



Small turnout—Few students showed up for the first meeting of the Student Task Force for Equal Opportunity Education.

Rampage photo by Sam Williams

Small turnout at first Task Force meeting

by Larry K. Wiemiller
Rampage Reporter

Representing a cross section of Fresno City College students, 45 people attended the first organizational meeting of the Student Task Force for Equal Opportunity Education held Friday, March 12 in the student lounge.

Grant Marcus, Associated Student Body President, who organized the STF/EOE in response to the proposed instructional materials fee, called the turnout a good place to start. "It's a good nucleus in that these people want to work," said Marcus.

The goal of the Task Force, said Marcus, is to present to the administration viable research and proposals concerning the materials fee that would result in Task Force participation in the decision making process.

After two-and-a-half hours of discussion, the Task Force established five committees to deal with specific problem areas. These committees are: the pro/con fees committee, charged with gathering information on both sides of the issue; the legal committee, dealing with possible legal problems.

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District needs fees or education suffers

by Sam Williams

Faced with almost half a million dollars in budget deficits, the state center community college district board of trustees is considering the implementation of an instructional materials fee.

In an interview last Tuesday, Dr. Ray Cattani, chancellor of the district said, "The district has a serious financial problem at this time, which means we have to decide what we're going to do."

Ultimately, the board is the one that has the power to make the decision. If they say we're going to have fees then it doesn't matter what I think, or what anyone else thinks. We're going to have fees.

"In my judgment we're very fortunate. We have very reasonable people on our board of trustees. I'm convinced if we give them a package, with the information, we can make a recommendation."

"We're going to be right out front. If there's a lot of people disagreeing we'll tell them that there's people disagreeing but we think it's in the best interests of the district. The board's going to make a fair decision and whichever way they make it we'll live with it."

"If they say no, we're not going to charge a student fee then we'll have to get back to the drawing boards and say OK everybody, figure out \$400,000 worth of people you're going to dismiss because that's really what it's going to amount to. We've already cut out all the non-people things. We're down to people now."

"I'm sure that's going to mean administration. I'm sure it's going to mean faculty. It's going to mean classified. The point is, if we don't come up with some kind of fee, that's the option we have."

"This problem is an immediate one. This one's here today," Cattani said the district has been using its reserves since the passage of proposition 13. He said prudent use of funds by the board has allowed the district to operate up to this point without reductions in force.

"We're not just sitting around, not trying to figure out what to do about revenues," said Cattani. "To indicate nobody's been looking, I don't think that's very accurate. It seems like we spend half our time looking."

"It's not just administration that's working on the problem. The faculty's been working on the problem through their state organizations. Even the unions have been working on the problem. We all have a vested interest in it obviously."

He said the chancellor's cabinet meetings have been expanded. They now include the major deans and the presidents of both Fresno City College and Kings River Community College. The meetings now also include the student body presidents, the student trustees, the faculty senate presidents, the faculty union presidents from both colleges and a representative from CSEA.

At these meetings Cattani hopes to get as many ideas as possible. "It's a problem that affects all of us and what we want is as wide

a range as possible," said Cattani. "Hopefully we can all work together and that's the intent" of the meetings.

He said he did not think the instructional materials fee was the best proposal. "I don't think we have a best proposal yet," said Cattani. "I think we're still working on it. I think this is part of the process."

But without the instructional materials fee, or some other source of revenue, the district is going to be forced to lay off employees and cut back on the educational offerings of the district, said Cattani. He said the district has cut back as many non-people expenditures as possible. Any new cuts would have to be people.

"If you look at the total budget of the district, it's about \$27-28 million. Eighty-five percent of that is salaries, you know, for people. That's administrators, teachers, classified, and student help. Eighty-five percent are people," said Cattani.

"So you don't have a lot to work on non-people items. Obviously what you'd like to work on first is the non-people items we have been working on for the last three years."

The district, said Cattani, has been slow to replace equipment and faculty in an attempt to save money.

"Sometimes we've allowed replacement and sometimes we haven't," said Cattani. "As it gets tighter and tighter, it will be clear—nobody will be replaced."

Cattani is concerned about the impact the fee may have on stu-

dents. "We recognize," said Cattani, "if we do institute some type of fee, instructional materials fee, then obviously that's going to have an impact."

"It's true, the law says we're supposed to serve everybody, but obviously if you don't have the money you can't serve everybody. So the next thing you have to do is say what do you do about not serving everybody. What's a reasonable way to go about it. What we've done is controlled it by sections, by the sections we offer."

"I know it frustrates a lot of people to say we're going to affect access to students if we apply any kind of fee at all. That's true, we are, but the point is we've already been affecting access to students."

"If you're an engineering student after one year at KRCC the only good thing we can tell you, the only fair thing we could tell you, is don't stay here anymore. Go to Fresno State, if you can get in. Or go to Fresno City. And so access has already been affected."

At KRCC, for example, Cattani said the district does not offer "advanced courses in calculus, even though students are eligible to take them. We haven't offered courses in quantitative analysis, in chemistry, in advanced physics, in engineering, which are all legitimate sophomore courses we ought to be offering."

"The point that is significant, at least for us in the district, is access to the institutions for students has been cut off for the last three years. It's a subtle cut-off, but it's there. That's another thing



Dr. Ray Cattani—Chancellor of the district says the district needs more revenues to continue the current level of services.

photo by FCC News Service

we're concerned about."

He said the district had been very public with the discussions of the instructional materials fee. He said the minutes of all the board meetings and the chancellors cabinet meetings are public and open to anyone who wants to see them.

"We've made a conscious effort to be very candid about all of this. The only thing I would take exception to at the meeting was when students came in and said this was the first we've ever heard of it," said Cattani.

"I don't think I can take responsibility for that. I purposely extended the augmented chancellors cabinet in December to bring the students in so they could represent their constituencies. It seems to me, that that's their ob-

ligation to take that information out. We've made no attempt to hide any of this. We're looking for a solution and were going to jump on any reasonable solution we can find."

"I think it's interesting, for example, the questions that were brought to us by both student groups were very good questions and very legitimate questions. Unfortunately, they're the same questions we've been considering."

Cattani said, through the minutes of the chancellors cabinet the board was going to consider approval of the instructional materials fee in concept at the March 2 meeting and then approve the fee at the March 3 meeting.

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New play opens on Thursday

Fresno City College's theatre arts department will present the classic Spanish poetic tragedy *Blood Wedding*, beginning March 18 in the college theatre. Performance will be March 18-20, and 24-27. Curtain time for all evening performances is 8:15 p.m. A matinee will be held at 2 p.m. on March 25.

General admission for the play is \$2.50. Student and senior citizen discounts are available.

Ticket information is available through the FCC theatre box office at 442-8221.

Blood Wedding—

Lorca's classic tragedy opens Thursday in the FCC Theatre. The play will be presented March 18-20 and 24-27. All evening performances are at 8:15. The play is directed by Richard Hoffman. Starring in the play, left to right are: Clint Showalter, Leonardo, Lisa Reitz, the bride, and Richard Eric Brock, the bridegroom.

photo by FCC News Service



Pre-play dinner

The Fresno City College theatre arts program will be hosting a pre-play dinner for theatregoers attending the college's new play *Blood Wedding*, which begins performances March 18.

The dinners will be held in the college's faculty dining lounge from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Dinner seating will be limited to 75 persons per performance. The dinner charge is \$6.

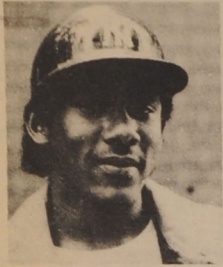
Curtain-time for the play is 8:15 p.m.

The play *Blood Wedding*, Garcia Lorca, is a classic Spanish romantic tragedy.

Both play and dinner tickets are available through the City College theatre box office. For ticket information call 442-8221.

Roving Reporter

What do you think about new wave music?



Phil Cooley, data processing major: "Some of it is okay, but some of those people are crazy. If that's what they like it's fine with me, but that's not my style."



Colleen Dekoning, art major: "I like the different idea, the way they dress, the things they sing about. People that are into fashion are into new wave."



Pedro Puente, business administration major: "The electronic aspect is intriguing to the consumer. It will do very well. I think people are more into the sound than the performer."



Debbie Obradovich, dental hygiene major: "I like it! It's great to dance to, and I like the fact that people nowadays are not afraid to express themselves even when they don't follow the pattern of the norm."



Liz Apodaca, forestry major: "I don't like it. I'm into rock 'n' roll. That new wave stuff is kind of strange, and punks are punks."

Kathy Barrett, nursing major: "I like it. It incorporates rock 'n' roll and punk new wave is better than punk. I like to dance to it."

Rams win 5 straight

by Bob Millar
Rampage Reporter

Fresno City College's baseball team has a five-game win streak going. The Rams picked up two wins last week, defeating Porterville 6-5 and whipping Modesto 9-4. Ram hurler Doug Nelson went the distance over Porterville, but didn't fool many Pirate batters as he gave up eight hits. Brian Gutknecht and David Henderson led the way for the Rams, both enjoying a 3-for-4 day at the plate. In the win over Modesto, Jamie

Brisco went the distance as the Rams picked up win number five in conference play. Scott Buss drove in the winning run with a two-run double in the seventh inning and Greg Paboonj cracked a two-run homer in the eighth to secure the Ram victory. Second baseman Brian Gutknecht added a pair of hits and a couple of RBIs to contribute to a 16-hit attack by the Rams. The win moves the Rams into first place at 5-0 in conference play and boosts them to 11-3-1 overall.

A reporter's opinion

by Julie Kienast
Rampage Reporter

It was rude of Grant Marcus to introduce Maureen Reagan as Jane Wyman's daughter and omit the fact that she is the daughter of the President of the United States. She is running for a political office, not an Academy award. She is right about a lot of misquoting in politics and other areas. No one has the right to abuse the rights of others. It is our right to agree or disagree in a democratic society. I disagree with always comparing children to their parents, famous or infamous. They should be judged on their own merit. The old saying that the sins of the father are always passed to the children is ridiculous and outdated. The Constitution is the supreme law of the land and I for one demand my rights. The right to vote is all important and all candidates should be considered wisely on their own merit.

Ride a dark horse into the Senate

by Julie Kienast
Rampage Reporter

If you want to be represented in Washington ride a dark horse (Daniel K. Whitehurst) into the United States Senate. This was the main theme of Mayor Whitehurst's news conference Friday, March 12, promoting his first TV commercial in hopes of defeating Governor Jerry Brown in the race for the United States Senate. The 30 second commercial, which cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000 dollars to produce, shows a chess board as a narrator says that for the last eight years, California has been governed by "political irresponsibility, indecision, weak appointees, political cronies and remote uncaring administrators." If the voters want to be represented in Washington, they should "ride a dark horse (Whitehurst) into the United States Senate."

Whitehurst perceives himself as an underdog in the Senate race. He believes this commercial will appeal to people's natural sense of rooting for the underdog. Whitehurst said he did not know "where Brown stood on most issues, and he did not believe anyone else did either. You never know what side of the coin Brown will come up on." When asked if he didn't think going from Mayor of Fresno to the United States Senate was not a little ambitious, he replied, "everything I have done has been very ambitious. I do not believe one has to hop from bird perch to bird perch." Whitehurst said, "This was not a typical year and I believe I am qualified for the job. I have been in local politics for seven years and have represented the U.S. in China and Russia."

Whitehurst said, "People tend to judge you by how much money your campaign has, and elaborate commercials rather than what kind of person you were and your sincerity and qualifications. You don't just get people to support you up front if you are running against the governor." Whitehurst said his campaign was not in financial trouble and he did not expect any great showing in the polls until the last months of the race. He expects to show around 15 percent in the polls by April. The 33-year-old Democrat revealed his position on 32 controversial issues, as well as his position on the downtown hotel controversy. Whitehurst said, "The hotel issue did not qualify for the June ballot, and it was mostly the work of one individual who has a personal stake in the deal." He said, he will not back down from

the deal he and the city council made with the developers. He said if he did it would hurt the city of Fresno's credibility in future business deals. On the economy he believes high interest rates is the biggest problem. He also feels that income tax cuts have contributed to the federal budget deficit. He said, "If the economic trends and policies continue, the recession will turn into a depression." On federal cuts in education Whitehurst said, "You have to invest in human beings as well as roads and buildings." This is not the time to cut back in those areas, he added. Whitehurst said he thinks "the energy crisis is real, but supply occasionally exceeds demand, and we now have a temporary surplus." He blamed high PG&E rates on dependency on fossil fuel. Places like Sacramento have a much lower rate because of nuclear energy and less dependency on fossil fuel, according to Whitehurst.

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Swim team looks stronger

by Chris Comstock
Rampage Reporter

Fresno City College's swimming and diving team appears to be growing stronger this year, according to Coach Gene Stephens, although the team has not finished first in the Valley Conference since 1968. One of the most promising competitors is David Eller, who currently leads the conference in diving. Eller will try out for the state championships at Cypress College in Los Angeles in late April. Stephens says the team has placed fifth so far this year in the Northern California Relays, and won a high second in the pentathlon at College of the Sequoias in February. They beat Merced and Bakersfield, but lost to COS, the traditional conference leader. In their last meet, they led Modesto until the last relay, the closest they have come to beating them in six years, according to Steve Alvernaz, FCC sports information officer. Relay swimmers include Ken Cherry, Gerald Uhrig, Donald Pierce, and Robert Glenn; while Stephen Sessa, Ralph Ujano, Andrew Schroeder, and Todd Meek are among the freestyle artists. These team members also participate in other events, along with Michael Donnelly, David Steuart, Rodney Teeter, Jason Whipple, David Young, and Donald Ludlum, team manager. Stephens feels that he has a strong team this year, although they "need more depth in certain events." Stephens also said that the diving team is the strongest he has had in some time. Although there are no women on the team this year, they have been an important part of the group in the past. Coach Stephens hopes that Tammy Stilman, Louann Ohlberg, Ruth Gammon, and Tracie Woods will be competing next year. For the swimming and diving team, the season ends on the first of May. They are now preparing for the Valley Conference Championships, April 3 and 4 at Merced and the State Championships April 29 to 30 and May 1 at Cerritos College.

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Golfers win 4 and lose 1 in pre-season

by Larry K. Wiemiller
Rampage Reporter

Golf coach Hans Wiedenhofer said that despite a promising turnout of 15 golfers trying to make the team, the first four positions on the team are set with Jim Hamilton, Brian Hirayama, Dean Bruce and Greg Plunk. Of those four, only Plunk was not a member of last year's squad. Competing for the remaining two spots on the starting

team are Larry Scheidt, Todd Gaston, Steve Near and Rufus Kovacevich.

Thus far in non-league competition the Rams have shown great potential. They have won meets against Kings River, Cuesta College, Chabot, San Joaquin Delta, and Bakersfield, and lost only to Cabrillo. The linksters also finished fourth in the Taft Invitational in what Wiedenhofer called "our poorest performance this year."

Despite the strength of the Ram squad, Wiedenhofer is cautious about predicting a championship. "The league is stronger this year than in years past, with KRCC and Merced College fielding much stronger teams. Of course, COS and Modesto are always competitive."

The Rams will open league play Thursday, March 18, at 1 p.m. against KRCC on the Rams home course, Fig Garden Country Club.

Spring opening of trailheads set

by David Campos
Rampage Reporter

The Wilderness Reservation System helps the Sierra National Forest manage the use of trails, said Ken Gardner, Public Information Officer for the Sierra National Forest.

The reservation system prevents over-usage in more populated areas, said Don Waugh, Assistant Forest Recreation Officer.

Gardner explains that a trailhead quota allows a certain number of people on a trail per day. "If a trail's quota is filled, we

suggest people take a lesser-used trail," said Gardner.

Waugh said the Wilderness Quota System will be operational in three areas: the John Muir Wilderness, the Kaiser Wilderness, and the Minarets Wilderness, from July 1 through Labor Day.

Ag Museum funds frozen

by Nina Tinker
Rampage Reporter

The State Parks and Recreation Commission met in Fresno on February 5, 1982 to further discuss progress and status of the old administration building.

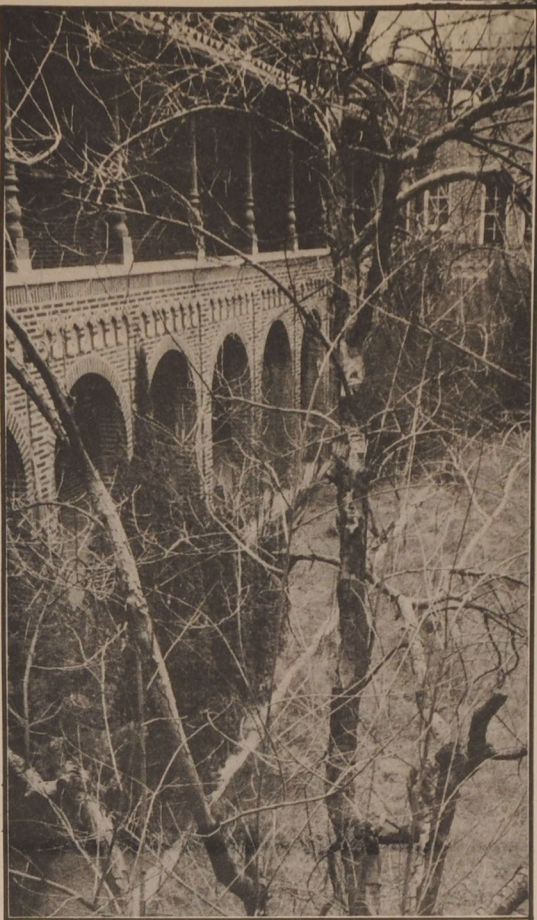
Refusal by the commission to classify the old building as a state historical park still stands but proponents of the museum are still optimistic that the project will go on and a state agricultural museum on the Fresno City College campus will become a reality.

According to the meeting report given by Norman Wilson, Agricultural Museum Project Manager, the state-authorized \$3,000,000 has been frozen. For the time being no more expenditures are to be made.

Local support from the California Agricultural Museum Board of Trustees was substantiated by the report given by committee-man Thomas E. "Ed" Com who has traveled statewide in a \$100,000 fund raising effort. Com said the money "is the heart of the plan" to convert the old FCC administration building into an agricultural museum.

State Assemblyman Richard Lehman is "optimistic" about getting \$3,000,000 more from new legislation. If approved, the money will be signed into next year's state budget by Governor Brown in early July, 1982, according to Lehman.

The State Parks and Recreation Department is expected to go full tilt and bring expectations up to a working development, Lehman said.



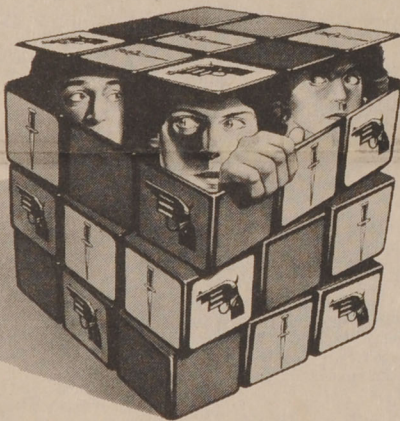
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The old administration building—Speculation continues about conversion to an Ag museum.

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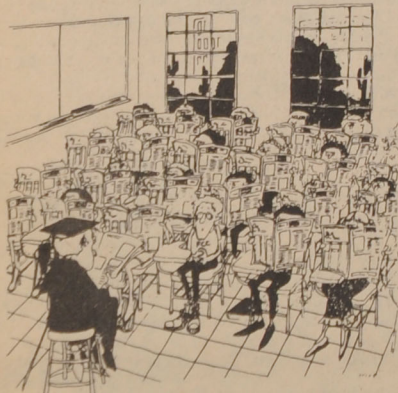
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THURSDAY, MARCH 18

11-1 p.m. PASU, conference room B
12-1 p.m. MEChA, conference room B
1-2 p.m. NAISA, conference room B
8:15 p.m. Blood Wedding, FCC theatre

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

7-8 a.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes, conference room A
4:30-12 p.m. FCC choir and bands, student lounge
8:15 p.m. Blood Wedding, FCC theatre

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

8 a.m.-5 p.m. Fig Garden Swim & Racquet Club, jr. tennis tournament, tennis courts
9 a.m.-3 p.m. Pacific seminar traffic safety, LA 126
12:30-4 p.m. Business division skills event, forum hall A
1 p.m. Baseball, FCC/COS, Euleess
8:15 p.m. Blood Wedding, FCC theatre

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

8 a.m.-5 p.m. Fig Garden Swim & Racquet Club, jr tennis tournament, tennis courts
1-5 p.m. ASB film series, senate chambers
5:30-7 p.m. Union Martial Arts, G 107
6-6:30 p.m. PE 20 C dance production, G 98

MONDAY, MARCH 22

1-5 p.m. ASB film series, senate chambers
5:30-7 p.m. Union Martial Arts, G 107
6-6:30 p.m. PE 20C dance production, G 98

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

12-1 p.m. MEChA, conference room A
12-1 p.m. Intersarsity, senate chambers
1-3:30 p.m. ASB, President's Cabinet, senate chambers
11-12 p.m. PE 20A dance production, G 103
1 p.m. Golf, FCC/Merced
2 p.m. Tennis, FCC/KRCC, tennis courts
4-5 p.m. Phi Beta Lambda (officers), Be 218
6:30-8:30 p.m. PE 20C dance production, G 103
7-9 p.m. Spanish for travelers, AH 108

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

7-8 a.m. DECA, BE 135
7-7:50 a.m. Work exercise class, conference room A
8 a.m.-2 p.m. Intersarsity book table, fountain area
12-1 p.m. Baptist Student Union, conference room B
1-3:30 p.m. EOPS, conference room B
1-5 p.m. ASB film series, senate chambers
5:30-7 p.m. Union Martial Arts, G 107
7-8:30 p.m. Fresno Judo Club, G 107
8:15 p.m. Blood Wedding, FCC theatre

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

11 a.m.-12 p.m. PASU, senate chambers
11-12 p.m. PE 20A dance production, G103
12-1 p.m. Intersarsity, senate chambers
12-1 p.m. MEChA, conference room B
1-2 p.m. NAISA, conference room B
1-3:30 p.m. ASB, senate chambers
1 p.m. Golf, FCC/COS
2 p.m. Tennis FCC/BC, tennis courts
2 p.m. Blood Wedding, FCC theatre
2 p.m. Tennis (M), FCC/Bakersfield, tennis courts
2:15 p.m. Track, FCC/KRCC, Ratcliffe stadium
4-5 p.m. Phi Beta Lambda, BE 218
6-7 p.m. Phi Beta Lambda meeting, BE 218
8:15 p.m. Blood Wedding, FCC theatre

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

7-8 a.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes, conference rm. A
1-6 p.m. FCC coed swim meet, pool
2-3 p.m. FCC music department concert, recital hall
7:30-9 p.m. Fresno Judo Club, G 107
8:15 p.m. Blood Wedding, FCC theatre

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Task Force

lems with the proposed fee; the communication committee, whose job is to coordinate publicity; the budget committee, to study possible alternative budget cuts; and the as yet-unformed coordination committee, composed of members from each of the other committees.

There seemed to be a real sense of unity among the students in attendance. Mauri Martin, President of the Pan-African Students Union, said, "All students should be united on this issue, as it concerns all students."

Robert Sepulveda, publicity officer for MEChA, said he "was disappointed by the turnout, but satisfied with the progress made by the Task Force" in the first meeting.

Marcus has asked that the STF/EOE be put on the agenda for the March 30 board of trustees meeting at Kings River Community College. Marcus said he hopes to gain endorsement of the Task Force by the trustees, with this endorsement leading to greater student involvement in the chancellor's cabinet.

"I would like to see the chancellor's cabinet reorganized in a manner to allow student input, especially in light of the affect that these fees will have upon students. The chancellor should recognize that impact and expand the cabinet to include students, faculty, and administrative input."

The Task Force has tentatively scheduled its meetings for Tuesdays at 3 p.m. in the student lounge. All interested students are encouraged to attend.



Letters to the editor

Pro ASB fee

In regards to volume 37, number 17, page 6: I am in favor of a mandatory ASB membership fee. However, I do not have a preference of any one proposal by Blair Terry. They all seem to be sufficient. I also support the idea of having pictures placed on ID cards and the use of discounts at theatres and record shops.

Keep up the good work!
Yours truly,
Gary S. Gonzales

BSU at FCC

The Fresno City College Black Student Union Committee is currently planning on organizing a BSU at FCC. Black students feel such an organization should be present on campus.

Fresno State has a Pan-African Association and American River College in Sacramento also has a Black Student Union. These organizations are representative of the needs of black student awareness.

There is currently a campaign to organize such an organization here. Group participation by minority students is encouraged.

There are a lot of social issues relevant to black student life in the Fresno area and other academic functions as well.

Help us get the word out.
Yours truly,
F.G.M.
Coordinator for the Black Student Union Committee

Editors Note: There is a Pan-African Student Union at FCC. Students who want more information can contact Kehinde Solwazi at campus extension 8123.

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Cattani

"The intent," said Cattani, "of the meeting the other night was primarily for information. It was never advertised any other way. I did make a statement in the chancellor's cabinet minutes that if folks agreed that this was a reasonable way to go, then at the March 30 meeting we'd put it on for action."

"We didn't hide that. Obviously it didn't go that way and so we'll have to do it at some future time. As a matter of fact the board opted not to do it on March 30 primarily because they are having the other meeting at KRCC. Well, the first reason is the meeting at KRCC and all the opposition is coming from Fresno. The board is not about to play some silly little game. If the opposition is here then the meeting should be here. And it will be here, because our board won't play that game."

Cattani said FCC associated student body president Grant Marcus put instructional materials fees on the March 30 agenda, however, it is a presentation Marcus wants to make. No action is planned by the board on March 30.

Cattani said he is also concerned about the fee's affect on low-income students.

"This item they kept bringing up at the board meeting, which is a very legitimate item, ironically happens to be the most important one from our vantage point

that needs to be considered. And that has to do with those people who have a very difficult time affording an education."

"That's a very legitimate concern, particularly at a time when you recognize that financial aid doesn't really know what their budgets are going to be for next year from the federal government, because they're talking about cutting out a lot of things."

Cattani said he asked financial aid, "If we did charge a fee, can that be worked into a poor student's financial package?"

He said the answer was yes. Middle income students, according to Cattani, will be the ones most affected by the fee and cuts in financial aid due to the changes in student loans.

"The point is," said Cattani, "we can accomodate these people."

Cattani said, "The taxpayer is paying roughly \$2,000 per full time student and now to say a student is not willing to pay \$20 a semester or \$40 a year to that \$2,000... well, if I was a taxpayer I'd look at that with a jaundiced eye. It's a problem for all of us, not only the taxpayer, but also the student."

"Going around collecting petitions is not going to solve the problem. If you want to extend that to the ridiculous all you've got to do is take a petition to the taxpayers and say would you like to stop paying taxes. It wouldn't take much to get them to sign that kind of petition," said Cattani.

How much is \$2

by Sam Williams

The *Rampage* has devoted inches upon inches to the discussion of the instructional materials fee question. *Rampage* readers have heard from both sides. One thing missing in all these discussions so far is perspective. What are the alternatives? Just how expensive is the fee going to be? Is anyone really going to be denied an education because of income?

According to the district there is only one alternative. The fee is necessary or there is going to be a reduction in the quality of our education. First to go will be programs that cost money. Programs like the *Rampage*, or the drama department, or certain sports, or vocational classes will certainly be cut.

These programs will go because the instructors and the personnel who teach the programs will go.

Can we afford to have a Fresno City College with no *Rampage*, with no drama department? No, we cannot.

Given, and everyone agrees, that the district needs some kind of additional revenue, then is the instructional materials fee a good method of raising money? Is it a fair fee?

An English 1A class, for example, carries an instructional materials fee of \$2. English 1A can be used for graduation from FCC and is a requirement for graduation from Fresno State. Almost everyone will take this class.

In English 1A the student is expected to learn how to write a research paper and develop the skills necessary to express himself clearly in the written English language.

In my English 1A class I received many handouts and mimeographed instructions designed to help me write the 10 or so papers I was assigned over the semester. Given the cost of labor and materials today these easily cost the district \$2 to produce.

By the end of the semester I had a good idea of what was a written argument and what was a written disaster.

I learned a skill, and I got my money's worth.

Just how much is \$2 in 1982? What, out in the real world, can I buy with \$2?

Two dollars will buy about half a movie, if I can find a theatre that will let me in to see just half. Two dollars will almost buy a six-pack of American beer to share with guests on Friday night. Two dollars will buy a couple of quarter-pounds at McDonalds or lunch in the FCC cafeteria. Two dollars will buy just over 1/64 of an ounce of grass at the current street price of \$25 a quarter ounce. Two dollars will buy 1/7 of a concert ticket or 1/4 an album or tape. Two dollars will buy five rides on the bus or less than two gallons of gasoline.

No one likes the ideas of fees. No one wants to pay them. But they seem to be necessary.

Two dollars will not buy much. Next semester \$2 may buy an English 1A class. I think, taken in perspective, it's worth it. Especially when you consider the alternative may be no class at all.

OOPS

We made an error in our first oops last week. The item should have read: A police source at Fresno City College informed the *Rampage* that our article on Mauri Reagan may misinform our readers. The source said Reagan

was not whisked away when the question and answer period got more intense, but rather, was whisked away when her time at FCC was up. The source said Reagan was on a tight schedule and spent as much time as pos-

sible speaking to FCC students. This accounts for her hasty departure.

In an opinion piece we misspelled the name of FCC instructor Luis Sosa. This spelling is correct.

We also misspelled the name of Bear Rivera in our MEChA story. This spelling is correct.

According to Bill Seaburg, associate dean of learning resources, the library has 600 periodicals and not 6,000 as we reported.

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