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The magnificent seven sparkle

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After a grueling four-day campaign and a final tabulation of votes, seven determined women emerged victorious to win their places on the 2001/2002 Cerritos College Homecoming court.

All last week, 15 candidates (backed by various campus groups) were vying to win a coveted spot on the court. The campaigning consisted of the women passing out flyers and candy, meeting with students and taking every opportunity to get out in front of the college community.

Many of the finalists are new to Homecoming-type campaigning yet still managed to win places for themselves.

"I was really nervous about getting out there," said Finalist Betty Sanchez (backed by the Disabled Students' Association) "but I did better than I thought I could."

The women hope that by running for Homecoming Queen, they can help bring attention to their favorite cause and increase student participation.

"This is a chance to promote women's issues," said finalist Claudia Geldis (backed by the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance) "while at the same time helping to break stereotypes."

The Homecoming Queen will not have any assigned duties, but is often invited to attend awards ceremonies, dedications, groundbreaking and other events in and around the College community.

Numerous campus clubs decided to sponsor individual candidates from within their membership and backed them in campaigning.

The sponsorship takes the form of helping candidates to create posters, pass out flyers and talk to students between classes.

There is a vested interest in clubs having their candidate selected as Homecoming Queen, as this leads to greater exposure to the campus community and promotes school spirit

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Photo by Armondo Borboa

Pictured at top from left to right, Claudia Geldis, Laura Weissenberg, Master of Ceremonies Wayne Nunnery, Erica Cruz, Betty Sanchez, Varangana Punchihewa. Bottom; Sarah Nord and Eileen Arencibia.



Photo by Armondo Brown

CEBEC graduates, Mayra Vega, Dora Perez and Araceli Martinez receive their certificates.

Certificates for leadership

ARMONDO BROWN
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The first graduating class of the "Civics Education: Building Effective Communities" program, or CEBEC, walked across the Student Center stage last Wednesday night to receive certificates for completing the program.

Thirty-eight students made up the class that began in the fall of 2000.

Created by Cerritos College's Adult Education and Diversity Programs Department, CEBEC is a pilot program that has been put into effect as a way for members of the surrounding immigrant community to better transition into mainstream American society.

This is achieved by attending a series of workshops that include such

topics as, civics participation, financial planning, building of self-esteem, and developing a positive attitude.

Belt resident, and CEBEC student Alberto Roacho said that after taking some of the program's workshops, people's self-esteem shoots way up.

People who participate in CEBEC are generally immigrants from Latin American countries, who have not yet gotten a very good command of English, and as a result, are hesitant to get involved in matters that concern their communities.

This program strives to give them the confidence and the tools to become active in their communities.

In a video about CEBEC, that was

shown at the ceremony, Graciella Velasquez, the director of adult education said that the program was something her organization saw a need for.

Rather than hold all the workshops on the Cerritos College campus, CEBEC sends instructors, members of the community, church members, and council members to various locations out in the surrounding communities to make it easier for people to attend, who otherwise might have too much going on in their lives to be able to make it to the campus.

The requirements for completing the program include attending a series of workshops, regularly meeting with a CEBEC counselor, and pursuing an educational experience related to their

No 'equality' for women and minorities

TARA CARTER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

A California state appeals court recently overturned a 23 year old law that required community colleges to meet certain goal criteria when hiring female and minority employees.

This decision was brought down as a result of the passage of proposition 209, a measure passed by California voters in 1996 that prohibited the use of racial, ethnic, or gender preferences by colleges and other state agencies.

Ward Connerly, one of the architects of Proposition 209 hailed the latest court decision as "a great victory for the people of California."

The overturned law required community colleges to "make additional efforts to recruit, employ, and promote women and members of racial and ethnic minority groups that were underrepresented on their payrolls."

It also provided colleges with financial incentives for increasing diversity so that by 2005 the systems work force would "reflect proportionately the adult population of the state."

After proposition 209 was passed, the community college system began to comply with the measure through regulatory actions. Colleges did not use hiring practices unless they were "justified by compelling evidence of past shortcomings in hiring female and minority employees, but the court was not satisfied.

The court ruled against diversity goals and

timetables, saying they implicitly lead to use of illegal hiring preferences

Community college officials defended the courts accusation saying that minority students have benefited from minority role models.

"I'll tell you as an educator, you have better learning when you have a diverse work force and a diverse learning environment," said Thomas J. Nussbaum the California state Chancellor of Community colleges.

Jennifer Scott, a student at Cerritos college echoed Nussbaum's statement. "It is cool when you have an opportunity to learn from a person who looks like you. It makes you believe you can also become successful."

The California court of appeals believes the opposite. "From the presence of staffs of mixed races and ethnic groups," the court said: "Lessons concerning democratic principles must include the fundamentals principles of law, embodied in our state and federal constitutions, that individuals should not be classified for different treatment based on their race."

Although community colleges are prohibited from collecting and reporting employee data based on race, other state institutions are allowing to continue. The court said "the systems efforts to collect such data are entirely bound up and intermixed with the success of preferential hiring scheme."

This decision will "almost certainly be appealed to the California Supreme Court," said Nussbaum.

Citizen-soldier called away to serve his nation

ALICIA WARNER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

As the United States prepares to attack Afghanistan, Doug Haynes, a professor in the Administration of Justice department, has been called to serve his country.

Haynes, a U.S. Coast Guard Intelligence Officer, was called to active duty two weeks ago, and is currently being stationed in Long Beach, Ca.

Haynes, Phillip Satterfield, and Cerritos College Police Chief Marv Engquist are the only full-time professors in the Administration of Justice Department on campus. Along with other professors, Haynes taught Introduction to

administration of Justice, Concepts of Criminal Law, Criminal Procedures and Concepts Enforcement SVCS. He was the only professor to teach Administration of Justice, Occupational Work Experience, and Narcotics and Vice Control.

Out of the six classes Haynes taught, Engquist is currently teaching three of them. The other three are being covered by other teachers in the Administration of Justice department.

"My time is split between being at the police department and spending extra time

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Learning how to be good Americans

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community. During the ceremony, Velasquez related a story about one particular scholar in the program, who for one of his program projects had to go to Long Beach City Hall to obtain community service information. She said that he had lived in Long Beach for 19 years, and had never set foot in city hall, but after taking CEBEC workshops, he had developed the confidence to go in and get all kinds of information.

There were some very excited people at the graduation ceremony, who felt like they have been given the key to a better future in their adopted home-land.

Roacho's husband, Guiermo said, "This program has converted people in my community into true leaders. [Before CEBEC], people didn't speak any English, and wouldn't try anything, but this workshop has changed things for them."

The couple, originally from Colima, Mexico has been in the United States for approximately 12 years. They have an American born daughter who speaks English as well as any other eight-year-old American.

The Roachos struggle with the English language, but CEBEC has given them the confidence to practice it in public.

Roacho said, "My daughter likes it when I try to speak the language."

The CEBEC program is quickly becoming known throughout Spanish speaking communities, with various Spanish language newspapers, as well as television programs following its progress.

CEBEC graduate, Napoleon Palacios said he found out about the program through a Spanish language community newspaper.

Palacio is very excited about the program. He said, "When I discovered it was something to help build up our communities, I was interested, and I got involved like a storm. And now it's impossible to stop me because I have to do things for my community." The entire ceremony was conducted in English as well as Spanish.



Photo by Armando Brown
Construction worker, Pasqual Garcia frames the walls of the first floor of the new Senior Center, Tuesday. After some early delays, construction has been moving at a swift pace since the cement foundation was poured two weeks ago. By mid-week, work crews had much of the first floor framed. The new Senior Center is being built on part of the strawberry patch.

Homecoming set to pump up school spirit

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within the clubs. "I'm glad to see them (the clubs) out here," said Jorge Perez, ESL "things like this (Homecoming) are good to have on campus."

The campaigning lasted until the very last minute, with students racing to the voting booths to vote for their favorites.

The court is chosen by popular student vote, with students being allowed to select up to seven candidates, with a final tally of 964 students voting for the homecoming Court.

This is more than double the number of people who voted for the Student Senate at the beginning of the semester.

A further election in two weeks will determine who will be the Cerritos College Homecoming Queen.

Voting is open to students with a Cerritos College Student ID and a current sticker.

Voting Booths are located by the Health Occupations building, in front of the Food court and by the Elbow room in front of the Liberal Arts building.

COURT PRESENTATION

Flushed with elation and blushing with emotion, the seven court members were presented to the Cerritos College student body at last Tuesday's 2001/2002-homecoming presentation in the Student Center.

One by one, the court members were announced by name and sponsoring organization. Next, they walked a short runway accompanied by thunderous cheers and applause from the audience.

They also gave a brief personal history and answered a few questions from emcee Wayne Nunnery.

Students can meet the candidates this Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Activity Night event. Candidates will be talking to different classes in the SS building.

See the Talon Marks Online for more candidate's quotes and activity schedule.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Artist lectures in Art Gallery

Artist Raul Guerrero will be speaking about his art, which is hanging in the Art Gallery in room AC-50, Thursday from 2 - 3 p.m., and then again from 3:30 - 4:30 where he will show slides.

Seminar series

Phi Theta Kappa and the Scholars' Honors Program will be hosting "The Isolated Community" Wednesday from 2 - 4 p.m. in the Student Center.

This seminar will discuss ideological groups which voluntarily separate themselves from the rest of society.

WPMD Hosts Discussion

"The Many Moods of Vince Daniels" gives outspoken WPMD air personalities an opportunity to vent and engage in open discussion about American Politics on the pro's and con's of war.

Faking part will be "Jazz Lounge" host Lisa Carreon, "The Top 5 at 5s" Victor Savage, and

Whitney High transfer student Kimberly Grant, host of "The Public Display of Intelligence." This will be a live simulcast airing from 7 to 9 p.m. on Oct. 10 at 1700 A.M. and at WPMD on the internet.

Theatre production opens

Starmites, Cerritos College's theatre department's newest production about comic book heroes and villains starts Friday, and also plays on Saturday, and then resumes again the following week on the 18, 19 and 20 at 8 p.m., and on Oct. 21 at 2 p.m.

Professor serving with pride

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with students in the classroom," says Engquist.

The department is unsure of how long Haynes will be gone.

"His orders are that he could be activated up to one year," says Engquist.

There were no interruptions in the classes, they continued teaching the students as normal.

Haynes has been teaching full-time at Cerritos College for approximately 12 years.

Engquist and Haynes are Co-advisors to the Administration of Justice Club, Lambda Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Engquist will also be taking the Administration of Justice Department Chair job while Haynes is gone.

"I enjoy being in the classroom, I did not want to lose touch with students," commented Engquist.

While Professor Haynes is gone to serve the country, the Board of Trustees are in discussion about how they can respond to faculty being called.

"The Board of Trustees is in consultation with the school's lawyer about how they can go about extending benefits and salaries to faculty that have been called to duty," says Dr. Harmon.

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Knott-so-scary farm Halloween Haunt

BY SYLVIA DURAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Everybody laughed as a ghoul chased a hysterical kid down a foggy midway. The kid ran crying and waving his arms, dodging other ghouls who finally cornered him.

Then, the ghouls burst into uncontrollable laughter at the spectacle.

The kid was among the estimated 19,000 guests to attend the first night of Knott's Berry Farm's 29th annual Halloween Haunt on Oct. 4.

Unfortunately, so was I.

MAZES

This year Knott's added four new mazes titled "Red Moon Massacre," "The Curse of the Spider Woods," "Malice in Wonderland," and "Lore of the Vampire."

Scary? Maybe, if you're 12 and frightened of the dark.

"The Curse of the Spider Woods" is not a maze, it's a show," said a Knott's host.

I waited in line for about five minutes before being led into a dark room along with the rest of the crowd. We all stood crowded in a small fog-filled room, wondering what horror awaited us.

Soon the lights went off, the suspense was killing us. A thunderous voice recited the "Little Miss Muffet" rhyme. There were a few recorded blood-curdling screams and we were led back out. Yup, that was it.

"Malice in Wonderland," "Lore of the Vampire" and "Elvira's Red Moon Massacre" were fun but I didn't think it was worth standing two hours in line.

SHOWS

Elvira is back once again starring in her own show titled, "Elvira at 20... almost legal." It should have been titled, "Elvira, pushing 60... should be illegal."

We stood in line for about 45 minutes and when we were finally let into the theatre, there was an additional 20 minute wait, "due to technical difficulties beyond our control."

A hooded man appeared on stage standing behind a turntable. The man, a rather pathetic excuse for the Grim Reaper, played out-of-date tunes for another excruciating 10 minutes.

At this point, many people began to walk out on the show.

Finally, just when I thought the torture was over, Elvira appeared on stage wagging her chest, proclaiming herself as "boobylicious" and comparing herself to Destiny's Child and J.Lo.

She pranced around the stage singing her morbid versions of "I'm a Survivor," "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun," "Love Shack" and more.

Toward the end of the show, she teased the audience with a trailer of her upcoming boob-flick, starring herself, titled "Elvira's Haunted Hills" due out next fall.

I sat there wondering "How long is this show?"

I became tired of her tasteless jokes and joined the crowd who walked out.

"The Hanging" starring the Crypt Keeper is possibly the most anticipated show of the night.

This year the jokes were targeted at Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera, Tom Cruise and that annoying British Hostess of the "Weakest Link" game show.

Disney's California Adventure fell victim to their mocking as well as movies like "Planet of the Apes," "Mission Impossible" and "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon."

The show's beginning was entertaining and strong but it flopped in the end.

I won't reveal who gets hanged, but I will tell you this: You're going to be disappointed.

Other feature shows include "The Haunted Hypnotist," "Zamora's Side Show of the Bizarre," "Ed Alonzo's Magic and Mayhem," and "Dr. Cleaver Returns."

Knott's Scary Farm is open Oct. 11-14, 18-21, 25-28, 30-31 and Nov. 2-3. Hours are 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. and 7 p.m. through 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Tickets are \$30 pre-sale and \$40 at the door.



John Castro, co-writer and co-producer of "The Debut", at L.B. Town Center

Photo by Lisa Joyce Vergara

Filipino stars fill the bill for 'The Debut'

LISA JOYCE VERGARA
SPECIAL TO THE TALON MARKS

What do Dante Basco (Fakin' Da Funk), DJ ICEY-ICE (100.3 the Beat L.A.) and DJ EMAN (Power 106) have in common? They are all full-blooded Filipinos and star in the movie, "The Debut."

The movie is about Ben Mercado (Dante Basco) a Filipino-American high school senior who struggles with American life and rejects his Filipino heritage.

It is not until his sister Rose (Bernadette Balagtas) has her 18th debut birthday party, that Ben gets reacquainted with his ethnic culture and falls for his sister's best friend Annabelle (Joy Basco).

"This is an American movie, it is not just for Filipinos. This movie is for everyone... whether you are African-American, Latino or White," co-writer John Manal Castro said, "We want people to go out there and check out the film."

Movie critic Roger Ebert says "It's [one of] the first films about Filipino-Americans. It's great! Thumbs Up!"

Time and time again many Filipinos have been in the entertainment industry and have gone unrecognized for who they are ethnically.

Instead the Filipino actresses and actors play Chinese, Latinos and mostly every other Asian race except their own.

This movie gives ethnic actors a chance to show the American public who Filipino-Americans are and what they stand for.

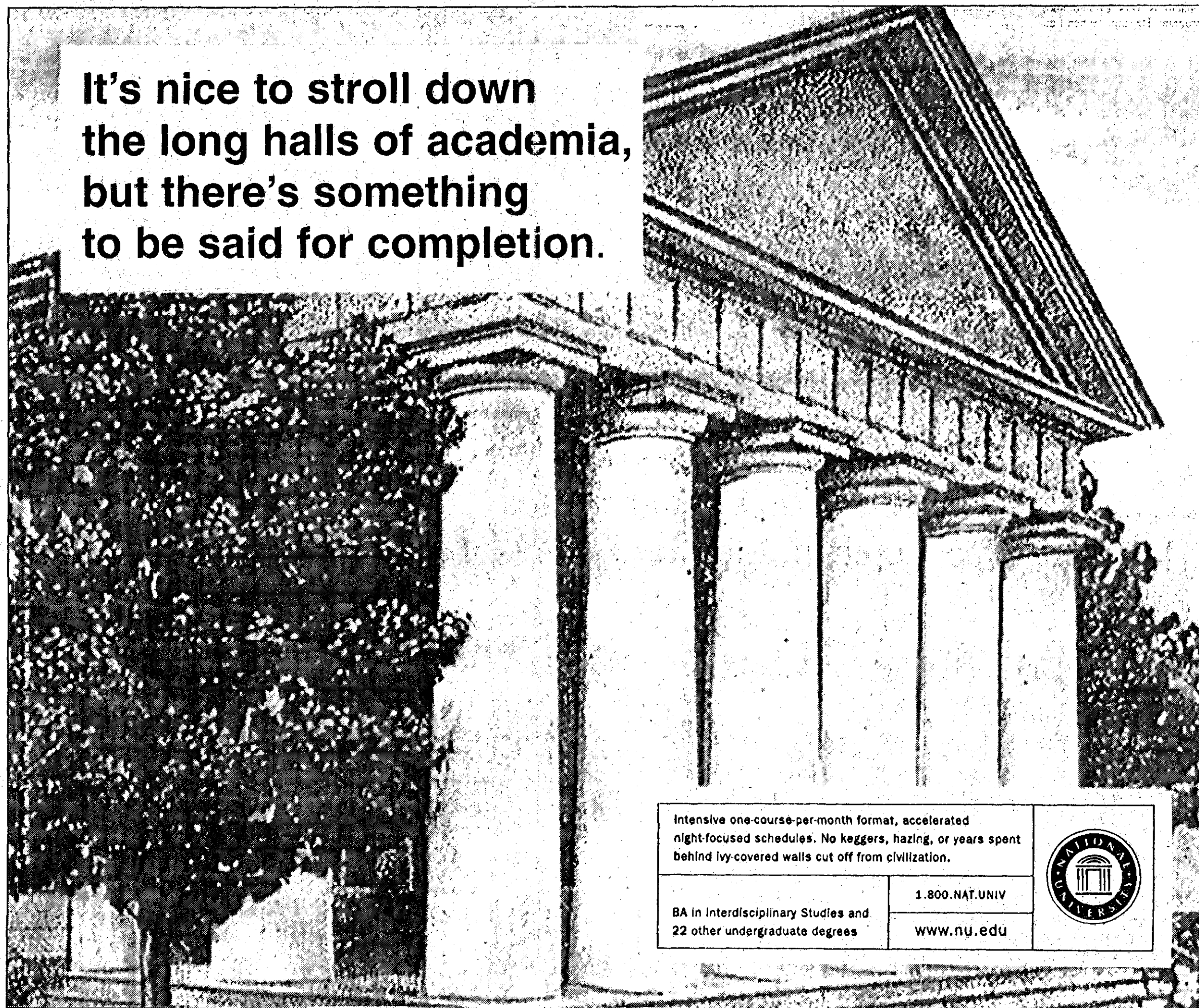
These gifted people are not just in the Philippines, they are everywhere.

They even have diverse backgrounds: From Radio DJs to the Hip Hop Nation's Foxy Brown, Jay-Z and one of the members of the Black-Eyed Peas, to actors Lou Diamond Phillips, Tia Carrera and Rob Snyder and the T.V. sitcom "City Guys" Dion Basco.

Movie goers catching this flick will get a spicy taste of the Filipino culture and music.

For more information, check out the website www.debutfilm.com.

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FOOTBALL

Falcons down Dons

JOHN KITANO
SPORTS EDITOR

If it were a boxing match, it would've been called in the third quarter.

Still, the Cerritos College football team beat Santa Ana College, 36-27 Saturday at the Santa Ana Bowl.

While the Falcons (4-0) gained 408 total yards, they also turned the ball over four times (including two fumbles) and were assessed 134 yards in penalties.

Falcons' linebacker John Lopez said, "We didn't have too good of a week in practice. I thought we came out better than we did last week (against Golden West)."

The Dons (2-3) lost three fumbles, two of which led to Falcon touchdowns in the second quarter.

After Rajae Barnett recovered a Santa Ana fumble on the Dons' 45 yard line, Mike Harrison hit Jason McMillan with a 44-yard touchdown pass to go ahead 21-7.

With first down on its own 20, Santa Ana running back Brandon Fischer, who scored two touchdowns for the Dons, fumbled.

Lopez ran the ball in for the touchdown, and Cerritos led, 27-14, at halftime.

"It was my first (touchdown) ever," said Lopez. "I didn't expect it."

With Cerritos leading 27-21 in the third quarter, the Dons had fourth down on their eight-yard line, when the snap was fumbled by punter Josh Raphael out of the end zone for a safety.

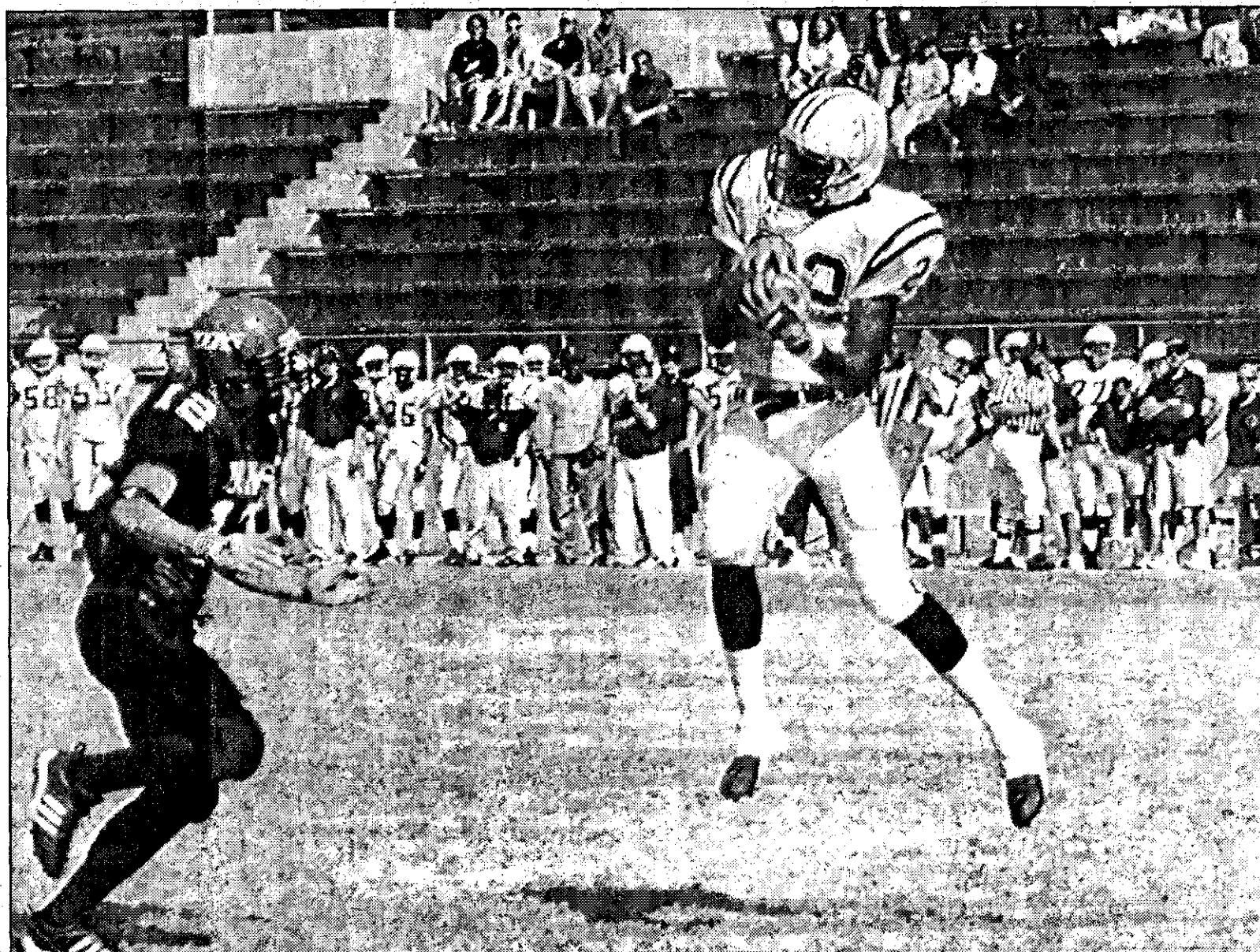
The Falcons then increased their lead to 36-21 on a 36 yard pass from punt formation by Harrison to Chris Chatman.

Chatman said, "The cornerback happened to be off (coverage), so the quarterback threw me the ball."

Fischer finished the game with 32 rushes for 179 yards.

Lopez said, "He was a tough guy. We haven't gone against a running back that big (6', 220 lbs.)."

The Falcons next game will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at College of the Canyons. The game was rescheduled from Sept. 15, when it was cancelled due to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.



PICKED OFF -- Cerritos safety Douglas Stewart (22) intercepts a pass intended for Santa Ana's Joshua Short (12) in the second quarter. The interception preserved a 27-14 Falcon lead at halftime on the way to a 36-27 win.

Photo by Armondo Brown/TM

Water polo teams win

JOHN KITANO
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a double dose of victory for Cerritos College as its water polo teams recorded wins over Los Angeles Trade Tech Wednesday at Cerritos.

The men's team won its fifth game in a row with a 12-0 shutout of Tech, and the women's team got its first win in 15 tries with a 17-11 victory.

WOMEN WIN FOR FIRST TIME

Jill Strickland led the Falcons (1-14, 1-2 in SCC) with five goals, and Jessica Meili and Megan Robles added three goals apiece.

Robles said that the team has more experience as the season progresses, and has "pulled through as a team."

"Hopefully there will be more wins," Coach Glenn Myer said, "We could have played a little bit better. There were a couple of mental mistakes."

Wednesday the Falcons will host Long Beach City, ranked fifth in the state.

MEN EXTEND STREAK

Daniel Garcia, Charlie Eldridge and Bryan Brown scored two goals each for Cerritos (9-4, 2-1 in SCC).

Duje Kaliterna said that the team will have to practice hard for its next game Wednesday against Long Beach City, calling the Vikings "tough competition."

Volleyball team swept by LBCC

JOHN KITANO
SPORTS EDITOR

The Falcons' volleyball team stayed close to host Long Beach City, but the Vikings, ranked second in the state, prevailed three games to none Friday.

The Vikings (5-1, 3-0 in SCC) scored six of the final seven points to win the first game, 30-23.

Cerritos (3-2, 1-2 in SCC) took a 9-6 lead in game two, but Long Beach then reeled off six straight points and pulled away for a 30-21 win.

The Vikings took the third game, 30-26, for the sweep.

Middle blocker Vanessa Cid said the Falcons played hard, but "We need to pick it up from the beginning."

Setter Berlin Mika said that the team was lacking in its passes and service. "We all played hard."

FALCONS SWEEP EAST L.A.

DAVID AMEZCUA
STAFF WRITER

The Falcons' volleyball team blew out East Los Angeles College three games to none Wednesday at Cerritos.

In the first game, Jessica Baez gave the Falcons a 20-9 lead on a kill on the way to a 30-13 win.

The Falcons routed the Huskies in the second game, 30-5.

In the third game, Mika made the score 24-10 on a serve as the Falcons whipped the Huskies 30-15.

Ameté said, "The Huskies style of playing slow caused us to play to their level."

Arvizu said that team played a lot better considering that the Huskies are not that strong.



Photo by Armondo Brown/TM

IN PURSUIT -- Jessica Escorsia of Cerritos plays defense against a Pasadena player. The Lancers won the game, 4-1.

Cerritos soccer teams split games for the week

VERONICA CAMPOS
STAFF WRITER

The Falcons women's soccer team (3-8, 2-5 in SCC) hosted Pasadena City and lost, 4-1, Friday.

Forward Claudia Lozano scored the only goal for the Falcons, who stayed tied 1-1 with Pasadena until the 35th minute of the first half.

"This is the first time we scored on PCC in five years," said Coach Debbie Jensen.

However, that wasn't enough for the Falcons. Pasadena scored three more goals in the half.

Jensen said the players came through when the Falcons defeated host L.A. Harbor College, 6-1, Oct. 2.

"They were tied in the first half, 1-1. In the second half they started moving the ball around a little bit more, and ended up scoring five more (goals) on them."

MEN TIE LONG BEACH

The men's soccer team played to a 1-1

tie with Long Beach City College Tuesday at Cerritos.

Nestor Elias scored for Cerritos with a header in the first half.

Neither team scored in the second half.

Elias also scored a goal in the second half for Cerritos in its South Coast Conference opener Friday at Compton College.

But the Tartars scored two goals on penalty kicks in the same half to beat the Falcons, 2-1.

Falcons' defender Tony Toledo said, "The game could have gone either way, but because of two careless mistakes, Compton got the win."

Toledo was one of the defender's who committed the foul that led Compton into scoring its second goal.

The Falcons dropped a 3-2 decision at Rio Hondo College Oct. 2.

Friday the men will visit Los Angeles City College for a game at 4 p.m.

Wrestlers take third

JOHN KITANO
SPORTS EDITOR

Josh Johnson won the championship at 141 pounds as the Cerritos College wrestling team finished third in the Santa Ana Tournament Saturday at Santa Ana College.

Anthony Rodriguez and Javier Madrigal finished second and fourth, respectively, in the 125 lb. competition.

Damacio Page, Alvaro Arriola and Abdel Sadik took second, third and fourth place, respectively, in the 133 lb. weight class.

At 157 lbs., Steve Garcia placed second and Gabriel Barragan fifth.

Andrew Lopez finished fourth in the 165 lb. weight class, as did Andy Tuffnell at 184 lbs.

DUAL MEET WIN

The Falcons won eight matches to defeat visiting Victor Valley, 37-6 Wednesday at Cerritos.

Johnson (141 lbs.), Garcia (157 lbs.) and Rodriguez (125 lbs.) all won by a technical fall.

Rodriguez said, "I stuck to my game plan and came out on top."

He added that the coaching came through for the team, and the result was everybody on the team "stepping up."

Marco Lara and Lopez also recorded big wins.

Tuffnell (184 lbs.) and Tad Millane (197 lbs.) each won by forfeit.

Victor Valley's only win came when Buck Wire pinned Chris Dannon in the 174 lb. weight class.

In the closest match of the night, Sadik (133 lbs.) defeated Chris Goffredo by a score of 6-1.

The match was scoreless through the first two rounds, then Sadik scored a reversal and two takedowns in the third round to win the match.

Sadik said that Goffredo was strong.

"He's one of the toughest wrestlers from that school."

"I just broke him down in the third round."

There was a double forfeit in the heavyweight match because neither team had a wrestler entered in that weight class.

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