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**Angulo Adjusts to New School**

By Haley Nielsen  
Front Page Editor

Although chemistry teacher Sergio Angulo is new on campus, this year will be the 12th in his teaching career.

Before coming to Millikan, Angulo taught at Schurr High School in Montebello. Because he graduated from there (in '85), that was the first school he went to for a job.

But Millikan High School stood out in his mind when he moved to Long Beach six years ago, and he wanted a job closer to his house.

He attended UCLA where he earned a Bachelors degree in biochemistry and a Masters in Public Health.

He also attended the UCLA School of Medicine for a few years before he decided that was not the profession for him. From there he received his teaching credential from Cal State LA.

"Millikan is big yet orderly," Angulo said. "Students know where to go during drills and special schedules. They also seem very friendly."

When asked about how he likes it at Millikan, he said, "I like it a lot. The staff seems very welcoming and the students have also been very helpful in orienting me to how things are done here at RAM HI."

There are a few differences between Millikan and Schurr. "The biggest culture shock to me is the block schedule. I had already developed a chemistry curriculum and teaching style that was made for a traditional 55-minute period, but I now have to adjust to a 90-minute period at a time."

What does he look forward to most for the rest of this year.? "I am looking forward to making new relationships with new people at Millikan, and I'm excited about the future."

Angulo's wife, Angelica, and he have been married almost 11 years and have a six-month old daughter named Sofia.

**Brown Prepares for Principal Position**

By Ashley Moore  
Business Manager

Before interning at Millikan High School, Quentin Brown taught math at Wilson High School. He was also head varsity basketball coach, dean of students, and assistant principal.

Mr. Brown is on campus to participate in the LBUSD Principal Apprentice Program. He became involved in the program to learn how to manage large high schools.

It also gives him the opportunity to shadow the co-principals, Mr. Keller and Dr. Cornejo, to learn first hand how high schools operate.

Mr. Brown enjoys being at Millikan. “I was impressed at the high level of collaboration among the staff, students, parents, and the community,” he said.

If you haven’t met Mr. Brown you’ll find him sharing an office with Mr. Keller. As this year passes, he is happy to assist Millikan by making sure the students improve and develop emotionally, socially, and academically. It is an honor to have a visitor pick Millikan High School for his Principal Apprentice Program.

### **Get in the Loop**

By Jessica Daniels  
Editor-in-Chief

If you have not yet accessed your School Loop account, you should.

For those who have not figured it out, School Loop is a link on the Millikan web site. The purpose of School Loop is for students to access their grades and to get assignments. There are many other things students--as well as parents--can use School Loop for, such as saving work to the locker, and e-mailing teachers and other students.

It is one of the easiest ways to check up on your grades. Here you can see if you have a missing assignment. Or if you know you have done an assignment but have not gotten credit for it, you can ask your teacher to make a correction. It’s the only way to know your grades before they are sent to your house, so make sure there are no mistakes or incomplete assignments.

Parents can get accounts on School Loop so they can check grades and communicate with teachers too. On the upper right-hand corner of the Millikan home page is a link for School Loop. Directly under it is another link called “Parent Quick Sheet.”

### **Advice to Freshmen**

By Haley Nielsen  
*Front Page Editor*

“I would tell freshmen not to fall behind. But make sure you have fun, join clubs and remain social. Don’t think you are ever too good to participate and be active!”

-Karla Crosswell, 12<sup>th</sup> grade, COMPASS

“Set high standards for yourself and your friends and live about that.”

-Alysha Kerr, 12<sup>th</sup> grade, Kiup

“Be prepared for your classes. Make sure and give yourself enough time to finish your work and ask questions. But most of all make sure you still have fun!”

-Carly Morales, 11<sup>th</sup> grade, Global Tech

## ***Editorials***

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#### **New Year, New Rules**

By Yesenia Espinoza

*Editorial Editor*

There have been some minor changes this year.

Maybe you haven't noticed but there are a lot of Millikan students wearing striped tops, which are now permitted at Millikan. Tops still must be navy blue, white, gold, or khaki, but stripes can go vertically or horizontally. Plaid is not acceptable. The bell schedule as well, has been alternated. We currently begin School at 7:35 and end at 2:40, a ten-minute difference from last year.

Since students aren't quiet accustomed to the new schedule they seem to run late at times, as do the school buses. "The whole schedule change confuses some of us since we are so used to the old schedule but, other than that it's not bad at all" says junior Ambar Rivera.

We now have a little more variety to choose from when it comes to uniform. It's only a matter of time till we get used to the bell schedule.

#### **Planning for College**

By D'Angelo Christian

*Copy Editor*

If you're planning to go to college, one of the many things you need to know is that there's a school for everybody.

Applying to collage is a marathon not a sprint. When you get ready to start searching, remember there is a huge selection to choose from. Do not leave out any options just because you haven't heard of the school before or it seems too easy to enroll in.

Look into schools realistically, and try to picture yourself attending that school. If you cannot see yourself there try for an alternative remember this is your future so take the initiative. Start to think about your dream college.

Imagine the size, location, and the altogether feel of the school. Have the end picture in mind. Is the collage a realistic option? You can figure out by seeing if your test scores match up with the schools standards.

Spending your time researching school is always a good idea. For example going online to websites such as collegeboard.com/Princeton review to find schools that match your interest and your academic stats. when making campuses visits, explore and get the general feel of the student vibe, if possible visit the campus when the classes are in session.

Also, when looking for a collage, set deadlines for completing applications. Remember to feel neutral and not pressured into any school.

## **They Had It Easy**

By Lauren Blanchard

*Staff Reporter*

It's not that difficult, just do your best." We've all heard this encouraging statement before, from our parents. Okay, so half of the time they're right. But they still don't understand what it's like to be in high school nowadays.

The truth is these days it's much harder to get through high school then it was years ago. Not only because of the growing population of human beings, but with all the new information science is discovering. That means more studying and less time with friends.

My mom has said it a million times; "It's much harder to get into universities now then it was twenty years ago." Ah-ha! The truth at last! Parents don't understand what school is like for us, but there's a good chance they're trying.

Take the movie, 'Freaky Friday' as an example. The mom assumes that she'll do great pretending to be her daughter in high school, but in the end she trusts the 'Mean Girl' of the school, is accused of cheating on a big test, and is sent to detention.

Now that may be stretching the truth a little bit, there isn't that many people being sent to detention twice a day. But that does prove that parents have not experienced what we go through 180 days a year.

But face it, it's the same way around, try doing your parents adult with only half a diploma.

What would we see if we go back in time to the seventies or eighties? Not just strange clothes, weird hair styles, and disco music, but people going to college with a bunch of C's and maybe a D, when if you want to go to college now you better aim for straight A's all the way.

So parents, try to understand our situation better. We're still young and kind of clueless about the world around us. So no more chores! Just kidding! Just don't try to assume these are the 'Best days of our lives!' well, maybe for some of us they are, but I bet those people don't have a math test next Friday.

## **Needed**

By Lilly Sim

*Staff Reporter*

School is a challenge for many students. But schooling is harder for others students in other countries. They do not get the same opportunities as the students in America. In America, we get to go to school, while other students do not. Children might dislike going to school, but at least they get an opportunity to decide. Most students in other countries would like to have an education, but their parents cannot afford to pay for their kid's education.

The entire curriculum for graduating high school is changing. Students have to pass the CASHEE (Math and English), forty-hours of community service, and have all of the A-G requirements. In the past, students did not have as much requirements as we have now.

### **As Time Flies By**

By Erin Spandorf

*Staff Reporter*

When I was a freshman at Millikan my first day was intimidating. As I walked in the front gate I could almost feel the tension in the air as I was told to wear my I.D. around my neck. As a freshman I thought the campus was overwhelmingly big and I also felt that it was unfair to keep us gated in like animals at the zoo.

But the past three years have gone by so fast and now that I'm a senior I see some things differently. After touring college campuses the Millikan campus seems small and overcrowded. The freedom I felt as a freshman has disappeared as I long for the freedom of life after high school. I also understand now that the school is gated in for our safety but like so many other students I still dislike it.

Now the hurry of feet, the sound of relentless talking, and the smell of pizza at lunch has become a part of my daily routine called Millikan high school.

### **Features**

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### **Red Carpet Goes to Millikan**

By Maria Carbonell

*Feature Page Editor*

The Ram Crew dance is an event that freshmen always look forward to because it's specifically just for them. It's hosted by Ram Crew leaders and ASB officers.

This year's theme was "Hollywood Goes to Vegas." Outside the blue gym freshmen and their guests flashed their pearly whites and posed for the cameras on the red "carpet". Inside, the gym was decorated with lights, stars, and balloons. As part of the Vegas theme there were blackjack dealers and other poker games.

At first the freshmen were "timid and shy," as ASB officer Gabriella Castaneda described them, but after a few nudges toward the dance floor, and with the right songs playing, things started to get pumped up.

The dance went on for two-and-a-half hours. "It started off a little dead, but we ended with a bang," states Ram Crew leader Noel Perez. "I think it's great that freshmen get to have their own dance. It gives them a chance to get to know their peers better,"

After the dance they all headed to the football game against Bellflower. "There was a more laid-back feel to it," states James Moos. "It really felt that we were just a bunch of friends watching a football game."

## Overheard Around Millikan

“Who needs teachers, I can teach myself.”

- COMPASS student’s reply after receiving an F

“My dog bit my hair.”

- A girl’s explanation to why she has a missing part of her hair

“What if there was a smell-no-evil?”

- A girl’s response to seeing her friend squeeze her ears like the hear-no-evil monkey.

“I hate it when movies are so bad that you don’t even know it’s over until the credits start rolling.”

- A girl during a discussion in English

“Psh. I’ll just take pictures of myself and give it to you.”

- Conceited guy’s response when asked to take pictures at a school event

“It’s cold. I can’t work in the cold.”

- A student’s reply when his teacher asked why he’s not doing his work.

“You can’t tell me what to do!”

- A customer at Barnes and Nobles arguing with two other customers bickering about cutting in line and acting like immature children.

“They just wasted ten minutes of my life. Thanks to them, imma die sooner.”

- Junior, waiting in line during orientation.

“Do you want cheese on that?”

- In-n-Out worker’s response when a customer asks for a cheeseburger.

“Every teacher assumes that you have nothing else to do except study for that teacher’s class.”

- April and Susan in math class.

“If you bring another banana to school tomorrow I can show you how to peel it open easier, except you need a knife.”

- Girl explaining to her friend how to peel open a banana the “right way.”

“Well I’m definitely not hungry when I’m full.”

- A girl proving to her friend that she is not always hungry

“That’s a hazard, you’re a bad teacher.”

- A student’s response when their teacher asks them to run around the class

“I’m a freeze this room up so cold that your lips would fall off.”

- A teacher, during second period

### **Senior Future Plans**

By Michelle Ponce

Career Center Supervisor

Eight months! That's plenty of time... or is it? So, you're graduating in eight months...

Now is the time to filter through the last 12 years and prepare for the future years. Deciding what to do in your next endeavor can be fun as well as overwhelming. Are you considering College? Military? Trade or vocational school? Work? If so... prepare yourself now. The Career Center is here to help.

### **To Do List**

**College.** Most college applications are due by the end of November and nearly all applications are done on-line. On-line applications provide almost complete accuracy and an immediate confirmation. Application workshops are available in the Career Center starting in October. Also, the Career Center provides access to on-site visits by college admission representatives.

**Vocational Schools.** Use the Internet to locate the school of your choice. Contact the admissions representative for detailed information. Most applications are due in the Fall.

**Military.** There are five military branches to choose from: U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army (and Army National Guard), U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Marines and U.S. Navy. Each branch has a personal contact. You may schedule an individual visit in the Career Center. Check with your recruiter regarding the ASVAB test as it is required to join the military.

**Work.** Choosing to work after school can provide a foundation for areas of interests. Many employers hire students directly out of high school. In time, you find that furthering your education will provide an open door for promotion. To find the right job, research companies that interest you. Develop a resume and practice your interviewing skills.

### **Seven Pairs to Wear**

By Maria Carbonell

*Feature Editor*

Take a walk around campus and look down at peoples feet. Everyone seems to express their individuality with their shoes. Some shoes are torn, some are homemade, some are classy, and some are just insane. These are the trendiest shoes in the halls of Millikan.



Hope, Eighty Percent Jonathan, Emerica  
Brandon, Osiris

Rachel, Homemade

Paul, Vans



Kristi, Sam Edelman Matira, Whitestag

## **Ranchos Los Cerritos Teen Docent Program**

**Brianna Looney**

*Sports Editor*

Are you struggling to finish off those community service hours? Is it hard to find something fun to do?

Do you want 100 hours?

If so, Rancho Los Cerritos has an offer just for you. It's free, it's fun, and you can't get this type of experience anywhere else.

Rancho Los Cerritos has created the Teen Docent Program. It's aimed specifically for high school students who need serving learning hours and want better public speaking skills.

The program can also open up opportunities for students wanting to pursue a career related to museum education and public history.

For the first eight weeks, you will begin to explore the history of California and Rancho history. You'll also learn top museum technique from the experience staff. The program will train you to lead museum tours for youth groups as well.

The total training/service program for the RLC Teen Docent Program are 100-hours—yes, 100—and needs to be completed during the 2008-2009 school year.

You don't need any previous experience but you have to be motivated and willing to spend your time and make a commitment to the program.

The first day of the program is Thursday October 16, and it continues until June 10, 2009. It begins at four p.m. and ends at six p.m. It is located at the Rancho Los Cerritos Historic Site, 4600 Virginia Road, in Long Beach.

For more information, you can call (562) 570-1755.

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**Millikan Football Likes to W.I.N.**

By Brianna Looney  
*Sports Editor*

Some would define success as winning or achieving some great victory. But to Millikan's football players, and Coach Kirk Diego, success is simply doing the best you can.

And our Rams are doing just that. They play their hearts out every Thursday and Friday night, taking on the sacks and tackles, and still managing to get up a second later.

Though the first several games have been a mixture of wins and losses, Coach Diego makes sure that the team focuses on W.I.N.

That is, "What's Important Now."

"We just play one play at a time," Coach says, "We try not to look ahead, ever."

For Millikan football, their main goal is to improve each day. There is no winning or losing for them.

Particular players such as Jonathon Sanders, Alden Darby, Jake Holtz and Eli Martinez have shown that they know what it means to succeed, and that their never-ending football spirit brings them ahead.

"We've had a lot go wrong, but it didn't deter them," Diego comments on his players, and some of the highlights of the season thus far. "Some guys have done things that they thought weren't possible."

Be sure to show your support Millikan by attending games and rooting for our favorite players every night!

"Support definitely helps."

**Olympians Return Home With Honor**

By Brianna Looney  
*Sports Editor*

Susie Atwood, along with Ryan Bailey and Mike Tully, returned to Millikan to be honored for their athletic achievements.

Water polo teams were given a chance to interview the Olympians exclusively in the library after the rally.

When asked for advice for students. Atwood answered, “Never give up. I remember how sick I got of how hard it was to train. I kept thinking, ‘It’s not worth it’ but in retrospect, I’m glad I kept going.”

By the time she had become a students at Millikan, she had already been to the Olympics. Atwood graduated from Millikan in 1971, and during her three years playing on the girls swim team, she went to SCIF with only five swimmers. Ryan Bailey, another alumnus of Millikan, was a water polo team member and participated in the 2008 games in Beijing. He won the Silver Medal.

During his adolescence, Ryan played for a water polo club. Though they lost every year, he remembers having fun and playing to improve his polo skills in college.

Mike Tully—a Millikan alumnus as well—was a pole-vaulter and one of the best of his kind. Tully won a Silver Medal during the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles. He still holds many records today.

“You know, the biggest thing was that I was fortunate to find something that I was good at. That’s the key. Find that passion and work at it.”

The alumni also donated parts of their official gear—some of which was even worn at the Olympics—and will be placed in the Millikan Hall of Fame.

## **Long Beach PONY Gallops to World Series**

By Haley Nielsen  
*Front Page Editor*

Not everyday do you get to make all-stars but to make it to the 2008 PONY World Series is a life-changing event. Even farther out of the realm of normal would be to get to the World Series and actually win it. Avery Flores was on the 16 and under Long Beach Pony Baseball team that went to this year’s World Series and was able to claim a memory that will always be one story to brag about.

The tournament took place August 9-18 in Washington, Pennsylvania.

Playing in Pennsylvania was very fun but definitely was not easy. We still had to work hard everyday and practice if we did not have a game. It also took a lot of strength out of you meaning you were always tired. The time was also hard to adjust to.

Avery proudly stated that he started at second base in every game. The first game was on Sunday, August 10 against Tamiami, Florida. The Long Beach PONY team won 5-1. Two days later Long Beach played their next game against Hagerstown, Maryland, with a final score of 10-4. Two days later in the third game Avery and his team faced Tamiami, Florida for the second time and pulled out a 9-7 final score.

On game four, the final game of the World Series, on Saturday, August 16 and Long Beach faced Chinese-Taipei. This was one of two games that were extremely close with only a few run difference in the final score. Long Beach ended the game with a two run walk off home run in the bottom of the 7th inning, making the final score 3-2.

“This whole experience was exciting and fun. It took a lot of hard work but was such a great accomplishment for the team of Long Beach. What kept the team strong the whole way was “14 Strong”; this meant that we could not done what we did with every single player on the team. If I could rewind time and do the whole experience over again I would in a heartbeat. And I wouldn’t change a single thing that we did.”

