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A.S. closes door to students loans

Sonny Starks
Rampage staff

Short term, no interest loans to students from the Associated Student Body have been temporarily suspended, according to student government representatives.

Traditionally, sixty-day loans up to \$75 could be made to needy students, upon student government approval, with the proceeds coming from the sale of A.S. membership cards.

However, due to a computer programing omission, card sales have declined drastically since the

beginning of the spring semester.

In the past, the student was asked if they wanted to buy the card during the initial registration process and they paid their membership fee while paying all the other fees at the same time.

"What happened is now, the new system does not ask the student if he or she wants to become a member," explains Kathleen Reyna, legislative vice president of the A.S.

"This means the student only learns of membership benefits after leaving the business office. Then, if they decide they want to participate, the student must go all the way back to pay the \$5 membership fee. This can be a terrible inconvenience as the office is not centrally located on the campus and requires a special trip.

"Usually, at this point in the semester, we have about \$10,000 to work with. Thus far this semester, we have only \$800 in card sales, about 160 people. This is a dismal sales record!"

Card sales pay for more than student loans.

According to financial records given this newspaper by Executive Vice President Karena Kelley, funds are allocated to many student activities including the annual "Ramburger Round-Up" (student barbecue) and

"Free Pizza Day" given for students during semester "cram sessions."

"We are working with a \$13,000 budget (financial obligations) this semester. We usually have between \$20,000 to \$21,000," says Kelley.

Twenty percent of that budget goes to the football team, theater arts and co-curriculum items, with the remainder going toward other school needs, according to Kelley.

"Let's say the arts department needs something that the district can't or won't buy," she explains. "If it's a necessary item, we'll take it before the senate and fight for that item."

In the past, another benefit of A.S. membership cards was free or discounted admission to all school sporting or theater events, discounted prices on non-textbook items in the bookstore and on food items in the cafeteria.

According to A.S. Senator Paul Maddox, these items must be renegotiated each semester.

"We're also researching as to whether we can sell the cards at sporting events and other campus public places, to save the student the trip to the business office," he says.



Angel DeJesus/Rampage

Jim McCuthen drives past Porterville defenders to lay it in during the Rams 112-77 shellacking last Saturday night at Fresno. See sports on page 5.

Governor Wilson makes students dig deeper for next year's tuition

Ann Ridolfi
Rampage staff

Higher Education Committee, who fears that, "Governor Wilson's plan for a 20 per cent increase in student fees will cut enrollment by more than 220,000 in California public colleges and universities."

Hayden's committee projects a loss of 19,500 students in the University of California system, 43,000 at the California State University system and 159,000 at community colleges. The fee increase might also change the plans of families and students who haven't yet applied to the state public university system.

"Making a college education more expensive will cause enormous problems while preventing none," said Hayden. "We should not be balancing our budgets by breaking the dreams of college education for thousands of working families."

The increase in tuition passes some of the financial burden on to students, but additional money see Budget, back page

Students at Fresno City College may feel a pinch in their wallets with next year's state budget.

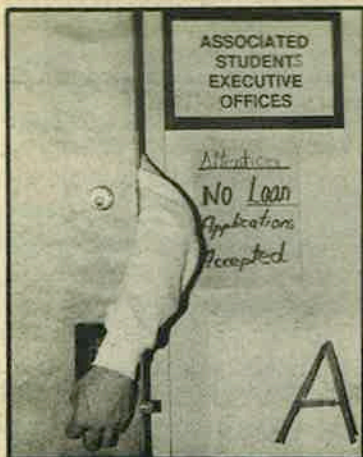
Governor Pete Wilson's proposed 1991-1992 budget raises student fees by 20 per cent. For FCC students, that means a raise in enrollment fees from \$5 to \$6 a unit, with maximum tuition for one year jumping from \$100 to \$120.

A memorandum on the budget from Chancellor David Mertes also lists other items which have been adjusted to combat the state deficit.

California will have a \$9 billion debt by the end of 1990-1991, said Dr. Art Ellish, interim president of FCC. "We have to figure out a way of not spending that much."

"If our fees go up, the fees paid by California State University students will go up even more than that."

That is what concerns Assemblymen Tom Hayden, chair of the



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FCC students need to look somewhere else for short term loans.



Art by Lenny Sherman

See pages 2 and 3 for student reaction to Gulf Crisis.

Editorial- "Crisis in the Gulf"



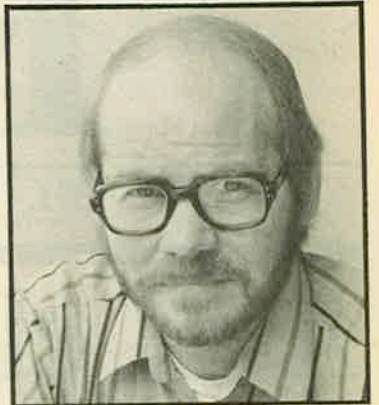
Steven Fisher

Point Counter

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Sonny Starks

Should our country be involved in the Gulf War?

This question has been on the mind of many Americans. Both protesters and supporters have stepped forward in demonstrations to assert their opinions. What the demonstrators have left out for the most part are specific reasons for these opinions. It is important that we thoroughly understand the issues at hand and examine them carefully. Only then can we decide what is right. We must know why we are involved, who is involved, and what are the possible repercussions of our involvement.

America and other nations are in the region to stop a dangerous trend. Iraq, specifically its leadership, has not only taken over a peaceful neighbor, but in the process destroyed that nation. Everything of value has been removed from Kuwait and the people have been brutalized. All efforts to allow for a peaceful withdrawal from Kuwait have been dismissed by Iraq. In fact, the leadership of Iraq has maintained that Kuwait belongs to them. This blatant disregard for international law could not go unanswered.

His (Hussein) true power is derived through terror tactics, not only abroad but in his own country.

- Steven Fisher

America has other reasons for entering the gulf, aside from directly dealing with the aggression of Iraq. For instance, the continuing threat that Iraq poses to numerous allies in the gulf. Iraq's leadership has showed that they are willing to sacrifice their neighbors for their own gain.

Had it not been for the actions of the allies, Iraq could have as easily gone on to Jordan or Saudi Arabia had it chosen to.

Some people claim that the U.S. should not defend the world or that this war is about getting cheap oil and gas in America. The issue of oil is part of the equation. In the industrial world that we live in, oil does command a great deal of power.

The power that Iraq would gain from that oil could be an even more lethal weapon in his arsenal. It is not about us getting cheap oil but about a dangerous movement to achieve power through violence.

This whole situation can be attributed to one person. A man who has become a household name worldwide. That man is Saddam Hussien. He is a man who puts a whole new meaning to the term "hostile takeover."

Like all brutal dictators in history, he came to power through violence and by whipping the uneducated masses into a frenzy. His true power is derived through terror tactics, not only abroad but in his own country.

He has demonstrated repeatedly his disregard for human life, by his brutal treatment of his opposition, and by using chemical weapons on his own people. As if that were not enough he has made it very clear what his ultimate goal is. That goal is complete domination of the Middle East, and the destruction of the people of Israel as well. Is this a man that should control such power?

The solution is not a simple one. No one wants to fight a war, especially not the men and women of the allied forces. Sacrifices will need to be made. The real sacrifices however will be made by the servicepeople of Desert Storm.

Regardless of how we may feel about this situation, they are the ones doing the job, and not because they want to fight. They are there because they believe it is necessary. It is important that we ask questions and make informed judgments about what is happening. No matter what these judgments may be we must stick together, and support each other. We especially owe that support to our friends and relatives risking their lives so we don't have to.

My face still stings from the slapping.

My government is asking me, you and our loved ones to go to a conflict defending countries that allow neither tolerance for freedom of ideologies nor even our sacred rights of worship (or non worship) of our God as we choose?

I don't know about you but, if I were invited to someone's home (especially to defend them) and the first thing they did was trample on everything I stood for or believed in, it wouldn't be very long before I "shook the dust from my feet" as I left.

(This is not an indictment of our soldiers and sailors overseas nor my personal feelings of patriotism for this country, lest I be accused of being unsympathetic or anti-American.)

In case you don't know, none of the cultures over there recognize, ***nor respect*** the status or rights of women.

Once again, I don't know about you but, my wife or girlfriend is more than just a sex object, house-slave or piece of furniture. If she is not welcome, I am not welcome!

We are supposed to pick up arms, fight and possibly die for a society that will not allow women to walk freely on the streets, much less drive, vote or have a career of her own?

I would ask any woman in this college, student or faculty, why she's here if not in pursuit or practice of a career?

I'm having a lot of difficulty grasping why any American woman in her right mind would tolerate such behavior, much less send her loved one (or go herself) to support societies that practice such absurdity!

Did I miss something here?

Enlighten me as to how, in the President's words, "This will not be another Vietnam."

Do you remember before the bombing began, how "everyone" was predicting that this was going to be a short war? Why are all the

military people and government officials so tight-lipped now? "I really don't want to speculate," seems to have become the party chant.

Not like Vietnam? You may not be old enough to remember.

I was there.

The logic will go like this. As of this writing, we have lost 20 American airmen and pilots. "So that these men have not died in vain, we must now commit 100 more to the conflict."

Then like Vietnam, the U.S. will send a thousand more, "so those hundred have not died in vain..."

Up to this writing, it has been an air war. All we've seen are the pretty flames from the rear of an F-14 night launch and a few lights in the sky representing Scud missiles being shot down. Iraqi refugees fleeing into Jordan are telling a different story. Stories about corpses littering the streets of Baghdad prevail.

Are Americans ready for these realities of war?

If you think we were all scared for Bernie Shaw and his crew in Baghdad, how are we going to feel when people we personally know begin to get hurt and killed?

This ain't no video game, people!
Am I pro-Iraq? Hell no!

"So-Damn Insane" is not a nice guy! But, neither are our allies.

It is obvious to me that the American people, like during the Vietnam war, are being duped! Think about this.

Jordan allows Iraqi missiles to fly over its airspace to attack Israel (a democracy that honors and respects its women and civil rights.) But, they threaten to shoot down Israeli airplanes in Jordanian airspace if the Jewish state attempts to defend itself?

We are allied with nations that will not rest until every Israeli is run into the sea! Before the bombing began, Syria offered military support to Iraq if Hussein would withdraw from Kuwait, appease the U.N. and turn on Israel, "the real enemy." I'm not making this up! Read your newspapers!

What's the solution?

You don't want to hear it. But, if you will study history (especially the '60s) you will find it wasn't the politicians that brought our troops back from Vietnam. It was political pressure from the peace movement!

America has recovered from "losing face" in Vietnam.

I wish I could say the same for the veterans who still lie and suffer in VA hospitals, with no hope of recovery.

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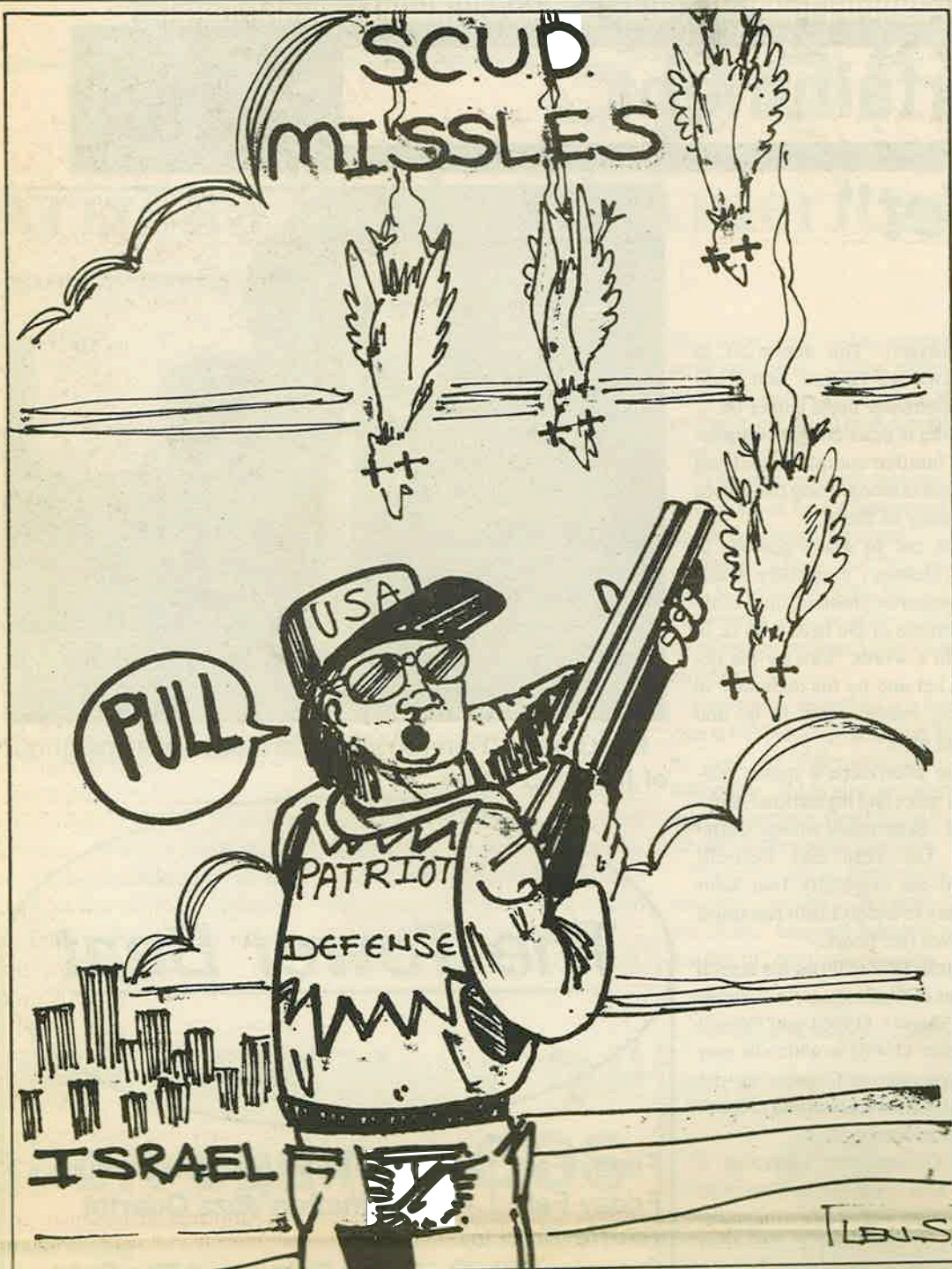
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Gulf War causes varied emotions on campus

Celeste Cox
Managing editor

Walking through any parking lot on the Fresno City College campus, one can't help but to notice that almost every other car is proudly displaying either a yellow ribbon or an American flag. In some cases, it is both.

These two signals give out the undeniable message that the students at FCC are proud to be Americans, and while they may not agree with the use of force, they support the servicepeople in Operation Desert Storm.

Since the fighting began on Jan. 16, a wave of patriotism and a flood of conflicting views hit Fresno by storm. The most natural reaction to

the situation were rallies where the hosting organizations expressed their views through peaceful demonstration.

On Saturday Jan. 26, several organizations, in conjunction with assemblies nationwide, joined together at the Federal Building. Their view was easily understood: bring the troops home.

The majority of protesters at the assembly were concerned that American lives were in jeopardy for cheaper oil. Said Tom Hatott, a protester and student at FCC, "it's for oil." He felt that the U.S. "shouldn't continue to play police in the world."

Throughout the throng, people were wearing tie-dye, peace symbols and almost everyone had a yellow arm band.

Although the students at the protest sent out a definite opinion, the attitude around campus is one of mixed emotions.

Bob Waits, an FCC student, supports the use of force in the Middle East. "If we just sit back and don't do anything, Saddam won't stop. He'll just keep pushing forward."

Jeff Johnson, another student,

also supports the use of force. "We gave him enough chances. Saddam choked the big one."

Neither Waits nor Johnson, both 19, are concerned with the draft being reenacted. They said almost in unison, "there are too many reservists" currently in the gulf to worry about the possibility of the draft.

Waits summed up the feelings of he and Johnson when he said, "I hope we can get done with it (the conflict) quickly."

Other students weren't sure how they felt, but agreed that Hussein must be stopped. "I feel sorry for the people over there, but I don't know if it's right or not," said Tina Durbano. About Hussein, she said, "you can't let that maniac get away with invading Kuwait."

However, Durbano thinks "Bush should have waited a while," before using force. "He jumped the gun."

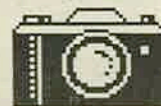
Sandy Cardoza summed up the basic feelings of the FCC campus as a whole. "I hope someday that the world will evolve to something besides war," she said. "Right now, it's the only way to stop Hussein. He may invade more than Kuwait."

FCC War Personnel

The following military personnel, formerly students and faculty at FCC, are currently serving in the gulf:

Frank Bravo
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Denzil Dwelle
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Nicholas Grisby
Michael Hoffrage
Janet Jackson
Randy Katalina
Enrique Mendoza
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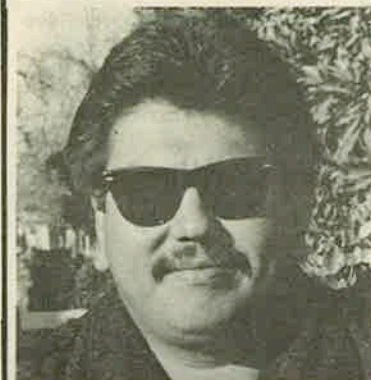
If you would like to write to these soldiers please contact: Gurdeep Sihota in the Student Affairs Office room 201, phone ext. 8646



Roving Reporter:

By Jira Parakul

What should the world community do to Saddam Hussein?



"If we catch him...he is gonna get what he deserves...gas him, give it to him a little bit at a time."

Raymond Robles
(English)

Did You Know?

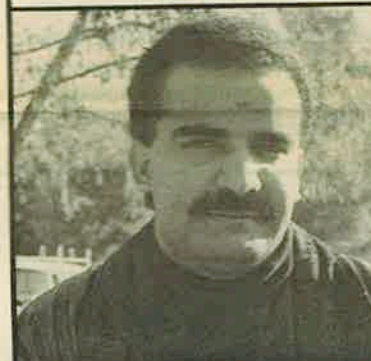
Approximately 64,000 reservists are currently deployed in the Persian Gulf. *US News and World Report*

In the first 48 hours of Desert Storm 2,107 combat missions were flown. *US News and World Report*.

To date 24 allied planes have been lost in combat in over 30,000 missions. *Newsweek*

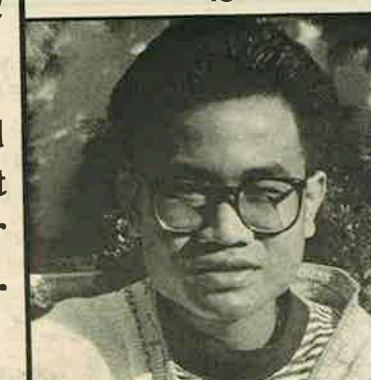
Over 11 million barrels or 460,000 gallons have been dumped into the Persian Gulf. *LA Times*

Over 50 Scud missiles have been launched on Israel, and Saudi Arabia by Iraq. *Newsweek*



"He should withdraw from Kuwait, but should stay as the president and let the judgement to his people."

Ali Adhban
(general ed)



If we could catch him I would put him in the death chamber. Before I do that I think I would let him be my servant. For example, he could clean my toilet.

James King
(general ed)

"If we just sit back and don't do anything, Saddam won't stop. He'll just keep pushing forward."

-Bob Wait, FCC student

Entertainment

Movie review-"Hamlet"

Hamlet draws a new yet familiar Gibson

Ann Ridolfi
Rampage staff

Hamlet is a one-man show, especially in this Franco Zeffirelli production starring Mel Gibson in the title role.

Sometimes, watching Gibson scale stone steps in and around the castle set is reminiscent of his more familiar action films such as "Lethal Weapon."

Only here, as Hamlet, Gibson has an introverted self given to brooding over his need to avenge the murder of his father the King.

Multi-motives run through this Shakespearean drama. Hamlet returns to Denmark to learn that his father is dead and his uncle Claudius (Alan Bates) has assumed the throne and, in short order, his father's place in the heart and bed of his mother.

The double blow of his father's ghost (Paul Scofield), and his mother's defection to his uncle, the man who murdered his father, is too much for the sensitive Hamlet to bear. He begins to plot revenge.

Feigning madness, he spurns his

love Ophelia (Helena Bonham-Carter). "Get thee to a nunnery!" he finally shouts at her.

But Hamlet has been made mad by events beyond his control. His rage and anguish is barely contained and drown his relationship with his beloved mother Gertrude, played with charm by radiant Glenn Close.

The drama compels the viewer only to the extent that the actor in the lead role is compelling. And Gibson is.

If fans of his action films can have patience with more difficult dialogue and slower pace they'll be rewarded.

The distinguished cast bring stage experience to their roles. (Gibson had a starring role in an Austrian theatre company's production of *Romeo and Juliet*.)

Gibson, whom Zeffirelli thought ideal for the role (as well as a box office draw), brings vitality and wit to the role along with vulnerability and hesitation.

There's a riveting climax with a duel of swords that shows him at his most athletic.

Ian Holm as Polonius, advisor to the king, asserts many of the Shakespearean quotations we accept as

good advice: "This above all, to thine own self be true" and "Neither a borrower nor a lender be."

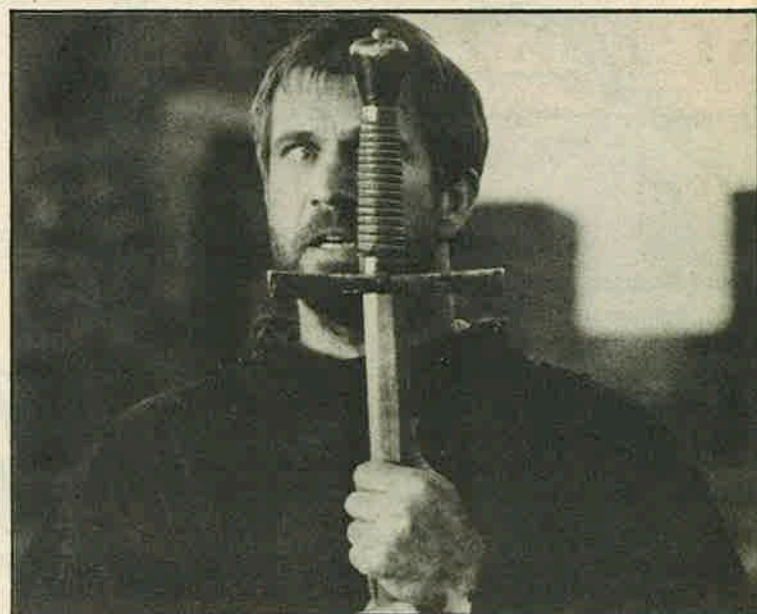
Hamlet is practically a compilation of familiar quotations and part of the fun is recognizing the source of so many of them.

There are so many reasons to take in *Hamlet*, especially in this new version emphasizing the youthful dilemma of the hero who is, in Zeffirelli's words "torn by his desire to act and by his difficulty in deciding exactly what to do and when to do it."

Ennio Morricone's music provides a quiet and mysterious background. Screenplay writers Christopher De Vore and Zeffirelli adapted the originally four hour long play to create a film running a little over two hours.

Zeffirelli here follows his screen versions of Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew* (1966) and *Romeo and Juliet* (1968) in which he cast three teenage performers as the lovers, both for realism and to reach teenage audiences.

Mel Gibson may introduce a whole new younger audience to Shakespeare who was writing plots of intrigue and revenge that read like poetry centuries ago.



Mel Gibson (Hamlet) stares in disbelief at the ghost of his dead father.

The Tower Beat

Friday Feb. 1 - Psychefunkapus (*Wild Blue*)

Friday Feb. 1 - Confirmation Jazz Quartet (*Butterfield's*)

Saturday Feb. 2 - Glenn Delpit and The Subteraneans (*Wild Blue*)

Saturday Feb. 2 - Confirmation Jazz Quartet (*Butterfield's*)

Sunday Feb. 3 - Eric Burdon, Robbie Krieger, and Brian Auger in an All-Star line-up (*Wild Blue*)

Wednesday Feb. 6 - Jazz Jam (*Butterfield's*)

Thursday Feb. 7 - Roger Perry (*Butterfield's*)

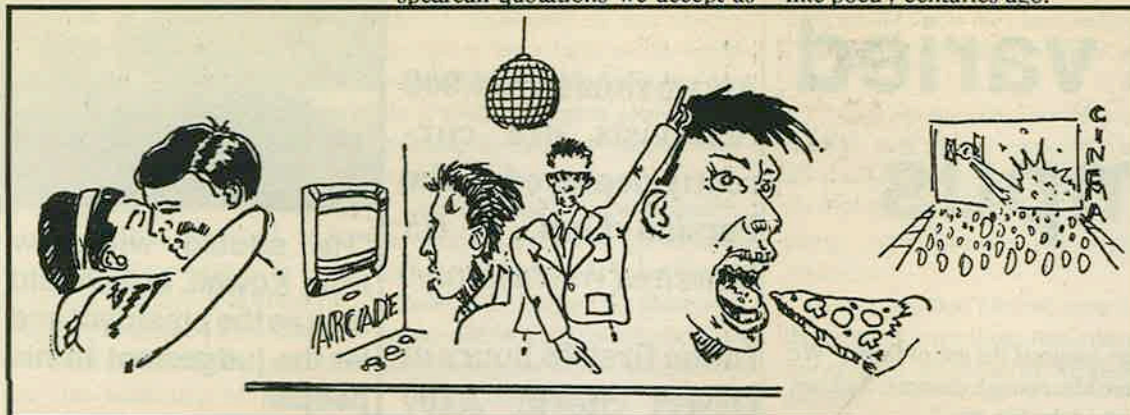
Thursday Feb. 7 - Firehose and Pieces of Lisa (*Wild Blue*)

Friday Feb. 8 - The Town Cryers and T.H.C (*Wild Blue*)

Friday and Saturday Feb. 8-9 - Confirmation Jazz Quartet (*Butterfield's*)

Saturday Feb. 9 - Let's Go Bowling (*Wild Blue*)

Sunday Feb. 10 - Mad Dog and E.S.P. (*Wild Blue*)



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Sports

Arizona lands All-American Johnson heads for Pac-10

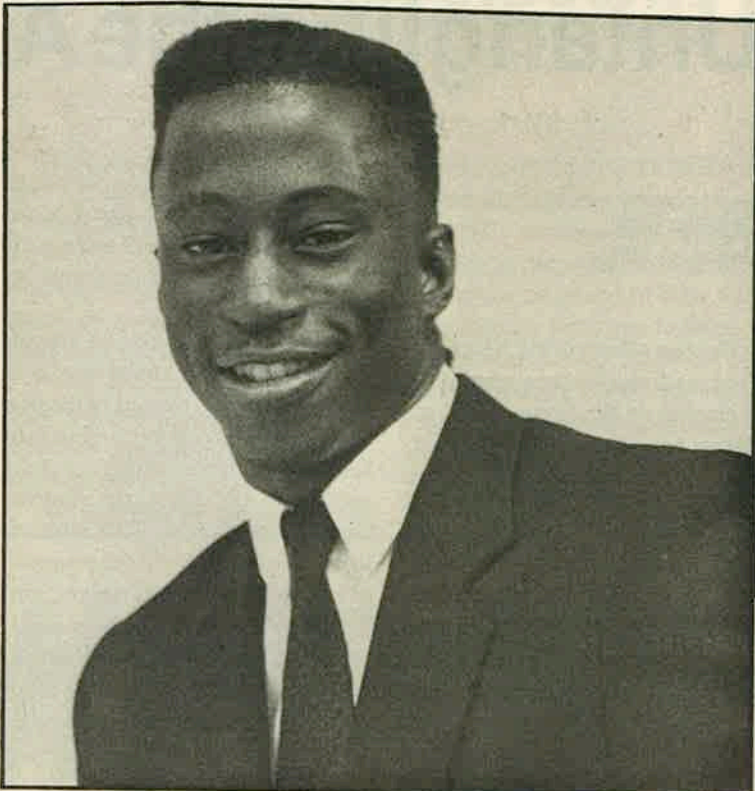
Steve Carr
Editor

One of the most important decisions for the elite student athlete at the high school or junior college level is choosing the university that best meets his or her needs. The lure of Nebraska or Florida football tradition can be quite persuasive when the athlete has aspirations of a career in the National Football League.

However, there is more to a college education and athletics than just wins and losses. When Keshon Johnson, Fresno City College's second team All-American defensive back finally sorted through all the hype, he narrowed his choices to two universities, Fresno State and the University of Arizona.

"Both schools are Division 1 and put the ball in the air," explained Johnson. "So I based my decision on the level of competition." "Arizona opens up against Ohio St. and plays Miami somewhere down the road," said Johnson. "They get a lot of national exposure. Nine of their eleven games will be televised nationally on ABC, ESPN, and Prime Ticket." Johnson, formally of Edison High School, is also a telecommunications major. He found Fresno State's telecommunications department to be lacking for his needs. "At Fresno State they were rebuilding their telecommunications department," explained Johnson. "At Arizona they had their own satellite on campus, a radio station and a little television station." Arizona is also a Pac-10 school.

This is the same conference that has produced NFL All-Pro defensive backs Ronnie Lott, Kenny Easley, and former Edison high school star Tim McDonald. "The coaches have told me they have a lot of underclassmen at the defensive back position," said Johnson. "They said they need a guy to come in who has a little experience and can play right now. That's great because I don't want to redshirt." Johnson is rounding out his career at FCC on the track team where he runs the 100-meter dash and 440-relay. He is also an outstanding long jumper, finishing as a state finalist in the event last year. His roots are in Fresno, but his game has moved to Arizona. "Go Wildcats," laughed Johnson as he headed off for track practice.

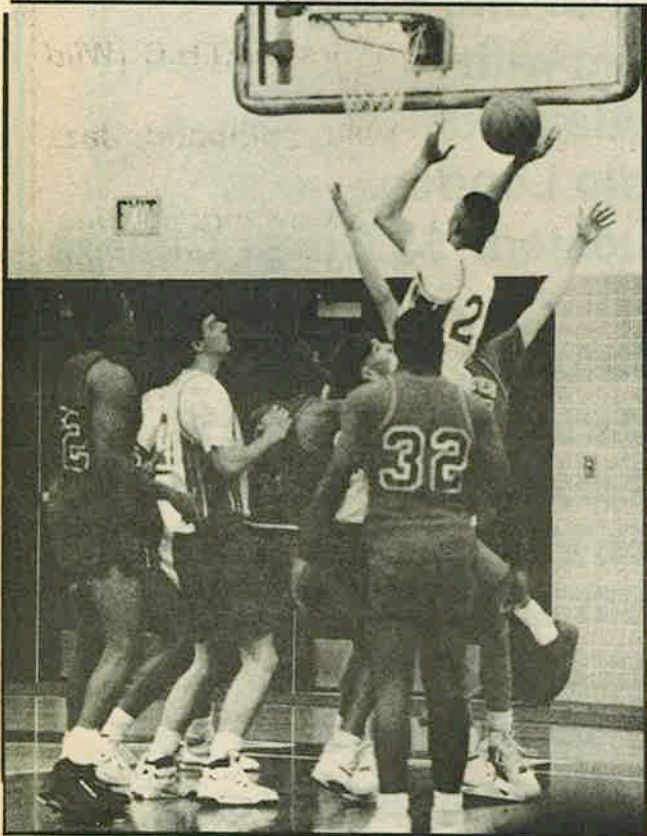


Keshon Johnson
P.I.O./File

Men hoopsters fall short against COS

Steven Fisher
Rampage Staff

Wednesday night the FCC mens' basketball team lost a heartbreaker to College of the Sequoias, 65-61. The loss dropped the Rams to 18-10 overall and 3-5 in the Coast Valley Conference. FCC led by 10 points at halftime and stretched the lead to 14 points in the second half. COS rallied in the final period and took the lead with 2 minutes remaining. Ismael Casteneda led FCC scoring with 19 points and Steve Rankin added 17 points in the losing effort. The Rams entered the game with a 2 game winning streak after defeating Kings River 77-76 and slamming Porterville 112-77.



Angel DeJesus/Rampage

Athlete of the month



Jira Parakul/Rampage
Mary Hall
Steven Fisher
Rampage Staff

Mary Hall's clutch play under the basket has been a tremendous asset to the Rams. She is the team's leading scorer with an average of 16.5 points per game and rebounds with 12.6 per game. Mary's performances include 27 rebounds and 20 points against Kings River also 27 points in their latest meeting. She also led the team with 19 points in the 73-62 victory against Hancock.

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February Sports

Men's Athletics

Date	Opponent	Location	Sport	Time
Fri.-Sun. Feb. 1-3	FCC/Kings River Tnmt.	Fresno	baseball	TBA
Sat. Feb. 2	Columbia	Columbia	basketball	7pm
Tues. Feb. 5	Merced	Fresno	golf	1pm
Tues. Feb. 5	Cal. St. Stanislaus	Turlock	tennis	2:30pm
Wed. Feb. 6	Allan Hancock	Santa Maria	basketball	7pm
Fri.-Sun. Feb. 8-10	FCC Tnmt.	Fresno	baseball	TBA
Sat. Feb. 9	FCC Meet	Fresno	track	noon
Mon. Feb. 11	Bakersfield	Bakersfield	golf	1pm
Tues. Feb. 12	Bakersfield	Fresno	baseball	2pm
Tues. Feb. 12	Taft Invitational	Rio Bravo CC	golf	TBA
Wed. Feb. 13	West Hills	Fresno	basketball	7pm
Wed. Feb. 13	Santa Rosa	Modesto	tennis	2pm
Thurs.-Sat. Feb. 14-16	Modesto Tnmt.	Modesto	tennis	All Day
Thurs. Feb. 14	Merced Merced		golf	1pm

Women's Athletics

Date	Opponent	Location	Sport	Time
Sat. Feb. 2	COS	Visalia	basketball	5pm
Wed. Feb. 6	Allan Hancock	Fresno	basketball	5pm
Sat. Feb. 9	Kings River	Reedley	basketball	5pm
Wed. Feb. 13	COS	Fresno	basketball	5pm
Thursday Feb. 14	Bakersfield	Fresno	tennis	2pm

Hall sinks KRCC

Steven Fisher
Rampage Staff

The FCC ladies' basketball team pounded Kings River CC 75-49 on Wednesday night. FCC improved it's record to 4-1 in the Coast Valley Conference and 11-11 overall. Fresno's performance was led by Mary Hall who scored 27 points. Jennifer Laity added 13 points and Jennifer Neumeier also contributed 11 points for FCC. FCC has won four of their last five games, including two wins over Allan Hancock, two victories against KRCC and a loss to College of the Sequoias.

Fresno State bound Steve Rankin puts in two.

Campus

Untangling the A.S. mess

Celeste Cox
Managing editor

The two offices in the AS executive board which were vacant at the beginning of the Spring 1991 semester have been filled. The offices of President Pro-Tempore and Executive Vice President were filled by Kim Hopelian and Karena Kelley, respectively.

The offices became vacant after two executive board members resigned within a week. Former LVP Mike Gaskin and former EVP Teresa Turner both announced their resignations at the end of last semester. Turner's office became vacant on Jan. 8, while Gaskin's resignation took effect Dec. 5.

Gaskin cited "outside commitments" as his reason for resigning just four months into his one-year term. Gaskin had a full time job during the day, which conflicted with most of the activities the AS hosts.

Reyna said "I feel like I have done all I can for the AS and now I want to move on and do things in the community."

Reyna's career in the AS began with serving for two semesters as a senator. She was elected to the office of EVP last spring, and began her one-year term in July. According to the Associate Student Constitution, former PPT Kathleen Reyna moved up to fill the position of LVP when Gaskin's resignation took effect. Reyna then appointed senator Kim Hopelian to be her successor as PPT. PPT is the only office on the AS executive board in which the person holding the office also serves as a senator.

When Turner's office became vacant, AS President Simone White had 25 days to appoint a new EVP. Her choice for the position was Karena Kelley, formerly a student senator.

Both Kelley and Hopelian are optimistic about the spring semester, but they also realize the time

commitment of their new positions.

Kelley said that she will be treating the position "like a full time job." She doesn't have an outside job, so she will be able to put in the time necessary for the office of EVP.

Hopelian knows she can handle the position of PPT, but felt the senate was a "little iffy" on her nomination. She said it was because "of the way I come off," meaning her impression she gives.

"I'm a people person. I love to work with clubs," Hopelian said. She also said that the senate questioning her nomination gives her "an incentive" to do a good job. "I'll have to gain respect, but I know I can do it."

In addition to Kelley and Hopelian being appointed to new positions, there are also two new senators in the student senate. Their names are Wendi Getz and Paul Maddox.

The senate is expecting more senate positions to become available, so they are encouraging applicants, according to Kathleen Reyna.

Unsung Hiro

Kacy Kiggins
Rampage staff

At any given time, he might be found in his office at the Media Center, hunched over his sketching table or working at his computer. He may even be operating the huge copy machine in the small room connected to his office.

He is Hiro Komaki, the graphics artist employed by Fresno City College's Media Center.

Komaki and the department for which he works play an important, although sometimes anonymous role in the education of many FCC students.

"My job description is doing visual aids for classroom instruction," explained Komaki. "Slides, overhead transparencies, that sort of thing."

According to Komaki, the instructors give him an idea of the visual aids they want to use in their lectures. He then goes to work creating an image or images which will best reflect that idea to the students.

Since he has to meet the demands of every classroom department at

FCC, Komaki is kept busy from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every day. However, he still finds time once in a while to help a few of the student-run organizations with their graphics needs.

Although the graphics department depends quite a bit on computers, Komaki's art skills play a large part in the final product.

"I've drawn all of my life," recalled Komaki.

Ironically, he did not plan on a career in visual graphics when he attended college. Instead, he explained, he studied industrial design at the Art Center School of Design for two years in Los Angeles.

After taking a few years off school to work as a layout designer in a sign shop, Komaki began taking graphics courses at FCC. It was then, while working as a student aide in the graphics department, that he was hired for his current position.

Sixteen years later, Hiro Komaki is still busy making sure that FCC instructors have the visual aids needed to reinforce their lectures, ultimately benefiting the students.

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FCC News

FCC gets funds for research on American Indian students

* \$72,930 awarded

David Walker
Contributing Writer

The State Chancellor's Office has awarded Fresno City College a \$72,930 grant for research into programs that will help meet the educational needs of American Indian students.

The study, Project MUNAHU (Monitoring Underrepresented Native Americans Historically Underserved), focuses on identifying barriers to recruitment and retention of Native American students.

"This proposal does research and assesses the reasons why American Indian students are not enrolling in higher education, so that the college will try to find ways and means to address those needs enabling a greater number of them to enroll and complete their education," said Extended Opportunities Program & Services Director Venancio Gaona.

Gaona said American Indians in particular have encountered several obstacles preventing them from attaining higher education.

Transportation, class registration deadlines, and tuition fees are three of such obstacles that have serious effects upon American Indian student enrollment.

"There aren't enough American Indian students enrolling in proportion to their population," said Gaona.

"Of those who do enroll, I have noticed a high dropout rate due to a lack of transportation and financial

aid."

A recent study on American Indians by Dr Robert Wells, professor of government at St. Lawrence University, is briefed in project MUNAHU's outline. This study points out that:

1. American Indians have the highest dropout rate and the lowest educational attainment level of all minorities.

2. American Indians are disproportionately placed in special education and learning disabled programs.

3. Poverty and unemployment are constant afflictions to the American Indian population.

According to Gaona, the need for such research was always present but the reasons needed to be validated before being presented to the administration.

"Indians who do not belong to tribes recognized by the Federal Government are not eligible for financial aid from the Bureau of Indian Affairs," said Project Consultant Katarin Jurich.

The B.I.A. (Bureau of Indian Affairs) is a branch of the Federal Government that deals strictly with all American Indian Nations. Each American Indian Tribe such as (Cherokee, Apache, Creek) are individual nations.

Several American Indians live on rancherias that are not recognized by the Federal Government as being a nation. These Indians have greater difficulty attending institutions of higher education, accord-

ing to Jurich.

"One of the most interesting things is the variety of tribes within the Fresno community," said Jurich.

"What we hope to do is allow American Indian students and the communities they're from, a voice regarding their experiences and the opportunity to address them through interviews with administrators and staff."

There are about ten reservations and rancherias throughout the Fresno area and the project is designed to gather information through personal interviews and questionnaires with American Indian students on campus.

Jurich and her staff will personally visit each reservation and rancheria in hopes of getting the broadest representation possible.

All information gathered from

October 1, 1990 to July 31, 1991 will be compiled and distributed among the 107 community colleges throughout the state so that they may create programs of their own to further aid American Indians.

American Indian Students' already attending FCC are being sought to participate in the survey and to encourage friends and relatives to do the same.

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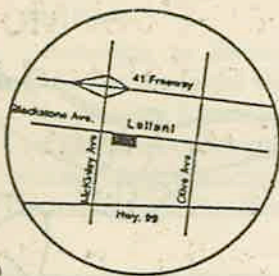
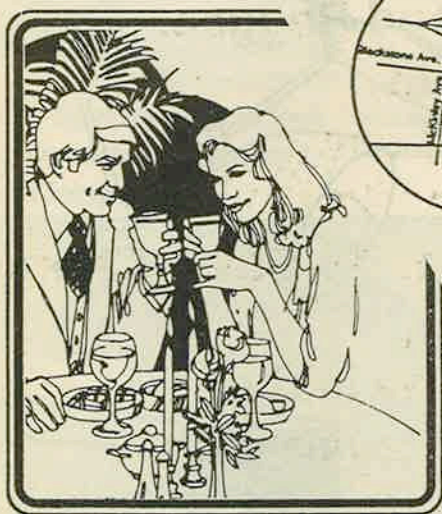
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raised will be put into financial aid programs such as Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS) and Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS).

Before a budget is approved, decisions over specific cuts and how deep they should be must be made.

Ellish stated additional revenue sources will be considered, and an increase in taxes may be one of them. In any case, he said, the increase in tuition fees will no doubt be accepted.

Ellish added that if Proposition 98 is set aside as the budget recommends, there will be a \$70 million cut in funds statewide for staff development and for cultural and ethnic diversity—programs aimed at recruiting minority staff and students.

FCC's GAIN program, one of the largest in California, would suffer financial setbacks with a \$250,000 cut proposed statewide.

The program helps prepare welfare recipients for gainful employment. Ellish said the number of

students in the program is expected to double.

The decrease in funds means that FCC would receive only half of what it currently receives for such students, Ellish said.

Jill Harmon, Transfer Center Coordinator, said, "Where our department will feel the crunch is in the services the four-year colleges will provide in their outreach and recruitment. They may make fewer visits to FCC."

Administrators agree that, at this point, it's hard to tell exactly what the effects of the new budget will be, especially since it will no doubt be revised before being adopted.

"I'm afraid that according to those people who would be considered experts, there's not going to be any major bail out. Certain provisions will change, but the bottom line is that this is a very restricted budget for education in general and community colleges in particular," said Ellish.

It looks as if FCC students will have to dig a little deeper for next semester's tuition.

News notes

The FCC ReEntry program and School Relations department are holding a two-day conference beginning on February 1 from 9a.m. to 5p.m. in the Staff Dining Room. The conference offers information on orientation and services available to adults 25 and older who are either returning to school or are first-time students.

The celebrated Lula Washington Los Angeles Contemporary Dance Theater will perform on February 2 at 8pm in the FCC theatre. Tickets are available in advance for \$6 and \$8 at the door. Student and senior citizen tickets are \$5.

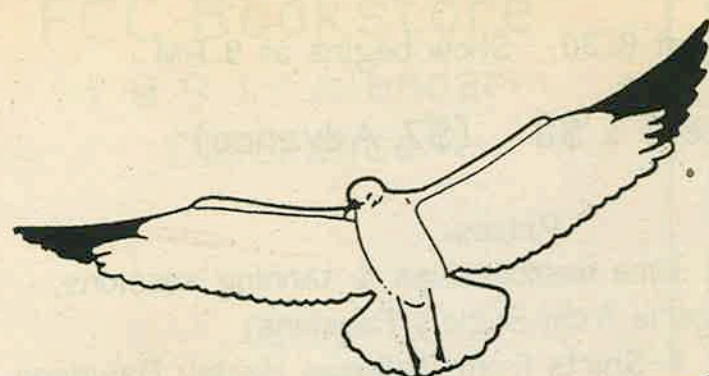
Fresno City College Art Space Gallery and the Gallery Council have announced an art exhibition entitled "Idea, Sensuousity, and Description-Drawing by Valley Artist", on display from January 17 through February 24. Art Space Gallery hours are Tuesday-Friday: 11 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sundays: 1p.m.-5 p.m.

A new Accounting Club is being introduced on campus. The first meeting will be held February 7, 1991 from 6p.m. to 7 p.m. in Room BE 137. For more information, please call Mr. Tiwari at 442-6200 EXT. 8498 or leave a message at EXT. 8222.

An Ecology Club is being started in order to increase student body awareness of environmental issues. Meetings are every Friday at 1 p.m. in the Student Council Chamber next to the bookstore. The first issue is the banning of styrofoam containers on campus.

The Native American Indian Students Association is sponsoring a Valentine's Dinner Dance to benefit March of Dimes. It will be held Friday, February 15, 1991 from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. at the FCC Cafeteria. Admissions is \$7.50 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. Information is available daily from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Room SO-110.

A Mideast Forum will be held every Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Student Lounge at the north side of the bookstore. Beginning January 30, these forums will cover topics such as Geopolitical History of the MidEast, and will showcase guest speakers.



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