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## Nabulsi, Uy Kimpang, Gaskin Fall Newsmakers; 130 honored

By Carrie Redfox  
TM News Editor

A record crowd of 425 saw 130 students honored at the ASCC awards dinner Friday night, where the team of Student President Aladdin Nabulsi and Student Vice President Daisy Mae Uy Kimpang were named Fall Student Newsmakers.

Cerritos College head, Dr. Fred Gaskin was named Fall Faculty Newsmaker.

Jennifer Christensen was Mistress of Ceremonies at the event which was held at the Sequoia Athletic Club in Buena Park.

Members of the Board of Trustees, faculty advisors, administrators, and staff members were also on hand to see recipients receiving awards in service, academics, and accomplishments.

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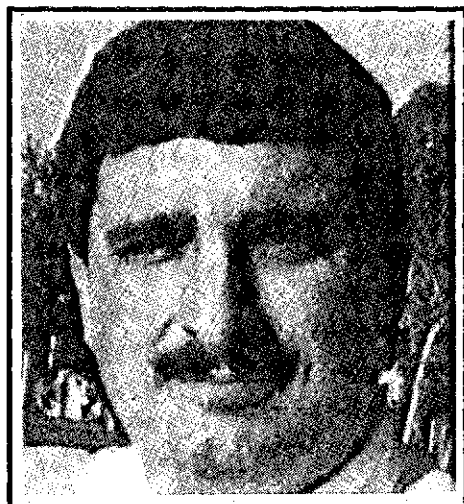
### FALL NEWSMAKERS

...Student VP Daisy Mae Uy Kimpang and President Aladdin Nabulsi, above. Upper left, Staff recipient President Fred Gaskin and wife Shelley. — CARRIE REDFOX PHOTO

## Leadership speaker Georgiana former ASCC president who made the grade the hard way

By Ben Villa  
TM Executive Editor

One speaker at the ASCC Student Leadership Conference is a former student body president who will bring a MA degree (3.85) and some hard stories and straight talk from personal experience.



Craig Georgiana wasn't exactly your ideal student while he was here at Cerritos College.

He wasn't on the Dean's list, or captain of the football team. He didn't graduate with honors—he barely graduated at all.

He didn't have a 4.0 GPA. He'd be lucky with a 2.2.

He wasn't lazy...far from it. He was probably the hardest worker on campus.

All those things weren't his fault. He suffered from dyslexia and didn't even know it.

Craig Georgiana came to Cerritos College in 1979 after he grew tired of being a gopher at an electrical company.

He wanted something more out of life, he wanted an education and the chance to better himself.

"I always had a difficult time at school."

He became a Senator and ran for

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## Music offers Christmas program with students, faculty, staff; mystery guest clues point to Gaskin

By Christine Copp  
TM Entertainment Editor

The Cerritos College Music Department's annual Christmas program will be featuring "Die Fledermaus," Dec. 9, 10, 11 and 12.

The German operetta, "The Bat," will present students, faculty, and the Cerritos College Choir in a fully staged production. It includes costumes, sets and a full orchestra.

Special guest appearances will be made by James Brown, Elvis, Santa Claus and a special mystery guest.

Friday and Saturday performan-

ces begin at 8 p.m. A matinee on Sunday, Dec. 12, begins at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for students and senior.

A special ASCC performance will be presented Thursday evening at 7:30. Admission is half the regular price and free for students with an ASCC card.

The orchestra is under the direction of Dr. Christine Lopez, and is directed by Scott Henderson. The program is produced by Henderson and Lopez.

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## Line on Touchtone registration — working like a charm

By Nofu Tautolo  
TM Staff Writer

Touchtone registration has kept 1000's from having to stand in long lines waiting to get into classes. Another good thing is that students can mail in their fees without waiting in another gigantic line.

Touchtone registration for students was scheduled from Nov. 30, Dec. 1-3, 6-10, 13, 14.

Fees for touchtone registration must be paid within five working days or classes will be dropped. Also, program changes cannot be made until fees have been paid. On campus registration will run

Jan. 6, 7, and 10-15. Program changes can also be made during the week of on campus registration and classes will begin Jan. 10.

The last day to register is Jan. 15. To be eligible for a refund, classes must be dropped before Jan. 21.

For late comers, there will be a 15

week intrasession.

Continuing students can begin registration Jan. 27 and all other students may register Jan. 28, 31, Feb. 1-4. Classes for the 15 week intrasession begin Jan. 31, and the final day to drop to be eligible for a refund is Feb. 11.

Students who are petitioning for Credit/No Credit grades need to get them in before Feb. 16.

The last day to officially withdraw from first nine week classes is March 1.

Touchtone program changes for second nine week midterm begin March 9, but only for students who are currently enrolled in Spring classes.

Continuing students who do not register by touchtone may register during the on-campus registration and that also begins March 9.

For all other students, on-campus registration begins March 10, 11 and runs through March 14-18.

Second nine week classes will begin March 14. March 18 is the last day to register for second nine week midterm classes. March 25 is the last day to drop and be eligible for a refund.

Free parking will be available in Lots C-1 and C-2 for students during the week of on campus registration.

All on-campus registrations will take place in the Administration Building and fees must be paid at the Student Center from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, Fridays to 4 p.m.

## Newly elected trustees will be seated on hot agenda tonight; Board president to be named

By Liz Aguilera  
TM Managing Editor

A new President and other Board officers are to be elected tonight with an agenda which includes several hot items for the three newly seated Trustees.

Faculty and Student shared governance policies, will be on tap and consideration to approve the new College council proposal.

A minor item to be discussed will be the recommendation for the commencement speaker.

Cheryl Epple was the top vote-getter at 20,468, Dorothy Carfrae came in second with 17,153 and Bob Verderber took the third position with 17,052 edging incumbent Rick Sanchez out of the race by some 600 votes.

The vice president and secretary of the Board will also be elected.

They will consider regular meeting dates and also consider authorization for Board members and certain employees of the Cerritos Community college district to sign documents for the period Dec. 8, 1993, through Dec. 14, 1994.

It has been recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt the regulations for student participation in shared governance.

Statement seven of the policy gives the best analysis: "The Board of Trustees and the College Administrators shall consult collegially with the ASCC before adopting policies and procedures that will have a "significant effect on students." Recommendations and positions developed by students should be given every reasonable consideration."

Basically the "governing Board shall recognize the ASCC, as the representative body of the students to offer opinions and to make recommendations to the administration and to the governing Board with regard to college policies and procedures that have or will have significance effect on students."

The Board will consider approving "that as a result of financial uncertainties, negotiations,

legislation and other factors the governing Board hereby declares that all classified bargaining unit salaries are declared indefinite as of Jan. 1, 1994, for the year 1994."

Also salaries of the faculty, management, confidential, child development center, classified non-bargaining unit, contract, temporary/student hourly, and community Education hourly employees' will be considered indefinite.

The Board will be considering approval the Faculty Shared Governance policy prepared by Faculty Senate President Richard McGrath.

The Faculty Senate has recommended that the new

appointed administrators of the college will rely primarily on the advice and judgement of the Faculty Senate in relation to the academic and professional matters described above. The recommendations of the Faculty Senate will normally be accepted in developing and implementing policy concerning these matters, and only in exceptional circumstances and for compelling reasons, will the recommendations not be accepted. If a recommendation is not accepted, the Board of Trustees will, upon request of the Faculty Senate, provide a written explanation as to why the recommendation was not followed.

Another item for the new

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statement be adopted as a replacement for Board Policy 2070.

Policy 2070 reads; "The Governing Board of Cerritos College, recognizes the Faculty Senate as an integral part of the institutional instruction of Cerritos College. Administrative code, Title V, section 543200."

One of the bigger ideas on the new statement besides the idea of actually sharing the governing over Cerritos College is numbers five and six of the statement.

They read:  
5. The Board of Trustees of Cerritos College and the duly appointed administrators of the college will consult collegially with the Faculty Senate when adopting policies and procedures relating to the matters described above. The Board of Trustees will give at least 4 weeks written notice to the Faculty Senate prior to the adoption, modification or implementation of policies relating to any of the above, including a written statement of the proposed policy.

6. The Board of Trustees of Cerritos college and the duly

members to look at is the approval of the formation of a College Council.

The College Council, which would represent the entire college community, would be replacing the existing Administrative Council to improve communications and strengthen the shared governance process.

If approved the College Council would be comprised of the College President as Chair, Vice-President of Academic Affairs, Vice-President of Business Services, Vice-President of Student Services, Dean Educational Support Services, Faculty Senate President, Director of Personnel, Affirmative Action Officer, Director of Community Education, ASCC President CSEA President, Chair of the Cerritos Foundation, Faculty Association president, ACCME President, Confidential Employee Representative and a community Representative.

The Mission Statement of the College Council would be "...to provide each student, faculty member, classified and confidential staff person, administrator and

community member an opportunity to participate in the shared governance process. Furthermore, it shall guarantee that avenues of communication be developed that provide a free flow of accurate information to the President and Board of Trustees and to the College community."

The new Board will also be considering the approval of changing the workweek for campus police from four ten-hour work days to five eight-hour work days as the normal workweek.

If approved, the schedule will be effective on Jan. 1, 1994.

Presently, the officers are on the proposed schedule as a trial basis.

The Commencement Speaker Selection Committee decided that the ASCC should choose the speaker for the 1994 commencement.

The ASCC Senate and Executive Cabinet both voted unanimously for Dr. Fred Gaskin, College President to be the speaker.

That is also on the agenda for approval.

STUDENT CENTER FUND FINANCES NEW CARD CHECK-OUT SYSTEM

## ASCC makes one-time \$100,000 grant to new library

By Paula Feres  
TM Editor-in-Chief

This Fall's ASCC Senate has granted their last wish of the season and unanimously approved a request for a \$100,000 grant for the library.

"I submit that this is a responsible, responsive bill which deserves the Senators' help and support," said Student Senator Christopher Ballard, who chose to speak on behalf of the bill.

"I felt compelled to inform and enlighten the students on an issue that would better the future of the student and the entire campus community," said Ballard.

The library needs over \$1,000,000 to update its computer and catalog system that one representative said, "would bring us into the 20th century."

This amount is only a tenth of the amount needed and is seen as a kick off measure that will begin a long campaign for the library to raise the remaining dollars.

The system that will be installed will perform such duties as Cataloging, Public Access, and Circulation software. It will eventually allow librarians to search down each book, who has checked it out, and when it is expected back.

"Everyone utilizes the library and everyone who uses the electronic card catalog will know it came from the students," affirmed Ballard.

There will be many other functions that were explained to the student Senate. For example, a computerized card catalog, and updated periodicals that will also be stored and accessed on updated computers. This system will also allow room for adding such services as interlink, which links computer terminals and data banks from all over the US.

"No better opportunity to get such a large return on such a small investment," said Ballard.

The money was taken from the Student Center Reserved Building Fund and placed into a new account especially for the library, and only to be used for the automation system.

"We really need this student involvement. This is our chance to contribute something that will go way beyond our time," said Uy Kimpang.

The Senators and Chair placed high comment on this chance being an honor, "especially in a time when library funerals are so prevalent," said Uy Kimpang.

This semester, VP and Senate Chair Daisy Mae Uy Kimpang also presented the Outstanding Senator's Award. It was given to Faculty Liaison Prescilla Sandoval and for the first time included a \$50 scholarship.

**JULIA ROBERTS DENZEL WASHINGTON**

Two Supreme Court Justices have been assassinated.  
One lone law student has stumbled upon the truth.  
An investigative journalist wants her story.  
Everyone else wants her dead.

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**OPENS DECEMBER 17 EVERYWHERE**



**ASCC HONOREE** — Husband Richard joins June Atherton, long-time secretary to Student Services, who received special recognition at the Student Awards Banquet.

— Photo by PAULA FERES

"The best thing I ever did was come to work for Cerritos College," stated June Atherton, retiring administrative secretary to the vice-president of Student Services.

Atherton, who has worked for Cerritos College for the last 30 years, started as a student and earned her AA Degree in Administrative Secretary. Before she finished her degree, she was working full time for student services.

As administrative secretary of student services, Atherton is responsible for many projects that go largely unnoticed. One of these is determining, and keeping abreast of the eligibility of Cerritos athletes.

She must document the academic and sports histories of all athletes who wish to play at the college.

Part of the athlete eligibility program is keeping coaches informed, on a weekly basis, of the eligibility of their players. At times Atherton gets urgent requests from coaches for information to determine if a player is academically or otherwise qualified to play.

Any student who wants to play a

sport must complete a minimum of 24 units per season and earn a 2.0 grade point average, or better.

Another important responsibility handled by Atherton is the writing and preparation of all information in the college catalog and schedule of classes that pertains to student services. This includes the college calendar, the history of Cerritos College, its mission and philosophy, to name a few.

Also included is information concerning admissions, expenses, registration, graduation requirements, financial aid and so on. The catalog seeks to provide information to the student on all applicable subjects. Atherton also prepares similar information for the schedule of classes.

In addition, she handles all activities required to prepare for and hold commencement exercises. This includes sending letters inviting college officials to participate in the commencement exercises, attending meetings, typing commencement scripts, as well as other things.

But a larger part of Atherton's

## ASCC honors retiring June Atherton for 30 years of service to Student Services

By JIM BLANK

work is much different. "Student Services office is a problem solving office. Three fourths of my job is helping students find solutions for their problems. I have empathy, I love people, and I try to help them. It's part of the job. You have to like people to do this job," Atherton said. She not only helps students, but many staff members as well.

In the past, Atherton handled the issuance of inter-district permits. These permits were required when a student in one district wanted to attend another district because the student's curriculum was not available at his college. Atherton was not fond of this, saying, "I disliked this job because I had to deny students access to a particular school they wanted to attend." These permits are no longer required.

According to Atherton, the most significant change in her job has been brought about by computers. Before computers, she actually had to sort through boxes filled with folders to acquire information on athlete's grades and units.

She was responsible for developing and setting into motion what is known as the "hold program," started in 1978. This program keeps track of equipment that athletes have not turned in when they finish playing a sport. Until the equipment is returned or paid for, the player may not register for school. Atherton says she used to keep track of this with pencil and paper, but the computer has made it, as well as many other things, much easier.

Atherton notes that students have changed over the years. Cerritos "College once had a dress code which no longer is in force. Students were required to wear shirts and shoes, and women could not wear shorts. Physical education was required and everyone had to wear an approved gym outfit. Atherton feels students dress much less formally today.

During her time as a student, Atherton was a member of Alpha Gamma Sigma and graduated with honors. She was sponsored by the college business section and received the Bank of America Secretarial Award of the year representing Cerritos in 1964.

Atherton's official retirement date is December 22. Next spring she will work part time for the college to help the new secretary get settled in the job.

She and her husband of 43 years, plan to move to Palm Desert, where they own a home. They have always attended as many college activities as possible and she says they plan to continue it after retirement.

The Athertons are going to keep themselves very busy in their new life. They are going to buy a fifth wheel motor home and tour the United States. She says they have been to Europe three times, but want to do it once more.

In summing up the time she has spent at Cerritos, Atherton says, "This has been my home for 30 years," she said. "When I leave, I'll probably cry and give my friends and co-workers lots of hugs and kisses."

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# Faculty Senate President explains group's lawful role

**EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**  
**Subject: Talon Marks**  
**Article re: "Shared Governance and the Faculty Senate."**

Thank you for meeting with me to discuss your article in the Talon Marks edition of November 18 titled as an open letter to "Dear Faculty Senate." I would appreciate your printing this Letter to the Editor as my response.

I have serious concerns about the opinions you expressed in the article. There are also some factual inaccuracies which I feel should be corrected.

First, the factual inaccuracies:

While referring to the faculty senate in the second paragraph of your article, you describe a chart depicting the possible organization of a College Council as "their (Faculty Senate's) flow chart. It was not prepared by the Faculty Senate and has not even been presented to the Senate for their consideration, as yet. It was prepared by the governance Sub-Committee of the team which is writing the response to the accreditation report.

Next, in one of the final paragraphs of the article, you state that the proposal (regarding shared governance) was "opposed" (by the board) and sent back to the Faculty Senate. The proposal was not opposed by the Board. It was tabled by the Board because some of the documents referenced in the proposal had been inadvertently omitted from their back-up material. It was reasonable for them to want to have that information before taking action, so they tabled it. The Board has never discussed the proposal, and has not "opposed" it.

Next, concerning the opinions you expressed in the article: I would have appreciated an opportunity to talk with you before you published the article, but, as you pointed out in our conversation, I do not seek your input before voicing my opinions in the Faculty Senate, therefore you felt no obligation to seek out my input before voicing your opinion in Talon Marks.

However, I feel that, in publishing a newspaper editorial some discussion of the facts with those you are criticizing would be fairer to them, and would provide greater accuracy and more informative details for your readers.

There seems to be two major points with which you take issue:

One issue is your belief that somehow, by presenting this proposal to the Board, the (Faculty) Senate has ignored the shared governance rights of students.

You ask: "What about the students? Where do we come in on this proposal?"

Admittedly, the faculty shared governance document does not address the rights of students. It was not intended to. That is not its purpose. The proposal outlines the faculty's shared governance agreement with the Board. State law provides for differing areas of shared responsibility for faculty, staff, and students. Each is covered by separate sections of the law and each is to reach their own shared governance agreement with the Board of Trustees. The faculty would not presume to be able to

represent the interests of students in the faculty shared governance proposal, and I do not expect to see faculty interests represented in the student shared governance proposal.

But, to infer that somehow the faculty neglected or ignored the student body by presenting the faculty shared governance document to the Board at this time, is highly misleading. The student body was not ignored by the faculty. Quite the contrary!

The shared governance proposal of the Faculty Senate was ready to be presented to the Board on January 19, 1993, almost a year ago. When the proposal was about to be placed on the Board agenda, the student government representative requested that the faculty delay their presentation so that the student body could prepare their own shared governance document and present it to the Board jointly with the faculty proposal. I agreed to the delay in order to give students an opportunity to join with the faculty in a joint presentation.

We have been waiting since January for the companion student document. Rather than neglecting students, as you claim, we have delayed our own shared governance agreement for almost a year in order to provide support to the students.

Your second objection seems to center on your conclusion that the faculty's proposal is a "wounded" version of shared governance, and a "high handed" attempt by the faculty to wrest power from the Board and the students.

You question whether the document "... sounds like shared governance or a dictatorship?", and then quote several sections of the document, of which you are very critical.

You ask "who is governing whom here?" and state that you "thought the board answered to no one", and you assumed the Board governed all."

**"...in fact, the students even have the right of having their student body president seated as a member of the Board of Trustees, a right that is not granted to the Faculty."**

But state law says "the governing board of community college district shall adopt policies for the appropriate delegation of authority and responsibility to its college and/or district academic senate." (Title V, Admin. Regs. 53203)

That same state law also provides that: "The primary function (of Faculty Senate) is...to make recommendations to the administration of a college and to the governing board of a district with respect to academic and professional matters." (Title V, Admin. Regs. 53200)

The same law also recognizes the right of students to provide similar input to the Board and administration; in fact, the students even have the right of having their students body President seated as a member of the Board of Trustees, a right that is not granted to the Faculty.

You then offer the opinion that "the proposal gets worse."

That comment refers to the wording which says:

"The recommendations of the Faculty

**EDITOR'S NOTE :** The following is a response to a "Face Up" column — not an editorial — written by the Editor-in-chief, and does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Editorial Board. For the record, the columnist does not agree with the state establishment that the Faculty Senate should be so exalted above the input by student and classified who, as we understand, represent the other two parts of shared governance...under the same documentation.... The Editorial Board welcomes the feedback.

Senate will normally be accepted in developing and implementing policy concerning these matters..." and that "Only in exceptional circumstances and for compelling reasons, will the recommendations not be accepted."..."If a recommendation is not accepted, the Board of Trustees will, upon request of the Faculty Senate, provide a written explanation as to why the recommendation was not followed."

You took particular exception to the paragraph, and asked: "Is this a joke? For real?"

No, it is not a joke, and Yes, it is "for real." It is a quotation from California state law.

Section 53203 of Title V of the California Code of Administration Regulation states:

"The recommendations of the senate will normally be accepted, and only in exceptional circumstances and for compelling reasons will the recommendation not be accepted. If a recommendation is not accepted, the governing board or its designee, upon request of the academic senate, shall promptly communicate its reasons in writing to the academic senate."

You also ask "Did I miss something about 'shared governance?'"

Well,...yes, you did miss something...

What you missed was that almost every word in the document which you so strongly criticize is a direct quotation from state law. The wording was not concocted in some back room here at Cerritos College.

The concept of "shared governance" in community colleges originated in the state legislature in a bill known as AB 1725.

As you quoted from the faculty shared governance proposal, "AB 1725 was designed, in part, to provide for wider

appointed administrators...will rely primarily on the advice and judgement of the Faculty Senate in relation to the academic and professional matters described above."

Again, what you are criticizing is basically a quotation from state law. Title V provides that:

"A district governing board shall 'consult collegially' with the academic senate to '...develop policies on academic and professional matters...' by either 'relying primarily on the advice and judgement of the academic senate', or '...the district governing board, (or its representatives) and the 'academic senate shall have the obligation to reach mutual agreement by written resolution, regulation or policy..."

Does all of this legal wording sound familiar? It should. You see, all of the wording which you found so objectionable in the faculty proposal, is simply almost direct quotations from existing state law.

Section 53203 (a) of Title V of the Administrative Code of Regulations further mandates that a shared governance agreement must exist between the faculty and the Board of Trustees. The Accreditation Commission criticized the college for not having such a statement in place.

If the faculty of Cerritos College is wrong in adopting this wording, then so is the state legislature, the Governor of California, who signed the bill into law, the Community College Board of Governors, The Community College Chancellor's Office, the state Academic Senate, the Accreditation Commission, and the faculties, staffs, students and Boards of Trustees of most of the other 107 community colleges in the state. They have all approved of, or adopted, almost the same wording that appears in the shared governance of Cerritos College for proposing.

But let's keep thing in perspective...

Most of the policies and procedures referred to in the shared governance document are already in place as part of Board policy or are in college procedures based on Board policy.

The faculty already provides the primary source of advice on the selection of new faculty, evaluation of current faculty, development and approval of curriculum, establishing prerequisites, and other "academic and professional matters" listed as faculty responsibilities in Title V.

And, based on the learning environment created by these policies and procedures, a lot of our former students are doing pretty well, in spite of the claimed neglect by the faculty, or the faculty's high-handed dismissal of their rights and opinions. Some of them have turned out to be lawyers, judges, state legislators, corporate executives, and even some pretty good journalists.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to express my opinions on this vital topic of shared governance.

**Richard McGrath, President  
 FACULTY SENATE**

participation by faculty, staff, and students in the governance of California community colleges, and to improve the quality of instruction."

The wording which you criticize in the faculty proposal was discussed and debated in the open meetings of the state legislature, the state-wide Community College Board of Governors, the Community College Chancellor's office, and the State Academic Senate. The provisions were adopted by these groups because they felt that doing so would strengthen the quality of education which you receive as a community college student.

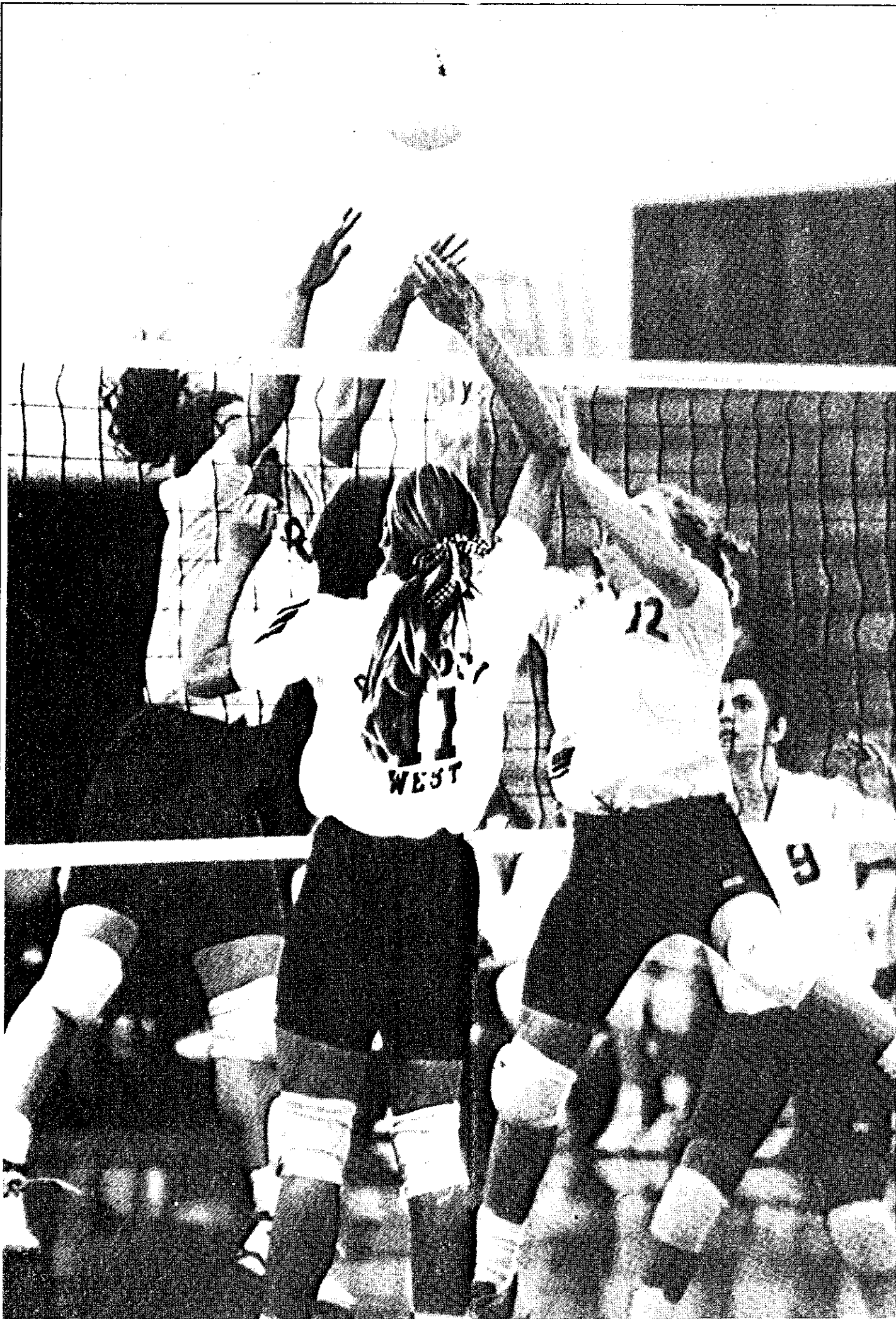
It was then placed in Title V of the California Administration Code of Regulations, a part of California state law.

All of this was explained in the Introductory section of the shared governance policy statement to which you are objecting.

You also objected to the following wording in the proposal:

"The Board of Trustees...and duly

# VOLLEYBALL FINISH 2ND IN STATE



UP FOR GRABS — Debbie Miller blocks and Paula Makridis covers in eventual loss to champs

— Photo by FAUSTO RAMOS

By Ben Villa

TM Executive Editor

In the end, Golden West was the better team.

The best team that night, the best team during the State Tournament and the best team all year long as the Rustlers went on to defeat Cerritos College for the State Championship last weekend at Southwestern College.

The Rustlers swept the Falcons in three straight, 18-16, 15-12 and 15-2.

Cerritos finishes the season in second place with a record of 24-4. Golden West went on to have an undefeated season at 28-0.

Cerritos reached the finals via the loser bracket as they defeated American River 15-13, 15-12 and 15-9.

In the first match of the day, Cerritos took on eventual champ Golden West and fought hard before falling in a grueling five set game.

In each of the three sets during the championship game, Golden West jumped out to leads of 6-1, 5-0, 8-1 and never looked back.

With falling behind in every set, it finally took its toll on Cerritos.

It took too much energy out of the Falcons and fatigue had to be a problem as they had played all day and Golden West was well rested before the match.

"We played hard, we just let them get too many big leads. That hurt us. We were sitting back waiting for them to make plays instead of us being aggressive. It's tough playing from behind, it's mentally draining.

"I'm real proud of them. Twice we came back from big leads. It just shows the character and toughness of this team. They never quit. We had chances to win, we just didn't do it this time," said Co-Coach Jeanine Prindle.

The Rustlers came out firing on all cylinders taking a 6-1 lead as they appeared much looser than the Falcons.

Cerritos came back, behind the serving of Paula Makridis, who scored four consecutive points to pull within two.

Golden West regrouped behind the setting of Jessica Lee, who was named the Tournament MVP, and the hitting of Becki Gehlke as they took a 9-5 advantage.

The Falcons never quit and managed to pull even at 11 as Setter Colleen Jewell twice threw dinks over net for scores and Tina Poston started hitting.

The rest of the set was a back and forth affair with the leads changing on almost every point.

Cerritos could have easily pulled it out but too many errors on their part denied them the set.

The Falcons missed 10 serves alone

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in the first set and numerous kill attempts sailed long.

"We missed way too many serves in the first game. We haven't done that all year. We rushed them a little bit. We were so anxious to win the game that we couldn't concentrate," said Prindle.

The Rustlers went on to take the set 18-16 after Claire Adrian's pass attempt couldn't be handled.

The second set was much of the same as again Golden West jumped out to a big lead and Cerritos coming back.

The Falcons managed to get within one point at 13-12 but couldn't overcome the disadvantage before falling 15-12.

After that, Cerritos seemed to lose the strength to come back.

With Golden West sensing the Championship they pulled away to

double digit leads.

Andrea Pollard and Paula Makridis were unable to get untracked the entire set as neither of them got the ball more than two times.

The Rustlers clinched the championship as Pollard's pass attempt fell helplessly out of bounds.

"I give them all the credit, they showed up and played. We had trouble with the pass, it was hard to get a set. We were just exhausted, no excuses, we just couldn't do it anymore," said Pollard.

Pollard, Makridis and Debbie Miller were named to the All Tournament team and for the season Pollard and Miller made first team All-State.

The loss ends a great season for Cerritos who have plenty of good things to look forward to next year as they will be returning seven players, including starting Setter Jewell,

Makridis, who shined during the whole Tournament, and Middle Blocker Yolanda Plascencia

This was Andrea Pollard's last game as a Cerritos Falcon who capped off a great career which included a State Championship and a 38 consecutive winning streak at home. She is looking forward to continue playing at a University next year.

Said Pollard. "I'm going to miss them, I love them all."

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## BEN VILLA

### Volleyball provides plenty of kills and digs in a season of...

First, I'm going to get a little personal.

I played volleyball.

Played every position from back row specialist when I was short to middleblocker when I grew.

Never missed a game, never missed a practice. Captain my senior year.

On my best day, I couldn't do half of the things these girls can.

I was more heart than talent.

They're a special team.

Sure they lost to Golden West in the finals but so what, does that take anything away from them?

Not in my book.

They met every challenge except one.

They ran into a buzzsaw named Golden West.

Best team in the state, if not the land.

Undefeated team, 28-0, nothing for Cerritos to be ashamed of.

They can hold their heads up high. Lot of pressure on them. Defending champs and all.

They handled it well. Better than most. With composure.

Even in defeat. You can't handle winning if you can't handle losing.

It was probably tough for them.

They're not used to losing. Didn't all last year, only twice this year.

A few tears were shed Sunday night, can't blame them. To be so close to something that you worked all year for and falling short. It's never easy.

Still, it wasn't all bad.

If Cerritos would have won, MVP would have been spelled Paula Makridis. That's how well she played. Point after point, she kept firing and scoring and yelling and...you get the point.

She has a bright future ahead of her and should be the catalyst for next year's team that reaches the finals.

Prindle and Welliver wouldn't allow anything else.

Tina Poston was the unknown factor all year long. This transfer from BYU-Hawaii didn't always get the pub from us during the year, that's our

fault, but her playing was nothing to laugh it.

At times she was the only one that could crack the Rustler defense.

Kelly Ferguson, what happened to the sleeves? They were down the whole game.

That must have been it.

To Debbie Miller who reminds all of us that sports is still a game. During the game against American River she was playing back row, made a dig and had a smile on her face bigger than a volleyball.

It's fun to watch players having fun.

To the bench, it varied at times but we always knew they were there.

The ringing in my ears from the cheering wouldn't allow me not to.

Next year we'll just have to see those girls on the court.

To the redshirts. A tip of the hat goes to you. It can't be easy practicing every day and never dressing for the games, traveling with the team and taking stats. You handled it like pro's.

To April Bauer, game after game you played hard and did your job well. What more could any fan, teammate, coach or reporter ask for.

To Shannon Walker, you still owe me an interview. I haven't forgotten how you ran away after the Long Beach City game.

To Yolanda Plascencia, quiet but confident. You're right, the hands went up at State.

To Colleen Jewell, who has the fire and spirit needed to take this team back to state.

To Rochelle Travers, the season problem didn't go the way you would have liked. From a starter to reduced playing time. You handled it with dignity and with the utmost respect to your team and school. For that, the candy is in the mail.

Finally to Andrea Pollard. One of the greatest volleyball players I've seen.

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## Women Falcons bounce back to take 3rd in Sequoia tourney

By Kelly Barth

TM Sports Editor

The Cerritos women's basketball team rolled into the Sequoia's Tournament undefeated and hotter than the recent fire storms.

But lying in wait was San Jose City who quickly doused the Falcon flame.

The first round 74-59 loss was Cerritos's first of the season. The defeat also ended the Falcons hopes of winning the tournament.

Cerritos's only bright spot in the loss was Iris Ortega.

Ortega scored a season high 25 points including a Jordan type shooting night by hitting a phenomenal 7-11 from three point land.

The resilient Falcons bounced back and came on strong to win their final three games.

Game two of the tournament proved no easier for the Falcons who trailed 41-29 at the half.

Once again Cerritos would be forced to bounce back, and they did.

Leading the charge was freshman Ortega who scored a team high 21 points including 13 in the games final 20 minutes.

Sophomore Kate Larrabee struggled through a tough first half only scoring four.

Larrabee did awaken in the second half pouring in 10 points.

Cerritos outscored Kings River 41-22 in the second half, propelling them

to a 70-63 victory.

Next-up was the College of the Canyons.

The Falcons were put behind the eight-ball once again 39-37.

The Falcons who seemed to be sleepwalking through the first half got a wake-up call in the form of a 55 point second half onslaught.

Larrabee recored a double-double scoring 24 points, and snaging 10 rebounds.

Michelle Barsdale came up with 16 big points. Barsdale dominated the inside along with Erica Spence, Spence also scored 10 of her own.

The second half scoring spree sky rocketed Cerritos to a 92-67 triumph.

With the squad now back on track

they turned their attentions to Santa Monica.

Cerritos steam rolled Santa Monica 91-46. Kate Larrabee and Michelle Barsdale provided Cerritos's big punch the two teamed to score 27 and 16 points.

On the inside, Spence hauled in 12 boards. In the consolation game against Solano, Cerritos used a balanced attack to win their third straight.

It was once again Kate Larrabee with 26 points that did in Solano.

The Falcons took third in a successful tournament appearance.

Iris Ortega was an All-Tournament selection.

## WRESTLERS TAKE STATE

By Ben Villa

TM Executive Editor

Break up the Falcons.

The Cerritos College men's Wrestling team is on a roll.

First, they captured the State Dual Meet Championship against Fresno City earlier this week, 24-19.

Next, they went on to win the Southern California Championships against Rancho Santiago.

To top that off, they will advance all 10 wrestlers to the State Championships this weekend at Santa Rosa.

Rancho Santiago scored 122.75 points but could never overcome Cerritos' lead as they went on to score 140.25 to take the crown.

Sophomore Dan Santana (150) and Bisolt Detsiev (177) swept through their three opponents, en route to first place in the weight class at the Southern California Regionals.

Rudy Garcia (126), Rick Carreon (158), Jesse Bueno (167), and James Hill (190) all lost in the finals.

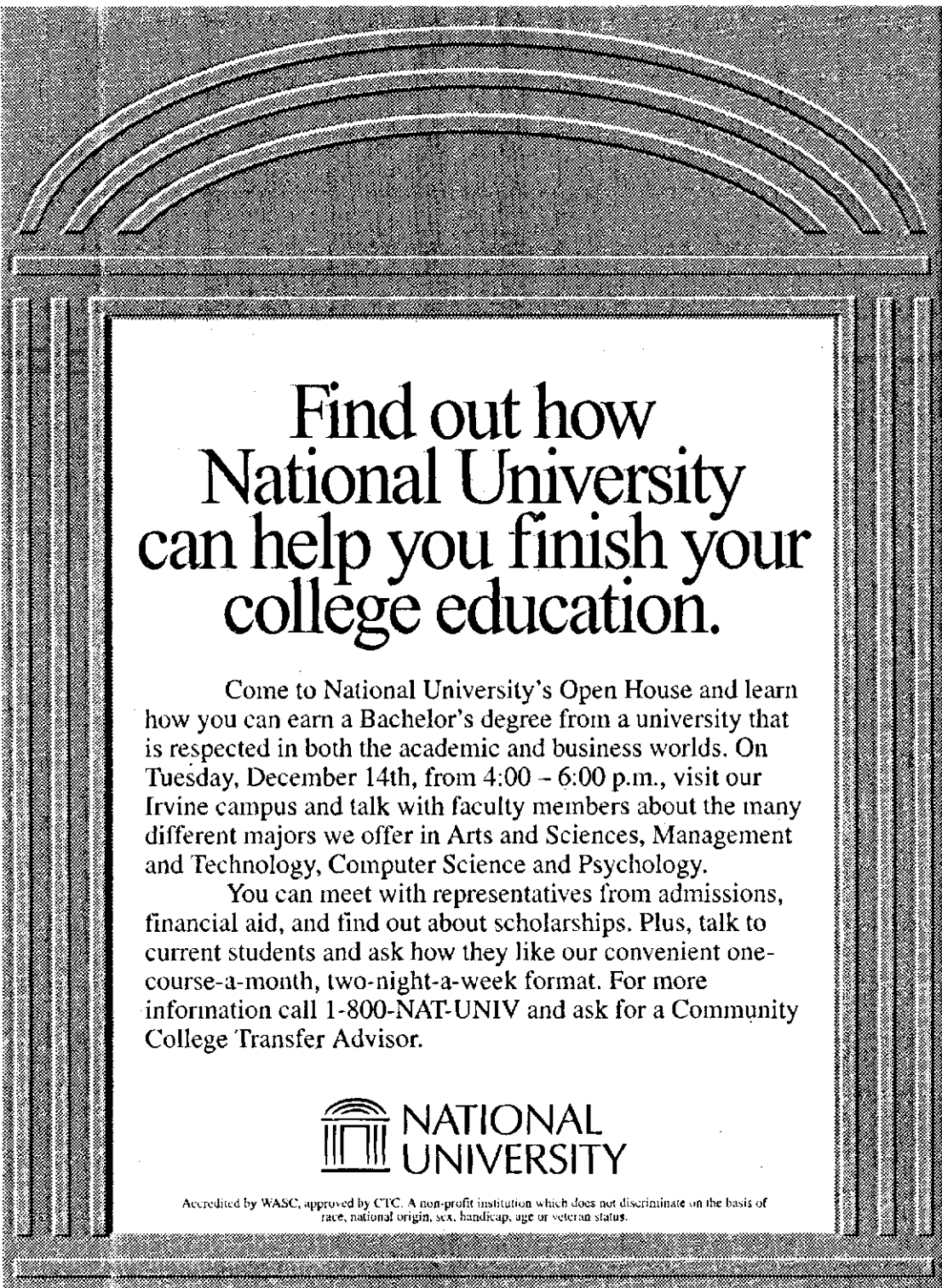
Mark Cody (134) and Jeff Ware (275) placed third while Billy Meyer (142) was a fourth place finisher and Kelly Martinez (118) finished eighth.

Cody and Bueno will be making their second consecutive appearance in the State Championships.

Against Fresno City, the Rams jumped out to a 16-0 lead after the first four matches, before Santana fired up the team with a pin over Josh Cleveland. Freshman Rick Carreon kept things going, when he recorded a 4-2 victory over Brian Haupt.

The match came down to Ware in the heavyweight division.

With Cerritos trailing 19-18, Ware stunned Fresno City when he pinned Alex Holdren in a time of only 1:02 for the victory and the championships, 24-19.



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# Football makes big splash in 35-24 Bowl loss

By Ben Villa

TM Executive Editor

Cerritos loss of 35-24 to Riverside in the Simple Green Classic last Saturday was almost academic.

Cerritos lost starting Quarterback Larry Haney late in the fourth quarter when he scrambled out of the pocket trying to get a first down and took a severe shot from Free Safety Anthony Madison and Linebacker John Gumpf.

Haney tried to get up right after the hit but collapsed in his attempt.

His eyes rolled back and appeared dazed at the scene.

The injury appeared worse than it was as the paramedics had to be summoned and the game was halted for 40 minutes.

Haney was taken to a local hospital for X-Rays which proved to be negative. He suffered only a mild concussion and strained ligaments and tendons in the front and back of his neck.

"It wasn't a win/lose thing, it was more of a buddy thing. Everybody loves the guy. He's given everything he has to the team, you don't want to see him hurt permanently, you want to see him go on. Then you still had to hold on because there was still time on the clock and you can still win the game.

"He's the toughest quarterback I've ever seen," said Insidelinebacker Mark Medlin.

When Haney went down, Cerritos still had a chance to win the game. There was 4:55 remaining in the fourth quarter and the Falcons trailing by only 11 when Haney got hurt.

Backup Quarterback Josh Hamlin took over and led the team down to the 35 yard line before throwing an interception in the endzone to all but end the game.

Riverside scored 21 points in the first quarter before anybody had time to reach their seats.

Two costly turnovers led to 14 Tiger points.

Cerritos finally managed to get on the board as Haney hit Craig Allen on a 39 yard touchdown strike to pull within 14.

Head Coach Frank Mazzotta must have said something inspiring to the

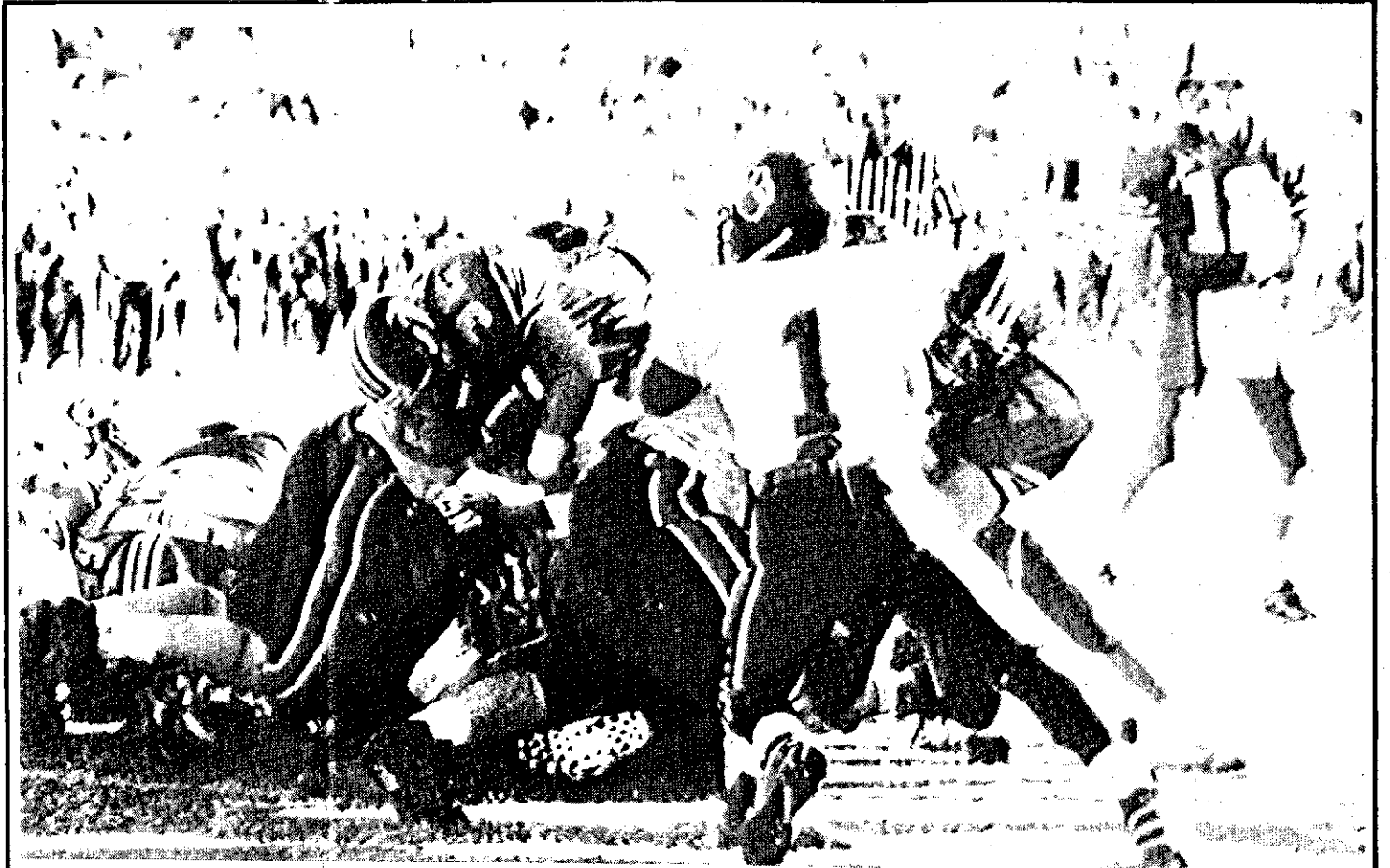
team or kicked some chairs around at the half because the Falcons looked like a new team to start the second half of play.

Runningback Charles Ephriam took the kickoff and raced it 40 yards before getting tripped up.

Soon after that, Haney threw his second touchdown pass to Allen from 11 yards out.

The extra point attempt was blocked to make the score 21-13.

It didn't matter as Cerritos got the ball right back and took it in as Louie



OVER THE TOP — It's six big ones for Louie Major in Simple Green Bowl Saturday.

— Photo by FAUSTO RAMOS

Major scored from one yard out. The two point conversion was successful as Haney threw to Bobby Richardson.

After the Falcons kicked a 33 yard fieldgoal, the Tigers regrouped and once again regained the lead.

Tight End Mike Holm got behind the defense who forget all about him and took a pass from Scott Pearne and rambled for 60 yards down to the seven yard line.

Runningback Kenya Smith scored his third touchdown of the game from five yards out to make the score 28-24 Riverside.

The Falcons couldn't manage anything on offense and gave the ball right back to the Tigers who used the option as they had all day long to move up and down the field against the undersized Cerritos defense.

"They knocked the heck out of us up front. They are big and they are physical. The option is a tough thing to stop. We hadn't seen it for 10 weeks, we thought we had the schemes and we did once we settled down," said Falcon Head Coach Frank Mazzotta.

The offense line led by Tiger Tackle Mike Rockwood who goes 7'0, 315 just wore out the defensive line of Cerritos.

Keeping the ball on the ground the whole drive, Riverside ate up the clock and scored on a keeper by Quarterback Maurice Lee.

"It was tough, we haven't faced the option all year," said Medlin.

Cerritos winds up the season with a 7-3-1 mark, losing three out of their final four. Mazzotta falls to 1-5 in Bowl appearances.

## 7-1 basketball sports MVP Rouzan

By Ben Villa

TM Executive Editor

We might be seeing the coming of age for Falcon Center Javan Rouzan.

The 6'7 sophomore scored 81 points and pulled down 38 rebounds in three games to provide the spark as Cerritos went on take the Orange Coast College Tournament over the weekend.

The Falcons defeated Imperial Valley 81-69 to open the tournament, besting Irvine Valley in the semi-finals and beat arch-rival Long Beach City 95-83 in the finals.

Rouzan scored a career high 30 points in the game against Irvine and

was named the Tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Cerritos improved to 7-1 and are currently playing in the Modesto Tournament. Scores were not available of yesterday's game at press time. The tournament runs through Saturday.

Cerritos held a 46-35 half time advantage, as Rouzan scored 13 points. Freshman Guard Derrick Barnes and Monty Owens scored 10 apiece at the half.

The Vikings rallied and managed to take the lead with 10:51 left as Robert Darville scored on a break away lay-up.

That would be the only time Cerritos trailed all night as they went on a 12-0 run in a two minute span sparked by Kelly Hambricks outside shooting.

The Falcons pulled away and the Vikings never challenged again.

Owens along with Rouzan were named to the All-Tournament team. Owens scored 15 points and had six assists during the championship game.

Guard Chiron Hart who had been suffering from a sprained ankle played in his first game of the season and scored three points.

EDITORIAL

## And to all a merry good year...

There are candles everywhere this time of year. And there are lights. In the windows, on the eaves, and on evergreen trees in living rooms, the lights lend beauty and cheer to the scene.

For Christians, the lights commemorate the birth of the light of the world, the Christ Child, the redemption out of the darkness of sin. Lights also represent the star in the sky which led the Magi to the stable.

For Jews, the candles signify the miracle of the lights.

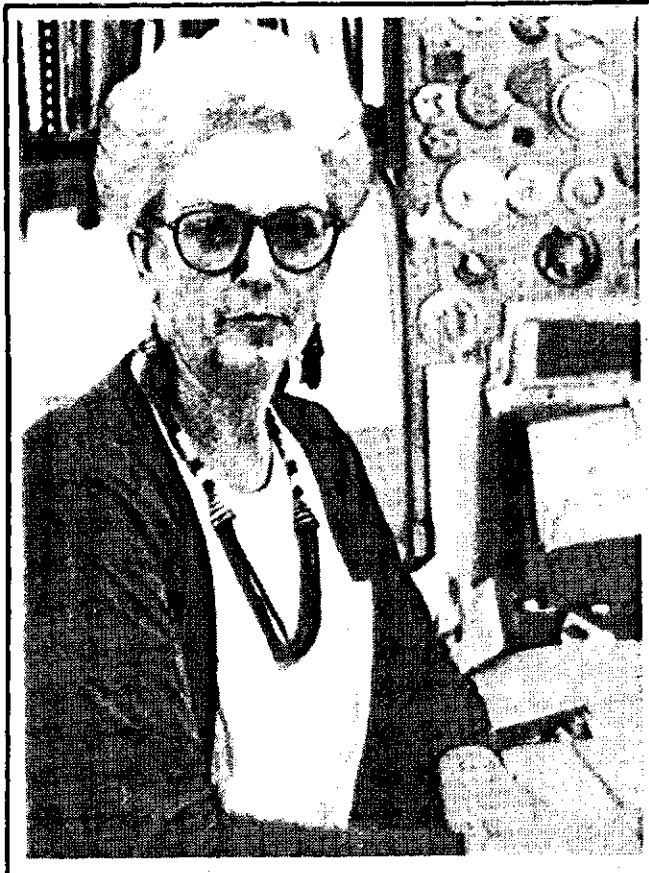
After winning a war for religious freedom, the Jews, while rededicating their temple, found that the supply of sacred oil for the lamps had been defiled.

Miraculously, the lamps burned for eight days on only one day's oil.

For a large part of the world, the lights and candles represent hope, gratitude and determination.

You don't have to be either Christian or Jew, however, to appreciate those emotions. For every candle and light we see this holiday season, let us all try to think of a reason for gratitude or hope. Or, let us all make a positive resolution to make our little corner of the world better for our having been here.

Merry Christmas, and a peaceful and happy holiday season to all from the staff of the Talon Marks.



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Passing some pertinent comments on myriad matters of small concern

•**POSTCARDS** — Don't forget to give your instructors self-addressed, stamped postcards if you want to know your grades. Sometimes the bookstore has grade cards available.

•**YEA TEAMS** — Kudos to all the teams of the various sports. They all had an exciting and relatively successful year.

•**TRUSTEES** — Dorothy Carfrac, one of the new Trustees was at the ASCC awards banquet and was most impressed by the proceedings. It's a shame that Ms. Epple and Mr. Verderber could not attend. It was an opportunity to get a real feel for the spirit of Cerritos College.

•**WE GIVE GREAT PHONE** — Don't you all just love phone registration? It sure beats those long lines, and it is getting better and better.

•**WATER EVERYWHERE** — If it had only been colder when the water pipe broke in front of the library, we could have had a rink.

•**ART SALE** — The art sale went very well. Sales exceeded last year's. The performance at the sale of the gospel choir was a nice treat. Their

voices under the direction of Dr. Christine Lopez drew passersby into the gallery.

•**CONGRESSMAN TORRES** — Local Congressman, Esteban Torres stopped by to patronize the art sale. We hope he bought lots of the one-of-a-kind gifts while he was there.

•**BANQUET FOOD** — The beef was good but the vegetarian plate looked a little spare. The company was good and made up for it. To paraphrase Omar Khayam — a loaf of bread, a jug of wine, a hunk of cow, and thou.

•**COFFEE CUPS** — It would be nice if those people who use the pay phones would not leave their drink cups on top of the booth. These are probably the same people who don't bus their table after eating in the snack bar.

•**FINALS FRENZY** — Study hard, try to get enough sleep, don't panic, and do your best on the finals.

•**HOLIDAY CHEER** — Eat, drink, and be merry, but don't drive under the influence.

## One little class proves to be one giant step for O'Donnell

Dodie O'Donnell began her career at Cerritos College six years ago when she enrolled as a re-entry student interested in taking only one class.

She jokingly says her attitude at that time was just not to get involved, that was until Re-entry Specialist Maureen May stepped in to her life, and from that moment on her life has changed dramatically.

Dodie credits Maureen with giving her the encouragement to try new things, to strive for higher goals, and to know that no matter what, things will be fine.

For the past two years, she has been employed as a Faculty Senate/Staff Development Clerk in the Instructional Services office. She's the public relations officer of CSEA, the campus collective bargaining unit.

She's been married 25 years to a

man she met on a blind date, and has four children. The oldest, who is now 22, will be married next July.

Reading and writing are a few of her favorite hobbies along with traveling to Malibu, Santa Barbara, and San Diego.

She said she likes her present position because of the variety and the chance to help others. Her position allows her to interface with not only administrators, staff, teachers, but students as well.

Currently, she is involved in a program that is giving her an opportunity to improve her management and leadership skills.

Her caring for others, as well as great dedication to her job, are just a few reasons why Dodie O'Donnell was chosen November's Classified Employee of the Month.

For Dodie, that one class with no desire to become involved, turned into a career with the college.

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## Campus Police see through smoke screen

By Jeff Atalla  
TM Campus Editor

If you were here on Nov. 24, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, and were anywhere in or near the Liberal Arts Building, then you definitely had something to be thankful for.

In a matter of minutes, the entire LA building was engulfed in smoke.

It happened very suddenly and took everyone by surprise.

Whether it was arson or not is unknown, but it was caused by a trash can fire.

The smoke spread from the east end of the building, the men's restroom, through the vents, to the rest of the building.

The smoke fire was promptly reported to Campus Police by witnesses although nobly pulled the fire alarm.

When Officer Cary Jamison arrived, the thick smoke throughout the building forced him to enter on his hands and knees to begin an evacuation.

In the meantime, Traffic Control officer, Tom Cousin came to assist in the evacuation of the building.

Soon after, Police Officer Steven Bedford and all other T.C.O.'s were dispatched to the building to aid in crowd control and directed the fire departments into the building.

The immediate action of Jamison and Cousin, in seeing that everyone was quickly evacuated, is credited with preventing any injuries.

However, Jamison and Cousin suffered from smoke inhalation during the evacuation and had to be taken to the hospital for emergency

treatment.

Damages on both the first and second floors, were estimated at \$6000.

All classes were cancelled for the evening in order to make repairs and ensure safety.

According to Police Chief Don

LaGuardia, "Everyone worked overtime to get the building back in shape...it was a good job by everybody. They should be commended."

"The only bad thing," LaGuardia stated, "no one pulled the alarm."

## Students taking exam for aid

Some 16 students have passed the qualifying exam for financial aid after an office mix-up overlooked the second half of the test for the Fall '93 semester.

The remaining 18 have been contacted and will be scheduled to take the test shortly.

Officials discovered the problem during a routine audit.

At one point, the issue was raised that the money might have to be repayed. However, Dr. Phil Rodriguez, director of student affairs, said that prospect is unlikely.

The office is making every effort to clear up the situation so that the qualifying students can register for the Spring semester with no strings attached.

Students who have received letters from the Financial Aid Office are encouraged to contact them as soon as possible, according to Rodriguez.

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# "...take those labels and discard them."

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ASCC President twice, winning the second time in 1980. Still he could never pass an English or a Math class.

He had taken Freshman English three times because he had failed it twice before his instructor finally pulled him aside and asked him to take some tests.

That's when he discovered that he suffered from a severe case of Dyslexia.

"Knowing I had Dyslexia while I was here at Cerritos was a big help. I never would have made it if some teachers hadn't taken a special interest in me.

He finally graduated from Cerritos and applied to Cal State Long Beach.

At first the school refused him because of his condition, but he finally persuaded them to let him enroll on one condition. He was put on academic probation where he needed at least a 2.0 to remain in school.

His first semester? A 1.9.

Again, Georgiana persuaded them to let him stay and managed to pull a 2.2.

"Cal State Long Beach is where I learned how to learn. I learn differently from most people—slower.

"The way I learn is I have to read it, hear it and see it at the same time. I applied for my books on cassette from the recordings of the blind. Hearing it and reading it at the same time let it stick better in my head."

Once he learned how to learn, he was a model student—only better.

He earned his Bachelors with a 3.0 and finished his Masters in Sociology with a 3.85.

No wonder he's been asked to speak to the students of Cerritos College at this year's Leadership Conference that will be held from

January 4-6 at the San Diego Princess Resort.

"The one thing that I'm going to try to get through to people at the conference is to never, never take a label that somebody puts on you. In grade school, I was labeled retarded, slow, unmotivated, just about everything in the book because of my condition. Some of those labels I held onto. Now, I learn to take those labels and discard them."

"Away from work, I'm an irresponsible, happy-go-lucky, always wanting to play and hating work kind of guy. The only reason I'm not like that at work is because if I'm all that, I know I can't help anybody else improve the quality of their life."

Georgiana loses two to three kids a year that are killed because of gang violence.

"This summer I was sitting out on my lawn with one of my gangbangers just talking when suddenly this black Chevy pulls up, the windows roll down and six shots were fired at us. When you're sitting by the tree and you can see the bark of the tree start flying off and you can hear the explosions, that's when you realize how fast you can run.

"It's hectic, or like when a 12 year old comes in and tells you she's pregnant, or when a 15 year old comes in and you know she's in her second trimester of pregnancy and they tell you they're doing a dime bag of speed or cocaine a day. You realize that infant is going to be permanently infected by the mother's poor choice of doing drugs. Those are the times it gets difficult."

One of the reasons Georgiana is so successful at his job is because he allows people to have their own

problems, and not take them upon himself.

"Always be yourself, be who you are and be happy with that. I'm going to try to teach you about personality. How it's okay to be you and to let other people have their own personalities. You can improve your lifestyle by listening to someone else. So often, somebody tells us something and the first thing we do is internalize it and it makes us super defensive.

"What my goal is to teach you to listen or hear what the other person is trying to tell you instead of interpreting it as what you want to hear."

Today he works for Project Info where he is the Director of the Drug and Alcohol Program for Adolescents. He's also a Behavior Therapist and a Marriage and Child Care Family Counselor.

He works with gangbangers and troubled teens that often think about suicide, use drugs and have children at an early age.

"My goal in life is to teach them how to improve their own life. I cannot make that improvement for them. I learned a long time ago that rescuing people didn't do any good.

"At Cerritos, teachers used to pass me with A's and B's. They knew who I was, they knew I had Dyslexia and they knew how hard I was working. They passed me and sent me on my way. When I went to Long Beach State, they didn't care if I had Dyslexia or not. It's either you do the work or get the hell out of here."

"So I learned that rescuing me, didn't do me any good. In fact it was a hindrance. If I rescue you, I don't do you any good. I fix your problems for today and create new problems for you down the line. But if I teach you how

to fix yourself, then I've helped you permanently down the road."

His job is very stressful. At any moment, he can be called away to meet one of his kids who might be having problems.

Georgiana is married with two kids, but one thing he promised himself is that he will never take his problems home. "Sometimes an adolescent will come in, a 13 year old girl, and they tell you they've been molested by their Father their whole life. You check into it and you discover that the dad is jumping into bed with his daughter three or four times a week.

"It's kind of hard to separate it and not go home with it. I go home feeling empathy for that person, I don't go home feeling sympathy for that person. I feel empathy and then I give them the tools to improve their life. First we find out who the person is, and that they're okay. It's not his or her fault that these things happened to them."

He's helped hundreds of kids improve their life. He could go on and on with stories of kids getting off the street and making their lives better.

Probably his favorite one is how he helped a 16 year old kid who made \$250 a day selling drugs on the street. It took six months for him to go straight, but he finally did. Today he's 17 and works for McDonalds at \$4.25 an hour. He doesn't quite make what he used to, but he's clean and will enter the Army in the fall.

He saved that boy's life.

"I just want to help people and make a difference," he said.

He does, just ask the kid at the register the next time you order a Big Mac.

## \$8,000 raised in Art Club Art Sale

The second annual Art Club Art Sale "exceeded the total sales of last year," said Art professor Steven Portigal.

A total of \$8,000 was raised, including \$1500 from the raffle of an original duck carving by Professor Joe Girtner.

Approximately 600-800 patrons attended the sale which was held from Dec. 2-4.

"Seventy-five percent of the proceeds from this year's sale will go to art students to purchase art supplies and materials; 20 percent go to each discipline represented by the sale; and the remaining five percent goes to the Art Club," said Portigal, who was impressed and pleased with this year's overwhelming success.

Area Congressman Esteban Torres was a surprise guest Saturday.

The Congressman, who has an art background, was "very impressed" with what the art sale was doing.

"Dean of Multicultural Studies, Cecilia Medina, was so impressed," commented Portigal, "that she has agreed to help publicize next year to attract more members of the community to the Art Sale."

To add to the "festive atmosphere," the Cerritos College Gospel Choir, directed by Dr. Christine Lopez, performed.

Said Portigal, "The Gospel Choir was so powerful, people actually stopped what they were doing to listen."

—DEBBIE ENGLAND

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# New campus police head literally hard driver for campus



**CHIEF DONALD LAGUARDIA**  
Resident of Mojave Desert

By Jeff Atalla

How far can dedication take you on your drive to work?

How about 90 miles—one way?

That's how far the new Chief of Campus Police, Donald LaGuardia drives every day, each way.

"I live in the Mojave Desert at my home called Sky Ranch."

LaGuardia was acquired after the sudden resignation of former Chief, Elmer Omohundro.

He has been living in California since 1945, where he earned a B.S. in Public Management at Pepperdine University. He also has an L.L.D and a J.D. in Law.

LaGuardia was in the Navy for almost four years as a petty officer working as a visual communications operator during the Korean War.

To his position, LaGuardia brings about 29 years experience in law enforcement.

He started his career in "the mid '50's with the L.A. County Sheriffs Office and then moved to the L.A.P.D. in 1960. I worked for 26 years mostly as a detective."

During those years, LaGuardia began several programs still in progress today.

"I started the Juvenile Narcotic Unit in 1971 and the School Buy Program in 1974. It puts undercover police officers in the high schools to buy drugs. That was the first program of its kind in the country, very successful."

Another first in the nation started by LaGuardia, was the Sexual Exploitation Child Unit.

He also began the D.A.R.E. program which has grown into a nationwide cause.

In addition, "I have worked vice (undercover), juvenile, narcotics, forgery, have supervised burglary and homicide details and was in charge of detective headquarters."

LaGuardia recalls his experience during the 1971 earthquake, while he was working as watch commander.

"I happened to be out on the street, in my car, coming down La Figuora to the scene of a homicide. My car started bouncing and I could see the transformers breaking. We immediately lost all radio communication, everything was dead. I was probably the only one in the city of Los Angeles for about five minutes that didn't realize it was an earthquake (laughing)."

After decades of dedicated service in law enforcement, LaGuardia retired in 1986.

Approximately a year later he bought his ranch in the Mojave Desert, taking some time off to raise chickens, pheasants and a variety of other animals.

But his career wasn't quite over.

"Prior to coming here I was working at a juvenile traffic court in San Bernardino, hearing misdemeanor and infraction cases until I took a leave of absence from that court to come here."

There are many changes to be made with campus police and Chief LaGuardia is motivated for this cause.

"I took this job for the challenge, it's something I like to do. Hopefully, I'll be here to give the students, the administration, and this college the type of service they really want."

His daily commute to and from the desert can be tiresome at times but he says the drive is worth it.

"I love the seclusion, the clean air, the country, it's really beautiful."

LaGuardia plans to stick around, and has already made a number of changes with campus police.

"There isn't any time limit on this thing, whatever time it takes, I love the challenge and I'm very happy to be here."

Just like the rest of us who put in those long days at school or work, LaGuardia too, needs to relax until the next day.

"After work I just go home, feed my chickens, and go to sleep."

## Cafeteria closes Thursday, Dec. 9

By Tatiana Bolderoff  
TM Staff Writer

The cafeteria will be closing for the holiday season Dec. 9 and will re-open Jan. 24.

The entrees for Wednesday include braised steak with cheddar cheese sauce, sauteed boned breast of skinless chicken, scallopini, sauteed bay shrimp, chicken breast, julienne fresh vegetables and angel hair pasta, grilled fillet of red snapper and duglere sauce.

Today's entree also includes one vegetable serving of steamed cut broccoli, zucchini, sauteed green beans or rice pilaf.

The soup du jour is mince-trone with Parmesan cheese.

The special is Southwestern

chicken salad and cilantro lime dressing.

Thursday offers braised pot roast of beef, sauteed boned breast of skinless chicken, mo-staccoli with meat sauce and mozzarella cheese, grilled fillet of Icelandic cod with caper sauce.

Vegetables are steamed cauliflower with diced pimentos, sauteed leafy spinach, country style cottage fried potatoes and rice pilaf.

The soup is cream of celery with croutons.

Special is broiled breast of chicken sandwich on sour dough toast, topped with mel-ted gorgonzola and mozzarella cheeses,

plus fresh sliced tomatoes and cucumbers.

Thursday brings braised "lean" short ribs of beef, stuffed breast of chicken with apples and raisin dressing with bigarade sauce, steamed fresh garden vegetables and pasta with mozzarella cheese, baked seafood casserole au gratin with bay shrimp.

Entrees include one serving of steamed fresh garden vegetables, mashed potatoes or rice pilaf.

The soup du jour is old fashioned navy bean.

The cafeteria has assorted desserts and a fresh salad bar all of which will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

# ASCC AWARDS

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Special awards went to, 30-year staffer June Atherton, student services secretary and to Rick Sanchez out-going trustee.

The Fall 1993 Associated Student Service Awards are as follows:

**Academic Scholarships**—Marla Amendola, Susan DiFrancesco, Patricia Dreichler, Dawna Drewery, Mirta Gaus, Kenny Kolodziet, Rosalin McDonald.

Kiyono McRill, Marcus Morales, Ana Luisa Mota, Brian Pawlak, Deborah Rogers, Lonnie LeRoy Saathoff, Jorge Salas, Nancy Takeuchi, Dione Tyler.

**Gold Falcons**—Elizabeth Aguilera, Jacqueline Barbera, Jennifer Christensen, Gabriela Covarrubias, Paula Feres,

Mirta Gaus, Tranisha Hogan, Nora Laredo, Mark Medlin, Marwa Morsi, Heba Morsi, Lisa Tatum, Daisy Mae Uy Kimpang, Jerry Vasquez.

**Silver Falcons**—Jeff Atalla, Joseph Baltazar, Peggy Brown, Maurice Connevey, Gregory Dominguez, Mary Kay Guarino.

Larry Hancy, Jr., Jaime Kamei, Lisa Marie Macias, Ray McArthur, Xiomara Menendez, Marcus Morales, James Phelps, Fausto Ramos, Deborah Rogers.

Priscilla Sandoval, Rod Smead, Sharon Van Bruggen, Kathy Voreh, Kelly Wimberley.

**Bronze Falcons**—Nici Adams, Marla Amendola, Claire Anderson, Shweta Bhakta, Ryan Brass, Aimee Brown, Ruby Cabrera, Shelly Carraway, Alouette Cervantes.

Rodney Douglass, Dawna Drewery, Laura Fehér, Susana Fierro, Wilmer Frometa, Jr., Christy Fullenkamp, Harvey Gillispie, IV.

Georgia Hsu, Chiere Jackson, Michelle Johnson, Kristen Jones, Michael Jones, Richard Keeler, Vladimir Martinez.

Ian McCutcheon, Nelson Menendez, Daniel Molina, Ana Luisa Mota, Lam Nguyen, Aaron Plante, Susana Ortega.

Michelle Ramirez, Robert Ramirez, Stephanie Rodriguez, Maria Silva, Troy Stricklin, Tyra Tatum, Shawn Tippet.

Rochard Torres, Taliv Torres, Taliv Traylor, Huyen Truong, Rosarios Velasquez, Danylle Williams.

**Part-Time Falcon**—Jose Arreola, Dana Harms, Maureen Huggins, Phil Miller, Julio Portillo, Thomas Stephens.

**Full-Time Certificates**—Efren Arcos, Laurie Armendariz, Christopher Neil Ballard, Oscar Bannuelos, Debra Barrett, Sanji Bedil.

George Cabrera, Marissa Castillo, Juana Chavez.

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Luis Hernandez, Mayra Herrera, Kimphuong Huynh, Brian Kao, Baobinh Le, Carrie Lee, Frankie Lee, Andy Li, Teresa A. Lopez Rock, Christine Miller, Mary L. Moore.

Oscar Mosqueda, Lourdes Munoz, Jocelyn Nguyen, Thanhsang Nguyen, Trang Nguyen, Parul Patel, I-Ping Peng, Valeria O. Perez.

Lori Peterson, Thuan Pham, Ramon Ramirez, Rodolfo Sanchez, Veena Saravabhouma, David Sharp, Jessica Leigh Spikes, Trang Truong, Penny Tseng, Toan Vu, Margaret M. Williford.

**Part-Time Certificates**—Ta-Ranlicia Anderson, James Scott Brashar, Virginia Casas, Mario Chavez, Rosemary Christian, Adriana Enciso, Mario Gonzalez, Judy Hsu.

Laura Martinez, Rosie Mondragon, Diem Nguyen, Maribel Portillo, Cecilia Powers.

Luis Ramirez, Rual Ruvalcaba, Ruelben Saucedo, Jr., Stella Maris Teala, William H. Vassar, Tina Marie Velasquez.

**Administration of Justice—Criminal Law Lower Division First Place;** Laurence Walker, LAE Knowledge Lower Division First Place; Laurence Walker.

**LAE Knowledge Upper Division First Place;** Sandhyadevi Rajyagor, Team Firearms Lower Division Second Place; Mario Chavez, LAE Knowledge Lower Division Second Place; Lloyd Hudspeth.

**LAE Knowledge Lower Division Third Place;** Eileen Reyes.

**Journalism Awards—Outstanding Newcomer;** Tasha Wiggins, Most Inspirational; Ben Villa, Most Inspirational; Marla Amendola, Most Improved; Fausto Ramos.

**Best All-Around Journalist;** Paula Feres, Advisor's Award; Paula Feres, Talon Marks Editor, Advisor's Award; Deborah Rogers, Wings Editor, Editor's Award; Liz Aguilera.

**Student Newsmarkers;** The Team of Aladdin Nabulsi and Daisy Mae Uy Kimpang.

**Neil M. Ballard, Sr. Journalism Memorial Scholarship;** Paula Feres and Ben Villa.

**Inter Club Council Scholarships—**Ray McAuthor, Lisa Tatum, Daisy Mae Uy Kimpang, Jennifer Christensen, Aladdin M. Nabulsi, Mirta Gaus, Heba S. Morsi, Mark A. Medlin, Jacqueline Barbera.

**Homecoming Court Plaques—**Angelique Martinez, Heba Morsi, Riki Cloward, Tranisha Hogan, Julia Casas, Irene Rodriguez, Homecoming Queen Lisa Marie

Macias.

**Canned Food Drive—**First Place; Mu Omega Alpha, Second Place; Alpha Gamma Sigma, Third Place; Phi Beta Lambda.

**Ping Pong Awards—**First Place; Lam Nguyen, Second Place; Kenny O'Leary, Third Place; Linh Vu.

**Women's Volleyball Awards—**First Place; Delta Phi Omega, Second Place; Iota Phi Omicron, Third Place; Kappa Psi Theta.

**3-Mna Basketball Awards—**First Place; Da Tribe "A", Second Place; Da Tribe "B", Third Place; Alpha Gamma Sigma "A".

**Raquetball Awards—**First Place; Kenny O'Leary, Second Place; Allen Holland.

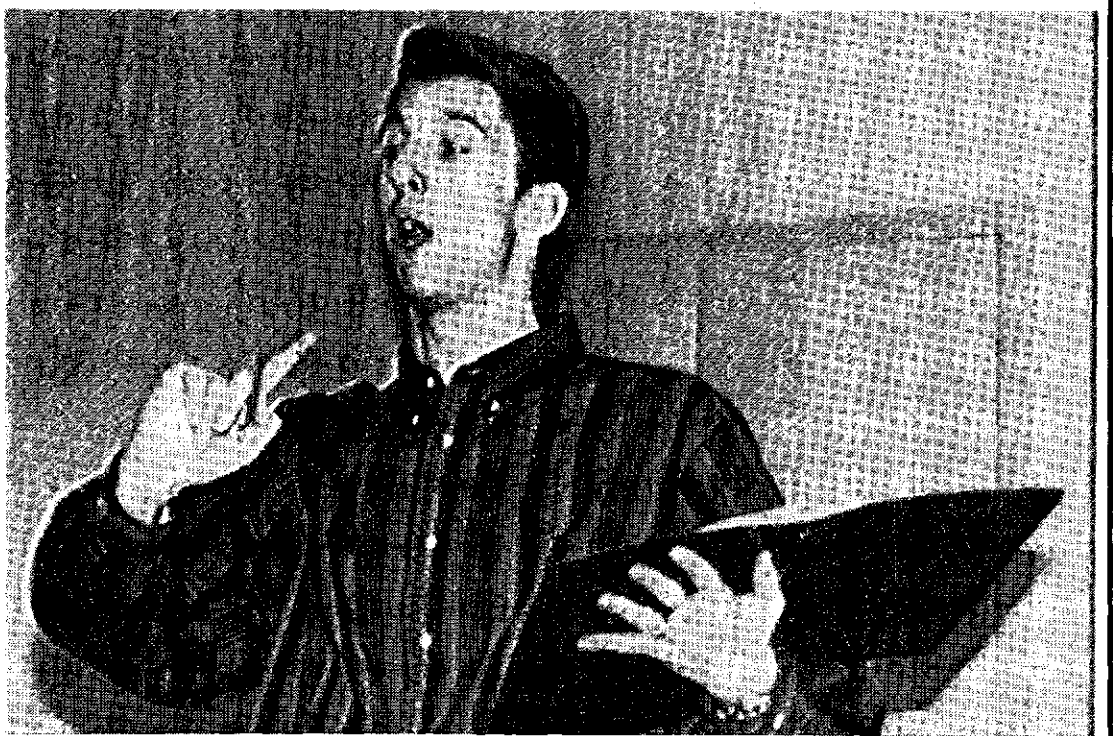
**Co-Ed Volleyball Awards—**First Place; Gemini, Second Place; Serve-Acc-Ah, Third Place; A.H. O. R. A. "B", Third Place; Upsilon Omicron "A".

## Xmas program prep

Performers ready for the weekend Christmas show by the music department and campus guests. Right is Bart McHenry. Bottom, left, sitting are Lisa Pollinger, Jim Shine, and Shala Ball.

Standing, L-R, are Russell Moon, George Almond, Max Mendez, and Rhonda Dillon.

— Photos by EDGARDO AGUILAR



# SISTERS ACT

## Marwa, Heba Morsi active while going separate ways, yet still family

MARWA



By Ben Villa

TM Executive Editor

Aladdin Nabulsi has just adjourned the final Cabinet meeting of the year.

Heba and Marwa Morsi are sitting across from each other for what might be the final time here at Cerritos.

The gavel pounds and the meeting ends. Marwa leaves the room while Heba stays.

Each goes their separate way.

It's not the first time—won't be the last either.

Sisters.

They both come from the same place, yet they are two entirely different people.

Marwa's older by a year and a half and is leaving Cerritos for Chapman in the Spring.

Heba started school a year early and has one more semester to go before transferring.

They both attended Downey High School, both still live at home and both are the presidents of their respective clubs.

Both are on Cabinet, Marwa being Commissioner of the Student Activities Center, Heba Commissioner of Finance and Budget.

The Morsi sisters were born in Cairo, Egypt and came to this country nine years ago.

They have been together almost their entire lives, sharing the same trips, same rooms and same all night talks.

Heba and Marwa ran for Homecoming together. Both talked to the same classes, their flyers were the same.

Heba made the court, Marwa didn't. When the results were announced, Heba cried.

At the Homecoming game when the

winner was announced, Marwa too felt the pain.

Still, they are sisters. They bicker, fight and disagree on a lot of issues.

Total opposites.

Night and day.

Heba's more conservative, more traditional. Marwa's the risk taker, the rebellious one.

Heba cleans her side of the room while Marwa throws her clothes on the floor.

Both have the same laugh, you just don't hear it as often from Heba.

Both are hardworkers and stubborn. Neither likes asking for help. Tough, strong and independent.

They both may share the last name but that's where the similarities end.

These days, it hasn't been easy for Marwa Morsi. School has been tough. It's over now. No more problems, no more sleepless nights.

Like so many she came to Cerritos with the idea of making a difference, changing the school, if not the student body.

Those hopes were quickly dashed.

Too much politics here at Cerritos.

The old boy network is still in effect. To many people in high places don't want to see changes.

Papers, committees and dreams get lost easily when they come up in front of the Board, Faculty Senate, etc, etc.....

"There were times I felt I was alone, that there was no one to help me. It was fun at the beginning. The reason I didn't leave last semester is because I didn't feel I accomplished what I came here for. I wanted to do something for Cerritos, help change it for the better.

"You can't change the school because there are a few people running it that will always stand in your way.

Shared Governance, it's on paper but is it really going to work? Are they really going to let the student's opinion count? Some Board members don't want us, some Faculty don't want us, there are some that do, but...they are too scared. They want to be in control, in the power positions. They don't understand we're not trying to take their jobs. We just want what's best for the students. They'll never know that what we want is to just make a difference," said Marwa.

Starting in February, Marwa will be attending Chapman College in hopes of getting her degree in Television Advertising and minoring in Journalism.

One day she would like to run an agency, with a big office overlooking the city and a BMW in the parking lot. "I'll get it, I know I will. I'll get the house I always wanted and the family I always wanted."

"I'm excited about Chapman. It's really small. When I first walked onto the campus it was like it was my school, nobody else's. If you go to a school like Fullerton, you stand in line for 20 minutes and nobody knows you, but at Chapman the people identified me on a first name basis. Instructors were coming out of everywhere, greeting me. The counselors were really nice."

Even though the final days here at Cerritos haven't been the greatest she can still look back on her time here and feel proud.

She's proud of the work she's done in the Student Activity Center. There are the new games. It's cleaner and the recent Pool and Ping Pong tournaments were a success.

She became president of the Anthropology club even though this was her first semester in the club. "It was weird. I didn't know the members, I didn't know the Advisor. It was a big responsibility."

Heba Morsi might be the hardest working student on this campus. The problem is you'll never know about it.

She's too modest to say anything. Instead, she has spent many an hour working with only a few of her officers trying to get the work done that should have been done days ago by other people.

Hear her complain about it? No, but the stress and pressure has taken its toll.

Being the president of the Honor Society is no easy task. Neither is being a member of Cabinet, the Speech Team and still trying to maintain a job at Bank of America.

Her presidency is done. Instead of running for a second term, she will

concentrate on her studies with the hope of transferring to Berkeley, Stanford or Irvine in the fall.

Heba started school when she was only four because her other sisters were all going.

She's been ahead all her life and had big plans when she graduated early from Downey.

The plan was to go back to Egypt and study the Arabic language.

Unfortunately her father suffered a stroke and she had to go to work at his printing business.

For six months she was practically all alone in the store all day. Tough. Not exactly enjoying life to the fullest, especially for a kid right out of high school.

She helped save the business but admittedly the experience has changed her.

"I was totally a different person in high school. I used to have more fun, laugh more. I grew up faster."

Today she's more conservative, sometimes moody. It's tougher to smile, even harder to laugh.

Heba's an English major but hasn't decided on a career yet, only that she wants to be happy in what ever she's doing.

She's more into her culture and traditional values than Marwa and knows that they differ in opinions.

"We're totally opposites. I'll do one thing and she'll do another. We disagree a lot."

Government has also been difficult



HEBA

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**MISC. MARLA • By Marla Amendola**  
 Tried and true traditions trot out at turkey time!

It hits me on Thanksgiving Day afternoon.

The Christmas season has started. My husband is glued to the television, watching football.

I'm looking forward to the annual broadcast of *Miracle on 34th St.*

By the end of the movie, I've re-discovered the spirit of Santa Claus along with Maureen O'Hara.

We've all become infected with the spirit of the season in our house.

The girls and I buy boxes of cards and start making a mailing list.

Amanda and Jenny dig around the garage for the innumerable strings of white lights with which we decorate the house.

We find our tree and the gold and red ornaments. We hang garlands and place plaid taffeta bows on everything.

I sort through the piano music for the Christmas books and place them conspicuously on the Baldwin.

We really indulge ourselves in the external trappings of the season.

But, it's more than this.

Something unseen decorates our souls, too.

We meet with the neighbors in the middle of the street and admire each other's decorations. We trade cookies and recipes and ideas and goodwill.

About ten of the families on our street have a progressive dinner during the first week in December. We're substantially the same group who meets at the corner park for July 4th, but we're better than we are on the 4th.

We don't exchange gifts with our neighbors other than cookies or wine or some other token offering.

Instead we offer warmth and fellowship.

Two weeks later we share Christmas Eve supper with neighbor Marilyn's family and many of us try to attend candlelight services at the Lutheran Church with Louise our resident grandmother, mentor, and friend.

It's so hard to say what is unique about this four or five week period. We all like each other and trust each other at all times. But, there is a sincerity at Christmas time and a real need for the friendship.

Most of us have families living

elsewhere and although we send cards and packages and make phone calls, the need for sharing human love is more pressing and urgent. It makes us approach those we already hold in affection with a disarming and vulnerable humility.

I've often sensed this vulnerability in others, too. I suppose we all respond to this open season of love.

We're willing to wallow in it for a few weeks.

People are kinder and more thoughtful. Those who are disinclined to greet you normally, not only say hello but add Merry Christmas!

I trust more people at Christmas. Commercialism doesn't stop me from feeling the hope that people are really better than I thought.

I guess Christmas is a renewal of a sort - a belief that all is not dross or chaff - that we can begin again whenever we choose to and enjoy the blessings of the season.

Hopefully, we'll choose to begin again every day of the year.

**Sisters**

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for her. Like Marwa, she has faced the same problems.

Most of the committees have been a joke and any attempts to start a program or get something past the Board have been all for naught.

"It's been disappointing and frustrating. That's one of the reasons I'm not going to be active with AGS or Student Government in the Spring. Sometimes it feels like all your work goes for nothing and that nobody notices."

It hasn't been easy for the sisters but things are getting better.

Marwa has a fresh new start at a new school and is learning to appreciate the little things in life in her secret garden.

Both took home Gold Falcons at the Fall Awards Banquet and Heba's presidency of AGS is officially over as of last Saturday night. "I enjoyed it,

but it was a lot of work. I'm happy now that it is finally over," said Heba.

Will the distance between them separate them more? Maybe. They're not exactly bosom buddies now, but they are family and they know that. Maybe it's for the best. Spending some time away from each other might let them have their own freedom, own identities. Instead of being Marwa's sister, she can just be Heba and vice versa.

For 18 years they've learned to live with each other, the bad habits, one picking up the room while the other leaves it a mess. They'll still be living together just going to different schools.

The same, but different.



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