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Sports, dance blend talents

The premier performance of "Bortz Sticky Finnish," a dance concert blending the seemingly unblendable—college basketball players and modern dance students—will be performed at City College Thursday, Nov. 13.

The 8 p.m. program, sponsored by the Office of Community Services, will be held in the Gymnasium and is free to the public.

"Bortz Sticky Finnish" is the creation of choreographer, performer and dance teacher Carol Warner, associate director of the Gloria Newman Dance Theater in Los Angeles.

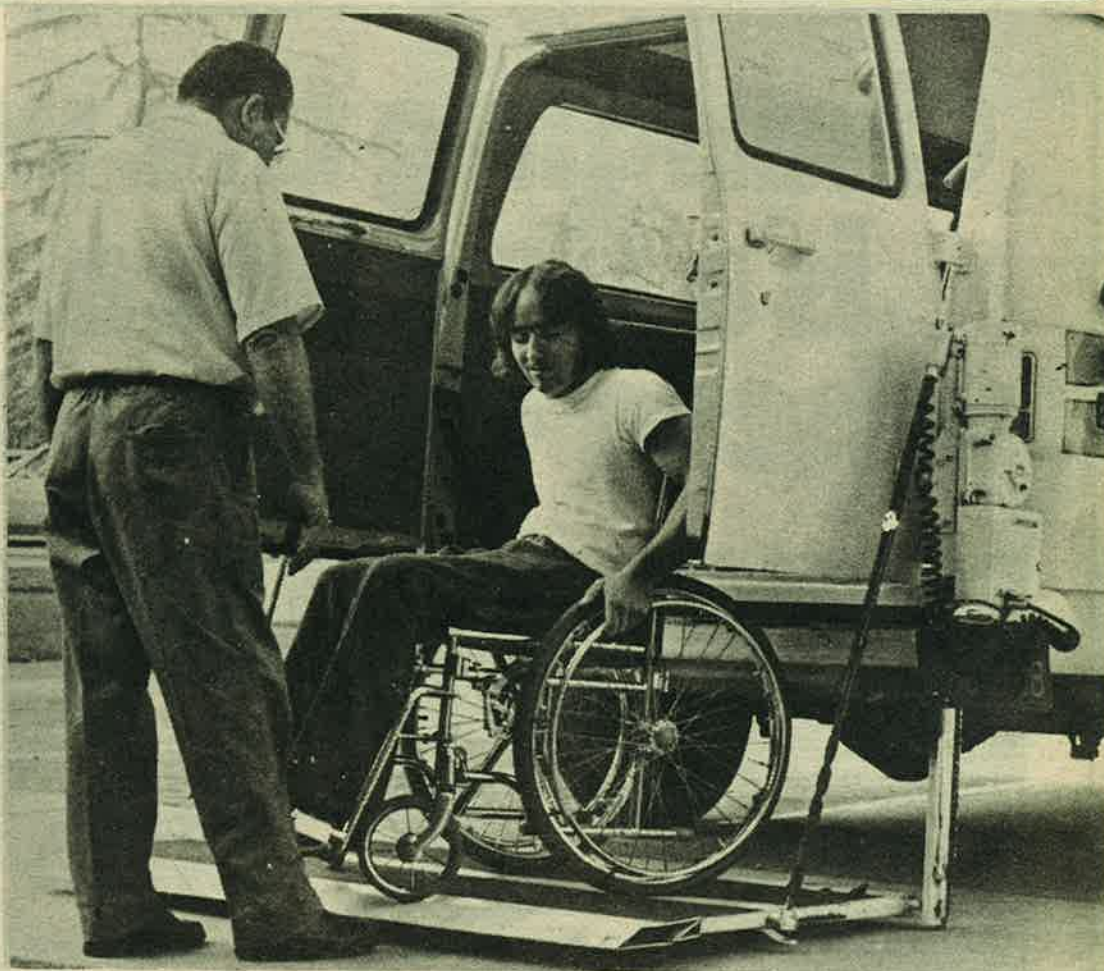
Ms. Warner's dance work, for which she received a 1975 choreography fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts, will include the intermixing of FCC basketball players performing basketball drills and modern dance students relating in dance to those drills in a "space-energy context."

The program also will include

accompaniment by Daniel Bortz, a Los Angeles musician-composer who has written an original score for the performance. Bortz will accompany the dance work on the chapman stick, a new electronic touch board instrument able to make the sounds of guitar, cello, harpsichord, rhythm and bass.

Ms. Warner will be at FCC Nov. 12 and 13, working during the day with dance and PE students. During these sessions, Ms. Warner will form a group of student dancers to perform the "Bortz Sticky Finnish" Thursday evening. Also working with the dancers will be Joella Lewis, a dancer with the Gloria Newman group.

The FCC production of "Bortz Sticky Finnish" is the premier performance of the dance work. Ms. Warner will tour the nation this year producing the work under the auspices of the National Endowment for the Arts.



FCC student Jim Harris utilizes new facilities for the handicapped.

Rampage wins excellence prize

The Rampage keeps winning top awards — but not the top award — for general excellence among community college newspapers.

A year ago the FCC weekly was named second-best newspaper among large colleges in northern California, behind the Chabot Spectator.

Last spring it was named third-best large-college tabloid in the entire state, behind the Spectator and the Moorpark Reporter.

Saturday it was named second best — among all colleges, all formats — in northern California, behind the Sacramento City Express.

The latest recognition came at the annual NorCal conference of the Journalism Association of Community Colleges, hosted by

Ohlone College in Fremont. Nearly 250 persons from 30 schools attended.

One staff member did come in first. Writer Donna Harrison won a first-prize plaque at NorCal in a feature writing contest, for her Oct. 16 story on the feelings and attitudes of handicapped students.

The Rampage delegation included Lang, Editor Jane Kent, Managing Editor Vicki Bruce, Photo Editor Greg Richard, Sports Editor Jeff Atamian, former editor Marty Krikorian, Keiko Taniguchi and Rob Romero.

NorCal advisers voted to name the newspaper general excellence award for Claude R. Snelling, College of the Sequoias adviser murdered Sept. 11 in Visalia.

Handy Ride' solves wheelchair problem

"Handy Ride is a great new transportation service. It is a program created by the City of Fresno to bring mobility to persons unable to utilize public transportation," said Gary Graham of FCC's Enabler Center.

"We have a lot of students who use the service every day."

The Handy Ride system includes four buses, three of which are equipped with hydraulic lift devices and wheelchair lockdown devices.

"This means the handicapped person does not even have to leave his wheelchair. In the case of students, the bus picks them up at their front door and delivers them to school without their ever leaving the wheelchair. This makes the service more convenient," says Graham.

The Handy Ride fare is only 10 cents for each one-way trip, or \$2

for a monthly pass, for the public. The service is provided free for FCC students.

"City residents with physical disabilities, including senior citizens who cannot use regular public transportation services, are asked to sign up for the services," Graham said.

Applications are reviewed and priorities established for the routine work, school and rehabilitation/medical trips. Additional trip requests for periodic medical visits, shopping, recreation and cultural programs are handled on a first come-first served basis.

A 24-hour advance notice for service is required. "It is a reasonable requirement. Most people know if they are going somewhere the day before they go. So far this has caused no problem," explained Graham.

"The only problem we have

encountered with the Handy Ride is that it doesn't run past 7 p.m. This makes it difficult for handicapped students who wish to take night classes. The other problem with Handy Ride is it does not run in the county. You can only catch the bus within the city limits," said Graham. "We hope later these problems can be worked out."

Application forms for this special transportation service are available in the Enablers Center, A-139. They can also be picked up at 1221 Fulton Mall, Suite 327.

The Enablers Center also has a book entitled "The Wheelchair Traveler" for student use. It has much information specifically for the travel enjoyment of the handicapped traveler. It has the names of planes, trains, and motels that have special facilities for handicapped people. It is available free of charge.

Faculty studies grade inflation, other problems

Grade inflation, literacy, class standards — these are just some of many problems facing the FCC Faculty Senate in the upcoming months.

Larry Kavanaugh, president of the Faculty Senate, noted three main items for discussion: grade inflation, student literacy standards, and the maintaining of standards in off campus classes.

"It has been proven," stated Kavanaugh, "that 60 per cent of the college students at Harvard graduate with honors." We now find that students are receiving

higher grades without any evidence of higher intelligence."

The problem of grade inflation is being noted in many colleges across the nation. Whether this problem is relevant to FCC is yet to be seen; however, according to the senate, a closer look should and will be taken at grade standards.

Literacy standards also will come under the scrutiny of the senate. The ability of the college student to read and write effectively has come under question in recent months. This

problem is thought to be minor compared to the problem of grade inflation but it does play an important part in the unlimited access to college by almost anyone.

Maintaining standards in FCC night classes at such places as Kerman High School and Ft. Miller Junior High School presents further material for discussion. While the quality of education at these schools is not doubted, the adequacy of supervision is. Kavanaugh showed a high regard for the instructors at FCC.

Divorce first topic in women's series

Sandy Everwine, founder of ADAPT, will speak on the problems of divorce today at noon in the Women's Center.

An awareness peer group, under the supervision of the acting dean of women, is in session every Thursday from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Two new groups are being formed on Mondays from 7 to 9:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Future speakers for the Women's Center include Mario

Leon, representative from Head Start, who will speak on the day-care center proposal for FCC, and Kathy Brooks, who will discuss the CSUF women's reentry program on Nov. 20.

A widowhood workshop is being planned for Dec. 6 from 9:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Student Lounge.

Questions regarding the Women's Center's activities can be directed to Toni or Karen, Ext. 206.

FCC offers bicultural AA program

City College is now offering a bilingual, bicultural associate in arts degree program.

Instructor Isaias Pax said the program provides a student with language proficiency in Spanish and English and a cultural awareness of the Chicano culture.

Pax said a bilingual, bicultural

background is an asset to persons planning to enter any area of social service work as well as in private enterprise.

"There are many areas in the job market in which it is an advantage to speak Spanish and have an understanding of the Chicano culture," Paz commented. "People who work in

governmental agencies, as an example, should be able to communicate in the native language of the person they are dealing with."

Pax said FCC's program also provides a student with a good background for study in a wide variety of fields at a four-year institution.

Maderans surveyed this week

Madera residents soon will receive in the mail a questionnaire from the State Center Community College District and FCC seeking information as to what type of day classes and programs area residents want offered next semester in Madera.

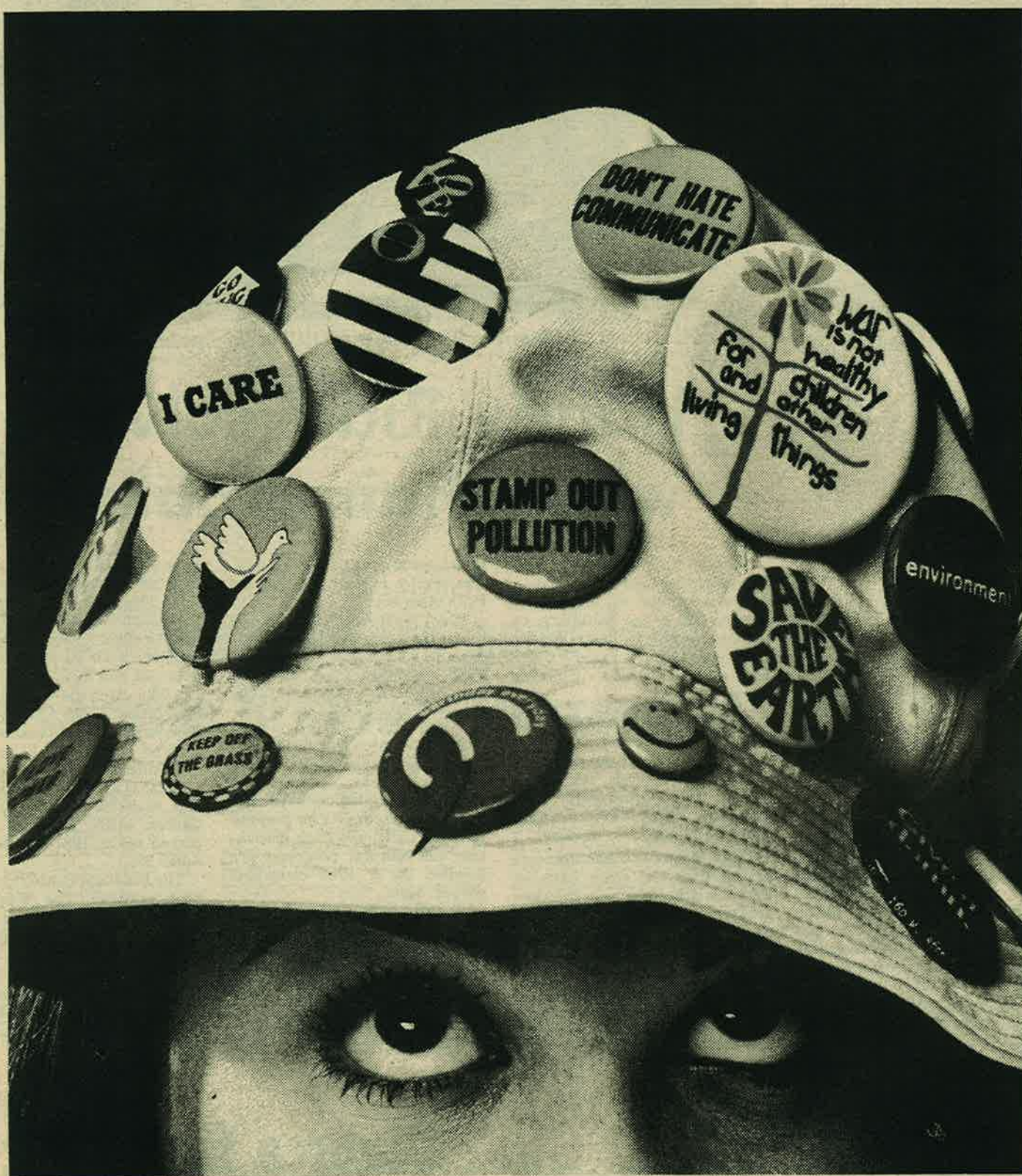
The college district is now negotiating with the County of Madera to rent the former county education building on Sixth and I Streets as the site for the proposed Madera Center.

To plan what classes and programs are to be offered during the day at the center, the questionnaire, mailed this week, asks what kind of classes and programs residents would be interested in taking.

Residents are asked to fill out the questionnaire, detach it from the flyer and mail it.

"The response we get from Madera residents on the questionnaire will help us develop a day curriculum for the center," says Associate Dean of Instruction Larry Martin.

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Activities Calendar

THURSDAY — November 6
—MECHA, 12-2 p.m., comm. rm. A & B.
—Phi Beta Lambda, 7 p.m., comm. rm. A.
—NCHO, 2 p.m., comm. rm. B.
—ICC, 2 p.m., Senate Quarters.
—Women's Volleyball, 6:30 p.m., COS at FCC.

FRIDAY — November 7
—Navigators, 11-1 p.m., comm. rm. C.
—PAU, 10-1 p.m., Senate Quarters.
—Soccer, 3 p.m., Modesto at FCC.
—Water Polo, All Day, Valley Conference Tournament at Visalia.

SATURDAY — November 8
—Water Polo, All Day, Valley Conference Tournament at Visalia.
—Cross Country, noon, Valley Conference Meet at Woodward Park.
—Football, 7:30 p.m., Reedley.

TUESDAY — November 11
—MECHA, 12-1 p.m., comm. rm. A.
—Vets, 11 a.m., comm. rm. B.
—NCHO, 10 a.m., comm. rm. B.
—NAISA, 2 p.m., comm. rm. B.
—Adelitas, 12 noon, comm. rm. C.
—Student Senate, 1 p.m., Senate Quarters.
—Ice Capades, 8 p.m., Arena.

WEDNESDAY — November 12
—Inter Varsity, 7 a.m., Senate Quarters.
—Vets, Film Showing, Main Theater.
—Soccer, 3 p.m., Reedley at FCC.
—Women's Volleyball, 4:30 p.m., Porterville.
—Ice Capades, 8 p.m., Arena.
—Newman Student Association, 7:30 p.m., at Newman Center Church on Barstow, near Cedar.

THURSDAY — November 13
—MECHA, 12-2 p.m., comm. rm. A & B.
—Phi Beta Lambda, 7 p.m., comm. rm. A.
—NCHO, 2 p.m., comm. rm. B.
—Ice Capades, 8 p.m., Arena.



Parking in the lots without a permit could cost a student anywhere from \$2 to \$13.

NEWS BRIEFS

Senate okays Library aid; Mata vetoes debate help

Student Senate Tuesday allocated \$440 to keep the Library open four of the remaining seven Saturdays before finals. The district is paying for three.

Last Thursday the Senate allocated \$2,400 to the choir for blazers.

A request by the debate-forensics team for \$800 was passed by Senate but vetoed by Richard Mata ASB president. An override motion Tuesday failed, and the veto was sustained. A motion to allocate \$500 to the debate-forensics team also failed.

According to Ron Greenstreet, forensics coach, the money was needed for an expanded program. Greenstreet said there are more students this year than anticipated.

TENNIS MATCH

The eighth annual FCC tennis championships will be held Nov. 8, 9, and 11.

The tournament, sponsored by the tennis team, is open to anyone. Categories of competition are men's singles, men's doubles, women's singles, women's doubles, and mixed doubles.

Entry fees are \$6 for singles and \$10 for doubles, although participants are limited to two events.

Entry forms and further

information may be obtained from tennis coach Ted Moranda.

BEOG GRANTS

FCC is the second highest college in the state with percentage of needy students funded by Basic Educational Opportunity Grants. Students with six units or more may apply for BEOG. Eligibility requirements are outlined in application brochures in the Financial Aid Office, SC-216.

HOLIDAY TUESDAY

Remember Monday, Oct. 27, when your kids and kid brothers and sisters got a holiday at their schools and you didn't?

Your time has come. Tuesday, Nov. 11 — the "real" Veterans Day — will be a holiday for FCC students. Elementary, junior high and high school students will have to go to school.

TRAINING AWARDS

Soroptimist Club Training Awards of \$150, \$500, and \$1,000 for mature women (preferably over 30 years of age) are being offered to qualify them to enter or upgrade employment fields.

These awards are for parttime or fulltime vocational study and are based on financial need, ultimate goals, and potential value to the community. Application forms are available in the Financial Aid office, SC-216. Deadline to apply is Dec. 1.

ASB CONCERT

Papa Bear and the O'Neils will be playing their music in the Student Lounge Nov. 14 from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

The group consists of Danny Frajo and Joe Cruz, both of whom were members of the original Papa Bear several years ago. After their breakup Frajo joined forces with Dwight, Raymond, Timothy, and Donald O'Neil.

Students with ASB cards will be admitted free.

FINANCIAL HELP

Applications for college opportunity grants, state scholarships, and occupational education and training grants for 1976-77 are now available in the Financial Aid Office, SC-216 and the Counseling Center, A-118. Deadlines to submit applications to the State Scholarship and Loan Commission are: COG and State Scholarships, Dec. 6; and OETG, Feb. 27.

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Outlook dim for parking fee drop

Parking permit fees are here to stay, according to FCC administrators.

The \$5 per semester parking permit fee that nearly 6,000 FCC day and night students are buying will not be lifted in the near future.

Ken Shrum, chief of the campus police, stated "All recent indications have been negative as far as the elimination of parking permit fees goes."

The fee revenue goes toward maintenance of the 10 parking lots including lighting of the lots, repainting of traffic signs as well as groundsman and campus police salaries.

Shrum noted that between the numerous expenditures and the revenue received, little or no

money is left over for other uses. So if the fees were eliminated, support money would have to come from an outside source.

However, parking permit revenue is not the only income received. Nearly 30 parking violations are issued every day on campus. While most of the traffic violation money goes to the County of Fresno, a portion of it is returned to the community college district.

In the words of Dr. Edward R. Mosley, president of the Board of Trustees, "At this time there is no chance for the removal of parking permit fees in the near future." And according to Shrum, there is not even a chance for the fee to be reduced.

Bronson winner as lonely hero

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people and landscaped his film with the austerity of the depression. Hill's film has detailed Louisiana's background with a steamboat, a black Pentecostal church, a fair on the bayous. He has created an authenticity that is supportive to Chaney as a character.

In New Orleans, Chaney begins a sketchy relationship with a sometimes whore (Jill Ireland), but his loner mystique precludes permanence in his life.

Chaney and his support team are quickly into big money and prestigious fights. Chaney's primitive power knocks out a succession of opponents. His heroic abilities and reluctance at making money by knocking people down idealizes his character even more.

The Depression is a perfect setting for Bronson's face. It adds to his characterization; it speaks of the hardships, a face molded from personal pain and the pain he feels for others. His pensive gnarled humanitarianism and the obligations this nobility insists on, are the theme for the film.

The film with moving force and fluency deals with this loner hero. It is a gripping drama that sweeps you up as you root, in each battle, for the silent, almost mythical figure. You won't resent this hold; the film offers an excitement that feels good. In ending, Chaney, who appeared out of the night, returns, leaving a legacy of heroic qualities. But it is not a teary parting because you know he is just on his way to another adventure.

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Never too late

Age fails to stop FCC swimmers

Beatrice Owens is learning the fundamentals of swimming. Nothing unusual, right? Wrong. Beatrice is 69 years old.

"I'm from Oklahoma where all there are are creeks and snakes. I've always wanted to swim, but the opportunity didn't present itself until now," stated Ms. Owens, a retired school teacher.

Ms. Owens and 36 others are students of Gene Stephens' Recreational Swimming Skills class; a one-unit, nine-week course designed to meet each individual's water needs.

Stephens, the water polo and swimming coach, verbally introduces a new skill to the class each meeting. The swimmers then have an opportunity to exercise and enjoy the skill in the pool. This, according to Stephens, "is what physical education is all about."

Red Cross films, elements of life saving, safety skills, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation were viewed and discussed in Stephens' swimming class. Swimming Skills will be offered again the last nine weeks of the spring semester.

Ms. Owens is one of several old students enrolled to learn to

swim, better their water knowledge, and conquer their fear of water (hydrophobia).

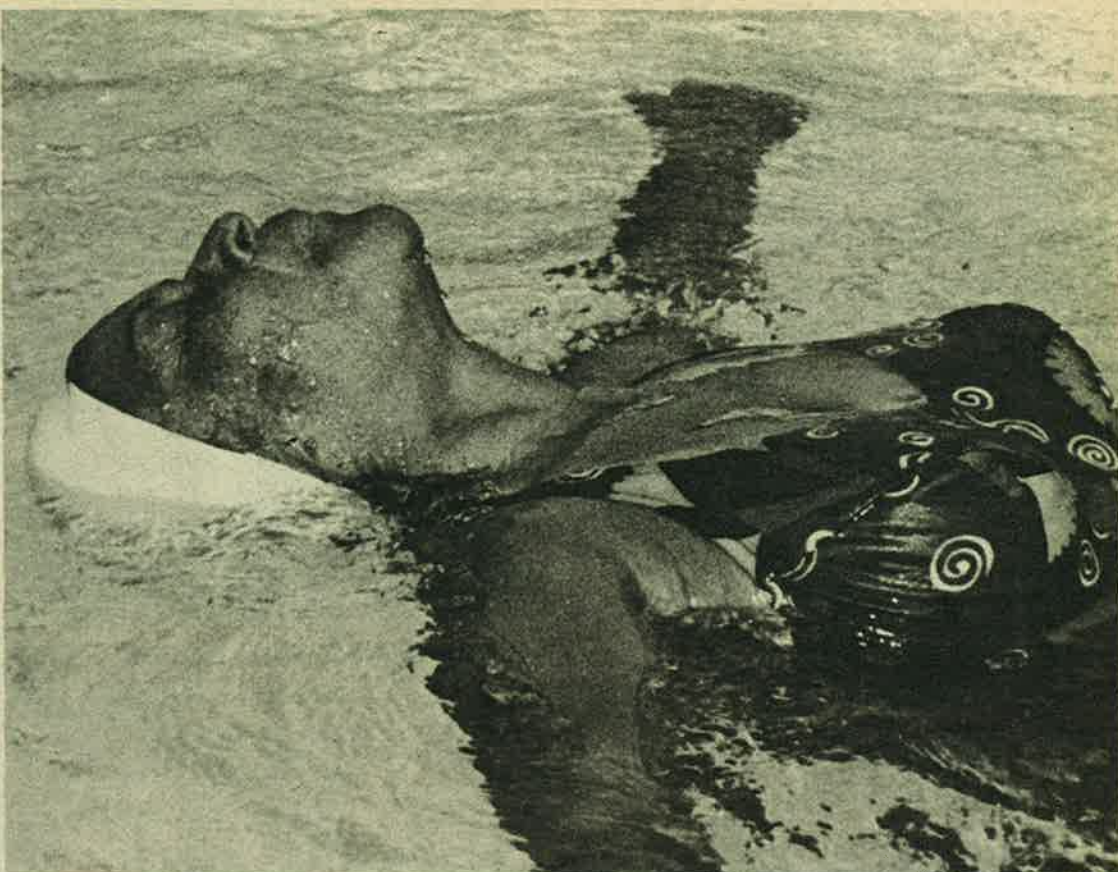
"We were scared to death," replied a soaked Gladys Street. Gladys, 69, and her sister, Edith Cotton, 73, were also denied a chance to swim at an earlier age.

Mrs. Grace Sivas, a piano instructor who was unable to put her face in the water, can now turn in two laps of the pool. "I was afraid to swim, but my friends encouraged me to take it up. I really feel good about swimming. I'm more relaxed," she said.

Tony Cassinerio, who was in the same boat with Sivas, can now dive (belly flop) off the one-meter board. Cassinerio, at 76, is one of the oldest valley divers.

Most students have had little experience in the water, except for Gisela Crutchlow, 50. "I have been swimming since I was seven. Swimming skills and strokes have improved over the years, and I want to keep up with the times. I also want to stay in shape," remarked the German-born Crutchlow.

Jesse Hernandez, an 18-year-



Beatrice Owens practices the backfloat in FCC's pool.

photo by Jeff Atamian

old former Chicagoan, has impressed Stephens with his determination. Hernandez also was deprived of swimming instruction, but he tried anyway. It didn't last long. Why? "I swallowed a lot of water," quipped Hernandez. He can now swim and take trips off the diving board.

The personality of the class glows from the heart of 81-year-old Mable Sharp. Sharp,

a rambunctious go-getter who has been swimming for more than half her life, explains, "I took the class mainly for exercise, like walking. I enjoy swimming, especially with the younger kids." Stephens feels Ms. Sharp is one of the most beautiful swimmers his class has.

Although thousands die each year from accidental drownings, Stephens class has had no close calls.

"Personally, I enjoyed the class, and they enjoyed me," stated Stephens.

Many students who have taken up swimming later in life urge people to try and learn to swim because "they are missing something enjoyable and worthwhile."

Ms. Owens says it best, "Happiness is knowing how to swim."

Sloan Dawson switches from musicals to tough dramatic role in 'Rhino'

By Bill Ross

She played parts in seven community theatre musicals, all in two years, but Sloan Dawson says her biggest challenge is yet to come.

Dawson, a slim, tall, attractive brunette, described her role as Daisy in the fall production of Ionesco's play "Rhinceros," being presented tonight, tomorrow, and Saturday at 8:15 p.m. in the theatre lab.

"Rhinceros is a symbolic play. They take a very real situation and remove it from reality, so when you see the play you don't set up stereotypes right away," explained Ms. Dawson.

"It parallels the Nazi take-over in Germany, and shows the hurt instinct of the German people. The characters are stereotypes from different facets of society, showing the intellectuals and the gruff, or emotional.

"The play shows three distinct changes. In the first act, the change is physical. In the second act, it is an intellectual change, or a change in rationale. Finally, during the third act, the change is emotional.

"This is where Daisy comes in, continued Ms. Dawson. "The role I am playing is very challenging because Daisy vacillates throughout the entire play from one very strong emotion to another. In the third act, there is a total, complete character change.

"Daisy must be a totally three-dimensional character. Her vacillations aren't found in the words, they must be put out by you."

"She remains insignificant all through the play, until Act 3 where she becomes a character with determination and force.

She is sincere, and basic truths come out, but she is not smart."

Ms. Dawson feels that the preliminary difficulty in adjusting to her role was due to her "not having the key to the role, but I found it last week."

"When I first read the script, I wasn't very enthused. It's nothing on paper, but when I heard it read through, it was funny. Things are still funny, though it's getting harder to laugh, especially after you hear a line 20 times. But, you have to make it new every time you do it."

"Rhinceros" is being done in the 78-seat capacity theatre lab for more intimacy between the audience and the actors. Dawson walked out onto the stage, demonstrating its intimate effects.

"It's kind of scary, the audience is just right out here. It's so they can get involved in the play itself.

"That's one reason why it isn't going to be in the larger theatre, besides the fact that a few bugs have to be worked out before a play can be shown there."

Dawson doesn't go to see movies. "I'm in theatre, so I go to see theatre. I watch for techniques, and look for ideas."

A pre-med major, she says there are only around 12 theatre arts majors on campus. "But I know a lot of people who spend all their time here, take theatre classes and help out in all the productions.

"I suppose people are afraid to major in theatre, including me, because of the bad job market. After all, the competition is so tough. You can teach it, if you don't want to go pro, and if you

can find a teaching job. If you don't teach, or go pro, what else can you do with it?"

"Fresno really supports its arts," she continued. "There are nine theatre groups, two ballet companies, a symphony, an opera company and 12 art galleries.

"I was in seven musicals in only two years. I had some bit parts, mostly dancing, in musicals like Oklahoma, Leave It To Jane, Anything Goes and Showboat.

"So, there is a chance to do it in Fresno, as a semi-professional. Beach towns, such as Santa Cruz, have very little drama going on. Believe it or not, Fresno is the cultural center of our valley. People are always going to see plays. I guess it's because here they have nothing better to do."

Back to Rhinceros, Dawson says she sometimes fails to understand exactly how she got her part. "Daisy is a very glamorous, pretty and sensuous secretary. I was surprised I was cast, especially since I was competing with almost 11 other girls."

But Tim Quinn, director, says "I wouldn't have picked her for the part if I didn't think she could do it. It is an incredibly difficult role.

"And Russ Hodges, who plays Berenger, the male lead, has to be on stage every second of the performance except for three minutes at the beginning of the second act. One of his speeches runs for 2½ pages."

One consolation that countered their opening night jitters laid in the new theatre plant itself. "It's great, almost unbelievable," commented Dawson.

As to quote Quinn, "It's like dying and going to heaven."



Sloan Dawson gets ready in front of the mirror for another performance as Daisy. photo by Greg Richard



Pep Girl Christy Geringer.

photo by Henry Barrios

Cheerleading at FCC means involvement

Is cheerleading becoming outdated? Some people seem to think so while others disagree. "If you're involved you can see it's becoming more popular," said cheerleader Nancy Harrison.

Cheerleaders are sometimes looked upon as "rah-rahs." "A rah-rah is a snob or someone who thinks she's special. It's not the same as a cheerleader," said Nancy Harrison.

Cheerleaders are sometimes looked upon as "rah-rahs." "A rah-rah is a snob or someone who thinks she's special. It's not the same as a cheerleader," said pep girl Sheila Gokey.

According to mascot Joan Larson, cheerleading promotes school spirit and helps you get involved, you feel more like you're part of the school.

"Sometimes you get bad remarks from the crowd," said cheerleader Terry Duke. "It's always been like that, some people will like you and others won't," said Gokey.

"Cheerleading gives you a chance to meet people and you feel more at ease when you perform in front of a crowd," said Cheerleader Debbie Shapazian.

According to Susie Tanigawa, head pep girl, only about 15 girls

tried out for pep girls and about 10 girls tried out for cheer.

"One of the main reasons for such a small turnout is that many girls don't have the time. They have jobs or are carrying too many units," said Tanigawa.

"Many girls have already asked me about tryouts. We're expecting a larger turnout this year," said Janice Jansen, Pep Squad and Rally Club sponsor.

Try outs are different each year and are held in spring. Four judges decide who makes the teams. Practice clinics are held for a week and tryouts are on the seventh day. Two routines are required for tryouts along with a spur-of-the-moment routine. A 2.0 GPA is required.

This year's cheerleaders are Nancy Harrison, Brenda Foster, Terri Duke, and Debbie Shapazian.

The pep girls are Susie Tanigawa, Christy Geringer, Sheila Gokey, Karen Kozera, Linda Kurihara, Alexandra Polos, Amelia Robinson and Rindy Wren.

The yell leaders are Jim (Buffy) Burks, Larry Federico, Pete Sowers, and Brad Gray. Mascot is Joan Larson.

NCHO can help pre-med students

What do you do if you think you want to go to medical school, nursing school, or pharmacy school, but you don't know how to get in?

One way to find out about these professional schools would be to organize students like yourself into a fact-finding group.

This is what the students of the National Chicano Health Organization (NCHO) have done.

"The main objective of NCHO is to recruit more Chicano students into medical fields," said "CC NCHO President Linda Flores. The group recruits by taking FCC students on field trips to medical schools.

The group was greeted last

week by the American Medical Student Association at Stanford University. NCHO members participated in workshops conducted by professionals in medical fields.

The group also talks to students in local high schools about careers in health fields.

Although NCHO is primarily a Chicano organization, students of other backgrounds are welcome. Students can meet with NCHO members at a bake sale in the Cafeteria foyer Tuesday from 8 a.m. to noon. Regular meetings are Tuesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Carlos Gonzalez is the faculty adviser.

'Navigators' combine message with Bible study and help

With a message of love, fellowship and growth in Christ, the Navigators are open to all.

Every Friday from 11 to 1, the Navigators meet in Conference Room C in the Cafeteria. Students can attend anytime between these hours, according to their schedules.

Cain Aguirre explains that the club does not have a formal "president — vice-president" structure, but is informal. "Doug Unruh leads the discussion in the early hour group and I lead it after him."

Elroy Robinson, a biology teacher, sponsors the group. "Christianity offers for this life

and life to come. Biology is the study of life, here we have a study of eternal biology. We have promise of resurrection from the dead. This is a very real possession."

According to Aguirre, the Navigators meet to look in the Bible in a realistic manner, not to drill. "We have different kinds of study according to your need. Evangelist, which is presenting a plan from the Bible where men can establish a relationship with God, and investigative, where we pick a topic and research it."

Robinson adds that he memorizes the Bible, certain verses, through the club so that

he can review and meditate on them.

Aguirre urges all who are interested to stop by and try them out. "Membership is very low right now, maybe because of the time we meet or the place we meet in. But our members so far are Doug Unruh, Jean Cadwallader, Antonette Cato Walls, Jeff Wilson, Mr. Robinson and, of course, me."

But helping others seems to be the main concern of the Navigators. Robinson explained, "I want to work in Juvenile Hall, try to help out." And Aguirre concluded, "I just want to see what I can do for others."

Woman finds Autocross challenge

By Renee Swearingen

A is for Autocross, K is for Kelly Hansen, and F is for fantastic, the impression she gives anyone who has seen her run.

Hansen is a member of the Central California Sports Car Club and one of a growing number becoming involved in Autocross.

Autocross drivers run a course around a track marked with pylons trying to get the fastest time possible. For each pylon a driver hits, penalty time is added to his overall time. Drivers usually take two to five runs. The two best times are combined to make the final total. A week ago Sunday Hansen took the best two out of five runs.

Hansen has been racing just a little over two years, but has already proved her skill by taking second place in national competition this year. Not bad for someone who used to be known as the "Spinout Queen."

Why does she do it?

Hansen answers, "When you're out there, anything you do you do by yourself. It's a challenge and I enjoy it."

Her enjoyment often transforms itself into sheer concentration when she gets out on the track. Not the kind of concentration where the driver is hunched over the wheel, but as if, for the time being, the course in front of her, her car, and she are the only things in existence.

For instance, on one start another car was halfway around the track ahead of her. In the back part of the course the car's

engine died, it stalled on the track, and the flagman had to flag Hansen down.

Later she said, "I didn't even see the other girl. I guess I was just concentrating a lot. I just saw him standing there waving the flag and kinda wondered what happened."

When asked if she minded being flagged down in the middle of a run, Hansen replied, "If I was making a good run I might have, but this time there were things I could improve on."

Improvement is something Hansen strives for and achieves. Not satisfied with runs of 50:54 and 50:45, she went back out and knocked off another second or two.

There are, however, disappointments. Not liking her first time, Hansen went out and really worked her second run, only to find she had cut down her time by only one-tenth of a second.

With a bit of a grimace she said, "It's really frustrating, you know. You get out there and think: wow! I'm doing so much better. Then to find out you only went a tenth of a second faster is really disappointing."

Even with all the concentration and hard work Hansen puts into Autocross, she has not become the somewhat masculine, tough-guy type some people might expect of an Autocross driver. She has her own way of being feminine that doesn't require ruffles and laces, and it's obvious that many of the other drivers think so too.

Hansen is a lighthearted and friendly person with an easy-going style. Joking with other drivers, chatting with friends, or tickling 2-year-old Jason, one of the younger spectators, and checking the time sheets takes up her time between runs.

Hansen is the optimistic type who doesn't look for problems. She also is not the type to brag and prefers to let her driving speak for her.

And speak it does. On a somewhat sandy course that had several other cars doing spinouts, Hansen skillfully maneuvered her little Sprite, "Ugly" through 180-degree turns and sharp corners.

Hansen shares "Ugly" with her parents who first got her interested in Autocross and who have been competitors themselves for several years.

Sitting around waiting for the engine to cool down before making another run, Hansen sat tapping the heat gauge on the dash, trying to get it to work.

"Kelly Hansen, one more run," the announcer calls out and goes on with the names of those who need to finish their five runs.

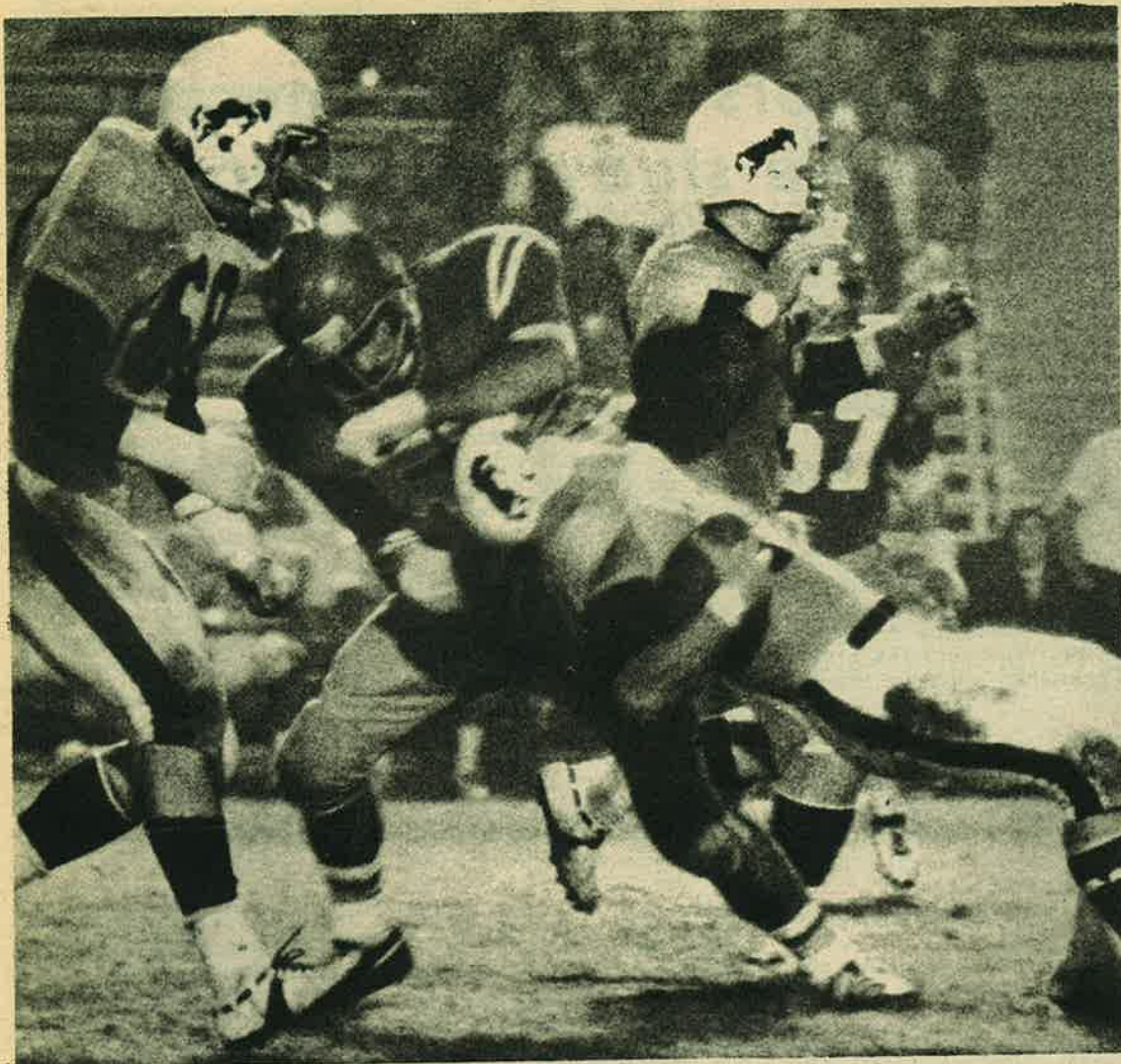
"I know, I know," she mutters as she checks the gauge again. "There," she says as she straps in and puts on her helmet, "We usually run it at 190 degrees." With that she starts her car and brings it around to the starting line.

The red flag goes down and she's off. And who knows, maybe next year, off to first place in the nationals.



Kelly Hansen prepares for another run in "Ugly."

photo by Kathy Silva



Breaking through Delta's offense, Wayne Koligian decks Mustang QB Steve Schuh. photo by Greg Richard

Misconduct costly for Ram harriers

Juan Garcia of College of Sequoias cruised to a course record 19:35 over the four-mile Woodward course to lead his team in an easy victory over Reedley 21-41.

Garcia broke the previous record held by Tony Ramirez of FCC of 19:42, with his closest competitor being Louis Grieco for the Rams in 20:51.

Fresno was forced to forfeit the meet when the Rams could field only two runners. Due to misconduct on a trip to a Sacramento meet, six members of the FCC squad were banned from competition.

This left coach Bobby Fries with only three eligible runners, Louis Grieco, Manual Ramos and Eddie Rivera. Five athletes are the minimum required to make up a team.

The Ram harriers have the Valley Conference Meet coming

up this Saturday at Woodward at 12:30, but will not be represented by a full team, thus giving up any hopes for a conference title.

This will mark the end of the 1975 season unless any one of the three Ram runners can finish in the top 10 places for individual honors.

That would qualify him for the Northern California meet, which is Nov. 14, and possibly continue on to the State Meet the following week.

In the meet against COS and Reedley, Manual Ramos finished 11th in 22:45. Eddie Rivera was unable to make the meet.

Without the misconduct violation, the Rams could have been a contender in all three of the upcoming meets. Coach Fries felt he had about the fourth or fifth best team in Northern California, but will now have to wait until next year to prove his statement.

Water polo team ends season with two losses

Coach Gene Stephens' water polo team exited Valley Conference play with a pair of losses to northern teams to eliminate the Rams from further competition.

FCC gave way to San Joaquin Delta and Modesto, 10-12 and 6-10, last week.

Stephens' squad finished fifth in VC action with a 3-9 record, and sported a 5-16 overall mark.

College of the Sequoias, Delta, American River, and Modesto enter VC tournament play tomorrow and Saturday, with COS and Delta playing the favorite roles.

The Rams played emotional ball against the Mustangs to lead 4-3 at the end of one quarter. However, Fresno experienced a let down in the second period to fall behind for good 9-4. Delta, in one stretch, scored seven

straight goals.

Brad Allen and Randy Ediger led the upset-minded Rams with four and three goals respectively. Ediger also set up two Ram markers with excellent passing.

"Our team was emotionally up for Delta, but we were 'too up' for Modesto," stated a tired Stephens.

Modesto pulled away in the second half. After being tied at the mid-way point, 3-3, the Pirates scored seven second-half goals to defeat the Rams for the second time this year, 10-6.

Ediger, playing his last game for FCC, picked up half the Ram total.

"Goalie Phillip Green heads a list to be nominated for all-conference honors," remarked Stephens. Green, averaging 11 saves per game, plays like a

center forward and is not confined to his box.

"Most other goalies in the league stay in their box and let the ball come to them. But, Phil charges the ball and leaves his position, a very unusual style," replied Stephens.

FCC will lose four starters from the current ball club. They are Green, Ediger, Tom Schroeder, and the indispensable Bill Kypreos.

A stronger Fresno High School water polo league (NYL) should bolster the Rams next year, and help fill in the missing gaps left by this year's sophomores.

Coach Stephens, who will start his 15th campaign next year, reflects, "I have enjoyed this team a lot. I think this is one of my better teams, and they are a nice bunch of guys."

Lamar shines

Rams turn back Delta with ease

The Rams chalked up another win Friday night, 19-13, when they hosted the Mustangs of San Joaquin Delta. It being Halloween night, the Rams performed a few tricks the Mustangs won't forget.

FCC dominated the first three quarters, starting with a 22-yard Vince Petrucci field goal in the first quarter. With Delta getting sacked and Fresno controlling the ball, Keith Dayton scored from two yards out on the first play of the second quarter. Petrucci made good on the conversion.

With Fresno ahead at halftime and in good spirits, the Mustangs had to put their act together. In the third quarter, Petrucci placed three more points on the board with an amazing 41-yard field goal. With 2:18 remaining in

the third quarter, quarterback Clyde Christensen from two yards out muscled his way in for a touchdown. A two-point conversion was foiled on an incomplete pass but the Rams were dominating 19-0.

Delta quarterback Steve Schuh scored a touchdown on a one-yard run, but failed on a two-point conversion try late in the fourth quarter.

Fresno, not playing their first string, sacrificed another touchdown with only 10 seconds left in the game. A 13-yard pass from Schuh to Bobson scored the final Delta touchdown with time all but nearly expired.

James Lamar seemed to be the super star of the night. He blocked a punt, sacked the quarterback three times, and forced a fumble.

'Pump' at stake in Saturday game

But I don't think you can sit down and evaluate a season right in the middle of it."

Perkins singled out two freshman performers on offense who have played particularly well for the Tigers — wide receiver Randy Mathias (5-7, 150), who has caught 27 passes for 461 yards and two scores, and workhorse running back Lyndon Inouye (5-10, 178), who has gained 447 yards on 107 carries for a 4.2 yards average per trip.

But defending the run has been the Tigers' biggest strength. Perkins cited linemen Curtis Taylor (6-1, 205), and Mike Kelton (6-0, 231) as well as back Steve Jackson (5-10, 172) for their fine play.

Perhaps Perkins' biggest defensive concern is Fresno's conference-leading aerial game, which will assault one of the league's most porous defensive backfields.

"Overall, Fresno is a very fine football team," noted Perkins. "Their offensive skill people, all of the way around, are very good."

"On defense, they have very good down linemen and an outstanding group of linebackers."

FCC head coach Clare Slaughter admits the Tigers are underdogs to his Rams, but is not willing to chalk up a "mental victory."

"On paper, there is no way we should lose," Slaughter remarked, "except for the fact we are playing an arch-rival on their home field."

Reedley, 3-4 for the season, owns victories over San Mateo (7-6), Hartnell (13-6), and Cosumnes River (10-9). The Tigers have lost to El Camino (35-0), Modesto (18-9), Delta (37-6), and Sacramento (21-14).

Fresno and Reedley have met on 19 previous occasions with the Rams holding a 17-2 advantage. RC last defeated FCC in 1965.

Prior to Saturday's game, the public is invited to a barbecued chicken dinner sponsored by the "Tiger Bench," a RC booster group. Tickets are \$3.50 per person and serving starts at 5:30 p.m.

Simmerman, Jorde are Rams of Week

Two former Fresno High standouts — defensive tackle Jim Simmerman and free safety Steve Jorde — have been named Rams of the Week for their performances in FCC's 19-13 victory over Delta.

Simmerman (6-4, 242), a sophomore transfer from the University of Colorado with tremendous strength and good speed, earned Lineman of the Week honors.

"After being hurt early, Jim has really come around and played up to his potential in our last two games," commented defensive coordinator Bill Musick. "Our defense is definitely improved with his

presence. I would guess that he has been in on 30 tackles the past two weeks."

Freshman Jorde (6-2, 190) made the most of his first starting assignment, picking off two Delta passes and earning Back of the Week accolades. Jorde now leads FCC in interceptions with four.

"Steve is a great hitter with tremendous range," remarked defensive backfield coach Billy Wayne. "He has super hands and can go from hash mark to hash mark with great agility. In Jorde and Bobby Glazebrook we have probably the two biggest and best safeties in the league."

'Smoke 'em Yoakum'--top competitor in Ram volleyball

"Smoke 'em Yoakum" is the phrase associated with her, but for those who don't know her, Sandy Yoakum looks more like a simple country girl than a powerful volleyball spiker.

Sandy, a petite 5-2, 110-pound freshman, is captain of FCC's women's volleyball team. When in school she acts like any other student, but when she plays volleyball, she's anything but average.

An athlete at heart, Sandy began playing power volleyball as a sophomore at Bullard High. She started as a JV but was moved up to varsity in her junior year and has been there since.

Lydia Cantrell, Bullard's coach, is responsible for getting Yoakum involved with volleyball. "She's always willing to help somebody with the ability and she keeps you informed," said Yoakum. Through Cantrell she was able to attend a camp sponsored by the United States Volleyball Association.

Held in Carpenteria during the summer, this volleyball development camp helps Olympic hopefuls improve skills and techniques. Yoakum, who has attended camp two years, was

one of a handful of high school students but was placed in the most advanced group in camp.

Although she had to provide the \$80 fee herself, Yoakum enjoyed going to camp and plans to return there this summer. "It was a lot of fun and it helped me a lot," she said.

Cantrell, who coached her for three years, is convinced Yoakum has a lot of potential. "Her athletic ability is far superior than other players," said Cantrell. "She's fast, has the best mental attitude, and is a hard worker. She's just a darn good player."

In junior high Yoakum was interested in track, but since she started volleyball, other sports don't interest her as much. "I think I'm too much into volleyball now to go into anything else," she said. "I like volleyball too much."

Ken Dose, coach for FCC, said, "her biggest attribute is that she's very competitive. She takes the game very seriously. She's the type of player you want on your team."

Being captain is hard work for Yoakum, "but it's giving me a lot of experience. I like it a lot." Her

toughest problem as captain is injecting a positive attitude into the team. "When I'm practicing or playing, my mind is on nothing but volleyball," she said. "I give it my all. Some players aren't dedicated enough and it's hard for me to understand why. As far as I'm concerned, volleyball is it."

Majoring in PE, she plans to attend Fresno State after finishing here. Naturally she'll join the Bulldogs' team.

Her teammates agree she's one of the best players in the league. Although she's small, she's powerful and spirited.

Some of her power came from spending 13 years in ballet and tap dancing. Through ballet Yoakum has acquired great muscle strength and coordination. Dose believes that if she weren't in volleyball, "she'd be an excellent gymnast."

But Yoakum plans to stick with volleyball. Although she feels that coed volleyball isn't as enjoyable as women's because "the girls don't get to play as much," she likes the sport no matter what. "I think all volleyball is fun. Anytime you get a volleyball out there, I'm ready."



Sandy Yoakum applauds a volleyball teammate's play.

photo by Jeff Atamian

'Ramettes' end home season here tonight

FCC's volleyballers will host their last home game tonight at 6:30 as they play the COS Giants.

Although Fresno lost against top-ranked Merced last Thursday, the Rams made sure the Blue Devils earned their victory. Fresno's coach Ken Dose was pleased with the way the Rams played. "If you go on heart, we were winners," said Dose.

When playing Merced, Fresno experienced its first three-game match. Although the Rams tried their hardest, it was evident that in the third game they began to tire.

The first game lasted a long 30 minutes with no large leads for either team. The game ended with the close score of 15-13 for the Devils.

In the second game the Rams took the lead early and kept it. The Devils were unable to shake it off as they lost 15-7.

Merced had the advantage in the third game as the Rams began to tire. FCC's starting lineup played all three games, while Merced put in substitutes periodically. Although they tried, the Rams were unable to concentrate their efforts as the Devils took the game and the match 15-7.

Dose feels the whole team should be commended for a good match. "We played well because of a great team effort," he said.

In B game action, Merced defeated Fresno 15-11, 15-9. Despite difficult saves by Laura Hayden and good plays by Jerrie Evans and Linda Philpott, the Ram B's could not capture a game from the Devils.

On Tuesday the Rams took a two-hour drive to Bakersfield where the A's defeated the Renegades for the second time. Consistent setting by Janie

Taniwa and Terrie Novitzky, followed by powerful spikes by Sandy Yoakum and Sue Deegan, gave the Rams their third CCCCIC victory. Final scores were 16-14, 15-11 for the Rams.

Fresno's B team was unable to function as a team, as the Rams fell to the Renegades 15-10, 15-11. Missed serves and slow movement on the court along with a lack of concentration caused Fresno's defeat. Sets and ace serves by Debbie Lockwood and plays by Laura Hayden helped Fresno score but were not enough to give the Rams a game.

The season ends this Wednesday when Fresno travels to Porterville for a night game against the Pirates. The Rams are tied with Bakersfield and COS for third place. Merced is up front at 8-0, with Reedley close behind at 7-1. Porterville is 0-8.

Soccer team will entertain Modesto Pirates tomorrow

The Ram soccer team suffered their first setback in league play to the visiting Blue Devils of Merced last Wednesday, 4-2.

The loss lowers FCC's conference record to 4-1, and moves Merced, 2-3, into second place, two games behind Fresno.

The Ram offense had more than enough shots at the Merced goalie, but were unable to connect. FCC had a total of 27 shots on goal, with only two making the scoreboard.

Merced penetrated FCC's defense through the middle to score four points, and hand the Rams their second loss in October.

Pat Gish collected both Ram goals to up his season total to eight.

Changing defensive strategy, Coach Bill Neal's Rams haunted Cal State Bakersfield, 7-0, on Halloween at Ratcliffe Stadium.

It was the Rams' strengthened defense that enabled them to garner their sixth win in nine


outings. FCC, allowing the opposition just two points per game, held Bakersfield to three attempts at goalie Barry Alford.

Don Pardo carried the scoring load with four points, and Clayton Mott booted in a pair. Forward Andy Rodriguez punched in the other Ram goal.

After taking a breather

Monday, the Rams were to battle Merced again yesterday. Merced, off to a slow start, needs to defeat FCC to keep their title hopes alive.

Tomorrow Modesto invades Ratcliffe turf at 3 p.m., trying to go over the .500 mark. Fresno has yet to lose to the Pirates in three confrontations.



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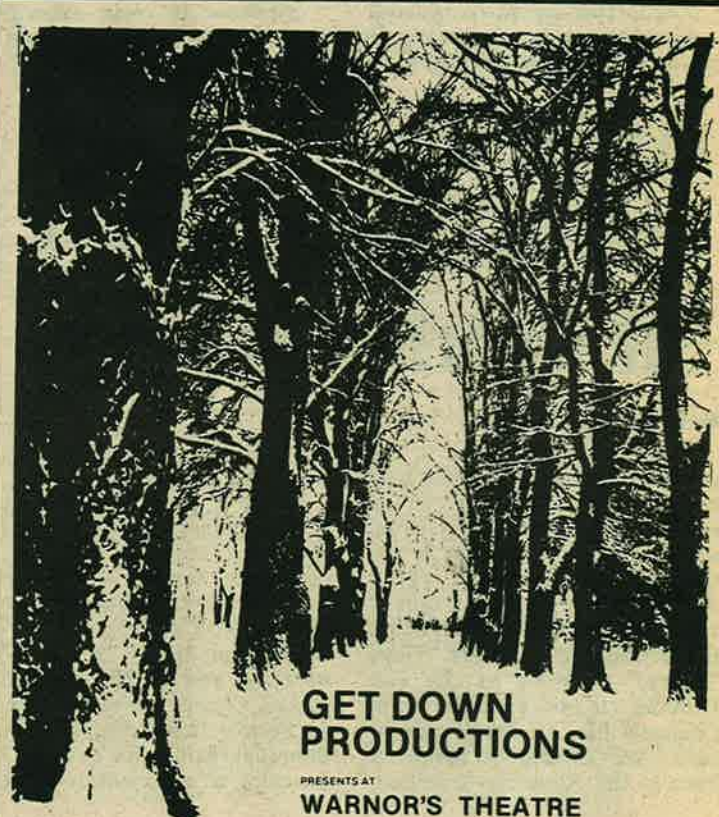
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Nuclear safeguards challenged

In June 1976, Californians will vote on the Nuclear Safeguards Initiative. The outcome of that election will have a decisive affect on the future of nuclear power in California, in the nation, and in the world. Even more importantly, it will affect the safety and well-being of every man, woman, and child for generations.

For more than 30 years nuclear power has been championed by utilities, industry, and government as the energy of the future. The public has only heard one side.

Members of Project Survival, a public interest group concerned with the dangers of nuclear energy, are trying to present the other side of the issue.

Right now there are 55 nuclear power plants in the United States. These plants use three tons of plutonium. By the year 2000 there will be 800 plants using over 134 tons of plutonium a year. One ounce of plutonium inhaled by a person is enough to cause instant death.

Margaret Mead says, "The nuclear program is still in the development stage. We still can consider what other options we have and make other safer choices. If we educate and take action now, we can protect the future. It is not too late."

Tonight at 7:30 p.m., speakers from CSUF's chapter of Project Survival will talk on the Nuclear Safeguards Initiative. A discussion will be held on what we as Fresnoans can do to direct our state's energy future. The meeting will be held at 5735 E. Butler Ave.

For further information about nuclear power or the meeting, phone 439-7727 or 251-4652.

OPINION

Grades practically meaningless

By Jeff Atamian

How can a society that's only beginning to punish itself with individuals who possess college degrees continue to exist? Our educational standards have been lowered so drastically that morons are now achieving "A" grades.

Community colleges are now passing more people with "A" grades than ever before. As a result, dean's lists have been eliminated from some colleges. Fraternity groups have disbanded and severe psychological repercussions have taken place. One no longer needs to strive for excellence in a society that now accepts mediocrity.

We are faced with a serious yet complex problem in this trend toward passing more students with higher grades.

One major source of the problem is educating the minorities. In order to give the minorities an equal opportunity, entrance exams have been lowered making possible mass education of illiterates. Unfortunately, in order to teach these people, the educational standards must also be lowered.

The class is now geared for sub-intelligent individuals rather than bright ones. The potential genius now becomes neglected as he's taught at the same mental capacity. No longer are we educating leaders, instead we're educating the masses.

The fact that people require different lengths of time to learn new material no longer seems to be relevant. Colleges are still being taught on a semester basis with the intention that all students can accept and digest the material they've been given at an equal rate. What a catastrophic assumption!

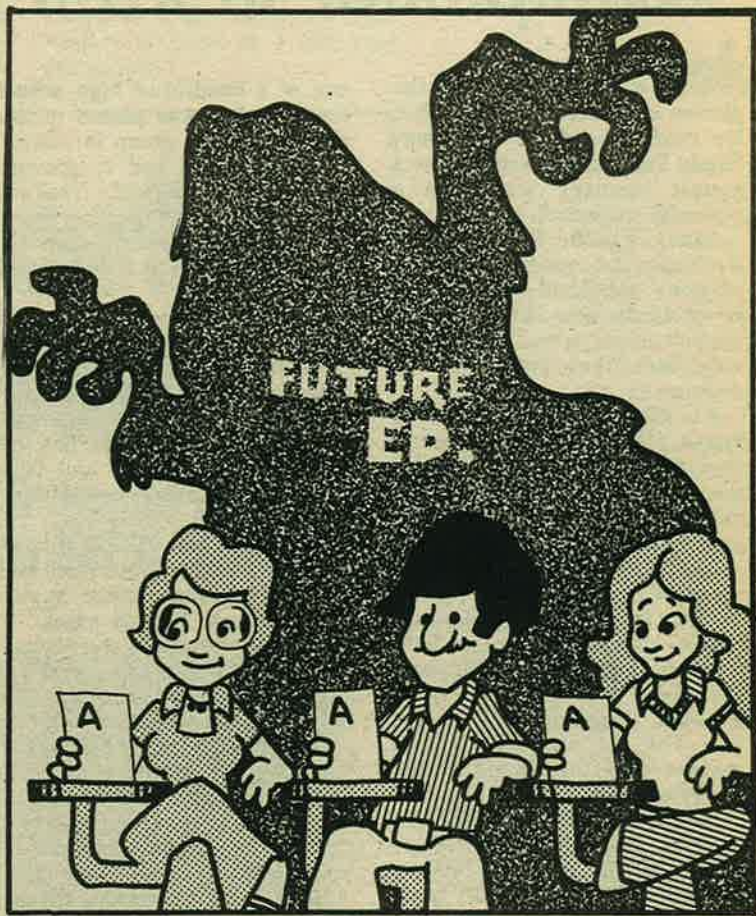
Not only are students affected, the instructor also encounters psychological repercussions. When an instructor teaches a class, he contributes to society, because from his classes leaders emerge in specialized fields who will influence society.

In economic hard times, faculty members become less willing to grade rigorously for fear of turning students away. When an instructor hears of grade inflation taking place on other campuses, consciously or unconsciously the grades for his own students begin to inflate. This will give them an edge in competition for jobs.

Few instructors flunk students for not having sufficient knowledge and fewer yet believe in forcing students to spend an extra one or two years tuition to make up for their educational shortcomings. As a result, the C which used to be a respectable grade became replaced by the B as more instructors began awarding it.

Eva Balogh, dean of Yale's Morse College stated, "They get B and they bawl. It takes a man or a woman of real integrity to give a B. In the spring of 1974, 75 per cent of American universities' grades were A's and B's. Yet almost half of the freshmen at the University of California at Berkeley flunked an English composition exam in the Fall of '74."

There are no tests required to attend most community colleges. The ACT and SAT are used by counselors to help students in class selection. If 56 transferrable units are completed with a 2.0 grade point average, you're then eligible to attend state college.



When an AA or liberal arts degree is finally achieved, the student doesn't have sufficient knowledge to operate at a state college or university level. Why? Because the norm was changed to include the sub-intelligent individual above his potential. Consequently, these people expect preferential treatment throughout college.

Solution! Unrelated, irrelevant courses should be omitted from the general ed requirements. These include such courses as ethnic studies, basket weaving, fudge making, etc. The instructors should flunk students who are incapable of performing sufficiently.

More thought should be given to vocational education, in the form of trade schools as opposed to university or college education. This will maintain a higher standard for colleges and universities and allow those with less intelligence to advance in society.

FILM REVIEW

'Hard Times' offers good look at Charles Bronson, Depression

By Suzanne Kehde

The most popular star in the world and one of the highest paid has finally been given a comparable part. Charles Bronson is Chaney, a product of the depression. He is an aging drifter, a loner whose face tells of the hunger and deprivation people endured in this era. "Hard Times," showing at the UA Cinema, is an episode from Chaney's life, an heroic adventure. And Chaney is indeed a hero in the American tradition,

an underdog who manages to overcome the odds.

Riding a boxcar into a small town, Chaney meets up with Speed (James Coburn), a compulsive gambler who recruits talent for illegal fights. The bouts take place in warehouses and on docks, and money is made by betting and with gambling stakes. Chaney persuades Speed to become his promoter after demonstrating his talents by knocking an opponent down with

one punch.

Chaney goes to New Orleans with Speed and the last member of their team is introduced. He is Poe (Strother Martin), a hophead unlicensed doctor who is fond of verse. Chaney, a man of few words, is in contrast to Speed's quick mouth and flashy style and Poe's extremes.

In his first time directing, screenwriter Walter Hill has

See Bronson page 3.

Money is root of education

"The love of money is the root of all evil," or so the saying goes. However, the love of money can have some positive effects, too.

It provides some students with the needed motivation to seek an education rather than succumb to the darkness of ignorance, or bliss, or something.

"I want to be rich," grins a 20-year-old student, now in his second year at FCC. "Having an education makes it a little easier."

"I need the money from my GI benefits," says a Vietnam veteran. "I get \$193 per month just for taking six units. I'd be

crazy to pass that up."

"My folks will support me as long as I'm in school," confided one young student.

"It's my job," shrugged one young man. "Some people go to work. I go to school."

"I have social security benefits until I'm 21, as long as I stay in school," said one daughter of a war veteran.

And so it goes. The unending search for the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow continues. Equally enticing are the golden nuggets scattered here and there along the path of life — just enough to whet the appetite.

LETTER

Audience absent for 'Black Fur'

Dear Editor:

I went to a really good "concert" last Monday in the Student Lounge, sponsored by the student government of this populous institution. The group featured, Black Fur, was, in my opinion, exceptionally good. One of the numbers sounded identical to a popular "B.T. Express" piece. Both instrumentalists and vocalists were very talented; they deserved to be heard.

The audience was disappointingly small. I rather expected it to be so, but it was ridiculous. Unless sitting in the Cafeteria is

really more of a thrill than listening to good get-down tunes. I would suggest catching this vibrant group when they play the Lounge again.

I do believe that more seating would be appreciated and used, however. I'm sure that seating arrangements could be made for these special performances.

If the activities committee decides to quit funding local groups to play for 50 to 75 people, we've got ourselves to blame. After all, why use student body funds for providing entertainment for the dull and

sluggish masses yearning to learn free at FCC? Perhaps the money could be better spent on a "Free Geritol" booth in the Cafeteria.

By the way, Ram citizens: this concert was publicized for weeks in advance. Remember the posters with the words BLACK FUR on them that you thought advertized a Disney flick on four-pawed predators? You know, the ones you ignored because you haven't passed English 1A yet?

Disgusted with FCC apathy.
Kent Mc.

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