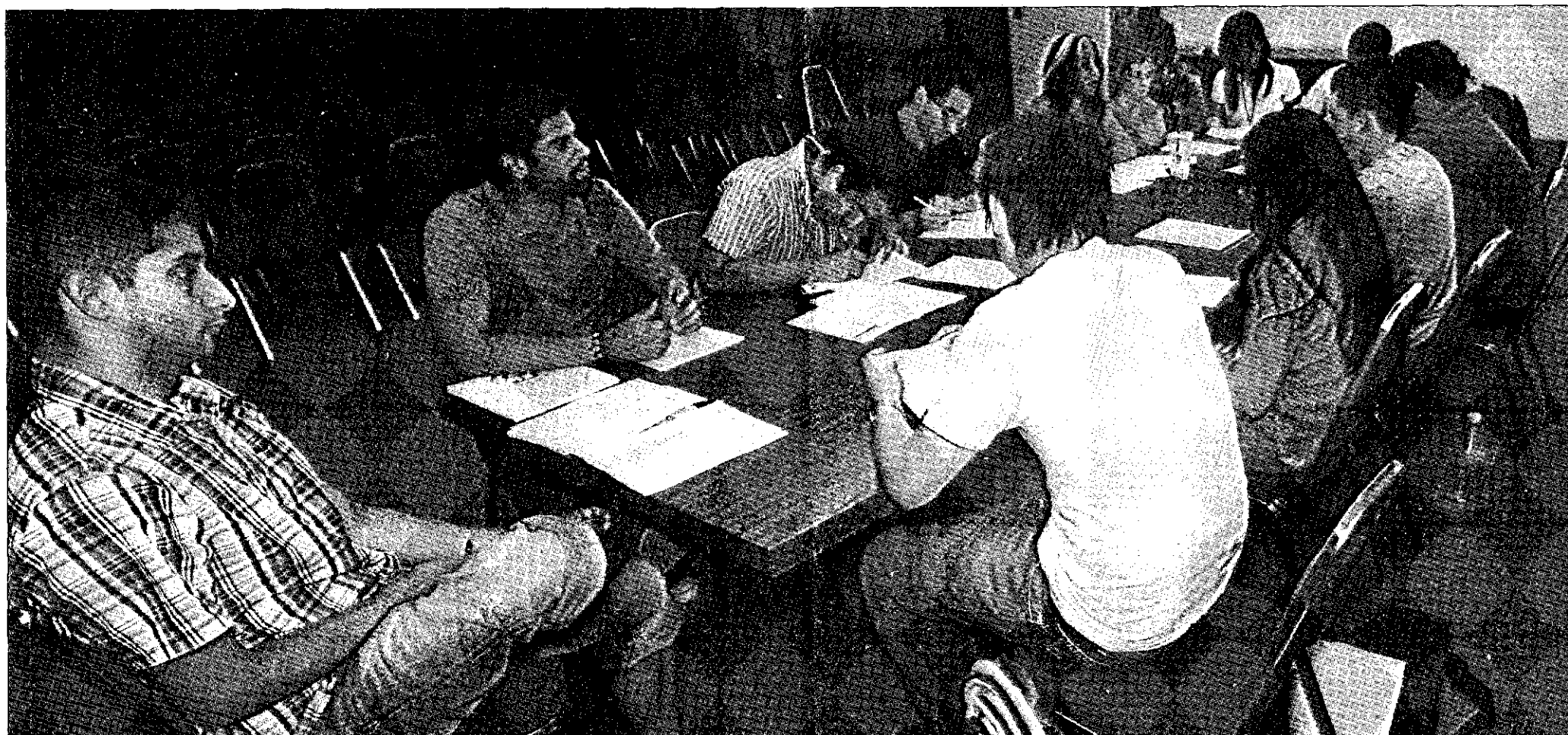


*"I want to make a difference here at Cerritos College."*

- Juan Guerra

The appointment of vacant seats will take place and each senator may hold only one of the following positions.

- President Pro-Tempore, who serves as senate chair in the event of the absence of the president,
- Majority Leader, who heads class with the greatest number of senators,
- Minority Leader, who heads class with the least number of senators,
- Sergeant at Arms, who is in charge of maintaining order during the senate meetings, and
- Senate Liaison, who represents the ASCC Senate at faculty senate meetings.



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The purpose of the Student Activities Program and the Associated Students of Cerritos College is to enhance the overall educational experience of students through participation in social, cultural, intellectual, recreational, health and governance programs.

## Senators

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## Maricela Pedroza is July's Employee of the Month

Esmeralda Infante

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A long time employee here at Cerritos walked towards Bill Farmer, acting president/superintendent, at the last Board of Trustees meeting, with smile that said, "Thank you."

"Her intelligence and technical abilities are outstanding, and she is extremely accommodating with the students needs," said Farmer.

Maricela Pedroza, senior application analyst was awarded the Employee of the Month award for July. She was recognized for the hard work she has put throughout her years here at Cerritos.

"It's an honor to have been nominated for the award, let alone receiving it," she said.

"I did not think that I was going to receive the award and when I was informed I had been awarded employee of the month, I felt a great sense of pride."

Juggling a full-time position at work, a family to take care of at home and being a part-time student doesn't come easy to many, but she makes it through each and every day feeling "rewarded."

"I get rewarded every day. I am fortunate to have a job that I look forward to," she said.

Not only has she been working at Cerritos since March 2002, but she also is a full-time student.

"I earned my AA degree in general studies here at Cerritos, graduated with highest honors and transferred to Cal State Fullerton to major in computer science with emphasis in scientific computing."

With the knowledge of working

as a technical support specialist and system administrator at the JCPenney distribution center, she landed her first job here as an hourly senior technical support specialist.

After two years in that position, she applied for the senior application analyst position and got the job.

"From day one, I have felt a part of the Cerritos family," she said.

Pedroza's job consists of developing and modifying computer programs that are implemented in the Financial Aid Department. These program applications consist of the following:

- evaluating students' information to determine their eligibility for aid.
- processing data in a timely manner to disburse aid to students.
- developing forms of mass communications with the students to deliver information pertaining to their financial aid status.
- processing students data to transfer from and to various Federal and State aid programs.

Even though Pedroza doesn't talk to the students most of the time, she still loves knowing that she is helping them in some way.

"Although I don't work directly with students, the work that I do has a direct effect on them, and that's what I wanted all along," Pedroza explained.

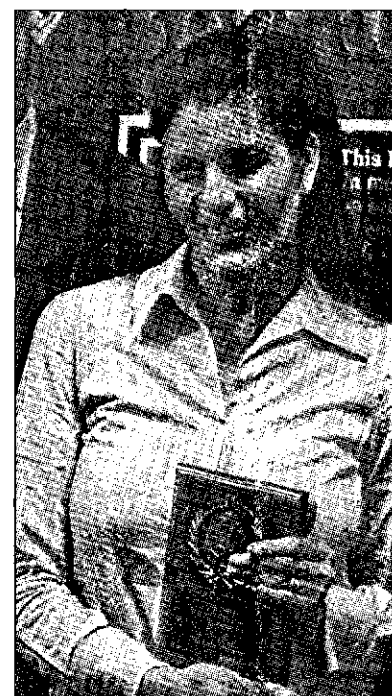
Apart from being mother to two young daughters, she is also a senior at Cal State Fullerton.

"I had to put my studies on hold, to start a family, but I am in school again part-time to finish my education," she explained.

Cerritos has been a great experience for her and she has

achieved many of her goals.

"The challenges presented are a great satisfaction when the expected results are achieved, I enjoy what I do and my goal is to continue to grow and learn more every day."



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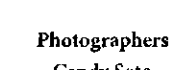
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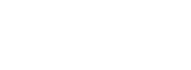
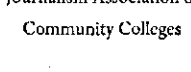
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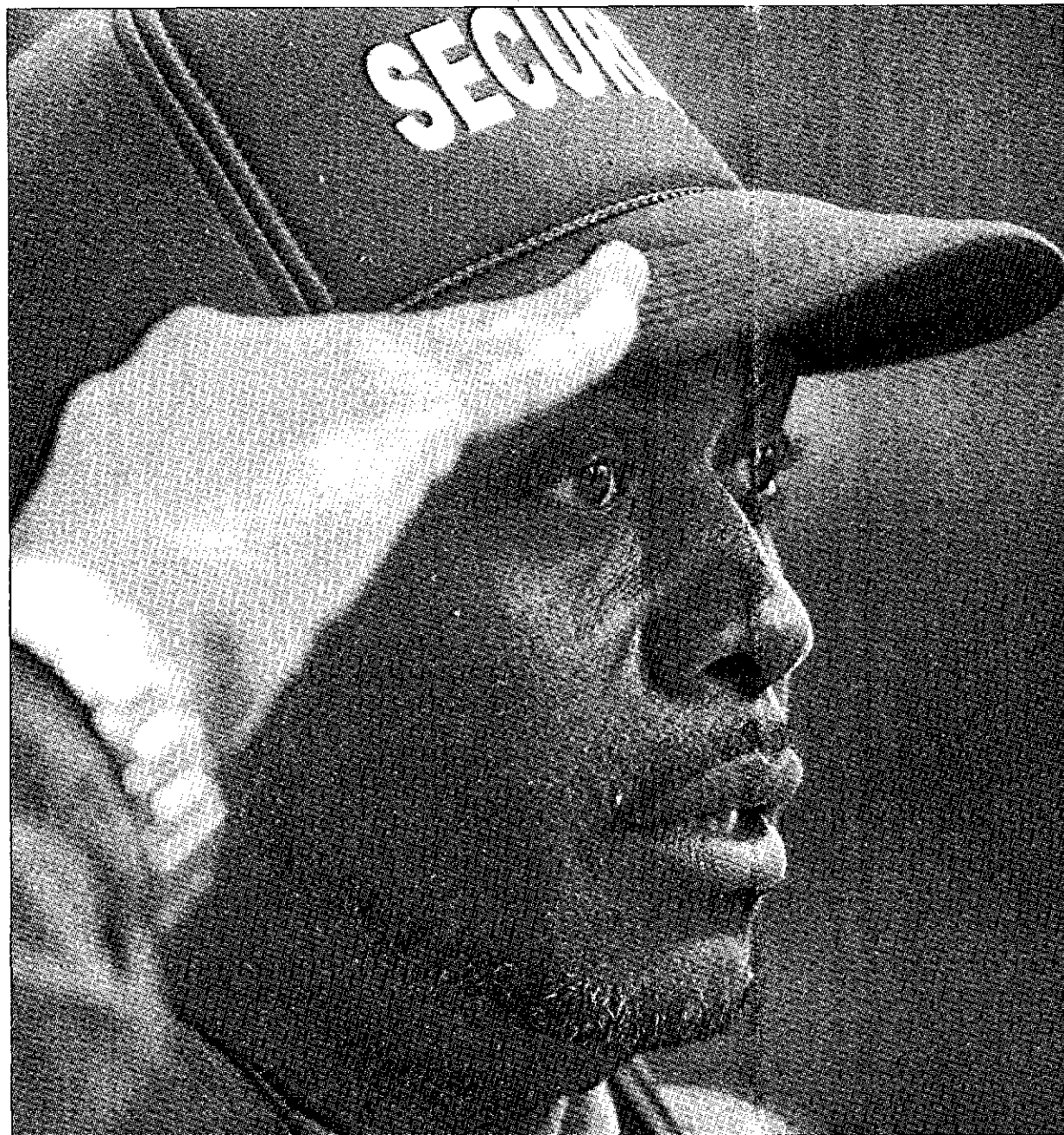
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## •EDITORIAL•

# We're not any safer after 9/11



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What happened to "We will never forget?"

Seven years ago last Thursday marked one of the worst attacks on American soil in the history of this country, but who noticed the anniversary of this horrendous event?

Everyone should take a few minutes on 9/11 to stop and just think about what happened.

Sept. 11, two planes crashed into the World Trade Center, thousands of people died and we are still no closer to capturing the man responsible than we were just days after it happened.

We are no safer in reality than we were seven years ago even though we act like we are.

We put security in airports, but how well-trained are the people at the checkpoints?

Yes, we have not been attacked since 9/11, but how long was the last terrorist on American soil before 9/11.

The only real thing that has changed is that the government has more power to take away the rights guaranteed to us in the constitution.

How many people thought about the thousands that died during the attacks or the troops that have sacrificed everything to bring justice?

Pakistan, a nuclear-armed state, is experiencing political turmoil after the resignation of Pervez Musharraf as president, leaving behind a weak political coalition to govern the country.

What will happen if Islamic militants allied to al-Qaeda gain more power or outright seize power in the country and its nuclear weapons?

The Pakistan's northwest tribal region has replaced Afghanistan as al-Qaeda's base of operations.

Speaking of Afghanistan, the Taliban have regrouped there and are carrying out an increasing number of deadly attacks on American and NATO forces. Military casualties in Afghanistan this year have exceeded the Iraqi casualties.

And al-Qaeda is still out there, planning attacks against the West. Just two years ago, British authorities arrested 24 people who were plotting to blow up 10 commercial airplanes over the Atlantic.

Terrorist cells are like roaches. If you kill one someplace, you know there are more around there somewhere.

Furthermore, seven years after the 9/11 there still hasn't been a new building constructed to replace the World Trade Center. There's a hole in the ground.

And Osama Bin Laden and Ayman al-Zawahiri are still alive, plotting attacks against the country.

To make matters worse, our leaders, whether Democrat or Republican, do not have the will to invade Pakistan and get the masterminds of 9/11, giving them plenty of time to think about new ways to kill Americans.

In addition, the United States is still handcuffed in Iraq, wasting thousands of troops and resources that could be used to fighting al-Qaeda and the Taliban in Afghanistan.

So no, we are not safer seven years after 9/11. We are simply waiting for another major attack to happen.



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## Cheerleaders bare way too much

Cheerleaders. Loud cheerleaders. Annoying, loud cheerleaders. Skimpy, annoying, loud, cheerleaders. I went to the football game last Saturday and found myself utterly annoyed by the cheerleaders.

As soon as I saw them I was like, "Oh my God."

I thought to myself, "What the hell are they wearing?"

Then I answered my own question, "Nothing."

You would think that as the years pass by, cheerleaders would get better at cheerleading, but no.

Instead, they are getting better at explicitly showing off their body and hardly doing any cheerleading, if any at all.

It's baffling when you go to a football game, or any game for that matter, and find yourself stopping dead in your tracks, with jaws wide open, over something that has nothing to do with the game at all.

Don't get me wrong, I have nothing against the cheerleaders. Hell, I wanted to try out for cheerleading. I was the captain of my drill and cheerleading squad a few years ago.

It's the way they display themselves that truly



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disturbs me.

Small skirts and short shirts that could easily be mistaken for bras with added long sleeves is what they wear. Some of the women had spandex shorts longer than the actual skirt.

The whole point of the under shorts is for them to be kept under the skirt, not on top of it. And the shirts! Come on, really? I don't even think they should be called shirts.

There should be a term for something as revealing as that. The closest thing I could think of: a bra.

Some of the other women would raise their arms to cheer and would show the lower portion of their bra.

Seriously, what's the point? What's their point? What are they trying to prove? That they are attractive?

If they wanted to show off their bodies to more than half of the world, they might as well

be strippers.

Then at least they would be doing what they want to do and be getting paid for it. The cheerleaders would be getting something for wearing nothing.

As she was passing by me, I heard one of the cheerleaders say, "My skirt is not short enough."

Hey, if you've got a nice body, show it off, just don't display yourself in the wrong way. Don't come off as an easy, skimpy cheerleader.

I told my friend what I had heard and he said, "Yeah. I agree with them." Then he laughed.

Maybe they get satisfaction out of knowing or thinking that guys actually find them appealing.

Honestly, if you feel you need to show off your legs and stomach to feel comforted, then you really have reached a low level of self-esteem.

Don't be so damn insecure. Don't think you need to show your body off to get noticed or get any sort of respect.

Respect yourself and give yourself some real value. If you're a cheerleader, cheer your butt off, but don't show your butt off.

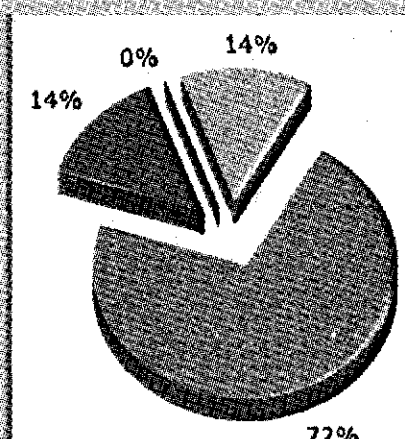
Because seriously, by wearing what you are wearing, you are just asking to get laid.

*Respect yourself and give yourself some real value. If you're a cheerleader, cheer your butt off, but don't show your butt off.*

## STATISTIC OF THE WEEK

What are the biggest issues in the upcoming presidential elections?

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| The economy     | 71% |
| The war in Iraq | 14% |
| The environment | 0%  |
| Who cares?      | 14% |



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**DANIELA CHAVIRA**  
political science major  
"(I) feel pretty much the same. I hate going to the airport, it's a hassle."



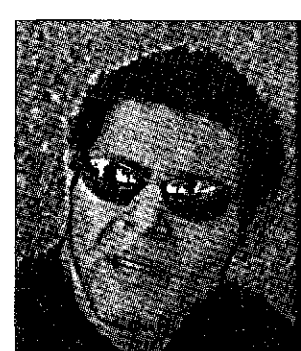
**PRISCILLA AISPURO**  
nursing major  
"(I feel) safe but not really because I don't know when they (terrorists) are going to come back."



**RICHARD GARCIA**  
criminal justice major  
"(I feel) safer. Taking away rights is helping."



**JAVIER RUBALCAVA**  
criminal justice major  
"(I feel) very safe. I think the government did a good job."



**CLAUDIO ZARATE**  
electronic engineer major  
"(I feel) fairly safe. I have more faith in our country."



**ARLETTE CONTRERAS**  
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"I don't feel entirely unsafe, I am more aware."



## 4 - SPORTS

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### New Zealander joins water polo

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Kieran Hattie of New Zealand has recently joined the men's water polo team here at Cerritos.

He played as a goalie for his school back in New Zealand.

His aspirations were always to come to the United States, not only to visit, but also to play for a school and obtain scholarships.

"I always knew I wanted to come here. It was something I hoped for. Of course it was going to take a lot of sacrifice, but I was willing to make them," Hattie states.

It began with a suggestion from the director of water polo from New Zealand, Christopher Hayward.

Hayward along with Mike Ash, founder of the Chinese water polo, found six contacts here in America.

Cerritos was considered the best possibility.

Men's water polo coach Joe Abing recalls, "I received an e-mail from Kieran where he introduced himself as a goalie from New Zealand trying to find a school in California where he could participate in water polo."

Abing informs that he and Hattie kept in touched for about six months before Hattie's schooling and housing accommodations were acquired.

"I am in a new environment and surrounded by a lot of new people. Back at New Zealand, I basically coached myself in an indoor pool. Now I play outdoors with coaches constantly pushing

me to my limit," said Hattie.

Hattie comments about Cerritos playing, "There's not much of a difference really. Back home it was individual, independent playing and coaching. Here it is team oriented."

He adds, "The one thing that did surprise me however was the shot clock. In New Zealand the shot clock is 30 seconds and here it is 35 seconds."

"It also surprised me to see how together and connected the team is. They get along really well in and outside the pool."

"My first impression of him was that he was a great kid. I could tell he is really passionate about water polo. His excitement and enthusiasm clearly shines through. The team is really excited to have him. We are sure his unique style will contribute much to the team," Abing said.

"I was really nervous," Hattie recalls, "I thought they were going to think I was just this tall, white Aussie. But they welcomed me right away."

"If Kieran is having a challenging time adjusting, he definitely does a very good job at not showing it," Abing stated, "He's been here a month and already he's one of the hardest workers I've seen. He's made a huge contribution to the team."

Hattie's roommate Michael Torres states, "He doesn't eat much and he stays in his room a lot. So as long as he keeps his hands out of my sugar bowl, he's welcomed to stay as long as he likes."

### Cerritos dominates SMC

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Behind the strong arm of quarterback Jeff Fisher and a stout defensive effort in the first three quarters the Cerritos College football blew out Santa Monica, 56-24, Saturday night.

Fisher threw for 131 yards and had four touchdown passes but threw two interceptions in a little more than two quarters.

"The interceptions I threw were stupid, I should have known better then to throw those balls," Fisher said.

The defense shut out the Corsairs until late in the third quarter.

"The defense was really flying to the ball today," Falcon head coach Frank Mazzotta said. "I have to give a lot of credit for that to the new defensive coordinator Tom Caines, he had those guys ready to play."

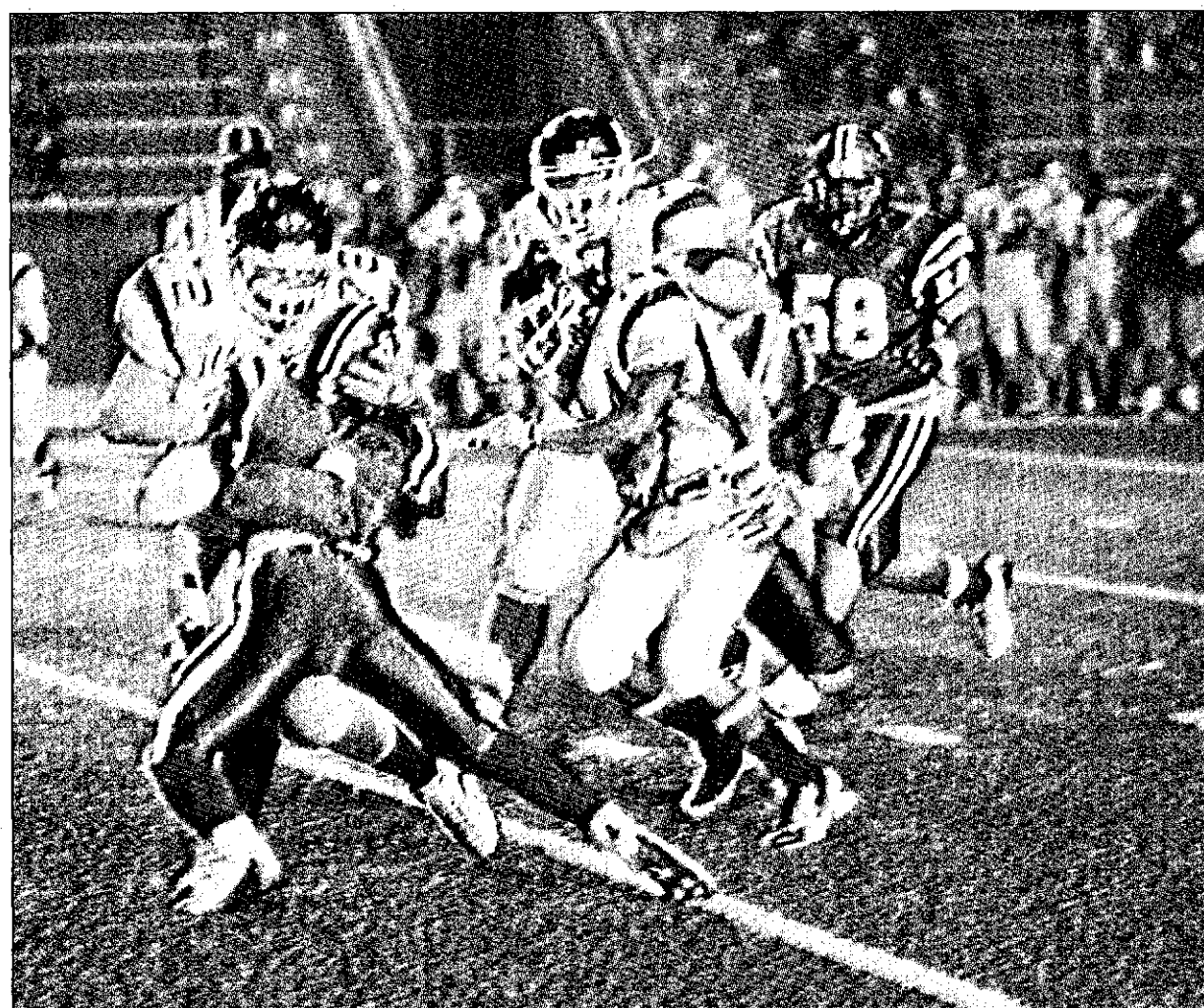
In the fourth quarter, the defense got a little sloppy allowing the Corsairs to score twice, once on a 94-yard run by running back Daron Bartholomew.

#### Battle for the Crosstown Cup

Long Beach City  
vs.  
Cerritos  
7 p.m. Saturday

"That cup is not going anywhere as long as I am here."

-Johnny Tivao, defensive tackle



Taking action: Cerritos College played defense against Santa Monica Saturday night.

TM SPECIAL BY MICHAEL OH

"That's what happens when you play third and fourth stringers," Mazzotta said. "But, it's good for those guys because they can see why they are not starters."

Defensive backs Eric Russell and Drew Harris led the Falcons with seven tackles each and defensive end Jeramey Cutler contributed with one sack.

The Falcons scored on their opening drives in both halves.

In the first quarter they marched down the field with very little resistance and in the third quarter they

began the drive with good field position after the Corsairs fumbled the ball at their own three-yardline.

The game was delayed because there was not a doctor present for the start due to the lack of communication between Cerritos and Santa Monica Athletic Departments.

The home team is supposed to provide the doctor but even though the game was played at Cerritos it was a home game for Santa Monica.

The reason for this is because Santa Monica's field is being reno-

vated.

"I am really embarrassed that we didn't have a doctor for the game," Mazzotta said.

In another strange twist the Falcons' offensive coordinator Dean Grosfeld was ejected apparently for standing on the white line that divides the sideline and the playing field.

"In my 30-plus years of coaching I have never seen that, it was ridiculous," Mazzotta said.

The Falcons are now 2-0 and will face rival Long Beach City.

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