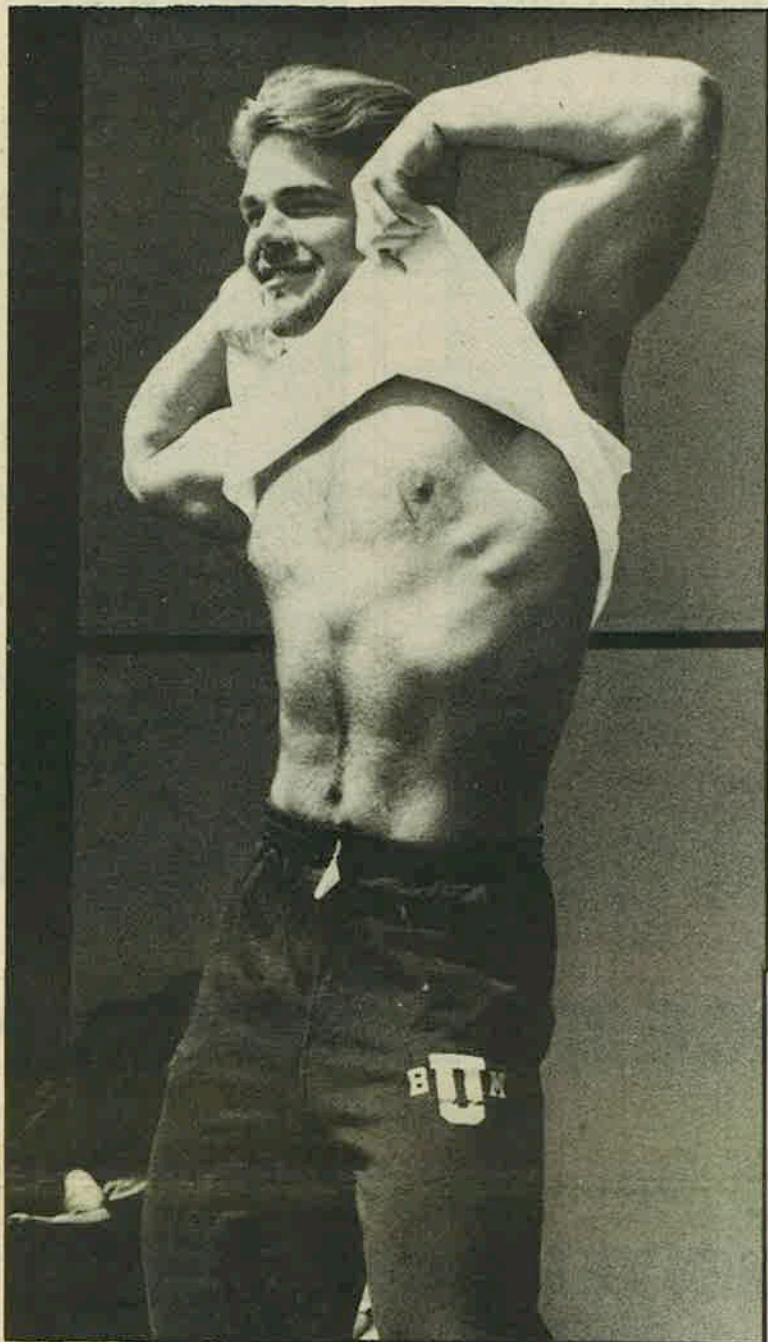


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Craig Jackson models at last Wednesday's Fitness Faire fashion show.
Photo by Sellna Castillo

ASB evaluates state politics

By Jennifer Neeley

The Associated Students of Fresno City College are working to make create a better learning environment for students and teachers alike.

At a recent conference in Sacramento, several key topics were discussed that will likely effect students, according to the associated students Legislative Vice President Paul Maddox.

Maddox is also the policy board representative to region five of California community colleges, which include Kings River, Modesto, Bakersfield, Merced, College of the Sequoias, Colombia, Porterville, San Joaquin Delta, and West Hills/Lemoore. He is also a part of the California Student Body Government.

His job as such is to help review legislation as part of a student committee with State politicians.

Maddox feels there are four significant pieces of legislation that could impact students.

The first is State Assembly Bill 1725 enacted 3 years ago. It basically ensures that almost every issue is entitled a student review prior to enactment. This specifically touches issues such as affirmative action and student equity.

The second involves State Assembly Bill 770. "Before the conference," Maddox said, "the bill was to be enacted, but we convinced them to wait and give us [the students] the opportunity to review it, and write amendments."

The bill, if passed, would have allowed up to a \$10 increase in the health fee charged to students, and would have removed the maintenance of effort clause allowing more service for the greater price.

The third is a transfer bill, State Assembly Bill 121, which makes the transition from community col-

leges to CSU and UC systems much easier. The bill, written by Los Angeles Senator Tom Hayden, would allow for additional funding in this area of education.

The fourth, and final, legislative act involves the Higher Education Act of 1968 (H.R. 907). Periodically, this document is reviewed by Congress, and is currently in this process. It specifically deals with federal funding for students, such as Pell Grants. During this reauthorization process, the ASB will be a part of the review

Maddox said this legislation "comprises a great deal of our time," but that "they lead to review of other issues."

As a whole, the ASB is also working on issues such as parking, and voter participation (Maddox said approximately 100 students of approximately 18,000 voted or .5%).

Student Lounge threat looms

By Jennifer Neeley

All of us at city college can relate to the problem caused by long lines at our campus bookstore.

To solve this problem, a proposal has arisen to take over part or all of the student center to make way for a larger bookstore, according to Paul Maddox, ASB vice president.

"The bookstore clearly needs to expand," said Maddox, "but the consultation must first occur between the ASB and board of trustees before a final decision is made."

Maddox added that the ASB will be primarily concerned with where the student center will move to and the amount of money to be supplied to refurbish it.

According to bookstore employee Donna Rivera, a solution was also proposed to use the patio area behind the bookstore for expansion.

The measure is still in preliminary stages. In fact, the governing board has not yet inspected the facility for its capacity.

The ASB was scheduled to accompany Dr. Ellish and other administrators earlier this week for a tour of the lounge. No one is sure when a decision will be made.

Trustees' seats to be filled in November

By David White

Thirteen candidates will run for central Fresno's seat on the State Center Community College District's Board of Trustees. One of four seats to be voted on in the November 5 election.

Central Fresno's seat, Area 5, has the most candidates running. The other three areas have a total of only six candidates.

The winner of each seat will be decided by popular vote. There will be no run-off.

Trustees on the board serve a four-year term and are paid \$100 per meeting with a maximum of \$300 per month.

With no contending incumbent, the race in Area 5 is as wide open as any. The candidates range from a gift-shop owner to a district attorney. All but one of the candidates are Fresnoans.

In Area 2, which covers western Fresno County, there are two candidates running against the incumbent William J. Smith. Smith will be allowed to run for re-election after clearing an error made while filing for the election.

The election board initially decided to strike his name from the ballot for failing to submit a candidate's statement. Smith never intended to submit a statement, claiming an inadvertent error when he mistakenly marked "yes" on his application that he would do so.

The state's education code solved the dispute in Smith's favor. The code states that persons running for school district or community college governing board elections need not submit a candidate's statement.

In Area 3, the incumbent Ronald

H. Feaver will run against only one challenger, Esther Perez Martin. The seat represents southern Fresno County, including Fowler.

Patrick E. Patterson, the incumbent for Area 6, is all but assured a spot on the board. He is the only candidate to file for the seat which represents northeast Fresno County.

Fitness Faire

FCC Activities Intramural Program presented Fitness Faire '91 to promote better health and fitness last Wednesday at the free-speech area.

A body building show, aerobic demonstrations, and fashion shows took place throughout the afternoon. Local businesses participated by setting up tents, giving out free samples, and answering questions.

Free trial memberships to local health clubs, samples of various foods from local health food stores, and frozen yogurt from "TCBY" were a few of the things sampled by those who attended.

Computers enable students

By Jodi Zewe

Darlene Loftis, advisor of the High Tech. (or computer) division of the Enabler Program teaches students with learning disabilities how to use computers.

"We have one of the biggest and one of the first High Tech. programs out 107 community colleges," said Loftis, "Most colleges only have 5 or 8-computers." The High Tech. division at FCC has approximately 20 computers.

The students use computers such as IBM, and Apple Macintosh to help them do work, answer questions and play games. The computer lab also houses the Kurzweil Reader, a computer that reads texts

to blind students.

There are approximately 900 students with learning disabilities at FCC this year, about 60-70 students utilize the computer lab every day. "We're hoping that within the next two years we'll have a bigger space," Loftis said.

The High Tech. department of Enablers will be having a reception on October 23 in the computer lab to demonstrate to the public the work that the students do. The reception will be held during "National Disability Awareness Week."

The Enabler Program also offers courses in language, adaptive physical education, daily living, independent living and vocational education, as well as High Tech.

RAMS 1991 Football Schedule

Saturday, Sept. 21 at San Jose City College 6p.m.

*Saturday, Sept. 28 Laney College 7p.m.

*Friday, Oct. 11 Sacramento City 7p.m.

Friday, Oct. 18 at Santa Rosa JC 7p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 26 at Merced College 7p.m.

*Saturday, Nov. 2 Taft College 7p.m.

Friday, Nov. 8 at American River College 7p.m.

*Friday, Nov. 16 UC Davis JV's 1p.m.

*Friday, Nov. 22 College of Sequoias 7p.m.

*Saturday, Dec. 7 Producer's Dairy Bowl 1:30p.m.

*Denotes Home Games at Ratcliffe Stadium

NEWS NOTES

TRANSFER DAY: Representatives from over 30 four-year colleges and universities will be on campus Wed., September 25 on the College Mall to provide information to students and staff.

THE CITY ESSAYIST: The language arts department will begin publishing "The City Essayist," a collection of outstanding student writings, this fall. Composition instructors who wish to contribute the best of their students' work to "The City Essayist" should submit all copy typed, double-spaced, and 2-3 pages in length to Jim Ewing no later than November 1.

HOMECOMING: From October 7-11, FCC's homecoming activities will occur. Various student-participated events will spark ram-spirit all week long. The football team will host Sacramento City College at 7 p.m. in Ratcliffe Stadium.

Police budget too small

By John McAllaster

Paul just had his car stereo stolen. Angela's purse just got ripped out of her arms. Instructor Smith just found graffiti spray-painted on his office door. Each of them called the Fresno City College Police Department for help but had to wait because Officer Jones was busy chasing down a bike thief. Although this is hypothetical, similar situations have happened at FCC.

"We're having to prioritize our calls. There are times when calls are waiting up to 30 to 40 minutes," said District Police Chief Kenneth P. Shrum.

There are only seven district police officers on staff at FCC. With about 22,000 students enrolled, that's one officer per 3,100 students.

"In cities, there's an officer hired for every 1,500 people," said Shrum. "I don't see any indication that the number of officers will be increased."

There has been no rise in the number of police officers since 1982, according to Shrum. With such a drastic increase in school enrollment, that's scary! (Suddenly, car alarms don't sound too expensive).

Even with the staff on-hand, the police department budget does not allow for officers to patrol on holidays. Also, there's no guarantee that the campus will be covered when an officer gets sick.

"The ideal thing would be that we don't have these problems. The ideal thing would be that we have actual 24-hour coverage," said Shrum. "When you have so much money and so much manpower, you

have to cover sensitive times. Holidays are the least sensitive times we have."

It would be a severe budget problem for the FCC police department if crime was big on holidays. Officers get paid double-time-and-a-half when they work on holidays.

When coverage is thin, the department taps into the cadet program. Depending on how much money is in the budget, cadets may get paid. If they don't, they may work for needed "cadet-hours."

"We are operating right now at the very minimum. If there are any budget cuts, we'd have to do away with service or personnel," said Shrum. "There is a problem because our demand is continually increasing."

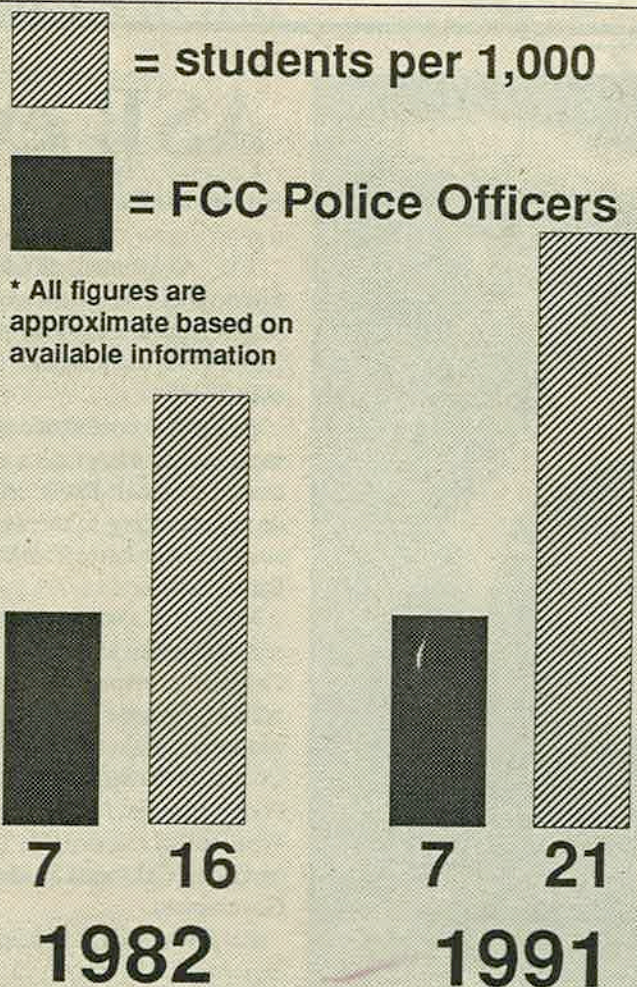
"I think we have good coverage of the campus. This department is one of the top community college police departments in the state," Shrum said. "We have good safety for the students."

Although Chief Shrum is doing his utmost with what he has to work with, it's only a matter of time before this "good" coverage becomes inadequate.

There's no telling what will happen when enrollment out-stretches the police department's ability to even claim "good" coverage.

When the first FCC drive-by shooting occurs, you can count on an increased police budget. Problems shouldn't become out of control before they get acted upon.

The State Center Community College District should increase student security to a level of excellence; it should increase the police department's budget.



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What would you do to solve the parking problem at Fresno City College?



Jennifer Cleeland

"Carpooling and bike-riding are good solutions."

Photos by Cory Tyler



Art Thammavongsa

"People should bike-ride, carpool, or use the city bus."



Tracey Martinez

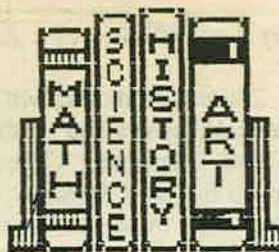
"People should carpool and ride bikes more. Why can't Fresno be more like Berkeley."



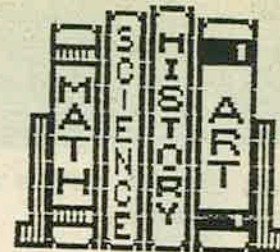
Mike Wallace

"First of all, I wouldn't sell so many parking permits because there's not enough space. Second, I think people that live close should think about riding their bikes."

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Unity-- key to FCC football

By Scott Mayes

The 1991-92 Fresno City College football team is on a journey with a clear cut destination: to play and win with team unity.

This element is very essential in a league such as the Norcal Football League. "The Norcal is one of the toughest leagues in the state of California," according to Ram Head Coach John Volek.

The Rams are coming off an 8-2 finish last season while placing second in the league. The Rams also earned a spot among California's top ten Junior College football teams.

This year's team is headed by veteran Head Coach John Volek, Assistant Head Coach Bob Shook, and Offensive Coordinator Bruce Pielstick.

The Rams will travel to San Jose for a league contest on September 21st.

Sven Wiker is the projected starting quarterback while Craig Jackson and Lamonte Patterson complete the backfield. Robert Hubbard will start at the tight-end position while the receiving corps slated for the game will consist of Damon Thomas, Raymond Braggs, and Darrell Schneider.

Protecting Wiker across the front-line will be Kevin Garasky, Kent Bowman, Scott Brownholtz, Larry Cooper, and Robby Quinn.

On the other side of the ball, Mike Meux, Anthony Primavera, and Aaron Buckner will form the defensive line. The linebacking crew of Chris Ogle, Steve Crombie, Duane Vandborg, and Cione Lui will complete the run defense.

To supplement the Ram's front seven, Tommy McCoy, Greg Anthony, Tim Oneil, and Miguel Sanchez will be the defensive secondary as projected for the game against San Jose.

To achieve success, the Rams will need to balance talent with team unity. Team unity, as a tradition, is the strength of Fresno City College football teams.

In the words of second year starter Craig Jackson, "We will be successful if we play as a team, not as individuals."

Looking forward to the San Jose game, Craig added, "We will only lose when we beat ourselves. We have the potential to beat any team in the league. If we play with the unity necessary to win, we will beat San Jose, Taft, and anyone else we come across."

Volek's squad of approximately



Victorious Rams sharpen their skills on the practice field.

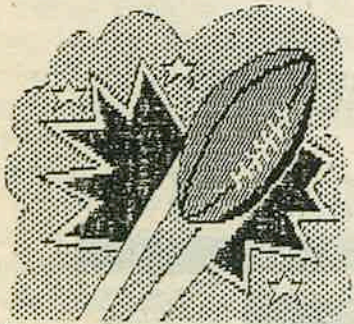
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80 players opened their season with a bang as they slammed the door on Rio Hondo. The Rams used the talented arm of quarterback Sven Wiker and a stifling defense en route to a 21-0 victory.



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Freddy is Dead

By Ann Ridolfi

Elm street is safe at last. Freddy Kreuger is dead.

Springwood's killer of children and teenagers is gone, leaving the town desolate, its streets empty and real estate values down.

Since 1984, Robert Englund, as Freddy, has returned annually to the screen to muck around in people's dreams and wreak havoc within their unsuspecting bodies.

This year's finale will please die-hard Freddy fans.

This time, Freddy's met his match in Maggie (Lisa Zane), a rehabilitation counselor for youths, and her colleague, Doc (Yaphet Kotto).

The film opens with a youth who tries to stay awake because of recurring bad dreams. In one, he's on a plane and sees Freddy on a broomstick in the sky croaking "I'll get you my pretty," ala the witch in "The Wizard of Oz."

Freddy wreaks havoc among the group at the Recovery House Youth Shelter not far from Springwood.

The audience, which was unusually quiet, seemed used to the effects and can accept even Freddy's face with it's moon craters (the result of burns) without flinching. The film is almost a psychological thriller in that it examines Freddy's past for some understanding of his murderous behavior. One scene shows Freddy's father with a strap, ready to "give the boy his medicine."

With director Rachel Talalay's last Freddy film, it's the end of his rugby-striped red and gray sweater and felt hat, his blade-fingered glove and deadly paraphernalia.

It's also the end of the monster everyone loved to hate.

Freddy is a dark enough character to arouse our own nightmares. But he seems to wink at the audience at times, as if to assure us that it's only a dream.

FCC Theatre opens 1991-2 with Dracula

By Michelle Brennan

With six upcoming performances, Fresno City College's Theatre Arts Department will kick-off it's 1991-92 season with everyone's favorite vampire, "Dracula."

A modern adaption by Crane Johnson of Bram Stoker's classic novel, "Dracula," will run from October 10-19 in the college theatre at 8 p.m. A matinee performance will also take place at 2 p.m. on Thursday, October 17.

Leonard Gershe's comedy, "Butterflies are Free" will also be presented December 4-7 in studio five at 8 p.m. with a final performance at 2 p.m. on December 8.

March 12-21 Neil Simon's "Brighton Beach Memoirs" will be performed at 8 p.m. in the college theatre with a 2 p.m. matinee on March 19.



If it's the art of dance you enjoy then don't miss "City Dances," an exhibition of FCC's finest dancers in concert. You can catch their moves April 23-25 at 8 p.m. in the college theatre.

Terence Frisby's comedy "There's A Girl In My Soup" will be performed in studio 105 April 29 through May 2 at 8 p.m. with a final performance at 2 p.m. on May 3.

The Theatre Arts Department will conclude their 1991-92 season with

the annual senior-citizens musical review "New Wrinkles". Sixteen performances will take place between May 22 and June 7.

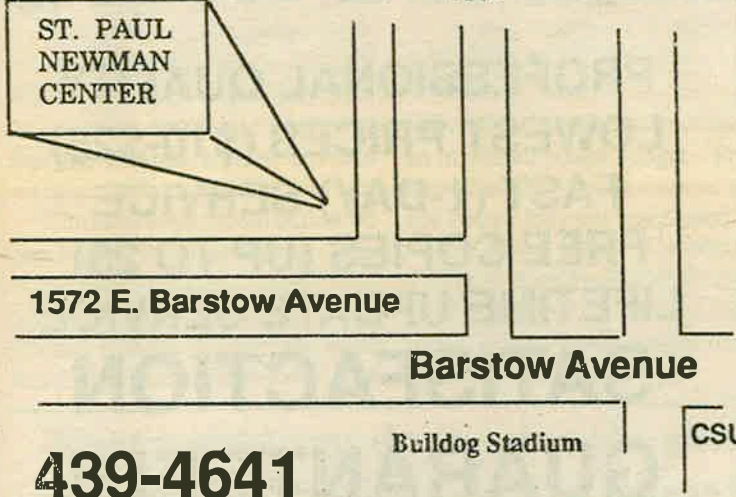
Tickets for most FCC Theatre productions are \$6 general admission and \$4 for students and senior citizens.

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