## Students flunking out at campus activities

By James Tripp Staff Writer

Do you find good ol' FCC boring? Do you get the feeling that there's never anything to do around here?

Well, then maybe you should pull your head out of the apathetic hole you've implanted it into and get a good look at what's going on.

How many of you realized that we're in the process of wrapping up homecoming week? Do you realize that we've had three pep rallys, not to mention the much demanded (yet sparcely attended) antiapartheid rally? Are any of you aware that we have a sports program? Judging by the

turnout of fans I wouldn't think so.

ASB officers and other activity directors are trying to maintain an optimistic view that things are going to get better. Yet they are aware that as long as students remain apathetic to the goings-ons at FCC, their attempts at creativity will prove futile.

Students at FCC are constantly complaining that activities aren't up to par with those of other community colleges. Well how many games, rallies, or activities have these complainers attended? Judging by total attendance at recent events, very few. Why don't you try it before you knock it?

Homecoming activities begin today at 12 noon and run until after the game tomorrow night. If a tangible number of participants show up it promises to be a genuine 'gala' complete with rally, queens, door prizes, tailgate party and an exciting football game to boot.

Kicking off the festivities is the homecoming rally in the free speech area today at noon, during which the queen candidates will be paraded and prizes will be given to participants exemplifying great 'Ram spirit.' Then hold out for the Saturday evening lineup, which will include a tailgate party followed by the invasion of the Bluedevils from Merced. Among those concerned about the lack of interest in activities at FCC is Student Body President Bill Walker. Walker, and others involved with organizing activities understand that they're working without substantial support, but are still frustrated by the fact.

"It's embarrassing when we have a home game against a team like College of the Sequuias, which has to travel some 50 miles to get here, and they have considerably more crowd support than we do when our stadium is across the street," said Walker.

According to Walker, part of the apathy stems from the lack of support from the instructors. "Students have a lot on their mind," contended Walker. "They can't be-expected to remember all the ASB activities. Teachers could 'add significant support if they'd just take a moment to remind and encourage students to attend our events."

You get out of a school what you put into it. If you're one of the many who've been complaining over lack of activities or spending your spare time twiddling your thumbs because there's nothing better to do then it's time you put something in ... by investing some time into finding out what activities are going on and giving that Ram spirit a fair shot.



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# Scholarships available now for FCC students

Several Fresno City College administered scholarships are available each year to returning FCC students.

Donor awards are made on competitive basis. Several specify requirements of general academic achievement, individual achievement and character, participation in campus and, or community activities, and scholarship recommendation.

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Four scholarships of \$200 each year to women attending FCC after having been out of school for several years.

Applications and information may be obtained from the FCC Counseling Center or Financial Aid Office located on the second floor of the Student Services building, Room 201.

Necessary documents include scholarship application form, letter(s) of recommendation, and two copies of academic transcripts. Deadline date for applications will be March 15, 1986.



Rampage/Don Donovan

The Ram soccer team practices hard for their upcoming games.

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C'MON! LET'S GET PHYSICAL, FLABBY COMICS READERS!







### Johnson files appeal over firing

#### By James Tripp Staff Writer

Maintaining his innocence, James Johnson, the FCC financial aid officer recently fired for allegedly accepting kickbacks, filed an appeal last week. He said he will "hang in there and fight."

Johnson also made public the 29 charges which the SCCCD Board of Trustees had lodged against him. Among those charges, only nine were related to accepting kickbacks and only one directly charged Johnson with receiving money from a student.

Johnson's appeal will be heard by a three-member personnel commission from the district after Dec. 4.

Floyd White, also fired for

allegedly accepting kickbacks, has yet to file an appeal.

Denying that eight of the kickback allegations ever took place, and describing the ninth as a "loan to help a second student which was repaid," Johnson's lawyer claimed that several students listed in the charges had agreed to testify for Johnson.

Other charges against Johnson include sexual harassment, adjustment of hours, and using students as agents to collect money for Johnson and White.

In the charges involving student agents, Johnson is also accused of using these students for soliciting more kickbacks from other students applying for aid

# Pressure to succeed can often be fatal

by James Tripp Staff Writer

Success: The cornerstone of the American dream.

As Americans we've grown up with the inclination that the most important thing to do in life is to succeed. We love to hear "success" stories like the man who went from a log cabin to the White House or the kid who rose from the ghetto to become one of the greatest NFL stars of all time.

Thousands of hours are spent in high schools, colleges and universities each year instructing students on how to succeed. Books on the topic are published by the hundreds. We can easily identify with winners, look up to them, respect them, strive to be like them.

But what happens to the students who aren't winners, who don't feel they can succeed?

Each year 5,000 or more students give up . . . on life.

Feelings of frustration caused by failure can be major contributors to the development of suicidal tendencies. Too often we don't realize when faced with a failure-type situation that failure is a necessary part of success. No one is 100 per cent successful. The key is to capitalize on your failures by learning from them and applying what you learn toward a second try at succeeding.

Unfortunately, society has traditionally forgotten to inform

young people that it's okay to fail.

We're all familiar with the aged phrase, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. However, most of us were introduced to it at a very young age. As time passed this principle became muddled and in most cases diminished by the everyday pressures to succeed.

The famous Boston Marathon averages up to 10,000 runners per year; only one person can win. Thus the remaining 9,999 runners must psychologically prepare themselves to lose and be satisfied with having the opportunity to run.

Today's college students are products of the baby boom of the 1960's. Thus there are simply more young people and as a result there is more competition. What these students need to understand is that competition in and of itself isn't bad as long as we're prepared for failure as well as success.

With all the time, money, and energy put into teaching students how to succeed, it is indeed ironic that no one has taken the time to address the issue of "how to fail".

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### A student body with sad case of apathy

#### Dear Rampage readers:

Here we are in the eighth issue of our student newspaper, and still not one letter has been sent to us for our "Letters to the Editor" section.

Imagine throwing a party and nobody coming. Here we are, poised and ready to print your opinion on any printable subject (sorry, no adult movie reviews), and not one person in this institute of higher learning has responded.

Don't like the campus food, write us a letter! Sports, politics, religion, all the subjects you hate to discuss at cocktail parties are perfect for a letter to the Rampage.

If you don't have an opinion on at least one subject in this complicated world we live in, I feel sorry for you. College is a place to express yourself before the real world sets in and reality takes over.

To submit a letter, follow these three simple instructions: (1) Type the letter, or print clearly; (2) deliver the letter to Room 211 (Rampage Office) upstairs above the bookstore, Mondays, 1 to 3 p.m.; (3) pick up a copy of the Rampage Fiday and enjoy reading the letter in your paper.

Remember, it's your student newspaper, so how about using it to its fullest capacity? Many fine people send letters to newspapers everyday, why not make one of those fine people you?

Sincerely Daniel Pimentel, Editor

### **Points of Interest**

Around Campus; It's Homecoming Week here on campus, and Friday, Nov. 1 the action kicks into high gear. There's a rally being held at noon in the free speech area to support our football team's Saturday battle against Merced College. Friday is also Red and White day, and everyone is encouraged to sport our school's colors. C'MON PEOPLE, LET'S LET OUR RED WAVE FOR A CHANGE!!

Around Town: The new Fresno Heritage Center is now open. The first permanent exhibit, "Fresno: A Century of New Neighbors," a 300 poster photo collection is now on display. It happens to be located on campus in the old administration building, so check it out ... How about a side-splitting night of comedy to end your week? The Athenian Comedy Shop downtown presents stand-up comics Friday and Saturday nights at 8 and 10:30 p.m. ... The Elliot Antique Show (formerly Serendipity), runs this weekend in the Commerce Building of the Fresno Fairgrounds ... The Ice Capades are in town also, shows are this weekend at Selland Arena.

Music and Entertainment: For a preview of next Friday's talent at the FCC Fall dance, the Wounded appear this Friday night at the Wild Blue ... "To Live and Die in L.A." opens this weekend to predicted rave reviews, we'll see ... The Uptones will perform Friday night at the CSUF Satellite College Union ... Roger Whitaker will be in concert at the William Saroyan Theatre Monday night, 8 p.m. ...

Sports News: The FCC Soccer team takes on Merced College at Ratcliffe at 3 p.m. Friday. Maybe they can start a trend of beating the pants off of Merced College teams! ... Ice Hockey returns to Selland Arena this weekend, and the victim is the lowly West Covina Blackhawks, a big Fresno rival. Brawl time, 7:30 p.m. ... Our football Rams are set to slaughter Merced College in the Homecoming game Saturday, 7 p.m. at Ratcliffe. How about some of OUR FANS showing up this time, O.K.? ... The Cross Country team will run in the CVC Championships Saturday at 11 a.m. in Woodward Park ... Our Volleyball team will play Kings River in the gym Friday, gametime 7 p.m.

The Arts: The FCC Community Orchestra will hold a classical concert Sunday at 3 p.m. in the college theatre ... "Scapin" by Moliere is playing to great reviews at the John Wright Theatre this weekend at CSUF. Details for showtimes are at 294-2223 ... "China Night, an Installation by Terry Allen," continues it's run at the Fresno Arts Center. The Center makes a nice peaceful outing for anyone, so make it a BIG point of interest this weekend. It's located at 2233 N. First St.



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### Trustee voting slated Tuesday

By Matt Roberts Staff Writer

Nov. 5, 1985 is the date when either Ron Manfredi of Madera or Franz Weinschenk of Oakhurst will be elected a member of the SCCCD Board of Trustees for area No. 1.

This election will be for the only trustee post open this year. The candidate elected will help decide future policy at Fresno City College and at Kings River Community College.

Candidate Ron Manfredi, an assistant city administrator in Madera, bases his candidacy on his appreciation of the community college system.

Nanfredi, a graduate of King River College, U.C., Ber's eley, and CSU, San Francisco looks to possibly expand the system all the way to Coar egold, with a night community college. He also proposes to improve the Financial Aid Center.

Candidate Franz Weinschank wants to improve the Financial Aid Office and also maintain the \$50 semester

"You'll find me' a fierce enemy of any increase in the tuition," Weinschank said while speaking before a City College forum on Sept. 26.

Weinschank plans to add computers to the Financial Aid Office as well.

PASSPORT PHOTOS

## Late Night with Letterman; Unpredictable fun

by Kevin Bradley Contributing Writer

David Letterman, proud native Indianian, longtime heir apparent to the "Tonight Show" throne, host of his own short-lived morning show in 1980--is now enjoying major success after midnight on NBC's "Late Night with David Letterman."

Last Saturday Letterman had another one of his 90-minute special editions of Late Night entitled, "David Letterman's Tri-State Area," which featured the tri-states that the New York City metropolitan area connects: New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

The show featured Letterman driving in a rental car over to New Jersey, Larry "Bud" Melman traveling to the tri-states (well almost) in a 1965 Pontiac ambulance, highlights of past remote segments and a lot of other great Letterman antics.

However, the show's over now and it didn't really matter that Larry didn't get to Connecticut before they ran out of time. What does matter is that if you saw "David Letterman's Tri-State Area" last Saturday, you saw Letterman at his best.

He's been at his best since February of 1982, when Late Night with David Letterman first went on the air on NBC at 12:30 a.m.

Late Night has featured such comedy classics as Melman Buslines, the 'just plain big' door knob, the renta-car song, elevator races, a Christmas show in August and has progressed to the Phil Donahue countdown calendar, the custom-made show and the Alka-Seltzer suit, among others.

The Late Night band consists of Letterman's righthand man and essentially the cohost of Late Night-band

leader & keyboardist, Paul Shaffer. Paul's that nutty-cookoo kinda guy that likes to talk about show business and sing his "YEAH!, YEAH!, YEAH!" song. Paul played on the Honeydrippers album with Robert Plant.

The other members of the great Late Night band are Will Lee on bass, Sid McGinnis on guitar and Steve Jordan on drums. Paul, Will and Steve played during the "We Are The World" grand finale of Live Aid.

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Larry "Bud" Melman is a veteran character actor who has gained major notariety from his many appearances on Late Night. Larry first appeared on Late Night during the first year at the end of each show and say, "This has been a Melman Production." He was also featured in the "Melman Busline" commercials.

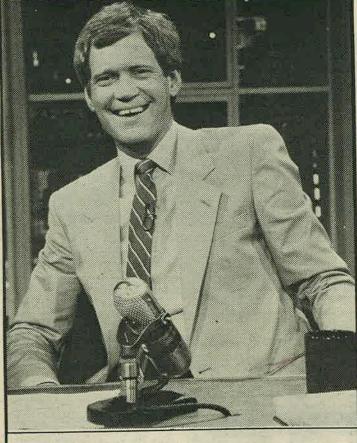
Larry "Bud" went from that to various appearances, including "Ask Mr. Melman" and "Kenny The Gardner".

Chris Elliot--one of Late Night's contributing writers-has been a major focal point of the show in the last 3 years with his characters he assumes and acts out. Included are "The Conspiracy Guy", "The Panicky Guy", "The Guy Who Lives Under The Seats", "The Laid-Back Guy" and currently Elliot portrays "The Fugitive Guy."

"Viewer Mail" reveals actual letters from viewers read every Thursday. Example: "Dear Dave, We watch your show every night. How about a wedding gift, something we can use on our wedding night, like a Late Night sponge. Rick and Pam Allen-

bach." Letterman: "Boy the mind certainly runs wild, doesn't it?"

'Stupid Pet Tricks' features people with their pets as the pets do stupid tricks, such as the dog that would bark only at other dogs on a TV. Letterman introduces the skit with,



The patented smile of late night television's David Letterman is a welcome sight to his viewers.

"This is only an exhibition, not a competition, please no wagering."

Other regular Late Night comedy skits include Brush with Greatness, Small Town News, Stupid Human Tricks, Brush with Stupidity, and many others.

Late Night likes to destroy things. Whether it's smashing things with a steamroller, crushing them with a hydraulic press or dropping them off a five-story tower, you know we're in for more fun than humans should be allowed to have.

Great moments in Late Night history: the time Letterman took the entire studio audience to the NBC commissary, the time Letterman took a bullhorn to a window and bothered the "Today Show" during a prime-time outdoors show.

Last May, NBC brought Late Night out to California to do a week's worth of shows from Burbank and some fans waited 35½ hours to see one show.

If they can wait 35½ hours, you can stay up and watch him on TV. Tune in and get to know Dave and the rest of the Late Night bunch. You'll know him, you'll love him, you won't want to live without him . . . David Letterman!

Thank you, goodnight, drive safely.

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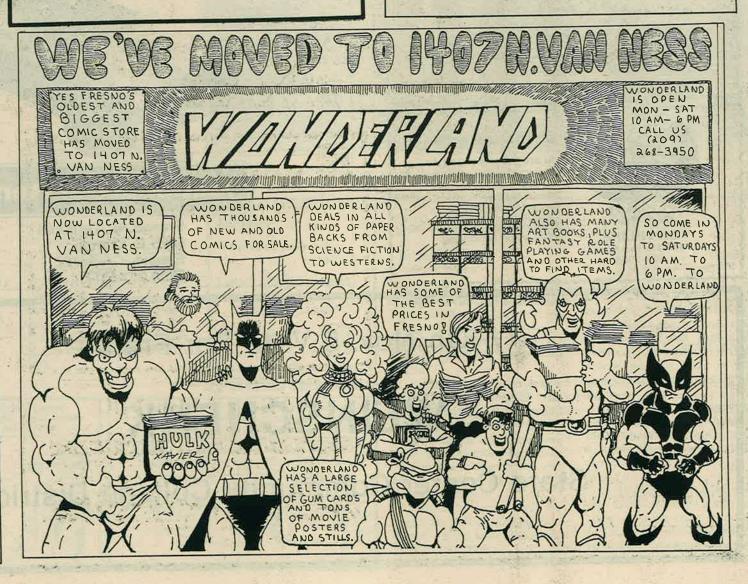
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# Skiing, afeeling that hurts so good

By Dan Bartlett Staff Writer

Last week, I told you about the various different levels of skiing, and a few reasons why people would risk life and limb to slide down a mountain with two long boards attached to their feet.

I am now going to define a few terms a person needs to know before bravely attacking the slopes, and will then explain some of the after effects of this strange sport.

The first term that should be clarified is the word ski boot. A ski boot is something that is impossible to walk in, and except in a few rare cases, something that never quite fits right on a persons feet. The vast majority of them are constructed of hard plastic, with a forward lean in them designed to inflict permanent damage to the knees and ankles of anyone foolish enough to attempt to walk any distance in them.

The next word is binding. A binding is a device that is bolted to the ski, and is designed to keep the skier and ski from going separate directions. They are generally set to release a

skier in a fall in order to help him avoid injury.

In most instances, though, this notorious device will either release a skier in a soft turn or will not release at all, regardless of the pressure exerted on it. The binding is the number one reason for early retirement of most skiers.

The words snow snake or mogul muskrat can often be heard around ski areas. These are small animals that inhabit the slopes of ski areas around the world. They like crowds, and are thus not scared by the hoards of people that flock to the slopes.



In reading a snow report for a 'ski area, the word obstacles will be mentioned at times. This usually means rocks. Obstacles usually appear on fast, wide turns in the middle of a ski slope. They are easily recognized by the plastic from the bases of skis that have passed over them before your arrival.

These animals are white in color, making them virtually impossible to see on the slope. When a skier takes a fall for no apparent reason on a ski run, it can be attributed to a collision with one or the other of these strange animals.

The words fresh powder are treated with such reverance

among skiers that one would tend to think they had a religious significance. People have been known to travel great distances to find this precious commodity.

In actuality, fresh powder is a new layer of snow covering the mountain. To the average person it doesn't sound like much, but avid skiers will spend the last dollar they can borrow in order to find it.

Skiing does have some stange side effects that afflict a person once he or she becomes involved in it. Poverty is the worst of these. With the price of skis and equipment constantly rising, it takes a small fortune to keep skiing over the years.

Anxiety is another. As winter approaches, the skier becomes antcy. Betting pools are formed, with the pot going to the person or persons that pick the day that enough snow falls to open ski areas.

The list could go on forever, but I can't continue because I'm almost out of paper and can't afford to buy more, because with the season coming up. I have to put all my extra money into the pool. See you on the slopes

# Rams women defeat COS

The Ram women's cross country team defeated COS last Friday in Visalia to remain undefeated in the Central Valley Conference.

Leading the way for the Rams was Maurie Potts, turning in a time of 19.26 over the three mile course to finish second behind COS' Cindy Jungwirth. Jungwirth was last years conference champion.

FCC placed six runners in the top 10 on the way to defeating COS 24-33.

Other finishers for FCC were: Tiffany Shaw, third at 20:11, Kathleen Baker fifth at 20:33, Doria Ford sixth at 20:40, Yolanda Monez eighth at 21:45, and Sally Arviso ninth at 22:12.

The Rams will put their undefeated record on the line this Saturday as the Central Valley Conference Championships come to Woodward Park. Starting time will be 10:45 a.m.

The Northern California Championships and the State Championships are also scheduled to be at Woodward, on Nov. 9th and 16th. Starting time for both is slated for 11 a.m.

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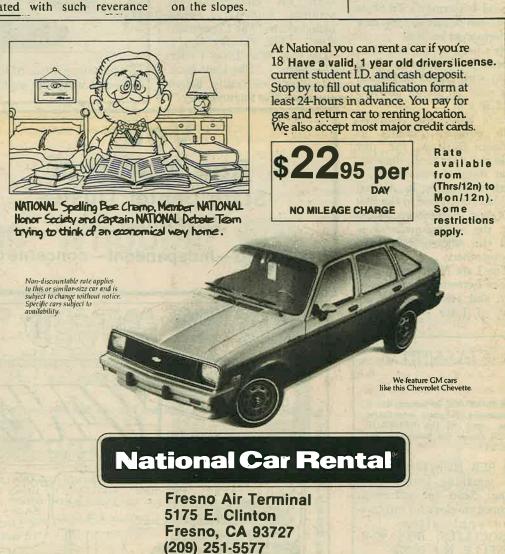


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