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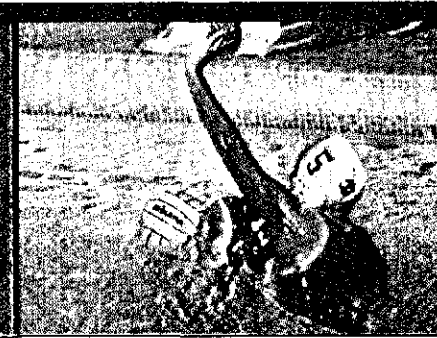


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## 12 Cabinet members, 5 justices appointed

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New ASCC commissioners and associate justices were named at last week's senate meeting.

ASCC President Michael Barrita also had a few announcements to make.

The commissioners are:

- Trina Burch as commissioner of vocational outreach,
- Tiffany Burwell as assistant commissioner of vocational outreach,
- Abraham Ramirez as commissioner of student services,
- David Vasquez as commissioner of public relations,
- Oscar Franco as commissioner of student outreach,
- Kevin Martinez as commissioner of convocations and fine arts,
- Viridiana Mendoza as commissioner of financial aid,
- Thu Thuy Tang as commissioner of record and information,
- Andy Duong as commissioner of information technology,
- Jesus Olvera as commissioner of budget and finance,
- Steven Del Castillo as commissioner of athletics and
- Samuel Kwon as commissioner of student center.

"(I want to) incorporate them on that side with us on this side," Burch said, referring to the opposite sides of campus.

Kwon said his goal is to "make sure people know about construction (on campus)."

The new associate justices named are:

- Pritika Hirani,
- Christopher Bacani,
- Suzanne Grijalva,
- Claudia Carrillo, and
- June Romo.

Grijalva, who served on the senate in the last school year, said, "I want to try something different."

Other senate positions named are:

- Umeamara Butt as senate clerk and
- Juan Guerra as party whip.

"Writing is going to help me with my skills," Butt said.

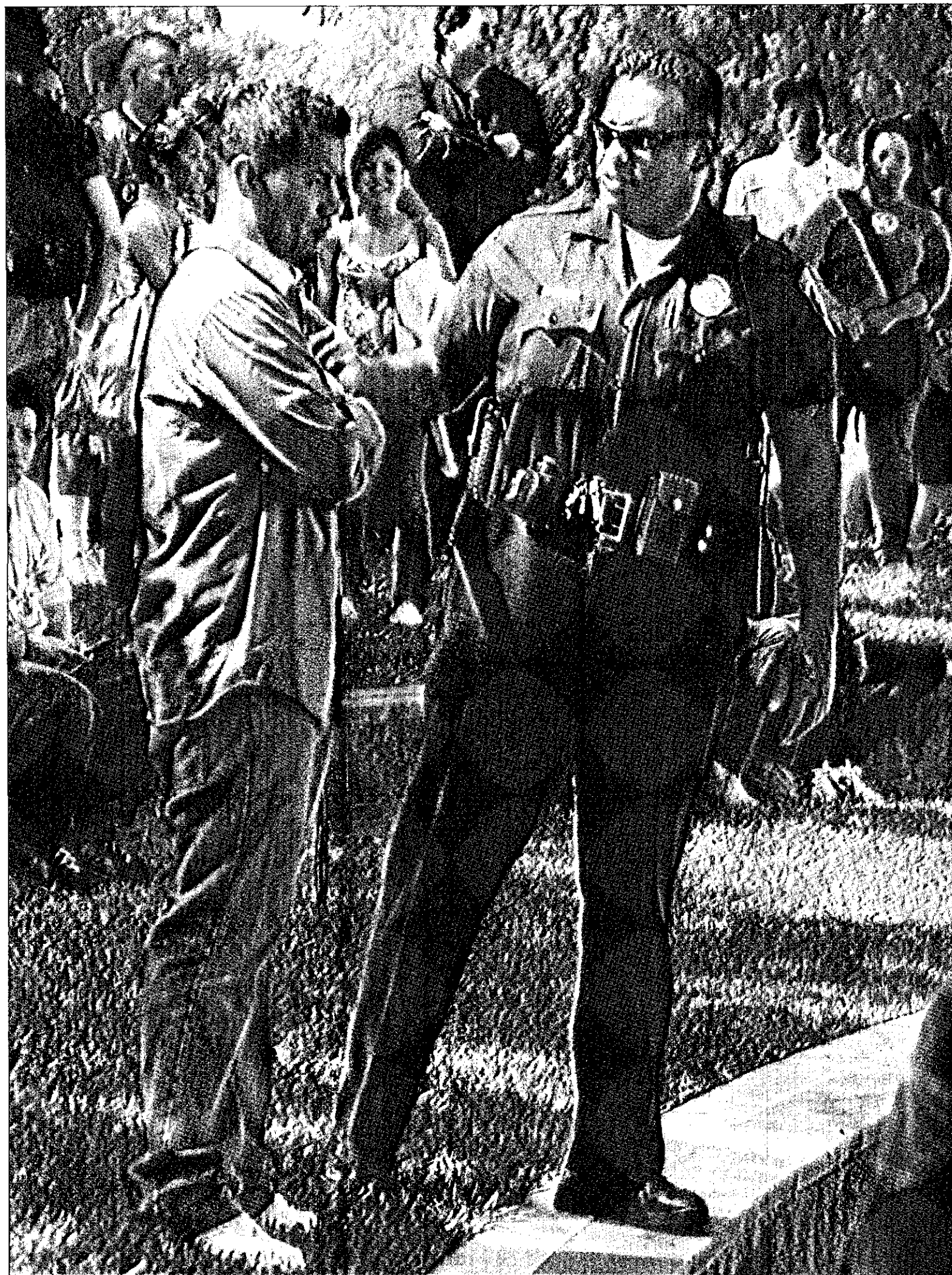
Butt has watched previous senate clerks and feels she can do the job well.

Patricia Salgado, faculty senate liaison, said, "I was talking to students and taking suggestions."

Salgado said she talked with Guerra about plans he had announced in the past.

In other business, Barrita said he wanted to replace the marquee outside the Student Activities office with "something nice."

One of Barrita's goals this semester is to have "more of a connection between out student senate and the (faculty) senate."



SCOTT WATKINS/TM

**Salvation:** ASCC President Michael Barrita talked with campus police because the preaching was getting out of hand.

## Students 'are going to hell'

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Michael Barrita, ASCC president was present last Tuesday as a preacher made an attempt to spread the word of God to students here at campus.

"I came out here because I saw that he was singling out the students and saying that they were all going to hell," explained Barrita.

With a huge picket sign, the preacher marched back and forth proclaiming that God was our only salvation and we must repent before it was too late.

The preachers have made themselves quite popular this semester. Whether students disagree or agree with their sermons, the preachers don't seem to hesitate when making their decision to come back.

Campus police was present at the last preacher's event, to make sure everything was kept under control.

"I called campus police because it was getting out of hand. They have freedom of speech but once they start calling students out, it's not okay anymore," Barrita said.

From an obvious point of view, anybody could see that the preachers presence wasn't well received. With statements like: "If you don't believe He raised from the dead, then you're the biggest idiot ever," came from the preacher's lively sermon.

Students listening to this were clearly offended and shouted back in rebuttal.

"I think it's an invasion of privacy, we don't come to school to be told what to believe in," said Maria Morales, biology major.

According to the preacher, he made it

clear that lesbians and gays were all going to hell for their ways. Two young women in the crowd thought otherwise and decided to take a stance. They stood up, embraced and kissed in front students and the preacher.

"They do this on purpose. The preachers just come back to mess with the students because they know the reaction they will evoke out of them," explained Barrita.

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## Mexican freedom celebrated at Cerritos

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The sounds of mariachi rang from the Hill on Sept. 18, celebrating the independence of Mexico and other Latin American countries.

Organized by the Puente club, the event was attended by other campus clubs, and private sellers.

It is celebrated every year during the week of Mexican independence, according to Puente co-president, Sergio Vasquez.

Other organizers such as professor Walter Fernandez from the history department and Victoria Martinez from Puente accompanied Vasquez.

Martinez explained that the goal of the event was to inform students and to raise money for other Puente activities aimed at helping students.

Other clubs were also present, such as the Future Underrepresented Educated Leaders were also present.

Angelical Ornelas, math economics major, explained the goal of her club.

"We provide information to undocumented students about

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## Woman assaulted on campus

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According to a police report, a man assaulted a woman by the Fine Arts building last Wednesday.

She was walking on the west side of the Fine Arts building when he grabbed the victim and attempted to drag her south of the building.

The victim defended herself and fled the scene.

The suspect is described to be a Hispanic or African-American man in his early 20s.

He is described to be 6 feet tall, 200 pounds or more, an athletic build and having a goatee.

His attire was described as a black hooded sweatshirt, dark jeans and dark shoes.

Campus police encourages anyone who knows any information regarding this crime to call the campus police department at (562) 924-3618.



# Writer comes to discuss book



**Book talk:** Cancer survivor, John Camilleri, discusses his new book with the audience at the Cerritos College bookstore.

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John Camilleri, an 84 year old cancer survivor, sat in the bookstore last Wednesday to discuss his most recent book, "Dad and Me: Our Loving Relationship."

Camilleri claimed, "You might get watery eyes because of (the book)."

"It has tragedy, adventure, romance, and immigrant struggle," he added.

The book itself is a timeline.

It reflects on life, love, survival and family with an emphasis on how much impact a father can have on his child.

The kind of influence Camilleri's father had on him is what kept him alive and kept him from giving up while going through chemotherapy.

Remembers that his father told him to have faith in himself and "never give up. Just keep trying. If it doesn't work, try something else."

Camilleri started his book while going through his therapy.

He wanted to leave a legacy for his children.

Camilleri remembers saying, "If it was going to be the last thing I did, I was going to finish my book."

"Dad and Me: Our Loving Relationship" is now available in the bookstore for only \$12.95.

## Mexico: Mariachi sings to crowd

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transfers, scholarships and also campus outreach," she said.

One of the main attention grabbers of the event was the mariachi, which was hired by the puente club.

The mariachi was inviting people who to go up and sing with them. Many students demonstrated their singing abilities.

Scott Benjamin, health science major, donning dreadlocks and sunglasses, got up on stage and sang "El Camaleon," wowing the crowd.

"I use to work in Maywood and the Mexicans would bump 'La Raza' all the time," Benjamin explained how he learned the song.

## Homecoming court makes its entrance

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Twenty-two women are in the running to be in this year's homecoming court.

Court orientation was held Thursday in BK112 to help the women get a true sense of what homecoming is all about.

Apart from all the glitz and glamour the homecoming queen title brings, in the end it's not all about beauty and popularity.

"Homecoming is not a beauty contest. It's about getting involved in school activities," explained Dean Ackland, coordinator of student activities.

The women are encouraged to participate in the schools events, and get themselves acquainted with the students of Cerritos College.

"It's all about having fun, sharing in the school spirit, and meeting new people," said Holly Bogdanovich, director of student activities.

Helen Eggleston, Court Reporting Club, is one of the young women in the running for homecoming.

"My club encouraged me to do it. I am married so I wasn't sure if I would qualify."

From married women to newcomers to the school, homecoming is made available to all female students here at Cerritos.

"This is my first year here. Running looked like fun, and I wanted to meet women who were interested in the same things I like," explained Valerie Gomez, forensics major.

Monique Maza, president of the Cosmetology Club, said she was elected by her club to be a representative in this year's homecoming court.

Maza believes she was voted to be the representative because she is very outgoing, avoids confrontation, makes everyone feel as one. Most importantly, she gets involved.

With Homecoming right around the corner, Maza's

main concern is to spread the word.

"What we do is not about outer beauty, it's about inner beauty," said Maza.

Like Maza, Victoria Kennedy, first year student and candidate from the Forensics Club, is all about spreading the word about her club as well.

"I applied because I like the student involvement, but mostly to put my club out there. I want my club to get noticed," said Kennedy.

This year's homecoming will take place on Oct. 18 beginning at 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Elections for the top seven women to make homecoming court will take place this Wednesday and Thursday.

Results will be posted on Thursday night at the Student Activities office.

ADDITIONAL REPORTING BY  
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of the  
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## 'Notebook' author sparks up romance

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Nicholas Sparks is by far the only man alive to make readers weep while reading his novels.

He is the definition of the word, "romance." He is the author of "The Notebook," that made millions in the box office and had women (including myself) crying after the 20th time seeing it.

This time he came back with another tear jerker and heart stopping novel: "The Choice."

The storyline begins with Travis Parker, a 30 year-old, simple, outdoor fanatic, piece of hunk (or so it says in the book).

He has everything in life: a job he adores, a pack of good friends, and his loyal companion, Luke the dog.

His life completely turns upside down when he meets his new neighbor, Gabby Holland, the attractive red-head with the body and the heart stopping green eyes that mesmerize Travis.

After reading the beginning paragraphs I thought it was a bit like the "Notebook," but I didn't care because I know that Sparks would somehow in the end make me re-read this book, because I wouldn't get enough of it.

Let it be said: I have read it like three times already. Victory for Mr. Sparks.

The problems begin then when Gabby thinks that Luke, Travis' dog is the reason why her own dog, Molly, is pregnant.

She blames him and tells him that he is going to have to be responsible and help her.

Well it turns out that Molly is pregnant, but Luke isn't the daddy.

Travis, being a veterinarian,

helps Molly when she is close to dying after giving birth. Needless to say, romance blossoms from there on.

Romantic evenings spent together, outdoor excursions, and a late breakfast in bed all in three days make Travis fall head over heels for Gabby.

It is a bit cheesy, but it worked out perfectly in the end.

There was a bit of a problem in the wonderful relationship, Gabby had a boyfriend. Go figure.

There always seems to be a person that ends up getting hurt in the Sparks's novels, but it's what makes them so damn good. Betrayals are so romantic in Sparks's novels.

To wrap it Gabby dumps her boyfriend, and marries Travis and together have two daughters.

Now at this point of the novel I was bit disappointed that it wasn't going the way I wanted it. No drama coming in or major event that made the novel worth reading. But then I suddenly realized there was a part two to the novel and I lost it.

The event that occurs is horrible. I cried, and stopped reading the book for a while because it was so sad. I am not going to say what happens in the end because I'll ruin the story for everyone.

"The Choice" is simply heart-warming and touching. His use of words are of great detail and magically create the images in your mind.

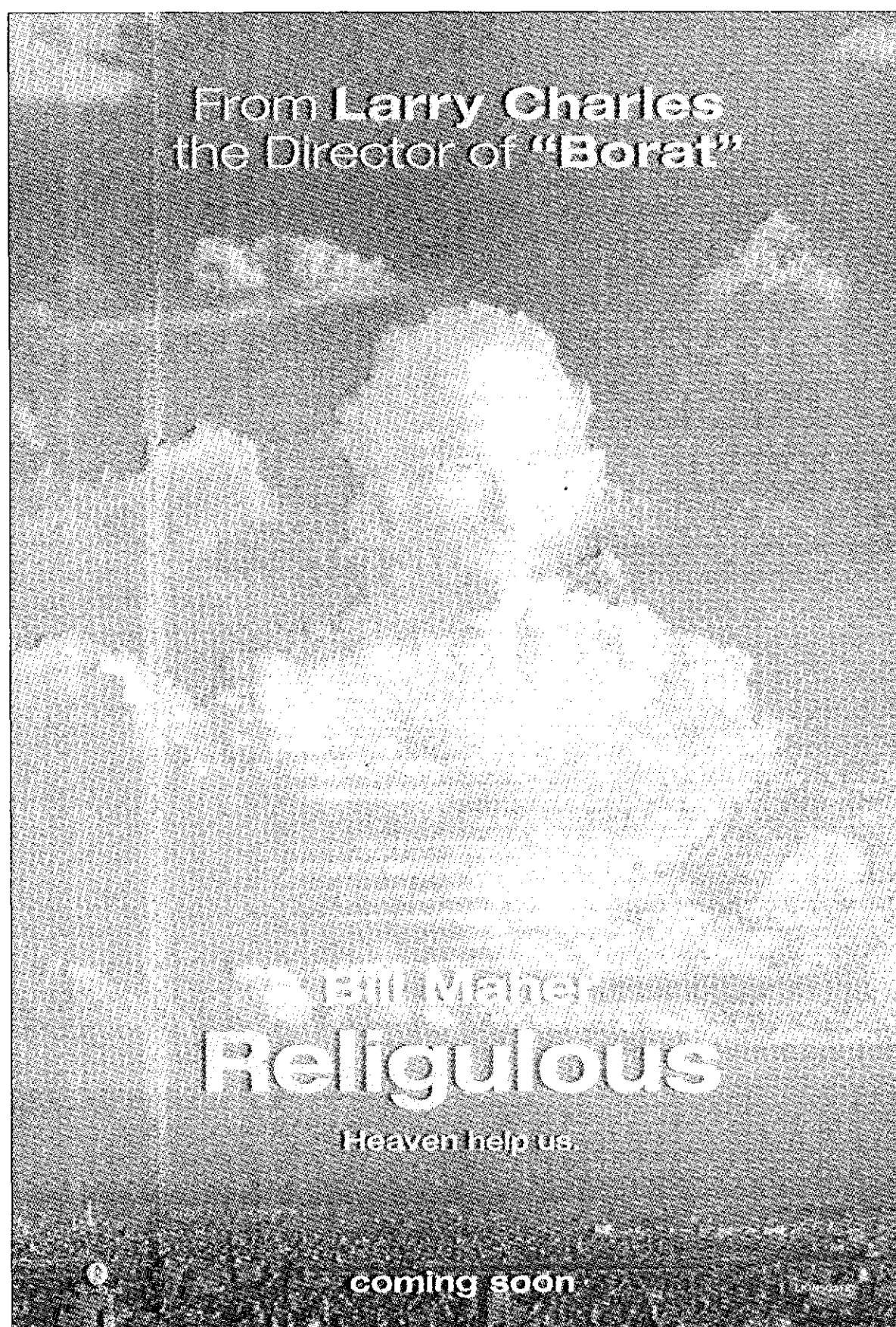
I would be devastated if they don't make this into a movie, because it's just as good as "The Notebook," or maybe even better.

I highly recommend this book for all hopeless romantics out there.

Man or woman, you have to have heart of stone if you don't cry at the end of this novel.

## Maher's dogma of doubt

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Bill Maher and "Borat" director Larry Charles give viewers a comedic perspective on religion. Maher films on location in various religious lands such as Israel, the Vatican and the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem. The movie is filmed like a documentary, following the same style as "Borat."

Maher does a series of interviews with people from various religions and also political positions. He interviews Arkansas senator Mark Pryor and challenges his beliefs on evolution.

When Pryor admits to not believe in evolution, Maher makes a quip about senators not being intelligent, to which Pryor embarrassingly replies, "You don't need to take an IQ test to become senator."

Throughout the film, Maher continues to challenge people's beliefs in their religion, and preaches his own dogma of "doubt." Maher states that everyone needs to doubt in order for humanity to continue.

Although I tend to agree with most of what was said, I found that Maher preaching his own beliefs to be no different than what other religions are doing.

Had he not tried to push people to doubt, and would have just let them become informed and make their own decisions, then this film would have been much better.

Of course, the whole offensive factor would have flown out the window, as well as free publicity and ultimately more money.

This film is definitely an entertaining and thought-provoking one, and if you are able to get passed the pushy atheist message, then it is ultimately one that tells the truth that many don't want to hear.

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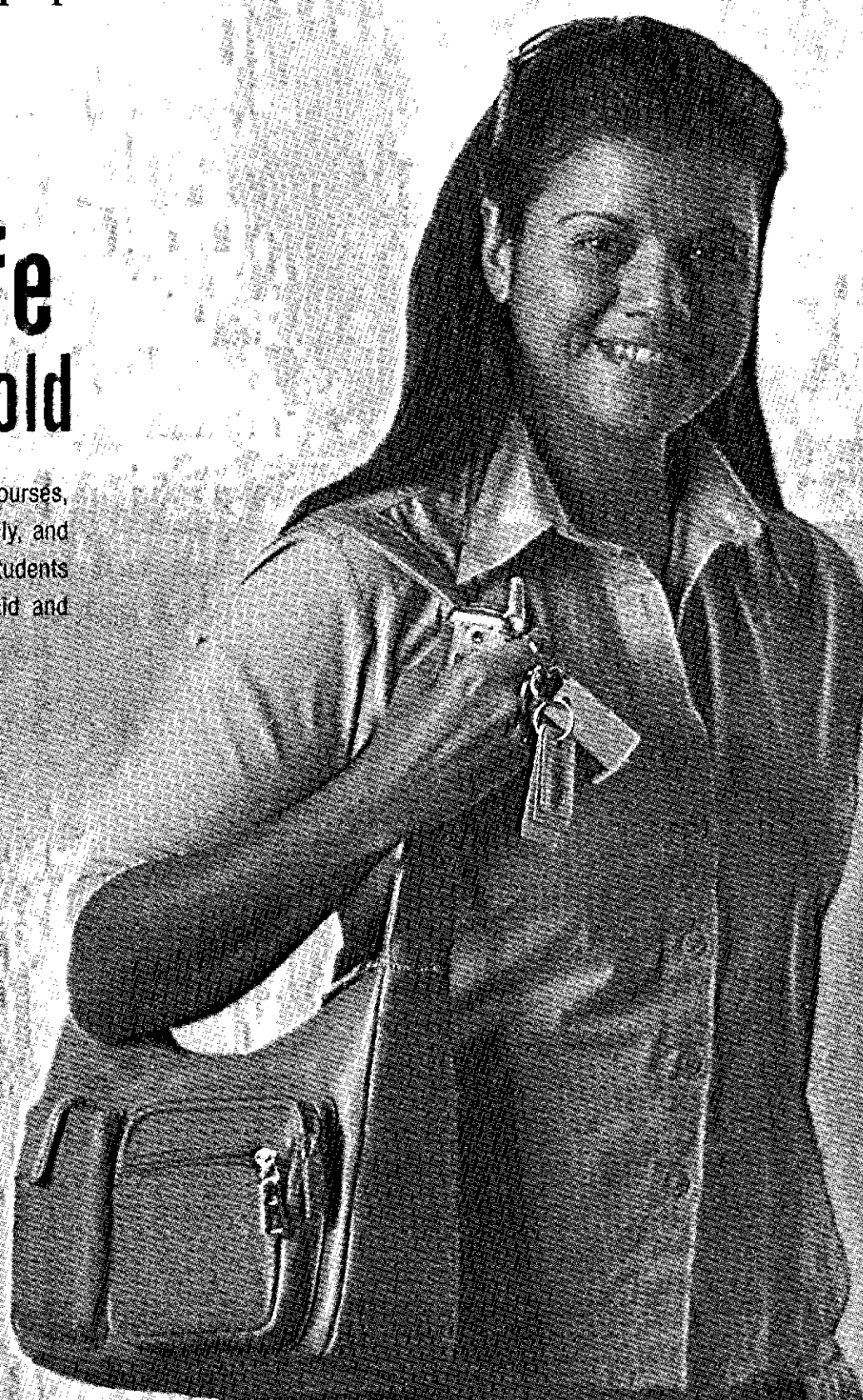
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### •EDITORIAL•

# No-skating law is not enforced

California Vehicle Code 21113(f) clearly states that "A public agency, including, but not limited to, the Regents of the University of California and the Trustees of the California State University, may adopt rules or regulations to restrict, or specify the conditions for, the use of bicycles, motorized bicycles, skateboards, and roller skates on public property under the jurisdiction of that agency."

This is the code that allows officers to enforce the No Skating Allowed on campus law here at Cerritos. So why is it then, that swarms of skaters fill the walkways of Cerritos College?

This rule is set in place to not just protect the people walking on campus, but also to protect school property.

These concrete surfers need to understand that damage to school property affects us, the students.

Whether it's a hike in unit pricing, or a hike in our taxes, we pick up the bill.

Insurance costs are also a major concern because of illegal skating on campus. With more and more people skating on campus, the higher the risk becomes of an accident occurring, thus hiking up the insurance costs for the school.

The sanctions given to skaters hardly cover the damage they incur. Skateboards can also be confiscated, but that still doesn't deter skaters.

Excuses for skating are abundant: There

is not enough time to get from one class to the other, the classes are just too far apart and parking is too far.

Well, that's just irresponsible scheduling.

There is no need to skate from one class to another.

Our school is not so big to need an alternative form of transportation from class to class.

Cerritos College is half a mile long from the football field to the western parking lot on Studebaker.

How often does somebody park all the way across from where they have to go?

In any case, it is the responsibility of the student to make sure he or she has enough time to make it to class.

Running late is not an acceptable excuse.

Skating is a sport best left when in designated areas.

Skating is an excellent sport, but like everything else, there is a time and a place for it, and it is not the walkways of campus.

Cerritos College is run just like any other part of society.

There are protocols set in place to maintain order and ensure the safety of all those attending.

If any one breaches said protocols, then the order is broken and rules become pointless.



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### •LETTER TO THE EDITOR•

## Modern cheerleading uniforms

On Sept. 16, the Talon Marks published an article in the newspaper titled "Cheerleaders bare way too much" and posted on its Web site as "Cheerleaders or strippers, you decide" written by Elieth Koulzons.

Over the years, cheerleading has evolved, not only skill-wise but also with what is or isn't worn.

Cheerleaders used to wear polyester sweaters, which were at times either extremely itchy or hot to wear.

Now it's a micro-fiber called motion flex, which is much cooler to wear and is easier to move around in.

The skirts now have their briefs/bloomers sewn into them.

At the high school age, a skirt's length typically is about 2-3 inches below the gluteus, at the college age it's about 1-2 inches, and when you're on an all-star/club team you're lucky if your skirt is 1 inch below the gluteus.

Just like low-rise jeans are in style right now, bare mid-drifts are in fashion for cheer.

Many colleges and all-star/club teams are wearing bare mid-drifts.

This leads us to believe that Koulzons didn't do enough research to see what other college cheer teams are wearing.

None of us out there have low self-esteem and what we wear to the games should not matter.

We are there for one reason, to support our football team, basketball team, and school.

We do the same as any other college, high school, or pro team - we try to get the crowd involved.

Many people say "get over cheerleading," but what they don't understand is that cheerleading is like any other sport.

Once you're in and you've done it for so long, you're hooked.

We have known people who have excelled greatly in cheer and have found jobs that have given them the opportunity to travel nationally and internationally and see different places like London, Costa Rica, Japan, and Canada.

We also know people who have been able to support themselves over the years because of their involvement with many cheerleading teams.

Yes, you can make a living off of cheerleading and there are many people who have been involved in cheer for a long time, because it is what they love to do.

Everyone has something they love to do, it doesn't matter what it is. It could be playing instruments, singing, playing video games, building things or even writing.

We love to cheer, and we are out there on the field to support not only our football team and the basketball team, but also our school and community.

If you really want to see what cheer is about, go to the USA College Nationals on March 29 and 30 at the Anaheim Convention Center and watch. Watch how college cheer and skills have evolved.

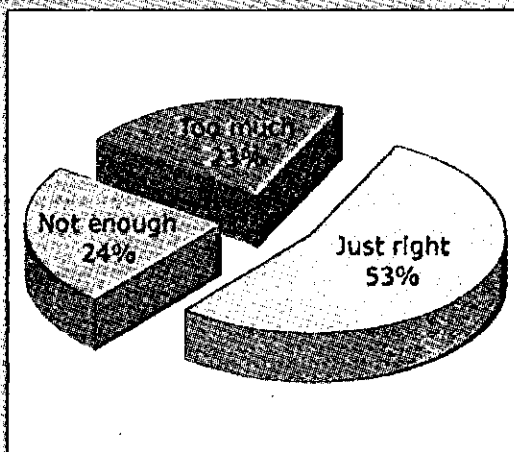
James Austin  
Cheerleading Coach

*We love to cheer, and we are out there on the field to support not only our football team and the basketball team, but also our school and community.*

### STATISTIC OF THE WEEK

What do you think about the cheerleading outfits?

Not enough	24%
Too much	23%
Just right	53%



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## What do you think about the skaters on campus?

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**RUT LI**  
architecture major  
"It's okay for convenience to catch up to class."



**RODNEY RODRIGUEZ**  
psychology major  
"(They are) sometimes a nuisance, especially around the parking lot. They need to be more careful."



**SCOTT BENJAMIN**  
health/science major  
"I think they should build them a skate park here on campus."



**FRANZ SWANTKO**  
undecided major  
"I think they are smart in what they're doing; transportation is easier to get to class."



**LEO ZAMBRANO**  
journalism major  
"I think it's okay. They use it just for transportation. I don't see them doing tricks or putting anyone in danger."



**DAVID DE LEON**  
nursing major  
"(I think) it's easier to get from point A to point B"

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# Revenge is sweet for women's water polo



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Avenging its season ending playoff defeat of a season ago, the Cerritos College women's water polo team beat Chaffey College, 13-5, last Wednesday afternoon.

"This is a great win for us," head coach Sergio Macias said, "Today we were able to redeem ourselves for last season's loss."

The players also felt a sense of redemption.

"This is great. We didn't just beat them," left-hander Hannah Llamas said, "We pretty much kicked their butts."

The Falcons played their last game of last season against Chaffey College after winning a historical first ever playoff victory, defeating Cuesta College.

The Falcons also played in the San Diego Mesa Tournament.

They won all four games they played in the tournament beating:

- Southwestern, 20-6
- Ventura, 11-8
- Grossmont, 17-8
- San Diego Mesa, 12-8.

"This year we have such amazing chemistry outside the pool that is something we didn't have last year," Llamas said.

Now, the Falcons will get ready to play Mt. SAC this Wednesday at Cerritos College.

Utility Stephanie Rosero led the Falcons with six goals. Two of those came in the first quarter with Denise Vega contributing three assists.

The Falcons jumped out to an early lead, scoring the first four goals and with Chaffey College never really in the game.

"We knew Cuesta had only two real threats. Once we were able to stop them, the game was really never in doubt," Rosero said.

SCOTT WATKINS/TM  
Making a splash: Goalie Miranda Bakke (No. 1) and 2-meter defender Natalie Peng (No. 12) dive to block a shot from a Chaffey College player during the women's water polo team's victory 13-5 over Chaffey last Thursday afternoon at Cerritos College.



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## Paredes leads team to victory

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Driver Jesse Paredes scored five goals to help lead the Cerritos College men's water polo team to its 25-11 victory over Chaffey College last Wednesday afternoon.

"Our defense was great and the assists were well executed. I was just where I needed to be," Paredes confirms.

Utility Louie Esparza also contributed with five goals.

"The pressing, the assists, the defense-everything was there. I just made sure that every opportunity for a goal was taken."

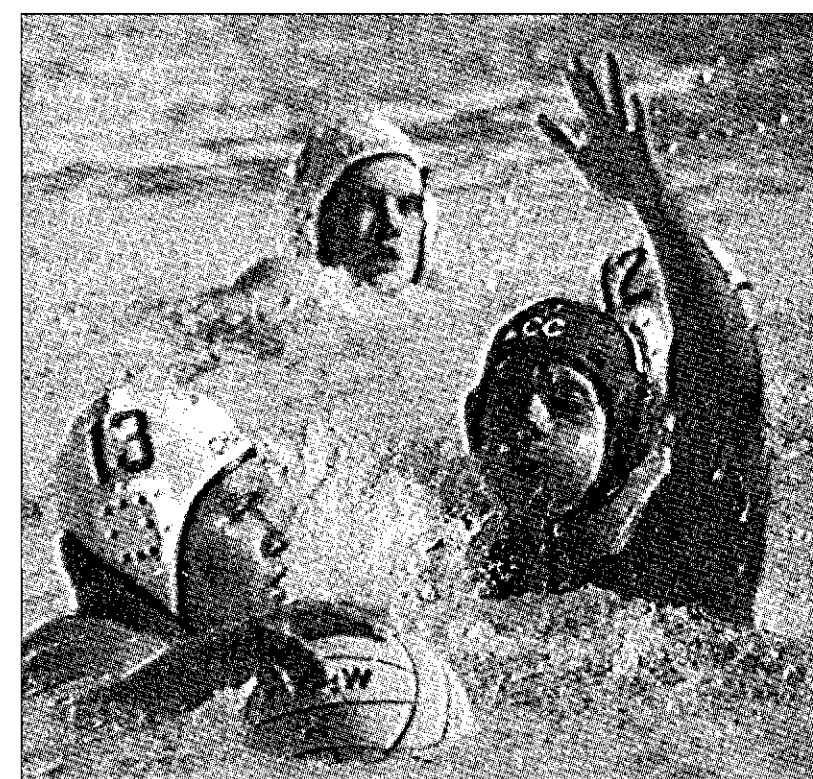
With 11 of the 13 members of the team each earning playtime, the team got on the board fast, scoring in the first minute of the game.

By the end of the first period, the team was up 9-3 and by half-time, Cerritos was leading 16-5 with seven of its 13 saves by goalies Kieran Hattie and Ian Pawlowski.

During the third quarter however, an offensive foul was called against driver Mark Zuniga.

Apparently, Zuniga was seen pushing and kicking against a player from the rival team.

Because there was clear space in front and behind both players, the call was due to him instigating



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a conflict.

"It was for no reason," he said. "The referee called the foul on me because he didn't see what was going on under water."

Zuniga was delayed playing time for that play.

Head coach Joe Abing said, "That call was really nothing. (Zuniga) had already received three tallies. It was not like he was looking for any

kind of trouble."

Pat Muniz was also another player who chipped in with three goals in the game.

"We carried out strong and we killed them," Muniz stated.

Abing proudly commented, "Our depth and the fact that almost everyone had the chance to play allowed our team to really come through."

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