

Teaching for FCC no bargain?

by Julie Benitez

Students coming on campus last week witnessed a reverse of events when they saw instructors picketing instead of students. FCC's past has always seen students with picket signs, but the instructors had a reason.

They wanted to inform students and the public at large that they are working without a new contract. Their message was "negotiate now," and negotiations after the picketing were moved up from Aug. 31 to last Thursday.

The contract involves all certificated staff from Reedley and Fresno City College. This includes librarians as well as teachers and counselors. They hope to settle as soon as possible.

"We've been ready to negotiate from the beginning, but the district negotiators keep pushing tentative contract proposals at us, so we haven't been able to negotiate on what has been discussed," said Harold Sadler, chairman of the negotiating committee for the instructors.

One reason they are anxious to get everything settled is because many of the people on the negotiating committee are instructors who are sometimes kept from classes due to



negotiation meetings.

What seems to bother instructors the most, Sadler said, is "a lack of recognition by the district negotiators that there comes a time when you must have a dialogue about written proposals. In normal contract negotiations, tentative proposals are submitted, discussion occurs, agreements are reached and contract language is written. In these negotiations it appears that we're trying to write the contract language without any discussion."

At the request of the district a conciliator has commenced working with both parties. It is the hope of the State Center Teachers Federation that this step will cause discussion of the issue on hand.

When asked what he thought of the informational picket, Chancellor Charles E. Chapman stated "It's behind us, we are in negotiations now." However another district employee stated that "the informational picket was more like a breakdown in communications."

"I have no idea how long these negotiations will continue, but certainly until some acceptable contract is negotiated," Sadler continued. "A meaningful con-

tract would recognize the fact that we are 20 per cent behind the cost of living increases, with some consideration for fringe benefits. Other areas of concern are the working conditions, such as the school calendar, class size, sabbatical leaves and certainly a workable grievance machinery."

Chapman indicated "We are negotiating, which I'm confident will resolve in agreement soon," but he was reluctant to discuss other ramifications, such as faculty morale.

Sadler indicated, however, that "the firings last spring, the suggestion of the board that instructors take a 9.3 salary cut and a 20% increase in work load without pay, no annual increment or class increases, the emotion of going through a two-day hearing to try to preserve their jobs, the rescinding of the board's decision to terminate instructors followed by later board action to freeze pay raises, the rescinding of that emergency act and the unilateral decision to increase the minimum class size to 22, coupled with an inability to have productive negotiation meetings at the table would cause anyone to be concerned with faculty morale."

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State provides funds

E.O.P.S. left unhurt by Proposition 13

EOPS was not sliced by Prop. 13.

One of the main reasons is that most of the program's funds come from state rather than district sources, according to Venancio Gaona, Director of EOPS.

The state provided \$258,157 for maintenance, services and direct aid for students, while the district pays the salaries for the eight persons on the staff. Thirteen students were hired to help with registration.

Prop. 13 knocked out district transportation for around 50 EOPS students, most of them American Indians.

Students currently attending FCC can receive counseling tutorial assistance and transfer advice.

EOPS has the Pinto component that directs services to ex-offenders (persons who have been involved with the criminal justice system)

EOPS also works with the American Indian community, recruiting students from around the district.

When asked about EOPS and its future, Gaona said he foresees "more intensive counseling, tutoring and diagnostic testing that will help the students realize the difference between their interests and aptitudes."

Parking rules change a bit; fine amounts will double

by Sam Tull

As of this year, those little yellow tickets found on illegally parked cars on the FCC campus will cost the person cited twice what the fine was last year, according to SCCC Police Chief Ken Shrum.

Although the fine for parking without a permit (and all other parking violations) has been doubled, the price of purchasing a permit remains the same as last year.

Because of budget cuts due to Prop. 13 and to keep the cost of purchasing permits down, cut-backs have been necessary. The

number of patrols through the parking lots has been cut. So has the office help which processes violations, leaving the police officers with more work than before.

Although a new parking lot was built this year and another lot opened to students for the first time, because of an increase in vehicles on campus there is actually less space available.

Due to the space shortage on campus, many students have been parking on public streets around the campus. This is resulting in many complaints from neighborhood residents.

Since these areas are not under FCC police jurisdiction, complaints are lodged with the Fresno Police Dept.

The practice by FCC police of voiding some tickets will stop this year, according to Shrum, except in the case of officer errors.

Also beginning this year, the fines set for parking violations are being regulated by the courts instead of the board of trustees.

Shrum said the most frequent violations are parking without a permit, which carries a \$4 fine, and illegally parking in a space reserved for the handicapped, which carries a \$25 fine.

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Only \$5 Still a bargain your ASB card

Registration ends tomorrow

Registration for the fall semester ends tomorrow. Though many classes are filled, some classes remain open in a variety of areas. Instructor permission

must be obtained to enter a class. For more information go to the Admissions Office, in the lower level of the Student Services Building.

Health Office

The new hours of the Health Services Office are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday.

Tutoring

Students interested in tutoring for FCC credit may register for Educational Aide 59 or for Educational Aide 19. Tutoring opportunities are available in elementary, junior high, and high schools, pre-schools, special education classes in public and private schools, and at FCC. For details contact Bruce Morris in SS-108.

Reel World films again

The Reel World Classic Film Series is being presented for the fourth year. Two films by a featured director will be shown each month starting in September and continuing through May. The films will be shown in Forum "A" at 7:30 p.m. on Friday evenings. General admission is \$1.

ASB cards still on sale

ASB cards are still on sale for the fall semester in the college business office. The cost of the card is \$5. It will admit you free to all athletic events and other varied activities including the Classic Film Series.

Special ASB election set

A special election will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 12 and 13, to fill vacant positions in the Student Senate. Petitions for office are available in the Admissions and Records Office.

Administrator gets post

Director of Community Services Larry Kavanaugh recently was asked to serve on the advisory committee of the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges. The committee is beginning a three-year program to demonstrate how community colleges can act as the local base for community resource centers.

Like to go to movies? Like to eat faculty cooked hamburgers? Like to go to football games? The best part of the deal is that it is all included in the price of a \$5 student body card.

The Associated Student Body and its president, Susan Sorensen, have many events scheduled for the 1978-1979 school year. Starting off the activities is the Ramburger Round-up, Sept. 8. The faculty cooks the students hamburgers for free. All one needs is a student body card.

According to Sorensen, "The faculty, the football team, the volleyball team, and the band will be there to help kick off the festive occasion. Also we are going to have a clown (P.J.) who can make animals out of balloons. The business club, DECA, will have a dunk tank so you can

drown your favorite teacher."

Another event Sorensen hopes will be well supported is Reel World, a showing of excellent films for free with a student body card at the FCC Theater.

Also with a student body card one can enjoy all the sports events for free.

Coming up is an election for Student Senate seats on Sept. 12 and 13. Petitions are available at the Student Services building for anyone interested.

The main problems for scheduling events are the problem of funds that depend on the sale of student body cards, and a lack of student participation.

"With more publicity to inform the student of the benefits of having a student body card, things should get better," Sorensen said. "I hope to accomplish this by working with the Rampage in getting information to the students. Also by letting the students find out about events by reading calendars that will be posted all around the campus with the events on them."

"Student participation is definitely needed to help provide money for the events. We get this money when a student body card is obtained. And for the little amount that you pay for the student card, one gets almost three times the amount paid back in return in activities."



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Burger roundup Sept. 8

Where can you get good food and entertainment, and meet a lot of people at little price? The answer, Ramburger Roundup.

Friday, Sept. 8 from 5 to 7 p.m. is the date and time set for the 22nd annual Ramburger munch-out.

"It's a good chance for students to get to know their teachers," says Susan Sorenson, ASB president.

"Also, not many people know of ASB on this campus. Here's a chance to find out about us."

There will be booths, pep girls, faculty cheer leaders, balloons, football players, and the feature band will be Mariachi de la Tierra.

Tickets are available in the Student Activities office Aug. 30, 31, and Sept. 1 from 9 to 5 and September 5-8 at the ticket office 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are 25 cents for ASB card holders and \$1.25 for students and guests.

Unclassifieds

POLITICAL ACTIVISTS- Do you want to get involved in politics? Here's your chance to get knee deep in the grass roots, in the Octavia Diener Assembly campaign. Phone 226-3284.



Rams back on gridiron

Quarterback Jeff Dempsey hands off to John Rayford as Rams point to Sept. 9 opener here vs. San Mateo.

Museum fans still seek old building

The Fresno County Supervisors are still hoping for conversion of the old FCC administration building into an agricultural museum.

The supervisors have unanimously indicated they're willing to spend \$50,000 a year for 10 years, toward operating costs, but the board cannot commit future boards to the museum costs.

The county wants no part of an agreement which would require them to repay the state the money spent on restoration of the building, if the agreement was ended.

The county would allow \$50,000 a year for 10 years, the city \$50,000 for five years and the Ag Museum Committee \$50,000 for five years. The state would contribute between \$200,000 and \$300,000 a year.

Alice Wright-Cottinim, Deputy Director of the California Department of Parks and Recreation is trying to obtain \$3 million from the city to renovate the building.

An updated proposal to save the old building will be presented to the board Sept. 5 by Ms. Wright-Cottinim.

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Jarvis-Gann handled well

On June 6 California voted on and passed Prop. 13, the controversial Jarvis-Gann initiative.

Many people felt the blow from 13 throughout the state — police departments, fire departments, state employees.

What about FCC? Each department had to take a cut of some type. Perhaps you noticed the Rampage did not publish the first week of classes. Why? We took a 10 per cent cut, losing our first and last issues of each semester. To us this is a high price to pay for lower taxes. We believe there was a better way to lower taxes, such as the sales tax.

Now a great many people complain they have yet to notice a change. Some renters have said that their rent has been raised.

All in all, we were lucky at FCC, because no programs were cut. True, there were some classes cut, either before or after school began.

Prop. 13 may have been a good initiative, but losing the classes that we did was a bit high.

What will happen next year? Will more classes be cut to meet the budget? If so, where will the cut be? Or will you have to pay to go to FCC?

Already students from out of state must pay more to go here.

Nobody here wanted to see the cuts take place, but they had to. The administration handled the situation well and is to be commended.

Better medical program needed

No one likes to go into a hospital, but at some time in your life you will probably have to. Going into the hospital is an expensive venture.

The average cost of a room in a hospital is between \$120 and \$135 a day, and \$310 for intensive care.

Obviously this is a great deal of money. Not many families can handle this expense, especially if they are not insured.

When you include the cost of the doctor, operating room, anesthesiologist, lab, X-ray, and nurses, and a dozen other services, the cost could go from \$2,000 to \$20,000 and more for a short stay. People uninsured can easily go deep into debt.

It's time the government formed a group to help people who cannot afford the costs, with either free or low-cost medical service.

England has a medical plan that's been working for a good many years. In other countries, the same type of program is working well. Then why not America? We are always being told how rich the government is. Why then do we not have a better medical plan?

Even after being released from the hospital the bill is still high for prescribed drugs.

We need a better medical program and it's time is past due.

—Doug Hamilton

October completion

Landscape job is taking shape

Oct. 15 is the projected completion date, according to Connie Crest, SCCC director of construction, who is supervising the construction outside the Cafeteria, Gym, and Bookstore.

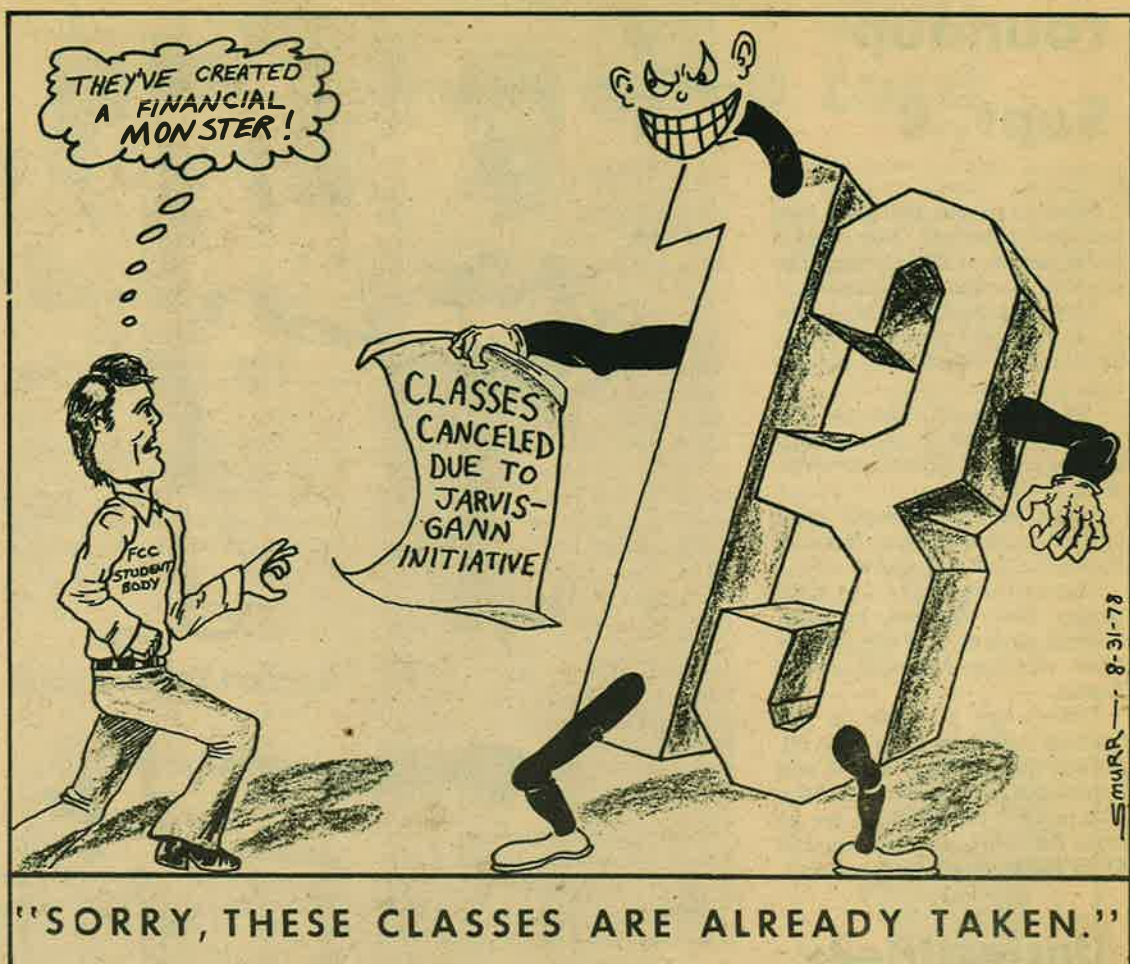
The project, begun Nov. 1, 1977, originally was scheduled to end around July 1, but heavy rains last winter delayed it.

The planned budget for the project was \$413,000 (coming from federal funds). However, due to delay, the cost is now over \$500,000.

A major portion of the construction cost is for a large storm drain that drains water from the north side of the college to prevent flooding on campus. Another big item is burying electrical cables.

The project "will improve the environment and feeling in the area," said Bill Chester, director of facility planning for the college district.

Chester said the area can be used for such things as outdoor eating, bandstand, assemblies, and other purposes.



Fresno theaters offer four top comedies now

By Doug Hamilton

Four top comedies are playing in Fresno.

"Animal House," a film from the National Lampoon people, is a riotous, slapstick farce on college days in the early 60's. John (Saturday Night Live) Belushi stars as the beer-guzzling Bluto, along with Donald Sutherland, Tim Matheson and John Vernon.

Belushi and Matheson are members of a frat called the Deltas. The Deltas are a bit crazy, stealing a horse and taking it to the Dean's office, doing a peeping Tom number and having toga parties and food fights. Sutherland plays a pot-smoking instructor. Vernon portrays a Dean that is a bit too evil.

All in all, "Animal House" is a film you will either love or hate.

"Heaven Can Wait," a film by Warren Beatty and starring Beatty, is about a football player

who meets an untimely death because an angel (Buck Henry) is over-anxious. Therein lies the plot. Beatty is given a new body, the body of a rich man just murdered by his wife and secretary (Dyan Cannon and Charles Grodin).

Beatty has a field day as a sincere but at times oafish and confused Pendleton. The movie is a delicious treat and Beatty fans will not be disappointed.

Neil Simon has another hit under his belt with "The Cheap Detective." It has everything — one-liners, nostalgia, a bevy of beauties, a crop of bad guys, a murder and tons of laughter.

Peter Falk heads a fine cast that includes Dom DeLuise, Marsha Mason, Abe Vigoda, Louise Fletcher and Ann-Margret.

Falk plays a Bogart-type detective constantly getting into hot water with the police, who

suspect him of killing his partner because he was having an affair with his partner's wife, and she is always bringing the police around with her. Falk also is besieged by a dingy blonde that can never decide who she is (played by Madeline Kahn).

A feast for the eyes and ears.

Blake Edwards and Peter Sellers have teamed up again to make a hilarious "Revenge Of The Pink Panther."

Sellers portrays the bumbling Inspector Clouseau once more, in the tradition of the other "Panther" movies. Herbert Lom as Chief Inspector Charles Dreyfus, whom Clouseau literally drove crazy, returns also. Clouseau's disguises are as outrageous as ever. The movie is loaded with slapstick and the plot is as bizarre as the disguises.

Robert Loggia and Dyan Cannon are excellent in supporting roles.

All four movies are well worth seeing.

Fewer courses, sections

Holding the line on Prop. 13; no instructors are discharged

Five per cent fewer courses and 25 per cent fewer sections within these courses are offered this year because of Prop. 13 curtailments.

According to Arthur D. Ellish,

Dr. Ellish said he feels the administration has followed the board's directive in retaining important course offerings. However, he's sure problems will arise with the new schedule due to the shortness of time they were left to revise it.

intend one area to be affected more than another but he was directed to cut mostly off-campus classes, and these classes are mainly at night.

Dr. Ellish added FCC was not trimming fat, as was the case with CSUF. We are cutting