

## Info careers

### Course helps women emerge from home

"I feel insecure .... I'm searching and I want to start a new life. I never had a feeling that a computer would take over my job," said Agnes Smith. "It's like little robots are taking over."

Smith has been working for Pacific Telephone Company (switching department) since she was 18. Now, she has to face unemployment. She is enrolled in a class where a woman is encouraged to face reality and find answers to her problems.

The course, "Women's Careers in Business Government," is taught by Dorothy Arnold, business instructor. The class meets on Wednesdays at Hoover High in Room 14 from 7 to 10 p.m.

"I decided to have the class about a year ago, in the fall of 1976," Arnold said. Next spring semester, two courses will be offered during the day on Women's Careers, instructed by Arnold.

Last Wednesday, counselor Eric Rasmussen administered Strong Vocational Test to 20 students at the Career Center. "The test is designed for entry

level students hoping to acquire skills to obtain jobs for any age group," Arnold said.

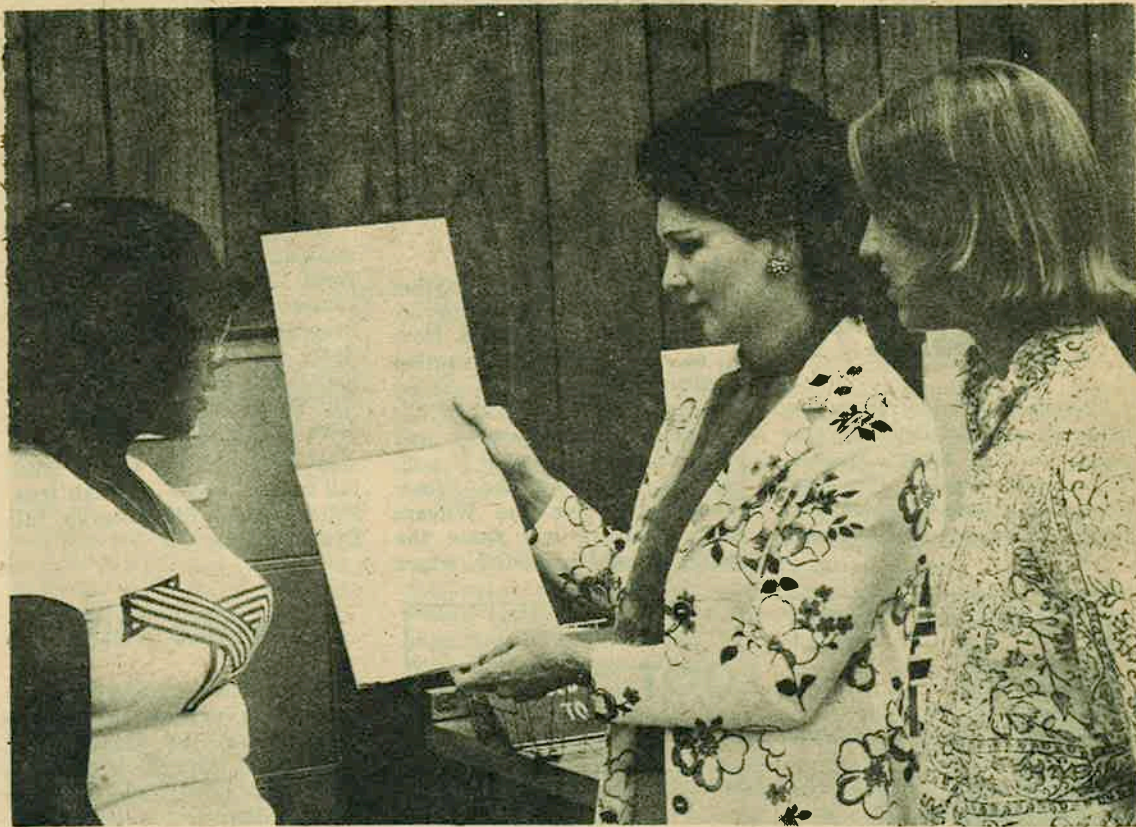
Most women have spent most of their adult years in satisfying roles as mothers and homemakers, but now that the children are grown up and have "left the nest," these women would like to acquire skills and center the job market.

Having never been employed, some have no inclination about what kind of work they'd like to do and feel the test will suggest areas for them to pursue.

Other students are employed, but want to develop new skills and build toward advanced positions.

"This is my first time in class .... it's interesting. Most of the women have degrees, but are still searching and want something better," said Lucille Stark.

Stark attended FCC when she was 18 in 1952, when the quake hit in Fresno. She started working as a secretary at Massey Ferguson, and decided to quit school. "My husband is in favor of my coming back to school and taking this class."



Angela McGenty, left, instructor Dorothy Arnold, and Susan Clark look through a career catalog.

During the semester, guest speakers take to the class messages on such topics as affirmative action and legal rights. Successful businesswomen are among the speakers.

Class participation reaches high levels in rap sessions, role

playing, job interviews, problems of employment and self-assessment.

Most lectures pertain to self-evaluation, self-awareness, setting goals, job opportunities, human relations, leadership techniques, legal rights on women,

unemployment and property.

"It gets lonely, I wanted to do something for myself. It's important to find a job and be prepared," added Stark. "I think this class will help me."

## Donor appeal made for 2-day campus blood drive

The Central California Blood Bank and FCC Blood Bank Donors Club, in cooperation with the ASB, will hold their semesterly blood drive on Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 4 and 5. Due to the poor response of previous semesters, the groups are asking for all students to donate in order to help save lives.

The Donors Club was established in May 1976 to set up donor accounts for FCC students on a guarantee basis. Despite this group, however, the numbers of students and faculty giving blood "is somewhat disappointing," commented Margaret McBride, campus nurse and coordinator of the blood drive.

"With the number of students and over 600 faculty, we still get fewer donors than smaller colleges, like Reedley, Porterville and College of the Sequoias."

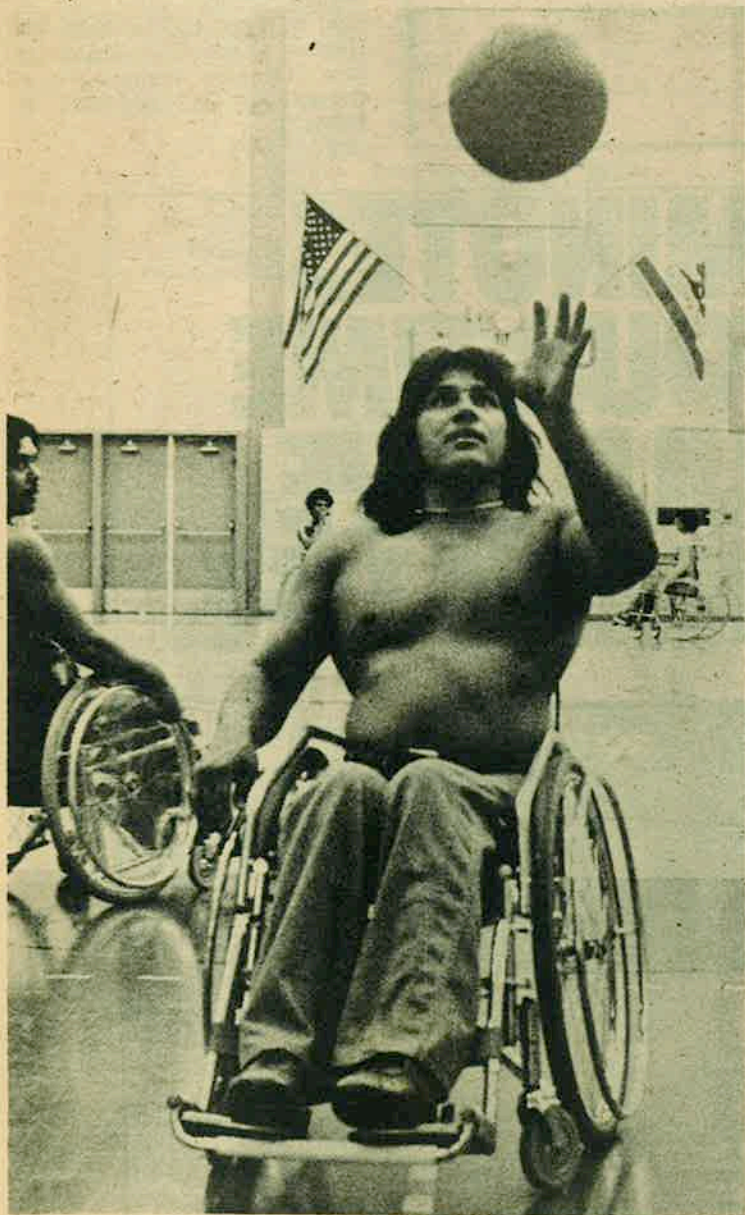
Three display cases have been set up in the Library to help explain the blood donation process to interested students, and arrangements have been made to give a free Frisbee to donors. Also, the blood bank will give a card to each donor showing what his or her blood type is.

If you have donated within eight weeks prior to the drive, you cannot give blood again until the two months have elapsed, but you can give later at the Central California Blood Bank.

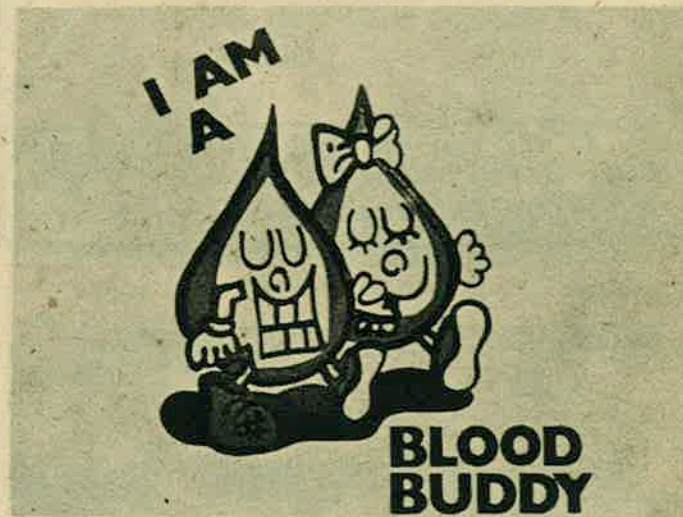
More than 125 units of blood are needed each day in hospitals of the Central Valley, and donations are needed.

The drive will take place in the Senate Chambers, near the

Bookstore, on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon, and Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Information concerning the blood drive and donation procedures may be obtained from the campus nurse's office.



Students display their skills in wheelchair basketball. For story, see page 6.



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# NEWS BRIEFS

## Deadline tomorrow for 'incomplete' makeups

Students receiving a semester grade of Incomplete for the Spring/Summer semesters may make up their grade no later than Friday, Sept. 30. Any student unable to complete the required assignments by this date may petition for an extension of time. Petitions may be obtained from Student Services Building, lower floor, counter "B". Petitions must be returned no later than Friday.

services and fund raising projects. Membership for the 77-78 year will be open through Nov. 9. Annual dues of \$10 and membership on at least one working committee are the simple membership requirements. Information about membership is available from Mrs. Dale Ewell and Mrs. Allen Powell.

### Wine tasting

"An evening of wine tasting and fashions"...will be hosted by the Friends of Channel 18, Nov. 9, at the Fresno Convention Center Exhibit Hall. Wine tasting will begin at 7:30. Fashions for both women and men are featured in the 9 p.m. Fashion Show by the Wear-House. Art from the William Rogers Gallery will share the spotlight with selected wines

### Educational TV

Friends of Channel 18, a new nonprofit organization in the four county area of Kings, Madera, Tulare and Fresno, has been formed to promote and support KMTF, Channel 18, through

from valley vineyards during the winetasting.

Tickets for the event are a \$10 donation per person and may be ordered from Friends of Channel 18, 733 L Street, Fresno 93721. For information, call 488-3024.

### ROTC

An Air Force officer and CSUF students will be on campus today from 10 until 2. CSUF offers two-year Air Force ROTC program. Upon graduation, students are commissioned second lieutenants in the Air Force. All Air Force ROTC students receive \$100 a month and scholarships are available which cover full tuition, books, and lab fees. Pilot candidates receive full flying lessons.

Davis and 13 other medical schools to which he applied, according to the National Commission to Overturn the Bakke Decision.

Bakke filed suit against UC, contending that minority students of less caliber were admitted under special admissions program solely because of their race. Therefore Bakke claimed reverse discrimination, and that the special program was therefore unconstitutional.

The California Supreme Court agreed with Bakke's claim and ordered Bakke be admitted to Davis the fall of 1977.

The case is currently before the U.S. Supreme Court, which is expected to hear it in October.

contest at Bakersfield Memorial Stadium are \$3.50, with all seats reserved. Tickets are on sale at both Blosser's Sports outlets in Fresno, 1728 Van Ness Ave. and 4665 N. Blackstone.

### Job placement

Students or graduates seeking full or parttime employment should contact the Placement Office for interviews and/or job referral. The demand for qualified applicants is holding steady. The Placement Office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and is located at SS-232.

### Photo club

There will be a meeting of the FCC photography club on Tues., Oct. 4, at 12 p.m. in T-104. Amateurs, professionals welcome.

### Reserved tickets

Reserved tickets are available for the Bakersfield game at no cost to students or staff. The ASB Box Office has them, and a FCC identification card must be shown. Students are eligible for one ticket each. Staff members may pick up one or two tickets apiece. The box office is open from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Reserved seat tickets for the Oct. 1 clash between Bakersfield and FCC are on sale at two Fresno locations.

The tickets for the 7:30 p.m.

## Unclassified

NEW! Diamond class rings. Differently designed by a Master Craftsman from R. Johns, Ltd -- now offered with diamonds at no extra cost. Ask at College Bookstore.

SINGLE ADULTS--Class for beginning square dancers. Wednesday, October 5th, from 7-9 p.m. at Twin Gables Hall, 432 Hughes, Clovis. Last chance to join. Couples welcome too. Questions? Call 251-1317 or 485-6179.

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### Bakke rally

A rally to encourage participation to overturn the Bakke decision will be held Friday, Sept. 30, at noon the free speech area. The activity is sponsored by MECHA.

The case involves Allan Bakke, a 34 year old engineer who in 1973-74 applied for admission to the UC Davis medical school. Bakke was denied admission to

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## Student poll

By Roger Lucio

# 'Is it good that Bert Lance resigned?'



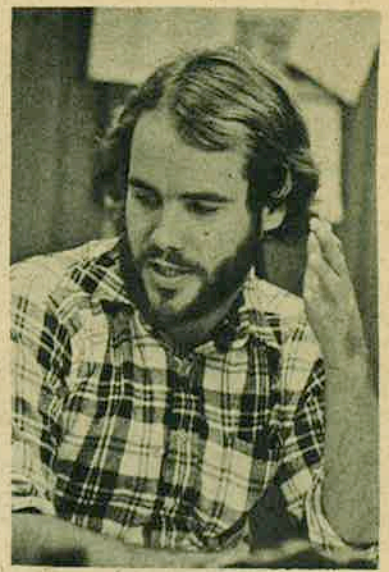
**JoAnn Garrett**—"I hate to even say. I don't know the circumstances involved. I can't say anything if I don't know."



**Tyrie Bivings**—"Well, I think he shouldn't have resigned because he didn't have any reason to. It's just that the pressure was there. He did prove them wrong, but that's politics."



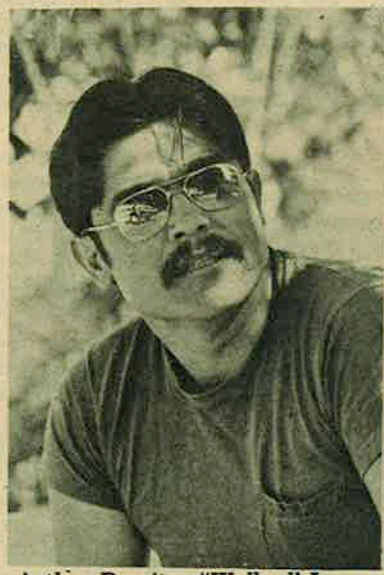
**Cindy Marugg**—"I'm an apathist, I used to be really involved in politics, but it was giving me a heart attack. So I gave it up, it gives me a headache."



**Scott McMichael**—"Yeah, it is good, because his efficiency was destroyed just because of the investigation. Regardless if he was guilty of any crime."



**Celia Rodriguez**—"No, because it makes him look guilty. He should have kept on fighting, nobody really knows if he was guilty or not."



**Arthur Peralta**—"Well, all I can say is that I didn't follow the affair that close. I follow my studies more. I stay away from it. The main objective is my studies. Political problems will take care of themselves, they always do."



**Sally Lopez**—"I think it was a right decision on his part. It's better he quit now than later. We don't need another Watergate."



**Donnel McAlister**—"I figure if he was doing a good job regardless of allegations against him, he should have continued working."

Photos by Kip Smith

## ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

### Music

**Rush & UFO**, Sept. 29, Warnors Theatre  
**Merle Haggard**, Oct. 1, Selland Arena, 7 p.m. & 10 p.m.  
**George Benson**, Oct. 10, Selland Arena, 8 p.m.  
**Delta Upsilon**, Tom Cat & Keystone, Oct. 1, Rainbow Ballroom, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.  
**Bill Cosby**, Oct. 4, Fresno District Fair, 6:30 & 9:30 p.m.  
**Lou Rawls**, Oct. 6, Fresno District Fair, 6:30 & 9:30 p.m.  
**John Davidson**, Oct. 7, Fresno District Fair, 6:30 & 9:30 p.m.  
**Sherri Lewis**, Oct. 8, Fresno District Fair, 6:30 & 9:30 p.m.  
**Freddy Fender**, Oct. 9, Fresno District Fair, 6:30 & 9:30 p.m.

**Hudson Brothers**, Oct. 10, Fresno District Fair, 6:30 & 9:30 p.m.  
**Bobby Vinton**, Oct. 11, Fresno District Fair, 6:30 & 9:30 p.m.  
**Mel Tellis**, Oct. 12, Fresno District Fair, 6:30 & 9:30 p.m.  
**Lawrence Welk**, Oct. 14, Fresno District Fair, 6:30 & 9:30 p.m.  
**Manhattan Transfer**, Oct. 15, Fresno District Fair, 6:30 & 9:30 p.m.  
**Dionne Warwick**, Oct. 16, Fresno District Fair, 6:30 & 9:30 p.m.  
**Jesse Collen Young**, Oct. 5, Fresno District Fair, 6:30 & 9:30 p.m.  
**Pablo Cruise**, Oct. 13, Fresno District Fair, 6:30 & 9:30 p.m.



### Sports

**Soccer**, FCC vs. Merced, Oct. 5, Merced, 3:30 p.m.  
**Track**, Sacramento Dual, Sept. 30, Sacramento, 4 p.m.  
**Track**, Golden Gate Inv't, Oct. 1, San Francisco, 10 a.m.  
**Football**, FCC vs. Bakersfield, Oct. 1, Bakersfield, 7:30 p.m.  
**Women's Volleyball**, FCC vs. Porterville College, FCC Gym, Sept. 29, 6 p.m.  
**Water Polo**, FCC vs. Porterville College, Oct. 4, FCC Pool, 4 p.m.

### Clubs

**Christian Fellowship**, Thursday, Senate Quarters, 12 noon  
**Student Senate**, Tuesday, Senate Quarters 1 p.m.  
**MECHA**, Thursday, Comm. Rms. A & B, 12 noon



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# Rampage photo editor will tell grandkids about the ol' Marble Cone fire someday

By Kip Smith

It was August 1, 1:40 p.m. and I was sitting in the theater with my wife, halfway through "Silver Streak," when an usher walked down the aisle and yelled, "Emergency phone call for Kip Smith in the lobby."

My initial reaction was "Oh no, not now." I finally got un-busy enough to take my own wife out on a date and now this. But I knew I had to respond, I had promised to be available 24 hours a day. I identified myself to the usher, who was more panicked than I was, and he led me at a brisk trot to the phone.

It was Matt, a crew boss. There was a fire and we were supposed to be at the air-tanker base at 2 o'clock. Great, just 20 minutes away and I didn't even have my gear. In my haste to leave the theater I almost forgot my wife. I thanked the usher, tripped over a dividing cable trying to jump over it and dashed out of the theater red-faced and wife-in-tow.

We rushed madly home and then to the airport, checking the mirrors constantly for red lights from behind, and screeching in to the air-tanker base at precisely 2 o'clock. I quickly found out what was happening. I should have known not to hurry too quickly after last year when I learned the first rule of fire crew-hurry up and wait.

We were to wait for word from the Forest Service because there were lightning strikes all over the place and they couldn't decide where to send us first. Finally, after all the wives and girlfriends went home, the bus arrived. By 7 p.m. we were on our way to the Los Padres National Forest.

We were told a series of

lightning strikes were burning unmanned. The largest of these at this time was about 160 acres. We all felt a little let down because we wanted to get a big fire, stay a long time and make a lot of money. We would have liked to have been away for a week, but with these dinky lightning strikes we thought we would be back in just a few days.

After a long bus ride to the coast near Big Sur and then a scary bus ride up the mountains on an almost-jeep road in the same huge bus, we arrived at Anderson Peak at about 6 a.m.

No one got much sleep on the ride to the fire, but that didn't matter because the people already there didn't have any sleep either. The fire boss thought we would be fresh, so we grabbed our gear and water and took off to cut line and set backfires.

My squad was the last group in the two crews. We cleaned up the line after most of it had been cut and then we stayed around to watch the flames of the back-firing to be sure they didn't jump the line. It was very hot and tiring but we worked at a pace that would hopefully take us through the whole day.

I ran out of water about 6 o'clock and by 8 o'clock there was only about a gallon left among the 20 of us in Kileen's crew.

About 7 p.m. we spread out along the line we just cut to keep it under control and mop up about 50 feet into the burn. At 7:30 we climbed back up to the top of the ridge and found out that only half of us were to stay on that piece of line.

The rest of us double-timed it down the road on the top of the

ridge, which was being used as a fire break, to the main part of the fire. I was amazed at how fast the fire moved. It was on the back side of the ridge we were working on this morning, but now it was about two or three miles down the road.

I sure felt puny standing next to the fire. It was creating its own wind storms and air currents and actually stoking itself with hot air. A pine not 70 yards away burst into flame when the whirlwind engulfed it. And I was supposed to make sure this thing didn't jump the road? I had to turn my back to keep my face from getting seared. Many prayers were being mumbled as we resolutely, with shaky knees, stood our ground.

As the fire burned on down the road, I noticed a few more vehicles on the road. About 10:30 p.m. we gathered back together to climb aboard army trucks and gamma-goats to make our way slowly back to Anderson. Many tankers and other trucks were blocking the road in various places and it took us until 2 a.m. to get some sleep.

Morning came too soon and we were told we would go out on the line first thing. After a breakfast of "C" rations, because the hot food had not yet arrived, Crew 1 left in army trucks. The rest of us on Crew 2 did the usual hurry up and wait. We waited until 2:30 before the trucks came back for us. It seems they had a more urgent errand, so one crew worked while we waited.

We finally joined together about four in the afternoon. Our two crews improved a cat trail up and across a ridge and back-burned the area. Unfortunately our luck from the previous night

didn't last. The wind shifted and we were caught, eating smoke and running from flames. My squad got split up twice, and during the second split I heard something that sent my adrenaline racing.

"Spot," someone yelled. I whirled to look at what half the crew was pointing at and there, under an oak, were the flames on the unburned side of the line. We worked frantically with chainsaws and polaskis, shovels and macleods to put a new line around this new burn. The brush was thick and springy but we managed to get the line around before the tree caught fire.

The flames slowly ebbed and we spread out on that line to sit on it for the night. It got very cold later that night and we had to find coals to sit on or near or build fires to keep warm.

Thursday came none too soon and the hike down the mountain warmed me up. We got back to Anderson just in time to clean up for lunch. Hot food had been set up-hooray, no more "C" rats except for out on the line.

We watched from Anderson Peak as the Marble Mountain fire and the Ventena Cone fire burned together in the valley just below us. We were now on the Marble-Cone fire.

Looking out over the area already burned it was difficult to comprehend. When we arrived on Tuesday hardly anything was burned. Now the whole place was charred and desolate. Flames and smoke were slowly climbing the far ridges. The fire was just eating this place completely, leaving absolutely nothing.

Every once in a while I could hear something that sounded like

waves or wind in the distance. When I looked in that direction I could see flames crowning in the pines and racing up the slopes. This fire had now consumed 30,000 acres.

Well, that's basically how the fire went except for some moments like our first "R&R." We were shipped on trucks to the main fire camp for showers. Then it was straight back to Anderson.

Or there was the time we had 24 hours off, (that's the way the shifts ran--24 on and 24 off, not 12 hour shifts like the news media reported; only the 24's on turned into 31's, 36's, and 38's awful easily), and we spent our time off making up our own gong show.

We were the judges, contestants and audience, until we started drawing an audience and cheers and yahoos from other members of the camp up on the heliport on the top of Anderson Peak. It seemed like the whole camp was cheering.

Or the time we hiked for six hours to cut line for 16 hours and then flew down to zonk out in camp about 10 a.m.

Sometimes I got so tired I didn't even want to think about how hungry I was. Sometimes I had to work to stay awake.

The Marble-Cone fire came to be the third biggest fire in the history of California, with 170,000-plus acres charred. We stayed for 19 days our first trip and 21 of the original 40 men in our crews returned for an additional four days of mop up.

Many stories remain to be told about this fire and if you ever want to hear about it, just stop an old firefighter and ask him to tell you about the ol' Marble-Cone.

## 'Assertive' as happy medium between 'aggressive,' 'passive'

When you're signing up for classes next semester, you may want to consider the relatively new Assertive Behavior Training class.

The class, taught by Dr. Andrew Summers, is designed to help an individual express himself more clearly and effectively. Also it attempts to teach the

students be assertive and to say no when they should instead of always saying yes.

The term assertive in this case means making a response different from passive, in which you are run over by other people, or aggressive, where you run over others.

One thing that worried Dr. Summers about this class was the problem of getting people to enroll in the class (a problem that may plague many teachers). His worries were short-lived. The first semester it was offered, so many signed up that it is now being taught two times a week instead of once.

Among many things discussed in the class will be healthy reactions to three situations that cause problems in our lives. No. 1 is a change in a personal relationship. The second would be to deal with people who are manipulating, bossy, etc. And last but not least, dealing and assertion and social change.

Dr. Summers has a Ph.D. in Psychology. He also is the director of Fresno Pastoral Counseling Service, sponsored by group of churches. He teaches at FCC and California Professional School of Psychology and is a clergyman at United Methodist Church.

"I hope the class will be offered in the spring and the people who couldn't get in this semester, can get in then," Summers said.

## Going by book?

## Bureaucrats investigated for weird fire decisions

The Forest Service is currently investigating some questionable bureaucratic decisions made during the Marble-Cone fire. What turns up in their findings might be more interesting than any stories yet printed.

On Wednesday, Aug. 3, Ted Thackeray, a writer for the L.A. Times, received a press release from the Forest Service about the Marble Mountain and the Ventena Cone fires, (later to become the Marble-Cone fire).

In that release Irl Everest, a Forest Service Information Officer, said that because of the Wilderness Act of 1963, which forbids the use of power equipment, except chainsaws, in wilderness areas, only hand crews would be used in the Ventena Wilderness--deemed a federal wilderness area in 1969.

Everest said "Because it is a wilderness area the theory is to leave no imprint of man. So long as there is a chance of controlling

the fire by other means...we choose to honor that." The sizes of the two fires were 3,000 and 5,000 acres, respectively -- 8000 acres combined.

The next day, Thursday, Aug. 4, the size of the then combined fire was released as 30,000 acres. Friday Aug. 5, 45,000 acres; Saturday, Aug. 6, 56,700 acres; Sunday, Aug. 7, 75,500 acres; Monday, Aug. 8, 77,200 acres; Tuesday, Aug. 9, 87,000 acres.

On Wednesday, Aug. 10, Al West, Los Padres National Forest Supervisor said, "We have run out of alternatives if we are going to stop this fire. If we didn't use the motorized equipment now the fire would eventually consume another 25,000 acres or more in wilderness and watershed area."

Bulldozers and aerial tankers were finally used in the wilderness area, but not until 87,000 acres had been destroyed. Another 80,000-plus was yet to burn.



Dr. Andrew Summers





# Fire fighting pays dividends in fun, friendship



Rob McDonald



Rick O'Daniel



Rich Valencourt

By Lori Eickmann

For at least five young men at FCC, the summer of 1977 will not soon be forgotten.

That was the summer the forests burned.

Mount Diablo, Big Sur, Bieber --thousands of acres of drought-parched timber were consumed by ravenous flames. Where majestic forests once reigned, charred wastelands now lay barren, evidence of the summer infernos' handiwork.

But the five young men need no evidence to remind them, for they were there. Rob McDonald, Pete Rice, Rick O'Daniel, Rich Valencourt, and Matt Mott spent their summer fighting the fires. They worked together on the Marble Cone fire at Big Sur, the third largest in the history of California.

"We were there for 19 days," said O'Daniel. "And I can remember every one."

The five, ages 19 to 22, were

members of 20-man casual crews employed by the federal government. Their crew was called the Seekers because of its affiliation with the Presbyterian Church, which has supplied young men from both within and outside the church for six years.

All agreed that the Marble Cone fire was the toughest they've faced. "We had people there from 47 states," recalled Mott, the crew boss. "When we first got there, we marched down the road to get to the fire and that was when we saw smoke for the first time."

"A crew standing by a cat (caterpillar) told us the fire had jumped the line. We were fresh, so we started to cut a new line."

Rice added, "The first shift, we pulled a 48 hour shift." He also recounted a close call that occurred at Marble Cone. While working on a hill, a change in the wind caused the fire to reverse directions and rumble upward toward him.

"That's exactly how it

sounded," Rice said. "I ran; I could feel the heat just melting my face. It's scary to think how close it was. You know how it would feel to burn."

Working on the casual crews is basically a summer job. Training involves a week-long class at Sierra High School daily from 8 to 5. Trainees are instructed in the use of hand tools, how to run, and safety rules. Strong heart recovery is a requirement as well as good physical condition in general.

Many young people go into the casual crews right after high school. Their reasons may vary, but at \$4.50 an hour, money is often a big factor. "It makes for a good summer, bucks-wise," smiled O'Daniel, a business administration major. "That's honestly why I do it. Also, because I get to travel -- it's not like working here in town."

McDonald, a PE major, wanted to earn money to go to Germany. Two weeks of working on the fires earned him enough to reach that goal.

"I was just looking for a job," said Valencourt, who is majoring in architecture. "It turned out to be good. I can keep my body in shape and get paid for it. And a little excitement never hurt anybody."

But the job of a fire fighter is a difficult one, demanding of mind and body. Rice said he disliked the long hours. "When you've been up for 14-18 hours, you get totally drained; I started to fight with my friends. It's depressing mental fatigue."

"It's really hard work," McDonald commented. "You work so fast; I didn't know I could do it. But you find that you can." He expressed concern that the forest service was unorganized at times, as did O'Daniel, who said that was "kind of frustrating."

Mott most dislikes being away from his wife for indeterminate periods of time, while Valencourt said he was "never satisfied with the food. But then, they were

cooking for about 5,000 people."

With all the hazards and discomforts of fire fighting, why are the men attracted to the dangerous job? "I like the forest, and it gives me pleasure to help save it," explained Rice.

"When you get a spot fire, everyone's yelling, the adrenaline is flowing, and you're working really fast. Then when it's over, you say 'all right!' It's a feeling of accomplishment--you've done something worthwhile."

O'Daniel likes it because "there's something good about using your body. I don't like being prissy."

"You get blisters, you get dirty, and you get crazy," Mott added. "But you also meet people and make close friends. With the strong fellowship we have in our

crew, you always know someone will be behind you when you need them."

McDonald elaborated, "It's really like we're one big, happy family. During the fire season, we get together every Tuesday to run two miles to keep in shape. It's also a social thing to keep the feeling of fellowship."

The fire fighters will be in demand next summer even if the present drought conditions are relieved. "We'd need to have 160 per cent rainfall this winter to get things back to normal," said O'Daniel. "That's a big worry for next summer."

A big worry indeed, but the fire fighters will be ready and willing to meet the challenge. They seem to thrive on it, despite smoke-filled lungs and burning eyes. Asked if they plan to fight fires next summer, the answer came quickly.

"No doubt about it."

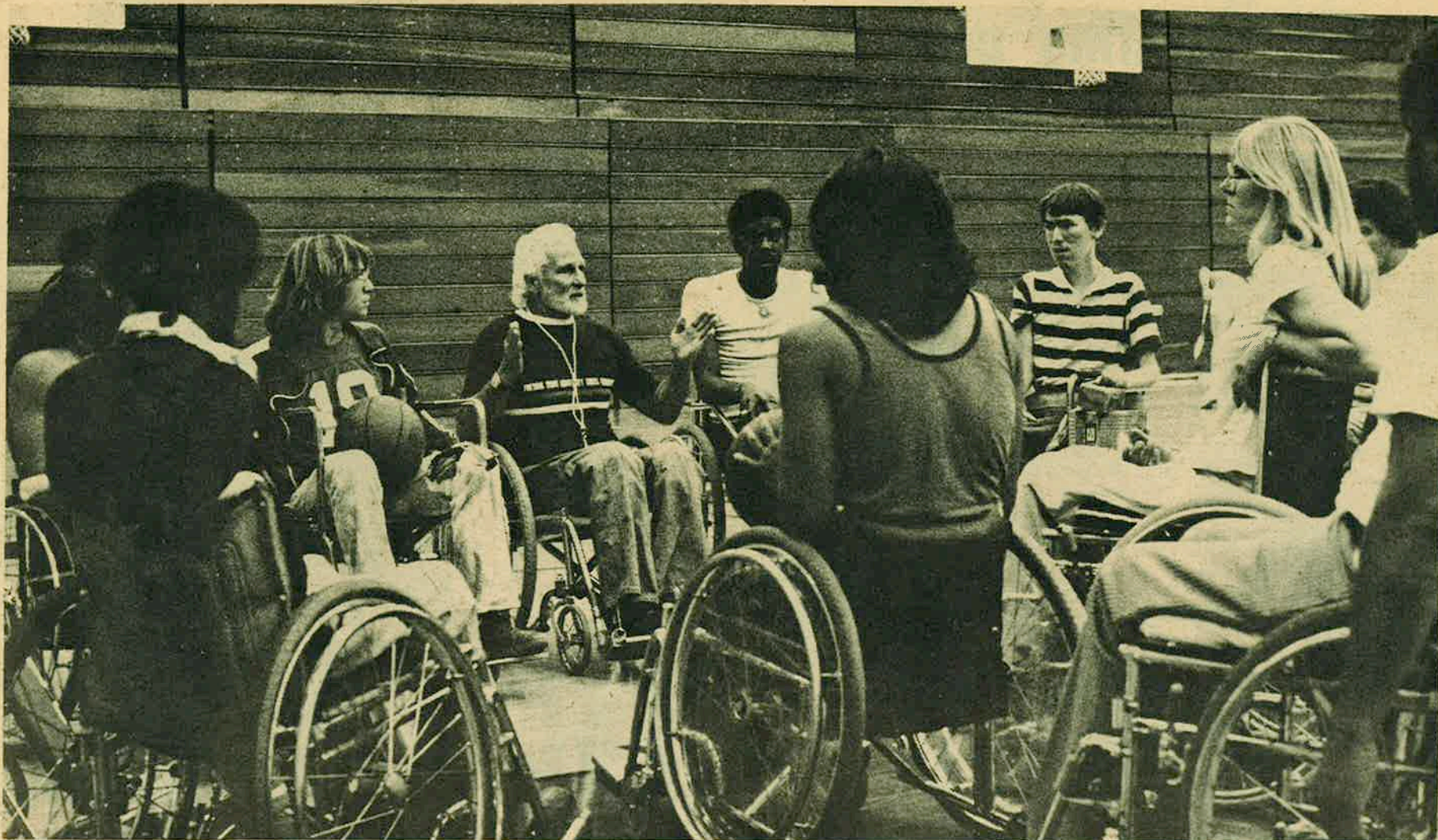


Pete Rice



Matt Mott





Members of the adaptive PE class gather around for instruction from Dick Thomas.

Photo by Kip Smith

## Wheelchair basketball course, adaptive PE program reach 400 students, surpass goals

By Dave Coulson

The people who have worked hard for it can only be pleased with the progress of the adaptive PE program at FCC.

One of those who has led the fight for the program has been Dick Thomas. It was Thomas who first pushed for the program in the early 70's. And now he has seen many of his goals for the program reached.

"For years I had done everything for myself," Thomas related. "I decided it was time for me to do something for other people who were disabled."

Thomas was left without the use of his legs after an auto accident in 1954. "I felt that playing wheelchair basketball helped me, and I wanted others in the same type of situation to receive that kind of help."

So with this in mind he came to Gary Graham at FCC to see if Graham could help. Graham, who heads the Enabler office, liked the idea.

So with Graham's help, along with assistance from Dean of Students Merle Martin and Tom Norte, the program started in 1972 with 30 students.

FCC thus became the first junior college to have such a program with the start of a wheelchair basketball class.

With the help of instructors Gene Stephens, Bunny Bartels and Jane Shriner, the program continued to make progress.

When the program grew to over 400 people it became apparent that it was too large for one of the regular instructors to handle it.

So the college hired Chuck Keller to run the program. Keller, who holds a masters degree in PE, has been pleased with the results of his first couple of months.

"The program is on par with every goal I have set for it," said Keller. "And I had set some high goals."

Assisting Keller is Thomas, who this summer received an eminence credential to teach adaptive PE.

Another of Thomas' goals which has been realized is the formation of a wheelchair basketball conference. The conference has seven members — Chaffey, Cypress, DeAnza, Los Angeles City, Napa, Santa Rosa and FCC.

FCC will host a tournament of the conference this weekend in the Gym, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday.

It also appears that the California Commission of Community College Athletics will accept the conference under its jurisdiction. The commission will consider the matter Oct. 11-12.

What do the students under the program think of its results? Jim Burris said "It has helped me to better myself."

Ben Sandoval added "It has helped me to keep physically fit."

Arnold Tapia said "It gives me something to do other than sit at home."

And Baryl Lang suggested that "Other disabled people should try the program."

This year the program has added weight training, swimming and track to go along with basketball. This has helped the program to attract more people.

Another student, Danny Hernandez, summed it up by saying "A lot of people have helped us bring the program this far. It is up to the people in the program to keep it going."

Dave Coulson's

## Ram Report

Last year's duel between FCC and Bakersfield had one of the most spectacular, yet strangest, endings of any game played in this area in many years.

The clock showed that just four seconds remained in the game. The crowd had just seen Bakersfield take the lead for the first time 27-24 on a 35-yard touchdown pass with just 1:22 left in the game.

But the Rams had not given up, and now they had the ball on the four yard line with enough time left for one more play.

Steve Mobley came into the game to try a field goal from 21-yards out that would tie the game. At least that's what everybody thought would happen.

When Bakersfield called a time out to make Mobley think about the kick, it was to be their fatal

mistake. During the time out the coaching staff decided to try something they had never tried before.

The Rams huddled right at the line of scrimmage with center Keith Micheli over the ball. Only Mobley and Steve Jorde remained behind the line.

With Bakersfield still in its defensive huddle, Micheli suddenly tossed the ball to Jorde. He ran into the end zone untouched, with the Bakersfield defense and many of the 2,000 rain soaked fans missing the play.

So the Rams had gained a 31-27 victory over a Renegade squad that would go on to become national champions.

And you can be sure that Bakersfield will not have forgotten the game when they square off Saturday against FCC.

## Soccer team whips Modesto, deadlocks with Cal Baptist



The Ram soccer team had a successful week, winning once and earning a tie to get their record to an even 4-4-1 for the season.

They scored a 8-0 win over Modesto in conference action on Thursday, and then played Cal Baptist to a 4-4 tie in a non-league tilt.

Mark Magdaleno stood out for the Rams, scoring four goals against Modesto, and three more against Cal Baptist.

One of Magdaleno's goals against Cal Baptist came with only five minutes left to play to give FCC the tie. Though they outshot Cal Baptist 24-8, the Rams couldn't seem to find the net.

This is one of the reasons they are hoping high-scoring Ted Langford can recover quickly from a broken arm which kept him out of action last week.

FCC's Mark Magdaleno attempts to move by a Cal Baptist opponent.





Kathy Kueter bends down to save a shot while Mona Gloriada watches.

## Renteria paces harriers to win at Yosemite Park

FCC's cross country team took top honors in the Yosemite Cross Country Meet last Friday in cool and windy conditions.

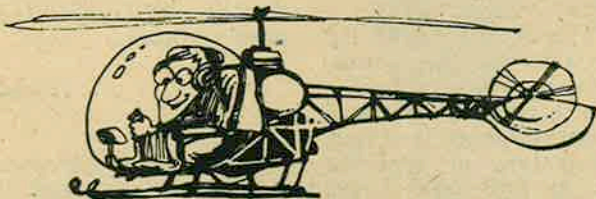
The Rams totaled 50 points, followed by San Joaquin Delta 84, San Mateo 91, De Anza 167 and Marin 194.

The Rams were led by Jose Renteria, who placed third. His time was 20:33. Steve Hulce was close behind in fifth place, Valentine Ramos finished ninth, Tim Elming placed 11th and Jeff Merrow rounded out the FCC scoring at 22nd.

"Hulce was the most improved. Before this meet Hulce was farther down the line on our team. He hadn't ran as well as some of the other guys. As a team we did quite well," said coach Bobby Fries.

In the women's race, FCC's Connie Hester took top honors in the time of 25:42. Nora Vargas and Grace Robles placed fourth and seventh for the Rams. "All three girls did an outstanding job," said Fries.

FCC will travel to Sacramento City on Friday at 4 p.m. to open their regular season. Saturday the harrier will travel to S.F. to run in the Golden Gate Invitational.



Our mistake. We captioned a picture of Al Ramos as Jose Renteria in our last issue. This is the real Jose Renteria.

## Ram netters, still winning, entertain Porterville today

The women's volleyball team easily defeated Porterville 15-2, 15-6, 15-5 last week.

"There was no real star, the whole team played great," coach Sara Dougherty commented. "We may have a great server serving a point but without her

teammates she wouldn't be able to keep the ball alive."

The Porterville squad, after making a few early errors, lost their unity. "They started making errors and got psyched out. From then on they weren't together," said Dougherty.

Today FCC will give the

Porterville team another chance to stop their win streak here in the Gym. Thus far this season the Rams have yet to lose in four decisions.

The Ram netters will open their conference season against Consumnes River on Oct. 6 here.

## Gades, hosting Rams Saturday, spurred by quest for vengeance

When FCC and Bakersfield start their conference football seasons next week, one of them will have a losing record.

That's because each of the teams is coming off a loss which left its record at 1-1, and they have to lock horns Saturday night in Bakersfield.

For the Renegades it would be almost impossible to improve on last year's record. The Gades won the JC National Championship a year ago while compiling a 11-1 mark.

The one loss to blemish last year's record came at the hands of FCC, the Rams scoring on a fake field goal on the game's final play. So the Gades will try to get revenge for last year's 31-27 loss.

Coach Gerry Collis' squad features a well balanced team which Collis claims "has no superstars." He also added "We don't have a player like David Turner this year, but we have people who can get the job done."

The Gades won their opener from Cerritos 14-10 before losing to the Air Force Academy JV's 24-21 last week.

But even though Bakersfield lost last Saturday, Collis wasn't displeased with his team's effort. "As long as our players give us 100 per cent, we don't care whether we win or loss."

The Rams, coming off a 10-0 defeat to Fullerton, have Collis a little concerned. "Fresno has a very physical team, and from what we've heard a very strong defense."

So Saturday night in Bakersfield's Memorial Stadium it will be the physical Rams against the balanced Gades in this year's renewal of the rivalry.



The Rams will need another strong game from linebacker Tom Jones if they are to defeat Bakersfield on Saturday.

Arias Photo

## Poloists win second tourney of year

Add another tournament championship to the water polo team's list. They won the Bakersfield Tournament last Saturday.

The Rams defeated Reedley 12-1 in their opener, then beat Bakersfield 14-4. In the finals FCC bested Hancock College 8-5.

"We did great, great. Why don't you put a great big headline saying, FCC Poloists Win Second Tournament of Year?" commented coach Gene Stephens happily.

Leading the Ram scoring were Monte Peckinpah, Paul Haugan, Eric Gordan, Karl Johnson and James Turner. Haugan led in assists.

Stephens had praise for every individual on his squad. "Gordon acts as a stabilizer on our team. He's an exceptional swimmer and should set all the swimming records before leaving FCC. Peckinpah is our scorer and Haugan our assist man. They each contribute quite a bit.

"Turner, Johnson and Russ

Donelly, all freshmen, have been a pleasant surprise. Close behind are Joe Ozier, Richard Gorham, Steven Forestiere and Carlos Barrios.

"As for goalies, we have some fine ones, led by Mark Walker who had a great tournament. Chris Sterios and Dan Connelly have also proven they can get the job done."

The next match is against Porterville in the FCC pool on Oct. 4. The Rams record in league is 0-1 and 6-1 overall.



## City hasty in firing Britton

There may be questions and shades of gray concerning certain actions and events, but there's no doubting the feeling that something's not quite right.

I am referring to the controversy which began with Patrolman James Conrad and grew to include the Civil Service Board and Chief of Police Harold Britton. It seems that Britton and the board made a fatal mistake--doing their jobs as they saw fit rather than as City Manager Ralph Hanley and the City Council preferred.

And that's the bottom line; when the chief and the board don't make the "right" decisions, they are simply removed.

Now for those shades of gray. Conrad was fired last June 23, then reinstated following a hearing by the board on Aug. 25. The next day, Hanley received a legal opinion from the city attorney's office that the board's action was void--they refused to rehire Conrad.

One week later, the city attorney's office ruled that Hanley did not have authority over Conrad; only Britton could rehire him or test the case in court. Conrad was rehired, the board was fired.

Mayor Daniel Whitehurst said he had a "total loss of confidence in the board." In replacing them, he wants "capable persons with the same integrity as a judge," who can stand up under pressure. Translation: yes-men with the same opinions as the mayor and the city manager, and who can do what they're told.

Then there is Britton. He was censured for refusing to appeal the board's action toward Conrad to the Superior Court. But as the city attorney's office said, Britton had the authority to rehire Conrad or test the case. Britton made his choice.

And the clincher: Hanley last week announced his intention to fire Britton. But both Hanley and Whitehurst have said the decision was based on Britton's lack of support for the reorganization and reassignment plan in the department, not directly related to the Conrad controversy.

The reorganization and reassignment plan deals with alleged bad relations between the Police Department and the federal agencies. The Fresno Bee has reported an agent in charge of the FBI office here said cooperation with the department "has been excellent."

At a closer look, it is evident that Hanley, the council, and Whitehurst are simply eliminating anyone and everyone who dares disagree with them. The decision to fire the board was much too hasty, and the reasons for Britton's dismissal are ill-defined and unsubstantiated.

--Lori Eickmann

## FILM REVIEW

### 'The Swiss Conspiracy' makes '10 worst' list

By Mark Hernandez

If I were to list my most non-memorable film, "The Swiss Conspiracy" would rate with the worst.

On rare occasions, I will see a film that all early reports say is very good. In this case, I blew it, but at least I can warn you before it is too late.

"Conspiracy," starring David Janssen as David Christopher, starts off quickly with a murder in a restaurant, which reveals itself to be a warning. The warning is directed to a Swiss bank and five depositors who have been threatened with release of secret account numbers to the proper authorities.

Christopher, a former US Justice Department lawyer (don't look at me; I always thought they were called attorneys), now runs an international consulting firm and is hired to take the case.

You now have the sum total of the film's plot.

For some inexplicable reason, Christopher contents himself with following only two people in the entire film, and only one is a suspect (the other he manages to arrange a meaningless sex scene with). Senta Berger, who plays the "mysterious woman" of the story, is acting totally out of character and rather poorly, as do Ray Milland (bank president),

John Ireland (a Texan caught in the blackmail plot), and especially lousy acting from Anita Ekberg.

The ending of the film is stupid, pointless, meaningless, and has no relation to the rest of the film.

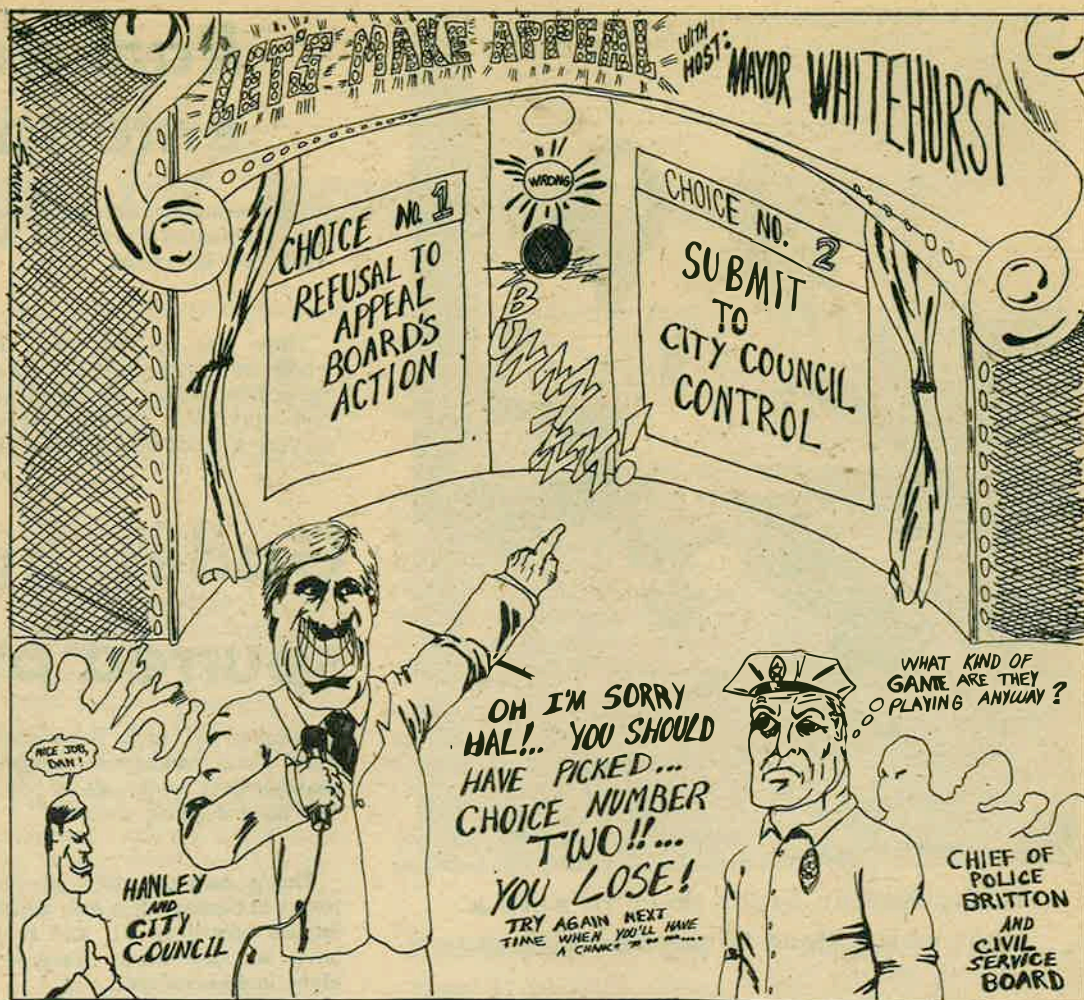
As I started to leave, I noticed something else: The film was actually made in 1975 and released this year; and, it has some of the worst music I have ever heard in my life.

Throughout the film, however, one man's performance stands out and catches your attention. John Saxon, film's only living robot, puts out a performance as a Chicago gangster that will startle you, but when compared to the drab complexity of "Conspiracy," it is only mediocre. Speaking aesthetically, "The Swiss Conspiracy" stinks.

#### Short Takes:

\*On Oct. 17, Universal Studios will begin production on a film titled "FM," a cinematic look at today's radio industry. No word as to whether or not it is to be done like "Network" or "Nashville."

\*"Close Encounters of the Third Kind" will be bigger than we thought. Columbia Pictures is intending a massive release with quality film production, but Fresno may be getting something extra. More information as it comes in.



## LETTER

### Card sales down because nobody needs ASB govt.

Dear Editor:

It seems that the ASB officers are having difficulty figuring out why FCC students don't buy student body cards. Perhaps I can give them some insight on this matter. With regards to the ASB president's statement (as it appeared in the Sept. 22 issue of the Rampage) "...they (students) no longer have faith in the ASB..." I don't believe it is a matter of faith.

I think it is a matter of interest. In general, FCC students are not interested in student government. Many will recall sixth grade civics. That was a lot of fun back then, but has no place in the busy life of a college student. To quote President McCully (from the Sept. 22 issue), "The average age of FCC students is 27..." What do 27 year old students want with a student government?

In my 3 1/2 years at FCC, I have

never used my student body card, or have I ever had any contact with an ASB officer or any ASB function. For the aforementioned reasons, I haven't bought a student body card in three semesters.

I will refer you to an undated letter, distributed to students during registration. It listed three areas of ASB involvement in student affairs: 1) Activities, 2) Active Representation, and 3) "Free Admission or participation in..." followed by a list of programs. Among these programs are listed Band and Orchestra Concerts.

I can't speak for the band, but the FCC-CSO has never benefited from the ASB. As a veteran member, I have actively supported and performed in at least two semesters of concerns without an ASB card. I will wager that them majority of the members don't have cards. Furthermore, our concerts are

free to the public, and therefore the ASB could not affect the admission price. And finally, the FCC-CSO is a class (Music 45) offered by Fresno City College, and I just can't see how the ASB affects "participation in" this group.

Not unlike school dances, student governments are an important part of the lives of children needing social recognition. Student government has no place in the lives of college students. Their primary concern is learning. Perhaps the time of the ASB officers would be better spent studying.

Mitchell Lee

(Editor's note: Lee erroneously attributed President Segal's quote concerning the average age of FCC students to President McCully).

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