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**HAIR AFFAIR**—Students from the Rancho Los Amigos Satellite campus serve as "guinea pigs" for Cerritos

Cosmetology students. Hair cuts and other services are provided for regular students for a minimal fee. Below right, Glenn Richburg receives

a manicure while Al Miller (above) gets a new hair-do from student Dee Dee Quinn.

—TM Photo by MARK AVERY

## ASCC Senator circulates proxy recall petitions, calls for student vote

By KAREN LAVIOLA  
TM News Editor

ASCC Senator Ed Hunter has launched a campaign to have student body President Russ Wood and Vice-President Susan Hall recalled.

His petition being circulated on campus asking for the recall election also calls for a Constitutional amendment which would make provisions for such a recall election in the ASCC Elections Code.

There are no such provisions now, although there are impeachment procedures.

The petition needs 1,057 full-time ASCC student signatures.

Hunter had "no comment" on the

petition which he hopes to get on the spring election ballot.

Associate Dean of Student Activities Richard Robinson doesn't think the wording of the legislation on the petition is specific enough to be made into law.

He said it will go before the ASCC Supreme Court before it appears on the ballot if enough valid signatures are obtained. The Court will then determine if it is constitutional as written.

Hunter is no stranger to the Court, having appeared before them in two complaints this semester. The first time was in a complaint filed by the Ski Club charging that he ran for the Senate under Ski Club's name without its permission.

The second time was when he appealed a Senate decision replacing him as Senate Majority Leader. He won the first case and lost the second.

Reaction to the petition from a small sampling of Senators yesterday appeared to be unfavorable. Several Senators think it will be found unconstitutional. One Senator said it will "make the Senate look bad."

No one seemed to know if Hunter has any support in his drive. He claims, however, to have about 60 backers, "mostly night students," which is why the petition is being circulated mainly at night.

He said he doesn't have the support of any clubs on campus. He refused to name his supporters or comment on his actions.

## SENATE RETAINS POWER

### Defeats Cabinet propositions

By KAREN LAVIOLA  
TM News Editor

After several weeks of apparent calm and little action, the ASCC Senate came alive again last Wednesday afternoon in the midst of oft-heated debate as it voted on a total of 17 bills.

A continuation of the friction between the legislative and executive branches again became apparent with the defeat of two proposed Constitutional amendments on Cabinet posts.

However, all other legislation was approved. Heading the long agenda was the creation of a long-discussed new Cabinet post, followed by the approval of five presidential appointees. Also included were the approval of expenditures of money and resolutions of praise and condemnation.

Both bills which the Senate defeated would have gone on the spring ASCC Senate elections ballot for a vote of the student body.

The Constitutional amendments would have given the president and his Cabinet more power in the creation or deletion of Cabinet posts.

The first one, which is expected to come before the Senate today for reconsideration, would have required a two-thirds vote of both the Senate and the Cabinet for approval of Cabinet additions or deletions.

The Senate could then have overridden the Cabinet with a three-fourths majority vote.

The second bill would merely have required the Senate to override a presidential veto of Cabinet reorganization by a three-fourths vote, instead of the two-thirds majority now necessary.

The long-discussed Cabinet position of Commissioner of Handicapped students became a reality by an overwhelming vote. Liz Gurrola was approved the new Commissioner. ASCC President Russ Wood had vetoed a similar bill the previous week, calling it "unconstitutional."

Brian Freeborn was approved as a Supreme Court Justice.

Three new Senators were seated to fill vacancies. They are Carolyn Griffith, Robin Eames, and Al Takemoto.

Griffith was elected when she ran for the Senate this fall, but due to a discrepancy in the nursing program between units and hours, she was disqualified.

The Senate Rules Committee is now investigating the requirement that candidates for the Senate be enrolled

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## Bank of America Awards offered to worthy students in four areas

By ROBIN NELSON  
TM Staff Writer

Applications for the 1980 Bank of America Community College Awards Program are now available in the office of Don Siriani, Dean of Instructional Support Services.

Each year, Bank of America recognizes and honors outstanding second-year students in the fields of Business, Science-Engineering, Social Science-Humanities, and Technical-Vocational.

The awards range from \$150 to \$2,500.

To be eligible to compete for Cerritos College, an applicant must:

- (1) enter in the academic field in which he/she is majoring,
- (2) be a second-year, full-time student who will be a candidate for graduation within one year,
- (3) carry a minimum of 12 units per semester,
- (4) have earned college credits of

not fewer than 36 nor more than 70 by the end of the Fall Semester 1979.

(5) have a GPA of at least 3.00, and (6) have a record of active participation and leadership in community and/or co-curricular activities while attending college.

Employment and homemaking responsibilities during this period should also be given proper consideration.

Full-time nursing students may qualify with less than 12 units per semester if all other requirements are met. A part-time turned full-time student may have the minimum 12 units per semester during the previous two semesters, but must have at least 36 units overall.

Completed applications are due by Feb. 15. The students chosen to represent Cerritos will be notified within a week and will automatically win \$150.

The area-wide event, in which the

nine other involved schools compete, will be held March 26 in Orange County. The winners from this competition will go on to the final event to be held April 24 at the Los Angeles Hilton. This is also the official banquet night to which everyone entered goes.

Last year, two students from Cerritos were semi-winners, receiving some \$500 each.

Eligibility requirements are decided by Bank of America and not the colleges. CC officials urge qualified students to apply and to follow the instructions explicitly.

## Day of fast proclaimed in support of hostages

Today has been named a day of "fasting and prayer as a show of solidarity and support" for the hostages being held in Iran.

The ASCC Senate approved a bill last Wednesday putting the students of Cerritos College "on record" requesting the immediate release of the hostages and asking students to show their support today.

A letter will be sent to President Carter and to the Ayatollah Khomeini, Iran's leader, informing them of this action "in recognition of the threat to world peace and justice the actions in Iran have wrought."

A letter will also be sent to other community colleges inviting them to join in this "day of fasting and prayer."

## 'Free-flow' proposal tabled

### Weak athletic programs jeopardized by recruitment restrictions

BY RICHARD HUDSON  
AND  
FRED GOFF

At a recent meeting of the California Commission on Junior College Athletics held at the Airport Hilton in San Francisco a decision regarding the free flow of Junior College students between school districts was tabled until January of 1980. This is part two of a series dealing with that decision and other rules and regulations governing Junior College athletics.

Weak programs will die. That is the consensus of a poll taken of representatives of the Commission on Athletics before the recent meeting of the California Commission of Junior College Athletics on the effects of a free flow proposal.

But with the tabling of the free flow (blanket permit) proposal by the CC-JCA over the past weekend in San Francisco, a battle is shaping up between large schools with successful programs and smaller schools with limited income and attendance.

The tabled proposal, now set for a vote in January of 1980, is still expected to be decided in favor of the total free flow (academically and athletically) with the official starting date being July of '80.

"I predict that within three or four years we will have a statewide total free flow with no options," Don Siriani, Dean of Instructional Support Services at Cerritos College said.

With the expected passage of free flow looming in the near future, the battle over current policy legalities rages on.

A recent lawsuit, known as the Cabrillo case, saw a transfer student filing suit on the bases that he received treatment different than that of in-district students. The courts ruled in his favor and he was allowed to participate in the program.

The opinion of some administrative officials involved is that upon the passage of free flow, schools will not have to draw up individual contracts between themselves to put specific limitations on the open door free flow.

"We already have this sort of agreement with Long Beach (City

College) Hal Simonek, Cerritos Athletic director said.

Although Cerritos and Long Beach are presently on solid ground, Simonek can remember when the footing wasn't as good. A decade ago.

"We all felt bad about what they (Long Beach) did to Wally (Kincaid)," Simonek said.

In 1968 the Cerritos baseball team under the direction of Kincaid, participating in the Metropolitan Conference, had coasted to a conference title over LBCC and their coach Joe Hicks. But when CC's ace pitcher was involved in an auto accident, his home address was listed as out of district in a newspaper story and Hicks immediately filed a protest.

The end result was that the Falcons had to forfeit four wins, placing them in a tie with Long Beach who won a 2-1 playoff game.

The disqualified player turned out to be the victim of a parent custody divorce case.

"It would definitely be an unfair ruling now, but maybe not then," Simonek said.

Recent decisions by the COA indicates Simonek could be right.

Glendale College, this year's state champion in soccer, was accused by Oxnard coach Bob Maruca of having an ineligible player on their roster.

Since both Oxnard and Glendale were participating in the Southern California Conference, the alleged violation was brought to the attention of Conference Commissioner Aviva Kamin.

Kamins' reply was that each school's athletic director should handle the problem themselves and that coach Maruca was "way out of line and off base."

The Glendale player was ruled eligible on the fact that the four-year school that he previously attended dropped their soccer program, waiving the twelve unit rule for him.

Other such cases include the Chris Finkea decision which ruled that although Finkea had participated in Fullerton State College's wrestling program he could participate at Orange Coast College due to an injury

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## Trustee Nottingham retires after 23 years

By EDEN ESCOBAR  
TM Associate Editor

Following 23 years as a member of the Cerritos College Board of Trustees — making him the last member of the original seven — Les Nottingham accepted a few moments at his final board meeting Nov. 20.

Nottingham, appointed to the board in 1956 soon after the original trustees had been seated, has served continuously since the beginning of the college.

Among his moments, Nottingham received a resolution from the California legislature signed by Senator William Campbell and Assemblyman Bruce Young. He also received a Certificate of Service from the California Community College Trustees Association and a plaque from the college board and administration.

"I'm going to keep on supporting

Cerritos College," he said.

A luncheon was also held in his honor. President/Superintendent Dr. Wilford Michael, various other administrators and other members of the Board of Trustees were present.

ASCC President Russ Wood presented Nottingham with a Senate Resolution at the luncheon.

"I have enjoyed being on the Board of Trustees at Cerritos College from when it was practically nothing to what it is today," Nottingham pointed out.

"I recall that we got to 7000 students and thought we would have to look for another campus, probably in La Mirada, but here we are, still here today."

Before the meeting began, Board President Harold Tredway introduced Rich Goul, who won the seat given up by Nottingham.

Goul was officially sworn in at last night's meeting.





**RAP SESSION**—ASCC Senator Jose Hernandez, left, talks with newly elected Board of Trustee Rich Goul and Executive Cabinet member Jay Savel at the student rap night held Monday by the Elbow Room. Rap nights are held every month to help aid night students in questions or problems they might have. Youthful Trustee Goul was installed at last night's Board meeting.  
—TM Photo by BARBARA KENT

## Poll on student government shows unnoticed interest

Cerritos College students are more interested in student government, school spirit, and campus affairs than they are given credit for, according to ASCC Senator Rick Little.

Little has been circulating an ASCC-funded questionnaire among the student body for over a month and will present the results of his survey to the Senate this afternoon.

There are questions regarding school spirit, voting and elections, and opinions of the school in general. Students were asked if they contribute time to a project if the need arose and were asked to give names if they would like to volunteer for anything.

Little reported the biggest input came from night students. Although many of them knew some things about the student government, and various problems such as parking, many simply said they couldn't contribute because they don't have the time.

Little has gone to rap nights and gone before classes to speak. He says he has gotten excellent co-operation from teachers.

Little was student body president at Paramount High School and used the questionnaire there. It met with such good response, he decided to try it here.

Though he was a little worried it might not be received by the more mature college students, he said he has been pleased and excited by the response. "There were no funny comments. It was all positive with straight-forward, mature answers."

Little says now the Senate will know what the students want and what they don't want. He thinks most students are afraid to come into student activities with their ideas, afraid of being rejected.

"It's easier to take it out to them, so they can quietly give input," ended Little.

## Lost-n-Found finds variety in collection

By KATHY MITOBE  
TM Staff Writer

Remember that watch or wallet you lost and thought was gone for good? Lost and Found (L&F) might just have it.

They have everything from socks to valuable jewelry which is kept in Security.

Or you might find driver's licences, student I.D.'s, hard and soft-back books, all sorts of clothing, prescription and non-prescription glasses, arm slings, bike chain guards, make-up bags, combs, brushes, and gloves.

If you've lost something, go to the Information switchboard. It is the oval-shaped building with mirrors on the outside, located near the admissions' entrance.

The lost article must be identified along with the vicinity in which it was lost.

"When you find some article on campus," Dottie Wilson, switchboard operator, says, "please bring it to us here at Lost and Found."

People often bring lost articles to various department offices, and often Lost and Found doesn't know the offices are holding them.

Wilson strongly urges everyone, in-

cluding department offices, to please bring all articles found to L & F.

Anyone who brings something valuable to L & F may leave name, address, and phone number. If, within a year, no one comes to claim the lost article, the finder may have it.

Wilson said that after the year time period is over, they will donate the clothing found to Goodwill, clubs, organizations, or needy families.

## Slides show Trans-Africa

Community Services is sponsoring a slide show on Trans-Africa Expedition tonight at 7:30 in the Cerritos College Board room.

The show, by Chris Merritt, is an account of his seven-month, 28,000 kilometer adventure across the length of the African continent from Cape Town to Morocco.

The fee is \$1.50 for general admission and \$1 for full-time students, children and those with Golden Key.

## ... Senate power play

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as full-time students, at least regarding the nursing program.

Student nurses only get four units of credit while attending classes as many as six hours per day.

Two more Senate vacancies are expected to be filled today bringing the total to six so far this semester. Senators may be removed from office for excessive absences or for falling below ten units.

The allocation of \$492.50 for a sound baffle for Burnight Theatre was also approved. The district will pay the other half of the \$985 cost.

In other business, the Senate passed

a number of resolutions praising the soccer and water polo teams and several of the players for their "exemplary seasons."

The city of Lakewood will receive a resolution from the college commending it for its drug abuse program.

The Senate also passed a resolution showing support for the hostages being held in Iran.

**CHRISTIAN MUSIC**—"Little Anthony," a Christian contemporary musical artist, will perform Dec. 18 at 11 a.m. at the Burnight Theatre. The one hour songfest is free.

## New Para-legal group pledges to help students, seeks members

By GARRELL KIRTLEY  
TM Staff Writer

Some call them certified assistant attorneys. Others call them certified legal assistants.

Sometimes they are called para-professionals and sometimes they are confused with legal secretaries or law clerks. And some call them paralegals.

Before 1971 they didn't even exist. Cerritos has instituted a new program to meet the growing need for them and the ICC has approved the formation of a new club to groom students in developing "competent, aggressive legal leadership."

A new club on campus is Chi Lamda Alpha or the Cerritos Legal Association (CLA).

It is a special interest club for any student enrolled in any legal course at CC.

CLA's purpose is to promote knowledge about the para-legal profession, friendship within the organization, and to further professionalism within its ranks, organizers said.

But the proposed club is having some difficulty in getting members to turn out.

James M. Ussery, sponsor of the club, said many students signed up for the club, but there haven't been too many coming to the scheduled meetings.

"At the first meeting, we had three, the second five, and the last one six," said Ussery about their twice monthly meetings. "By the next time we should have more come out."

The club, whose emblem is the scales of justice, offers a scholarship program and handles free law service

in disputes, traffic citations, criminal misdemeanor defenses and protection suits.

An important function of this legal service organization is to promote education programs and prevent legal problems before they occur.

The group also serves campus groups as well as individuals, in legal service. They assist fraternities and sororities with leases, reviewing of contracts between college boards and other things. CLA members are all law oriented and seek careers in the legal field.

All persons associated in law are urged by Ussery to attend the meetings, which are every second Tuesday of the month from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, and the fourth Wednesday of the month from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

## Santa to visit campus as holiday plans set

By JO ANN IERIEEN  
TM Staff Writer

Christmas projects and activities of several campus clubs were outlined at Thursday's Inter Club Council meeting.

Plans for a large Christmas mural on campus were discussed as well as arrangements for Santa Claus who will be on campus Dec. 13.

The annual food drive for needy families was discussed. Cerritos has developed a fine reputation for over the years with large contributions from many school clubs and organizations.

Along with the visit of Saint Nick, about 100 children from a local school will be on hand to sing Christmas carols, as has been done in the past.

Student Activities Advisor Norin Price also told the group that two uniformed police officers will be on the grounds of the Golden Sails Inn for the Awards banquet in January. In the past, according to Price, there has been some problems concerning unruly guests to the affair.

A very handi-capable squad of wheelchair basketball players demolished four different teams consisting of campus regulars last Friday night in the Cerritos gym.

## Whirling CC wheelies roll way to victory

By GARRELL KIRTLEY  
TM Staff Writer

With all the proceeds of the benefit game going to HSCC, 10 wheelchair athletes combined their talents to dart past the Campus Police, Faculty/Administration, Football team, and Circle K to win 76-16. HSCC will take the proceeds to purchase special wheelchairs for the CC athletes.

After the wheelchair athletes won last year's game over the Campus Police 22-2, this year's game was set up so it would be a little bit closer.

The game was played in accordance with NCAA rules with a few exceptions. These exceptions were that all players must remain in a wheelchair at all times, dribbling is limited, and the contact is much more punishing.

With these rules, it made it much more difficult for visiting teams consisting of such individuals as College President Dr. Wilford Michael, Lauren Dummer, captain of Campus Police, and Trevor Ware, captain of the Football team.

Led by starters Curtis Bell, Tom Barnes, Chuck Moore, and Paul Laurence, the "wheelies" pushed their way past the Campus Police and the Faculty by a score of 39-6 at the half. Dr. Darrel Beale, Administrative assistant, helped his losing team's cause by pouring in 6 points.

At halftime a raffle drawing went on, as ceramic figures and plaques were given away. The wheelies took on the Football team in a little friend-

ly game of football at halftime, which was also played in wheelchairs.

The third stanza of the game was the most exciting of the night. The football team led by Dave Jako, (6 points) held the rollers to their lowest score of the game, which was 16 points in one quarter. Jako and his squad roughed up the rollers a little bit, by breaking one of their wheelchairs, but it didn't help them at all, as they lost in their try.

The wheelchair athletes finished the game by circling Circle K to a 76-16 ending.

Bell, Barnes, and Laurence all are part of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association. Along with Moore, they showed the crowd what a real game looks like scoring 21, 10, 10, and 18 points respectively.

## Bake sale on

A Holiday Bake Sale and Contest sponsored by first-year Registered Nurses will be held Tuesday, in front of the Student Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The culinary concoctions featuring a variety of cakes, pies and cookies, will be judged by Food Services chief instructor and department head Tom Back, and baking instructor Rudy Rosier.

Criteria for top honors will be based on originality, practicality, color combination, effectiveness, taste and texture and productivity.

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# Falcon Water Polo players in the spotlight

## Two Falcons All-American

By FRED GOFF  
TM Assoc. Sports Editor

Seven players make up a water polo team.

Two of Cerritos College's starting seven were recently named to the Junior College All-American team, offensive standout Gary Haalmerm and sure-handed goalie Mark John, an unprecedented task under any sporting guidelines.

The accomplishments were the culmination of many honors the two Falcon Sophomores have received as aquatic stand outs.

Both Haalmerm and John have been together since high school. As seniors at Monte Vista they were both named to the High School All American team. Offers to attend four year schools were abundant, John saying he received "around 13," but the two chose to attend Cerritos because of the reputation of coach Pat Tyne and because "JC wouldn't hurt."

Last season under the instruction of Tyne, the team had a mediocre season, finishing second in the South Coast Conference. Haalmerm was named to the Junior College All-American team and both were among the leagues all conference selections.

In the spring, both continued their campus success, Haalmerm as a leading swimmer for the Falcon swim team and John as a student leader in Cerritos student government. Mark John holds positions as both a Supreme Court Justice and on the commission on faculty evaluation.

This year's polo season rolled around with the two being very instrumental in the Falcons winning the South Coast Conference with an undefeated 12-0 mark, outdistancing the closest opponent by four victories.

First team all conference and JC All-American honors followed the team's third-place finish in the Southern California Finals. Fellow players at Cerritos honored both as the teams co-MVPs.

Future plans for both Haalmerm and John are sketchy at the moment, with John explaining that the "heavy recruiting won't begin until January." The mostly sophomore squad would like to "stay together" and some of the players are conjuring up a package deal for an "Eastern school."

The spring semester at Cerritos leaves the two many options, AAU water polo or swimming competitively on the Falcon squad, but says John, "I'll definitely be playing water polo next year at a big school."



ALL AMERICAN—Two of Cerritos' finest water polo players were named to the JC All-American list for 1979. Above, goalie Mark John, and below, Gary Haalmerm, are shown in South

Coast Conference action. Both players, who were named CO-MVP's for the team, helped bring the Falcons their first SCC crown in recent years.

Photos by  
JIM BERKLITE

## Seven Cerritos poloists receive top SCC honors

By FRED GOFF  
Assoc. Sports Editor

The Cerritos College water polo team accomplished the inevitable twice this season. Once when it went the entire league season undefeated and then when it placed seven players out of a possible nine on the All-Conference team.

The Falcon poloists ended their winning season with the conference crown and with a third-place finish in the Southern California playoffs.

Leading the team in conference selections were Don Gudenau, Gary Haalmerm, and Mark John; all of

whom were named to the South Coast Conference first team All-League. Haalmerm and John were also named to the Junior College All-American team.

Players receiving second team honors were Paul Bopp, Dana Richards, and Paul Van Ryn.

Representing Cerritos on the honorable mention list were Mark Colbert, Doug Kimberly, and Jim Lowe.

The final All-League selection was Coach Pat Tyne, named South Coast Conference Coach of the Year for water polo.

According to Tyne, next year's squad will have only "three returning starters" with the high schools in the area having "mostly juniors".

Speaking on the success of this year's "mostly sophomore" squad, Tyne said, "They knew what they had to do, and they did it. We played very unselfishly". I'm very proud of all of them."

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## Young CC grapplers show veteran form

By MARRIANN VERDUN  
TM Staff Writer

"Back to basics," is the picture wrestling Coach Jeff Smith has painted for his 1979-80 Cerritos College wrestling team.

With a basically freshmen-oriented team, Smith has been forced to stress fundamentals as the key to a successful season.

After losing to El Camino 30-19, coming in third place at the Santa Ana Tournament and fourth place at the four-way Bakersfield Tournament, Smith's opinion about his team is that it is going through a learning year. They need to improve their skills in controlling a match.

Some of the team's most successful wins have been against tough opponents, such as Rio Hondo 30-21, along with its high finish in the Cuesta Tournament.

In the Cuesta Tournament, Cerritos placed third out of 18 teams, Smith says. "It proved to be our best performance so far this year."

All-Americans Chris Fuertsch and David Deal led the team to good finishings in the tournament.

Fuertsch took first place among his group at the Cuesta Tournament and is 12-0-1 overall this season. Deal who has ten wins and three losses this year, finished second in the Cuesta Tournament.

Other good performances were by Jose Torre who placed second at Cuesta, and also a first at the Santa Ana Tournament. Bobby Wallander and John St. Germaine both finished third at Cuesta.

Last Wednesday against Grossmont in its first conference match, Cerritos pinned the Griffins 34-14.

The two top teams to beat in the SCC this year are Palomar, who has just entered the conference this year, and Orange Coast who Cerritos plays tonight at Orange Coast College.

This weekend the Falcon mat-men enter the Palomar Tournament, being only one of four schools in California to compete. All other schools involved in the tourney are out-of-staters.



## ...Weak athletic programs jeopardized by restrictions

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at Fullerton that limited his playing time.

On the other side of the coin, Fullerton and Orange Coast Junior Colleges were forced by the South Coast Conference to forfeit a number of water polo games this season to ineligible players.

Facts of the case show that Chico

State was delinquent in forwarding the players records in question and that the players were led to believe that they were eligible.

Chico had dropped their water polo program ... three years before.

"The administration is to blame," Pat Tyne, Cerritos water polo coach said.

"They ought to have their tit put in a wringer. The only people that suffer

from this is the player and the coach, and they are not to blame," added Tyne.

"When you have a players eligibility list in front of you, that should be it. But what can you do? If you don't like the rules you either live with them or change them," he concluded.

When a law is no longer enforceable, it is no longer the law.



By RICHARD HUDSON  
TM Sports Editor

**Q: When is an amateur not an amateur?  
A: When he is living on Fantasy Island**

With the 1980 Olympics in Moscow just around the corner, many sports officandos are once again reassessing America's role in the training and preparation of our olympic athletes.

For years it has been common practice to rationalize our declining medal production in the summer games with the statement "that our athletes were true amateurs, while the communist and socialist bloc countries athletes were subsidized professionals."

Although it is illegal for amateur athletes to accept direct payments for their endeavors they do receive some fringe benefits.

Larry Houston of the amateur Athletic Union, a former collegiate athlete, coach and administrator, elaborates on the current financial status of the olympic hopefuls enrolled in colleges throughout the US.

"I've been doing a lot of traveling in other countries recently and you

wouldn't believe the amount of criticism the United States is receiving on their subsidizing of olympic athletes. You wouldn't believe it," he emphasized.

He was right, I didn't.

"Look at it this way, there are about 2,300 colleges with athletic programs in this country. If you issue 50 scholarships a year to athletes, and that's not a whole lot, at \$4,000 per year that's \$200,000. Add room and board at \$1,200 per year, and that's a very conservative estimate, and it adds up to \$5,200 per year. Multiply that by 2,300 and you have almost \$12 million dollars in financial support."

"It's the old shell game. The Soviets choose their athletes at a young age and then spend money on a strictly personal basis. Almost a one on one situation. Coach and player. But in America we spend millions on

a huge mass of athletes and then try to pick out the best representatives just before the olympic games."

"Well," I replied, almost defensively, "I'm sure that the other countries spend that much."

"But that's just the start of it," Houston shot back.

I ducked.

"How would you like to have 10 percent of the gross sales of the concession stands at the USC - UCLA game," he asked.

I thought of retirement in Columbia or Peru.

"See what I mean," he said, "And include equipment costs, medical expenses, traveling, meals on the road and trips to Disneyland and you have a billion dollar a year industry."

And that's just the amateurs.

The pros spend over ten times as much on a per capita basis.

"Let's face it," Houston concluded, "Sports, both pro and amateur, affects almost every aspect of American life from transportation and business to movies and amusement parks."

That may be true, but as far as I'm concerned, the American attitude toward amateur athletics is strictly 'Fantasy Island.'

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