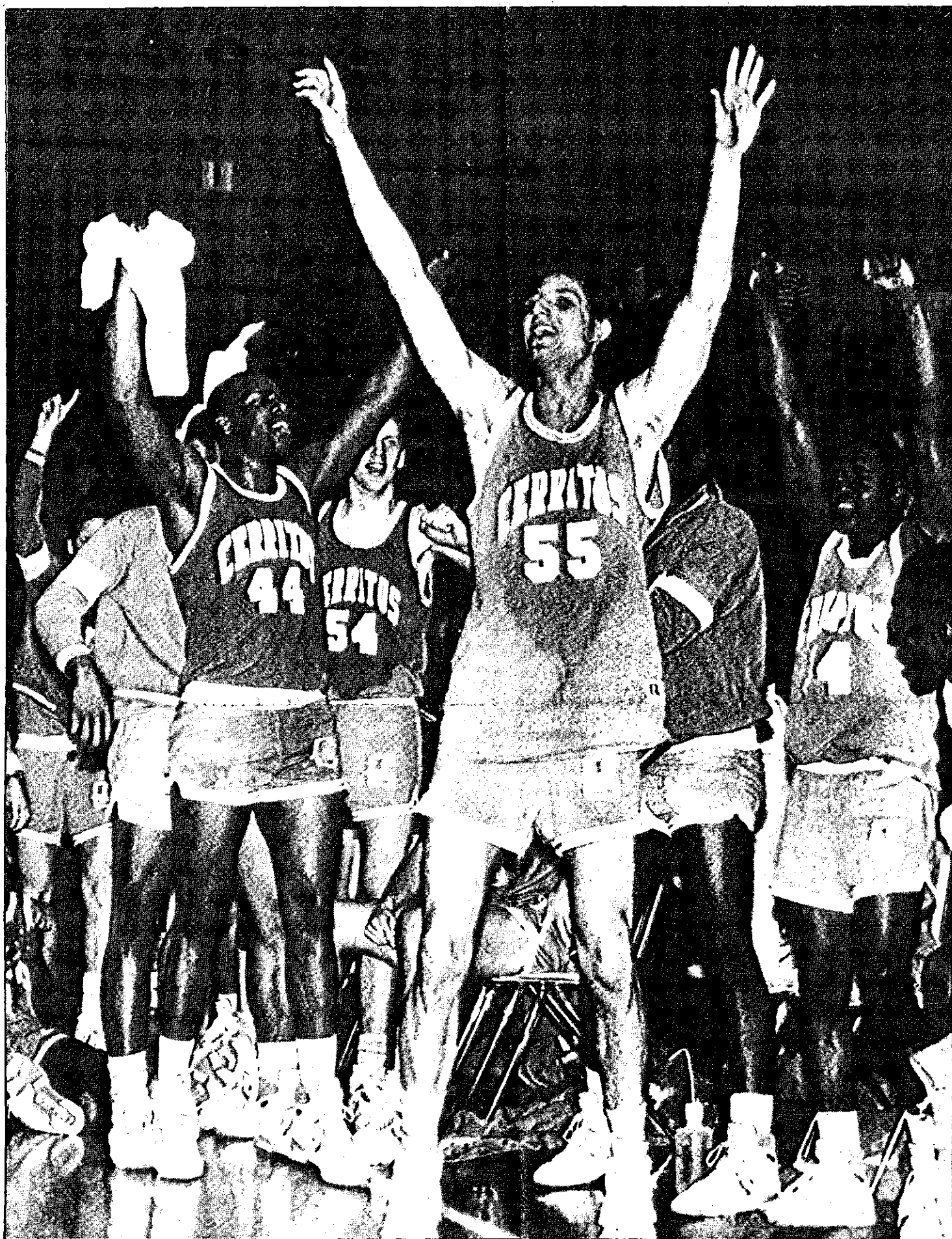


CERRITOS COLLEGE

# Talon Marks

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## Falcons Number One in State

*Cerritos captures state title despite loss of number one guard and number one assist leader soph Blaine DeBrouwer*

**SWEET TASTE OF VICTORY**—Jeff Parris(55) and teammates celebrate their triumphant 85-76 victory over Chabot College of Hayward. The win gave the Falcons their second state championship this decade. Parris and Andre Edwards were named to the all-tournament team, Edwards being named the Most Valuable Player. For seventh year Head Coach Jack Bogdanovich, it was his second title and seventh straight time the Falcons have won more than 20 games in a season. The Falcons won 31 games and lost but four. The four losses all by a total of eight points.

TM Photo by JUAN OCAMPO

By **JEFF OCHOA**  
TM Sports Editor

For the Cerritos College men's basketball team, March 12, 1989 will be a day that will live in infamy.

Last Saturday, the men captured the California State Championship for the second time in seven years, defeating the North's entry into the tournament, Chabot College of Hayward 85-76 at Taso Pavillion in Santa Clara.

"It's nice. It's good for the kids," commented assistant coach Dean Ackland, "Jack and I have been there, but it's really

special for the kids — they reached their goal.

The Falcons last won the title in 1983 when Jack Bogdanovich took over as head coach and won an astonishing 32 games.

This time around the Falcons went into the tournament the second best team in the state, behind Santa Monica. Cerritos defeated Santa Monica 87-82 in overtime early in the season.

All year long, the Falcons were led by sophomore guard Andre Edwards, who was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Edwards scored a season high 33 points, pulled down eight rebounds and dished out three assists in the championship game while averaging 27 points in the tournament.

Entering the championship game against Chabot, the Falcons were without starting point guard Blaine DeBrouwer, who underwent emergency surgery to remove two blood clots in his left calf after receiving a charley horse in the previous tournament game against San Francisco City College. The Falcons defeated SFCC 88-84.

The loss of DeBrouwer, the school's single-season assist leader meant that sophomore Darren Reese would replace him in the starting position.

This season, for the Falcons has been sort of a Cinderella season.

The Falcons, earlier in the season were the number one ranked team in the state before losing their first two conference games, eventually finishing second in the South Coast Conference behind El Camino, who were victims to Chabot College 72-65 in the semifinal  
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### ● SPRING BREAK

Classes will not be in session from March 20 through March 24. All classes resume Monday, March 27.

### ● COLLEGE CELEBRITY/3

Former child star Rodney Allen Rippy returns to California and is currently enrolled at Cerritos College.

### ● HOE DOWN DAYS

Western activities, entertainment and foods highlight Hoe Down Days, April 4, 5, 6.



## Mixing cats and onions causes paws for thought

By TIFFANY FULLEN

Is your four-legged, furry feline friend destroying your favorite chair or swinging from your drapes like Tarzan?

Does he laugh at you when you yell at him?

If so, I have some ideas that might help save your furniture and keep peace between you and your pet.

There are those who suggest that peeling an onion and rubbing it on the cat's favorite area, which needs protection, will do the job.

Although the smell may disturb our noses for a while, when it's gone for us, it lingers on for the cat.

The most effective method could be sitting in your cupboard right now, waiting to be utilized.

We're talking about vinegar.

Cats loathe it. Their small nose passages are very delicate. The acid fragrance makes them turn tail and head for the great outdoors.

Of course, there is a special cat repellent spray available at pet stores, but from my experience it doesn't last long enough to warrant the high price.

As a scare tactic I have tied balloons to prohibited places. The motion of the balloons or the "pop" from a misplaced claw may do the trick—but you could be left with a wet spot to clean, as well as frayed upholstery.

Unless you have nerves of steel the balloons may be annoying to humankind in the house, as well.

These are just some of the fun things you encounter when owning a cat.

Never, never underestimate your furry friends.

They are cunning and will usually find a way of creating a catastrophe for their humans.

## News Briefs ...

### ● Falcon forensics win

The Cerritos speech team garnered several trophies for their efforts at the Pacific Southwest Collegiate Forensics Association spring championship speech tournament held last month at Los Angeles City College.

Rick DeLeon brought home a third place in the junior division of national debate topic, Lincoln-Douglas debate.

Novice debaters Nate Tyler and Michela Gagliardi took first and second respectively in the national debate topic, Lincoln-Douglas debate.

Shelly Lester was awarded second place in novice informative speaking. Mike Frost received an excellent certificate for his speaking in the novice impromptu event.

Over 300 students representing 49 different colleges participated in the tournament, this was one of the largest turn-outs seen at recent competitions.

### ● Career Expo '89 slated

Career options will be on view in the Student Center Thursday, March 30 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Representatives will be on hand from banking, automotive, aerospace, health, and retail industries to talk to students.

New workshops — Interviewing and Resume Writing — have been added to the program. All students are encouraged to enroll and instructors have the option of bringing in classes for panel discussions.

### ● Spanish classes offered

Three levels of Spanish conversation will be offered from July 14 to Aug. 12 in Costa Rica.

Spanish Department Chairperson, Professor Abundio Elias will be the tour leader/instructor. For those interested, orientation meetings have been scheduled on March 30 in LA35, at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

### ● Art Gallery exhibit

An exhibition of over 50 ceramic vessels by artist Wilburt Bill Fenner will be on view in the Art Gallery from March 28 through April 20 with an opening reception on March 30 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Fenner's ceramics have been shown and collected on both coasts for the past 20 years and he teaches pottery at the college level.

### ● Italian foods day

A special Italian menu has been scheduled for tomorrow in the cafeteria during lunch hours, 11 a.m. — 1 p.m.

### ● Dinner theatre returns

Indian battles, heroes, lily-pure maidens and black hearted gamblers all come to life in the latest Theatre Department's offering of dinner theatre "Deadwood Dick or The Game of Gold"

The blood and thunder melodrama runs April 6-8 with 6:30 and 8 p.m. curtain times and Sunday April 9 with 11:30 and 1 p.m. showtimes.

Student, staff and senior tickets are available for \$15 and include both show and a serving of the best vittles this side of the Pecos served up by Chef Ellis Robinson.

### ● Public hearing on areas

The County Committee on School District Organization has announced two meeting dates and a public hearing date to review the Cerritos College trustee area proposal.

The first meeting date is set for April 5, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the County Superintendent of School's Office in Downey.

The public hearing is set for the Board room at the college on Thursday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. the second meeting is set for May 3.

### ● Women's History

A special art exhibit featuring works by women faculty members and students of the Fine Arts and Communication Division is now on view in the LRC.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Re-entry Resource Center. On Monday, March 27 a video on "A Women's Place" will be shown from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in the Assessment Center.

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## Letters

EDITOR:

We must take exception to the cartoon printed in the March 2, 1989 edition of *Talon Marks* concerning publicity posted on the Learning Resource Center for the following reasons.

Posters and banners are the only economical way for clubs, organizations and the ASCC to advertise.

Advertising space in the student newspaper is too costly for most campus organizations.

Public service announcements on KCEB radio do not reach a broad enough scope of students.

It would be impractical to ask instructors to read announcements for all clubs, organizations and campus events.

The distribution of handbills, while legal, is considered a nuisance by most students.

Current limitations do exist for posting of publicity, and we maintain that the library is a primary location for visual impact.

We do realize that there is a problem with the current publicity code. That is why the ASCC Cabinet and the Senate are currently revising the entire code.

Just pointing a finger does not solve the problem. If you are not part of the solution you are part of the problem!

Without publicity such as this we would not have as much ASCC participation. Without ASCC participation, we would not have as much funding. Without funding we might not have a school newspaper.

Publicity is important to the survival of all on campus!

Allen Holland  
Bill Robertson

EDITOR:

I am quite upset about the furor caused by the book "The Satanic Verses." I will admit that I did not read the book, and probably will not. However, this does not prevent me from commenting on the problem.

What right does a leader of a country have to demand the death of an

individual? This country that we live in, fought and died for the right to freedom of speech. This freedom has been violated in New York. Bomb threats were made against the major book chains, and soon after they were bombed for selling the book. That is not right. The people who made the threat, did they actually read the book? This book was not even written here, but rather in England.

I have read Studs Turkel's book "The Good War." Should the United States government come after me? I think not. Did the producer of "The Last Temptation of Christ" have a 'contract' put out on him by the Pope? Again, I do not think so.

The freedom of speech must be protected. This is the United States, and we have the right to freedom of speech. If any threats are to be made, let Hulk Hogan threaten the Iron Shiek.

Gene Kohl

EDITOR:

Dondi Johnson was a dance major and a good student. She was a warm hearted person and a giving friend.

She was involved in seven dance concerts, here at Cerritos College, and most recently was an ASCC senate-elect.

Many will remember her as the student who won applause on Welcome Day in January, when she danced and performed with the band, 976.

ing an outstanding actress and musician. Her band, Vicious Cycle, recently made its debut, with her playing bass guitar.

She was also a member of the Cerritos College Improvisation Group, which gave its first performance on Feb. 3.

Last month Dondi Johnson was murdered.

She will be missed and remembered by those of us whose lives she touched and enriched.

Her ambitions inspired all of us, and although she is gone, her quest for greatness will help us reach higher good for ourselves.

Andrew Kelsey  
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# Rodney Allen Rippy

## On board for the future — enjoying life

By **SHELLEY LESTER**  
**JUSTIN VELEZ**  
TM Staff Writers

Watching the young man glide across campus on his skateboard you would hardly know that he was once the most popular advertising face of the 70s.

In 1973 at age three and a half his was a household name.

Had you turned on the TV then, you would have probably seen a chubby cheeked black kid trying, unsuccessfully, to wrap his three inch mouth around a five inch hamburger.

This was *the* child star of the era, Rodney Allen Rippy, according to Madison Avenue standards.

Now that child star has grown into a young man, a college student, looking ahead to the future.

He is a marketing major and plans to get his A.A. this summer. From there he will go to a state university.

The Rippy hype started when he and his mother were watching Buckwheat on television and she asked him, "Do you think you could do that? Do you think you could be on TV for momma?"

Rippy simply stated, "Yes."

His mother thumbed through the yellow pages and found an agent.

Then came his first audition. It was for Jack in the Box.

When he and his mother showed up for it there were over 200 kids, a woman grilling "Jumbo Jack" hamburgers and a home video camera.

When it was his turn to face the camera, a burger was thrust in front of him and the camera started rolling.

A man asked, "What's your name?"

Rippy replied, "Rodney."

"Rodney what?"

"Rodney Allen Rippy."

"What's that in front of you?"

"A Jumbo Jack from Jack in the Box."

The man then said, "Take a bite," and so he did.

After a couple of seconds the voice asked, "So, what do you think?"

Rippy replied, "I can't answer, my mouth is full."

The crew roared with laughter and Rippy's childhood career was launched.

The production manager, still chuckling, informed the other applicants, "OK that's it, we have our kid."

The commercial that ran was actually his audition, filmed with the home video

camera. The production crew's laughter was left in.

Jack in the Box sales increased more than \$140 million that year. In 1974 Rippy earned nearly \$200,000.

He went on to make appearances on The Mike Douglas Show, The Merv Griffin Show, The Dinah Shore Show, Dick Clark's American Bandstand, Laugh In, the movie, "Blazing Saddles," and The Tonight Show, all before he was six.



**THEN AND NOW — Rodney the child star at three and a half with his 'Jumbo Jack' (inset) and now as student. Ready for another chance at show business.**

Rippy has also appeared on Christmas TV specials with Sammy Davis Jr. and has consorted with such personalities as James Garner and Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley.

He has made commercials for Chevrolet, Nehi soda, and of course, Jack in the Box, as well as making some public service announcements.

Many promotional products have donned his name, such as T-shirts, coloring books, jigsaw puzzles, Frisbees and crayons.

He even made a record.

At one time, you could even buy a Rodney Allen Rippy doll and join the Rodney Allen Rippy International Fan Club, headquartered in Beverly Hills.

In spite of all the glamour, Rippy insists he had a normal childhood.

"I will say I'm very fortunate, I am blessed. I thank God for doing such wonders in my life, for giving me such a fantastic childhood. It wasn't anything really spectacular because we lived just like any

other normal family. We lived in a normal, middle class home.

"The money is set aside for college. My parents never touched a penny of my money and it wouldn't have bothered me if they had. My parents were really super."

In the late 70s the wave of skateboarding was fast growing to be the favorite hobby of young Americans.

Rippy got on "board" too.

He could not enjoy this activity for long, though. When he turned 12 the Rippy family picked up and moved to his mother's hometown of Julian, North Carolina.

"The roads are made of tar and gravel, so you can't ride a board. I lived miles outside of the city. So I took my board apart and never really rode it."

His career was virtually taken apart, as well.

"It put a real damper on things," said Rippy.

"Production crew people were looking for me for five years."

They finally managed to find him in Greensboro, North Carolina.



**JUST ROLLIN' ALONG — Rodney is back on his wheels at Cerritos and glad for the return to Southern California.**

The Rippy family, having been a "very close-knit unit," was greatly affected by the loss of Rodney's mother, Flossie, to cancer in 1976.

In May of 1988 Rippy decided to take the advice of his mother when she said, "Don't look back."

He enrolled at Cerritos, financed by his childhood earnings. Now at 20 he is in his third semester and is a member of Cerritos' honor society, Alpha Gamma Sigma.

"I came back to go to school and get back into it (show business)" said Rippy.

"I've always longed to get back to California."

He put his skateboard back together. Now he is trying to get his acting career back together.

Rippy is now working with two theatrical coaches and is trying to regain his celebrity status.

It seems that he just may achieve this. US magazine ran an article on Rippy in the February issue in the "Where are they now?" section. Entertainment Tonight wants him to do a segment for them.

But he does want to "...stick to school instead of just waiting around for acting jobs.

"I need to expand and gain more knowledge."

According to Gita Holland, Cerritos College librarian and close friend, "Rodney is very down to earth, and always joking with the library staff. I get the feeling he's enjoying his college life as much as he enjoyed his childhood stardom. He has a very positive outlook."

"I've recently considered writing a book," stated Rippy.

"I've got a million funny stories about things that really happened to me. All this is just an attitude of going for it. Anybody can do it."

Rippy's attitude is something like the T-shirt or the talking doll that said, "Take life a little easier."

There may be a few bumps in the road, but they won't stop Rodney Allen Rippy.

He's back and he's ready to roll.

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**FIERCESOME FALCONS**— Along with the Cerritos College basketball team, the Cerritos College baseball teams is having a championship year. The Falcons boast a record of 17-3, 4-1 in South Coast Conference action and are the number one ranked team in the southland. Cerritos meets East L.A. College today at home as the Falcons try for their fifth in a row and eighth out of their last nine. Tomorrow the Birds meet El Camino in a SCC matchup. Pitching for the Falcons will be Ralph Diaz and on Saturday the two will face off at El Camino with Jimmy Griego vying for his fifth win without a loss.

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## ...Champs

game of the tournament.

"This is a very good team, we only lost four games and only by a total of eight points," commented seventh year Head Coach Jack Bogdanovich.

Cerritos finished the season with their seventh consecutive 20 plus win season surpassing the margin going 31-4.

"For years you watch the Dodgers and Lakers win. When you win, the memory will always be there," said Ackland, "when you lose you forget.

"Winning is part of making memories. You enjoy education more which makes for a better life."

According to Bogdanovich, the key to winning the championship was sophomore guard Gene Humphrey.

"Gene has done everything we have asked him for two years," stated Bogdanovich, "He moved to point when we took Darren out and he went back to the two spot when Darren was in the game. He just did a fantastic job for us."

Humphrey scored 12 points, including two three-pointers and recorded a season high eight assists.

Center Jeff Parris, who scored 17 points against SFCC while averaging just over eight rebounds for the three games was also named to the all tournament team.

During the championship game the difference was a 21-2 run over six minutes of the second half after the Gladiators had taken a 57-47 lead early in the half.

By the end of the run, sparked by Edwards, the 10-point deficit had become a 68-59 lead with just under 11 minutes to play in the game.

Chabot never got closer than three points the rest of the game.

Edwards said the Falcons were sparked by Chabot's 10-point lead.

"That really fired us up. We figured the second half is our half. We looked at it as do or die once we were down by 10," Edwards said. "We assumed every shot was going to miss and went after it."

Ackland added that the groups that came out and supported the team throughout the season, as well as the playoffs, helped a great deal.

"The players responded to the crowd which did a great job," said Ackland. "The football team and the rest of the supporters were great."

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