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Students protest to save the O.A.B. photo by Phuc Nguyen

O.A.B. Protest

By Whitney Brown
Rampage Reporter

FCC students showed their enthusiasm in a protest against the demolition of the Old Administration building April 7, in front of Peppino's restaurant.

About 20 students gathered, clad in white t-shirts and signs reading, "Save the O.A.B." As Trustee board members drove into the parking lot toward Tor Nino's banquet facilities to further discuss the subject of the Old Administration Building. The protesting students waved their signs and chanted at the oncoming traffic to, "Save the O.A.B, Save the O.A.B, Save the O.A.B."

The members of the board shook their heads at the students and smiled to themselves as they drove by.

Coleen Keaton, a three-year FCC student was out in front of Peppino's an hour, before restaurant owner Peppino asked the students to leave because they were "blocking the sign [of the restaurant]."

"How are we supposed to teach our students history if we keep tearing it down?" asked Keaton. "My son and I were walking on campus the other day and I told him that

they were going to tear down the Old Administration Building and he asked me why. I didn't know what to tell him," said Keaton.

"Part of our history is being torn down," explained Rene Juarez, an FCC student. "It's up to us, the future generation, to stand up to and withstand the pressures of people who don't know what they're doing. We are a group of people protesting the demolition of the Old Administration Building because it's something we really believe in," continued Juarez.

"This is the history of Fresno county," said Jonathan Archie, candidate for ASB legislative vice president. "It's our history. It's our cultural heritage. I don't think it should be destroyed, but instead saved and looked at as part of Fresno's roots. I believe strongly in keeping this alive," said Archie.

Gunnar Jensen, another student trying to save the OAB, can be seen all over campus with a clipboard, pen and flyers, trying to get students involved in the preservation of the building. He devotes a great deal of his time to the cause, saying, "We want to send a clear message to the Chancellor of the State Cen-

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Speech Becomes Shouting Match

By B.T. Wedemyer
Rampage Reporter

On several occasions, Michael Levin's long-awaited lecture here April 4 turned into a shouting match.

Some of the 200 spectators packed inside Forum Hall A spoke loudly against Levin's opposition to affirmative action. The speech was titled "Are Equal Opportunity and Preferential Treatment Compatible?"

For more than two months preceeding the lecture, some students and faculty expressed anger towards Levin presence on campus

because of his belief that "on the average, blacks are significantly less intelligent than whites."

Dr. David Dye, a philosophy professor here, agreed to sponsor the event after school administration refused.

In addition to nearly 300 people denied entry due to lack of space, freshman James Todd led his highly publicized march in protest of Levin outside the building.

Some protestors carried picket signs including "Levin Plus Dye Equals Racism," and "Racism Disguised as Academic Freedom Will Not Be Tolerated."

One of Levin's major arguments

against affirmative action was that is impossible to prove that past oppression of blacks has had an impact on succeeding generations of African-Americans.

After stating African-Americans have lower average SAT scores than whites and Asian-Americans, Levin added that if oppression never existed, it would be impossible to prove their scores would be higher today.

Levin, a philosophy professor from the City College of the City University of New York, also said employers still should have the right to hire whoever they choose, saying "If I wanted a less-adequate black, that should be up to me."

Levin also included women in his opposition to affirmative action, saying they have less opportunities today because they are less aggressive than men, not because they are oppressed based on gender.

When the crowd loudly voiced their disagreement, Levin replied, "As I'm sure David Dye will tell you, a groan is not an argument."

The lecture reached its emotional peak after Dye, who moderated the event, opened questions concerning Levin's view of racial intelligence differences.

Students and members of the community asked many questions and made several negative remarks.

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Save the O.A.B.?

Most colleges would love to have an Old Administration Building like ours, to enhance the beauty of their schools. But unlike most of these other schools, we have chosen to tear down our heritage.

The State Center Community College District Board of Trustees approved a plan to have most of the O.A.B. demolished. The only part of the historic structure that will remain will be the front entry door section. The rest of the space will be used for the new Allied Health Services building.

Many concerned FCC students believe that the entire Old Administration Building should be restored. These dedicated students have rallied against the demolition and raised their voices in public forums, but there pleas to restore the past, and not abolish it, have fallen on deaf ears.

In my opinion, to keep the historic facade and destroy the rest of the building is like telling future FCC students "It's o.k. to be dishonest, just as long as you look good."

The Old Administration Building was one the original structure for the for the normal school in

the west to offer an agricultural program for teachers in training. The O.A.B. is far more than just a building. It is an important historical thread that makes up the fabric of Fresno's cultural community.

Can we really say that it's going to cost too much to restore the history behind FCC. Wouldn't we be paying a far greater price if they tear the O.A.B. down? There are already so many financial discrepancies it is going to be hard to say which would cost more tearing it down and building a new health building in its place or bringing it up to code.

As for people saying that it's no use to bring it up to code because it's a menace and a health hazard, that it is unsafe for anyone to occupy, then why are supplies stored in the old classrooms? Why does maintenance take their breaks in there?

Why is it that the O.A.B. is good enough to be used as a photo opportunity for city college but not good enough to be used as a facility for the students of city college?

Are we really sending out the right message when we do away with something just because it's old and it's taking up too much space?



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The article on "Political Involvement" (March 27, 1992) rewards itself my strongest dissent due to its narrow-minded, inconclusive and unprofessional nature. Furthermore, the free flow of ideas does not limit itself to what, when, where and who questions. It is imperative to state the problem and then implement workable solutions. The later was by no means satisfied.

This is an open letter to all concerned parties (i.e. the student body and the student government) urging cooperatiuon to outline proposals and conditions to better alleviate political involvement among the 18,000 or so registered students.

The sacred call for political involvement does not merely lock itself upon promises, offers or hooks. It is upon the governing body to reach out and touch the whole school. In other words, it is unequivocally important to initiate issues that concern students and get out there to approach them person to person.

To prove my point, during my two years tenure here at FCC as a student, I've only witnessed one political rally that involved strong

student participation which actuated popular demand to lower book prices. This particular rally demonstrated that at least one or two elected officials cared and [were] bold enough to take it straight to the student body. Although this particular rally will not totally convince me that all elected officials care. Why? Because, to run for student government office is to go out there and include student body input to issues. To ask student body input is one way to avoid their apathetic attitudes towards political involvement and to attain an intellectual and sound policy.

Yours truly,
Jonathan Dar

Dear Editor,

Lynching, murder, rape, poverty, Black codes, Slave Laws and Jim Crow. For 373 years African-Americans have been hobbled by chains, mentally and physically by White America.

African-American human rights and civil rights have been taken from us along with our humanity and dignity and not once have the

United States of America made amends for the cruelty and hatred it bestowed upon us.

African-Americans have had to stand by and watch as our babies were killed or sold off from our breast. We watched as our women were raped and used and we watched as our men were made into boys. We are no longer going to watch, African-Americans are going to fight.

We as proud African descendants are going to fight for what is rightfully ours. We are no longer going to tolerate the preferential treatment given to white men. This is why Affirmative Action is needed.

Affirmative Action was issued by President Johnson in 1965, to right the wrongs that have been done to oppressed people of color and white women. With Affirmative Action in place employers and other people in the society could not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, gender, religion, nor age. This is why for 27 years white men have been hollering reverse discrimina-

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By Cory Stephn Tyler

What are history, preservation and plain common sense? The answer... three things the Board of Trustees never heard of.

During a recent board meeting (which by the way was scheduled for June) the Board of Trustees decided to destroy the O.A.B. with the exception of the front entrance.

Now we have not finished our education yet, but let's see if we can figure out what's wrong with this picture.

First of all, the O.A.B. is registered as a historical landmark. That's right, the whole building, not just the front door. It's sorta like taking a class for one week out of the semester. What are you supposed to learn from that?

Now could part of the reason the Board decided on this course of action have anything to do with "spore fearing nursing students?" These are the students that refuse to work in a old building because spores (a reproductive cell) inhabit

its the O.A.B. Ooohhh, scary! Do these people have a life? Do they honestly think that their houses are bacteria free...NOT!

Another reason is they feel that it is unsafe to occupy. Well if that is the case, why do the janitors get to go in there all the time? It's not like the building is being used for students. The O.A.B. has been closed for 18 years. So why is the power still on? Can't spores see in the dark?

I feel that based on the reasons behind their decision and on the decision it's self, I would like to recommend a few other decisions the Board of Trustees could make.

How about tearing apart the Liberty Bell, but saving the crack? Or perhaps modernizing Old Town Clovis? Just think of the fun little projects they could do. Personally, I would like to be able to tear down board members when they become non-functional and replace them with a parking lot.

Kennedy to speak at Town Hall

By Whitney Brown
Rampage Reporter

Robert F. Kennedy Jr., an advocate of environmental preservation will be the last to speak in the 1991-92 Town Hall lecture series. Kennedy Jr. will lecture April 22 at 10:30 a.m. in the William Saroyan Theater on "Our Environmental Destiny."

Kennedy Jr. is a practicing clinical professor at the Pace University Law School Litigation Clinic, and senior attorney for the Hudson River Fishermen's Association and The Natural Resources Defense Council.

Mr. Kennedy graduated from Harvard University before studying at The London School of Economics. Kennedy received his law degree from the University of Virginia Law School and his Masters in Environmental Law at Pace University School of Law.

Season memberships to Town Hall lectures are \$25 and are available at the box office of the William Saroyan Theater at the Fresno Convention Center on the morning of the April 22 lecture. No single lecture tickets are sold, but students may attend the lecture for 50 cents.

Memberships for the 1992-93 series will be available at the April lecture. Season memberships will remain \$25 and include a guest card for one lecture in the season. For the further information, call 432-9671.



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tion.

Affirmative Action would not be needed if White America would give us our rightful place in the nation that was built on the back of our ancestors. Where are those 40 acres and a mule the U.S. promised our people out of slavery? It is now time for our Reparations. No more waiting.

After reading this I hope you, the reader, ask yourself, "What is the real reason Michael Levin came to speak?" The answer? He came to spread the racist philosophy that white America doesn't owe African-Americans anything. That we are an oppressed people because we aren't intelligent enough to look after ourselves.

How dare this man come onto our campus, in our community and spread this vicious tale about equality. African-Americans have yet to receive any equality, in this racist society. Mr. Levin is reacting on the direct fear of African-Americans becoming whollisticly self-sufficient in the present caste system set by White America. Therefore, it is our obligation, as African-Americans to totally liberate ourselves

from the oppression that we are in today. Maybe then and only then will white America realize that the game is over and that the war has just begun.

Keisha P.

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Students Run For ASB Offices

By Dara Wright
Rampage Reporter

Associated Student Body spring elections for 1992 are on April 29 and 30. The following is list of positions open, the candidates running for those positions, and their past government experience.

STUDENT TRUSTEE CANDIDATES

Gunnar H. Jensen

Michael D. Mattox

Two and a half years student government

"I see the student government as pretty much non-existent and there need to be some drastic changes!"

Ward L. Mitchell

ASB Senator for two years and Student Trustee for one year

"Since I have had experience on the board I know how to approach the board with issues. I have the

Earth Day

By Whitney Brown
Rampage Reporter

Earth Day will once again be celebrated here on campus April 22, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Ecowatch, FCC's environmental club on campus has organized information booths, various musicians, food, and a campus-wide boycott of the cafeteria, due to it's use of styrofoam and other environmentally unfriendly products.

Saturday, April 25, a benefit concert hosted by Ecowatch will take place in the Student Lounge. The Tombstones, Brothers Patchwork and two special guests yet to be announced will play at 8 p.m. The cover charge is \$4 and the proceeds will go to local environmental organizations.

Other colleges in California have been reluctant to put an emphasis on Earth Day because participants seem to think they should have to be environmentally conscience for one day only. Students are encouraged to participate not only on April 22 and 25, but to acknowledge that everyday is Earth Day

experience and now I want to use it!"

A.S. PRESIDENT CANDIDATES

Greg K. Simmons

One semester Constitutional Appeals Committee, two semesters A.S. Senator, two semesters A.S. President Pro Tempore, one semester A.S. Student Lounge Chairman, and A.S. Card Committee Chairman

"I would like to improve the club scene, campus services, and the counseling and tutorial centers. I would like to work toward cutting book prices, cafeteria costs, and putting some serious dents in the apathy problem on campus."

Lorenzo S. Vega

A.S. Senator, President of M.A.S.S., President of Veterans Organization G.I. Forum

"I am a good listener, I will provide a strong voice for your concerns here at FCC."

Dan Lorraine

ASB Senator for two months

"Student government as it is now is ineffective, inadequate, and in same respects incompetent. The focus of the student government as it stands now, is on activities, trivial matters, and individual special agendas. It's time for a change."

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATES

Collete J. Dodd

A.S. Senator, Treasurer for Golden Realm Assembly

"I have the experience and I want to use that experience to help the students on FCC's campus."

Michael D. Mattox

Two and a half years student government

"Democracy is dead on FCC's campus, and I want to change that."

LEGISLATIVE VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATES

Jonathan K. Archie

President of Rotary Youth International, American Student Am-

bassador to Australia, Legislative Assistant to Assemblymen Jim Costa

"The A.S. as they exist now have concentrated their energy towards sports activities, but it's the students responsibility to have academic progress. My platform is to focus on academics at FCC. I want a balanced approach to student affairs and involvement."

Gregory E. Scoggins

A.S. Senator for two semesters
"I want to remove some of the apathy as far as students are concerned."

CANDIDATES FOR SENATE

Eddie K. Ash

A.S. Executive Vice President
"I believe that students should have a say in what is being said and done at FCC."

Mark Bryant

Involved in political activities
"I want to change some of the facilities for the disabled. And I would like to see where the students

money is being used and to see that's it's being used adequately."

Lance D. Liddell

A.S. Senator for two months
"My concerns are in public relations; I would like to help the students by bringing in happy people to the administration."

Steven Sauer

Secretary of Alpha Gamma Sigma Society

"There's a lack of information on activities on campus, so I would like to set up an inter-club campus letter."

Keisha P. Whitten

Former Vice-President of Pan-African Students on campus, now Sergeant of Arms

"A lot of changes need to be made. We need to confront the administration about the book prices, cost of tuition, and security for night classes."

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SPORTS NEWS

SOFTBALL

FCC's softball team took second in Merced's Easter Tournament over the vacation. Krista Reynolds, FCC's pitcher with an E.R.A. of 1.06 was named the MVP of the tournament. Honorable Mention was given to center fielder, Glenda Jacobsen. The Rams softball team is 7-7 in league and 28-18 overall. The team is still fighting for a play-off position, with their two double-header games against Allan Hancock and West Hills this week.

MEN'S TENNIS

FCC's men's tennis team wrapped up their season with a league championship for the 11th straight year. They ended their year with a 10-0 record in league and a 14-1 overall. Both Neil Castro and Perry finished the league undefeated with a 10-0 record. The double team of Castro and Perry finished with a 21-0 overall record. Brett Stumble and Steve Kuo made up a strong doubles team as well, with a 20-0 record.

TRACK

FCC's men's and women's track team traveled to southern California to compete in the MT. SAC relays over Easter vacation. The following athletes set new personal records at the event: Mary Ann Nuñez ran 11:14.9, Stephanie Rhodes through 123'1" in the discus, Dara Wright put the shot 39'8 3/4", David Bass jumped 6'10 3/4" in the high jump, Scott Curtis ran the stipple race in 10:03.0., Carlos Da Silva vaulted a 14'1" in the pole vault, and Shon Wilson ran the 1500m in 4:03.54.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

FCC's women's tennis team ended their conference with a tie for second with Kings River, with a 7-3 record in league. Kristen Barrera was undefeated in league with a 10-0 record. Maria Esquivel, Nikki Cambell, and Tina Boewer all ended up with a 7-3 record in league. Karen Menderin and Araceli Guzman finished with 6-4 records. All three double teams: Barrera and Esquivel, Cambell and Menderin, Guzman and Boewer, finished with 7-3 league records. Coach Jesse Cota commented, "everyone had a winning season!"

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Art Space Gallery

By Dara Wright
Rampage Reporter

It may shock some students on campus to know that FCC has an art gallery, The Art Space Exhibit, in the Home Economics and Art Building.

"We are working on a way to make the gallery more visible," explained Don Brewer, director of the gallery. "Like we're thinking about putting a new sign right outside of the gallery."

Brewer said the gallery was constructed about 15 years ago when a portion of the campus was rebuilt.

The Art Space Exhibit is accessible to the college and community, according to Brewer. "One direction we are going with the gallery is to showcase some of the best work done in the community."

"We like to keep an eye on what's happening with artist in the community and attempt to give them an opportunity to show."

Brewer explained that he has brought in artists' work from the Bay Area and Los Angeles, "with the idea that we're trying to show students here new things that are being done by professionals."

Students will get a chance to exhibit their work in an annual Student Show, April 30-May 10.

Brewer explained the "all-media show" will also be a jury show. "Which means that three professional artists will come here and

select the show from all the works submitted, all of them won't get in," Brewer added.

Cash awards and honorable mentions will be handed out. "It's very competitive," Brewer said.

The gallery is currently showing Anne Sheid paintings, a new faculty member at FCC, until the student show opens.

"We're introducing her work to Central California, and introducing her to our own College, by giving her this show," explained Brewer.

The Friday night before her show opened, Sheid came and talked about her work, "It was absolutely jammed, we couldn't get another person in here," Brewer said.

Brewer explained that the gallery has not received a great deal of support from the college in the past, "But we're looking forward with our new president, [because we feel he] is more sympathetic to the arts, that it can get more support."

Brewer also hopes that "eventually the gallery director will become a full-time position."

"A gallery is, I think, an important part of a college community," Brewer expressed. "And it's the only place on campus that the non-art student can have an encounter with original works of art."

The gallery is open 11 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday-Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.



Students stand in line for fall and summer classes

photo by Phuc Nguyen

FCC Fall Enrollment Soars

By Whitney Brown
Rampage Reporter

As spring begins, the process of Fall Enrollment also begins. To avoid taking classes at inopportune times, it is advisable to register for classes as soon as you receive a registration permit.

Currently, there are at least 3,984 students enrolled for Fall semester. By August 17, there will be an estimated 21,000 students enrolled here at FCC.

New students are required to fill out an application for admission. Students must be 18 years of age or older and be a high school graduate or the equivalent (GED or CHSPE). A high school diploma is not required to attend FCC.

Continuing students are granted priority over new, former and transfer students as far as registration is concerned. Units completed and grade point averages are taken into consideration to decipher which of the continuing students will be given their permits to register, first.

According to Allyn Gerard of the Admissions and Records office, more students enroll in the Fall than they do in the Spring. This means that the classes students are hoping to take could fill up and close faster than they did for the Spring semester.

The ideal time to register for Fall 1992 courses is late afternoon and early evening.

"The classes in the mornings are

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news notes

APRIL IS NATIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE MONTH. Spring Fest '92 events during the week of 4/6 thru 4/10 were results of the College Activities Intramural Program and the Associated Student Body's coordinated efforts to provide students with some fun and entertainment. The events were greatly appreciated by those of us badly in need of relief from the studying blues, or is it Spring Fever?

FRESNO AUTO SHOP is offering a 10% discount to FCC students for repairs and maintenance!!! They are located at 3390 N. First, next to Target. For details call 221-6894.

IT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION that FCC raised \$3,635 for Valley Children's Hospital on Kids Day. This information was reported in the Academic Senate meeting minutes.

A. S. ELECTIONS FORUM on April 22 at 12 noon in the cafeteria. If you are interested in how the student body will be represented, you should attend this forum to check out the candidates. We need your vote. We need your voice!!!

A. S. ELECTIONS ON APRIL 29 AND APRIL 30 at 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. in the Fountain Area. **DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!!!**

FCC THEATRE ARTS DEPARTMENT presents *City Dances*, a varied program of modern and jazz dance choreography at 8 p.m. on April 24 and 25, and at 2 p.m. on April 26.

FCC's JAZZ ENSEMBLE AND JAZZ COMBOS will perform a benefit concert for the Friends of the Arts from 7:30 to 10:30 on April 27 at the Wild Blue. Admission is only \$5 and "The Blue" will admit people aged 18 and up. For info call 442-8463.

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Scott A. Mayes
Sports Columnist



Did you happen to catch FCC's baseball victory over Bakersfield on April 17? The game's third inning brawl at Recreation Park resulted in the ejection of slugger Chris Saunders, FCC assistant coach Jim Ferguson and one Bakersfield player: Keith Rivera.

The 5-4 Ram victory was overshadowed by what the Fresno Bee labeled as "a game in which the punches thrown may have equaled the number of pitches."

If so, how about FCC's home game for the mens soccer team against Ohlone last winter. During this game Jeff Hartman, an FCC student-athlete, was kicked in the face by an opposing player. The result was similar to the baseball game, leaving no one on the sideline.

Why don't we have a boxing team at Fresno City College? That seems to be the sport athletes want to play anyway. If the players would play ball instead of fighting, maybe we

could cut down on the injuries. In addition, aren't the coaches supposed to be setting the example for the young players? Why are the coaches involved in the fights as well? I don't think there is enough discipline for those engaging in fights. Nowadays, It's probably considered part of the game.

Could it be that the problems start with the use of television? All that it takes is for a pitcher to throw one wild pitch and the player throws down his bat and rushes the pitcher's mound. This is what the major league teaches us. The goal for college athletes is to make it to the pros.

Maybe we need to concentrate on throwing baseballs instead of punches and kicking soccer balls instead of people.

Remember one thing: It is hard to contribute to a winning effort from the sideline. Ejections get you nothing but a bleacher seat. Even I can get one of those.

VICTORY

By Dara Wright
Rampage Reporter

Players on FCC's men's tennis team showered their coach, Bill Wayte, with sparkling cider to celebrate the 200th duel match win of his career, against the Kings River CC Tigers, March 31.

"It's one of those milestones you go through," explained Wayte, as he smiled.

"I'm hoping for another 100 or so," Wayte said. "I plan to be around that much longer."

According to Woody Wilk, FCC's Sports Publicist, this win was also Wayte's 71st conference victory.

"His last loss was on April 3, 1984 at Modesto, 7-2," explained Wilk. "Three weeks later he avenged the loss with a 5-4 victory at Modesto."

Sporting a tuxedo jacket, bow tie, and black cummerbund, Richard Valencia, Wayte's assistant coach, dressed to celebrate.

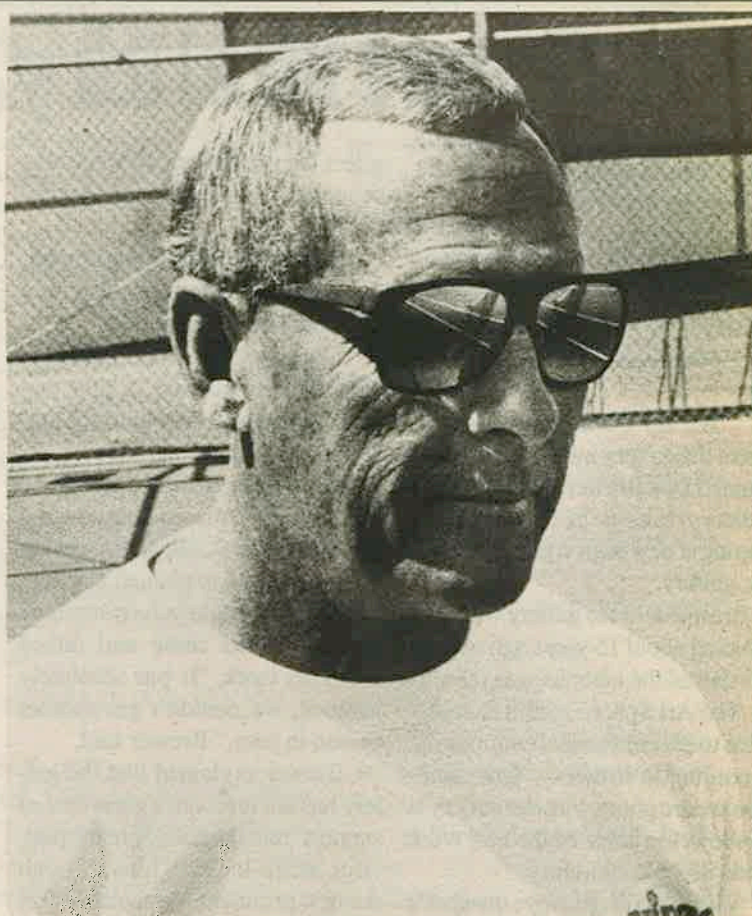
"My assistant Coach wanted to make sure he fit his part . . . Mr. Dapper," joked Wayte.

Dr. Brice Harris, FCC's president, was able to show up for a little bit to congratulate Wayte, "I feel it's truly an exciting opportunity not only for the coach, but for the college as well."

"One of the things FCC is known for is its excellence in the faculty. It takes place not only in the classroom, but on the athletic courts as well."

"The college showed there appreciation and the parents did as well," said Wilk.

FCC's cafeteria sent a cake to



Coach Wayte on courts

photos by Michael Longenecker

courts congratulating Wayte and Neil Castro, a tennis player's, mother baked a cake to celebrate with after the victory.

According to Wilk, FCC is ranked the number six community college mens' tennis team in the

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Foreign Students Adjust To U.S.

by Whitney Brown
Rampage Reporter

Sometimes it is difficult for students who are new at FCC to find their way around, meet people, choose their classes and in general, orientate themselves. For foreigners, the difficulties are greater than that of most new students at FCC. Shoaib Ahmed, a 24 year old student from Karachi, Pakistan, has been in Fresno for two and a half years to further his education.

"I tried for one year to come to the United States but wasn't granted a visa right away because there are so many people who want to come," said Ahmed. "I came here to get a degree in engineering because American Masters degrees are accepted all over the world, wherever you go. If you get your Masters or Bachelors degree here, you are put on a very high level. The degrees you get from America are very much appreciated."

"The things I like about this country are the rules and regulations. They are strictly enforced and I think that's good," continued Ahmed. "The way of life here is very luxurious. At home not everyone can afford to buy a car, but here

everyone seems to drive one because they have to."

"The American lifestyle is very fast. It seems like young people don't care much about their immediate family and even brothers and sisters don't worry about each other," Ahmed pointed out. "They move out of their house at 18 and wander around aimlessly, working hard for five dollars an hour. This I don't like about America," Ahmed stated.

Simon Huynh 21, from Da Nang, Vietnam has had about seven years to adjust to the American way of life. He has been studying here at FCC for three years. Huynh still remembers what it was like for him when he landed in the United States for the first time;

"I thought America was going to be very pretty, the buildings, New York, everything, but it wasn't what I'd imagined," related Huynh.

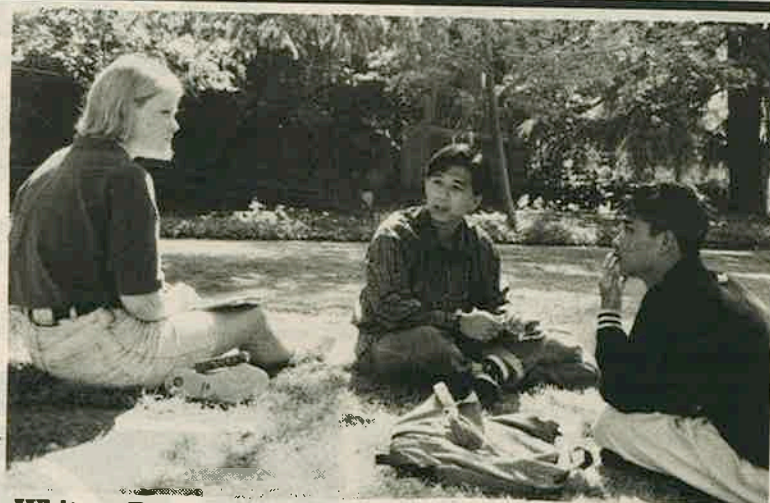
"I had a big problem with the language at first," continued Huynh, "there was a big barrier for half a year for me because I didn't know English very well."

"I remember a lot about home in Vietnam, I was 14 when I left," said Huynh. "There are a lot of things that are different in the two cul-

tures. You have a lot of freedom here in America, and that's good. Sometimes I think it's too much freedom, though. Foreexample, you can burn flags, this I think is wrong because it is a symbol and shouldn't be burned. I would like to rewrite the constitution and eliminate flag burning and enforce gun control."

"Another difference I've noticed is in the schools here. At home in Vietnam, we talk to teachers in the same manner we talk to our father, respectfully. We don't come to school late because if we do we are hit. I don't think students here should be allowed to talk back to their teachers. I don't think students here have any respect for their teachers, they aren't polite when they address their instructors. At home we raise our hands and wait until we are spoken to. Here, I have heard students swear at their teachers and this is weird for me," said Huynh.

"Another thing I miss about Vietnam is that even if you are poor



Whitney Brown (left) interviews Lan Vo (middle) and Simon
photo by Phuc Nguyen

there, you have a house. Everyone has a house," said Huynh. "You may not have a car though. Here, everyone has a car and not everyone has a house."

Lan Vo, also 21, is from Saigon, Vietnam.

Vo has been here in Fresno for two years.

Vo misses the big city life of

Saigon. "Saigon is fun at night," said Vo. "There are places to go at night-clubs, cafes, and there are people walking on the streets. Here you don't see anyone walking on the streets. We also have cafes in Saigon where you sit outside, like in France."

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ter Community College District, Dr. Bill Stewart, that there is a way to save the building and he has to help find a way. Stewart is an out-towner from Iowa who doesn't care at all about Fresno and it's history."

As of yet, the decision has been made to preserve the facade of the Old Administration Building and parts of the entrance in order to build a new building in it's place.

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the first to fill up," said Gerard. "That's what everyone wants to take. The first classes to fill are the 9 a.m. Monday-Wednesday-Friday classes," continued Gerard.

"Our student population is continuing to grow. The problem we

are having now is a shortage space, particularly in the Science department," said Gerard. "We have a limited number of labs we can use and we are expanding the times Saturday to accommodate the growing number of students."

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