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Renovations begin at FCC

By Sheryl Youngblood
RAMPAGE NEWS EDITOR

The benefits of several construction projects on the Fresno City College campus outweigh the inconvenience for staff and students and the displacement of offices and classes. The noisy pounding and crashing, the walk around fences, and the long trek to the portable village on the northwest side of campus are tolerably suffered for the innovative changes, most notably the ones around and above the bookstore.

"The most important change that will occur is the installation of an elevator which will make that building accessible," said Robert Fox, Dean of Students. "It's beautiful how the architect integrated this new component to the building. It's actually outside of the building."

"The elevator tower [is] the most complicated part of this design," said Tom Driscoll, Construction Services Manager. "It's a two-story tower, automatic doors on both sides for the handicapped, a big handicapped ramp." "We had that horrible chair lift there," Driscoll continued. "It's a real pain because it's manufactured and all the parts come from Canada. It's really hard to get parts for it at anytime, but especially when it breaks down. We just have to wait, and wait, and wait to get parts for it."

The entire second floor of the building is also to be modified, by Zumwalt Construction, a local Fresno company. "The Student Government's space will be refurbished," said Fox. "The Rampage [office] is being refurbished. The second office on the north side, home to the Idle program and the Puente program, will become the office space for student organiza-

tions." The new office is part of College Activities and under the supervision of Director Craig Reid and Assistant Director Gurdeep Sihota. It will be a business workplace for the various clubs and organizations on campus.

The northwest wing of the second floor is expected to have more offices than before construction began, according to the architectural plans in Driscoll's office.

A large portion of funding for these and other campus renovations



Construction crew works near the location of a new elevator tower.

come from the state government. "The college is the recipient of an allocation from a source called 'Secondary Effects'," said Fox.

"Secondary Effects are funds that are set aside and used to refurbish

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Gray matters for old Administration building

By Sheryl Youngblood
RAMPAGE NEWS EDITOR

Fresno City College's old Administration Building is the center of attention in a debate concerning site proposals for a Senior Resource Center.

One of eight sites proposed to the Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging for the Se-

lizing the site for their one-stop senior center.

In the past month, the Fresno Bee published four letters to the editor denouncing the old Administration Building as a site for the senior center. The concerns of the situation are the old, graying building and the needs of the seniors.

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"Also about the responsibility we have if we have a senior center. There's a lot involved as to insurance and safety, so you cannot just go to any building and say we are going to do it." The SCCCDC wants to lease the building. "It's a dollar a year for up to 50 years," said Jon Sharpe, the district's Vice Chancellor. "I think its

[t h e district's] position is that it's a viable opportunity to, at least renovate a portion of, if not all eventually, the old Administration Building and put into some productive use," said Sharpe.

One point of contention is the cost of renovation. "The building, in a historic structures report that was reviewed several years ago,

is viewed as structurally pretty sound," said Sharpe. "For community college students in California to occupy the building, it needs to meet what's called the Field Act." The Field Act is originally designated for K-14 (kindergarten

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FCC to offer new staff positions

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Fresno City College is poised to hire over forty full and part-time staff and administration workers beginning in the Fall Semester.

"This is an exciting time for us at Fresno City College," a jubilant President Dr. Dan Larios said as he spoke of what promises to be a sweeping change of the guard as the "first of my 24 years of affiliation with community colleges."

Despite the excitement, Larios is viewing the pending change carefully with mixed emotion and noted that while the move is designed to usher in new breeds of instructional and administrative staff members, he found it difficult and sad to "witness the departure of a number of our tenured professors for they make this one of the best institutions in the United States," quoted Larios.

In conformity with the invaluable contributions made to the college by those in the departing staff, prompted Larios to point out that, "special arrangements are being instituted that will allow them to continue as part time instructors where a vast pool of professional experience will benefit the incoming instructors and administrators."

Positions to be impacted by the changes include the Associated Dean of Instruction (Social Services), seven positions for Counselor, three instructorship positions in the department of Mathematics, two in Political Science, three in English and four coaching positions in the

department of Sports are up to be filled.

In further comments on the looming changes this Fall, FCC Dean of Students Robert Fox said that the efforts are in response to "FCC's special needs and the Community College's relentless commitment to better serve our students."

For his part, the retiring Dean of Instruction, Dr. Arthur Ellish, spoke of the excitement generated by the recruitment process by claiming that it appropriately responded to the recruitment of "younger and newer talents" en route to the next millennium.

In addition to Ellish, among the major retirees include Gerry Stokle, Dean of Social Services, Susan Liberty, Director of Performing Arts, as well as instructors Don Larson (Political Science), Jim Piper (English and Film) and Ken Dose (Physical Education).

A special committee, consisting of subject matter experts will process the screening of the candidates, beginning with as many as possibly 200, then reducing it down to three, where President Larios will screen the remaining candidates and announce the hiring sometime in July.

With the new semester approaching, Ellish states his thoughts: "In my estimation, I don't think there's a finer community college in the United States than FCC, at the same time next year, this college has got to be better than this year. It has to move forward in education, otherwise you move backwards. This is a tremendous opportunity to do a better job for our students."



Emma Geier (left) and Gisela "Gigi" Grabner discuss site proposals for a new senior center.

nior Resource Center, the old Administration Building may be more fittingly called a battlefield site between the State Center Community College District in association with the Fresno City and County Historical Society and a large group of seniors who are adamantly opposed to uti-

enue, seniors gather to exercise in the recreation room in Einstein Park. Gisela Grabner served on the Senior Resource Center Design Committee for the Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging. "There are so many implications we talked about in our design committee," said Grabner.

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NEWS

African-American ceremonies begin

By Adrian Rodriguez
RAMPAGE STAFF

Ceremonies in observance of African American month are underway at Fresno City College.

In the opening statement to the audience of students and visitors from the community at large, program coordinator Lucille Rash stressed Blacks commitment to the pursuit of "unity and education" as weapons against what she labeled the "oppressive forces of drugs, death, and lack of self awareness in our communities."

She specifically urged the electrified crowd to challenge "complacency" through "getting involved". She then encouraged the students to "stop making excuses and follow their dreams to build their future."

Highlights of the initial program held on February 1, at the theater on campus, consisted of a variety of popular performances.

In one, a cast of four African American students, Mary Lee McGough, Charles Muhammad, Chad Harshaw and Nancy Whittle presented a short play captioned "What If" which sought to re-echo the historical significance of the

contributions and accomplishments of Blacks in America.

A speech recital by Dean of Students Robert Fox and student Mary Lee McGough, and the dance performance by "The Royal Restoration", a trio of talented performers, were routinely interrupted by bursts of applause.

The crowd was also treated to a spectacular piano performance of R. Kelly's "I Believe I Can Fly" by Steven Lacy following the introduction of the African American staff workers in attendance.

Other keynote speakers at the program included Dr. Joseph Moore, Jr., instructor of history and social science at FCC, and Counselor Pauline Fuller of Equal Opportunity Programs and Services.

Dr. Moore noted many contributions by Blacks including Barbara Jordan, the first Southern Black woman elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1972 whom, he said, became the first keynote speaker at the Democratic National Convention in 1976.

For her part, Counselor Pauline Fuller spoke in recognition of other prominent blacks, including



The Royal Restoration dancers-- Annette Bracamonte, Rosalyn Snowden, and Tiesha Robinson-- dancing to a song by Janita Bynum.

Mary Church Terrell, whose invaluable contributions to America helped paved the way for African American activism movement.

Finally, local band Pappa Bear and Co. ended the ceremonies with some smooth blues. Pappa Bear, the band's core and drummer, has had about 60 years experience with percussion. One familiar song they played was the Isley Brothers' "For the Love of You."



Sonya Drehman talks to students about the Natural History Society.

CLUB RUSH 1, Weather 0

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Fourteen Fresno City College clubs and organizations braved the dismal weather on January 26 to participate in the first Club Rush of the spring, 1999, semester in the college's fountain courtyard area.

Presented by the Associated Student Government and the Inter-Club Council, the Club Rush is a monthly event which provides the various clubs and organizations on campus the opportunity to showcase their attributes in a location of high visibility, to interest students in extra-curricular activities, and to sell goods for consumption. "It's designed to be both a fund-raiser and a recruitment opportunity," said Gurdeep Sihota, Assistant College Activities Director.

The newest club on campus, the Natural History Society, took full opportunity of the exposure and prepared the most elaborately decorated tent. Official club designation achieved one week before Club Rush, the Natural History Society has the support of the entire biology department, said Sonya Drehman, president. "We didn't think that there were a lot of clubs for interests that we have," said Drehman. "We're not necessarily an environmental club, we're a biology club; we're more of a nature club." The Natural History Society's main goal is community service, particularly educating local youth of their natural environment and creating mentorships.

Members of the Associated Student Government also made an adventurous stand against the cold to inform students of new implements produced by the ASG

this semester. "We have a little complaint form just so we can hear from the students and what they think should be done on campus," said Krista Padgett, senator. Students who missed the opportunity to grab a complaint form can go to open ASG meetings on Thursdays at one o'clock in the Senate Chamber in the student lounge. Also new are mascot try-outs.

Annie Stafford shivered under the canopy covering the Students In Free Enterprise sign. "We're a teaching organization," Stafford chattered. "We teach about free enterprise. Everybody has an opportunity to make money if they want to."

Living Intelligently Forever, or LIFE, is another new club. "See, what LIFE is all about is to let people know about each other," said Reza Nekumanesh, vice president. "That's basically what it's all about, so we can learn about each other—what people think about us, as in different religions, races, political categories, anything; that we can just get together and have a forum where people can discuss that kind of thing, because we don't have one right now."

Other clubs present at the event include the Student Paralegal Association, (the only club on campus that has a concession stand for food and drinks on Saturdays, said Theresa Smith, president), the Campus Crusade For Christ, the Psychology Club, the Latter-Day Saints Students Association, the Pre-Physicians Society of Fresno City College, the Universal Muslim Association, the Pan African Student Union, College Activities representatives for Intramural Sports, and Phi Theta Kappa.

The next Club Bash is February 17.

FCC Learning Center makes opening in mall

Sberyl Youngblood
RAMPAGE NEWS EDITOR

Fresno City College classes at the Manchester Educational Resource Center, or MERC, are in operation and are expected to be at full capacity in March.

The 11,000 square feet facility, once occupied by three different shopping stores, contains four classrooms, three computer labs, two large staff offices to accommodate 28 staff members, a conference room, and two small counseling rooms.

"We've got the opportunity to not only support the mall here and support the merchants in the mall, but also really become a part of what's happening here at Manchester Center," said Dawn Koop, Interim Coordinator for MERC. During the past 18 months, innovations at the mall include the combination of retail with offices of government facilities and community-based organizations.

"There are sometimes nontraditional students or people who have been out of the system for a long time, so [this is an] opportunity to take classes here at a mall, as opposed to going onto a college campus which may be a little more intimidating," Koop continued.

In addition to classes from Business, Counseling, Student Services, Humanities, and Math and Science, MERC supplements the Job Search center and

the GAIN program on campus. "The main group of students that we're serving here are students who are looking to transition from welfare to work," said Koop.

MERC's Career Center has computers for researching career opportunities, including the necessary steps and amount of

"It's like giving birth—we're in hard labor right now about to push that baby out and get this thing up and running!" — Dawn Koop.

education needed to achieve placement in particular jobs and careers. A counselor will help people on a drop-in basis if somebody wants to do a job search and look at the classified ads in San Diego or San Francisco and compare opportunities once they finish classes, according to Koop.

All of the more than 145 computers have internet access. The classrooms' computers have software "designed to help people learn about careers."



FCC's Manchester Educational Resource Center is the length of three stores.

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This edition of the Rampage is dedicated to the memory of Tom Owens.

If not for your contributions to the micro-computers, the Rampage would not be possible.

May God rest your soul.

Y2K

Cater Chan

RAMPAGE ASST. BUSINESS MANAGER

Two digits, all because of two digits, the so-called "millennium bug" may become the most significant problem for us in the year 2000.

In the world of computing, the date is represented by only six digits, two for the day, two for the month and two for the year. Instead of 01-01-2000, the computer will only read it as 01-01-00 as if it is January 1 1900.

When computers were first invented, their storage systems had very limited memory. To save space on memory, computer programmers used only six digits to represent the date. Because this date counting method is hard-wired into a lot of computer pro-

grams and bios, there will be a massive problem when it reaches year 2000, because the letter 00 is lower than 99.

It was back in the middle of the century; nobody really cared about what would happen at the last click of the last two digits. But one important thing that programmers in the 60's cannot foresee is we are still using the languages they invented (ex. COBOL, FORTRAN) to compose computer programs today.

"As programmers, we had already pointed out the Y2K problem in 1966," information system instructor Roberta L. Baber said. "However, companies were not willing to spend money to solve the problem."

"Most people don't see how the Y2K problem is going to affect them," Associate Dean of Instruc-

tion Jannett N. Jackson said. Some people are not aware of the issue of Y2K; they just think Y2K as a computer problem. Today, computers are everywhere; cars, airplanes and even washing machines have inbred chips in them. Therefore, the millennium bug can also affect us in every aspect of our life.

At FCC, there are over 300 computer systems on campus; they are all connected to the District Office and other colleges. "We have started to make sure our computer systems are Y2K compliant," Jackson said.

However, Y2K is not an isolated problem, only solving the problem on campus is not enough, there are nine other neighborhood centers throughout Fresno and they are also providing inputs to our computer system. "Although

most of our computer systems on campus are Y2K compliant, we cannot say that we are isolated from the problem, because computers are all interrelated," Jackson said.

According to Jackson, the computer systems will be fully updated by October. "There will be a cushion about two to three months before the deadline in case of anything happens," Library/Learning Resources Assistant Tandy S. Willingham agrees. "We've got good people here, and they will be taking care of the problem by then."

According to Baber, "We have a brand new program to do the admission and the payroll system. I'm quite confidence to the new program."

Debate team starts with a bang

Vongsavanh Mouanoutoua

RAMPAGE STAFF

Over the weekend of January 23rd and February 5th, 1999, the FCC Debate Team competed at the Modesto Junior College Steve Collins Forensics Tournament and the Point Loma Nazarene University Sunset Cliffs Invitational respectively. The team returned from both tournaments with very successful results to start the year.

With National Debate Finals around the corner, the debate team has committed themselves to a very strict training session to be better prepared for the climatic event. These two tournaments serve as training grounds for the team.

Up in Modesto, the team of Thomas McLaughlin-Justin Vinnardo took first place in the Junior Division by defeating Point Loma in the finals, while the teams of Sandor Nagy-Priscilla Williams and Thomas Soto-Vongsavanh Mouanoutoua both took third place. The team took five of the ten top individual speaker awards as well.

With a brief flavor of Northern California competition completed, Coach Woolsey decided to take his teams down to Point Loma to give them national exposure.

"I wanted our teams to understand and get a feel for the competition and the judging that goes on at a national-like tournament," stated Mark Woolsey, Director of Forensics. "This tournament (Point Loma) draws the nation's top debating teams and schools. This tournament was a good indication of nationals."

"I know our team will make a great representation at Nationals. We came in here to experience what the competition would be like, and now we know," McLaughlin agreed. "We have more work to do, and all of us are dedicated to do our best."

Fresno City College continues on the hunt for a second National title. Next on the calendar is a tournament at Cal State Hayward on the 19th.

Board of Trustees News

From Board of Trustees Meeting, February 2, 1999

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& Sheryl Youngblood

RAMPAGE STAFF

The State Center Community College District Board of Trustees swore in Paula Densmore as the Reedley College Student Trustee for their monthly meetings. Densmore, a former FCC student and a secretary for the Inter-Club Council last year, accepted her oath from Chancellor Bill Stewart. The position, according to Densmore is "to interphase between the students and the

Board of Trustees, to share ideas and concerns that students have that needs to be brought to the board's attention, and to assimilate information back to the students and report what they need to know." Densmore takes over the position from last year's trustee Keri Terra.

Before the Board in his monthly report, Chancellor Stewart recognized the FCC SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) as one of fifteen finalists in the Make A Difference Day competition. SIFE worked with the Salvation Army Drug and Rehabilita-

tion Program along with members of FCC's Welfare-to Work Program for students on how to seek employment successfully.

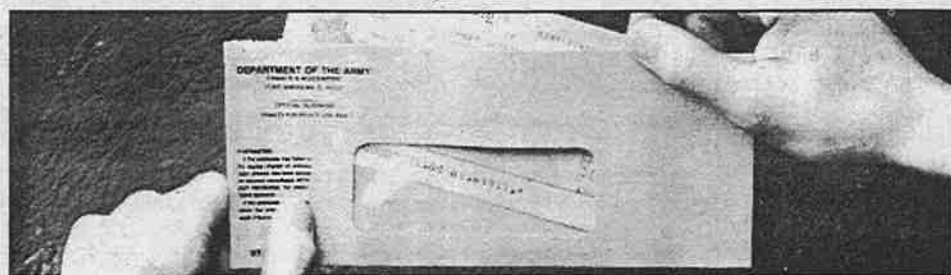
Chancellor Stewart also recognized FCC President Dr. Dan Larios' appointment to the board of the Fresno Workforce Development Program, which specializes in job training.

During the registration enrollment plan, FCC Dean of Admissions and Records John Cummings reports that 763 students are currently cross-enrolled (e.g., a student attends classes at more

than one college), with a number of students cross-enrolled expected to reach 1,200 by the end of the year.

In addition, board member Dorothy Smith suggests the cross-enrolled students should obtain a student identification card that recognizes students attending the colleges from the S.C.C.C.D.

Board member Ron Manfredi honored Christina Masterson as Associate Dean of Students in the North Center (Clovis, Madera and Oakhurst) District.



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Renovation: Continued from the front

constructional space that has been given up."

Other remodeling sites on campus under the funding of Secondary Effects are the court floor of the Math Science building, and portions of the T-100 and T-200 buildings, said Driscoll. Certain sections of these buildings, such as the dental hygiene lab in Math Science, the radiology lab in T-100, and a GAIN program in T-200, were moved to the newer Health Sciences building on the northeast end of campus.

The court floor of the Math Science building will be a huge mathematical and scientific computer lab. The west end of the T-100 building will be a big art lecture room for the Art Department. "They'll have facilities in there for jewelry making, slide shows; they'll mostly be dealing with their art history type classes," said Driscoll.

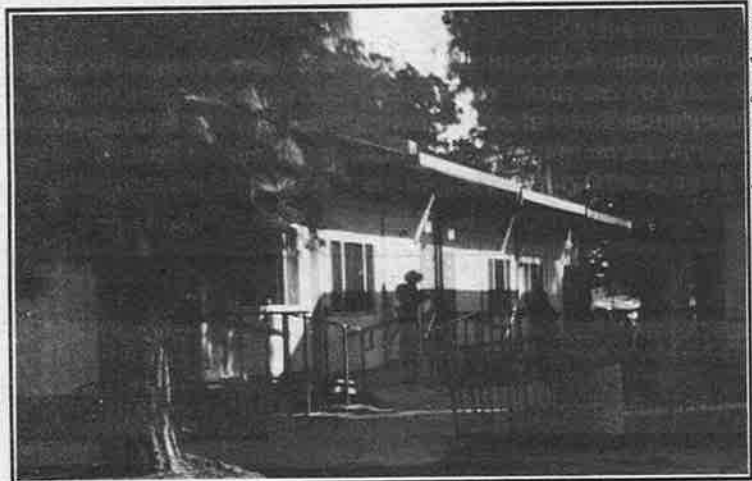
The bookstore building, the Math Science building, and the Technical buildings will use \$1.7 million of Secondary Effects funds,

said Driscoll. The bookstore building and the Technical buildings are due to be finished June 30.

Concerned about the inconvenience to staff and students, Fox said, "In a college that has a year-round operation, there is no good time. Colleges that don't have this challenge are not the fortunate colleges. Our college was one of those institutions that was privileged to receive money. So, it's a kind of inconvenience that not everyone has been able to be privileged to have."

Driscoll is also sympathetic. There's "little over a week at Christmas when there's no staff here," said Driscoll, "so that's our biggest window for construction projects when we don't have anyone on campus."

The portable village, leased from G. E. Capitol Modular Space, will remain on campus until August. "All the people (from ASG to Math and Science classes) that were removed from these areas and been put in that trailer park over there, they've all been great," said Driscoll. "We tried to make it as pleasant as we could with putting people in a trailer."



Departments have been moved to these bungalows on the Northwestern end of campus due to renovations.

Departments react to renovations favorably

David Bletz

RAMPAGE MANAGING EDITOR

Overall, the general opinion of the various departments occupying the new bungalows have been favorable. Three out of the four programs interviewed enjoyed their new surroundings and easy access was the most noticeable improvement from their previous locations.

"Being on the ground floor is nice, we didn't have access to an elevator..." comments Brad Millar of Upward Bound services. "The ease of access is nice."

Pat Bayer of the Puente Program also enjoys the easy access the Bungalows provide. "I like the fact that I don't have stairs to climb." She says, referring to the stairs located in the bookstore where the Puente Program was previously situated. "I'm eight months along (pregnant)." She finishes with a smile.

Others happily mentioned convenient parking and the picturesque views as positive attributes. Romy Yoshimoto works for the Cal-Pro-Net program, which is normally located in the confined and somewhat mundane offices of the bottom

floor of the Math-Science building.

"Prior to moving, I thought, Oh gosh, its going to be noisy because we're sharing an office with somebody else, but that's not the case, there's more action and open space and we've got a window."

Jennifer Wilk has a different take on the new Bungalows. She works for College Relations which used to be above the Bookstore. "I don't like them, I like being upstairs better." Logistics is the main reason why. "We don't even have all our supplies here, we had to move them to a place by Fresno State." She also adds that a big problem has been the Women's restrooms. "I don't like the fact that the bathrooms don't work half the time."

Brad Millar mentions another problem. "Being on the furthest part away from the center of things, can be a challenge. I feel for some of the students that have to walk from student services clear out here for College relations." An inconvenience for the students, "But, by an large, I think its a good temporary move." Brad finishes. Pat Bayer agrees, "It's been O.K... Its an adjustment with everything."

POLICE LOG

January 12

- 2:09 p.m.: Officer was dispatched to Yoshino's to take a report for the theft of goods purchased with counterfeit money. Suspect was gone upon arrival. Area searched with negative results. Report taken.
- 3:35 p.m.: Officer was dispatched to a pay phone in the Student Services building in response to a subject who reported that she was being followed by someone violating a restraining order. Report taken. Suspect was gone upon arrival.
- 8:10 p.m.: Officer dispatched to Business Education Division to take a report of a student being harassed by another. Victim was brought back to Headquarters where a statement was taken. Suspect was identified. Case under investigation.

January 13

- 2:14 p.m.: A known subject was reported posting unauthorized flyers on school grounds. Officer was unable to locate individual at this time. Under investigation. Report taken.

January 14

- 10:25 a.m.: While on patrol in the area of Weldon and Calaveras, officer was flagged down to assist with a domestic dispute. The couple was arguing over the custody of their child but stopped upon the officer's request.
- 11:56 a.m.: A student reported their textbook stolen while in the first floor womens room of Math/Science. On duty officers were given a partial description and the bookstore notified in case someone attempts to sell it. Report taken. Case under investigation.
- 1:10 p.m.: Officers dispatched to the scene of a fight at LA-121. Fight ended before officers arrival. Subjects located. Report taken.

January 15

- 11:05 p.m.: Officer took the report of a purse stolen from classroom on evening of January 11. No know suspects.
- 3:26 p.m.: Officer was dispatched to Student Services on 1-14 for a mentally disturbed student. Student was evaluated by college psychologist and was turned over to parent. Report taken.
- 3:26 p.m.: Officer was dispatched to Health Services for a staff member feeling chest pains. Victim was turned over to EMS. Report taken.

January 19 - "Mr. Spock, do you sense a pattern?"

- 1:02 p.m.: Officer took a phone report on the petty theft of a cellular phone. Student had her coin purse and cell phone taken from her purse while studying in the library.
- 2:58 p.m.: Officer took a phone report on the theft of an instructor's flute taken from his office in the music speech building. Under investigation.
- 3:00 p.m.: Dispatch took a phone report regarding the theft of a parking permit taken from the student's vehicle while parked on campus.

January 20

- 2:00 p.m.: Officer took the report of the theft of a book bag and books stolen while the victim was using a public telephone. No known suspects. Report taken.

January 21

- 12:15 p.m.: Officers dispatched to Yoshino's in response to a report that an individual was attempting to take food without paying. Individual was arrested, cited, and released. Report taken.

January 23

- 8:15 p.m.: Officer took a report of a woman who allegedly stumbled on the railroad tracks but the victim refused to be helped by EMS.

ASG adapts to campus renovations

Adrian Rodriguez

RAMPAGE PRODUCTION MANAGER

The Associated Student Government is adapting to the move from the second floor of the Fresno City College bookstore to the bungalows.

Administrators told the ASG that it would take six months to install an elevator, giving disabled students faster access to the second floor of the FCC bookstore. But considering the rainy weather, it may take longer, said ASG President Pamela Morris.

"We can't find everything we need, but we're trying to adapt," said Morris. "The ASG has trouble directing students to other bungalows."

ASG Office Manager Russ Englar commented that any move is difficult. The office has been reduced from two offices to one this semester, and some desks have temporarily been moved into storage. But because disabled students will have easier access to the offices once the renovation is complete, the move seems less inconvenient, said Englar.

The ASG, located in B-8 on the Northwest end of FCC, also shares their office with the phone banks this semester.

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Movie Review: *Rushmore*

By Joe Doyle
Rampage Entertainment Editor

Just when you thought comedic originality was a foreign word in Hollywood, *Rushmore* seems destined to rewrite the genre. Co-written by Wes Anderson and Owen Wilson, of *Bottle Rockets* fame, *Rushmore* is fresh and exuberant, relying on newcomer Jason Schwartzman, who plays Max Fischer, *Rushmore* is a teenage based romantic/comedy that is both witty and charming.

Max Fischer, a 15 year-old tenth grade student at the Rushmore Academy, provides the life of the school. Max is the leader of every club from the chess club to the astronomy club and even the "Max Fischer Players", for whom he writes and produces plays about police corruption, the



Photo Courtesy of Touchstone Pictures

Vietnam war, and even a stage version of *Serpico*. Despite all this Max remains the school's worst student, although he claims Harvard as his backup school.

Max's world turned upside down when Rushmore Academy places him on sudden-death academic probation on the basis of bad grades. Amidst this upheaval Max falls in love with Miss Cross (Olivia Williams), and concocts his mas-

ter plan to win her love. Befriending the school's wealthiest alumni, Mr. Blume (Bill Murray), Max attempts to build a marine observatory on the site of the school's baseball diamond. This becomes a truly redeeming moment for anyone who has felt the importance of academics was a distant second behind sports. In reward for his efforts, Max is expelled, and in a moment of lost pride, turns on his friend and protege, Dirk Calloway

(Mason Gamble, Dennis the Menace).

In completely brilliant retaliation, Calloway sets the stage for war that ensues, provoking Max and Mr. Blume into a battle for the love of Miss Cross. And a war it is, with Max preparing all his resources to try and destroy his new friend Mr. Blume. Max must now take on the role of the hero, although he plays the pest, and chief protagonist.

Without Jason Schwartzman's portrayal of Max there would be no *Rushmore*, and Murray achieves new heights with his performance, earning a golden globe nomination for best supporting actor. Not to be overshadowed is the young Gamble, who pulls off his pivotal role with the greatest precision. Anderson deserves honors for yet another intriguing film, as *Rushmore* should please audiences everywhere.

CD Review: Ani DiFranco "Up"

Joe Doyle
Ani DiFranco Review

Using her guitar like a painter would use a brush, Ani DiFranco uses rhythms and lyrics to achieve the effect of splatter painting upon a canvas. While always intriguing, splatter painting either generates a masterpiece or a mess. On "Up Up Up Up Up Up", DiFranco seems to be generating more of the latter. Recorded just a few months after 1998's *Little Plastic Castle*, "Up Up Up Up Up Up" demonstrates DiFranco's pushing the envelope to find just what truly qualifies as art.

The 28 year-old singer/songwriter's twelfth solo effort, although often brilliant, seems to lack focus and direction. Much of her material seems fresh and exciting, with the downfall coming when DiFranco leans on society's shortcomings for song ideas.

DiFranco's disgust with society appears evident on "Tis of Thee", a harsh eye-opener that succeeds only in setting a dark, gloomy pace for the album. DiFranco appears without hope, as she sings "Why don't you just go ahead and turn off the sun/ 'Cause you'll never live long enough to undo everything they've done to you." Just in case "Tis of Thee" didn't display enough hopelessness, "Trickle Down", the story of a town in economic decline, should suffice.

Much of the album retreads many topics that have become cliché, not only in the rock

genre, but in DiFranco's song catalog as well. "Come Away From It", though well paced and packed with emotional lyrics, tells the age old story of a friend refusing to see the truths of their

dencies of the album's early tracks. These songs show the mature evolution of someone relishing in what the world and nature have to offer. These songs, as well as "Virtue" and the first single, "Angry Any-more" are solid songs that could stand alone. They hold similar to much of DiFranco's recent, critically acclaimed work, and definitely will appeal to long-time DiFranco fans.

Far more astounding than anything else on the album is the 13 minute epic "Hat Shaped Hat". This song, derived from material gathered during a three hour jam session, is breathtaking. The song conveys a complete artistic transition, and has DiFranco developing a very distinct sound, most easily described as funk. This sound is hinted at in many of the album's better songs, such as the incredibly stimulating "Jukebox", and the beautiful percussion of "Angel Food", and comes out full force in the power pop of "Know Now Then".

DiFranco leaves just enough of her classic style on this album to allow listeners to accept this transition, and if she continues at this pace, nothing should keep her career from going Up Up Up Up Up Up.



Photo by Albert Sanchez

own addiction. A powerful song it is, but it's the same point DiFranco made on the track from *Little Plastic Castles* "Two Little Girls". The silver lining to these dreary songs is that the listeners' perseverance through this material yields wonderful benefits.

"Everest" and the title track, "Up Up Up Up Up Up" are beautiful, optimistic, simple ballads that counteract the negative ten-

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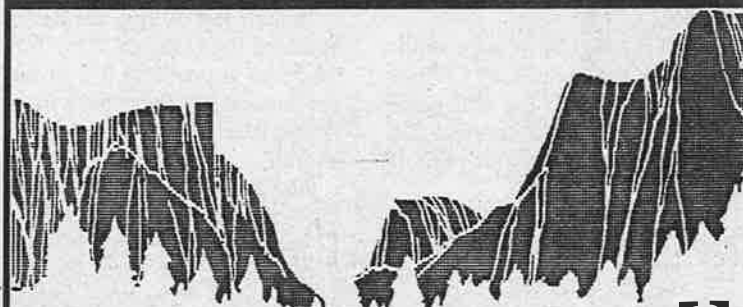
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Sports

FCC Rams to face C.O.S. Giants with a 9-2 conference record

By Abel E. Jimenez

RAMPAGE STAFF

At 25-2 with a 9-1 conference record, the Fresno City College Rams at press time prepare for the ultimate showdown for this season, a match-up against the College of the Sequoias Giants, the only team to hand them their two losses. While not looking too far ahead to that match-up, the theme that would best describe the Rams in the last few games is "Taking Care of Business."

The Rams continued their quest for the Central Valley Conference crown as the team keeps on winning. On January 27, the Rams upended the West Hills Falcons 82-65 in Coalinga, the Rams were spearheaded by Terrell Lyday's 28 points and Mike Garrett's eight re-

bounds and five assists to go with his 15 points. Sal Smith contributed nine points and eight rebounds.

On Jan. 30, the Rams demolished the struggling Reedley College Tigers 95-72. With Lyday having an off day with nine points, the rest of the team picked up the slack as Miller put up the hot hand with 23 points and five rebounds along with 14 points from Garrett and ten points, four rebounds and three assists from Jovan Joe.

This game marked the return of Fabian Pinnock, out with a leg injury earlier this season, while he didn't score in the game, FCC basketball coach Denny Aye believes he will be a vital part of the team's concept. "Whatever Fabian can give to us will be a bonus as soon as he learns about all of our plays, he's a good player and if illnesses,

injuries or foul trouble occurs, I know he can come in and get the job done," said Aye.

On February 3, the Rams went to Modesto and faced some very game competition in the Pirates, who took them down to the wire before the Rams pulled away and won 82-78. Lyday again led the charge with 20 points, including 4 for 9 from three-point range. Garrett contributed 17 points and three assists, along with 16 points and seven rebounds from Miller, along with a big boost from Ramel Curry with 13 points and seven assists.

On the match-up with Modesto, Miller explains: "With five minutes to go in the game, we made poor decisions on both defense and offense, one of our major problems has been relying constantly on the three-point shot when we have a

lot of big guys inside that we got to utilize. I hope our guys learn from this game and give us the need to finish up strong. If we utilize the inside-outside game, no one can beat us, it takes heavy contributions from both sides."

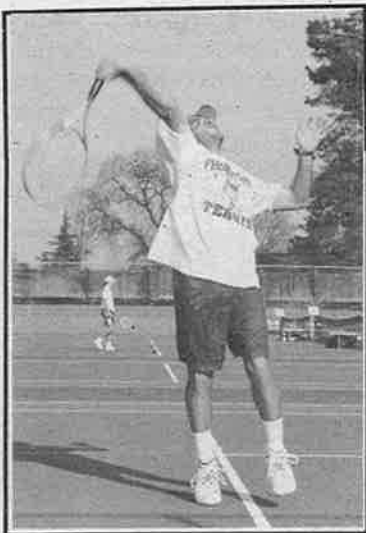
Coach Aye agrees and gives his own statement: "The Pirates did some things that made us struggle, they managed to trap Terrell Lyday every time he caught the ball, but our guys were able to overcome the different defenses Modesto showed us and we were able to pull out the game against a tough, stubborn opponent in their gym."

In preparation for Saturday's game against COS, Aye states: "We need to play every possession and get the ball inside a little bit more and be more effective inside for COS lives with the three-point shot, they shoot almost thirty a



Pat Garrison sends it home.

game and we need to take it inside and utilize their inside strength against them."



Ethan Ekason of the men's tennis team (left) and Lisa Alberta of the women's tennis team (right).

FCC Lady Rams await stiff competition

By Abel E. Jimenez

RAMPAGE STAFF

With the regular season winding down, the Fresno City College Lady Rams await the stiff competition that will determine the possibility of a favorable playoff position.

In the last two home games, the Rams out-scored their opponents 101-77 with heavy contributions from Summer Sawtelle, Allison Parks, Shawnta DeBro and LaNetta Small.

Sawtelle, the Rams' version of Keyshawn Johnson (*figure it out*) believes a patient offense and terrific defense will result in many wins. "We need to stop turning the ball over."

Which presents the current problem: Turnovers, despite the last three wins for the Rams, the team committed 64 turnovers in those games including 31 in the February 3 match-up against Taft (Reporter's note: It's good if you're a bakery, not if you're a team).

In spite of the turnover ratio, basketball coach Donnie Johnson gives his viewpoint on the team's overall accomplishments. "We've played well enough to win in some ugly games, but I don't

think we could play real good teams the way we played against Taft and expect to win."

In their last outing, the Rams upended the Cougars from Taft 64-58 to improve to 6-2 in the conference, one game back from first-place Merced and 22-6 overall.

Just another day in the office for Parks who put up 20 points, 12 rebounds and three blocks. Parks credits her team for her performance, "They (team) just fed me the ball, for Taft wasn't double-teaming me."

Chelewa McGee, with 14 rebounds to go with eight points, offers a different viewpoint of the team's performance: "We didn't play to our ability at all, we had ups and downs with more downs than ups." DeBro contributed 11 points, six rebounds and four assists to go with five steals. Sawtelle also contributed five steals to go with her unusually quiet eight rebounds.

At press time, the Rams played at Reedley, this Saturday the Rams play their final home game against Modesto and play their final two games on the road, in Porterville on the 17th and a key CVC showdown in Merced on the 20th.

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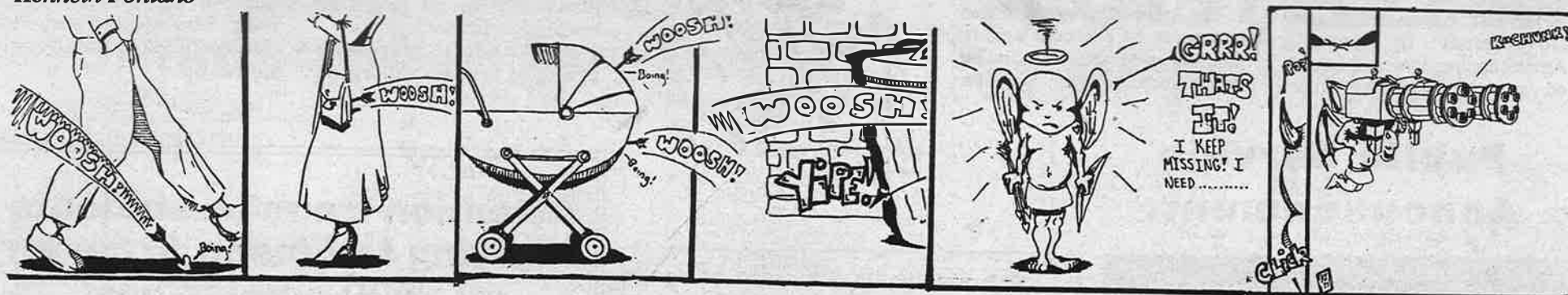
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through grade 12 plus junior college). "It does not apply to the CSU system or UC," said Sharpe. "It would be illegal for our students to occupy that now without upgrades. But as far as the seniors occupying it, we believe that there will be little modification structurally required."

Johnson said the cost of restoration "depends on how the analysis come out. You really have to study the building." Johnson acknowledged that the building doesn't meet the Field Act standards, then began discussing the horizontal loads of an earthquake and the vertical shifts of gravity on a building.

Zee Smith, Executive Director of the Fresno City and County Historical Society, said in regards to restoration costs, "Depending on the uses that are made of that building, the Field Act would or would not apply. It would not apply to the seniors." Restoration costs to the seniors? "It depends on what their uses are, what they decide to do with it. If they decide to do anything with it," said Smith.

"We are being reasonable," said Grabner. "We are con-

cerned about what we need and the costs."

Another point of contention is the parking. "State Center has dedicated about 20, 25 parking places immediately adjacent to the building, left of the building, for use for handicap and other things," said

"It's a dollar a year for up to 50 years. I think its [the district's] position is that it's a viable opportunity to, at least renovate a portion of, if not all eventually, the old Administration Building and put into some productive use."

- Jon Sharpe, SCCC Vice Chancellor.

Smith. "And then there is parking that could be made available off the campus but with transportation to and from, and nearby. So we don't see that as a totally large problem. It's workable, it can be achieved if the will is there."

Sharpe suggested shuttle options and a parking lot behind Ratcliffe stadium and brought up an interesting point about

Fresno parking. "It's interesting, we may be a little bit spoiled because we're a growing population, but we don't have the traffic problems and things that larger cities have. And we're becoming a larger city."

The teacher of the exercise class, Debi O'Gorman-Kallas, brought up the shuttle idea. "They had proposed a shuttle system. Someone voiced it really well and said, 'We want our freedom to be able to go to our car when we want to.' 'The shuttle would be an expense again, if there would be such a thing, we would reject the shuttle also. We are not cows to be gathered, to be brought over to a place, then you're at the mercy of the shuttle.'"

O'Gorman-Kallas continued, "There's another objection to the shuttle. The senior center is supposed to be a place for us so we can go any time of the day, not when a shuttle is coming," a shuttle sounds more like you're disabled."

"When we think the idea of lifelong learning is one that's really coming quickly of age and would be very important on that campus, the synergy between seniors and young people, it's really good," said

Smith, offering a different perspective.

The SCCC does not want to force a square peg into a round hole. "We don't know if we're the best site," said Sharpe. "We didn't know who else was going to apply for it. All we did is say, 'here's something that we believe is viable, we would like to discuss it, we think that it's a reasonable proposal and one that can benefit both parties'." The final decision for the proposals will be voted on at a Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging board meeting, which is open to the public, on March 18.

Grabner made a final reflection. "I am from Europe and I really am upset, all the time they tear down something old, because we preserve. And I love old buildings. And I love old houses much more than the new ones. But we also preserve. We do not let it decay and then say after 20 years, oh, we should do something about it. No, we maintain it to a certain point. We have so many young people who study masonry and carpentry and other things. They could have worked on that building for 20 years, every year a little bit, showing their skills. It would be their education. But nobody ever did anything."



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didn't know I could do this!"

Koop states that the facility "driven by the division of the Chancellor and Dr. Lario about, instead of the community coming to the college, the college is going out into the community."

The hours of the facility are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays and may eventually be open on weekends. "It's like giving birth-- we're like in hard labor right now and about to push the baby out and get this thing up and running!" said Koop.

Americorp recognized for pledging volunteerism

Adrian Rodriguez
RAMPAGE STAFF

The FCC Associated Student Government is granting Americorp Leaders in Literacy on campus high recognition for

performance and pledge of 20 thousand hours over the next year to teach children to read and write.

The grant of recognition was announced at a recent senate meeting on campus attended by Americorp Advisor Marilyn



Glenn and an array of 'corp representatives.

To date, the Americorp group has spent about 17 of the 20 thousand hours in providing teaching assistance.

The Americorp program is structured to teach children in

kindergarten to third grade, as well as train toddlers having the need.

At the same meeting, the ASG discussed issues related to Ch Rush, Renaissance Faire, Vendor Faire, and RamDogg Round-Up.

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