



Angry students protest high book prices

by J.L. Zewe, managing editor

A group of Fresno City College students organized a demonstration in the Free Speech Area last Friday to protest high book prices.

Alan Meindersee, the leader and main speaker of the demonstration, is a student at FCC. Meindersee doesn't pay for his books because he's on a rehabilitation grant for his back injury. Even though his book fees are paid for by the state, Meindersee believes that book prices is an issue that should not be ignored by anyone, including students receiving financial aid.

Meindersee is fed "fed up" with high book prices. He and a group of students formed a committee and decided to take action.

"We're just some students who went looking for some facts, and we didn't like the facts," said Meindersee. "We found that our books here at FCC cost more than they do at Fresno State University."

Meindersee adamantly stressed that the committee that formed to protest the high cost of books is mainly students.

The purpose of the demonstration, said Meindersee, was to educate students and faculty on what goes on inside of the bookstore. And to "make people realize that book prices are too high, especially for the economically disadvantaged."

The committee of students set up a booth in the Free Speech Area and handed out flyers and information; an FCC Bookstore profit & loss statement (which states the money made, money saved and money spent by the bookstore), FCC esti-

mated income statement 1991-1992 and a hand-out suggesting ways to cut cost on book prices.

Some of the ways suggested were: encouraging the use of old editions if the book is still in print, once the decision is made as to what text is to be used with regard to optional or required text adhere to that selection, DO NOT CHANGE and instructors could possibly create more of their own supplemental information for class rather than being dependent on what the publisher offers in terms of material.

Students and faculty gathered around the booth to hear Meindersee speak, to get information on book prices and to sign a petition in favor of book price control.

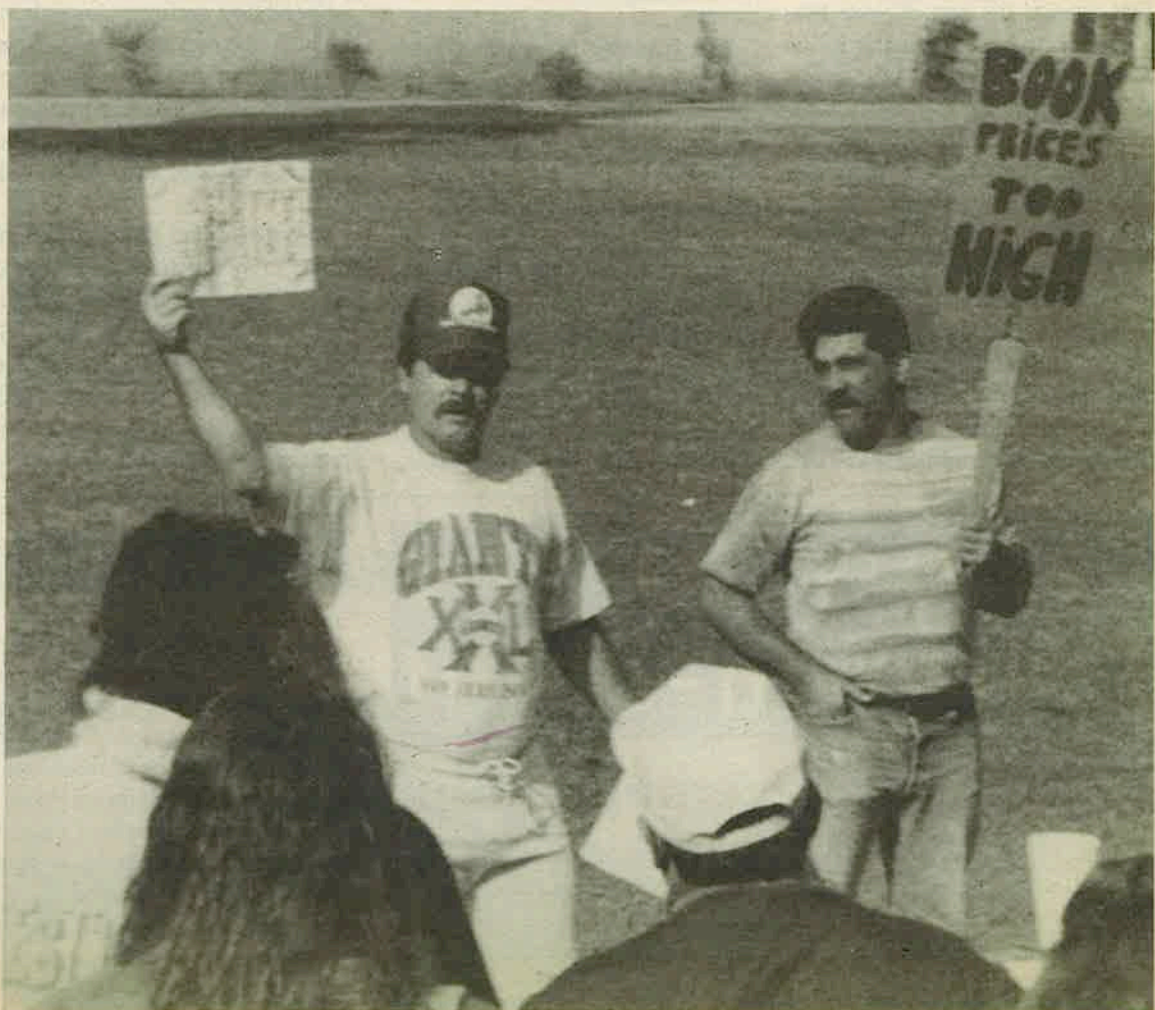
According to Meindersee, the Administration did not support the demonstration, would not sign a permit allowing the students to hold the demonstration and even threatened the Associated Student Senate.

The alleged threats were, "You want favors from us and who gets you favors and who helps you out? If you support this issue then that's it, we're cutting you off," Meindersee said.

But Richard Cleland, the FCC business manager, disagreed and said that the Administration made no such threats.

"The Administration had nothing to do with this demonstration and he (Meindersee) made a statement that was not true," said Cleland.

Cleland also said that the markup on textbooks is comparable to similar colleges. He said the col-



A. Meindersee and A. Dunlap protest the high cost of books at last Friday's gathering.

Photo by Selina Castillo

lege makes about a six percent profit on textbooks, which will pay for renovation and expansion of the bookstore.

David Racki, the FCC librarian, also stated that the high book prices were not the Administrations fault, but the fault of the book publishers.

Through his investigations, Meindersee uncovered a \$1.1 million figure that represents the book-

store's total assets. The bookstore management denied this figure until a \$2.1 million dollar figure was uncovered. The bookstore management admitted the original \$1.1 million figure, according to Meindersee.

Meindersee interprets these figures as saying that, the bookstore has enough money in the reserve to cut back on book prices.

"We're not asking for a zero, non-profit bookstore. But we also don't want a \$2 million surplus," Meindersee said. "What we're trying to do here is find a medium for both sides to work at so the economically disadvantaged can come here and go to school."

Please see "Protest" on the back page

Trustees elected

by Jennifer Petersen

Fresno voters re-elected incumbants William J. Smith and H. Ronald Feaver to the State Center

Unofficial Results	
AREA 2:	
•William J. Smith	34,775
•Dennis Arzoian	10,571
•Douglas J. Curran	8,371
AREA 3:	
•H. Ronald Feaver	33,321
•Esther Perez Martin	19,381
AREA 5:	
•Phillip J. Forhan	10,358
•Jack Fiorentino	6,577
•David Robinson	4,702
•Joe Tarmina	1,924
•Carole Gostanian	3,914
•Bobbi F. Metzler	6,579
•Ward L. Mitchell	1,621
•Ramiro G. Munoz	3,458
•Karen V. Cogley	1,427
•Alan Yengoyan	5,815
•Jacqueline Keller	6,336
•Ben Quintana	
•Gary Edwards	

Community College District Board of Trustees by a large majority in Tuesday's election.

Smith, who was easily elected for a third time in Area 2, focused his campaigning on the quality of student education.

Feaver defeated Area 3 challenger for a second term in office and said that he wanted to remain part of a successful educational team.

Candidate Phil Forhan was voted into his first term in the crowded Area 5 race. Forhan focused on the issue of forming more partnerships with businesses and industries to develop a more skilled labor force.

Ten other candidates also ran for the seat in Area 5. Because no incumbent was running, it was the most sought-after seat in the entire election. Among them was Ward LeVahel Mitchell, 40, a Fresno City College student and student trustee.

Mitchell said he wanted to be viewed as a student, not as a politician, even though he was running for a political office. Mitchell hoped to be the first student trustee ever to be elected to the SCCC in California.

Upcoming Events

•November 8- Veterans Day celebration in the Free speech Area. 11:00 a.m. - noon.

•November 8- STOP THE DESTRUCTION. Dave Willis will be lecturing in the FCC Theater on the effects of clearcut logging upon the ancient forests in the Sierra Nevada. At 12:00 noon.

•November 8- The Rocky Horror Picture Show will shown tonight in the student lounge at 8:00 p.m. Admission is free with an AS card and \$3 general or without an AS card.

•November 9- The first annual Fresno Invitational Taekwondo Championship will be held at the FCC gym, Saturday Nov. 9 from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

•"Status Not Quo" is on display at the FCC Art Space Gallery. The exhibition offers 50 pieces created by 18 of FCC art faculty. The exhibition runs through November 24. For more information contact: Don Brewer at 442-4600 ext. 8747.

Campus salutes its veterans today

by Gurdeep K. Sihota

The winning design for the Veterans memorial will be unveiled today during Fresno City College's Veteran's day celebration. The ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. in the Free Speech Area.

The U.S. Marine Corps Silent Drill Team from the Fourth Light Anti-Missile Battalion and the FCC Color Guard will kick off the event. Jannette N. Jackson, coordinator of instructional computing, will be the keynote speaker. Jackson is also a captain in the U.S. Army National Guard and the commander of the 2668th Transportation Company.

Eight FCC faculty and staff will be recognized as veterans who served their country in different war eras. These include, Richard Cleland, college business manager and Arthur DeManty, business instructor from World War two. Robert Keller, Director of the Police Academy and Bill Seaberg, Associate

Dean of Instruction will be honored from the Korean era. Eluterio Nieto, Media Center staff and Bill Riddle-sprigger, English instructor will be recognized from the Vietnam era. George Pisching, graphics artist and Santiago Escobedo, radiologic technology instructor will be honored from the very recent Desert Shield/Storm War.

During the ceremonies a vision statement of the FCC veterans memorial will be read by the master of ceremonies, Adrian Acosta. The design competition for the memorial began last August as part of the plan for the celebration. This year's winner and recipient of \$300 is Garry McCurry, CSU, Fresno Industrial Arts professor.

A recipient in the FCC student Lounge will mark the end of the celebration. The lounge will also serve as a back-up place for the ceremonies in case of rain.

Rape: it can happen to anyone at any time

by Cory Stephn Tyler

It's just like any other night. You're coming home from work or an evening out. But on this particular night, something will happen that change the rest of your life. Rape, whether it be by a stranger or somebody you know, will affect your life forever.

"You can't believe it's happening to you," states Jane, a date rape survivor whose real name is not being used. "It seems no matter what you do, nothing seems to make it stop, you have no power."

A rape occurs every seven minutes in the United States, and more often than not the victim knows her assailant. Acquaintance rape, or date rape as it is more commonly known,

accounts for 60 percent of all reported cases.

Date rape doesn't only attack your physical and emotional self, but it also affects your trust and sense of judgment. To get past the rape takes a lot of strength, courage and support from your loved ones. There are a few important steps lead to recovery.

The first step is realizing that it was *not* your fault. No matter what the circumstances were, you did nothing wrong to deserve this. The rapist has his own reasoning and it has nothing to do with yours.

Second is learning to trust again.

And third is being comfortable with the idea of making love again. Some people will want to make love right away to make sure that their lover/husband does not consider them "soiled." Others will wait for a long time, because the emo-

tional scars are too strong to ignore.

A simple way to prevent date rape is to arrange the date in a public place. Do not isolate yourself with him. Offer to meet him there, so that you have your own transportation home. Plan the date without alcohol, since most date rape's include it.

Spend time getting to know him, taking home one night stands from the bar is not the safest way to go. And since most date rape's occur at the male's place of residence, avoid being there until you know him better.

If you are raped, there are several things that you should and should not do. Go to the hospital immediately and get an exam. This will help gather physical evidence needed to prove the attack. **DO NOT** wash, shower or douche before you get examined.

Also, you should also call the rape hotline, they will help counsel the victim and provide advocacy face to face at the hospital or wherever law enforcement is present.

Remember, rape can happen to anyone, male or female, young or

old, black or white. It could be a stranger, boyfriend or even a husband. No matter what the situation, it is a violation against you and it is also against the law. Do not be afraid to report it, and the sooner the better.

Rape Statistics

- ❖ 1 out of 6 women will be raped in lifetime
- ❖ 60% of rapists are known to victim
- ❖ 50% of all rapes occur in victim's home
- ❖ 1 rape occurs every 7 minutes
- ❖ 50% of rapists intoxicated during rape
- ❖ 60-80% of rapists were sexually assaulted
- ❖ 1 out of 10 rapes reported nationally
- ❖ 1 out of 4 rapes reported in Fresno

Source: Rape Counseling Service

24-hour Hotline (209) 222-RAPE

Letters to the Editor-in-chief

Abortion vs. overpopulation

What a load of drivel you have seen fit to print in the school newspaper! First of all, how can you compare the predicament of the California condor with abortion. There are no condors left in the wild and very few in captivity. I believe there are less than 100 alive.

There are more than five billion (that's a five with nine zeros after it) people in the world and 250 million right here in the United States. I fail to see how there is any comparison.

Second is your definition of "life" and the fetus. I think you have moved the development time up just a little. Your definition of "murder" is far broader than even the Supreme Court of the United States allows.

Next, let's look at impact. I don't doubt that you are one of those people who think that the good Lord

put us here to use the earth as we see fit, but even to the point of racial suicide? The root causes of the ecological problems of the world are overpopulation and our inability to deal with it.

I also think no one should dictate to a woman what she must do with her body, because until the third trimester it is still her body since that fetus cannot "live" independently of her womb without extreme measures and even then with little success.

You want to cut down on abortions? The best way is to educate people on how not to get pregnant, not lambast them about their morality.

Warren Raddatz,
FCC student

Rampage goes too far

I am one of many distressed students here on this campus who is moving toward being upset. My distressed emotional state is due to the current condition of our school newspaper, this newspaper. I realize you are dealing with a limited student involvement and a limited budget, but those are all curable.

I want it clear that I don't intend to cause any harm to this paper, but we need some change. Therefore, I suggest you make an issue of any of your problems with the administration and with the Associated Students. All of this, however, does not touch on my reason for being upset.

My being upset is directly impacted by two articles in the October 18 issue of the Rampage. First of all, the front page article, titled "Book prices drop," was very misleading. It seemed to me that the title was designed to trick your reader into reading an article which was actually about the AS Senate's efforts to get some lowering of prices. No prices have dropped.

Then, we turn the page to find, in two-inch bold lettering, the headline "Abortion kills life." That in my opinion was nothing but opinion, with no emphasis in common fact. It could very easily be seen as preaching, which I did not author-

ize my AS card or tuition expenses for.

The intent of a student newspaper is to educate, and that presented a fully one-sided argument, which is anti-education. Let me see an editorial or article with the headline "Abortion is just." Or is that against the morals of this paper?

I am not attempting to choose sides here, and neither should this newspaper. Let's present both sides.

And by the way, I would always be available to help out a positive newspaper.

Greg K. Simmons
President Pro-Tempore of the Student Body

I beg your pardon, sir

I would like to make understood that you, Mr. Greg Simmons, are an individual with your own opinions. Please speak for yourself and let the other "many distressed students here on this campus" speak for themselves.

It's interesting that FCC's president pro-tempore of the student body gets himself into a "distressed emotional state" due to his interpretations of the school newspaper. I know a good therapist.

Clearly, Mr. Simmons, you must not have read last issue's editorial "Abortion kills life" very thoroughly. You may not even know what an editorial is supposed to accomplish. Let me enlighten you to a few things.

First, you should look at page headings before you jump to conclusions. At the very top of page two are the letters O-P-I-N-I-O-N. This spells "I can write whatever I darn well please."

Next, if you did indeed read the editorial (which is another key word which means "the opinion of the editor or writer"), you would find a lot of fact. They may not be "common fact" as you worded it, but you can check each source I mentioned for accuracy.

Go to our trusty library and look at the California Fish and Game code book. Grab a copy of *Inquiry into Life* at the bookstore and verify

other facts. I have other literature in my possession if you wish to look into some less-common but all-too-true FACTS.

Third, newspapers (even our dear Rampage) do not have morals. I have morals. Other people have morals. Editorial writing, being opinion based on fact, will create a moral window. Any thinking person can look into the window and see what morals the writer has.

You labeled my editorial a few things in your letter, Mr. Simmons. You called it an "argument," "anti-educational," "opinion," and "preaching." I think you are confused.

Education is based on argument. Arguing opinions leads to solving issues because facts are brought in to defend each side. I merely argued for the least talked about side: pro-life.

If stating facts based on California law and basic biology is anti-educational preaching, then I think you should look to Webster for some definitions.

Please re-read the editorial carefully, Mr. Simmons, before jumping to your own sensitive conclusions. You may learn something.

I already talked to you in person about the honest mistake in the front-page headline. You stated that the "article... was very misleading."

The article was fine, it was the headline that was in error.

I informed you in person about what it's like trying to put the Rampage together with little staff experience and a small staff. FCC is an educational entity. We are LEARNING how to publish a newspaper, sir.

Your accusation about intentionally misleading readers is taken personally by me. I already apologized for the mistake. You obviously did not either accept or believe it. Please grant mercy on those who humble themselves and ask forgiveness.

You also state that problems with this paper's budget and student involvement is "curable." No kidding. Snapping fingers won't help, but taking the steps I'm currently taking will help. Don't expect immediate results.

Enjoy reading the Rampage, Mr. Simmons. By the way, if you so desperately want to see "the other side" printed in this paper, then write an editorial and submit it! Don't just complain.

You say you want to help a "positive newspaper?" Then start making some positive and constructive criticisms.

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Another Letter to the Editor

White Americans don't honor the "real heroes"

Say "1492" and a little bell will go off inside the heads of most Americans, including young children. It was the year that Columbus "discovered" America.

But how can this be when native Americans have been co-existing on this land for thousands of years? Why was this fact never mentioned, or at least elaborated upon, in school textbooks?

The answer has been a well-organized, premeditated effort by the

leaders of this country to promote racism. Racism has been thoroughly inscribed not only in Chapter 1, but in every chapter of American history up to the present day.

Little is written about hundreds of thousands of native Americans who were massacred by greedy land-seekers heading west. Instead, we read about the great pioneers of the West, our American heroes (like Kit Carson and Daniel Boone).

Native Americans who tried at best to welcome and exist with the early settlers, and who later fought for their land, identity and lives, are the true American heroes. Yet there

is not a national holiday for them.

Our African-American (not "black," a term given to them by Anglo-Saxon racists) slaves are also the real American heroes. Slavery was acknowledged in textbooks, but none was written about thousands of courageous slaves, packed like sardines in slave ships lying in their own defecation and thrown overboard when they became sick or dead.

Still, we continue to read about false American heroes, such as George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, both slave owners. Should African-Americans consider

these two men heroes? If "yes," then neither should any other American.

The only date more familiar than 1492 is 1776, "Independence Day." But the only people who were "free" were white, male, property owners. Should native Americans and African-Americans celebrate these occasions? If "no," then neither should any other American.

It's truly amazing that the majority of Americans are quick to honor Washington's birthday, but the states of Arizona and New Hampshire can't make room on their calendars for Martin Luther King, Jr.

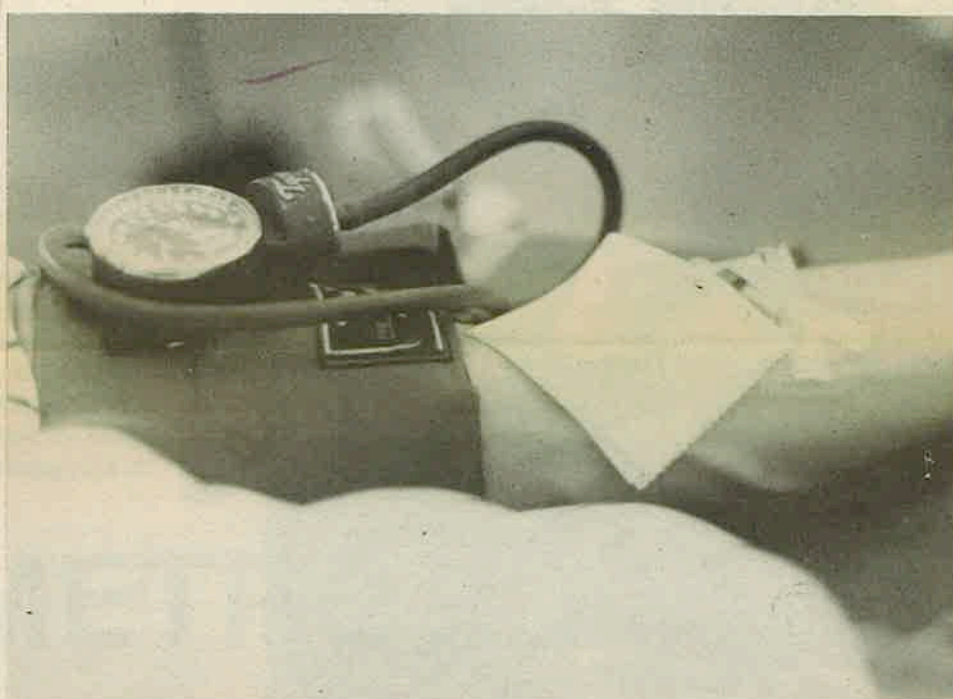
Another holiday-maker, Abraham Lincoln, was not truly concerned about "freeing slaves," but preserving the union.

Not until recently have minority leaders issued a campaign to reexamine school textbooks, and it's beginning to show. An example is found at FCC: *American History, a Survey Vol. 1*.

The first sentence in chapter one reads, "The discovery of America did not begin with Christopher Columbus."

B.T. Wedemeyer,
FCC student

It may hurt, it may be gross, but it saves lives



Frances Castellano watches over donor Leon Velasco during last Wednesday's blood drive in the student lounge.
photos by Cory Tyler

London semester not just academics

by Dara Wright

Heather Johnson, along with 19 other FCC and KRCC students, took her 1991 spring semester of school in London, through a program offered by the International Education Office in the State Center of Community College District.

Over a Coke and a couple of laughs, Heather, 23, told of her "educational" yet "exciting" trip.

"It was a good program," Heather said in explaining the \$3,000 package. "It covered your flight there and back, your housing, two meals a day, school field trips and theater tickets."

"We went on a tour of London when we first got there," she said. "It helped us get orientated."

She also went to Cambridge, Bath and Stratford-Upon-Avon. "Those were our four field trips spread out over the course of the trip," Heather related.

Two American teachers journeyed to London with the program to teach the group. Richard Gibbs, an economics teacher at FCC and Gene Pope, a psychology teacher from KRCC.

An Oxford teacher, Mrs. Davies, also taught English literature from the 17th century to any of the American students that wanted to take it.

"She was the most difficult teacher I have ever had and very strict," Heather confided.

"They don't really have a grading system there." This was one of the biggest differences Heather noticed between English and American teachers. "You either pass or fail," she said.

Another difference Heather confessed was that "You write more essays. The teachers over there don't give multiple choice (test) questions at all."

Heather took speech, political science and history. "English history is American history, it's intertwined." There was a big advantage in taking history in England because Heather was able to visit many of the places they discussed in class. "Like when we went on a tour of London they showed us a place where George Washington's family lived before they came over

to America," she said.

"I was just a social butterfly," Heather said to emphasize how much fun she had on the trip outside the classroom. "I got to meet a lot of the local London people, because in London all the pubs close at 11 p.m. There's a really big house party scene."

When asked if English men were more polite than American men, Heather responded with a laugh and a definite "NO." About their aggressiveness, Heather said, "let's say that they really like American [women], especially California women."

"I saw *Cats* there three times on dates," she said. Even though Heather said that English men lack in some areas, she said that they know how to treat a girl. But Heather admitted, "They do more wining than dining you."

Since the drinking age is 18, a night is usually spend "pub-crawling." A pub-crawl is: "Where you go from pub to pub. You have a drink at each pub and keep on going," Heather said.

ROVING REPORTER

photos by Cory Tyler

"How do you feel about FCC cafeteria food?"



"The turkey bacon is alright. You're talking to a wrestler who hasn't eaten in about two days and I'd eat anything, to tell you the truth."
-Dustin Riley



"I want hamburgers in the morning. I would like to have lunch items for breakfast."
-Brett Marean



"The food is lousy. It's not healthy at all. I want something that's healthy and good for me. Something that's good for the mind and makes you think and study. Not all of this fried food."
-Liz Bruno

Injuries plague sports programs - broken legs

by Scott A. Mayes

Injuries have crippled the FCC athletic program in record fashion this year.

"This year has been the worst in years. It's not just football, it's all sports," said athletic trainer Scott Nelson.

The 1991 injuries to this point are primarily on football, volleyball and wrestling teams.

Michael Pogue was a starting Inside Linebacker before breaking his leg. Pogue broke the fibula bone in his leg before the season opener. Duane Vandborg has stepped into the starting position.

Sven Wiker was the 1991 starting Quarterback. Sven pulled a nerve in the vetegral joint of his neck.

Following Wiker's injury, Brandon Greer took over as starting Quarterback. Like Pogue, Greer

broke the fibula bone in his leg. Ironically, Greer broke his fibula on the same weekend that Fresno State Quarterback, Mark Barsotti, suffered the same injury.

Pogue, Wiker, and Greer are all lost for the season.

Thomas Brown, a transfer from

"I'm really disappointed and heart broken because I was expected to have a good year"

-Brandon Greer

Arizona, will take over the Quarterback position for the Ram squad.

Thomas began the year as the number three Quarterback.

Lisa Aten was slated as the starting Outside Hitter as the volleyball season began. Lisa suffered torn ligaments in her right knee.

Monica Gomez is a defensive specialist on the Ram's Volleyball team. Gomez broke her foot early in the season.

Both Gomez and Aten have slight chances of returning this year.

Wrestler Jason Pearce has suffered constant shoulder dislocations over the past five months, resulting in surgery. The stretching and pulling of ligaments and tendons caused his shoulder pop to out of place on a regular basis.

"I'm really dissapointed and heartbroken because I was expected to have a good year," said Pearce.

Pearce will return to action next year in the 1992-93 campaign.

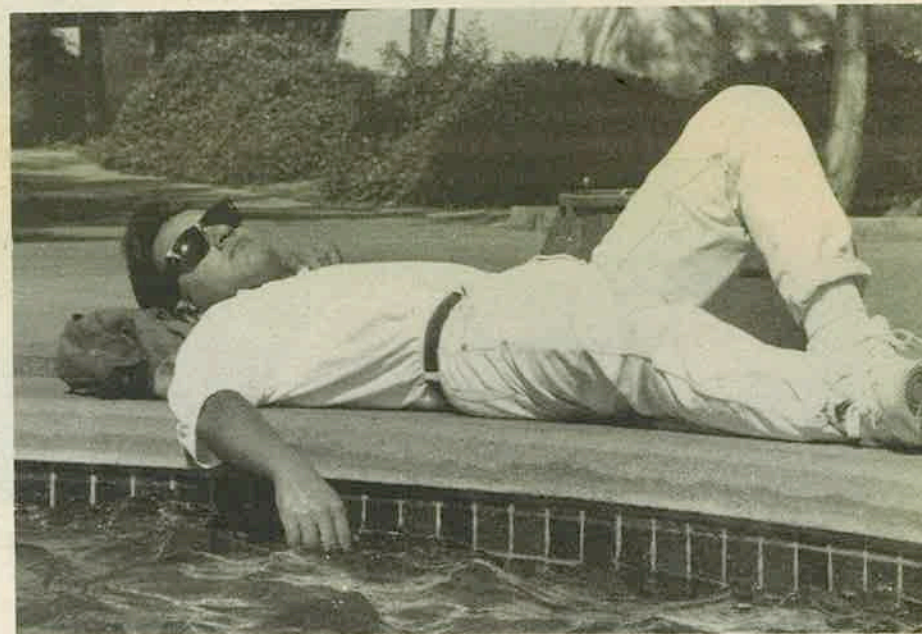
According to trainer Scott Nelson, "There is no reason for an outbreak like this. Injuries happen in cycles. An athlete may go for three years without an injury and then get hit."



Tralner Debbie Vidinoff tapes ankles.

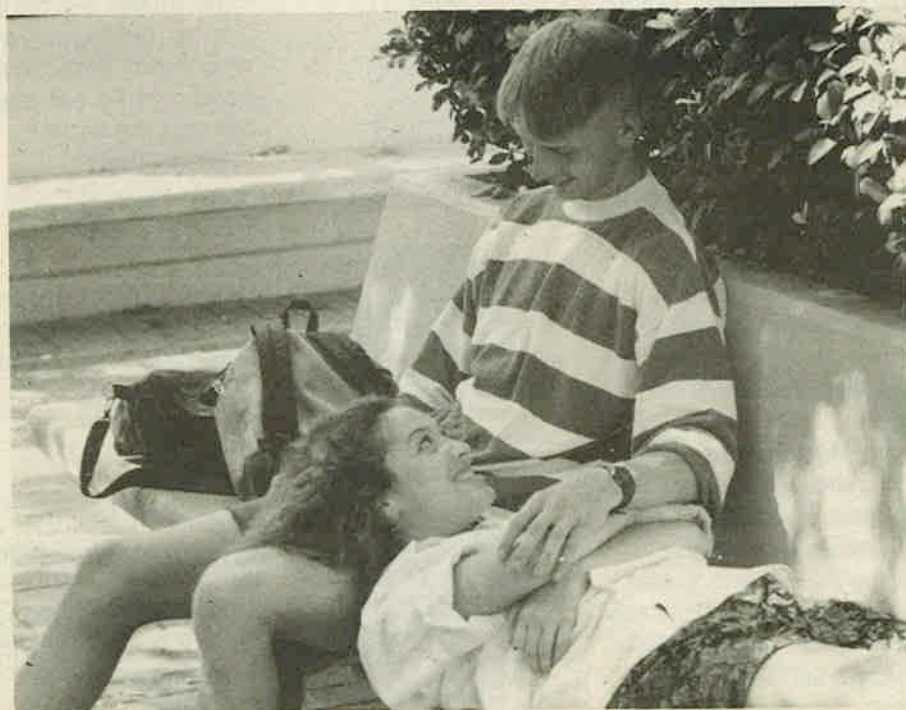


A. Khoty Ly and Tim Lor hang loose near the tennis courts.



C. Frankie Salvio relaxes in the afternoon sun at the fountain.

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B. Frank Strohl provides the magic for Candie Jones.

Thank God it's Friday could be the theme for a typical Friday afternoon at F.C.C. From music in the student lounge, to romance, or a leisurely siesta in the sun, students and sometimes children find time to unwind.

Photos-Nikki Vartikian



D. Liban Ahmad visits his father Mahamed

Mattox joins Rams as backup QB

by Scott A. Mayes

After season ending injuries to quarterbacks Sven Wiker and Brandon Greer, the Rams are in desperate need of a backup quarterback.

With this complex situation, up stepped ASB President Mike Mattox.

Thomas Brown, who started the season as the number three quarterback, is now the starter. Brown, a transfer from Arizona, recently threw for 278 yards in a game against Santa Rosa College.

"If Brown got hurt," stated Mattox, "there would be no one left."

Coach John Volek contacted the ASB president and he was out on the field taking snaps the next day.

Despite the invitation, Mattox has very little previous playing experience. He missed his junior season with a broken leg. The quarterback

also missed all but two games of his senior year after suffering from a punctured lung.

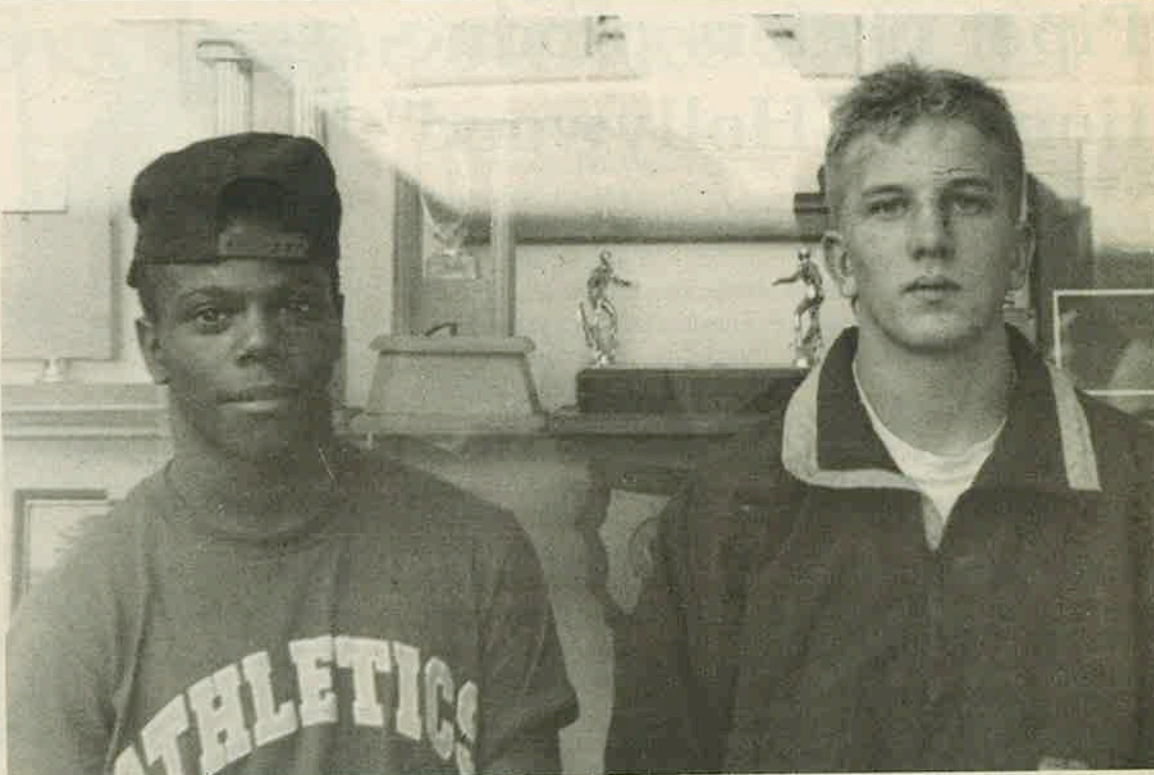
Mattox, wearing the number two jersey, was ecstatic following a 52-38 victory over highly-touted Taft College.

"There's a big difference between high school and college football," he said. "Here everyone is much bigger, much faster and hits much harder."

The Rams, 4-3, welcomed their new quarterback.

"I think they were all glad to see me," said Mattox. "Anytime you're down to one quarterback, people start to get nervous."

Mattox, who led a bookstore protest last Friday, will have his hands full. He is a full-time student, The ASB President, and an FCC quarterback.



Wrestlers Detren Gant and Ben Ervin.

Photo By Cory Tyler.

Brawl erupts at soccer game

by Scott A. Mayes

On September 17, 1991, a bench clearing brawl erupted ejecting two players and injuring another during an FCC-Ohlone College soccer game.

An unidentified Ohlone player kicked FCC forward Jeff Hartman in the face. He went into convulsions as a result of the play and was rushed to the hospital.

The incident was followed by a bench clearing brawl at Ratcliffe Stadium.

Erik Hernandez, an FCC player, was ejected following the brawl. The unidentified Ohlone player was ejected as well.

"Jeff did miss a few games," according to teammate Luis Avina, "but he's alright now. He's playing again."

A meeting with Jeff Hartman, his mother, Athletic Director Emory Luck, and Coach Bill Neal followed to discuss filing a lawsuit to recover medical expenses.

"Initially I heard about a lawsuit being filed," Avina said, "but it might be just a rumor. I'm not really sure."

After further consideration, Mrs. Hartman chose not to file a lawsuit against the Ohlone player.

In gathering the information, Coach Bill Neal and Athletic Director Emory Luck declined to release the name or any other specifics of the incident.

by Scott A. Mayes

Freshmen wrestlers Detren Gant and Ben Ervin are having similar seasons with similar goals.

After ten matches, Gant is 10-0 with four pins in the 126 pound weight class.

Ervin also has four pins and carries a 9-1 record in his 134 pound weight class.

In his weight class, Gant placed first, second, and third in the state in three years while attending Roosevelt High School. An electronics major, received his high school coaching from Lee Torrez.

He opened his 1991-92 season by pinning his first opponent in 28 seconds.

Gant gets nervous at a time different from most wrestlers. "Before a match I don't get nervous like most people do. I get nervous when the match is close," Gant said.

Ben Ervin, a Madera High School graduate, has been wrestling competitively for eight years.

Wayne Napier coached Ervin during high school leading him to a fourth place finish in the state championships.

Both Gant and Ervin were four-year lettermen at their high schools.

Both wrestlers plan to transfer to Fresno State and hope to wrestle in the 1996 Olympics.

"It's a lot of hard work," said Ervin, "but to wrestle in the Olympics is worth it all."

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Piper prefers productions "off Hollywood"

by Nikki Vartikian

Asking Jim Piper, English and film appreciation instructor at FCC, about the latest movie trends in Hollywood is like asking a wine connoisseur about the latest release of Ripple.

In drawing a distinction between most Hollywood films and "serious cinema," Piper prefers the latter.

He is part of a select group of film lovers viewed by some as the "cinemagentsia." These people are supporters of art and foreign films or what Piper calls "off Hollywood" productions.

"While serious cinema tends to confront or challenge the social values one holds, Hollywood films generally only confirm them," explains Piper. There are, admittedly, a few exceptions he says. "Reversal of Fortune" and "Goodfellas," for example."

Take a look at Jim Piper's ten-best films list for 1990 (1991 won't be out until 1992) and you may not recognize some or most of the titles.

1. Landscape in the Mist
2. Goodfellas
3. Henry and June
4. The Civil War
5. The Nasty Girl
6. Strapless
7. Black Rain (Immaura)
8. King of New York
9. Reversal of Fortune
10. Metropolitan

One reason for this reaction is that Piper doesn't feel current trends in Hollywood always lead to the best films, even if they do secure big box office dollars.

Another reason is that many of his top ten are considered to be in the art or foreign film category which do not usually make money for Fresno theaters. (Attendance of serious cinema in Fresno is usually limited.) This means you may not have the opportunity to see these films until they are released on video. Even then video stores are hesitant to stock them.

"The best way to find out about better cinema is to read about it,"

Piper advises. He cites syndicated reviews in the *Fresno Bee*, *San Francisco Chronicle* and the *Los Angeles Times* as good sources, but thinks the best information is in a magazine called *Film Comment*.

Every January and February issue, *Film Comment* publishes a ten-best film list. "I use the list mainly as a guide to renting films later when they come out on video—if they appear in video and if local video stores carry them."

If he still can't find a movie locally, he says he resorts to renting them by mail.

This past summer, Piper and other members of the "cinemagentsia" were greatly encouraged by the response to an outdoor film festival held in a Tower District parking lot.

Billed as the Tower District Outdoor Good-Time Film Festival, Piper says, "So many people showed up that late-comers overflowed the parking lot and spilled out across the sidewalk and down the alley."

The success of this festival inspired Piper to organize an indoor film fest here at FCC. The first, of two yearly, will feature Russian cinema since Glastnost.

"It was the failure of the Soviet coup in August that suggested the themes to me," said Piper.

Four films will be showcased:

1. Private Life (1987)
2. A Forgotten Tune for the Flute (1988)
3. Commisar (1988)
4. Little Vera (1989)

Although these films were originally scheduled to shown in October, the festival had to be canceled and rescheduled for March 1992.

Piper recommends those who want to see more "serious cinema" check out the current UA and KKDJ Art Film Festival. Films such as *Slacker*, *Europa*, *Europa* and *City of Hope* will be featured.

For a better selection of serious cinema video, Piper recommends The Video Zone and The Movies videos stores.



THC's Tarik, Hud, and Craig together create a spontaneous form of rock'n'roll for Fresno.

THC band spontaneous

by Jeff Connelly

Though Fresno may seem culturally void and unexciting, Fresno residence can find some of the most energetic rock and roll likely to be heard in this neck of the woods.

The group is THC. The lineup is Tarik Ragab, bass; Hud Bixler, drums; and Chris Daniel, guitar. In the shadows and behind the sound board is Rick Friant, the group's engineer.

THC came together in February of 1990. Hud asked Craig to join him and Tarik (whom Hud had known for years) to jam on a few of Todd Rundgren songs. They clicked so well that within three months they had eight original songs. With Rick at the helm, *Round the Block with THC* was released in November and sold out.

They now have roughly forty songs and are working on a second tape. "The Worm" and "In my Mind," from *Round the Block* are played regularly on KFSR 90.7.

The spontaneous, quasi-improvised sound of their music comes from the fact that the band woks very well together.

"We've written about five or six songs," Craig said. "At practice, we just hit 'play-record' and the songs come out from beginning to end. We keep it completely spontaneous. It's a really cool way to write."

Set-lists, the lists of songs played in a live set, are a thing of the past. THC goes on stage with only two or three songs in mind. The rest comes naturally.

THC is part of a self-described "musical family" including other local groups (such as E is for Elephant, Black Fry, Strip Twister and the now-defunct Tales of Young Robert. Brian Kenney, Chapman-stick virtuoso and guitarist for E is for Elephant often jams with them, as do members of other bands.

Without ever becoming as shameless as many bands are with musical heroes, THC finds inspiration in the under-rated composer Todd Rundgren. Craig's remarkable vocal prowess was recently featured on a Todd Rundgren tribute album.

Their goal is exposure and recognition, not easy in a town (or industry) which does not lend itself to

their form of frantic, spontaneous rock and roll.

"This is our music," Tarik said. "Some people may think what we do is pretentious because it's not what everybody else does. It's live energy."

That live energy is captured so

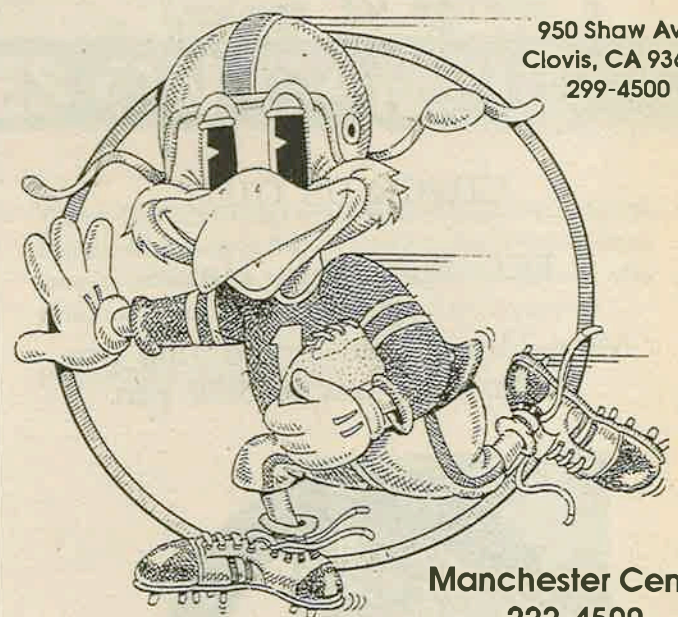
well on their recordings. As opposed to recording each instrument separately on tracks, the band records live, with only vocals mixed afterwards. It makes sense financially and allows them to capture on tape the spirit that many bands often lack, even live.

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Chronic Fatigue Syndrome strikes at FCC

by Gerald R. Sames

Mara, 29, is a psychology major at Fresno City College. She is one of 13 million people suffering from Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS) or its relative Chronic Fatigue Immune Dysfunction Syndrome (CFIDS). She runs a perpetual fever, suffers from nausea and muscle pains and is unable to take classes full-time. She can no longer hold down a job and battles depression constantly.

However, the worst aspect of this disease is the indifference, apathy and open hostility with which people treat her. "I have a disability card from the state of California," she says. "People look at me like I don't belong in disability lines."

Because Mara's illness doesn't always manifest itself physically,

people cannot see that anything is wrong. Even when the symptoms are clearly visible, they don't appear to be debilitating.

Little is known about CFS, CFIDS and the Epstein-Barr virus that causes them. The disease generally affects women between the ages of 30-45, but can strike at any age.

Nausea, chronic fever, fibromyalgia (muscular rheumatism) and constant fatigue can occur together, separately, or in succession. The symptoms and their severity, vary from patient to patient and may not be present in all cases.

This so-called "rich person's disease" or "Yuppie Flu" has no known cure. In addition, its treatment can be very expensive, hence the "rich person's disease" epithet. Only the symptoms can be addressed and this helps in varying degrees.

The diagnosis is where the real

problem lies. Mara was diagnosed with CFIDS this year, after living with the illness most of her life. She has had extensive blood tests, seen a neurologist, a rheumatologist, a podiatrist, and finally was diagnosed with CFIDS. The third doctor she saw recognized the symptoms and thought to check for Epstein-Barr.

The situation, however, is not hopeless. As more and more attention is focused on CFS/CFIDS and Epstein-Barr, diagnosis and treatment will become easier. Through early detection and an increase in doctor awareness, people with the disease will have a better chance of controlling it.

To combat the disease, a number of factors are important. First, some people may be more susceptible than others. "Type-A personalities get it faster," Mara claims. "The trick is not to wear your stress."

By this she means not wearing out your body. She admits to having hurt herself by overexerting herself. "I ran when I should have walked. I performed when I should have shut down." In other words, learn to accept your limits and rest when you reach them.

The next step in combating this ailment is early detection. Medication can alleviate most symptoms and suppress some but only if it is administered in time. Symptoms to watch for include a chronic fever/sore throat, muscle pains and constant fatigue for at least six months from no apparent cause. Mara counsels anyone experiencing these symptoms to see a doctor. A wide variety of tests, such as the Titer level, Beam scan or Spect scan can be administered to determine the patient's condition. The doctor may also observe the body's changes

over a one-year period.

However, the single most important factor in beating this disease is a positive mental attitude. Because a person with CFS can no longer do all that they would like to, they become frustrated and angry. This leads to depression when coupled with the debilitating effects of the disease. To counteract this depression, a support group has been formed to help people deal with the disease. Anyone who has CFS, CFIDS or Epstein-Barr can get in touch with the group at 275-1844.

Until enough information reaches the public for the disease to be treated like other diseases, Mara must continue her fight against both disease and ignorance. Fortunately, she has a good outlook which she says is the key. "I'm back in school working on my BA in psychology. I'll get there, slowly but surely."

FCC Jazz Ensemble kicks off

The award winning Fresno City College jazz ensemble kicked off its Fall 1991 season Tuesday, October 22.

The jazz ensemble, directed by Mike Dana, featured many returning musicians from FCC.

According to Dana, the Ensemble has a unique style all its own.

"Jazz is more reflective on the musician," said Dana. "When we play and we feel like we're on top of the world you (audience) can feel it. When we play and we've had a lousy day, it (the music) hurts."

If you missed the first concert, you can catch them again in December. For more information call 442-4600, extension 8463.

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Men's Soccer: Nov. 16,
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Men's Basketball:
Nov. 16, San Jose
City College at FCC
Women's Soccer:
Nov. 16, Norcal playoffs

New Journal for blacks at FCC

by Whitney Brown

A scholarly publication called *The African American Journal* will be available during the spring semester at Fresno City College.

Donations, both financial and literary, are being taken now for the *Journal* by the Executive Editor, Homer Greene Jr, school relations adviser.

Students as well as instructors are encouraged to submit works that are graded an A or a B. The *Journal* will consist of term papers, short essays, poetry, book reviews, editorials, a reflection column, health reports and general information

concerning issues that pertain to all students and African-American students in particular.

"This is the first time an African-American journal will be published from this campus," said Greene. "One out of five papers written by non African-Americans will be printed if chosen. We are aiming for a multi-cultural journal. One dealing with issues like pregnancy, A.I.D.S., cocaine- things people come in contact with today."

A reviewing committee will assist Greene in selecting submitted writings. The committee will include; Walter Brooks, counselor, Ralph Gant, speech instructor, Kehinde Solwazi, African-Ameri-

can studies instructor, Itibari M. Zulu, community representative, Michael Quinn, English instructor and one student representative.

"It is estimated that these exchanges will promote mutual respect and understanding of cultural diversity and conceptual interpretation on any given subject covered in the *Journal*," stated Greene in a grant application.

Two to three hundred copies of the *Journal* will be printed about March of 1992. Copies will be on file in the FCC library. The issues will be distributed on a first come, first served basis to those who contact Greene and reserve an issue of *The African American Journal*.



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student would buy that same book for \$25, no profit made by the bookstore.

For more information about lowering book prices contact the Associated Student Body and ask for a copy of the book price control petition.

Bookstore's Profit & Loss status 1990-91 school year

Net Sales:	\$3,427,163.33
Total Cost of Goods Sold:	\$2,517,920.02
Gross Profit:	\$909,243.31
Total Operating Expenses:	\$534,599.72
Net Income from Operations	\$374,643.59
Total Other Revenue:	\$88,922.24
Net Income:	\$360,778.70
Liquid Cash	\$1,248,590.48
Total Assets	\$2,011,467.88

Source: Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet 6/30/91

Harris: coming soon

by B.T. Wedemeyer

The next president of Fresno City College admitted it would be difficult leaving the Kansas City community where he has prospered for more than 20 years.

But Dr. Brice W. Harris counters these mixed emotions with his excitement about coming to Fresno, during a telephone interview Monday.

"This college has the reputation as one of the best, if not the best in the United States," Harris said. "Fresno is a fast-growing community which cares about its education, from elementary on up."

Harris was appointed president by the State Community College District Board of Trustees October 2. He was selected from a pool of more than 40 candidates. He is expected to arrive at FCC in mid November.

"Community colleges are the greatest hope for the future of mass education," he said. "California schools, like this one, are far ahead of the rest."

Harris looks forward to getting out and meeting with the students and expressing his concerns about the school's immediate problems, such as budgets, overcrowding and book prices.

"It's hard for me to attack these problems right now, without being there," he said. "But I do that access

to education at a community college is vital and I will do everything in my power to make the necessary improvements."

"I have yet to find a college that doesn't have a problem with book prices," Harris said. "I am well aware of the burden on our students to purchase textbooks."

"I would like the students and faculty to think of me as someone who is candid and honest," he said. "One who will listen carefully and think before he acts."

A native of Watonga, Okla., he and his wife Barbara have three children; Brice Jr., Trevor and Rebecca. "My family is also very excited about coming to Fresno."

"Fresno City is receiving one of the finest, most professional people I know," said Juanita Johnson, telecommunications specialist and employee of Dr. Harris. "We all, very much, hate to see him go."

Harris is replacing Ernest R. Leach, who resigned in May.

Harris has held various positions in college systems since 1972, including assistant to the chancellor, instructor of communication and theater and associate dean of instructional services.

He holds a doctorate in higher education administration, a masters degree in communication and a bachelor's degree in communication and theater.

Zinn talks on hidden US history

by Jennifer Petersen

Howard Zinn, an internationally known historian and author will address the topic "Beyond the Myth: Columbus in Historical Perspective" in Fresno Wednesday, November 13.

Zinn has written extensively about the impact of Columbus on the Western Hemisphere from the perspective of its native peoples and he exposes how many previously suppressed facts have shaped the country we live in today.

Zinn, best known for his book, *A Peoples History of the United States*, is also an acknowledged lecturer, historian and political theorist. Zinn's most recent book, *Declarations of Independence: Cross-Examining American Ideology*, explores the Vietnam War, First Amendment Guarantees of privacy and free speech, communism and various other topics.

Zinn will speak in the Fresno City College Theater at noon and at the California State University of Fresno's Satellite Union at 7 p.m., Nov. 13. Both lectures will have free admission. For further information call: 221-3796.

Teaching English elsewhere

by J.L. Zewe

Imagine traveling to a foreign country, not knowing the language, and teaching an ESL (English as a second language) class. Mary Arechiga, an English teacher at Fresno City College, did just that.

Arechiga lived and taught in Budapest, Hungary for six months. She taught ESL at a private technical university called TUB (Technical University of Budapest).

"I've always wanted to experience a different culture," said Arechiga. "I didn't just want a two-week jaunt to Europe, I wanted to live and teach there."

Arechiga said she loved her time



Jannett Jackson named woman of the year

Jannett Jackson, coordinator of instructional computing at Fresno City College, was named Fresno's Outstanding Business/Professional Woman of the Year for 1991. Jackson was selected from 159 nominees.

She is the Captain of the 2668th Transportation Company, California National Guard. Last September, under Jackson's leadership, the 2668th was the first California National Guard unit called up during the Persian Gulf crisis.

in Hungary. She liked walking in the country and meeting people. One of the best parts of her experience, she said, was not having a car.

"I liked not having a car and not needing a car," Arechiga said. "The transportation in the city (Budapest) was wonderful. I could take a tram, a bus, or a metro. I never had to have an auto."

Arechiga said the worst part of her trip was the food.

"The food was very different, a lot heavier," she said. "It was difficult for me to eat in restaurants, they used a lot of heavy sauces. When we (her student aide, her daughter and herself) were invited into

people's homes for dinner, we had wonderful Hungarian food."

Arechiga said that her experience was unforgettable, food and all. She also said that she is considering teaching abroad again.

"I want to become more active in international education," said Arechiga. "I think it is my niche in education. I loved it."

Arechiga doesn't know when she'll travel again, although she is considering teaching in Guatemala this coming summer.

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Fire hits theater

by J.L. Zewe

The City of Fresno Fire department is investigating a fire that caused \$15,000 to \$20,000 damage to the FCC theater on October 24. The fire department suspects that the fire was accidental.

Someone supposedly left a video camera too close to a burner that was left on in TA room 107, a teacher's lounge. Investigators believe the plastic casing on the camera melted down and ignited, which caused the fire. The fire was self

contained and did not go beyond the cooking area of the lounge. The sprinkler system was activated.

"The fire had potential, but it didn't go anywhere," said Melanie Bedwell, the public relations officer. "The fire started at approximately 3:15 p.m. and the theater building was virtually empty. We're very lucky."

There were 25 band students practicing in the Theater building at the time. The students were evacuated and there were no injuries.



Fire in FCC theater causes up to \$20,000 in damages.

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