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Volunteer fair a hit with FCC students

by Ricki Crawford
Rampage Reporter

Positive student response made the first volunteer fair at Fresno City College Jan. 18 an overwhelming success. Students learned about various local volunteer agencies. They also had an opportunity to volunteer their time to one of the agencies represented.

Twenty volunteer service organizations set up booths around the fountain from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Among the agencies present were the American Lung Association, the Central Valley AIDS Team, the Bennett Center and the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

"We had an excellent turnout. I think all but two of the agencies showed up," said Judy Ryan, co-instructor of the volunteerism class. "They all recruited. Some maxed out, and had to put some people on a waiting list."

Ryan is an excellent example of volunteerism in action. She exhibits incredible

intensity and dedication. "She is teaching this class right now on sabbatical. She receives no salary for instructing the class," said Craig Reid, co-instructor of the class. "Her dedication and caring helped start the class."

The fair was organized last semester by the volunteerism class taught by Ryan and Reid. The class was first offered last semester, and meets six times during the semester. Student grades are based on participation and a journal provided by the instructors.

The Eisenhower Student Leadership Grant, which promotes student participation and community spirit, provided funding for the class. The administration curriculum committee and the Dean of Humanities, Tony Cantu, helped steer the idea through a maze of red tape.

Next semester the class plans to publicize the fair in advance. "This semester we had the fair with no publicity," said Ryan. "Next semester we



An unidentified student talks to Daniel Fox of Boys Clubs and Girls Clubs of America at the first FCC Volunteer Fair. The club was one of 20 represented at the fair.

photo by Blaine McArthur

are going to have plenty of publicity and let people know what's going on."

There are plans to offer the

class and have a volunteer fair every semester. "Originally we thought about having the fair once a year, but the agencies

request that we do it each semester," said Ryan.

For more information call 265-5711.

FCC Celebrates African-American History Month

by Art Heredia
Rampage Reporter

February has been designated African-American History month and FCC plans a number of events to promote the awareness of its significance.

African-American History Month is an opportunity for people of all races to discover the culture, dance, literature, poetry, political and economic struggles of African-American people.

"Black History Month is significant to all blacks because we should all know where we

come from," said physical therapy major, Lamar Sutter.

The month's activities commence at noon on Wednesday Feb. 1 with a solidarity march beginning at the free speech area, leading to the FCC Theater. Opening ceremonies will follow the march.

On Fri. Feb. 3, the Pan-African Student Union Luncheon will be held in the staff dining room.

An African-American student recruitment conference will be held on Sat. Feb. 4 at 8 a.m. at the Fresno State University Satellite Student Union.

At noon on Tue. Feb. 7,

health issues affecting African-Americans will be discussed at a health forum to be held in the F.C.C. Senate Chambers.

Actor Tommy Ford, featured in "South of Where We Live", as well as the television show "Martin" will perform on stage at the FCC Theater at 8 a.m. on Sat. Feb. 4 and at 2 p.m. on Sun. Feb. 5.

Cornell West, a noted African-American author, will speak on race matters at 7:30 p.m. on Wed. Feb. 8 at the FSU Satellite Student Union.

On Fri. Feb. 10, Nubian Shade, a black womens club, will hold a bake sale in the

Free Speech Area from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A Gospel Night concert is scheduled for 7 p.m. that evening.

Valentine's Day, Tue. Feb. 14, is the date set for this year's Malcolm's Celebration. The celebration will be held from noon to 2 p.m. at the FCC Theater.

Nubian Shade will hold an Old Jams Gathering on February 17, the time and place have not been announced.

This year's activities will spill over into March. Spencer Christian, an African-American journalist with ABC's "Good Morning America" tele-

vision program will speak at the FCC gym at 2 p.m. on Fri. March 3.

The last scheduled event of this year's celebration of African-American History month will be the Nubian Shade Black Man's Ball on Fri. March 3 at 7 p.m. at Foxey's nightclub.

African-American History Month is important to ethnic studies major Shanice Johnson, because, "It brings the warm feeling of my heritage."

For more information about African-American History Month call 265-5711.

Library Stacks Closed For Repair

by Blaine McArthur
News Editor

Students hoping to browse through the FCC Library stacks will encounter a sign that reads, "UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE STACKS CLOSED TO STUDENTS."

The decision to close the stacks was not made by Library officials.

"The decision to close the stacks was made by the state fire Marshall," said Tanya Liscano, Acquisitions Librarian.

A stairway at the back of the library stacks functioning as a fire exit was removed by construction crews working on the new library expansion, forcing the closure.

The library staff has come up with a solution to the closure problem. Liscano said they have temporarily hired 10 student runners who will pull books from the stacks for the students. To meet the demand for requests, at least one runner will be on duty throughout the day.

"There have been a few complaints, but most students have been understanding," Liscano said.

Student responses to the stacks closure ranged from general acceptance to skepticism of the library's motives.

"It's fine with me, as long as I get my books," said Abdul Robinson. "They usually get my books for me quicker than I could get them myself."

Other students said the closing has caused some problems, but they are coping with the situation. "It is an inconvenience, but I can understand why they did it," said Sally Bohanan.

Some students were unaware the stacks were closed. William Anaradian has not used the stacks yet this semester. When told of the closure, Anaradian expressed skepticism as to why anyone was allowed in the stacks. "If it's unsafe for the students, it's probably unsafe for the staff too," Anaradian said.

Liscano said, "The construction people have told us that the stacks could be closed for another five to six weeks."

Did You Know?

by Tiffany Schulte
Features Editor

Everyone seems to know what Valentine's day is, but ask anyone how this custom began, and you probably will not get an answer. We all know St. Valentine's Day is to be shared with the one we love, doing romantic things and exchanging gifts of affection, which is a completely different concept from the way early civilizations first began commemorating this day.

The name Saint Valentine, according to Grolier Electronic Publishing Inc., 1992, probably was originally used in reference to two Christian martyrs, whose feasts were cel-

ebrated on February 14. One was believed to have been a martyred Roman priest. The other was most likely a bishop.

The association of St. Valentine's day with courtship and love may have coincided with the commemorative feast day falling during the Roman festival Lupercalia, during which Roman women would put their name on a love note, drop it into a container, and the lucky man who drew the note would then seek that woman's favors.

Even though there are no concrete facts about the establishment of Saint Valentine's Day perhaps it is not necessary. Maybe it is just a good reason to be in love.

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SUPER BOWL XXIX

San Francisco 49 Battle of California San Diego 26

Niners win by no "Means" necessary

San Francisco holds Natrone Means to only 33 yards rushing

by Robert Stifinger
Managing Editor

The San Francisco 49ers made NFL history Sunday Jan. 29 by becoming the first team to win five Super Bowls as they routed the San Diego Chargers 49-26. Quarterback Steve Young finally emerged from former 49ers quarterback Joe Montana's shadow by throwing for a Super Bowl record six touchdown passes en route to collecting the game's MVP trophy.

Young finally silenced his critics by finally winning "The Big Game".

The last two seasons ended in disappointment for the 49ers with NFC Championship losses to the two-time defending Super Bowl Champion Dallas Cowboys.

This year proved different. The 49ers easily defeated the Cowboys in the NFC championship game which was only a warm-up game to one of the most mismatched Super Bowls in history.

The rout was on right from the opening kick-off.

The 49ers scored the quickest touchdown in Super Bowl history when Jerry Rice caught a 44 yard touchdown from Young, 1:24 into the game.

The hapless Chargers could only watch in frustration as the 49ers perfectly executed an identical play that resulted in Running Back Rickey Watters scoring a 51 yard touchdown pass with only 4:55 of the first quarter played.

The closest San Diego came to the 49ers lead was a one yard touchdown run by Charger running back Natrone Means that brought the score to 14-7.

Means proved highly ineffective by gaining only 33 yards rushing.

The 49ers defense bottled up the rest of the Chargers running game by allowing only 67 yards.

By halftime, the 49ers put the game out of reach by building a 28-10 lead on the strength of Young's third and fourth touchdown passes.

The second half began with the 49ers once again scoring seemingly at will.

Watters scored his second touchdown on a 9 yard run that brought the score to 35-10, 49ers.

The Chargers showed a faint glimmer of hope when Andre Coleman returned a kickoff 98 yards for a touchdown.

By this time, the game was already out of reach for the Charger faithful.

Rice made a bid for his second MVP trophy by catching his third touchdown pass

early in the fourth quarter bringing the score to 49-18.

A late fourth quarter Charger touchdown brought the final score to San Francisco 49, San Diego 26.

The highly touted San Diego defense featuring All-Pro Linebacker Junior Seau was torn to shreds by a 49er offense that gained 449 yards and never seemed to run out of weapons.

A number of off-season acquisitions by the 49ers front office helped the team strike gold or in the case of Super Bowl XXIX and the silver Vince Lombardi Trophy.

LOCAL CLUBS HOST SUPER PARTIES

by Alisa Scott
Sports Editor

Every year around the end of January, football fans gather to celebrate a ritual like no other.

It certainly isn't the Super Bowl. It's the parties that are thrown which make Super Bowl Sunday a party day rivalled only by New Year's.

If the idea of a bunch of your friends eating you out of house and home and drinking all of your beer isn't to your liking, then why not head to one of several local nightclubs that hold annual Super Bowl parties.

Local clubs opened early to accommodate estimated large crowds.

R&B radio station B-95 hosted a party at Bisla's night club on Blackstone and

Herndon.

The station broadcast live from the club and gave away t-shirts and jackets as prizes.

"Bisla's was really cool. Their were a lot of people and the food was great," said Jerry Allen. Even though my team didn't win I still had a lot of fun."

"Every year we take a location and offer our listeners a place to go and have the ultimate Super Bowl party," said Shawn Knight, B-95 Marketing manager.

The Silver Dollar Hofbrau had a different approach to the party plan. The bar was standing room only as fans arrived right up to kick-off.

Two Charger fans went to the extremes and put face paint on in the colors supporting the Chargers. Aaron Bradburn and Eric Bertsch stood out in the yelling crowd not only because of the team they favored but because their faces were a different shade.

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Chargers fans Aaron Bradburn and Eric Burtsch show their undying support for the San Diego Superbowl first-timers at the Silver Dollar Hofbrau in Fresno Sunday. The bar was filled to capacity as fans came to party and watch the game. Similar events were happening throughout the Valley.

Assistant Football coaches depart FCC

by Alisa Scott
Sports Editor

Two of Head Coach John Volek's staff will be leaving their positions. Wide Receiver Coach Frank Jones has signed a contract with the Memphis Pharoahs of The Arena Football League. Gary Knecht has signed a contract with Asuza Pacific University as the Defensive Coordinator. Jones and Knecht leave FCC to advance their coaching careers.

The departure of Jones and Knecht leave vacancies on the

staff that Coach Volek has already filled.

The FCC football team will sport a new look this fall with the arrival of new players and coaches.

Dethrick Socum is the Rams new Assistant Secondary Coach. Coach Volek's son-in-law, Scott Brownholtz, will assist with the offensive line. Brownholtz and Socum are graduate assistants. None of Coach Volek's full-time staff has left their positions.

The knowledge and expertise that Jones and Knecht take with them will be sorely missed by a Ram football team that had a 9-1 record last season.

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Long Time FCC Teacher Dies



Former Fresno City College instructor Robert Blanchard died Jan. 22. Mr. Blanchard began teaching at FCC in 1967 and retired in 1990. Until last semester, he continued to teach part-time. Some of the classes Mr. Blanchard taught included English, poetry, literature, world literature and music appreciation. Mr. Blanchard was born in Minneapolis in 1925, and for many years was an accomplished ski jumper. From 1943 to 1945, he served as a Bombardier Aviation Cadet in the Army Air Force. Mr. Blanchard received degrees in music and English at Northwestern College and The University of Minnesota, where he taught until 1965. He then taught at Imperial Valley College in California until 1967, when he joined the FCC faculty and taught English and music for

27 years. Mr. Blanchard hosted The Music Hour, a daily radio program of religious and classical music on KTIS in Minneapolis for 20 years. He also served as choir director and soloist for various churches in Georgia, Minnesota, and California. Mr. Blanchard is survived by his wife of 38 years, Jeannine; his children, Dan of San Diego and Sara of Fresno, their spouses, Meg and David; and his two brothers, Ernest and Glen of Minneapolis.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Sat. Feb. 4, at Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church, 3673 N. First St., where Mr. Blanchard directed the choir for many years.

WARNING

Helpful hints form the Rampage to see that your Valentine's Day is Happy and safe.

by Tiffany Schulte
Features Editor

***NOTE- Go against this list at your own risk!**

What NOT to get your girlfriend for Valentine's Day:

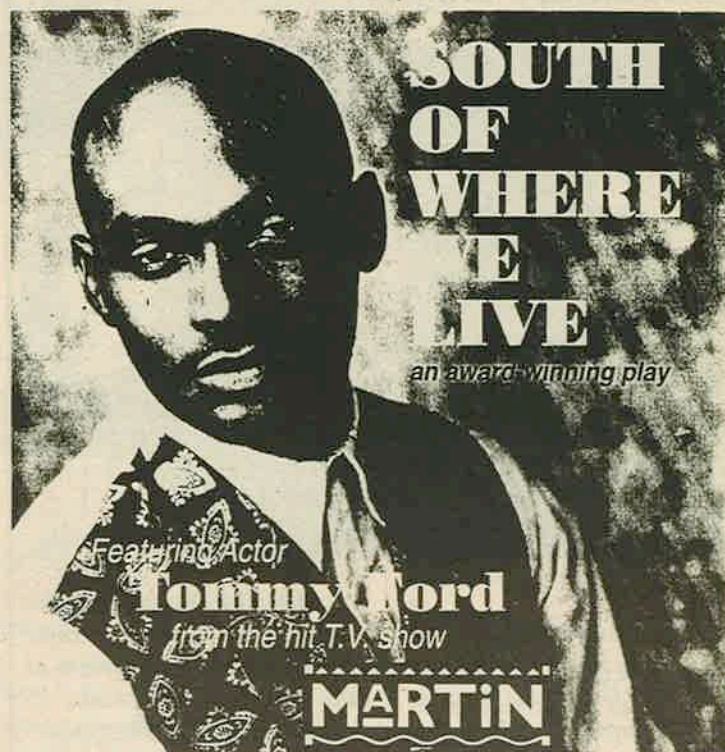
- A Chia Pet
- Motor oil
- Weightwatchers membership
- Anything personalized with another womans' name
- Prozac
- The Club
- Astroturf floormats
- Deodorant

- Liquid plumber
- Weekend getaway at the roach motel
- Mustache wax
- An Epilady
- Clearasil

What NOT to get for your boyfriend for Valentine's Day:

- Rogaine
- Ballroom dancing lessons
- Old Spice aftershave
- Life insurance (with you as the beneficiary)
- Bumper stickers
- reading, "Honk if you're cute, bark if you're ugly"
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- Self improvement books
- A polyester leisure suit
- A "Little Mermaid" Umbrella
- Barney Merchandise
- Anything sold on an infomercial
- Clearsil
- Tie in the shape of a fish
- Anything pink
- Tickets to the movie "Little Women"
- A life-sized poster of Brad Pitt

Fresno City College African-American History Month Celebration



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