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When pressures become too great, many college students turn to suicide as the only release.

Student suicide rate high; 'talkers' are seeking help

By Donna Harrison

Suicide is second only to accidents as a cause of death among college students.

Each year 10,000 college students in the U.S. try suicides and 1,000 succeed, according to figures cited in the "National On Campus Report."

"A person's brain must not be functioning if suicide hasn't been considered at least sometime during his life," says Joan Newcomb a sociology teacher at FCC.

"But some people," she said, "reach the point where they dwell on it and are fascinated by it. This is dangerous."

Margaret McBride, FCC nurse, says her office provides a referral service for persons in emotional crises. Anyone can drop into her office without appointment from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for guidance counseling.

McBride said that when an individual talks about suicide it is actually a cry for help and should not be taken lightly.

There were 2,500 day students on campus when she came to work at FCC, she said. Now there are over 10,000 day students. Along with the increase in enrollment has come an increase of people with

emotional problems.

Five to 20 college students out of 10,000 will attempt suicide this year and one to three will succeed, the national report stated.

Though she has never conducted a poll on it, Newcomb says she feels that FCC is right in line with national figures on the subject.

Why is suicide among young people increasing?

Newcomb says suicide among college youth is the result of a combination of pressures—home, academic, personal, economic, loneliness, drugs, friends, emotional. All problems, she said, become more complex with the addition of drugs and alcohol.

"A lot of demands are made on kids at a younger age these days. Pressures are increasing from every side. Some people just can't handle it without help," she said.

Floyd L. Ruch, professor of psychology at the University of Southern California, said that suicide is sometimes the result when an individual is afraid to express his hostility openly. Active aggression is displayed by self-accusation, which eventually can lead to attempted suicide, or

more commonly, threats of suicide.

"A person who is contemplating suicide often seems less disturbed outwardly—even though his aggressive feelings may actually be greater—than someone who vigorously attacks his environment," he said.

Newcomb said she has noticed that people contemplating suicide usually send out "feelers" or "signals" to those close to them, to those they think might understand and help them. These signals are usually in the form of body language or are transmitted through facial expressions—most commonly through the eyes. How a person sits in class, she said, sometimes provides her with clues that things are not just right. Or, she said, a break in routine behavior could be a sign of distress.

"The problem is," said Newcomb, "teachers are not equipped to deal with complex mental problems. We find ourselves involved with people who have deep emotional and mental problems which we are not trained to handle."

She said teachers can refer

See student, page 3.

Pot remains illegal, students are warned

Contrary to popular belief (or is it wishful thinking?), marijuana is not legal.

"Our awareness of some public misunderstanding about the provisions of California's new marijuana law has prompted an effort to disseminate correct information," stated Stuart Snyder, director of the state office of narcotics and drug abuse.

As of Jan. 1, it is a misdemeanor to possess any amount of marijuana. California has neither decriminalized nor legalized its personal use, either public or private.

Cultivation, possession for sale, furnishing to a minor, and sales of marijuana are all felonies.

It no longer is unlawful to possess marijuana-smoking paraphernalia or a violation to visit a

place where marijuana is being used, and the maximum fine for possession of one ounce or less is \$100.

Simple possession of more than one ounce is still a misdemeanor, with a maximum penalty of six months in the county jail and/or a \$500 fine.

However, any person who was arrested and/or convicted of a marijuana offense prior to Jan. 1, 1976, can have his records destroyed or permanently obliterated.

"The intent of this part of the new law apparently was to give individuals whose criminal records are marred by a past arrest or conviction an opportunity to wipe the slate clean," said Snyder. He emphasized what constitutes a felony in the effort to protect individuals from "running the risk of a fine or jail."

Wiemiller paces FCC speakers

With two members of the forensics team in attendance, FCC placed fourth among 14 other colleges during tournament at Cosumnes River College last Friday and Saturday.

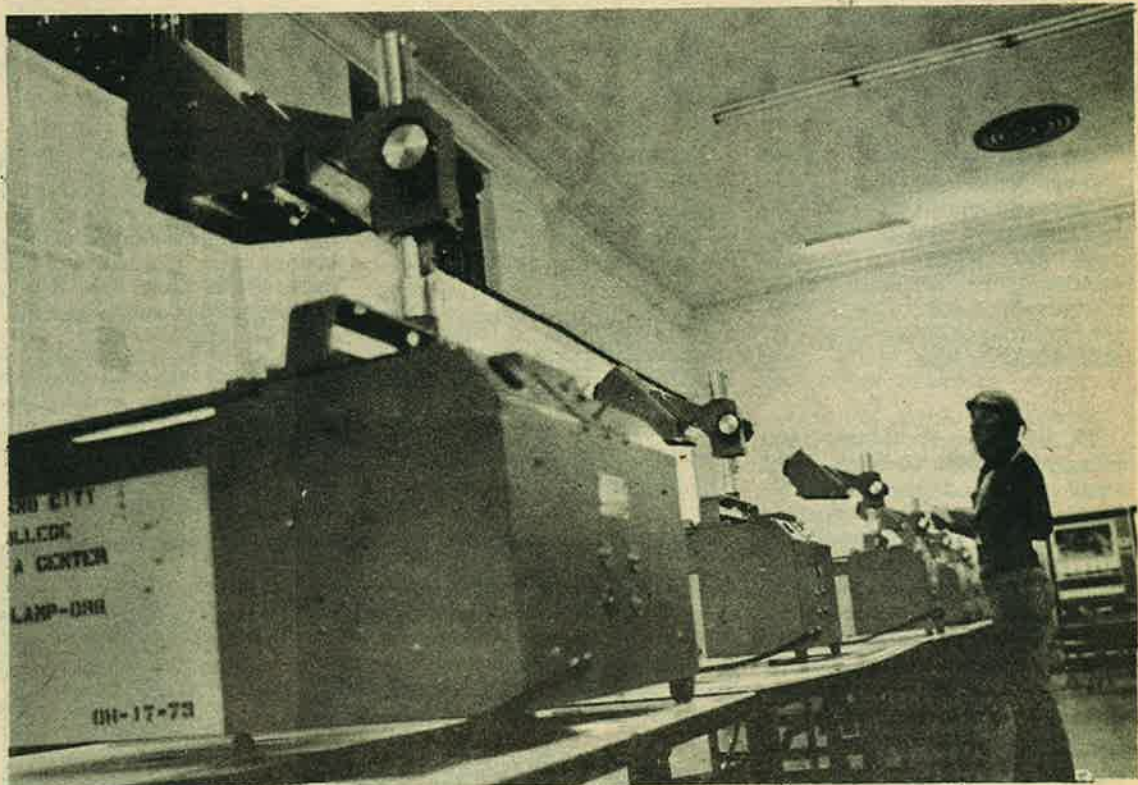
In an impressive showing, Larry Wiemiller placed in three categories. Competing in novice division Wiemiller took a first in Impromptu speaking, a second in

Lincoln-Douglas debate, and a third in oral interpretation.

In his first collegiate tournament, Mark Mattox showed to be very competitive remarked forensics coach Bob Greenstreet. Greenstreet added that it was unfortunate that the other team members were unable to attend, particularly Mark Little and Mark Hernandez.

The team will be in tournament February 6 and 7 at CSUF and February 13 and 14 at Fresno City College.

Greenstreet said that students interested in joining the team next semester and improving their critical thinking and speaking abilities should contact him in SM-202.



Where do I begin?

With overhead projectors ready to go, an FCC student wonders if her class choices will be closed. More registration photos, page 4.

'Dirty Harry' tonight

Movies are costing way too much for the average student—some go as high as \$3.50. But if the student can't go to the movies, the movies will come to the students.

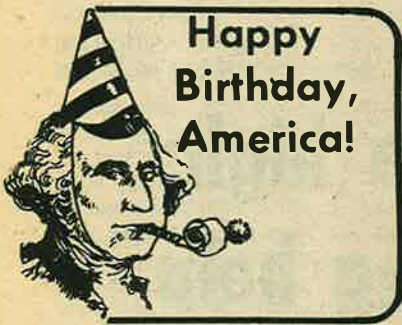
The ASB is bringing two popular films to the FCC campus this week. Admission is free to ASB card holders and 50¢ for guests.

Tonight students can enjoy the movie "Dirty Harry" starring Clint Eastwood. The film starts at 7 p.m. in the New Theatre.

For those who prefer comedy, the ASB presents "Monty Python and the Holy Grail." The film, starring the British comedy team Monty Python, will be shown at 7 and again at 9 p.m. tomorrow night in the Theatre.

'American Essays'

Centennial fair marked nation's 100th birthday



This article is the first in a year-long series of monthly essays on the people and events in American history as prepared by the faculty, staff and students at Fresno City College. "Halfway Back — 1876" was written by a history instructor and world's fair enthusiast.

By Donald Larson

Halfway back, one hundred years ago on the 10th of May, 1876, America began celebrating the centennial of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

This year, 1976, America will celebrate its second hundred years. What a different scene it

was then as the pages are turned back to that first day of celebration at the Centennial grounds at Fairmont Park in Philadelphia. . .

Two hundred and eighty-five acres of fields and swamps had been transformed into landscaped grounds containing 249 buildings, 153 acres of lawns and flowers, three miles of avenues for horse-drawn vehicles, and 17 miles of walkways.

It was raining as the day began, but by 10 o'clock the sun was shining brilliantly, and 100,000 people gathered in front of Memorial Hall as President and Mrs. Grant arrived with their special guests, the Emperor Dom Pedro II of Brazil and his wife, the Empress Theresa.

One of the features of the opening ceremonies was the playing of a specially commissioned march, "The Centennial Inauguration March," by Richard Wagner, who was paid a \$5,000 fee for the composition by the Women's Centennial Committee.

A great diversity of new products was exhibited at the Centennial. This was the Steam Age and its symbol, the Corliss engine, located in Machinery Hall, quickly became the favorite

attraction for visitors to the fair. Steam boilers, located outside Machinery Hall, powered the Corliss engine, which in turn powered some 13 acres of revolving machines, both large and small, attached to the engine by pulleys, shafts, wheels and belts. These machines pumped water, made shoes, sawed logs and shaped wood, combed wool, spun cotton, tore hemp, printed newspapers, sewed cloth, manufactured envelopes and lithographed wallpaper.

The Corliss engine may have appeared as a mechanical marvel but it also marked the end of the old era of individual handicrafts and the beginning of a new industrial epoch which would transform America.

With little fanfare, the first public demonstration of Alexander Graham Bell's telephone was made at the Centennial. (Twentieth century man ascribes more significance to that event than did the exposition visitors in 1876.) Thomas Edison was given an award for his Quadruplex Telegraph, and the first mechanical computer was exhibited by George B. Grant.

All social levels were represented among the fair visitors.

Some of the famous to visit the fair included Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, who came for a vacation; Ralph Waldo Emerson, who visited the fair twice in the summer of 1876; novelist William Dean Howells, who was thrilled by the Centennial; and Mark Twain, who attended the exhibition but did not spend much time there as he was then writing "Tom Sawyer."

For the first time foreign visitors in any appreciable numbers sailed to America and were dazzled by what they found. America's vast expanse, her rich resources, and the excellence and originality of her industry overwhelmed them. The London Times reported, "The American invents as the Greek sculpted and the Italian painted: it is genius." America and the fair impressed the European visitors as a land of progress, especially technical progress, and changed the European point of view of America as a second-rate country.

One foreign visitor came in pieces. The arm and torch of the Statue of Liberty was an exhibit in 1876. She was not fully assembled in New York Harbor

until 1886.

During the six months the Centennial was open, more than eight million people paid admission (50 cents — a substantial amount of money in 1876) to the grounds. That figure is all the more remarkable when one realizes that the exposition closed its gates at 6 o'clock every evening for fear of fire that might break out from the gas lighting. The gates were also closed on Sundays.

The diversity of America in 1876 is perhaps best understood when one is reminded that while the Centennial celebration was going on in Philadelphia, out West at the junction of the Big Horn and Little Big Horn rivers in the Montana territory, the Indians defeated General George Custer on June 25 in "Custer's Last Stand."

Few world expositions have been as well remembered as the Centennial of 1876. For America, the Centennial fair was a benchmark in its growth.

And as history moves away from 1876, a changed and changing America comes into view. One wonders how 1976 will be regarded by the citizenry living in the year 2076.

Spring classes for Chicanos, blacks offered in communities

Evening classes of particular interest to area black and Chicano residents are being offered by FCC this spring at several off-campus locations in Fresno.

Instruction begins the week of Feb. 2.

Sites for the classes are Ivy Community Center, 1350 East Annadale Avenue; Sequoia Junior High School, 4050 E. Hamilton Ave.; Sunset Community Center, 1224 S. Channing Ave.; and Trinity Street Opportunity Center, 544 S. Trinity Ave.

Enrollment is open tuition-free to any State Center Community College District resident at least

18 or a high school graduate. Interested persons may enroll during regular registration on the FCC campus or, if openings are still available, at the first class meeting.

Courses on the "Afro-American Culture" and "The Cultural Adaptation of the Black American" are being offered from 7 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday nights respectively at Ivy Center. Henry Ray will be the instructor for both classes.

Sequoia Junior High will be the meeting place for "Introduction to La Raza Studies," to be taught by Jess Rodriguez on Tuesdays from 7 to 10 p.m., and a "Beginning Spanish" course to be

instructed by Grace Cisneros on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

"Political Patterns of the Mexican-American" will be the topic of a course to be held Wednesdays from 7 to 10 p.m. at Sunset Center. Richard Nieto will be the instructor.

Trinity Center will host an "African Civilization" class to be taught by Samuel Lawanson on Tuesdays and an "African in the New World" course to be instructed by Percy Davis on Thursdays. Each meets from 7 to 10 p.m.

For further information phone FCC's continuing education office at 442-4600 ext. 312.

32 night classes offered at Madera

Some 32 evening classes are being offered this spring at Madera High School by Fresno City College. Classes begin the week of Monday, Feb. 2.

Persons planning to sign-up for an evening class at the high school have been requested to preregister beginning Jan. 12 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the State Center Community College District's Madera Center, at Sixth and I Streets. Evening class registration will take place

at the center Jan. 27 and 28.

Signups also will be taken at the first class meeting the week of Feb. 2 but students waiting to sign up when classes begin risk not being admitted if the class fills during registration at the center.

Class offerings range from accounting and business law to art and music, from cultural studies and Spanish to history and English. Most classes carry three units of college credit.

PLACEMENT OFFICE

Job Listings

61. SECRETARY — Light clerical duties, including typing, filing, and mailing. Must be attractive and ambitious. Must type 50 WPM or better accurately. You will work either mornings from 8:30 to 12:30 or in the afternoons from 12:30 to 4:30. \$2.50 an hour.

37. COOK — Must be bilingual. William to work with small children. Ages 4, 5, and 6. Must be experienced. Wants someone who is well qualified. Will be working with 25 to 30 children. Help prepare snack and lunch. \$450 to \$600 a month.

11. BABYSITTER/HOUSE-KEEPER — Need a responsible person for general housecleaning duties. Will be supervising and cooking for an 8 and 10 year old girl. If you desire they can accommodate you on a live-in basis. 1-9 p.m. M — F Salary to be arranged.

104. SHOP HELP — Will be cutting material, lifting, doing general work around a shop. \$2.50 to \$3 an hour. Monday thru Friday from 8:30 to 4:30.

15. JANITOR — Office and construction clean-up, all inside. Must have a good attitude. Must want to do this type of work. Salary \$2.30 an hour. 10 hours a week, to be arranged. Between 6 and midnight.

112. PARKING LOT ATTENDANT — Giving out tickets and collecting money. Working with figures and math. Salary \$2.25 an hour to start. You will be on call most of the time. But will be working nights and weekends.

28. CLERK — Will act as clerk, working cash register, stocking shelves, and helping customers. Must be 21 years of age. Salary \$2 an hour. 30 hours or more. Nights and weekends. 4 p.m. to 12 midnight.

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Administration Bldg. A160-H Ph. 442-4600 ext. 345.

NEWS BRIEFS

'America' film series is offered for credit

The film series "America," with Alistaire Cooke, can be seen on Thursdays—at a class at 2 p.m. and again at 5:30 in B-14. Students will view the film and discuss the important issues.

This film series presentation is one of the history department's contributions to the Bicentennial, McElroy said.

EVALUATIONS

Prospective graduates: have you petitioned for an evaluation for your associate degree? If you haven't received an evaluation this semester, you need to apply now in A-112, the Admissions and Records Office. Deadline for June 1976 graduation is Feb. 20, 1976.

PAY LIBRARY FINES

Want to make registration easier? Return all overdue books and pay library fines now. Otherwise a hold will be placed on your records.

NO MID-YEAR RECESS

This is just a note to remind FCC faculty that the 1975-76 academic calendar does not include a mid-year recess. The fall semester ends on January 27. The first three days of the spring semester, January 28, 29 and 30, which have been scheduled for registration and faculty conference purposes are duty days for all certificated staff members.

OPERA AUDITIONS

The San Francisco Opera regional auditions will be held here on Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Theatre. Admission is free and the event is open to the public.

NEW ADVISOR

A new faculty advisor for the forensic team is coming to FCC. Tony Kocolas is going to be the advisor for the team, without any previous experience in the location, taking the place of Bob Greenstreet. He needs students to strengthen the team. All interested students should sign up for Speech 26, Forensics, during registration. If anyone has any questions, contact Bob Greenstreet.

PARKING PERMITS

Parking Permits for this coming semester will be sold in Conference Room A in the Cafeteria all during registration. Any questions should be directed to the College Police Department, located in B-1.

ASB FILMS

The last two films of the ASB film series will be shown tomorrow and Friday in the Theatre at 7 p.m. each evening. "Dirty Harry" will be on Thursday and "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" will be on Friday. Admission is free to ASB card holders and guest tickets are 50¢.

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them to a psychologist, alright, but there is a problem of availability of professionals and therapy costs too much for a person or ordinary means.

"What this college needs," said Newcomb, "is a fulltime psychologist on campus who can provide the proper help. I'm not a therapist, and it is a tremendous emotional drain for me to become involved in students' problems. But I can't refuse to listen and try to help when I know someone is in trouble and they have no one else to talk to.

"Shortly after I came to work at FCC a girl came to me needing help. While I tried to figure out the legal consequences of trying to help her, she committed suicide. I just can't forget that," she said softly.

She thinks all administrators at FCC need more training in "crisis intervention." So many teachers often find themselves involved in situations which they have never encountered before and are not trained to cope with, she said.

Newcomb said that one day after she had spent a lot of time talking with a woman who had finally decided to leave her husband, and after counseling with young women who had been raped, a young man walked into

her office and said, "Give me one good reason why I shouldn't kill myself."

Already drained from prior emotional sessions, she said she went blank.

"I can't think of any," she said. "You're obviously upset, sit down and let's talk about it."

Newcomb said suicide is a selfish act. It denies responsibility to those left behind. When a person is tempted with the thought, they usually begin weighing the consequences of their actions, such as: What about my parents? They'll be grief stricken. Who'll raise my children? How will my actions affect them? What about those who depend on me?

When the consequences are considered, the idea is usually dropped as the person seeks another solution to the problem at hand.

Clyde M. Narramore, psychologist, author, college president and adviser to the Los Angeles School District, said it is a popular belief that the person who threatens to take his life will not actually carry it out. But this is not true.

"Approximately 75 per cent of persons who do commit suicide gave definite warnings of their intent," he said. "Some who speak of suicide do not actually

attempt to end their lives, but their threats should not be ignored."

He said sometimes persons threaten to take their lives in order to gain sympathy and attention, because they feel rejected and unworthy. They may attempt to shock friends or relatives by threatening to "end it all."

Furthermore, he says, the person who considers taking his life is an unhappy individual who sees no purpose or meaning in living.

"The depressed person," he said, "is a guilt-ridden individual who feels he deserves punishment for his misdeeds. Sometimes he attempts to take his life, not only to escape an unpleasant situation but also to inflict and sustain the punishment he believes is merited."

He said spiritual factors and one's philosophy of life are important in many suicidal attempts. Dr. Narramore promotes a spiritual awakening through Jesus Christ as the beginning of the healing process of emotional disturbances.

"There are many instances," he said, "when a person in despair and dejection has turned from purposeless living and suicidal thoughts to the reality of living through acceptance of Jesus Christ as Savior."

Unclassifieds

FOUND — Wristwatch in Cafeteria. See Mrs. Dorothy Smith in the Cafeteria office.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Thursday-January 15

--"Ernest in Love", 8:30 p.m., Theatre 3, January 15-17, and 22-24.

Thursday-January 22

--Wrestling, 6:30 p.m., Visalia.

Friday-January 16

--Film, "Monty Python and The Holy Grail," 7 p.m., and 9 p.m., New Theatre.

Saturday-January 24

--Basketball, 7:30 p.m., Reedley
--Wrestling, 1 p.m., Hayward.

Saturday-January 17

--Basketball, 7:30 p.m., Modesto.
--Wrestling, 9:00 a.m., Cupertino.

Thursday-January 29

--Wrestling, 6:30 p.m., Sacramento.

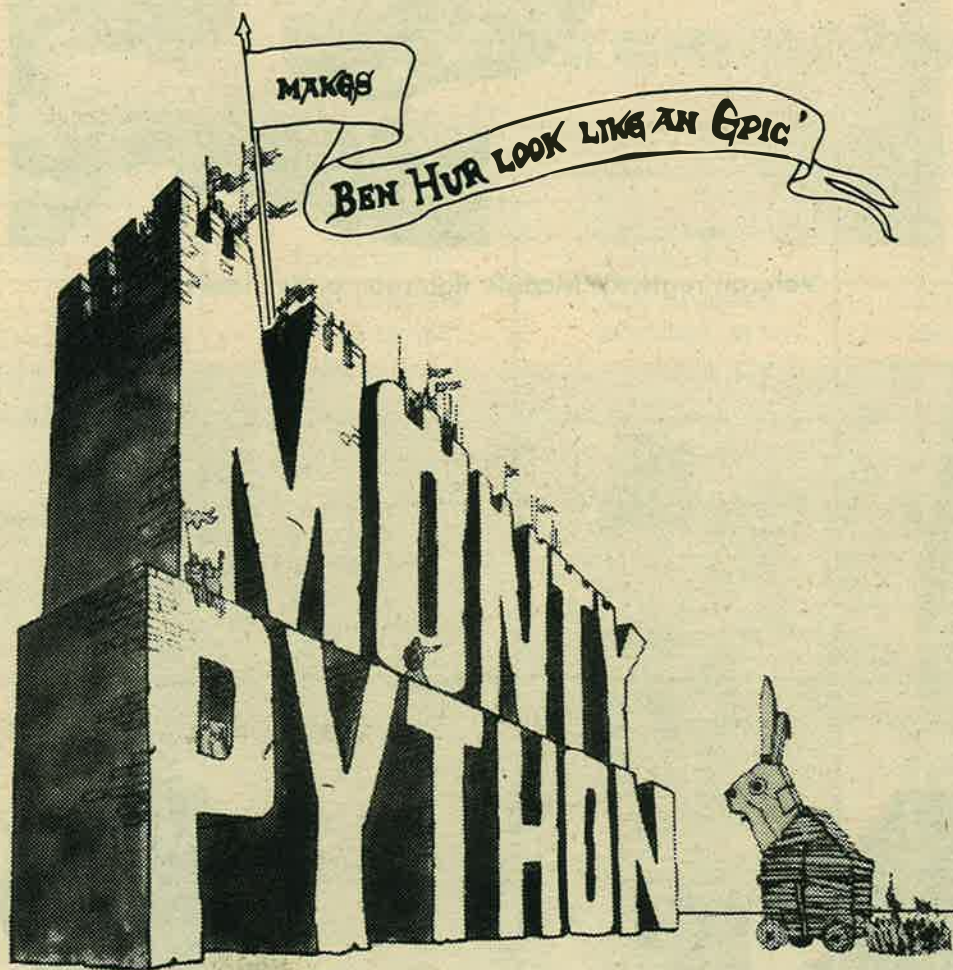
Wednesday-January 21

--Basketball, 7:30 p.m., FCC.

Saturday-January 31

--Basketball, 7:30 p.m., Sacramento.

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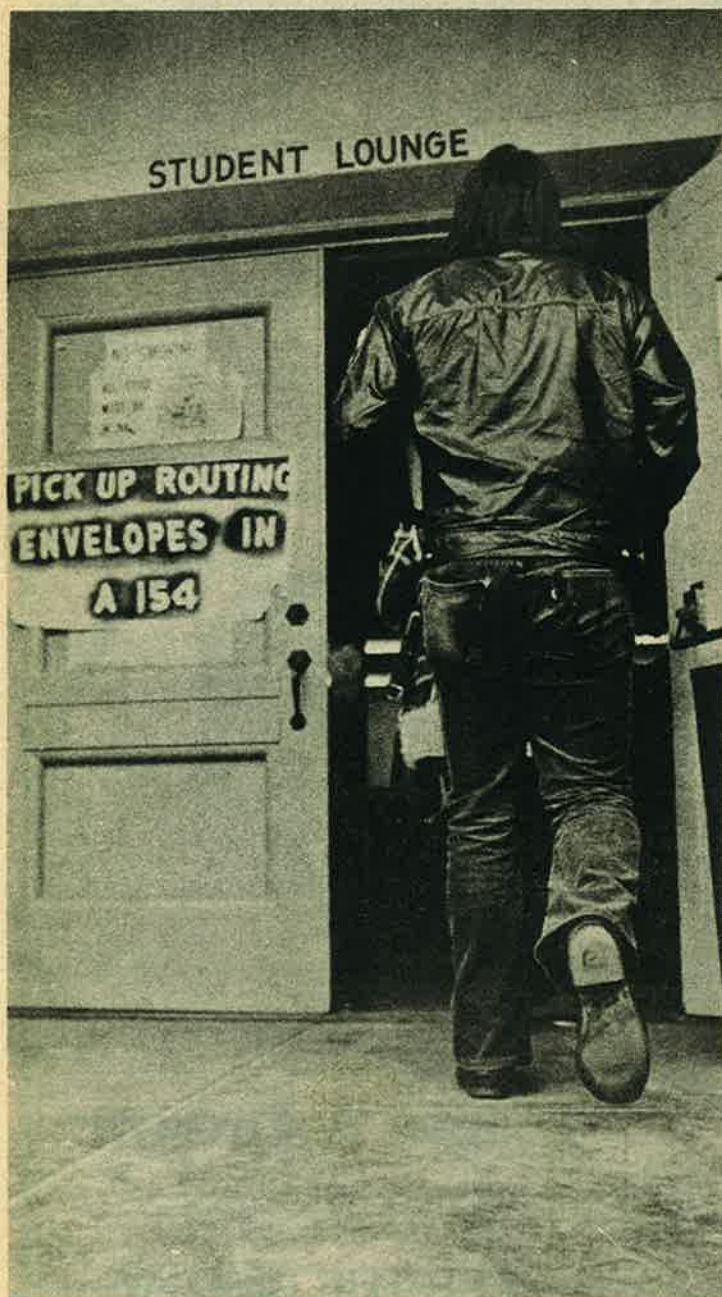


The muddled masses face the trials and tribulations of registration.

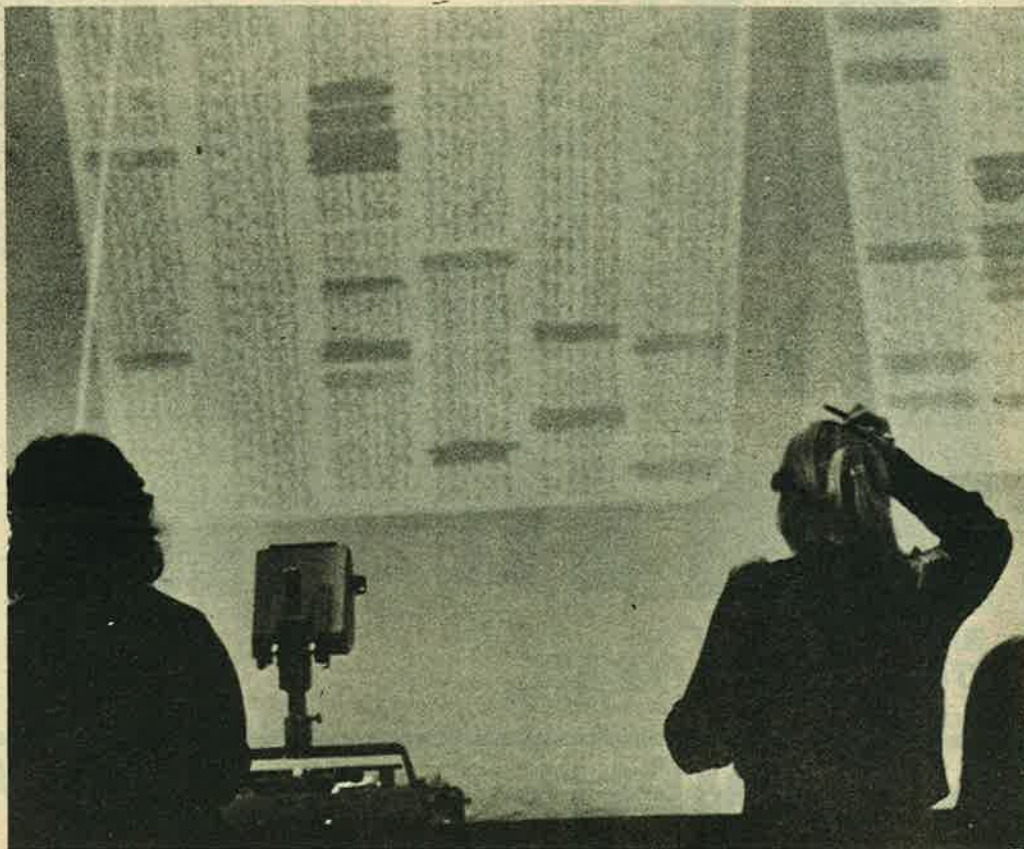
Registration hits campus once more



Veteran registrar Maddie Robinson pulls class cards.



"If I hurry, maybe I won't get trampled."



"Don't tell me I have to take advanced basket weaving!"

Voter registration

Students remain active as Frontlash volunteers

By Ursula Weaver

Do you know that 62 million citizens failed to vote in the 1972 presidential elections? That national congressional elections are usually decided by only one-half of the potential electorate? That the U.S. has the worst voting participation rate among western nations? (Statistic by Frontlash Inc., New York)

"It is a shame," you may say and blame it on the apathy of the citizens. But don't get too upset about it, because many disagree.

Said FCC student Kirk Vogt, valley director of "Frontlash," a nationwide voter registration organization. "The failure lays in the voter registration system, which, in many states, discourages the participation of working people, minorities, and the young."

Frontlash's objective, Vogt said, is to activate these groups who are most in need of motivation and assistance to assert themselves politically. "It is sometimes frustrating to observe how, scared by system and bureaucracy, people get turned off from practicing their civil rights."

Frontlash, a non-partisan national organization, was founded in 1968 at the initiative of the United States Youth Council, Vogt explained. It now is active in 35 different states and more than 100 congressional districts.

Activity in Fresno started in 1971; in the same year City College had the first Frontlash booth on campus.

"Connections to FCC have always been encouraging," Vogt pointed out. "In fact, about half

of our members are City College students, the first director of the organization, John Stallsmith, studied here, and an FCC instructor, Gerald Bill, supports us a lot in farming volunteers for Frontlash." The 20-year-old director himself will keep up with tradition when he re-enrolls at FCC this spring semester.

Frontlash activity starts with every upcoming election. For organization members and volunteers it means "booth and door-to-door time." People are being contacted in shopping centers, informed and helped (Vogt: "not advised") in filling out their registration forms. "Frontlashers" ring the doorbells in the "target areas" and open up their student booths at FCC and CSUF.

How about peoples' response? Is there a discouraging "slammed door syndrome"? "It certainly happens, that someone acts negative," Vogt said, "but basically we are very successful. People thank us for help and encouragement."

Since Frontlash is a non-profit organization, requiring no membership contributions, who stays behind it, who supports new projects? "Sponsors are the labor unions, and financial assistance comes from donations and foundations."

Monetary sources as above also helped finance and organize a rock concert at Ratcliffe Stadium and voter registration marathons, Vogt recalls. "We sat out at Manchester Center one time, 60 hours straight, and registered 1,300 people."

Frontlash's future goal is the

realization of the National Voter Registration Act (McGee Bill), which would create a federal program for registration by mail through the U.S. Postal Service, Vogt said.

"In the meantime we are concentrating on our more regional programs," he said, paused, and then revealed Frontlash's new year's hit: "It is college credit for work as a voter registrar. The program starts this spring semester at FCC and CSUF and means one unit per 100 hours "on mission."

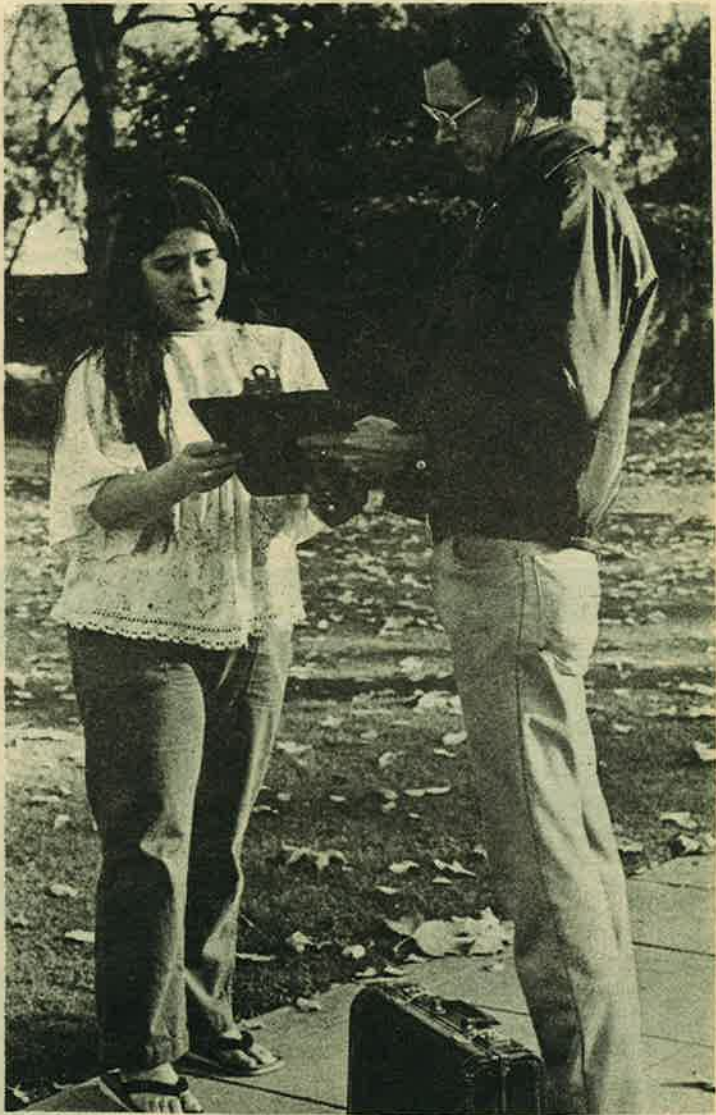
FCC student Lance Hunt, 21, has been an active member of Frontlash for two years. Hunt had an interest in politics and felt this would be a good way to get involved. He walks precincts and registers people to vote.

"Talking to people is what I like best," said Hunt. "I continually encounter apathy which appalls me, because people think they have no power, but they are the power."

Sandy Stewart, 22, also an FCC student, likes the exercise she gets by going door to door and talking to people.

"When the people don't want to talk to you, I feel that they're just afraid to be registered," she said. "It's kind of sad when they feel they can't do anything, but Frontlash helps to get rid of this voter apathy. It's a good organization and it helps."

Vogt manned a voter registration table in the free speech area this week during FCC spring registration. Hunt and Stewart will assume the duties next week.



As part of her precinct walking duties, Sandy Stewart of Frontlash registers FCC student Charles Mudford.
photo by Henry Barrios

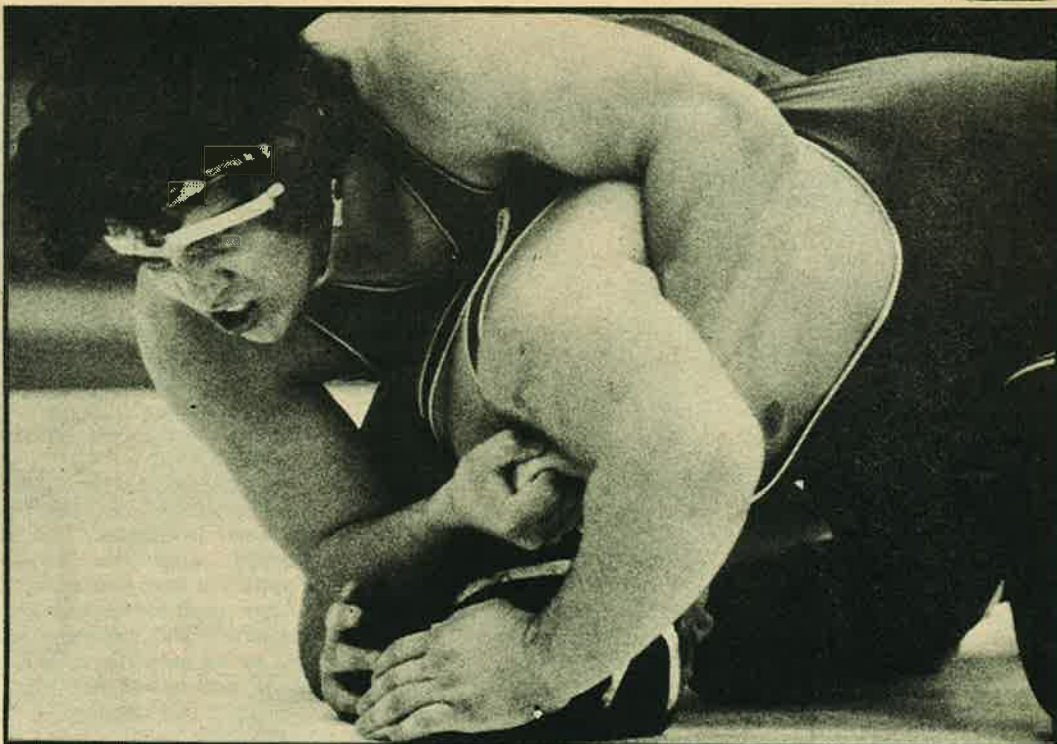
Final examination schedule

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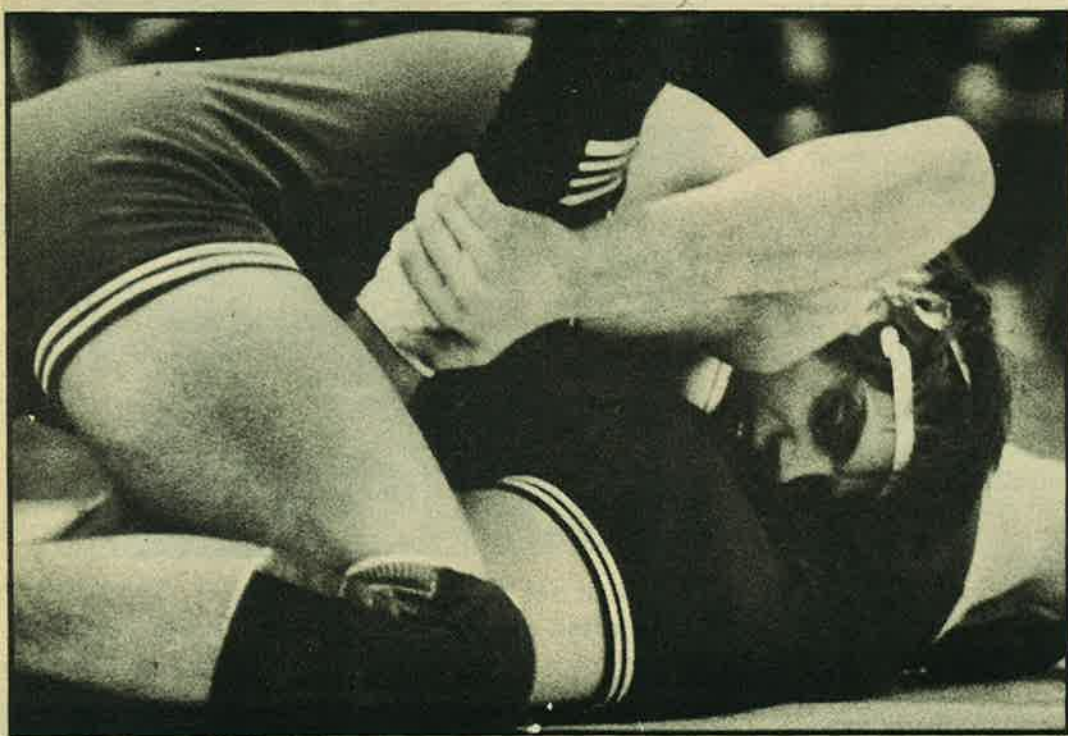
Wrestler Gongora remains first; Rams place fifth

Right: Manuel Gomez applies pressure against a San Jose City College opponent.

Below: Controlling his opponent's leg, Brad Arvance works for a roll.



photos by Greg Richard



FCC's Tom Gongora, the no. 1 rated 142 pounder in the state, stretched his undefeated mat record to 19-0, in claiming individual honors at the Fresno State University Community College Wrestling Invitational Saturday.

His performance won him JC Athlete of the Week honors by the San Joaquin Valley Sports-writers Association this week.

The Rams took a fifth place finish with 43.5 points in the 22 team competition. El Camino College wrestled to the team championship, which included some of the states toughest teams and the defending national JC champions, Northern Idaho.

Chabot, Modesto, and Northern Idaho finished ahead of FCC, but the Rams were operating with three starters out and Coach Kiddy was quite pleased with his squad's performance.

Manuel Gomez was out of the line-up, while Kiddy deliberately held out Brad Arvance and Nick Borjas who are just recovering from injuries.

Joe Bracamonte also turned in an outstanding performance,

finishing second in 177 pound division. Coach Kiddy said, "Gongora and Bracamonte were just super. On the way to the final bout Bracamonte beat Eric Woolsey of Redwood, the state's no. 1 ranked 177 pounder."

"And Gongora was sensational in the final bouts." He won the championship match by pinning Bakersfield's Joe Lopez in only 1:57.

Other Ram places included a third by Eugene Royal (150) and a seventh by Randy Baxter (158).

In a key match last week versus Modesto, the state's no. 3 ranked team, nipped FCC 25-17 in the opening Valley Conference meet for both teams. Kiddy said, "We're going to have to remain unbeaten in conference action to have a shot at the title."

The Rams met Sacramento City College Wednesday night in an important conference match, but results were unavailable at press time. On Saturday they will travel to Cupertino, where they will participate in the De Anza Tournament Wrestling Classic, which will feature many of the state's top squads.

'Ram Hoop Nights' set for fan gratitude

A series of six fan appreciation nights, entitled "Ram Hoop Group Nights," have been set for FCC's final six home conference basketball games beginning Jan. 21.

The series will include designated nights for district high school and junior high school basketball players, district high school students, women, and senior citizens. All participants will be admitted free to the game and be eligible to win special prizes to be given away during halftime drawings.

The "Ram Hoop Group Night" schedule is as follows:

—Jan. 21 (FCC vs. Delta) Prep Players Night: All basketball players from high schools within the State Center Community College District will get into the game free of charge when they present at the gate tickets that have been mailed by the college to their coaches. Five basketballs will be given away during halftime.

—Feb. 4 (FCC vs. Sacramento) Cabaret Night: All women accompanied by a male escort will be allowed into the game free. Ten tickets to the Theatre 3 production of "Cabaret" in Fresno will be given away in sets of two to five winners.

—Feb. 7 (FCC vs. America River) John Denver Night: All "county" high school students

within the SCCC will get into the game free upon presentation of their student body cards. Ten John Denver albums will be given away. These high schools include Caruthers, Central, Clovis, Dinuba, Fowler, Immanuel Academy of Reedley, Kerman, Kingsburg, Laton, Madera, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, Selma, Sierra of Tollhouse, and Washington.

—Feb. 14 (FCC vs. Modesto) Elton John Night: All "city" high school students will get into the game free upon presentation of their student body cards. Ten Elton John albums will be given away. These high schools include Bullard, DeWolf, Edison, Fresno Adult, Fresno, Hoover, McLane, Roosevelt, and San Joaquin Memorial.

—Feb. 20 (FCC vs. Reedley) Junior High Team Night: All junior high school basketball players in the SCCC will be admitted free when accompanied by their coach. Five basketballs will be given away during halftime.

—Feb. 25 (FCC vs. Cosumnes River) Senior Citizens Night: All persons 60 years old or older will be admitted free to the game. Thirty tournament passes for the State JC basketball playoffs in Fresno March 11-13 will be given away. The passes are being provided by Sunkist Growers,

co-sponsors of the tournament.

Charles "Tom" Wright theatre arts instructor and the often-praised public address announcer at Ram football games, will be the master of ceremonies during halftime activities.

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STEREO 101

SILENCE IS DEADLY.



When someone drinks too much and then drives, it's the silence that kills. Your silence.

It kills your friends, your relatives, and people you don't even know. But they're all people you could save.

If you knew what to say, maybe you'd be less quiet. Maybe fewer people would die.

What you should say is, "I'll drive you home." Or, "Let me call a cab." Or, "Sleep on my couch tonight."

Don't hesitate because your friend may have been drinking only beer. Beer and wine can be just as intoxicating as mixed drinks.

And don't think that black coffee will make him sober. Black coffee never made anyone sober. Maybe it would keep him awake long enough to have an accident. But that's about all.

The best way to prevent a drunk from becoming a dead drunk is to stop him from driving.

Speak up. Don't let silence be the last sound he hears.

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I don't want to remain silent.
Tell me what else I can do.

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Fall sports round-up



Runningback Richard Phillips grinds up easy yardage against Reedley. photo by Greg Richard

FOOTBALL:

Fresno City Rams, under the supervision of head coach Claire Slaughter, ended the football season with a 9-2 record. James Lamar and Jim Simmerman made the All American team.

VOLLEYBALL:

The newly organized Women's volleyball team placed third in their league. A trophy was awarded to the team becoming the first Women's trophy for FCC.

WATER POLO:

With a 3-9 record placed the team in fifth place. Goldie Philgreen received honorable mention.

SOCCER:

With its 5-1-1 season put the team in first place, in the Central California Community College soccer league.

Jenkins leads squad to victory

Gil Jenkins of the FCC track squad led a group of Ram qualifiers for the Jan. 23 Examiner Games at San Francisco's Cow Palace. The trials were held Saturday at San Jose City College.

Jenkins leaped 6-6 in the high jump to tie for first place.

The FCC mile relay team of

Rob Brenner, Rich Verdugo, Don Johnson, and Chris Catterall qualified with a fourth-place finish at 3:27.4. A sprint-medley Ram relay team of Catterall, Brenner, Ron Malone, and Kevin Delloto qualified with a third-place finish (3:34.8).

Ron Horn leaped 6-4 to become an alternate.

Win 80-67

Hoopsters survive first-half woes

Motto found in coach Chuck Stark's notebook: "Ram basketball is second-half basketball."

Using still yet another strong second-half performance, the Ram basketball team outlasted persistent American River 80-67 last Saturday night in the Valley Conference opener for both teams.

FCC's run-and-gun offense was treadmilled by the deliberate and patient tempo of the Beavers. Tied 35-35, AR went into its delay offense and stalled for three minutes ending the half.

Coach Stark ordered his troops to apply more pressure and to go to Eddie Adams more often. Adams responded nicely by pumping in 25 points after intermission. "We went to Eddie because we felt they had no one who could stop him," explained Stark.

The Beavers, trailing by seven, made one last run at Fresno with a press with three minutes remaining. However, a few quick layups put the game in the bag for the Rams, now 13-4 overall.

Adams finished the night with a season high of 32 points to lead all scorers.

Harold Dennis used his cat-like

reflexes in playing good defense, and netted 10 markers directing the passing game.

Fresno grabbed two more rebounds than AR, 36-34, and outshot the Beavers from the floor. FCC hit 37 of 68 for 54 per cent, while cool-handed AR shot 43 per cent (28 of 65).

Paul Aldrich connected four times on four attempts in what Stark recalled "were crucial baskets at crucial moments." Bill Allen, averaging seven assists per game, dished out 10 in his appearance.

Sammy Pondexter played probably his best game as a Ram. Coming in off the bench, Pondexter scored eight points, had eight assists, and collected five rebounds. Defensively, the San Joaquin Memorial product held high-scoring Van Dockery to just four second-half points. Dockery wound up with 14, and Randy Radford popped in 26 for the Beavers.

Last night, Fresno was to play College of the Sequoias in what Stark termed "a real barn burner."

COS is led by Willard Epps and Chuck Evans, both from Tulare High School. COS's

homecoming was ruined by Cosumnes River Saturday night. After spending a one-week vacation in Hawaii, the Giants were upset by CR 73-64 in VC action.

After a tough battle with COS, the Rams will travel to Modesto Saturday, Jan. 17. The Pirates have been aided by the surprising play of Ron Watson. A former bench-warmer, Watson has jumping ability and a hot hand, hitting double figures in his last two games.

FCC will host San Joaquin Delta next Wednesday, Jan. 21. Even though SJD owns a mediocre record of 8-5, the Mustangs have played top-notch teams, and are better than their record would indicate. SJD has all five starters back from last year's VC co-championship squad that posted an 11-3 campaign. Tip-off is set for 7:30 p.m.

The Rams' next home game is scheduled for Feb. 4 with Sacramento. Jump-ball is at 7:30 p.m.

FCC is not on the roll call list of the Top 20 issued by the State JC Athletic Bureau, but the Rams are ranked 10th in Northern Cal. with Chabot and Merced.

Checks ready for BEO grant students

Students on Basic Educational Opportunity Grants are asked to pick up their February checks on a staggered schedule the first week of the spring semester.

"There are 1,400 people; there's no way we can distribute all the checks in one day," said Blair Terry, FCC accounting

Supervisor.

The checks are issued at the business office, A-146. The pickup schedule is geared to the initial of the student's last name:

A-F, Feb. 4; G-L, Feb. 5; M-R, Feb. 6; S-Z (and anyone who missed their payday), Feb. 9.

Chicano course set for Clovis

An evening class of particular interest to area Chicano residents is being offered by FCC this spring at Clovis High School, 5550 North Fowler Avenue.

Instruction begins Feb. 5.

The class, "Political Patterns of the Mexican-American," will be offered Thursdays from 7 to 10 p.m. The class carries three units of college credit. The instructor will be Arthur Amaro.

Enrollment is open tuition-free to any State Center Community College District resident at least 18 or a high school graduate. Interested persons may register during regular registration on the FCC campus or, if openings are still available, by reporting to the first class meeting.

For further information phone the FCC office or continuing education at 442-4600 ext. 312.

'Masque' calls for attention

By Rod Paul

MASQUE

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"Masque" is an album that grabs the listener the first time he hears it and doesn't let go. The album is probably the group's best effort. When I was first exposed to Kansas I felt that they were too high energy to hold my interest longer than one side of an album. They kept their music at too high a pace for too long a time without any type of break or calming. "Masque" has broken through this bad point.

Kansas has a unique style which they have perfected to a much higher degree on the new album. The continuity of the tracks on the album is far smoother than "Song For America." Most of the cuts are still driving, but are spaced nicely with the right amount of undemanding mellow cuts.

The vocals have also improved 100 per cent. It appears that since the last album the vocalist is using his voice in a much more controlled fashion. The vocals are much more professional, and a lot less raw.

One different thing about the album is that the group seems to not be mixing their guitar solos with their violin solos as much. This is a very wise decision. It sounds much cleaner and allows each instrument the right amount of exposure.

Kansas is the one group around that can successfully mix guitars, keyboards, and violins. Their music is in a class all its own, and it is good. If you haven't heard Kansas, consider Masque.

Student Senate lacks cohesion

Many people connected with the ASB Student Senate have, for a long time now, been preaching involvement, calling the students' apathy terrible. Because of it, they say, the students who don't care are not entitled to the fruits of student government.

I would have to agree with that. However, I rather doubt the apathetic student is worrying about it too much. The fruits of student government, aside from entertainment, have been few.

Although it should be the ASB's job to provide movies, concerts, and the like, more important are the bread-and-butter issues such as a day-care services, distribution of outside newspapers on campus, and a genuine close look at budget which seems full of discrepancies.

The Senate's inability to deal with these issues is not completely their fault; their labors are governed by a constitution which seems to give most of the real power to the administration. Two of the aforementioned issues—day-care services and newspaper distribution—are now sitting on FCC President Clyde McCully's desk, to be acted on when the Board of Trustees decides to act on them. Few people bothered to worry about the budget, and that problem seemed to disappear.

Dr. McCully doesn't have to worry, I'm sure, about any pressure from below. The Student Senate has an almost unbelievable inability to work as an organized, cohesive unit capable of constructive debate and informed opinion. Sounds terribly idealistic, doesn't it? It is, of course, but too many times the Student Senate doesn't come close to resembling a legislative body responsive to the needs of the people it supposedly serves.

There is much incompetence. Many motions are poorly worded, which can bring about a 10-minute debate when only a few minutes of discussion are needed. At one meeting they actually spent 45 minutes of their usual 60 just approving the minutes of the last meeting.

Many senators, it seems, have a hard time thinking for themselves. They are pushed around by anybody who seems like they know what they're talking about. People like Mike Kennedy, Mark Joseph, and the Young Socialist Alliance earlier in the semester, can have the Senate eating out of their hands. Yes, Virginia, they can be that easily intimidated.

Perhaps one of its biggest problems is a prevailing attitude that the Senate is against the president, which both have done much to perpetuate. Examples are the recent move to impeach Senator Wayne Schaich brought about by the executive branch



and the even more recent move to impeach—oh, excuse me, **investigate**—ASB President Richard Mata by Mark Joseph with the help of the Senate, although neither impeachment would accomplish anything.

There are good, intelligent, and competent people on it, of course. But they find themselves trapped by these situations and have a hard time really contributing something.

So please get involved and vote, if only out of self-defense.
—Mark Lundgren

OPINION

Is US land of buck or spirit?

By Roger Zamora

What our fate will be is self-evident, if we look and absorb the results of whatever is the subject matter. I want to honestly believe that in the years to come we and our children will enjoy a better life; but, leading experts on public opinion insist that there is a corrosion of confidence in our government and economy today.

I have taken note that the keynote that's sounded is pessimism. This goes against the grain, but according to said, well-informed gentlemen, the public lacks confidence in the government's ability to achieve a healthy economy. Moreover, the current climate is still one of public distrust of government.

What also has surfaced is a lack of faith along with widespread cynicism, which is noticed by me, simply because all this profound pessimism is just the opposite of what I practice, positiveness and all it entails.

Tch, tch, tch, tch, it truly is a shame that the FBI, the CIA and the IRS have violated the very laws they swore to uphold. Even some local police departments have embezzled from the people they pledged to protect. Teachers, firemen, garbage collectors, civil service workers of every kind have struck.

Now comes the salt-on-wound concerning the U.S. Businesses;

after all, America's confidence in the honesty and integrity of its chiefs has recently dropped sharply. Sure, firm corruption and massive under-the-table payoffs to foreign chiefs, as well as large political contribution have become an accepted way of life.

I look about and find myself asking (I'm sure), esoteric questions. Is the exhaustion of our national spirit temporary? Is our dormant melancholy stationary or transient? It is difficult to realize our pessimism might be the understandable aftermath of the tragic Vietnam war, and coupled with it, the Watergate scandal; it's ok. I reason; because really the trouble of a deposed President, along with concern over the threatening exhaustion of our natural resources is becoming more clear.

I still find myself asking fitting questions and offering answers to placate my doubt. What is wrong with us that a return to prosperity can't cure? Or, better yet—has somehow the core of faith in our country been impossibly damaged by untrustful men in high places who have placed profit over patriotism and greed above goodness?

I would like to know if we have become a nation in which belief in the big buck has replaced the national big spirit?

FILM REVIEW

Natural Connery great in 'Man Who'd Be King'

By Suzanne Kehde

John Huston's "The Man Who Would Be King" is a beautifully far-fetched tale about two con men, Peachy (Michael Caine) and Danny (Sean Connery), who spent time in Victoria's India in the British Army.

After their discharge, they team up and work carefree swindles, manage some smuggling and even explored blackmail as a means of support. Looking for a little more security, they decide to conquer a barbarous country and make themselves kings. They choose Kafiristan, an area of eastern Afghanistan once ruled by Alexander the Great.

The original story was written by Rudyard Kipling. Christopher Plummer makes a brief appearance as Kipling, whose chance meeting with Peachy draws him into the adventure. On seeing Peachy and Danny off on their quest, Kipling gives Danny the fob from his watch, a gesture that turns out to be the key to Kafiristan.

This is indeed a successful film. The script is by John Huston and Gladys Hill, costumes by Edith Head and the musical score is by Maurice Jarre. The film was shot in Morocco with Oswald Morris as cinematographer. The effect created by all this talent is memorable, as everyone seemed to enjoy participating in Huston's whopper.

Plummer gives a gracefully

unobtrusive performance, never trying to gobble up scenes with his usual exuberance. Caine's Peachy is Danny's protagonist. Peachy is the smarter of the two, the realist. Caine is showing signs of being a first-class actor; his ability to stay in character adds believability to some of the more unbelievable scenes.

But best of all is Sean Connery, who is glorious. Connery plays his role without his usual hairpiece. This bare-domed look

seemed to free him even more from his old image. If baldness ever needed a convincing champion, he is it. Connery plays Danny with warmth and a blind enthusiasm for the adventure; few actors are as unself-consciously silly as Connery is willing to be.

The film, showing at the Festival Theaters, is perhaps a comic parody to life on earth, the sometimes humorous self-deception of people chasing rainbows.

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