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Parking is scarce for all at FCC

By Jennifer Neeley

Every day, the students at Fresno City College must face the parking lot, which is usually overfilled. The parking situation is a problem that doesn't seem to have an immediate solution.

State Center Community College District Police Chief Kenneth Shrum has another view of the issue. "The parking situation is in the best condition for the amount of students," he said.

There are approximately 22,000 students currently enrolled at FCC, with approximately 3,000 parking spaces available at one time, including staff and handicapped parking.

According to Shrum, approximately 18,000 parking permits are sold to the students. This figure does not include the permits dispensed by the vending machines located at various entrances on campus.

Although not all students are on campus at the same time, most classes are in the morning. This crowding creates a jam. Shrum estimates the hardest time to find a parking space between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

Shrum feels the parking situation has "...improved since the 1970s," but also feels that a significant part of the parking dilemma is that "people are often unwilling to walk a distance to park."

He also points out that FCC's administration did try to ease this burden by providing a free shuttle to and from parking lots, even behind Ratcliff Stadium. During both semesters of 1990, this shuttle program was not used much by students. The courtesy was dropped.

"The distance to walk to school at Fresno City is no greater than it would be at most of the closest parking lots at Fresno State," Shrum compares. However, Fresno State students also complain about similar parking problems.

This dilemma is not limited to students. Teachers and other staff members have recently found trouble in finding parking during the peak hours as well. Shrum says that the problem is caused by several factors including too many permits issued to staff.

"There are approximately 500 staff parking stalls, and more teachers are teaching at those times than spaces available."

All the money from parking permits, according to state law, must go into a "parking fund." Shrum says FCC's fund does pay for maintenance, repair and security of the parking lots.

Of course, when people either drop or skip classes, the lots will be less packed. "It takes about three weeks for things to get settled," Shrum says.



Using a lottery system, instructor DeWayne Rail fills all remaining seats.

Photo by: Nicki Vartikian

Record enrollment squeezes campus

By Michelle Brennan

More than 21,000 students enrolled at Fresno City College this semester—a record breaking enrollment for FCC.

There was approximately a five percent increase in enrollment from the same time last year, said Melanie Bedwell, FCC's public information

officer.

Because some students may drop all classes during the first few weeks of school, a census, scheduled for the early part of September, will be taken.

Because of the crowding, many students weren't able to add classes or even enroll. This makes the

schedule of courses seem smaller. "It is important to understand," said Bedwell, "we didn't reduce classes or staff this semester."

Bedwell added that the new community college, planned to be built between Fresno and Madera, will help ease the crowded campus situation at FCC.

State regulations threaten FCC athletic eligibility

By David White

Every year, a number of student-athletes at Fresno City College will have "athlete" taken away from their status. This year is no exception.

With the beginning of a new sports season, several members of the student-athlete status are forced out of athletics for the semester because of athletic ineligibility.

Terms for athletic ineligibility are made by the State Community College Athletic Commission. The rule states that any second-year athlete in a junior college must have completed 24 units the previous year with a 2.0 grade point average to be eligible.

It would be difficult to single out one reason why athletes can't make the grades. There are several factors.

One factor is the amount of time athletes spend studying. Athletes are expected to attend daily practice during the season. This requires them to dedicate a great amount of time and effort into their sports. The more time an athlete spends practicing, the less time he/she has to study.

Fatigue is another possible factor contributing to ineligibility. Some believe spending so much time practicing tires the athletes each day, making it more difficult for them to fully concentrate on their studies.

A third possibility is an internal battle within the athlete. Many times, an athlete may not have the motivation to pursue the "student" aspect of his/her status. He may have poor study habits just like any other student.

"Making grades," as many like to put it, isn't something taken lightly by the coaches. "It's always a problem with guys who don't take their academics seriously," said John Volek, head FCC football coach.

According to Volek, at least three players did not return to his team this year. "[Eligibility] is a state rule, and you have to follow the rule. If you don't meet it, then you don't play."

Dr. Emory Luck, FCC athletic director, denies the school's link with this issue. "We don't have those kinds of problems here for the most part. It's not a problem at all," he said.

Whether or not Luck's opinion holds true or not will be determined by a report to be released today to Dr. Ward Lasher, FCC associate dean of admissions.

Very few people are taking this issue lightly. Many coaches realize this problem and have taken actions accordingly. Besides reminding the athletes of the on-campus tutoring service, several coaches set up personal study halls for the team members.

Volek doesn't think all the ineligible students should be getting the attention. "I try to work with the guys who are serious student-athletes."

The problem appears to be that more and more athletes aren't facing the toughest opponent that they will face all year: the books.

ASSET program promises careers

By Jennifer Neeley

The industrial and technical division of Fresno City College has recently enhanced its facilities by introducing a new program to its students, Ford Motor Company's ASSET Program.

Negotiations were completed in February to embark on the program whose first round of students began on August 14. The program, which is the only one of its kind in the central valley, accommodates students from Bakersfield to Merced. It is only one of four Ford ASSET schools in California.

Because of technological advancements, service technicians need to be highly trained. "In 1990, 18 percent of all Ford automobiles were controlled and operated by computers," Dennis Atkinson said. "By 1995, 84 percent of all cars will be controlled and operated by computers." The ASSET program will provide this needed training.

Dennis Atkinson is the instructor and coordinator of FCC's automotive technology manufacturers training department. "As programs developed, companies wanted a large service area, and the San Joaquin Valley was perfect," he said.

FCC's strong automotive division beat out other valley schools at the chance to initiate the program. Atkinson says this was at least in part due to the administrative support of these types of vocational programs.

Book prices rise; students lament cost

By Scott Mayes

The price for textbooks in the Fresno City College Bookstore is on the rise. Students are feeling the "textbook pinch."

Prices have increased 5.49 percent in the past year, according to FCC bookstore manager Mike Guerra. This is due to higher costs of wood pulp, transportation, and salaries at publishing houses, says Guerra.

FCC carries a "mark on" price of 26 percent for new books. The national standard is 20 percent for four-year institutions. The national margin ranges from 23 to 30 percent "mark on" for two-year institutions.

Students are forced to buy new textbooks more than ever before. Some time ago, a textbook edition was released every seven or eight years. Today, a textbook will last only between one to three years before revision or cancellation.

In order to ensure the best education, professors often change to a

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The two-year cooperative work-experience program is a comprehensive instruction in automotive repair. The program includes nine weeks of classroom instruction and an additional nine weeks of working at a local dealership.

According to Atkinson, there is a seven-step procedure to enlisting students which includes applying, qualifying, getting hired at a local dealership, and sponsorship.

Although this type of program is new to FCC, training programs of this kind have been around for more than ten years across the nation. General Motors was the first major car company to ensure student training programs. A GM training program will be in operation by August 1992. In fact, they were the first to approach FCC about such a training program.

Ford wasn't far behind, beginning their programs just eight years ago. In fact, Atkinson says that most major automotive companies do have similar programs. Although BMW, Toyota, Nissan and Honda offer training programs, their dealership in the area isn't strong enough to employ FCC students.

Car companies spend a lot of money on these programs. Atkinson says that Ford has donated 11 autos so far and plans to increase that to 20 (about \$250,000). Ford also donated \$140,000 in initial tools

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Viewpoint

Pitfalls of commuter life are easy targets

By John McAllaster

Welcome to Fresno City College, Freshmen! This is the campus of opportunity, enrichment, education, and development. Around every corner there is an open door waiting to be discovered!

Just look around! There are thousands of potential friends just rushing to meet you in the parking lot. So, eight people cut you off and someone stole the spot you waited an hour for. Don't let it wipe the early-morning smile off your face!

Now that you are always late to your first class, don't forget to let your instructor know you made it! He just might have to drop you if you miss class six times.

Just think of buying books as a social experience. What an opportunity to meet hundreds of other people up-close and personal. Who would have ever thought that standing in hour-long lines in the blazing hot sun between two sweaty hulks could be so much fun?

You can be honest with me. Didn't you write a check with insufficient funds in your account to buy your books? You knew you were getting paid before FCC could

deposit your check...

You've already discovered "The Fountain." This is where everyone likes to stand in between classes. It's amazing how 12 thousand people can fit in such a small area! Exaggerating? Just cut through there when you're late for class.

While you are running through, don't forget to catch an earful of gossip to discuss during your next class. How else will you know which teachers to take or drop?

A couple of hints to make FCC (Fresno Commuter Campus) a bit less stressful: don't get caught behind one of those #\$\$% maintenance carts on Weldon, memorize the train schedule, and practice your vertical leap for scaling the fence by the tracks on your way to class.

However, as difficult as commuter life may seem, this isn't "Silly College" or even the "thirteenth grade." I don't ever want to hear someone call FCC a "high school with ashtrays" again.

If you get involved, study hard, and take advantage of what this school has to offer, you'll get one of the best educations in California.

Assistance program offers aid

By Jodi Zewe

The Student Assistance Program, otherwise known as SAP, is a confidential, professional and voluntary service offered free to all students registered at Fresno City College.

SAP is designed to help students with personal problems that are adversely affecting their academic performance.

SAP is made up of FCC staff members. The staff offers students encouragement, support, and information related to their problems. If a student is seeking counseling or therapy, an SAP core member can help the student contact the appropriate community resources.



Mike Ross, Vicki Najeria, and Joesph Benesh notinwhat the Student Assistance booth has to offer.

Photo by: Selina Castillo

The main goal of SAP is to reach students who need help with alcohol and drug use, misuse and dependency problems. "We have meeting on the FCC campus once a week and we have speakers come in and talk to us about [alcohol] and drug abuse," said SAP core member Robin Rhymes.

"We're not counselors or anything like that," said Rhymes, "but sometimes there are just things that students want to talk to us about." The SAP also offers assistance to

those who need help dealing with: AIDS, rape, date rape, depression, gay and lesbian alcoholism, unwanted pregnancy, stress, anxiety, suicide, eating disorders and many more subjects.

For more information, contact the FCC Health Services office at 442-8268, or any of the following SAP core members: Adrian Acosta, Al Arredondo, Bill Bertolani, Pat Brunetti, Lynn Burnett, Ken Chavez, Emma Pelham, Bob Shook, C. Thomas Whitt, or Susan Yates.

Brown Bag Sessions

By Barbara Burnett

This semester many students are returning to school after some time away. The ReEntry Brown Bag Program is there to help them adjust.

Students bring their lunches to a series of meetings held every Thursday between 12 noon and 12:50 p.m. in room ST-202C. The speakers at the Brown Bag meetings cover topics in the areas of education, career assistance, and personal development.

For more information you can contact Dwayne Barrett the ReEntry Coordinator at 442-4600 Ext. 8484.

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Sept. 19- User Friendly Library Tour.
Sept. 26- Overcoming Math Anxiety.
Oct. 3- Black Women on the Move.
Oct. 10- The Link Between Interests and Majors.
Oct. 17- Managing Multiple Roles.
Oct. 24- Can You Love Too Much?
Oct. 31- What Employees Really Want.
Nov. 7- Understanding Sexual Harrasment.
Nov. 14- Women Doing Men's Work.
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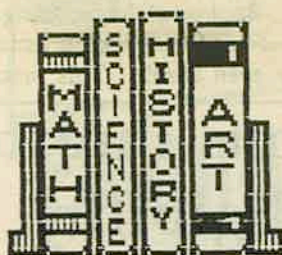
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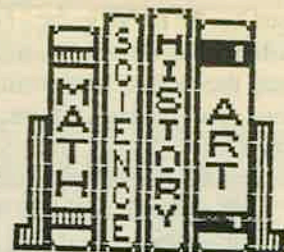
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Sports

Cross-country team hopes to acquire more runners

By Erik Loyd

During the first week of instruction at Fresno City College this fall, a sign near the gymnasium sought women to join a cross country team.

There were no women on coach Jerry Bluth's roster.

"Last year, they had a good team, primarily sophomores," said Bluth, in his first year at FCC. "We recruited six girls out of P. E. classes, virtually all inexperienced."

Darla Willsey, Leanne Hernandez, and Rosio Garcia are what Bluth described as "typical junior college students."

Bluth said the other three are "working moms," not so typical. In fact, one recently became a grandmother.

Sharon Shaw, whose daughter Tiffany Shaw ran cross country at FCC several seasons ago, has some road-racing experience. However, she has none on the collegiate level. "She may be my number one runner," said Bluth.

Melva Butterbredt and Katherine Medina-Gross also have children and full-time schedules.

Bluth has 15 years of cross country coaching to his credit, including stays at Skyline College and San Francisco State University. He said he's not worried about winning women's titles this season.

Four sophomores form the heart of the men's team: Tom Sabatino; Jesse Torres; Pat Flint; and Shawn Wilson.

Six freshmen round out the squad, and Bluth believes the team will be competitive in Coast-Valley Conference action.

"There's no question. We'll have a very respectable men's team," Bluth said. "I don't know how we'll place in NorCal or conference, but they've shown competitiveness in practice. That's a coach's dream."

The men's team isn't without its story either. Freshman Scott Curtis is running with the squad after missing last season with a broken back.

Coach Volek looks forward to scaling league heights

By Erik Loyd

It's a jungle out there.

Just take a look at the Fresno City College football schedule poster depicting players as rugged, Indiana Jones-style adventurers scaling to the top of Ratcliff Stadium.

But head coach John Volek is more interested in scaling to the top of the Northern California Football League. Defensive speed is a top priority on his agenda.

Volek said he was concerned about point and yardage totals his Rams surrendered last season, their first in the newly-formed Northern California Football League. FCC allowed 241 points, 1,261 rushing yards and 1,917 passing yards in its 8-2 league debut.

"The only great defense in the league was Taft," Volek said. The stingy league champion Cougars gave up just 549 rushing yards in eight games and earned the honor of being the state's No. 1 community

college team after staging a come-from-behind win against Bak-ersfield at the Potato Bowl.

"I'm concerned about the whole defense," said Volek. "We have only two veterans on the inside."

Those two linebackers are Steve Crombie and Mike Pougé. Sione Lui out of Utah and sophomore John Scott are likely starters.

Brian Clark, a freshman out of Edison High will also provide defensive help. Clark was named the Central Section's Defensive Player of the Year. Other top defensive recruits include Hanford's Ventura Natividad, Duane Vanborg (Clovis West) and Chris Ogle from Bozeman, Mont.

How about Volek's personal pre-season ranking with the Rams?

"We're number one, just like always," Volek stated. But, Volek knows better than to dismiss Taft, his "official" pre-season pick to take the league title again.

Defensive linemen include Mi-

chael Meux of Edison, Anthony Primavera of Memorial, Adam Nazarov of Central, an McLane's Brian Gunn.

The receiving corps is anchored by Darrell Schneider, Raymond Braggs and Damon Thomas. Tight end Robert Hubbard is a veteran.

Running Backs include Lamonte Patterson (6-foot-3, 240) and Craig Jackson (6-foot-2, 240), a pair of pro-size ball carriers.

The quarterback position will probably come down to either Sven Wiker or Tom Brown. Brown, a freshman from Sabino High in Tucson, Ariz., led his team to a 14-0 season and a high ranking in USA Today's prep poll.

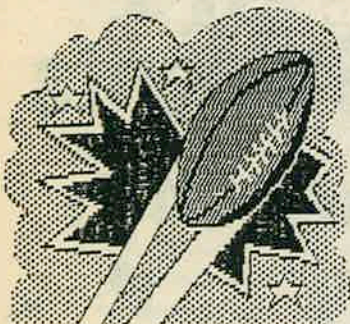
The Rams open their season on the road against the Rio Hondo College Roadrunners Sept. 14 at 7 p.m.

After meeting San Jose Sept. 21, FCC hosts Laney Sept. 28 at Ratcliff Stadium. League action begins Oct. 11 when the Rams face Sacramento.

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Optimism runs high for Volleyball team

By Erik Loyd

This could be the season Susan Yates has been anticipating.

Yates, entering her eighth year as Fresno City College's head volleyball coach, said her squad is demonstrating the qualities of a true contender early in pre-season practice sessions.

"We're very optimistic," said Yates. "We have more depth than we've ever had. I feel like we're ahead of where we were in previous years at this same time."

With a balanced squad of sophomores and freshmen, Yates and assistant coach Chris Christiansen are looking to give perennial power College of the Sequoias a run for the conference title. It's just a matter of teamwork.

"Per caliber of players, this is one of the best [teams] we've had," Christiansen said, "if they play

together."

Leading the way are sophomores Lisa Aten and Monica Gomez. Aten was an All-CVC selection last year, and Gomez is the team's defensive specialist. From top to bottom, the Rams feel defense is their strength.

"This year, the defensive level is tremendously higher," Aten said. "We've worked together all year, and we know what each other is doing. We don't have to start from scratch like last year."

Gomez agreed with Yates in assessing the teams early-season progress. "I feel like there is more potential. We have experienced people and have the ability to go farther."

One of the Rams top freshmen is Francis Bynum from Yuba City. Bynum is expected to provide power from the strong side. Madera's Raelene Sesock has shown ability as a setter.

Other veteran players include Sonia Kavazos, Susan Graham, Dee Jackson, Joylene Kerber and Annie Lovett.

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FCC presidential search resolves soon

By Scott Mayes

Fresno City College is currently searching for a new president, who is scheduled to be named in early October. One hundred twenty-four applications were requested by the deadline on August 19, 1991.

On August 23, that number was narrowed to 20 candidates. In late September, the number will be reduced again to about five candidates before a final decision is made.

The first elimination of candidates was handled by Chancellor Dr. Bill Stewart, Vice Chancellor Dr. Henry Padden and Personnel Director Nancy Kast.

The second elimination of candi-

dates lies in the hands of a 15-member search committee which includes: two ASB members, five faculty members, two classified employees, three administrators, one classified manager, the chancellor and community member Olivia Palacios.

The presidential position was made available by the resignation of Ernest R. Leach last May. Leach went on to become the deputy chancellor in the State Community College Office in Sacramento.

The starting salary for the presidential position is \$80,000 per year.

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and \$100,00 in components (transmissions, carburetors, etc.).

By the time the program is completed, it may cost for as much as \$1 million. On the other hand, FCC's cost is minimal. Expenses for the first semester came from creating new jobs and purchasing new tools.

According to a Labor Department statistic, California will need 35,000 new service technicians to keep up with the growing population of cars. Because of this urgency, the opportunities are, virtually endless for students.

Bookstore, from front page

new, revised edition of a textbook. This forces each student in the class to buy new textbooks frequently with no hope for obtaining a used version.

The only way students can cut some of the cost is to sell their books back to FCC. Buyback periods exist only during the weeks of final exams. The next textbook buyback period will be from Dec. 10 to Dec. 17. "Buybacks do not occur at all times for the purpose of discouraging book theft," Guerra said.

AS does more than sell card

By Ann Ridolfi

Associated Students of Fresno City College has a problem—some students don't know who or what it is and why they should join by buying an AS card when they register.

AS president Michael Mattox realizes, with mild frustration, that communication between AS and the student body could be improved.

The purchase of the \$5 AS card during registration is optional, but it would easily pay for itself with the discounts and free admissions it entitles the holder to, says Mattox. Among other things, a card-holder can get a 10 percent discount in the cafeteria and at local merchants, as well as free admission to dances and concerts. An AS card also allows access to computer, language, and math tutorial labs.

But there are other reasons to join AS, says Mattox, a business major who is serving his first semester as president of the organization. "AS is a government body with a constitution and a charter. We serve students by acting as their represen-

tatives with the college administration," says Mattox.

"FCC has one of the smallest budgets, even though we have the highest enrollment. That's because not enough students here buy an AS card," says Mattox.

"At California State University, Fresno, student body fees are mandatory and cost \$56. Here they are not, but I think they should be," says Mattox. "Students who don't pay the fee benefit from AS as much as those who do. Even if some students don't see any need to join, it's like the highway tax. We all pay for that, even if we don't drive a car."

Students who don't buy a card are at a disadvantage, says Mattox. They can join campus organizations but they can't hold office in them. They can, however, vote in student elections since that ban against card-holders was recently lifted.

"If students say they don't care about joining AS, I would ask, 'Do you care about the cost of books in the bookstore?' That's something we're working on now."

Years ago, AS owned the bookstore and the cafeteria. Over the years we've lost our hold. Now in order to expand the bookstore, we may lose the student lounge."

Campus concerns may come from the AS, which has a four-member board and a 16-member student senate, from suggestions dropped in one of several boxes on campus. Although AS is under the direction of the Dean of Student Affairs, it must have expenditures approved by Associate Dean Farley, it has the freedom to take what it chooses. The cost of books is just one of its current issues.

He welcomes students' input at attendance at AS meetings which are open and take place every Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Senate Chamber just left of the bookstore.

"Students have a voice in what goes on on campus, but everyone thinks someone else is taking care of them. We're (AS) here to take care of all students," says Mattox.

But he thinks it would help more students joined AS and made their voices heard.

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