

## Senate impeaches President Segura



First AS president impeached in 80-year history of FCC

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After an emotionally charged debate, the Senate removed Associated Students President Oscar Segura from office at their first meeting of the semester, January 18, 1990.

The bill to impeach was not scheduled to be addressed until New Business, one of the last orders of business, but it was advanced to follow the approval of the minutes.

The bill, endorsed by nine of the eleven senators, was printed (as a letter) in the January 12 issue of *The Rampage*.

Senator Paul Jones' name was originally included, but Jones later removed his name.

"In the beginning, I felt some actions were unwarranted," explained Jones. "I found out the truth for myself; therefore I changed my point of view."

After a motion to suspend the rules and vote on the legislation immediately was passed, arguments were presented on all sides.

Senators voiced their discontent, members of the gallery expressed their frustration, and President Segura attempted to respond to them all. Even Legislative Vice President Patti Anderson stepped down from the chair to speak against the motion.

Segura apologized to each and every senator present who might have had his or her personal feathers ruffled, but many felt his regrets came too late.

"It's easy not to apologize when you're in a position of power," said former senator Sean Sanchez. "(But) when you're on the ropes, apologies then aren't sincere."

Apparently, Segura's words had some impact. Senator Turner had been previously bothered by the fact that Segura had "never, never apologized." When the question came to a vote she changed sides.

With a vote of nine for the motion, two opposed, and no abstentions, the bill failed because such action requires a three-fourths vote. The senators brought up and passed a



Patti Anderson, next president?

motion to reconsider.

Besides further appeals on both sides, there was a discussion over whether to count absent senator Kim Hopelian as a voting member. The wording of the constitution appeared to be vague and the senators turned to advisor Lee Farley.

Farley decided the three-fourths vote should be of total members of the Senate even if they are not eligible to vote.

The question was called again, and Turner changed her vote once more. The motion was passed by a vote of 10-1-0, with Anderson the only remaining supporter of Segura.

After the first vote, Turner said she thought it over and realized she had been "manipulated because all they needed was one vote."

"So I changed my vote again even though I felt wishy-washy," said Turner.

Although Segura said he was given "prior notification of the possibility (of impeachment)," he said he was surprised. He called the action "premature."

Segura also voiced the opinion that "steps were left out," such as the mediation process involving the A.S. officers and an outside party like the Dean of Students.

**See: Impeachment on page four**

## Student leaders react

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### Right or wrong?

With the impeachment complete, the general attitude among those involved is to move on and serve the students.

Concerned students agree with Executive Vice President Doug Williams when he said the move was "necessary and proper." Trinh Carpenter called the impeachment "a harsh lesson."

"Some people think the decision to impeach was a copout," said Senator Mike Januse one of the last senators to favor impeachment. "Many efforts have been made, honest attempts. It was not an easy decision to make. Some action has to be taken."

"Government cannot function (without) trust," said student Trinh Carpenter.

### Patti's Leadership

Unlike the members of the general student body polled by *The Rampage*, students in-

involved in A.S. believe that Patti Anderson, now president, would be given a chance to prove herself as a leader.

"She has been an effective leader in the past and can be," said Sanchez. "It depends upon her relationship as a leader."

"Patti has her own style (of leadership), a different kind of operation (that is) more people-oriented with direct communication," said Senator Mike Januse. "She must be willing to put the past behind us."

Anderson said that she's "seen mistakes" and hopes to "step back enough to learn from them."

### The Future of A.S.

"Since the action was taken, the lines of communication have been more open," said Anderson. "People are starting to listen to each other."

"I want to see the Senate go on. (It's) not getting much accomplished. They need to refocus and start serving students," said former senator Sean Sanchez.

"Hands aren't tied anymore," said Steve Chase. "It's the first time, (the Senate) has acted as a body. The way they're thinking, they'll get things done."

All of the A.S. officers questioned agreed with Chase and said the attitude is positive and the spirit high. "We finally got something done," said Senator Paula Losey.

"I'd like to work forward and develop the credibility of the A.S. From here we can only go up," said Anderson.

At this point the AS has vacancies at two of the four top positions. There are also many vacancies on the senate to be filled.

Traditionally, and constitutionally, it is up to Anderson, as the new president, to nominate people for vacant positions. But, as the election of Williams to EVP proved, the senators have the power to make nominations from the floor.



Doug Williams, controversial EVP

## Opinion poll shows apathy, concern

The Rampage conducted a poll here on campus to determine how aware students actually are of the recent controversy involving the FCC Associated Students and the impeachment of President Oscar Segura.

On Monday the 22nd, five days after Oscar Segura was impeached, we asked 100 students the following six questions. Here are the results.

- (1) Are you aware of the recent controversy in the FCC Associated Students and the impeachment of President Oscar Segura by the Senate?  
32% answered YES    66% answered NO    2% did not answer
- (2) Do you favor the position of the majority of the Senators or ex-President Segura?  
22% favored the position of the Senators    8% favored the position of Segura  
48% chose neither    22% had no opinion
- (3) Do you think the impeachment will change anything in the student government?  
36% answered YES    41% answered NO    23% had no opinion
- (4) Do you think the controversy has damaged the reputation of the Associated Students?  
43% answered YES    35% answered NO    22% had no opinion
- (5) Do you think Patti Anderson will be an effective leader?  
21% answered Yes    40% answered NO    39% had no opinion
- (6) Do you think Oscar Segura should appeal?  
36% answered YES    35% answered NO    29% had no opinion

Poll conducted by Jennifer Gilbert, Staff writer



## OPINION

### Letters to the editor

#### Who is who?

After reading the Rampage article in Volume 50, Number 1, I feel that perhaps the next expenditures of the AS should be for pampers and baby bottles. It is quite obvious that the senators as well as the reporter are totally ignorant of parliamentary procedure and corporate structure.

I think you will find that the position of EVP has to be selected from the senate, not by the senate.

Students of FCC, you not only have a person in office that you had no choice on, but he is handling your money.

You elected these people to represent you, not to place a friend of their's to rule you. This is how dictators come to power.

Anyone who has the intelligence and responsibility to hold an elected office should at least be familiar with parliamentary procedure.

It is the president's job to go over or appoint someone to go over all records of a vacated office.

Instead of placing this responsibility and possibly hardship on someone else, Mr. Segura had the conscience to take on the task himself.

Perhaps Mr. Segura can be a little abrasive at times, but in politics one must look beyond such things. Pressures can make anyone abrasive, especially the one at the top.

It appears to me that the senate, not unlike infant children, got their feelings hurt. I feel that their inadequacies resulted in rash and careless action. Perhaps it was their continual irresponsibility that has made Mr. Segura abrasive.

There is an old saying, "evil flourishes where good men sleep." So wake up students of FCC. Call your representatives to task. This is your government. Take interest! Take control!

Richard Dale  
An observer

#### Senate handled problems without intervention

I would like to state my appreciation to the Administration, especially Mr. Farley, Advisor of the Associated Students, for showing confidence in the Associated Students Senate and student body by not intervening in the political situation of the past months.

I am proud to state that the situation was handled with diplomacy and self determination by the senators who were given room to let their wings spread and learn to appreciate the political process through their own efforts.

It has been stated that the situation would have been avoided if the Administration had intervened in the beginning.

But is the right answer to rely on others constantly or to take responsibility for your own actions?

The Senate took the responsibility to deal with an internal problem, and the Administration respected the Associated Students enough to trust our assessment and remedy for the situation. Though it was a harsh one, it was needed.

The removal of Oscar Segura as President of Associated Students was one that was necessary on the behalf of the Student Body and in keeping a good working relationship with the College Administration.

Eluterio Escamilla  
Associated Student Senator

#### Eliminate trees and other plants

Exactly what is a tree? Trees are many things to many people.

First of all trees, and for that matter all plants, are lumps of green matter that take up room and basically make life a nuisance.

When you think about it, what do trees actually do? They stand around looking green and stupid and getting in your way when you're driving, dropping leaves onto your yard so you must go out on a nice Saturday and rake the damn things up!

Trees provide a home for birds, insects and other loathsome creatures that we are better off without.

Sure, birds are cute, but all they do is fly around and shit on your car, and on the leaves in your yard.

In populous cities trees provide a lurking place for rapists and muggers. So when some poor unsuspecting tree-loving slob comes by admiring the tree, the rapist/mugger jumps out and does his thing.

Put in this light trees don't seem as nice as they used to, do they?

So, you are asking, what can we do about it?

I have an answer that is quite simple, very practical, cost efficient, and would improve our situation a whole hell of a lot. Pave the world.

At first glance it seems a bit radical but on closer inspection all of its assets become clear.

1) Cutting down and removing all tree/plants and paving the exposed area will create thousands of jobs for hundreds of years.

First we have to cut down everything, then it has to be removed and disposed of before the actual paving can take place. Then it needs constant maintenance to keep everything nice and skateable.

2) By not having anything in the bio-sphere but us, the water problem will be over. After all, you don't have to water concrete. All the rain and other precipitation can go into holding tanks for the dry season.

3) We'd finally shut up all those bleeding-heart liberals who think we should save the rain forest.

4) We can dramatically cut down on the pollution problem with a society completely compiled of skaters. There'd be no exhaust, oil, gas, transmission fluid, brake fluid, etc.

5) There will no longer be any danger of brush fires and forest fires in dry season so you could smoke wherever you want.

6) We'd put all those hick, third-world lumber exporting countries out of business so we wouldn't have to deal with them anymore.

There are many reasons why we should pave the world and only a few objections. Those I will deal with now.

1) Oxygen and food?

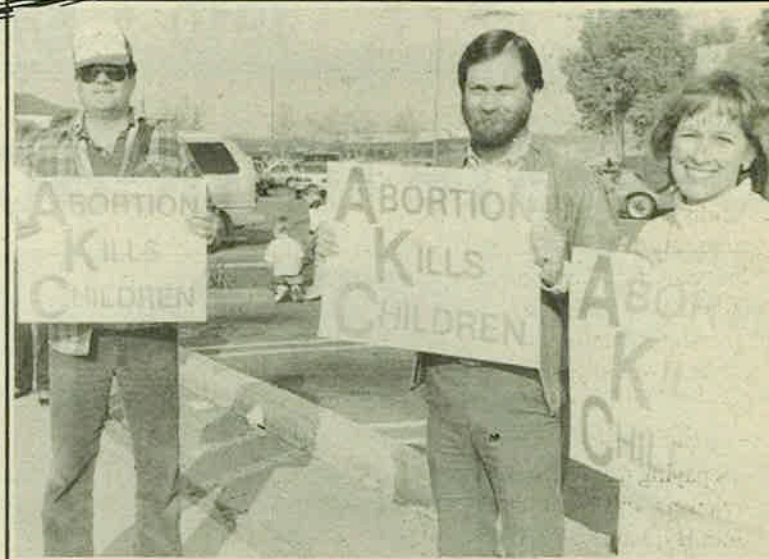
There are millions of chemical reactions that produce oxygen. Food can be grown on another planet and imported.

2) Would the extra weight put the earth out of orbit?

Of course not. We'd be getting the paving material from the earth so it wouldn't change the net weight at all.

3) Like the color, shade and smell? Paint the concrete green and buy a beach umbrella and everglade air

### Roe v Wade



Mark Stroud/Rampage

## The case for life

### Guest opinion by Mark Stroud

Several FCC students were among the 7,000 people who formed a "life chain" Sunday, stretching for miles along Shaw and Blackstone in the shape of a cross.

The Fresno Right to Life organization along with about 20 local churches organized the "life chain" in remembrance of the landmark Supreme Court decision known as Roe vs Wade.

I was there because of my concern with letting the public hear the logic of the Pro-life movement.

The Pro-Choice movement has obscured the key issue in the abortion question. Passing a law that uses a definition of death for the definition of life's beginning is ludicrous.

Death is defined by the cessation of brain waves, or the heart. It is concerned with an organism that is already complete.

To say that life doesn't begin until the heart beats, or the fetus is capable of living outside the womb at 20 weeks, or when it takes its 1st breath, is an effort to hide the common sense exhibited prior to Roe vs. Wade.

At the moment of conception, a genetically unique and biologically separate individual is created. Often it even has a separate blood type.

From cell division to puberty, growth is one of the proofs that an organism is living. If biologists use this definition to prove a plant is alive why can't the life of the human fetus be established prior to the development of internal organs?

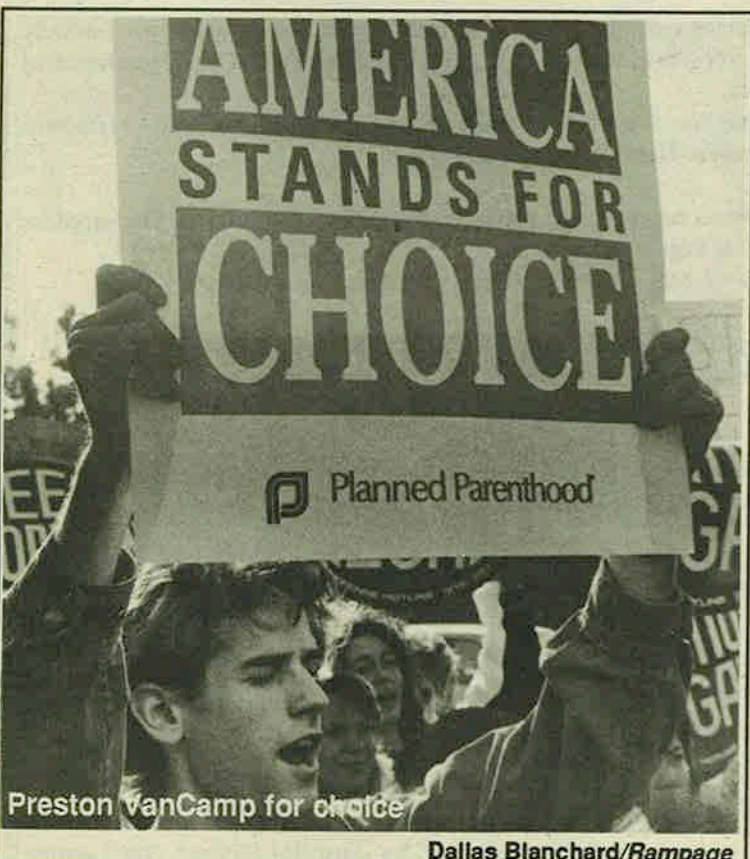
The rapidly duplicating cells after conception are unarguably alive. If they weren't alive they would be rotting in death.

This is not "intra-uterine tissue." It is a genetically unique and biologically separate individual in need of a hospitable place of residence until it can survive on its own.

What right has one individual, whether the mother, father or a stranger, to terminate the life of another individual for "convenience."

1.4 million abortions a year occur in America, 98% for the convenience of the mother. This is an outrage that can only be corrected by changing the Law.

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I have listed the most important assets of paving the world and, as you can see, there are a lot. I have listed and logically refuted all the objections to paving the world.

To all the people who still aren't convinced I say: move to central America and enjoy your stupid trees while you can!

Richard W. H. Brown  
Skateacidal maniac

#### Correction:

The RAMPAGE mis-identified Ninfa Lozano and Sandra Lopez in the Roving Reporter of 1-12-90.

The photos were switched by the editor during pasteup. Sorry.

#### Lost & Found

The College Police Department has a lot of unclaimed items in the lost and found department. If you lost something it might be there.



# NEWS

## News shorts

### Win cash prizes in poetry contest

Poetry prizes totalling \$44,000 will be awarded to 608 poets, many of them students, in four separate contests during 1990 by the American Poetry Association.

Each contest has prizes of \$1,000 and \$500 as well as lesser amounts. All adults who write poetry are eligible to enter.

For the current contest poets may send up to six poems, no longer than 20 lines each, to: American Poetry Association, Dept. C-30, 250-A Potrero Street, PO Box 1803, Santa Cruz, CA 95061.

Poems must be postmarked no later than March 31 and include the name and address of the poet on each page. A new contest starts in April.

### Yosemite National Park summer jobs available

Jobs paying from six dollars to \$11.59 per hour are waiting to be filled. Interviewers will be on the FCC campus from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 31 to find cooks, maintenance workers, firefighters, drivers, painters, animal workers and laborers to work in the park.

Interested persons should sign up immediately with the Job Placement Office in room 202D of the Student Services Building.

### Glacier Park to hire 900 college students for summer jobs

If hotel and hospitality work interest you and you'd like a place to hike, ride horses and fish in the wilderness in your free time, then Glacier Park may have just the job for you.

For details call Glacier Park Inc. at (602) 248-2612.

### Carpenters union recruiting apprentice pile drivers

The Carpenters 46 Apprenticeship Program is now open and encouraging registration as a pile driver.

Pile drivers are considered heavy equipment operators and make from \$5.00 to \$24.00 per hour.

Enrollment is open until August 31, 1990. Contact Dwayne Berrett or Shirley Raun at 442-4600 extension 8484 for more information.

### Thousand dollar scholarships for women available

The American Association of University Women, Fresno Branch, will award three scholarships of \$1000 each to deserving women from Fresno and/or Madera Counties this year. Applications are available through the Financial Aids Office.

## It's illegal

- to skateboard on campus...
- to ride bicycles or motorscooters on the sidewalks...
- to park your bike anywhere but an approved bicycle rack...
- to beg for money...
- to eat or drink anything not approved by the Food & Drug Administration...
- to park backwards in a parking stall...
- to play your car radio loud enough to be heard 50 feet away...
- to lie to a census taker...
- not to register your Uzi...
- to have a pet fox, eagle, wolf, cougar, or any animal "naturally found in the wild..."
- to eat your pet...
- to explore the Old Administration Building...

## Volleyball star gets scholarship

Fresno City College's most valuable player and team captain, Laura Cox recently signed a "full-ride athletic scholarship" to play volleyball for the Arkansas State University Indians.

A high jumper and good outside hitter, Cox led FCC with 62 kills and 19 aces in 1989.

Arkansas State is an NCAA Division One volleyball program.

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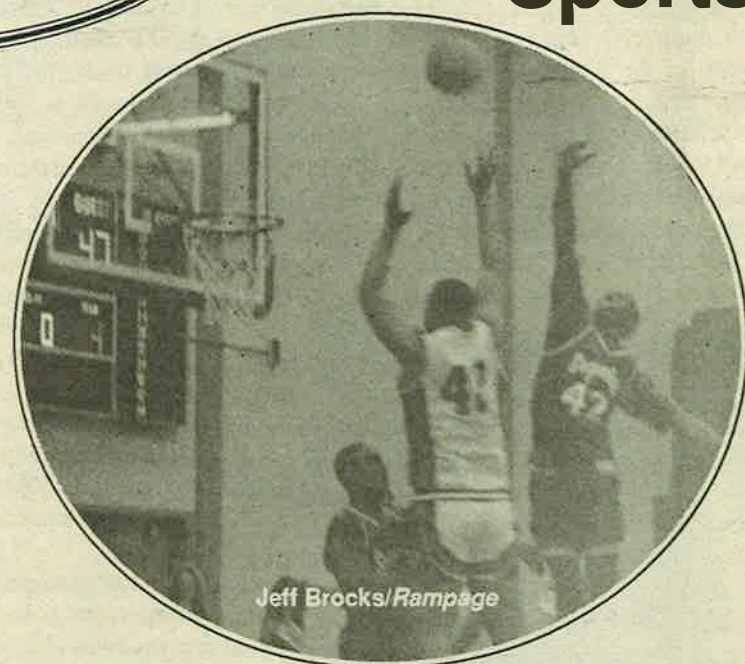
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## Rams shooting cold then hot

Dan Andre  
Staff writer

### First; the bad news:

The Fresno City College mens basketball team got run out of the gym Wednesday night, Jan. 19, 1990.

The C.O.S. Giants bombed the Rams 98-73 in front of a large crowd at the F.C.C. gym.

The game was over for all intents and purposes ten minutes into the first half as the Giants pulled away with a good fast break, strong rebounding and an accurate outside game.

C.O.S. shot an amazing 20 of 35 from the field in the first half to pull out to a 49-26 halftime lead.

The Rams never made a run at the Giants in the second half. They never came any closer than 20 points.

The Giants held the Rams to 15 points below their season average with a surprisingly good defense and a cold Rams shooting night.

The Rams bright spot came from 6'8" center Eric Little, from South High in Youngstown, Ohio, showed

a soft shooting touch and strong inside game as he poured in 33 points. Ram forward Terrence Morris added 16 points.

### Now; the good news:

F.C.C.'s offense was in high gear as they ran away from the West Hills Falcons 101-81 Saturday night in Coalinga.

Ram forward Terrence Morris had a game high 32 points. That's the fourth time in five league games that Morris has scored 30 points or more.

Steve Rankin also had a good game for the Rams. He finished the evening with 26 points and 10 assists while Eric Little added 20 points.

Fresno City College improved to 3-2 in the C.V.C. and 16-9 overall.

### CVC Standings (as of 1-23-90)

C.O.S.	5-0	20-3
Hancock	4-2	21-5
Columbia	3-2	16-8
RAMS	3-2	16-9
Kings River	2-3	13-10
Porterville	1-4	11-11
West Hills	0-5	4-14

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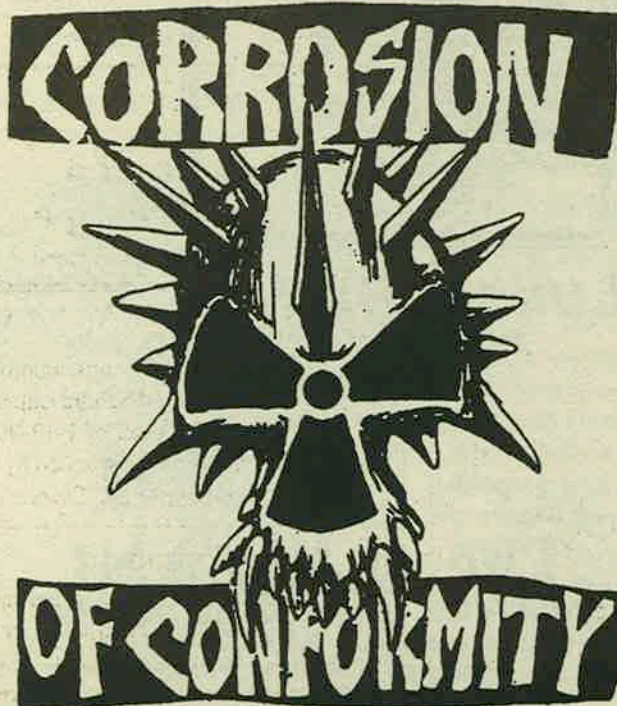
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### The charges

Controversy began with the re-write of the Associated Students Constitution.

Senator Escamilla said Segura had told the senate that only grammatical changes were made for the sake of professionalism.

According to Doug Williams, whose application for senator had

been rejected, the new constitution created "a very weak senate."

Williams took copies of an old version of the constitution, highlighted the changes and passed them around to the senators.

The senate rejected the proposed new constitution.

Financial decisions and proposed trips were also questioned by the senators, most of whom were originally appointed by Segura.

Some decisions were made by the executive board for "operating expenditures, no more than five percent, closer to three percent," according to Segura.

When Executive Vice President Lee Ann Burger resigned the senators surprised everybody by electing out-spoken critic Doug Williams, "the firebrand of the gallery," to the office at the last meeting of the fall semester.

Segura attempted to veto Williams' election but Senator Es-

camilla, who had nominated Williams, left the meeting.

Without the necessary quorum no business could be conducted, including a veto.

When Williams attempted to occupy the EVP office, LVP Patti Anderson had him evicted by the college police.

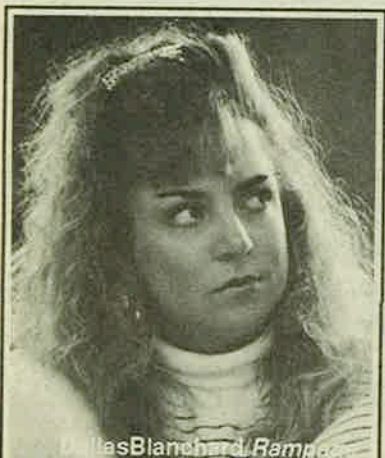
A letter from Lee Farley, the advisor to the AS, finally allowed Williams to assume the office.

When Williams returned after the holidays he found all the records and files of the EVP office missing.

Segura admitted taking the files home "to work on them."

"The files pushed us over the edge," said Senator Kathleen Reyna.

"Oscar hung himself by taking Doug Williams' papers," said Sean Sanchez, former senator. "Whether valid or invalid he should have asked first."



Senator Kareena Kelley

### Impeach

#### AS controversy from page one

##### Appeal

Once the action was carried out, more questions arose—namely, whether Segura would appeal the decision.

"If this lasts much longer, it will only cause problems," said Sean Sanchez.

Many believe that Segura shouldn't appeal his impeachment because it would prolong the conflict and not change anything.

"Why keep pushing?" asked Senator Reyna. "The student are talking through us."

"He's not wanted; it should be obvious," said Senator Paula Losey.

"It wouldn't serve the students' interest at all. He's had several opportunities to come together (with the Senate) and negotiate," said

Senator Mike Januse.

"It would be wasted time and effort," said EVP Williams. "The Senate has spoken."

Of the opposing viewpoint were Senators Teresa Turner and Paul Jones. "It's part of the process," said Turner.

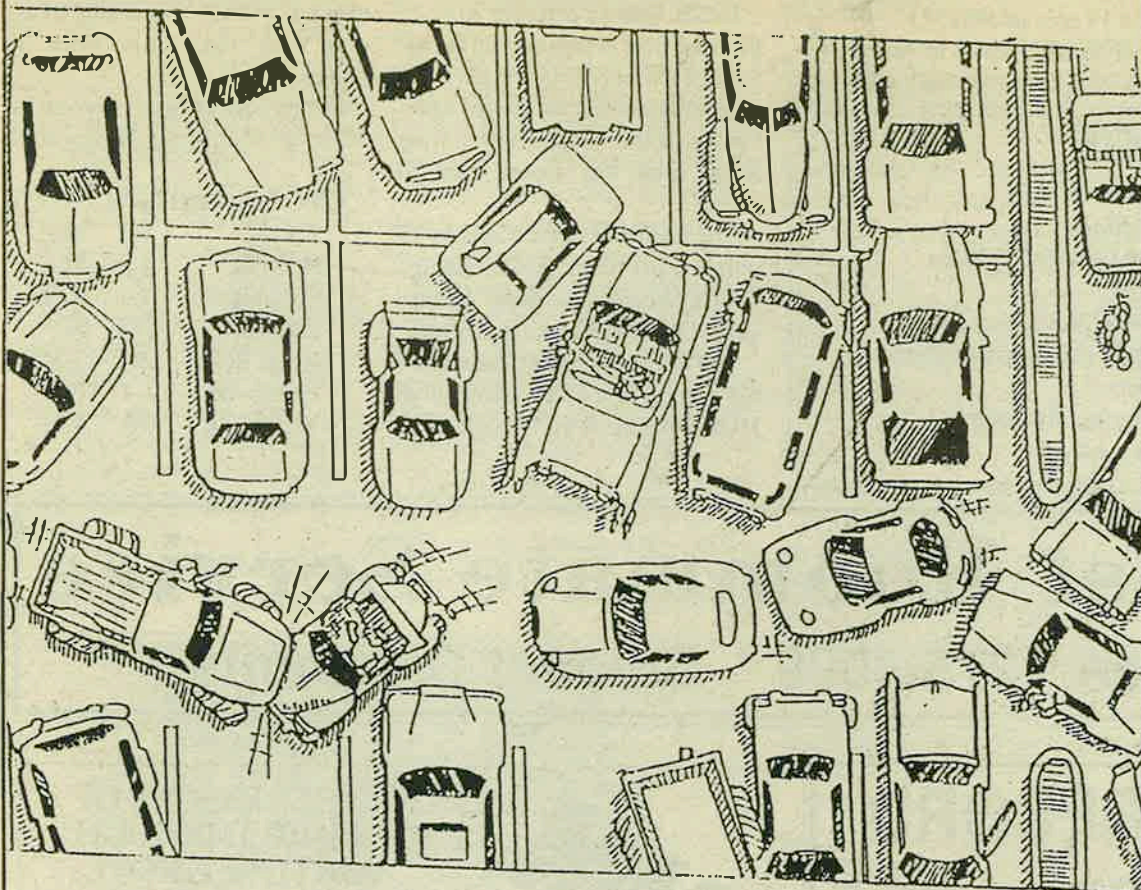
Senator Jones agrees that Segura "deserves a second chance."

"My decision is not to appeal," said Segura. He agreed that such action would "prolong the issue."

In a parting message, Segura expressed his gratitude toward FCC students for giving him "the opportunity to serve the students."

Segura also said he was proud of the senators. Although he appointed them, they "showed their independence."

## PARKING PROBLEMS?



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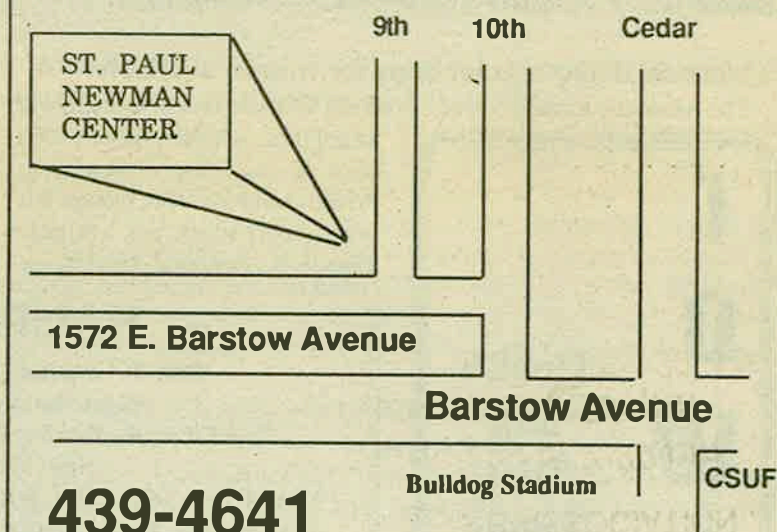
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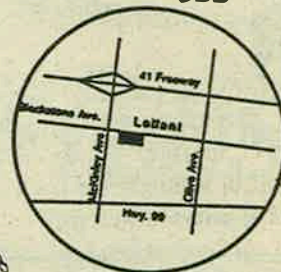
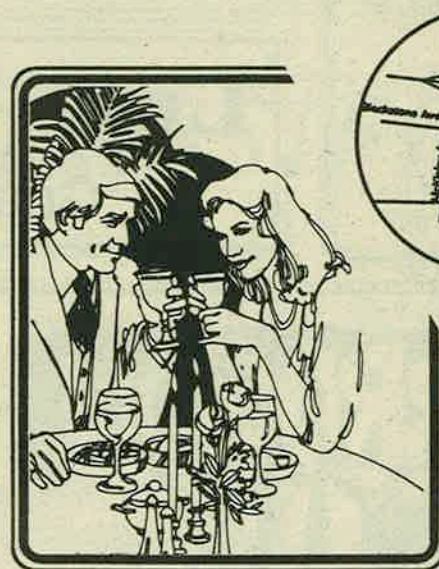
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