

Attack Prevention

Remove an attacker's opportunity

By Donna Reese

The prevention of attack, the legal aspects of self-defense, and basic self-defense techniques are specific topics to be covered in a personal safety class that is being offered March 15 - April 22.

Kenneth Shrum, the chief of campus police, said the class is being offered because there is a need for it.

"A lot of women, especially on campus, don't know how to go about protecting themselves," said Shrum. "Not only on campus but when they're at home or going shopping."

The prevention of attack is educating people on what to look for and how to avoid getting themselves into a position where they are vulnerable to attack, said Shrum.

According to Shrum in order for a person to commit an attack they have to have the desire, the opportunity, and the ability to do so.

"If you remove one of these three things you don't have an attack," Shrum explained. "The prevention part of the class is on how to remove the opportunity portion of these three things."

Shrum explained the various

means of self-defense as letting people know what they can carry with them to protect themselves besides their body limbs.

"There are so many things a person can carry that are legal," said Shrum.

"You can carry a metal dog chain collar a lot of different ways and when you slice a person with it, it's like you hit them with a machete," said Shrum.

A part of self-defense is the element of surprise, Shrum explained. "Many people will carry a knife and if they are threatened they will pull the knife and say

"Stay away from me, I have a knife!" That is the wrong thing to do."

Shrum said if the attacker knows what protection you have, knows your ability and has more ability than you then the attacker is not worried about what is in your hand.

"You never tell them you have any kind of self-defense," Shrum said. "You tell them to leave you alone and try to get out of the situation the best way you can."

The basic self-defense techniques include hand to hand combat. According to Shrum there

are weapons on a person's body such as hands, feet, teeth, and the head that can be used to protect yourself.

"They all can be used as weapons," said Shrum. "It is almost impossible for a person to grab you in any position that you can't bring some part of your body into play as a weapon. What I intend to do is show people the very basic self-defense and a few good moves."

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Board agrees to extend state study on Ag Museum

By Carlos Cordova

The California Agricultural Museum survived another round of discussions in its efforts to retain the east and west wings of the Fresno City College's old administration building.

The State Center Community College District board of trustees agreed Tuesday to allow the state to further study whether the wings should be retained.

Ken Collier, museum project manager, blamed the delays on administrative and personnel changes at the state level.

Collier said the Deukemejian administration wants to take its own look at the museum. "We would really like to rethink the idea of retaining the wings and the old gym," said Collier. "The bigger the museum, the better."

Alexander Lark, chairman of the Allensworth State Historic

Park Advisory Committee, said the wings or the gymnasium could be used to showcase the agricultural contribution to the state by different ethnic groups. "These exhibits and pavilions would be vital to our community," said Lark.

Trustee Warren Kessler said, "I don't think anybody ought to start banking on how he wants to use the wings. If they are not going to serve a classroom or instructional purpose, I want to see ample evidence for retaining the wings."

Kessler and trustee Willie Smith questioned Collier, a land-

scape architect for the state Department of Parks and Recreation, about the trees on the west side of the old administration building. Collier said only one or two trees would have to be pulled out to provide for an access road whether or not the wings are kept or demolished.

An access road is proposed to be built for fire engines and other emergency vehicles. Questions regarding safety of both the wings have been brought up by college personnel.

A survey distributed to all full-time personnel (approximately

400) found 79 of the respondents to be against retention of the wings while 70 approved.

Opponents of the wings cited fire, earthquake, parking and crime problems with keeping the wings. Those in favor mentioned retaining the building's historical heritage and integrity.

Walt Harpin, a former dairyman and chairman of the museum's board of directors, asked the board to make a final

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Vanilla and chocolate work FCC's phones

By Sharon Trujillo

Obscene phone calls and bomb threats are all in a day's work for Patti Huszar and Deitra Bowen, phone communication specialists at Fresno City College.

They are known by most people as the telephone operators. "We are the voices of the college," said Bowen. Huszar describes herself as the vanilla operator and describes Bowen as the chocolate operator.

"People started calling us that because I kind of look like vanilla and Deitra looks like chocolate," said Huszar.

Huszar and Bowen joke and laugh, back and forth between calls. Both possess the bazaar talent of laughing hysterically one moment, then stopping automatically, when their com-

puterized switchboard blinks and beeps to signal an incoming call. Saying with a clear calm voice, "Good afternoon Fresno City College.....One moment please." And then resume laughing where they left off.

All incoming calls on the campus first go through the main switchboard. Huszar and Bowen connect the calls to one of the "approximately 700" extensions on campus. All calls made on the campus to outside lines also go through the switchboards.

Bowen said the switchboard flashes the extension number on the computerized screen from the extension form where the call is being placed.

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Board member Dorathy Smith contemplates the Ag Museum's fate, as fellow member Warren Kessler expresses his views on the subject.

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Drug epidemic declines in America

By Lois Everitt

When you first think about it, it looks hopeless; 50 million Americans snorting, popping, smoking and injecting powerful mind-and-mood changing drugs. Many of them are your peers. Many of them are hooked.

Until recently, and for more than two decades, Americans-- particularly young people have "turned on" to increasing numbers of illegal substances like marijuana, cocaine, heroin, amphetamines, barbiturates, tranquilizers, hallucinogens and legal substances like alcohol and tobacco.

By many medical standards, this widespread abuse is an epidemic. And for a while it looked unstoppable as drug abuse spread from person to person. Friend turned on friend to drugs; brother turned on brother; and often, unwittingly, parents introduced their children to drugs.

Health officials now see some bright spots in this gloomy picture. The latest surveys from the National Institute on Drug Abuse show modest but real declines since 1979 in puffing marijuana and in popping hallucinogens and PCP (angel dust). The survey also reveals a leveling off in cocaine use among the 18 to 25 age group.

But despite modest declines in drug use, health officials see a new and terrifying danger: young teenagers who regularly abuse and combine many different drugs. They end up with shattered and impotent lives, out of school, unemployable, often in jail, and sometimes dead.

What's happening? Is it the pressures that society is putting on many of us and we can't seem to handle it without having some kind of "high"? It used to be something to do, every once in a while. Now people are using it in their twenties, thirties, and children are starting at a tender age of 8 to 10 years old.

Something is wrong. Our society is fast-paced and giving a lot of pressure to people, but if drug abuse gets too far out of hand, and it's getting close, we might have a President who is on PCP, "pot" or even "coke" and he decides that he has a pretty good buzz and he isn't going to take anymore "you know what" from Russia or any other country and pushes that little red button. Well there goes everything, even the drug problem.

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"So when people who call and hang up on us," said Bowen. "We know where they're calling from, sometimes we feel like calling them back and telling them we don't appreciate them hanging up on us. But we don't."

Bowen and Huszar said they work at keeping their cheery disposition.

"If you are cheery and friendly to the people on the phone then they will be cheery back," said Huszar. "It doesn't pay to be grumpy."

Both operators said they frequently get strange calls.

"When we get obscene phone calls we automatically connect them to the campus police," said Bowen. "They usually never call back."

"Occasionally a student's mother will call and ask us why her son's tuition costs \$150 and books cost \$350," said Huszar. "It's hard to tactfully tell them their kid is lying to them."

Bowen said people call from the phones in the elevators on campus. She said one guy used to call 'faithfully', almost everyday.

"He told us he was Jim Morrison from the Doors," said Bowen. "He told us that everyone thought he was dead but he really wasn't. He wasn't obscene or rude but he finally became a nuisance. We had to call the campus police. When

they hauled him off, he wanted to stop off and get pizza for everyone."

Both women said they occasionally do crazy things to save their sanity.

"One day we had a confetti fight to try and break the

monotony," said Huszar. "We are on the switchboard eight hours a day. Sometimes I feel as if they put us in a padded room so we won't go bonkers."

"It's hard looking out my window and not being able to get out of my cage," said Bowen.

It's not Oriental Express but still exciting

By Walter Moore

The weather was wet and foggy. The young lovers are savoring their last kisses before departing, grandma was giving her grandkids a hug and the bachelor was looking, with interest, at the pretty career girl going to the city for a job interview. The low melodic whistle broke the fog and behind the whistle we saw lights, a diesel locomotive and three passenger cars.

It may not be as romantic as the Orient Express, but the San Joaquin will raise your pulse rate as it pulls into the Santa Fe depot.

Amtrack's valley train, the San Joaquin, runs from Oakland to Bakersfield twice a day with stops at major cities and connecting bus service to outlying areas. For example, the trains for Oakland-San Francisco leaves Fresno at 7:55 a.m. and 5:55 p.m. It makes stops at Madera, Merced, Riverbank (Modesto), Stockton (connecting Amtrack bus to Sacramento), Martinez, Richmond Bart Station (bay area rapid transit) and Oakland. If

you are going into San Francisco, Amtrack has their bus waiting to take you over the Bay bridge and into the Trans Bay Terminal on 1st. and Mission Street. There is no charge for this bus and your total round trip ticket is \$34. This compares with Greyhound Bus which charges \$35 and takes four and one-half to five and one-half hour depending on which bus you take.

Travelers in the central valley are beginning to reacquire themselves to train travel. Ridership on the San Joaquin is up sharply this year. Caltrans, which helps subsidize the train, has just approved service for another 12 months. Governor George Dukemejian wanted to abolish the service because of the state subsidy.

Train travel is different from bus or plane. One is immediately aware that passengers are walking around on the train and there is a feel of room and casualness. You can bring on board your own food and beverages or you can use the snack bar which is reasonable in price. A can of Budweiser is \$1.25 and sand-

wichs start at \$1.50. The snack bar also has booths where you can sit and enjoy your snacks and talk or just watch the valley roll by.

The train ride North gives you a view of typical valley farm land. Grapes, cows, cotton and orange groves predominate until you reach Martinez where the train glides along the shore of upper San Francisco Bay. The train depots are all in the old parts of the cities and the stations have the look of antiquity. The Oakland station is a good example of the 1800's train station architecture with its cavernous ceilings of stone and marble.

It is hard to believe that many Americans, young and old, have never been a passenger on a train. This would be unheard of in almost any other country in the world. The age of the jet and expressway have changed our travel habits.

In the winter Amtrack calls the San Joaquin "fog cutter", and when the tule fog rolls through the valley its passengers are aware that they are traveling by rail, not by car, bus or plane.



Deitra Bowen and Patty Juszar take a photo-break during a quiet moment at the FCC switchboard.

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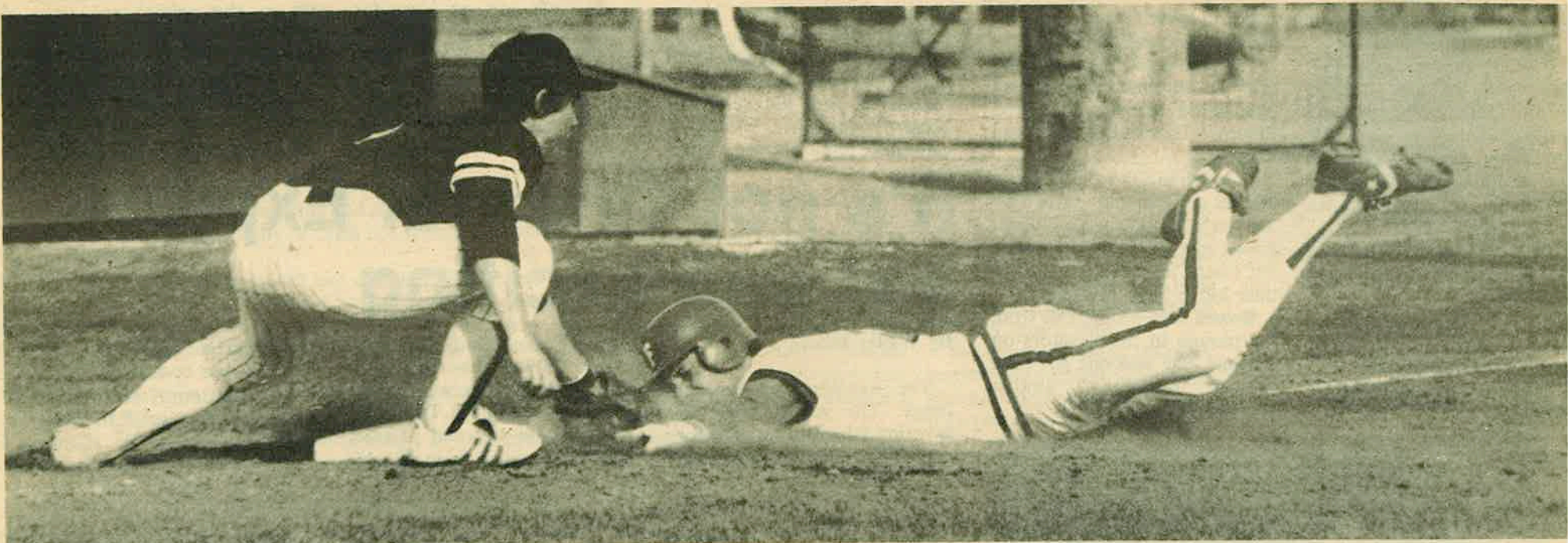
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decision as soon as possible.

The board asked Dudley Varner, museum director, if he had any input. "I need a defense attorney to settle this issue," joked Varner.

The administration building restoration project is estimated at \$9 million. Plans have already been made by the state to spend \$2.75 million with another \$3 million possible if private donors match that amount.



Fresno City College's Don McKenezie attempts to steal third base during the Rams' confrontation with Cabrillo Junior College.

Rams steal victory, 3-2

By Tom Ferrall

Thanks to the speed of pinch runner Emery Farmer, the Fresno City College baseball team was able to steal a 3-2 win from Cabrillo College last Friday afternoon at John Eulless Park.

With two outs in the bottom of the ninth, the bases loaded and the score tied at 2-2, Farmer raced home on a pickoff attempt at first to give the Rams the non-league victory. The win boosted FCC's record to 6-4 while the Seahawks dropped to 2-3.

After designated hitter Greg Patton led off the Ram ninth with a walk, coach Len Bourdet inserted Farmer. The freshman reached second on a nice sacrifice bunt by Ryan Virgo and the tagged-up on Tom Vickers fly out to center.

Cabrillo coach Jerry Fishel then had started John Hadley intentionally walk Brian Nutter and pinch Rick Ghimenti to load the bases.

After pinch hitter Don McKenzie swung and missed Hadley's one and one delivery, Seahawk catcher Byron Chaney made a snap throw to first in an effort to pickoff Ghimenti. Farmer beat the return throw from first baseman John Wilson.

FCC starter Billy Bartels picked up the complete game victory. In going the distance Bartels struck out eight and issued only one walk. Both Cabrillo runs, which came in the first inning, were earned.

Hadley suffered a tough loss after limiting FCC to only five hits. The 5'11", left hander struggled with his control throughout the game, walking seven and letting loose one wild pitch.

Three times Hadley walked the Rams lead-off batter, and two of these walks were turned into FCC runs.

A double steal and Phil Rojas' RBI single to right gave Cabrillo a quick 2-0 lead. But FCC came right back in their half of the first to tie the game on an RBI single by Patton and a RBI double to left by Virgo.

Patton reached base safely on all four of his plate appearances, going two for two with two walks.

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Shrum also explained another way persons can protect themselves on campus is to use the more popular walkways around campus.

"Some of the walkways around campus are used by more people and are patrolled heavier by the officers," Shrum said. "Using them is taking away the opportunity."

Shrum said some of the dangerous areas around campus at night are the area the old administration building and the tunnel stairway in the west end of the Speech/Music building.

"There is not much you can do to make these areas safer," said Shrum.

For more information about the class contact Community Services, ext. 8256.

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