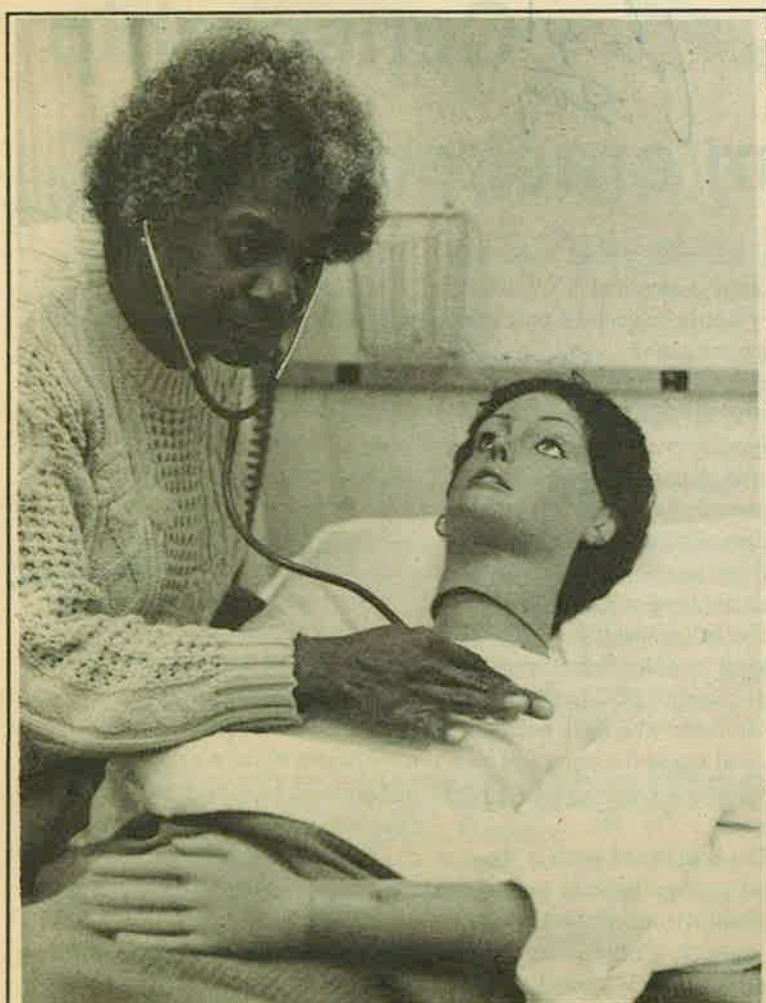


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Dallas Blanchard/Rampage

Emma Pelham, RN, demonstrates nursing technique on a dummy

Nursing Skills Lab

Jonathon Ellichman
Contributing writer

Each semester a new group of approximately 30 students enter FCC's Nursing Skills Lab. It is a scary experience for some. They are entering a new environment that demands a lot of time and concentration.

The Nursing Skills Lab offers up to date technology to aid in the instruction of nursing students. Video equipment is on hand with a library of tapes demonstrating skills. There are three computers that can assist students in the programs they choose.

The latest equipment used in hospitals is on hand for demonstration and practice. There are three mannequins, each in a hospital bed with a proper hospital-like setting, and an extensive medical reference library.

Lab Resource Assistant Emma Pelham, RN, assists the students in developing the nursing skills taught in the lab. The students are all enrolled in either the Registered Nursing or Vocational Nursing programs at FCC. The RN program takes two years to complete while Vocational Nursing can be completed in 18 months.

The primary emphasis of the skills lab is during the first three weeks of

the first semester of nursing. During this time students meet in the lab daily to learn basic nursing skills.

In the lab, the class is divided into two groups of 15 students with an instructor for each group. Daily instruction includes basic and fundamental nursing skills from bedmaking to intravenous feeding systems. After a technique has been demonstrated students practice it in groups of three or four. During this time the instructor and Pelham guide students as needed providing them with practice in skills as well as practice in working in medical teams.

After the first semester students no longer have a formal lab session but, as Pelham said, "it's like a shelter in a storm," because the lab is always open for students to practice their skills, review material or just get some advice from Pelham.

Pelham said that students often come back for extra help or to reinforce a skill in which they may be weak. She is available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., to demonstrate any technique.

After satisfactory completion of the semester, students go to area hospitals to practice their skills in real life situations. Teaching hospitals in this area include Fresno Community, Saint Agnes, Veterans and Valley Medical Center.

AS controversy continues

New EVP, Doug Williams, evicted by police

John R. Graham
Editor-in-chief

No sizzling scandals yet but plenty of controversy as the Associated Students Senate, in a surprise last-minute move, elected critic Douglas Williams Executive Vice President over the objections of President Oscar Segura at the last meeting of 1989. Segura immediately attempted to veto the legislation but was unable to because the senate had lost its quorum.

When Williams assumed his office in the AS suite he was challenged by Legislative Vice President Patti Anderson, who had him removed by college police.

Segura, in a letter to Lee Farley, Associate Dean of Students, claimed that his authority to "fill by appointment any vacancy that may occur within the offices of the Associated Students," had been unconstitutionally interfered with by the actions of the senate. According to Segura he has 25 school days in which to fill a position before the prerogative can be taken from him.

"The execution of my Presidential veto on the above actions hereby

nullifies said action until, and if, it is overridden by the Senate," said Segura.

"I think we have the votes to override the veto," Williams said.

According to a letter from Farley to Segura, "the action of the Student Senate to appoint Mr. Douglas Williams to the Executive Vice President position is deemed to be constitutional," because it was approved at a regularly scheduled meeting of the senate.

However, "the AS President does have the right to veto any legislation passed by the senate" after submitting a written statement of his objections to the senate.

Segura said that he intends to appeal Farley's decision to Robert Fox, Dean of Students, and to repeat his veto at the next AS senate meeting.

Until then Williams is Executive Vice President and "is, therefore, authorized to immediately occupy the office," according to Farley.

But, there were no records, files or receipts in the EVP office when Williams attempted to start work, January 4, 1990.

Segura, according to Williams,

said he took the records "home to work on them."

"That's not his job," said Williams. "I want to know what he's doing with them and why."

The job of the EVP is to take care of all financial records and to keep track of all expenditures.

According to Segura, the business office informed him just before break that the AS had spent all of its funds for the fall semester and were "into the reserves for spring."

"I knew that couldn't be right," Segura said, "so I took the records home with me over the Holidays and went over them until I found the errors."

"There were some items that had been paid two or three times," he said. "We had to contact the vendors that were overpaid to retrieve the funds that were paid in error."

"It is within the realm of my office to review as well as initiate expenditures," Segura said.

Instead of being broke the AS has about \$2700 in surplus from fall semester and \$4200 in reserve for spring semester making an available budget of \$6800-6900 according to Segura and Anderson.

Happy New Year - 1990 Happy New Decade

Congratulations on surviving the 80's

Happy Birthday! FCC is 80!

Welcome to a new semester at good old Fresno City College

The Rampage this year should answer a lot of questions such as:

What's going to happen to the Old Administration Building?
Who runs this school, anyway?
What's new on campus?
When is the deadline for the photo contest? What photo contest?

PHOTO CONTEST:

Subject: Love

Deadline: Feb. 12, 1990

Turn entries in to the Rampage office above the bookstore before noon

Winners will be published.

Special Congratulations to:

All three classes of the Police Academy that graduated in December and especially class #43 which scored second highest in the state on their final P.O.S.T. exams

Aaron Arredondo for writing an original one-act play "The Testing of Abraham" which is being performed at the Gas Lamp Quarter Theater in San Diego, Jan. 10-21

Thomas Crow for his new job as Assistant Chancellor of The State Center Community College District.

FCC Ram wrestling team for winning the State Championship

Martha Hoover for donating \$12,000 to bring a carillon from Pennsylvania for the FCC library.

Ram quarterback Joe Volek for being named to the JC Grid-Wire's Scholar/Athlete All-American Team.

FCC men's soccer team for winning the El Camino Norte Conference Championship and finishing second at the State Championships.

Paula Losey for being Maid of Cotton (hope she doesn't shrink)

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RAMPAGE

OPINION

Editorial policy; This is your newspaper

The *Rampage* is your newspaper. Without you, the readers, there would be no reason to publish. Without your input, letters and news items, it would be very dull reading.

Therefore, we open these pages to you, and for you, hoping that you will get some enjoyment from reading them and, just possibly, be stimulated to respond.

The free exchange of ideas is the cornerstone of a free society. Liberty doesn't just happen. It is people who speak up for what they believe that keeps liberty alive.

Your opinions are welcome here and will be printed as accurately as possible in the space we have available.

As to editing and censorship, there are some words we will not print but there are no ideas we will not allow.

In fact, we will be at the forefront in exploring alternative ways of thinking and controversial subjects.

We sincerely hope we don't offend you, and apologize in advance to those we do offend, but it is impossible to raise important issues without offending somebody.

We'd rather make you think than make you like us. Think, then write.

The Editors

John R. Graham
Editor

Fresno City College is part of the K-12 educational system, students of which are not allowed the rights and privileges of adult society.

FSU, for example, has a free speech area where all sorts of opinions are allowed.

FCC has a "free speech area" where you have to get prior permission to hold a rally, set up a booth, collect signatures or distribute flyers. What's free about that?

What makes the students at the

big university across town better than the students at FCC? Why do they get to have beer on campus when we can't?

The legislature's thinking, if it can be elevated to that status, is that university students are more mature than community college students and able to handle the responsibility of making their own choices and having uncensored material to read and think about.

The fact is that the average FCC student is older than the average FSU student. FCC has more reentry students who have been out in the real world for years and aren't used to being treated like kindergartners.

The legislators' math is about as good as their logic in putting the community colleges under the K-12 system. Since when do the numbers 13 or 14 come before 12?

Whoever came up with that idea deserves a BS degree (and I don't mean Bachelor of Science, either.)

There is even censorship of class handouts. There was a crime report

filed last semester because somebody passed out unapproved leaflets offering students work. If caught, these desperadoes face a fine of \$50.00 and being suspended from school and ordered to stay off the FCC campus.

A staff member of the *Rampage* was threatened with expulsion because he was suspected of distributing unauthorized flyers.

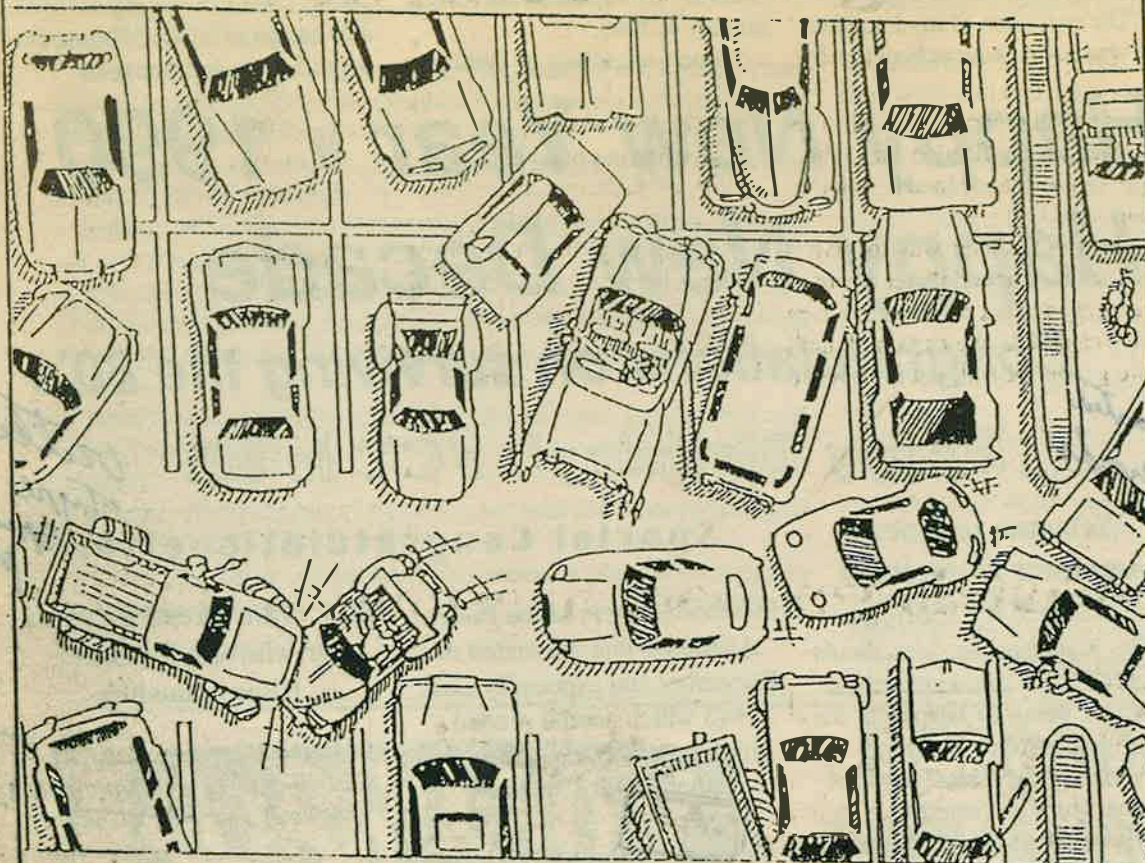
There seems to be a national drive to eliminate the first amendment rights to free speech. The "flag-burning" issue is just the tip of the iceberg. If Americans allow the politicians to have a constitutional convention most, if not all, of the constitutional rights are in jeopardy.

And if students at FCC allow the administration to treat college students like kindergartners don't be surprised if they decide to make FCC a "closed campus" like most of the schools in the K-12 system.

After all, it's the same system. Eat your milk and Graham Crackers and lie down for your nap. Shhhhhh!

and graham crackers at FCC

PARKING PROBLEMS?



Win Your Own FREE PERSONALIZED PARKING SPACE!!

Buy a pencil for \$1.00 and receive a ticket which could win you a parking space for the semester!

Pencils can be purchased in Student Center, Room 205 above the bookstore or from any Associated Students officer.

The drawing will be held February 14 in the main fountain area.

'Just cause' A bully's favorite excuse

John R. Graham
Editor-in-chief

"Just 'cause I wanted it..." is no excuse for stealing.
"Just 'cause I don't like you..." is no excuse for fighting.
"Just 'cause I'm bigger than you..." is no excuse for bullying.

"Just 'cause" is no excuse for aggression. Neither are any of the other lame excuses given by White House corespondent Marvin Bilgewater in trying to justify the United States' invasion of Panama. Let's look at the reasons he, and President Shrub, gave and see what they're really saying.

--Noriega is a drug-running thug, ranks right up there with "you're fat and ugly and your mother dresses you funny." It's no excuse.

--To protect our rights to the canal, is morally equivalent to "this is our turf even if you do live here." It's no excuse.

--To protect American lives, hasn't been a priority in El Salvador or anyplace else where the local dictator has been on the CIA's side. Starting a war to save lives is ludicrous and counter-productive.

--Noriega is under indictment in the US, is as stupid as Reagan being under indictment in Iran. Panama is no more under the jurisdiction of the Dade County Grand Jury than the United States is under the jurisdiction of the Iranian Revolutionary Council.

--To install the legitimate government, means the ones under American control. Noriega was loved and well paid by Bush and the CIA until he refused to follow their orders.

--Because he stole the election, is no excuse either. Politicians steal elections all the time but other nations don't invade them over it. In fact, the US attempted to steal that election by ruining Panama's economy so that things would be so bad the people would have no choice but to oust Noriega.

There can't be fair elections or a legitimate government in Panama as long as the United States continues to interfere with the economy and politics of that country.

And international terrorism will continue to increase against Americans as long as our government continues its meddling foreign policy.

Bullies are hated all over the world. Sooner or later all the little people who have been pushed around, beat up and made to eat crow get together and gang up on the bullies.

When that happens in international politics there will be a lot of Americans killed.

Just 'cause we're the biggest, baddest nation on the block doesn't mean we're invincible.

make sure letters to editor
are written to Rampage
not copies of letters written to someone else!

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OPINION

Letters
to the editor:

Students should
be more responsible

Campus looks like a dump

AS Senators unhappy with Segura

This letter was signed by senators Escamilla, Kelly, Martinez, White, Jones, Reyna, Cardona, Losey and Turner

We have come to the conclusion that Mr. Segura is no longer fit to hold the position of President of Associated Students, because of his blatant abuses of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Associated Students, the total disregard of Mr. Farley's letter, and the taking of property of another Executive Board member without permission, and when asked to return the items by EVP Williams he refused.

Mr. Segura has made many efforts to hinder EVP Williams from

fully assuming the responsibilities and duties of the position. The latest example was to take the property of EVP Williams without permission. Mr. Segura, who's campaign slogan was "The Solution," can not be part of the solution when he abuses the Constitution under Article V - The Executive Branch, Section 2, and By-Laws, Article IV - Executive Branch, Section 2, and all of its Clauses 1 thru 9, and Article XI - Finance, which keeps Executive Vice President Williams

from fully assuming the responsibilities and duties of the position to better represent the student body.

Mr. Segura has disregarded Mr. Farley's letter, in which Mr. Farley stated that Mr. Williams is Executive Vice President, and should be paid the same respect as everyone else, but Mr. Segura has ignored the letter by taking the property of EVP Williams without his permission, as well as going within his working space without permission.

These examples of abuses can only send a signal to the College Administration that Segura is not part of the solution, and is jeopardizing the working relationship between the AS and the Administration, and most of all, the student body we represent.

We the Senate should stand together to eliminate this problem, which claimed to be part of the solution.

Williams' woes of office

I have attempted to assume my position as EVP of the Associated Students and to fulfill my duties.

Thus far, I have been asked to leave my office on December 8, 1989, by LVP Patti Anderson.

I was thrown out of my office on December 11, by the college police at the request of LVP Anderson.

I then assumed my office (I thought) after Mr. Farley wrote a letter to President Segura on December 12, 1989.

I now find my office empty of all supplies, files, receipts, records, etc. on January 4, 1990.

I am attempting to do my job with what I have and I shall do it to the best of my ability.

I spoke to Segura on January 4, 1990, and he informed me that he had all the materials at his home claiming that he was working on

them, though these are not his duties, and did not know when he would be finished. I demanded my things brought back to my office so that I may fulfill my duties as EVP and he responded: "That remains to be seen."

On January 5, 1990, he again refused to bring my materials back.

I suggest that there be an investigation into why Mr. Segura has in his possession these files, records, receipts, etc. and why he refuses to adhere to me, the Senate, Mr. Farley or the administration.

This incident has been a source of frustration for me and has fostered much suspicion. I beseech you to correct this problem or another avenue must be found.

Douglas K. Williams, EVP
Associated Students

I had out of town guests, so I did what every proud citizen would do, I showed them the sights. Fresno City College was on top of the list; as my guests are very scholastic minded. Now I wish I hadn't, for this is what I showed them.

The sight seeing tour was conducted on a school day during school hours for obvious reasons. My guests wanted to take photos of students scurrying to and from classes, to listen to the excitement of voices as they yell to each other, and of course, to admire the grounds.

To my embarrassment, we saw all kinds of litter strewn around. We saw what appeared to have been a lunch party. We counted nine paper cups, candy wrappers, empty potatoe chip bags, left over ketchup french fries, and two bottles of orange juice.

It looked as if a group of students had sat down to eat in a circle, chatted, and walked away leaving their history behind.

The students should have a sense of pride. They are, after all, adults and should display some sense of responsible behavior.

Let me present a hypothetical situation. I do the same on their front lawns. I may get away with this behavior the first time simply because the people in the house were so taken by surprise that they didn't know what to do or why I was there. The next day I do the same thing and they will surely run me off or call the police. I fail to see the difference.

Do we have to monitor the students? Should we cite them, or go to the extremes of kicking them out of school? Do we need more trash containers or more pride in our school?

Let's keep our campus neat looking instead of letting it become a city dump.

Sarah Stephens

Parking enforcement unfair

On the first day of school I received a parking ticket because I had no valid parking permit. I received no notification that school policy had changed and I did not see any warnings posted.

Previous policy was to give a week grace period to get a permit. This change put myself and others in a catch-22. We can't park until we get our permit, but we have to

park to get our permit.

Was it the administration's intent to make thousands of dollars for the city the first day of school? I would rather of had my ten dollars go directly to student services.

The primary objective of this college is teaching, but to teach a lesson by punishing students for not purchasing a parking permit in advance, raises resentment.

Trial and error may be a compelling teacher but the purpose of learning at college is to avoid the unnecessary tasks through education.

I think the administration has made a crucial judgment error by changing a school policy without adequate notification.

Preston Van Camp
Full-time student
F.C.C.

Roving Reporter:

By Tash Stubblefield

What do you want to get out of college?



I want to have lots of fun, meet lots of people and learn lots.

Elisa Calzacoria
Liberal Arts



I plan to transfer to a university to advance in my career.

Gerald D. Perry
Business Law



I want to prepare myself for a four year college, get my degrees, and just have a lot of fun while I'm here.

Melissa Curtis
Liberal Arts



I plan to expand my knowledge by getting the most out of my classes.

Ninfa G. Lozano
Liberal Arts



I am expecting to get an A.A. degree here in this great college that has given me a lot of opportunities in the business market, and transfer to CSUF.

Sandra Y. Lopez
Business Administration

PEOPLE

They already started issuing

Parking tickets

No 'grace period' this semester

Patricia P. Tsai
Contributing editor

Unexpected and unwanted parking citations have surprised many students this past week. Despite popular opinion, there is no grace period for paid parking permits, says Police Chief Kenneth Shrum.

"On occasion, [the police department] has given a week's leeway," says Shrum.

A grace period has been previously allowed under special circumstances like the late arrival of parking permits or by the special request of the college president.

According to Business Manager Richard Cleland, the ad-hoc parking committee discussed parking problems at a meeting last fall. Among the complaints were those

by students who had purchased their parking permits before the first day of classes.

Previous grace periods have allowed students who normally do not purchase permits to park on campus, says Shrum. He estimates that there are 1,300 such students who park off-campus in the surrounding community.

On a campus of approximately 3,000 parking spaces, students who had already bought permits before classes started but could not find parking felt it was unfair to them.

In early December, Shrum and Cleland made a joint decision to give out citations starting the first day. According to Cleland, special signs were posted on the first day to warn students.

Shrum says that maintenance put

up the sign at each major entrance but admits that the parking lot behind the cafeteria may have been neglected.

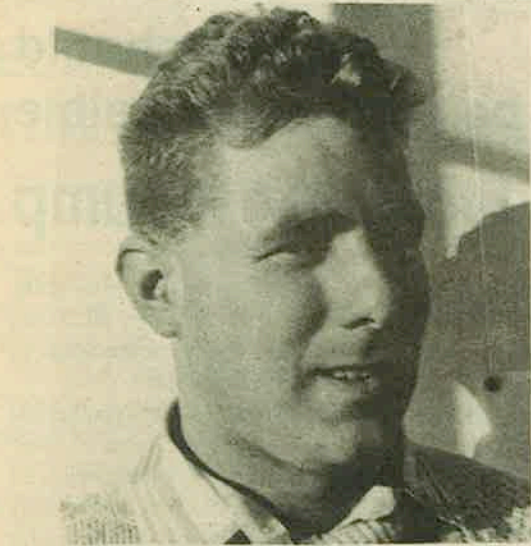
As of Wednesday afternoon, 402 parking citations had been issued. Even with an average of over one hundred tickets per day, Shrum says that the number is "about standard."

Disgruntled students can register complaints in the form of protest forms at the campus police station.

While the department cannot tear up any of the citations issued, "We can ask the courts to void the citation... through a form letter," says Shrum.

Approximately 40 protest forms have been filed at the office, also as of Wednesday afternoon.

Students can also take their case to both Shrum and Cleland.



Entrepreneur starts roommate service

Steve Diddy
Contributing writer

"With a little ambition you can do just about anything" is a claim David Russo, a 21-year-old FCC business major, wholeheartedly believes and reiterates.

A little ambition is what has helped Russo create a roommate-finding service, and he says there isn't anyone he can't find a roommate for.

Russo began this service about two months ago and claims an excellent success rate. For a \$25 fee, he will pair two people wanting to share an apartment.

His services include finding apartments or finding a roommate for someone already renting an apartment.

Russo guarantees he will find a roommate within 30 days or he will refund his client's money. His first client was an FCC student, and he says he was able to find one for her within four days.

An extensive screening process has been the key factor in Russo's success. After prospective roommates contact him, he gives them a questionnaire that asks about drinking and smoking habits, desired qualities in a roommate, and whether or not they use drugs.

"You will find people that are into drugs," said Russo, "and they are better off rooming with people who have similar tastes."

Russo's service is unique because it is unprecedented in Fresno. There are similar businesses in larger cities such as Los Angeles and San Francisco, but his is one of the first of its kind in Fresno.

Russo had had the idea in the back of his mind for about three years. He began the business two months ago because he feels there is a growing need and demand for roommates in Fresno.

With the help of his mother and a friend's computer, he has started by obtaining names from bulletin

boards and through referrals. Eventually, he would like to expand his market to the Bay Area and establish a toll-free number.

Before starting this service, Russo had his sights set on a career in aviation. After obtaining his pilot's license and working at the Fresno Air Terminal and Chandler Airport, he decided that this was not what he wanted to spend the rest of his life doing.

"I won't quit this roommate business even if it proves unprofitable because its fun and I enjoy it," he said.

Russo likes being his own boss. "I'm tired of dealing with difficult bosses and the possibility of being fired or transferred," he said. "With this business, I have the freedom to do what I want."

This match-maker of sorts sees a bright future in this business. David Russo believes he has the ambition and perseverance to be successful.

And if his initial success is any indication, the best has yet to come for this young entrepreneur.

Daniel Cabuco
Contributing editor

The Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano Aztlan organization, better known as M.E.Ch.A., is a club at FCC which encourages Raza students to pursue higher education and develop political awareness.

An active club on the campus, M.E.Ch.A. is open to all students who are interested in Mexican heritage. The club advisor is Jose Salazar.

"I believe the club is a vital part of the campus," said ex-president Elut-

erio Escamilla, who recently resigned due to the work load of being an AS Senator, "because it gives other groups of people a chance to learn about Mexican heritage. We have a very small group this semester but very active."

Club activities this semester included the turkey and ham raffle, in which the club made \$200 and the celebration of the Mexican revolution held on September 15.

The club also arranges for representatives Program to speak with members of the club about job opportunities, allows students to visit various university campuses courtesy of the transfer center, and works with the Chicano Youth Center to try to keep kids off the street.

Stressing community involvement and awareness of Mexican heritage, M.E.Ch.A. is a prominent club on campus.

MEChA club; small but active

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SPORTS

Wrestlers; FCC wins State Championships

Daniel Cabuco
Contributing editor

Fresno City College crushed Moorpark in the state championships and sealed their victory on December 9. FCC has not had a state champion since 1975, which was also in wrestling.

FCC went into the tournament with 116 3/4 points, 41 1/4 points ahead of Moorpark.

The team finished strong with 120, leaving Cerritos and Moorpark tied in second with 79 points each. This allowed FCC to enter the finals victorious with the highest overall team depth. Nine out of the ten wrestlers won a consolation or place.

Ray Rangel and Ociel Zarate each finished with

third place victories, and Robert Zapata won his second state championship.

Coach Musick was very proud of the title and the wrestlers. "I think it's great," exclaimed Musick. "What's neat is the overall team record. We scored the most points. Eight wrestlers were all-american. The whole team did well consistently, and [performed] pretty close to their best."

"One of the assistant coaches summed it up when he told me 'These are such great kids that they'd be fun to coach even if they weren't any good.'"

Coach Musick looks to next season as another challenge, as he will lose seven out of ten of the wrestlers and will have to start almost from scratch.

RAMS B-ball schedule

January 17-Home
College of Sequoias

January 20-Away
West Hills

January 24-Home
Kings River CC

January 31-Away
Allan Hancock

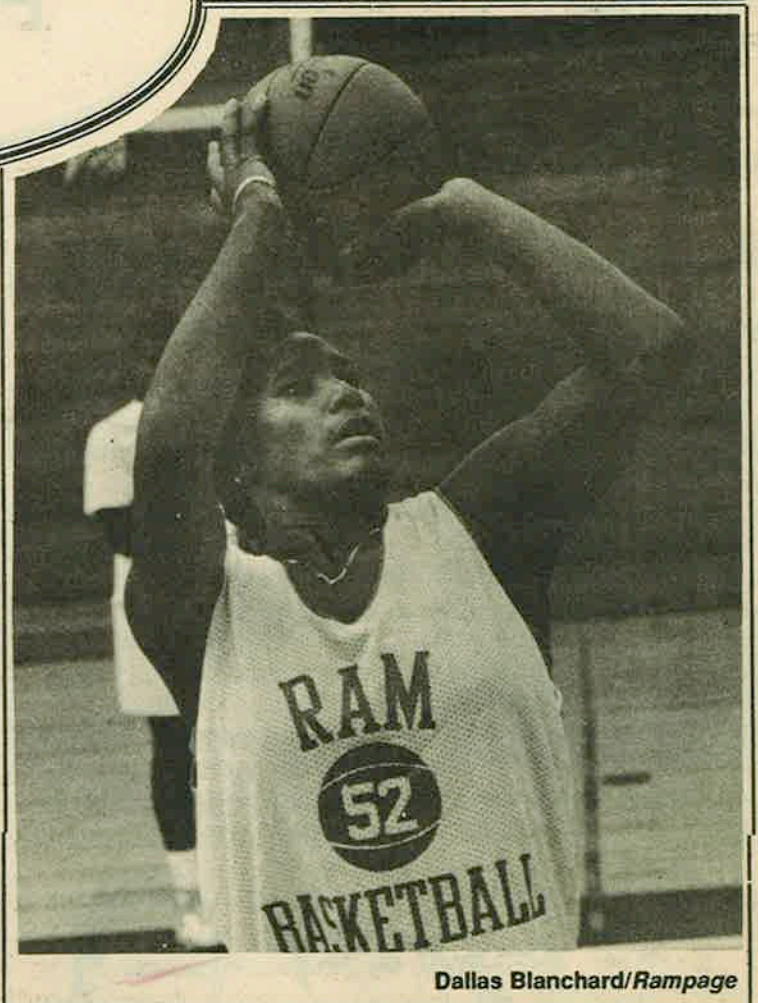
February 3-Home
Columbia

February 7-Away
Tournament

February 10-Away
College of Sequoias

February 14-Home
West Hills

February 17-Away
Kings River CC



Dallas Blanchard/Rampage

LaSonia Cole prepares to shoot in basketball practice

Search is on for basketball coach

John Lugo
Staff writer

FCC basketball is looking for a new head coach. A nation-wide search is already underway.

Athletic director Dr. Emory Luck now doubles as basketball coach. He took over when former coach John Toomasian retired in 1988.

Coach Luck will be at the helm until a new coach is hired. "I took the basketball job because I felt that the program would not be very good

if we had a part-time guy just to come in and coach basketball and go home everyday."

Luck said that a coach is considered a faculty member. He is hired to teach physical education and coach. He said that the school hires a physical education instructor first and a coach second.

Director of Personnel Nancy Kast is in charge of screening the applicants. Kast said that many have applied and that she anticipates that she'll have more applications in prior to the January 24 deadline.

Kast did not indicate any preference as to who or from where the new coach will come.

"We're hoping to have a new coach hired and on duty by fall," said Kast.

Phi Beta Lambda Multi-Cultural Awareness Day

Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1990
9 am to 1 pm

in the Free Speech Area
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FEATURES

ALBUM REVIEW

The eighties

What the decade meant to Rock and Roll

Paul Edwards
Contributing editor

With the '80s now behind us and the advent of a new decade, dozens of newspapers and magazines have been looking back on the past decade in the form of entertainment retrospectives and "Best of the '80s" lists.

Rolling Stone presented its list of the 100 best albums, in which it named the Clash's "London Calling" as the Best Album of the decade, and *Us* magazine offered a list of "Entertainment Events That Shook The Decade." *Spin* magazine broke the customary tradition and declined to do any kind of music

that the "The Joshua Tree" was, among other objectives, a musical attempt to "dismantle the mythology of America."

U2 took the spiritual and political desolation of America and much of the world and condensed it into musical form.

The record takes the listener on a spiritual journey from the American southwest to war-torn El Salvador, to an economically depressed Irish mining town and ultimately back to America.

The title of the album itself suggests an exodus from one state of spirit and an entrance into another, as the Joshua tree is a desert shrub named for its gnarled shape, a sight

whose main claim to fame was the hit "Don't You Forget About Me" from the "Breakfast Club" soundtrack—a song written by someone else for a movie Kerr and his band hated.

As part of the reinvention process, the dramatic Scottish band sought to give newer fans a panoramic view of their more ambitious music with this concert record—the most dazzling live album ever, bar none, and a follow-up to their 1985 breakthrough album "Once Upon A Time."

With more mature songs and a majestic, room-filling wall-of-sound, this album was 90 minutes of progressive pop euphoria.

From the celestial, rapturous sounds of "Once Upon A Time" and "New Gold Dream" to a much more muscular and exciting version of "Don't You Forget About Me," it is the band's best LP to date. For sheer atmospheric power and awe, it is unbeatable. An excellent sampler of music from an underappreciated band.

3. "Tracy Chapman" (April, 1988). This shy young folk singer's debut album was the surprise success of the year not too many months ago, partly because of its immensely universal messages and partly because its unexpected popularity led a resurgence in folk music's visibility not seen since the '60s.

And unlike the drab, minimalistic folk of the past, Chapman's brand of music had a sparkling production to it, incorporating producer David Kirschenbaum's ornate instrumental arrangements and a refreshing '80s tempo and color.

Tracy sang with sincerity and purity about important topics that have continued to become more relevant in the era of Reaganomics, apartheid, homelessness, and racial violence.

Between its ear-pleasing music and its heavy message, "Tracy Chapman" is alternately soothing and disturbing.

But rising above the evening-news seriousness of the topics is the load-lightening chorus in "Fast Car," in which she sings with a soaring hopefulness, "And I had a feeling that I belong/I had a feeling I could be someone, be someone." It is to every disenfranchised person who ever longed for that feeling that this album belongs.

4. R.E.M.'s "Document" (August, 1987). Probably no other band exemplifies the esthetic of progressive rock during the past several years as R.E.M., the group *Rolling Stone* called the "Best Rock Band In America" shortly after the release of this record, their best and most boldly political statement on vinyl.

It was also their first commercially big album and featured the hits "The One I Love" and the dizzying "It's The End Of The World

As We Know It."

5. Sting's "Nothing Like The Sun" (October, 1987). Sting's third solo album was his alternative to and panacea for what he saw as pop music's exhausted resources.

After the success of his first solo album, he turned to the diverse, meticulously arranged jazz inflections and world-conscious message of "Nothing Like The Sun."

Through a blend of his best vocals and Branford Marsalis' therapeutic saxophone, Sting produced some of his best compositions—the delicate Latin-flavored textures of "Fragile," the beautiful "They Dance Alone" (dedicated to the politically oppressed citizens of Chile), and a jazzy version of Jimi Hendrix' lilting "Little Wing," accompanied by the late jazz composer Gil Evans and his orchestra.

6. The Police's "Synchronicity" (Summer, 1983). The last and best album by the thinking man's rock group, inspired by Sting's extensive readings in psychology and history.

"Synchronicity" was an intellectual pop album combining reggae, jazz, and post-punk rock 'n' roll, featuring the hits "Every Breath You Take," "Wrapped Around Your Finger," and "King Of Pain."

7. U2's "War" (April, 1983). A vital revolt against the New Wave and techno-pop, as well as the first truly influential "political" album of the '80s, "War" was the album that secured U2's position in modern music with the popular post-punk anthem "Sunday Bloody Sunday."

Opening with the brash, militaristic drum cadence and anti-war message of "Sunday," the album expanded on U2's sociopolitical themes with "New Years Day" and "Like A Song," commenting on the religious war between Catholics and Protestants in Ireland and war universally, as well as relationships and salvation. It was also the album that defined the unique sound of U2, fueled by the Edge's innovative guitar excursions.

8. Peter Dinklage's "So" (October, 1986). The visionary Dinklage, known for quirky, experimental

music and psychological themes, did his most accessible work on this big album from '86.

Opening with the cryptic track "Red Rain" (an apocalyptic treatise that has been interpreted to be about anything from baptism to acid rain), Dinklage explores—with the excitement of the high-tech pop hits "Time" and "Sledgehammer"—serious and sometimes obscure themes, from a man's regaining of self-esteem ("Don't Give Up") to psychological experimentation ("We Do As We're Told") to tragic poet Anne Sexton's yearning for salvation and emotional redemption ("Mercy Street").

9. "Crowded House" (August, 1986). The debut disk from this Australian band was an example of serious, intelligent pop at its best.

"Crowded House" went unnoticed until its first single "Don't Dream It's Over" became a hit almost seven months after the album's release. That song was a glimmering concoction of pure pop candy that perfectly conveyed the "feeling of liberation and release" described in the lyrics.

"CH" was one of those rare pop albums that college radio programmers, critics, and mainstream audiences alike could all appreciate.

10. U2's "Boy" (August, 1990). The decade's biggest and most influential band started off their career (and appropriately, the '80s) with this enthusiastic post-punk debut disk, a dark, thundering wall of ringing guitars and Celtic idiom.

Opening with "I Will Follow," a popular song that is still a crowd-pleasing staple at U2 concerts even after ten years, the record is as distinctive from the band's later albums as those albums are from each other.

It features the rollicking centerpiece of "Out Of Control," the thunder-and-lightning guitar riff of "Twilight" and the dark moodiness of "An Cat Dubh." A confident debut from a then very young band.

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wrap-up, stating that music in the '80s wasn't worth celebrating.

Unfortunately, the critics who usually compile these lists tend to shun many great records simply because they were hugely popular. There also seems to be an inclination on the part of many reviewers to select some of the most obscure and mediocre albums in an attempt to sound like they're far more intelligent than the rest of the record buying public.

With that in mind, I offer instead a retrospective look at some of the best albums of the past ten years, regardless of what the critics thought and regardless of whether or not they had commercial appeal.

These, then, are the ten albums that, in this writer's opinion, best defined the direction of music in the '80s.

1. U2's "The Joshua Tree" (Released March, 1987). How *Rolling Stone* could pick albums by both the Clash and Prince over this masterpiece is inexplicable.

It took this 12-million-selling record to send the insidious Beastie Boys into exile from the top of the charts in April of 1987, as well as make pop superstars of the former underground band.

The Irish band told *Rolling Stone*

that reminded early Mormon settlers of the Biblical story of Joshua pointing the Israelites to the Promised Land.

It is the perfect symbol for the album's thematic journey. You can almost feel the wind rattling through a ghost town in "Where The Streets Have No Name," or the chugging train effect in "Running To Stand Still."

Equally important as the band's vision is the inspired production by ex-Roxy Music founder Brian Eno and Daniel Lanois, well-known experimental composers. Their trademark atmospheric and ambient synthesizer soundscapes subtly underscore the album's rich textures.

With its articulate imagery, Biblical allusions, and resonant music, "The Joshua Tree" is in many ways a book of Psalms for rock 'n' roll—a very cohesive collection of musical epiphanies.

It is perhaps the most acclaimed and significant rock album of the decade.

2. Simple Minds' "Live In The City Of Light" (May, 1987). This album was the end result of Simple Minds' attempt to "reinvent itself," lead singer Jim Kerr told *Rolling Stone* last summer. Kerr couldn't bear the irony of being in a band

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NEWS

Wheel chair lift Great idea if it would only work

Patricia P. Tsai
Staff writer

After weeks of waiting for the arrival of an out-of-town repairman, the wheelchair lift in the Student Center is operating once again.

While FCC accepted the completion of the \$46,000 chair lift on August 25, the lift has only run a few days this semester.

The lift is currently under a one-year warranty for parts and labor, guaranteed by McDonald Elevator Company. McDonald is the San Francisco-based company that designed and installed the lift.

"Part of the problems is that [McDonald] has to dispatch a repairman from either San Francisco or Sacramento every time a problem comes up," says Business Manager Richard Cleland. "They have no local repair service."

During the warranty life, "no other elevator company can work on the lift," says Cleland.

Campus maintenance cannot service the lift because the lift is considered an elevator and no staff member is a licensed elevator repairman.

If the college attempted to repair the lift without McDonald personnel, such action would void the warranty and make the college liable for any injuries sustained on the lift.

In late October, a representative from Garaventa, the Canadian company that manufactured the lift, came to inspect it. His findings were shared with McDonald Elevator company and FCC.

Richard Deaver, manager of the maintenance department, relayed the following problems to Cleland in a memo dated October 30.

—The platform upon which the passenger rides stops three inches short of the top.

—Once at the top, the platform cannot return to the bottom.

—The switch that raises and lowers the lift only works part of the time.

—Due to design problems, one of the ramps is bent.

A part was deemed necessary to restore the lift to operational status and the campus had to wait for both the part and repairmen to arrive.

On November 8, Chester Linden,

a repairman from McDonald serviced the lift. According to Linden, the lift was in its "top final limits. It had gone too far and shut itself off."

Linden proceeded to move the lift out of its uppermost extremity and made other "fine adjustments." Linden says the part was not needed.

The lift was supposed to be an interim arrangement to provide accessibility for the handicapped until a passenger elevator in the \$100,000 to \$120,000 price range could be added to the Student Center, explains Cleland.

Deaver concluded his memo to Cleland with the following personal observation: "[The lift] will cost more in repairs and down time than a reliable passenger elevator."

Although elevators have high purchase prices, Deaver says that once installed, "they're not much trouble." The lift, he explains, is a one-of-a-kind structure. "They've never made one with this many [five] turns."

Although the lift currently "appears to be working," Deaver says that he's "not making any guarantees. It's hard to say."

Feaver elected president SCCCD board

John R. Graham
Editor

H. Ronald Feaver was elected president of the State Center Community College Board of Trustees at the regular board meeting on December 5, 1989.

Feaver, a Fowler rancher who served many years on the Fowler school board, has represented Area 3 since 1987.

William J. Smith, an attorney who represents Area 2, was elected vice president and Reedley rancher, Leslie Thoneson, who represents Area 2, was elected secretary.

The State Center Community College Board governs Fresno City College, Kings River Community College and the Vocational Training Center.

All major decisions regarding the operations and policies of FCC, KRCC or the VTC must first be approved by the board.

The board heard a presentation by Dr. Ruthella Wilcox, of the Eastern Madera County Committee on the location of a new campus, and the Affirmative Action Report and Personnel Commission



Annual Report by Nancy Kast.

Board members discussed selection of an architect for the new Allied Health Services Building and procedures to follow in requesting bids.

Also reviewed were plans for bleachers and a backstop at Euless Ball Park.

Personnel decisions included three new classified positions, an "advanced technology grant" and appointing a new Assistant to the Chancellor.

Discipline of employees was done in closed session. No screams were heard.

Town Hall lecture series

Expert on Central America; January 17

John R. Graham
Editor-in-chief

Dr. Terry Lynn Karl, an expert on Central America and professor of political science at Stanford University, will be the featured speaker for the San Joaquin Valley Town Hall lecture series January 17 in the William Saroyan Theatre at 10:30 a.m.

Dr. Karl is fluent in Spanish and has travelled throughout Central America researching the political situation. In her speech she will discuss the failure of US interventionist policies to solve the problems of the region.

"The reality of Central America is a devastating one," she claimed.

"With more than 3 million refugees, one in 200 residents dead in war-related violence, and a fifty percent decline in the standard of living."

Season membership to the Town Hall series of six lectures are \$25, but, students may attend any lecture for 50 cents.

Future speakers include Stephen Garrett speaking February 14 on "CIA: Myths and Realities;" Nien Cheng, author and survivor of Chinese imprisonment, speaking March 21 on "The Road From Shanghai;"



and Hedrick Smith, Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter, speaking April 18 on "The Soviet Union."

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Tell Doctor Frock

Dear Dr. Frock:

I'm worried about the "Greenhouse effect." They're cutting down the rain forests in Bolivia, Peru, Equador, Brazil and Arizona.

If we don't stop them there won't be any oxygen and the earth will get hotter and hotter. I don't think I could stand a summer much hotter than last year.

What can we do?

Winnie Worrier III

Dear WWII:

First, consider the "White house effect" and the campaign, by a man named for a plant, to burn billions of tons of coca and cannabis plants on this planet.

Second, realize that you can't go to South America to protest during spring break and settle for laying down in front of a logging truck on some highway in Arizona. That should solve all your personal problems.

My own solution to the problem of global warming is to buy up land in North Dakota which is cheap because it's a frozen waste land 19 months out of the year.

As the planet heats up North Dakota will become liveable and someday (scientists estimate 2806 years) even comfortable.

Then I'll sell my land for enough money to retire in luxury.

Go see your doctor immediately. Remember... a doctor's bill is nothing compared to your life.

Doctor Frock

Dear Dr. Frock:

I am writing to protest sexism in sports. Even the names of the teams are sexist. Rams, for instance, are he-goats, ugly, smelly obnoxious creatures that, like most males, should be hunted to extinction.

Across town are the Bulldogs, another macho-ugly image of a slobbery pug-nosed dog.

Why don't teams have pretty non-sexist names like Angels, Saints or Cardinals?

Maybe then women's sports wouldn't be so overlooked and we could even get into the NFL.

Frustrated W Sexism

Dear Sexually Frustrated:

Sorry about your failure in hunting males. The good news is that you don't have to worry any longer about males facing extinction. According to the latest census 46.4% of all humans are male.

Goats aren't facing extinction, either. There are over 16,849 goats in the state of Wyoming and more in Utah.

Bulldogs and Cardinals are also safe though Angels are rarely seen and Saints are in short supply.

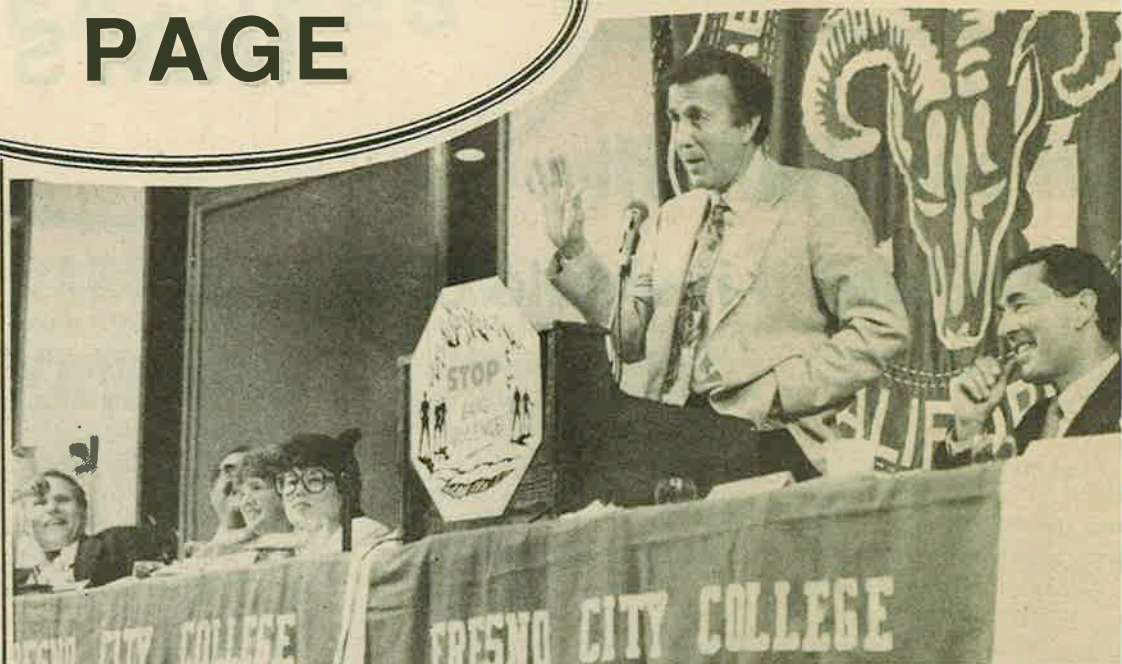
None of the above can have sex with each other, according to Professor Boris of the Biology Department, because they are of different species (Angels and Saints being celibate) but Raiders have been known to attempt sex with anything that moves.

The NFL which you mentioned stands for National Farm Landbank which pays tax money to farmers not to grow food so that it costs consumers more to buy groceries.

Though unethical in concept it has not, as yet, been tied to any congressional sex scandals.

Go see your doctor immediately. Remember... a doctor's bill is nothing compared to your health.

Doctor Frock



Tom Flores called Fresno a "suburb of Kerman and Orsi."

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Gang violence seminar

John R Graham
Editor-in-chief

Gangs in Fresno are a harsh reality according to an overwhelming majority of those attending the "Gang Violence and its Prevention" conference sponsored by Fresno City College.

Dr. Juan Garcia, a cultural anthropologist at California State University Fresno, claimed that there are more than 30 gangs in the Fresno area.

Dr. James (Diego) Vigil, a cultural anthropologist from the University of Southern California and author of many books on the subject, traced the history of "barrios gangs" from early California to today.

"For over 100 years there have been street gangs and the children of immigrants have always been at the core of gang activity," said Vigil.

Early gangs were made up of "white ethnics", Irish, Polish, Italian and Jewish youth who lived in poor neighborhoods which were looked down upon by the general public with disdain. As these groups worked their way into the mainstream of society their place was

taken by the poor Chinese, Mexican and South American immigrants.

"Adolescence is a time to find your identity," Vigil explained. "It's hard enough if your parents fit into society and provide role models."

Youth who don't have good role models to follow substitute the gang. For them "the gang becomes surrogate parent, school and police."

As part of a gang you dress a certain way, walk a certain way, talk a certain way. It's easier to cope when you don't have to make decisions or worry about being different.

Jack Dugan, Director of the Attorney General's Crime Prevention Center, said:

"The gangs of the 20s were fueled by alcohol. The gangs today are fueled by drugs. Gangs used to have fistfights over turf - now they shoot it out with machine guns over drug profits."

The construction of prisons is California's "Pentagon", according to Dugan. "We're building more jails than schools," he said.

"America's way is to put them in an institution," said Randy Jimenez, FCC student and former gang member who was an organizer of the seminar. "Anything society is ashamed of, just hide them away for a couple of years, is that the answer?"

Jimenez' answer is to "look at the pressures the kids are going through." Then find ways of helping them cope with those pressures while providing guidance in positive ways.

"It's up to us as parents to guide them in more positive ways," agreed Amy (Garcia) Soliz, who lost a son to a gang. Soliz said she was busy working and just didn't notice the changes in his mannerisms and dress. Being too proud to admit that there were problems in her home she didn't take any action until it was too late.

"Now he's in prison," she said. "He doesn't belong to me. He doesn't belong to himself. He belongs to the state - just a num-

ber."

Detective Al Maroney, of the Fresno Police Department's Youth Gang Task Force, said that gangs are more violent and becoming more polarized than in the past. With the emergence of the Crips and Bloods as the major players in the drug trade, local gangs have begun to identify with one or the other.

"Los Angeles is the springboard of gang activity," Maroney said. "What we see in L.A. now - we see in Fresno sooner or later."

The emergence of Southeast Asian gangs was addressed by P. Lee, Neighborhood Service Representative for the Fresno Police Department. Vietnamese, Cambodian, Laotian and Hmong immigrants face the same societal problems as earlier Latino, Chinese and "white ethnic" immigrants.

"Americanization in schools done so fast," explained Garcia "that the children lose respect for their parents. They lose their identity. They're ashamed of their parents' accents, food, language and culture. Yet, they don't fit in with the majority, either. They cope by finding an area in between."

Garcia characterized the typical gang member as an adolescent from a low-income single parent family with a "multiple complex of inferiority."

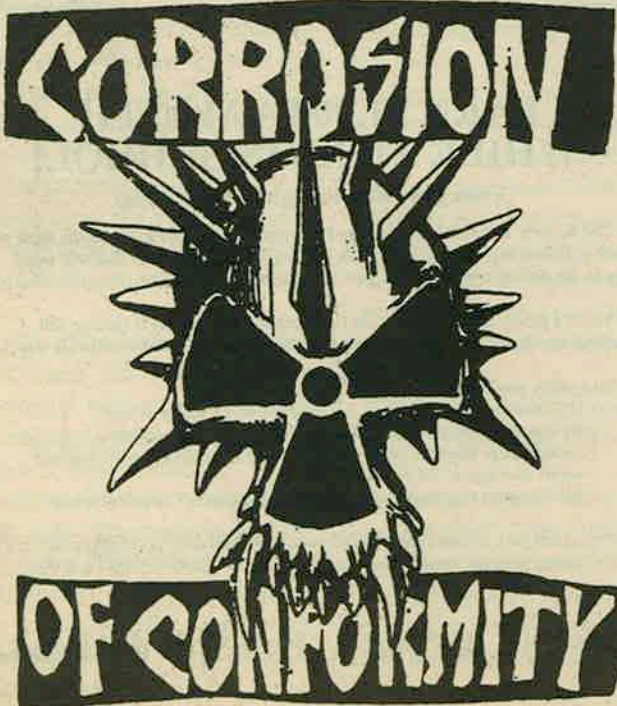
The most positive notes at the whole conference were struck by John Escobar from Victory Outreach, a non-profit religious organization that has been working with gang members to change their concepts.

"People can change," he said. "We've seen it."

Their play "Stop Watch" was evidence.

In "Stop Watch" a street crime was re-enacted by former gang members. Two young men started arguing, began to fight, and one stabbed the other.

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