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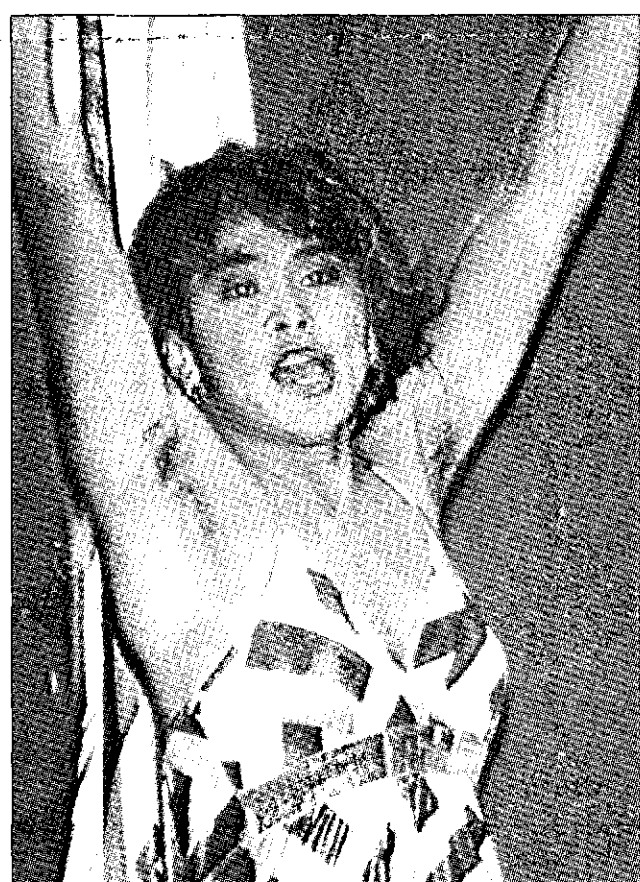
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# Men find their inner goddess



**Wedding dress:** The representative for Court Reporting Club danced in a wedding dress.



**Yay:** The representative for Kabarkada raises his arms for the crowd.

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The Homecoming activities were continued with the mock rally being next on the list Thursday morning.

In the mock rally, each princess chose a male student to represent and mock her.

The student center was filled with numerous laughs from the crowd as the men were answering questions in their feminine voices and dancing with their short dresses on.

The mock rally was very similar the court introductions where as the disc jockey asked the men questions and also gave the men an opportunity to show off their dance skills.

The dancing varied from salsa to

POP.

Each mocker was being judged and at the end of the rally.

After all seven men performed, the judges named Ricardo Mendoza, cosmetology major, the winner.

Mendoza was representing Monque Meza from the Cosmetology Club.

Mendoza said, "The mock rally was really fun. I came to support my team. It was a last call (and) someone had to do it."

Mendoza also stated, "I think my win will enhance (Meza's) chances of winning (Homecoming) Queen."

A fan favorite in the mock rally was Kirsten Young, representing April Garcia of Kabarkada.

Young, remaining in his female character, said, "I'm so jealous (that Mendoza) won. (Mendoza) is good."

The mock rally brings the candidates one step closer to the Homecoming Queen election today and tomorrow.



**Mock rally:** Ricardo Mendoza, Cosmetology Club, struts his stuff to win the mock rally.

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## Review committee needed for divisions

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Chair of Program Review Mark Fronke spoke on the importance of a joint review committee between the instructional and non-instructional members of the campus during Tuesday's Faculty Senate meeting.

"The primary concern is that we end up with two different processes," he said.

Also discussed was Student Learning Outcomes and the need for a committee to oversee the results from each division on campus.

The Instructional Program Review Committee is charged with ensuring students are learning what they are supposed to be learning.

It looks at whether the different educational departments on campus are teaching students what they say they are teaching them and evaluating the effectiveness of the programs on campus.

pus.

The non-instructional programs on campus such as information technology, maintenance and fiscal services have not until recently had a program such as the one the instructional side has.

The program review committee has looked at different programs from many of the community colleges around out and decided that seven of the programs were worth a further look.

## New aquatic center underway with groundbreaking

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A new aquatic center is underway at Cerritos College, with the groundbreaking ceremony tonight at 5 p.m.

According to a press release, the new pool will consist of two parts:

- a competition pool section 25 yards by 35 meters and
- an adaptive pool 25 yards by 15 meters with an alcove 25 yards

by five yards.

Two pools are needed because the pools need to be kept at two different temperatures for the two major activities: competition activities and instructional/recreational activities.

The existing pool is described as in poor condition, aging and badly leaking.

The structure will be concrete masonry with a finish coat of cement plaster.

The first aid area will have vis-

ibility for control of the entrance to the pool area. It will also have visibility of the pool deck for safety and coordination.

There will be glass storefront at the first aid area.

The first aid area will be the only section of the aquatic center with air conditioning.

The glass will match the campus standard color, which is similar to the glass at the Social Science Building.

All ceilings will be exposed with

pendant or surface mounted lighting.

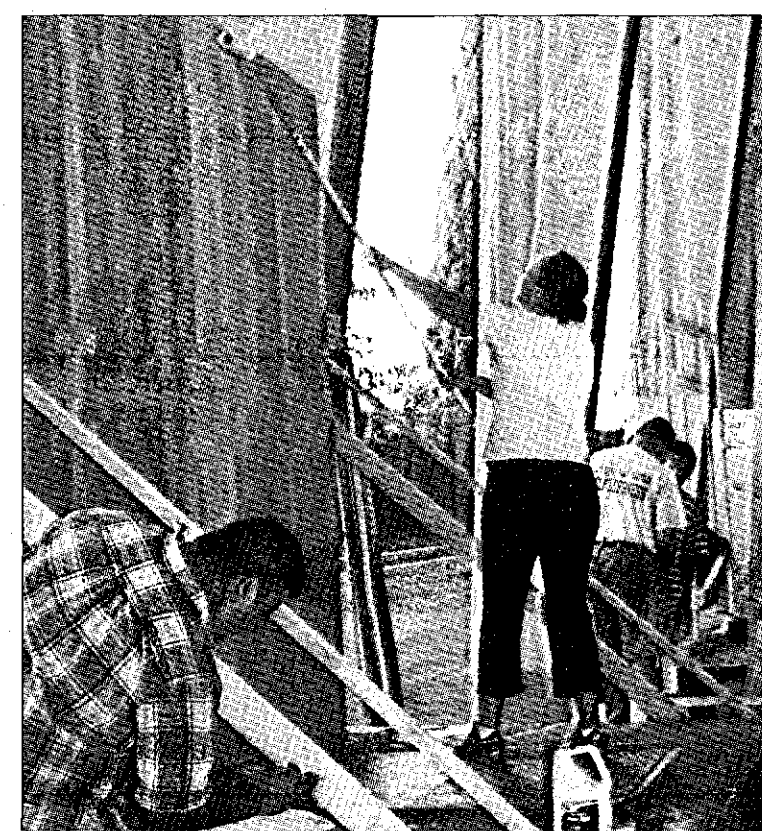
Campus-standard lights will be in the exterior.

The program allows 1,500 square feet for restrooms and 1,500 feet for equipment storage.

The pool area has been designed with clean simple lines much like other more recent buildings on campus.

Waste heat from the central plant will be used to heat the pool.

## FLOAT BUILDING FUN



**Doh!** Gabriela Gorvena and Carlos Munoz are hard at work constructing the float for Phi Theta Kappa. Their club's float is going to be of the Simpsons in the living room.

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# Job fair brings hope

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With excited students, attentive employees, and more than willing employers, Cerritos College held its biannual job fair Tuesday.

Many police departments not only attended the job fair, but were also the main focus of this event.

Rick Moore, an officer and representative for Los Alamitos Police Department, participated with a very enthusiastic attitude.

"It's the first time our department has attended such an event here at Cerritos. I think it's great that Cerritos offers such wonderful opportunities to inform students of the careers and jobs that one can have. I was very excited to be a part of this," he said.

Moore provided students with information regarding careers in law enforcement.

He explained that not many people are familiar with the standards, let alone the process such a career requires. Therefore, people tend to think they have to be perfect.

"You don't have to be perfect in any aspect," he explained, "as long as you are dedicated and put in as much effort as you possibly can, you will definitely benefit from our programs."

Benefits such as job stability, retirement funds, and medical pay are all provided by law enforcement, Moore stated.

"Plus it's fun. There's not many jobs you can go to and come back saying you had fun," he added.

The Signal Hill Police Department also contributed to the Cerritos job fair.

Detective Raul Ramirez was surprised to see the effective outcome



**Ambulance ride at Job Fair:** Edilene Munoz, criminal justice major, and Maria Torres, undeclared major, learn about jobs.

it had.

He shared, "We were given the opportunity to expose what we're about and what we do. I was left astounded to see how many people truly had an interest. We even ran out of applications."

As he explained the Explorers program, undeclared major Maria Torres said she took in a lot of good and interesting information.

"I'm 17 and it seems like nobody wants to hire me," she said, "But this job fair gave me numerous career opportunities like the Explorers

program. Not only will I be giving my service to the community, but also the police department will be training and 'grooming' me. So if I decide to apply for a law enforcement career, they will take me into consideration first 'cause of the career insight I already obtained. I think that's a real big benefit."

Edilene Munoz, criminal law major, took a great deal of interest in the information that Mac Lim, representative of Los Cerritos Center, provided.

"He (Lim) explained to me how

taking a position in mall security or customer service gives you an advantage for future law enforcement opportunities," she shared.

"You get to learn some of the radio codes. So when you transfer into a police department, you won't be all confused about what they are talking about."

Along with law enforcement, Woodworking and Manufacturing Technologies also received a lot of attention.



**Book fair turns a leaf on campus:** Toros Torosyan (R) assists book shoppers.

## Book fair offers fair prices for all

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The Cerritos College library is hosting its bi-annual book fair that runs from Tuesday thru Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The book fair is sponsored by the library and Books are Fun, a Reader's Digest company.

It is a fundraiser with all proceeds going to help in library funding.

Four racks of books, as well as two tables, which displayed many different types of literature and gifts, lined the library entrance.

The genres included books for readers of all ages, from kid stories, to cookbooks, to sport almanacs and everything in between.

"We have over 400 titles from kids to adult, but not that kind of adult," said Toros Torosyan, Books are Fun employee, with a chuckle.

"(We also have) educational, inspirational, musical and even DVDs."

Torosyan explains that they offer a big discount compared to other big-name bookstores. "From 30 to 70 percent off," he said, adding, "the only place that comes close to our prices is Costco, but you need a membership to buy from (it)."

It will also be carrying holiday books to cater the upcoming shopping season, as well as gift packs, which, according to Torosyan, tend to be the best deals.

Some gift packs include a "Pride and Prejudice" 10th Anniversary Collector's Set which is composed of the three-disc edition of A&E's "Pride and Prejudice" as well as a booklet for only \$19.99, an item with a list price of \$59.95.

The book fair has been held at the Cerritos College library for the past eight years, and comes along twice a year.

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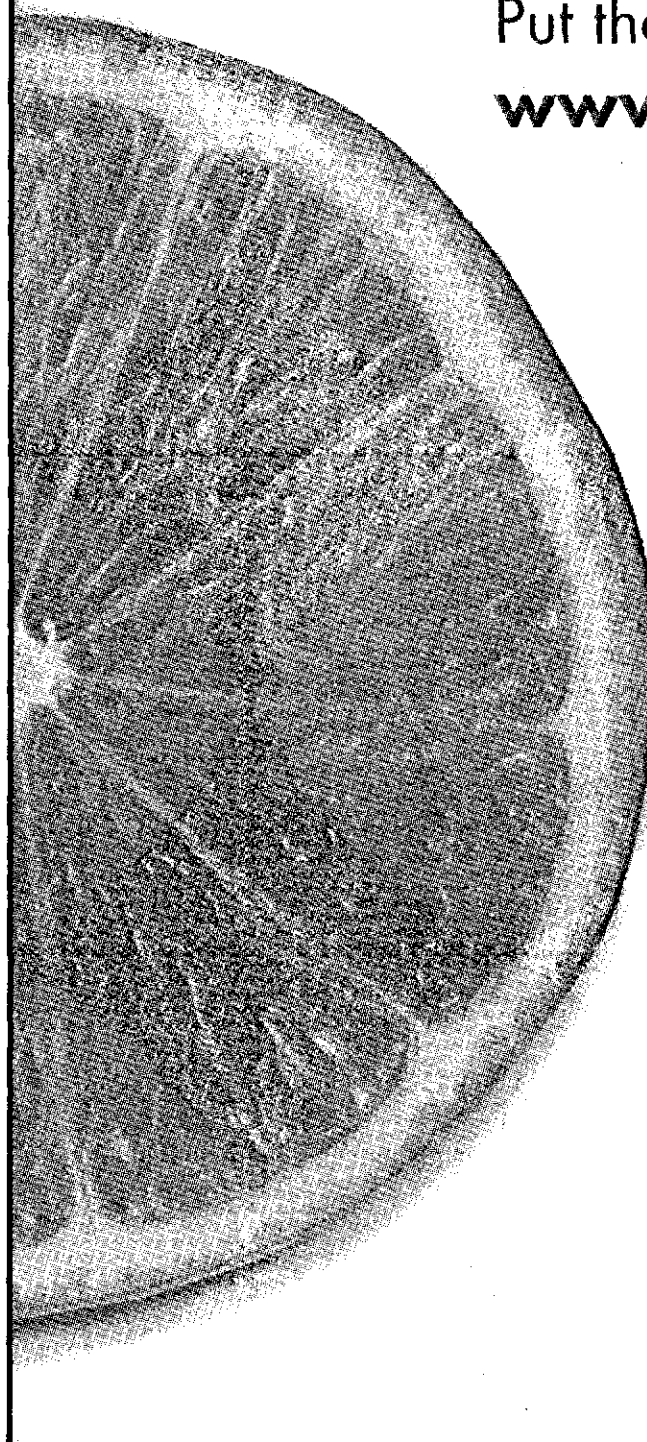
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#### EDITORIAL

# Caution, adult-crossing ahead

Look both ways before crossing the street.

This is something every American boy and girl learns when he or she is old enough to cross the street.

This rule is lost amongst adults today.

If you're driving around Cerritos College, looking for a parking spot, you have to really keep your eyes on the people on the sidewalk because they will not check for traffic before walking in front of you.

This goes for anywhere. Adults don't pay any mind to moving vehicles.

You can see people crossing Alondra Boulevard without waiting for the signal to cross. And cars are driving down that street at about 40 miles per hour.

It's a courtesy to drivers to take a half of a second to look around before you cross the street.

It's really not hard and not an inconvenience in any way.

Some of the people crossing without looking even have headphones on.

Not only do these people have no idea if a car is coming toward them or not, but they won't be able to hear sounds such as tires screeching or horns blowing.

People that cross the street should be ex-

tra aware of things around them.

These awareness skills should also be applied on campus, not just the streets and parking lots.

Many golf carts go around campus every day.

Pay a courtesy to those people driving them because with large crowds, they'll be lucky to drive a couple miles per hour.

Why don't people care about their safety and look before crossing the street?

Drivers are afraid to hit pedestrians because the drivers are almost always considered at fault in these collisions.

That may be the reason why pedestrians don't watch for traffic before crossing streets.

They could be saying, "Drivers don't want to hit me because they will be at fault."

No matter who is at fault, if a car and a person collide, the car is going to win, and that could be fatal.

Cars kill more people in this country than guns after all.

In the end, it doesn't matter who is at fault because it's the pedestrian that will be seriously injured or killed.

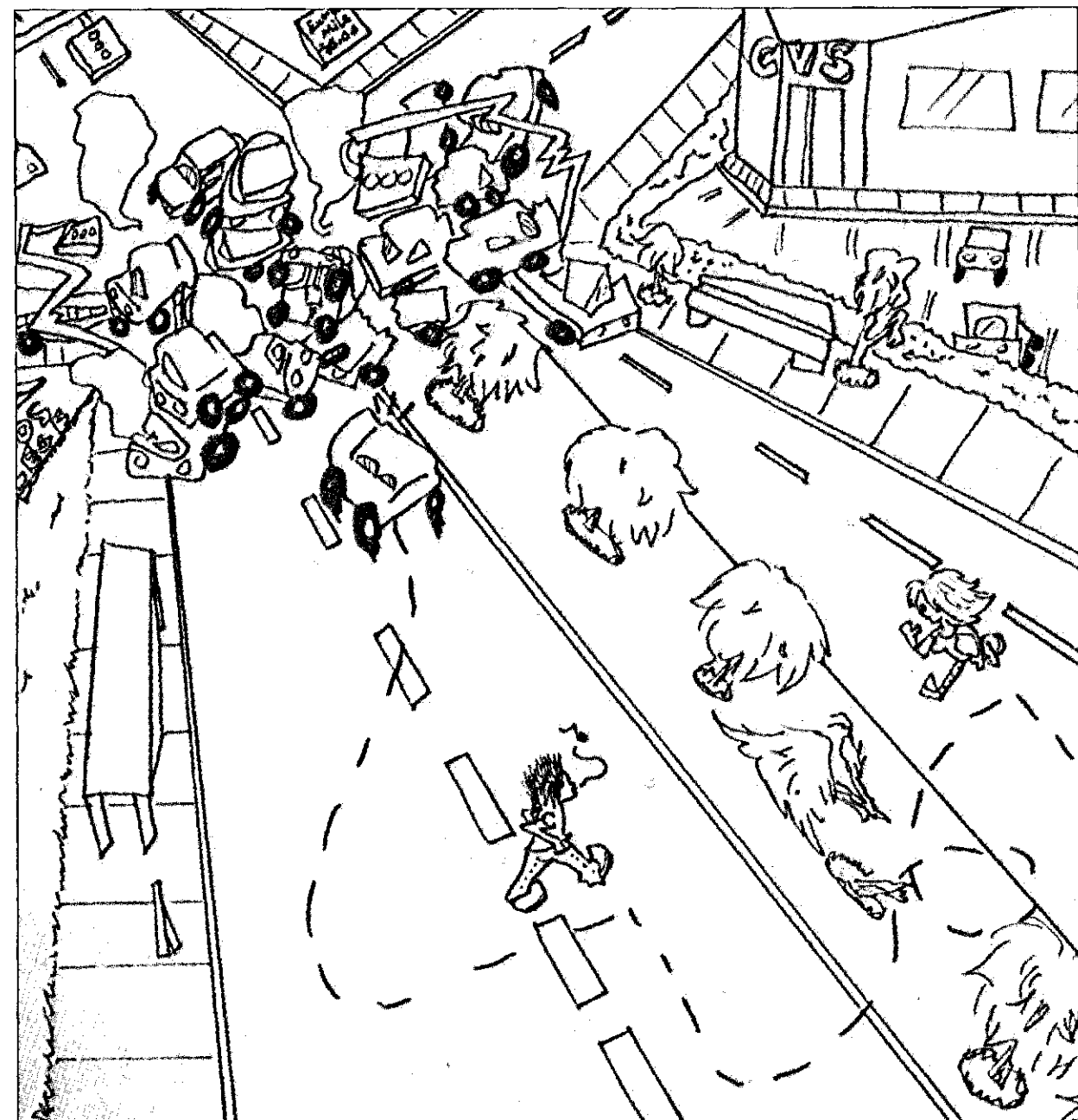


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## Date your friend's ex, it's okay

There is no need to cause drama because of a "rule" about dating friends' exes.



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"Girlfriends never go out with their friends exes. That's the biggest no-no," Audrina Patridge said on an episode of MTV's "The Hills."

The controversy between best friends and exes has been one of the biggest factors that cause unnecessary drama and break up long time friendships.

When it really comes down to it, and they go through "it" they seem to forget their motto.

It is selfish and hypocritical to fight with a friend over an ex, especially after the one fighting is the one that broke up the relationship.

Instead of fighting and losing two friendships, because really the ex is going to choose the new relationship over the person fighting

and causing drama, it should be a time of happiness and approval.

Think about it this way, the one fighting is basically acting as Cupid.

He or she shouldn't be mad, or pissed off, he or she should be extremely happy, especially for his or her friend's happiness.

Many people have gone through an experience like this one.

Some have chosen the unfortunate loss and others have chosen happiness.

I don't understand why the whole so-called rule is still a big deal.

Seriously, if someone can't be mature enough to let a relationship unfold between his ex and

his friend, it's obvious that there are still feelings.

To some extent, the person may be selfish. I've been on both sides of the quarter where I've started dating my best friend's junior high ex and so-called "boo" and it didn't turn out well because of the so-called rule.

I also found that my "boo" is going out with one of my longest-time friends.

I always thought that somehow, my "boo" and I would end up together.

It hurt when I found out but before I said anything, I thought about it and decided that it was time to let go.

Now we all hang out, and it's great having both of them in my life.

I couldn't possibly live with out either of them.

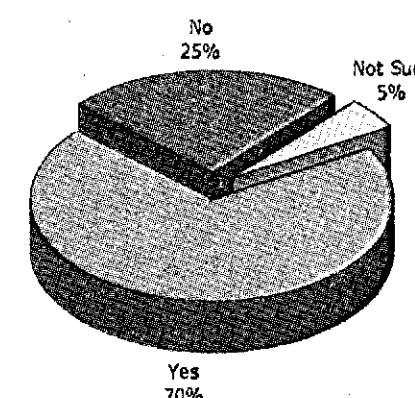
Think about it, be mature about this and don't let a silly "rule" ruin your friendships and cause drama.

*It is selfish and hypocritical to fight with a friend over an ex, especially after the one fighting is the one that broke up the relationship.*

#### STATISTIC OF THE WEEK

Is Sarah Palin being used as a pawn to draw attention to the Republican party?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not Sure



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## How do you feel about pedestrians who walk in front of a moving vehicle?

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**BRIANA BRANCH**  
pre-med major  
"I think they should get hit. They have the right of way but they should be smart about it."



**VALERIE VASQUEZ**  
biology major  
"I think it's dangerous. They could get hit so they shouldn't do that."



**UZO OBIESIE**  
mechanical engineering major  
"I think they have the right of way. There should be laws protecting them in case they get hurt."



**TINA WANG**  
business major  
"I think it is dangerous. It gives them more of a chance to get killed."



**OMAR SALINAS**  
AC and refrigeration repair major  
"I think they are not respecting us. We respect them when they cross, they should respect us while we are driving."



**PATRICK SOSNOWSKI**  
business major  
"I don't drive right now so I don't care much about it."



# 'The Rivals' proves to be an unrivaled accomplishment



The Rivals: Mrs. Malaprop escorted by Fag and Lydia, and several household servants and friends.

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The opening of "The Rivals" was finally upon us, and let me say it was an instant classic. Students and teachers were all present Friday night to sit back and enjoy the show.

I was a bit taken back at first when I realized where the play was in the Burnight Studio Theater. Even though the theater was quite small, it provided a sense of intimacy, which turned out great.

The show is set during 1795 in Bath, England. Lydia Languish (Susannah Kim), a young, wealthy and ditzy heiress has her hand in marriage being fought over three bachelors.

Her aunt, Mrs. Malaprop (Barbara Lopez) has decided to arrange a marriage against Lydia's will.

Her aunt believes that Lydia should marry into her status. Lydia has fallen deeply in love with Beverly, a poor fellow.

Mrs. Malaprop has arranged the marriage between Lydia and Captain Jack Absolute (Richard Martinez). What Lydia and Mrs. Malaprop don't know is that Beverly really is Jack in disguise.

The play slowly unravels after Jack's disguise is at last discovered.

Mrs. Malaprop was one of my favorite characters in the play.

She definitely was a crowd pleaser and had some of the audience members almost falling out of their seats. Her lines were perfect

and she was outstanding in character.

Lydia was another fantastic performer. She was entertaining to watch, and her performance was flawless. Her dramatic outbursts were funny and the way she threw herself into that little couch when she didn't have it her way made me laugh every time.

As petite as she may be, this woman knows her stuff. She is an incredible actor. All the other actors made the play outstanding as well, but these two young women made it a hit for me. My eyes were on them all the time.

The play was damn good. It met my expectations and more. Save me seat for the next play.

## Too gooey for audience's taste

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The thing about honey is that it's not just sweet, but awfully gooey.

That goes for the new film "The Secret Life of Bees," too.

Is the sweetness worth the stickiness in this maudlin "American Sisterhood of the Traveling Green Tomatoes?"

It's a writerly coming-of-age piece set in the Civil Rights summer in South Carolina. But it's also precious, self-conscious, a hug you give at arm's length.

Dakota Fanning, awkwardly leaving her child star days behind, is Lily, a 14-year-old whose last memory of her mother (Amy Adams) is of accidentally shooting her during a fight between her parents.

Her sullen redneck father T. Ray (Paul Bettany, very good) doesn't know how to cope with her.

Only Rosaleen (Jennifer Hudson), the housekeeper, understands the child.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 has just passed and Rosaleen, brimming with pride, takes Lily with her to

town so that she can register to vote and buy Lily her first training bra.

Racists beat Rosaleen, and she and Lily flee to a town Lily only knows because its name is scribbled on the back of a picture of her mom.

In tiny Tiburon, Lily tries to piece together what made her mother happy about this place years before.

That's where she meets the Boatwright sisters, bee-keepers, black women of culture and kindness.

August (Queen Latifah) is the queen bee, June (Alicia Keys, more an exotic presence than an actress) is her testy cellist sister.

May (Sophie Okonedo of "Hotel Rwanda") is the damaged sibling, a woman who feels every emotion so keenly that she has built a Wailing Wall behind their big pink house.

Based on Sue Monk Kidd's novel, "The Secret Life of Bees" is a movie is nicely anchored in a trio of very good performances.

Bettany lets us see the pain and loss behind T. Ray's hatefulness.

Hudson starts living up to her "Dreamgirls" Oscar with a subtle turn here.

And Latifah handles the bee-keeping metaphors with ease. Life, she says, is like the bee yard.

"Don't be afraid. But don't be an idiot. Don't swat. Above all, send the bees love, because every little thing wants to be loved."

Writer-director Gina Prince-Bitewood did "Love & Basketball" years back, and she's still working on the surface.

There's rich, if predictable material here, but she can't make it sing or give the bees the visual poetry that "Ulee's Gold" had.

It doesn't help that the film has too much voice over narration, read by Fanning, or that she's grown up into a calculating actress determined to sexualize every tween role.

But for all the goo, "Bees" is still a wholesome and warm film about a woman finding acceptance at a time when black America was doing the same.

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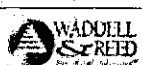
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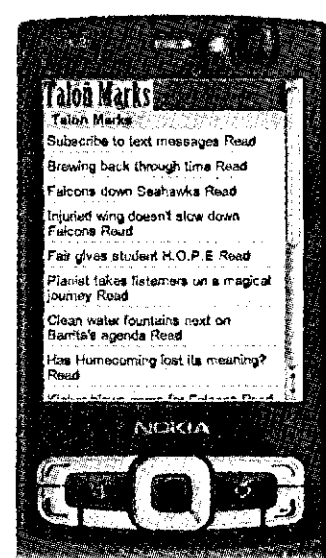
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