

Photo by Ken Enloe

Showing off DECA's first place award for membership growth are from left: DECA adviser, Anne Walker, Pres. Clyde McCully, and DECA pres. Mary Rader.

## Coed abducted on campus; police still investigating

By Henry Gutierrez

While attempting to leave the FCC campus Monday night, an FCC coed was surprised by a male assailant who accosted her with a knife and forced her to drive around the Fresno area.

The victim described the suspect as "a white male about 20-22, 6-1, 160 pounds with thin blonde shoulder-length hair." She said he forced her with a switchblade to drive around in her car.

According to the police report, the woman said they drove around the city and then he told her to go south on Highway 99.

Somewhere near Kingsburg, the victim said, he ordered her to pull off to the side of the road. She then fled on foot, with her abductor fleeing in the other direction.

She reported the incident to local authorities, who contacted the Sheriff's department and then the Fresno Police Department. The Fresno City College Police were then contacted.

Campus Police Chief Kenneth Shrum commented that, "The campus police are working with the Fresno Police Department in trying to solve this crime."

The female suffered superficial cuts inflicted by her assailant.

## DECA wins 1st prize for membership climb

FCC's DECA took a first place award for its membership growth for 1977's fall semester. The national award was given for a 156 per cent enrollment increase.

Over 15 junior colleges attended a recent conference and 21 students and one adviser

attended from FCC.

"This is the first time California has been awarded first place in national competition for this event," said Ann Walker, DECA adviser.

DECA president Mary Rader was elected vice president for California's central region. Her duties will consist of contacting

junior colleges in the central region to inform them of FCC's DECA program.

Mrs. Walker commented, "The reason for our success is that DECA instills in students a positive mental attitude and DECA develops business leadership qualities."

## Woman harrassed at school; police arrest ex-boyfriend

Friday the 13th was unlucky for a FCC coed when she was struck in the head by an ex-boyfriend. According to witnesses, the man had been harrassing the woman and was following her by the Social Science building when he came up behind and struck her at approximately 9 a.m.

According to the campus police report, her assailant was an ex-boyfriend, not a student, who had been pestering the girl even at home. The girls' parents put a stop to it but the man kept it up on campus.

After striking the girl, he tried to get away but was impeded by students witnessing the incident. Campus police arrested the

suspect for the student on a citizen's arrest. The suspect was charged with battery.

Campus Police Chief Kenneth Shrum commented on the incident saying, "The victim's anonymity is in the best interest to prevent embarrassment."

The victim went to the nurse's office, where she was observed then released.

## Faculty rejects 'final' offer; future strike?

By Julie Benitez

After months of unsuccessful negotiations for a new contract, the State Center Community College District presented its "last and final" offer to a negotiating committee representing all certified staff for Reedley and Fresno City Colleges. The negotiating team presented the offer to the faculty who recently rejected it.

The question many people are asking is, "What comes next?" The next step which the faculty hopes will be in their favor is "fact finding." In this, three people, each representing a different segment of the negotiations, are appointed to find facts and to come up with a proposal for the SCCCD board of trustees to review and hopefully approve, said Donald Wren, President of the State Center Teachers Federation.

"However, if they don't, we have authorized the Federation to set up the mechanics in

preparation for a strike," Wren said.

Instructors revealed feelings of distrust toward the district when they held an "informational picket" the first day of classes. The Faculty Senate at FCC recently stated that the faculty is "losing confidence" in the administration's ability to negotiate on a contract.

Chancellor Charles E. Chapman sent bulletins to all faculty

asserting that the district is trying to negotiate in good faith and giving a list of dates and times that negotiators met. Harold Sadler, chairman of the negotiating committee for the instructors, is preparing a reply to Dr. Chapman's message.

Although the instructors don't want to strike, Wren stated that if conditions do not improve, they will be prepared to. "It's not foreseeable at the present time, however."

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### No ASB card, no Lounge time

Effective today, students not having an ASB student body card will be asked to leave the Student Lounge.

"There has always been a rule that an ASB card is required admission to all ASB functions," said William Gore, ASB president pro-tem.

"Now we are going to enforce it."

### Preregister

### for spring now

Applications for pre-registration for the spring semester at FCC are now being accepted in the Admissions Office.

The Admissions Office will accept applications from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays.

### New class looks into 'Futuristics'

"Futuristics," a special class dealing with future changes in human life and society and their affect on the environment, began Monday.

The class meets Monday through Thursday in AH-208.

Sociology instructor James Walsh will be the teacher. Other major issues such as postindustrial revolution will be discussed.

### New computer helps students plan a career

EUREKA, our new computer career information system can help you make informed career decisions. A student can work on the QUEST questionnaire which allows the user to match interests, aptitudes and personal preferences with prospective occupations.

The next step would be to request descriptions of occupations of interest (over 300 occupations now available). Job duties, working conditions, hiring requirements, and employment prospects are listed for this geographic region. When the student requests PREP, infor-

mation is supplied which includes ways to prepare for the occupation, skills needed, licensing requirements and cross-reference to appropriate postsecondary educational training.

Information on postsecondary educational programs and training in California comes next from the program (PROG) file. The student can then request the school (SCH) file which carries information on California State Universities and Colleges and University of California branches and Community Colleges.

Comparisons between schools are made based on a list of 65 different informational topics. Three different schools can be compared simultaneously.

EUREKA can help you avoid mistakes in career selection and direct you to areas that offer promising opportunities.

### See counselor for advice

Want to get an early "line card" for registration in January? Think about it now. Come in and see a counselor and you'll receive help in planning your program.

LINE CARDS will be issued to priority "green sheeters" a week from Monday, Oct. 30. Now is the time to determine your spring semester courses. So, see your friendly counselor.

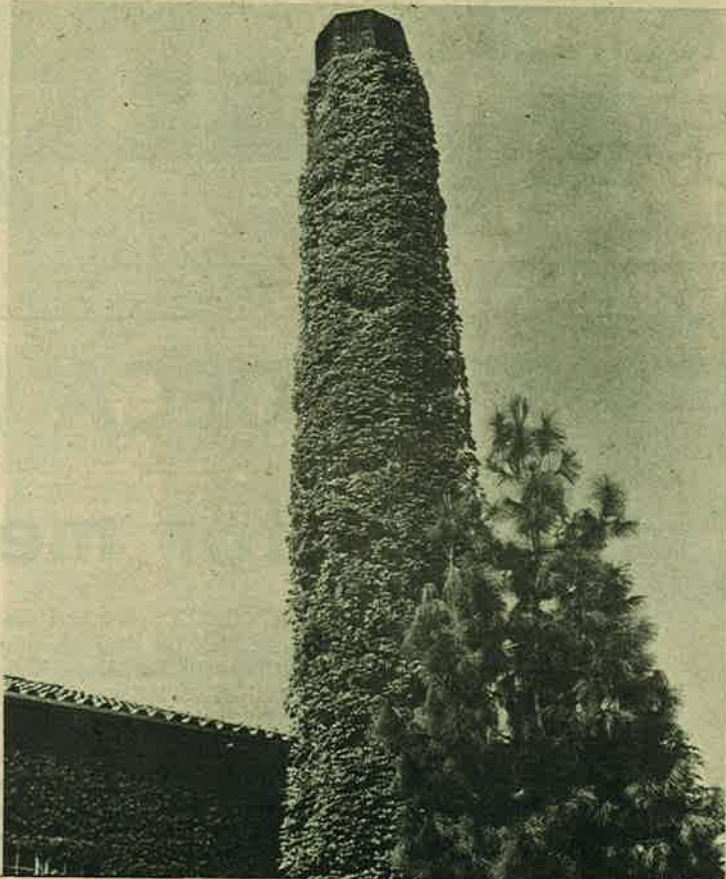
### Construction at VTC to begin

The final plan of the Vocational Training Center has been approved by the board of trustees of the State Center Community College District October 10.

Phase 1 of construction will include two new laboratories and improvements of existing facilities.

Trustees also approved three separate proposals to contract cafeteria services to other agencies during the 1978-79 year at no cost to the district. Two agreements were made with the Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission.

One proposal will provide a minimum of 300 hot meals per day through Sept. 30, 1979 for the "Meals on Wheels" program at FCC.



FCC atomic missile? No, it's the smoke stack that carried steam from the old boilers that once heated the Cafeteria and Student Center.

### COUNSELORS' RAP

### Urged to plan early

University of California admissions requirements have changed considerably this year, with academic and test requirements being raised. Also, subject area requirements (particular course requirements) and foreign language requirements are now mandated for transfer students. In addition to this, certain UC campuses and UC departments have imposed additional require-

ments specific to college major.

While these new requirements are mandated, there are several exceptions and waivers are possible where students are not obligated to specific requirements.

Confusing? For sure, any student planning on transferring to a U.C. campus should consult a counselor. It is ever so important to plan early.

## SEEN AROUND

### New use devised for Rampage?

Being on a diet can be pretty tough. I was in the bookstore thinking of which diet soda to have for lunch when I started hallucinating... I could swear someone was barbequeing.

Only I wasn't dreaming. As I stepped out, to my surprise a man was cooking lunch! Right there in the hot sun! Actually he was demonstrating a new grill on sale at the Bookstore. It's really great! You use newspaper instead of charcoal - a new use for the Rampage?

— Julie Benitez

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necessity for continuing its existence for two more years, that necessity being the actual or reasonable likelihood that our country be in imminent danger of foreign aggression.

The Founding Fathers specifically did not wish us to have a standing army, because history had aptly demonstrated that war is periodically inevitable when standing armies become bored. Yet, in purposeful contravention of the intent of the framers, and hence unconstitutionally, our government has maintained a

standing armed force for more than a century; consequently, as predicted, we have engaged in periodic armed conflict.

judgment to such an overwhelming degree that it should be of penal interest to the state.

Yet, why is there no outcry of righteous, and rightful, moral indignation about this prima facie subversion of our constitutional framework? Why no national demonstrations and committees, and editorial declamations about this substantive outrage?

We have a welfare dole system in this country which rewards the slothful and lazy at the considerable expense of the industrious and productive, and

mind you, that untenable absurdity exists in a country whose heritage is one of meteoric growth from fledgling colony to industrial, commercial, and military supremacy of the world in less than a century and a half due solely to the fiber and spirit of the American character.

However, out of that paragon human fabric has evolved a governmental program which retrogresses the growth of that spirit by increasingly mollycoddling the marginal contributor to the society, and completely underwriting the non-producer; but of course, such tax-funded "humanitarianism" does get the representatives to Washington re-elected, so it must be right!?

Where are the editorials, and propaganda, and demonstrations denouncing that socio-economic political sedition?

Article 2, Section 1; and the Twelfth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution provide for the election of the President and Vice President of the United States by the archaic and irrelevant electoral college system, instead of by direct, popular vote. The mechanics of the electoral system are so incredible and preposterous that we have had two Presidents who received a minority of popular votes, but a majority of electoral votes; both Rutherford B. Hayes and Benjamin Harrison became chief executives of this republic

without being the choice of the people.

But, there have been no commentary, nor citizen outcries to correct such an outdated and philosophically repugnant system, in which we actually only think we elect our President, to match the vociferous supplications for the legalization of pot!

And, the list of wrongs of substance in this society which need sophisticated scrutiny and consequent righting is limitless; let's not waste exhaustable energy and finite information dissemination capabilities on fatuous causes.

Mike Kennedy

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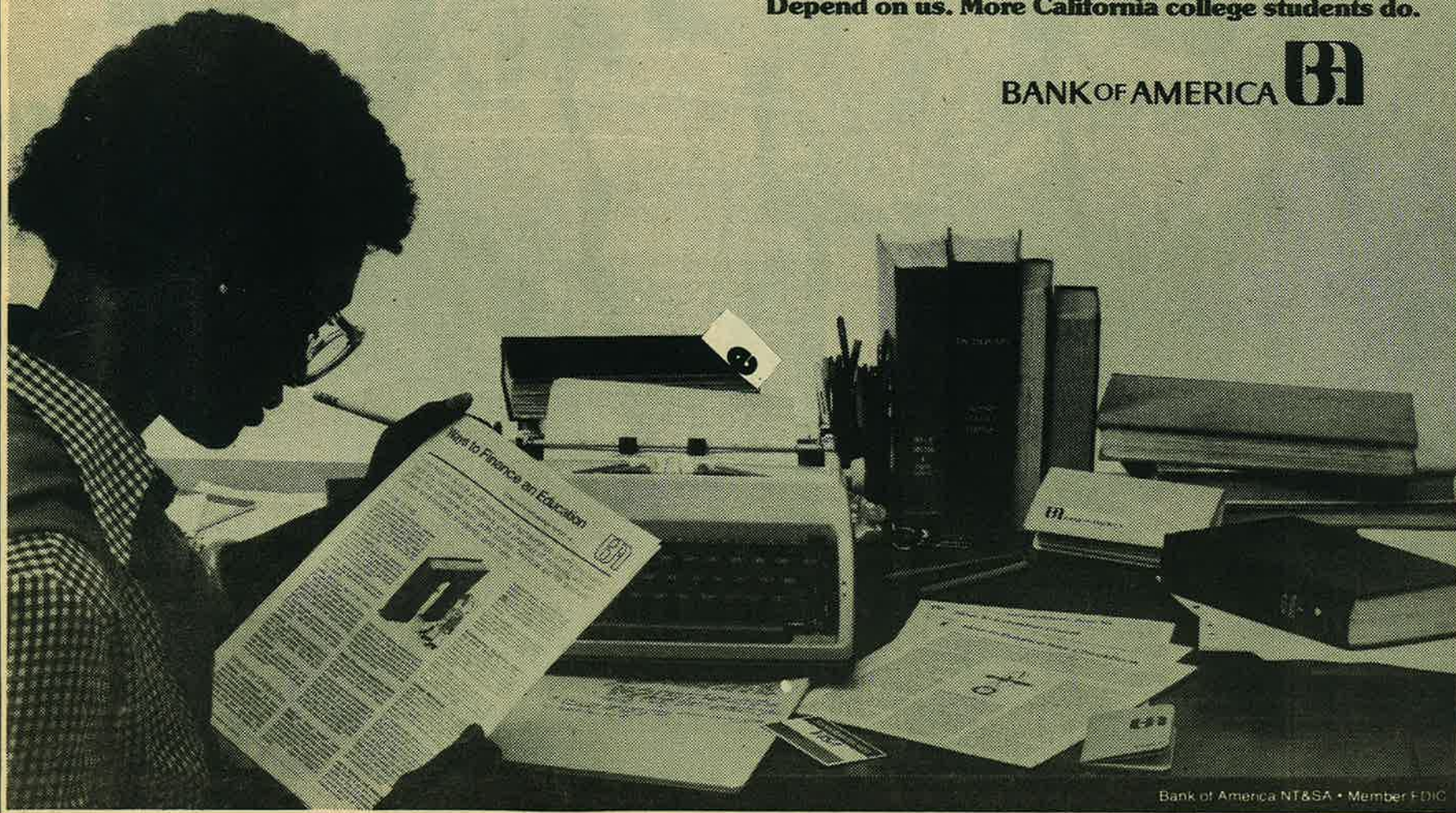
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## Actors dissect characters in play starting tonight

By Dennis Holseybrook

After a long, hard rehearsal for *Juno and the Paycock*, which opens tonight in the FCC Theater, I asked some of my fellow cast members over for a rap session. Once they arrived, we started talking about the play, their characters, and the relationship with other characters. I found this rather interesting and would like to share their comments with you.

Bill Brunkhurst, who plays Joxer, has been acting around 1½ years (mostly at Theater 3). Some of his favorite plays were: *Tartuffe* and *Nights of the White Magnolia*. His thoughts:

On Joxer: "Joxer is the sinister character in the play, but he is the comical character too."

On Juno: "Joxer is afraid of her because she is going to mess up his whole scheme of things which is to keep the Captain feeding him, buying him drinks as long as he can keep it going. She represents a kind of character that's just the opposite of Joxer's. This tends to undermine things for him."

On Capt. Boyle: "My relationship with Capt. Boyle is based on dreams."

Dave Jeffreys plays the interesting character of Johnny. Jeffreys has been acting for 2 years and was featured in such plays as *Godspell* and *Nights of the White Magnolia*. His thoughts:

On Johnny: "Johnny is what's happening at this point in the play. He stands for the revolution, Ireland, and what they're going through at this period. The character of Johnny doesn't get involved that much with the other characters in the play because he is involved in his own

thoughts. He lost his arm and had his hips half destroyed during the revolution. All in all, Johnny is one of the most interesting characters in the show."

Wayne Martin, who is often case as heavys in plays, does a good job as Mary's ex-boyfriend Jerry Devine. Martin originally didn't want to be an actor, but after a few shows the "bug" hit him. Some of his favorite plays were the *Crucible* (in high school

and later in college) and *The Mousetrap*. His thoughts:

On Mary: "He loves her but not as much as he thinks he does after finding out that Bentham got her pregnant."

On Juno and Capt. Boyle: "He gets along well with Juno but somehow Boyle doesn't like too well."

Randell Stump, who plays Bentham, has been acting several years. His talents has been seen on many stages such as Theater 3, FCC, FSU, and Fresno Livestock Theater (which he runs). Some of his favorite shows were *The Visit* (FSU), and *The Mousetrap* (Livestock Theater). His thoughts:

On Bentham and Johnny: "Bentham is the other side of the coin (from Johnny). He's a Protestant Irishman who'd rather see Ireland under Great Britain. Johnny's just the opposite. He stands for the Die-Hards."

Keith Williams has been around 4½ years and has been in such shows as *The Pajama Top* (Theater 3) and *The Mousetrap* (Livestock Theater). But the part



Keith Williams, left, and Bill Brunkhurst rehearse for FCC's school play.

of Capt. Jack Boyle has to be one of his finest yet. His thoughts:

On Boyle: "He instigates a lot of the things that go on in the show. He's an ignorant man living in an ignorant world."

On Johnny: "Johnny is the background of the show. He sets up the show."

On Juno: "Juno cares for everyone and gets nothing in return. She is the tragic figure in

the play."

*Juno and the Paycock* opens tonight and runs through Saturday. Next week it also runs Thursday to Saturday. The theater box office is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. On performance nights, the box office will be open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$1.50 general, 75 cents for students (free with ASB card).



The members in Groundstar are from left: Gilbert Jones, Chris Smith, Doug Watkins, Ron Holt, Sam Arnold and Sharon Jordon.

### Fresno band

## Ground Star on way in s

By Scott Riggs

Ever hear the saying, "You can't always get what you want"? Sharon Jordon and the rest of the members of Ground Star apparently haven't. For a band a mere two years old, they have been coming up through the ranks very quickly. If you caught the October Rockfest the first of this month at the CSUF amphitheater you would know what I mean.

Ground Star is made up of some very talented musicians, but would you believe Doug Watkins never sang before he met Ron Holt, guitarist, and Sam Arnold, bass, at a birthday party in 1976? You wouldn't know it now by his smooth vocal style, soon after the three jammed together they created Ground Star, with Cris Smith playing guitar.

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# Curry wows 'em at Tower

By Laura Batti

Though 40 minutes late, British actor and singer Tim Curry of "Rocky Horror" fame made a promotional appearance for his new album, "Read My Lips," at Tower Records, Oct. 17.

Curry was greeted by more than 200 screaming fans, some clad in costumes of characters from the movie, "Rocky Horror Picture Show."

Curry, who did an incredible acting job as Frank-n-furter in the movie, didn't wear his costume, but a blue three-piece suit.

"Rocky Horror," which plays weekends at midnight in two theaters at UA Cinemas, sells out practically every weekend. The plot revolves around a young couple, Brad and Janet, who get a flat tire while driving in the woods.

While trying to find a phone they stumble across a castle run by Frank-n-furter, a transvestite. The film goes on to show Brad and Janet falling from grace and Frank-n-furter getting killed by his handyman, Riff Raff — of course, not before a series of strange things occur.

During the film, people usually sing all the songs, throw rice during the wedding scene, use squirt guns during the rain scenes and throw cards, when Frank-n-furter imitates throwing



Tim Curry displays one of the many facial expressions that made him famous.

cards on film. People have even been known to get up out of their seats and do a "time warp" dance during a song by the same title.

Most people find the movie fun because of audience participation. One young lady said "You either hate the movie or love it so much you have to see it at least 10 times. I've seen it 38 times."

Curry seemed to enjoy the big turnout and didn't hesitate to do some of his famous facial expressions. One thing's for sure, the girls went crazy when he gave them a kiss and the line to get his autograph extended out to the street.

Tim Curry is a rising star that many Fresnoans seem to enjoy.

## Next disco demo show next week in Lounge



Doris Deakins, left, and David Dickie, watch the disco production, which was presented by the ASB.

A second free laser-light disco demonstration took place yesterday in the Student Lounge from 12 to 1 p.m.

The first disco production, a light show with many "outstanding" effects, went "very well," according to ASB Commissioner of Publicity Steve King.

Because of the first dance's success, the ASB Senate moved Tuesday to contract with CB Productions for six more noon time presentations and one 3-hour disco dance tentatively set for Oct. 27. The cost for these seven presentations was \$350.

After today, an ASB card will be required for admission to the disco dances.



## Electronics classes fail to beat heat

Although the weather was a pleasant 85 degrees outside, inside T-406 it was three degrees higher. Students enrolled in classes there wrote a letter to the Rampage inviting the SCCCD board and administration to sit in on one of their afternoon or evening classes, when temperatures have been recorded as being as high as 96 degrees at night, often hotter than the temperature outside.

Leo Takeuchi, dean of the technical industrial division, said that he knows how it can get in these classrooms and has been working on this project since as long ago as October 1976, but "I have to look after the total division as well; another concern of mine is the Police Academy."

Apparently Takeuchi had been told that his division could use the air conditioning units from the old administration building, but later "we were told we could not move them because the state had shown interest in the building."

After this, he asked for some units from some other source. "I

followed it through." It became a high priority list of the school board on minor construction items. They were still negotiating as late as October 77.

It wasn't until the "latter part of July or August that the priority lists were terminated," said Takeuchi. "They didn't want lists when they weren't even sure of the funding."

Since then he has resubmitted the recommendation and has received campus approval; it is currently being submitted for district action.

Meanwhile, the students who have to work under these conditions are complaining. "It's hard to learn anything when all you can think of is how hot it is," said Richard Withers, speaking on behalf of the students.

"There's just no circulation in here. Even on cooler days when it's only 85 degrees, it's still not very comfortable."

As of yet there has been no response to their open invitation.

(Editors note: Next week, the Administration's view.)

### Speakers wanted

## This teacher likes talkers-in-class

Most FCC teachers are constantly trying to get their students to stop talking, but not Jim O'Banion. He's recruiting students to start talking.

Speech 26, O'Banion's competitive class, may face the same fate as Speech 25, Argumentation and Debate. It, too, may be discontinued because of low enrollment.

"I'll give it one more semester to see if the students want to give it a go," O'Banion said. "Then the class may be closed."

Presently four students — Wilma Stark, Paula Grigsby, Tim Sheehan and Norita May — are enrolled in the class. Enrollment is still open.

Speech 26 exists this semester only because O'Banion asked that it be offered. It could have been discontinued under a new rule by the administration, which states that, except in special cases, classes with enrollment under 15 will be closed. This is the rule responsible for the closing of Speech 25.

"Speech 26 may well be another casualty," O'Banion said. "We're under great pressure. It's come down to whether we have

the right numbers, not whether we do a good job."

Why is enrollment so low? O'Banion believes one reason is ignorance. Students don't know the class is there and open.

"I've always felt one of our weaknesses at FCC is that we don't go to the high schools to let them know what programs there are," O'Banion said.

Despite low attendance and the threat of doom, Speech 26 is in full swing. On Nov. 4-5 speakers will attend their first competition at University of San Francisco. They will compete in persuasive speaking, platform reading, extemporaneous or expository speaking, or debate.

Following the competition at USF there will be tournaments at Cal State Northridge and Berkeley.

If the class is dropped next semester, O'Banion "wouldn't take it as a personal loss" because it would be easier for him to teach his other classes. He believes it would be a loss for the students, though.

"Students who took the class in the past," he said, "all seemed to get something out of it."



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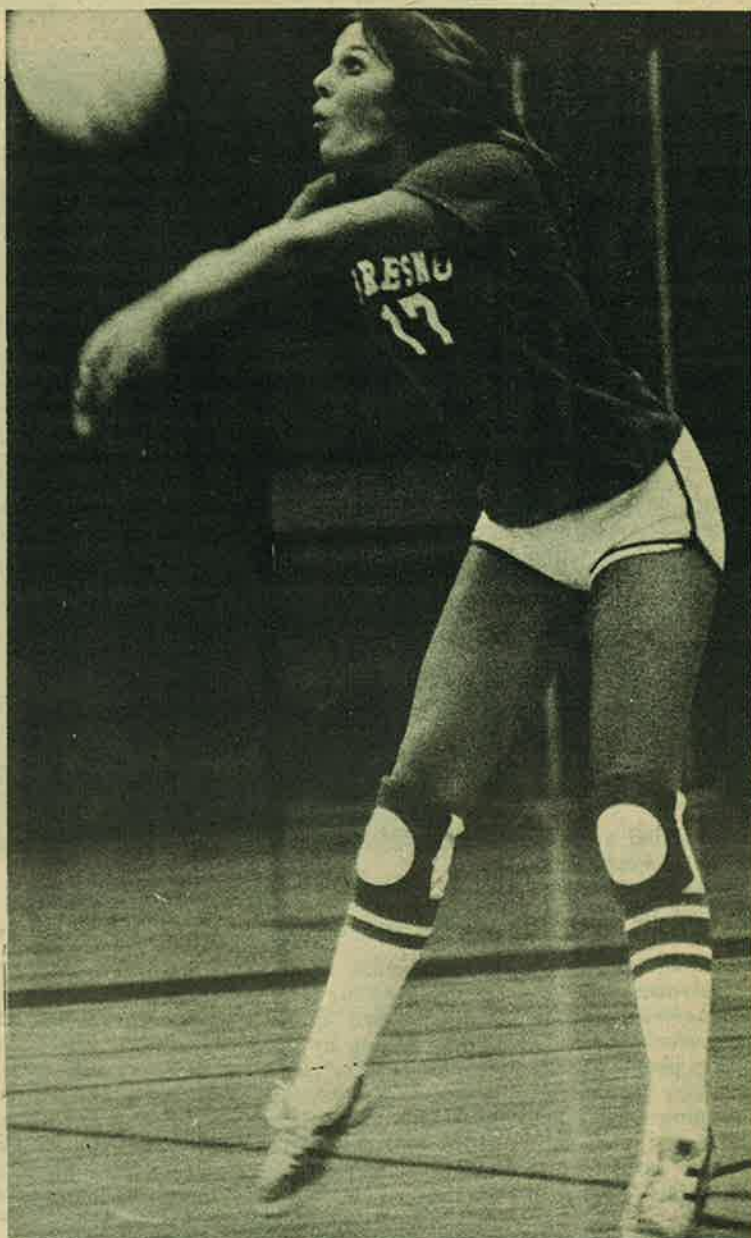
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Kathy Kuether (17) makes one of her many successful hits, to help FCC beat Modesto.

## V'ball team hosts Cosumnes tonight

Despite a disappointing 2-3 record in league action, the women's volleyball team has played almost well enough to have a 5-0 record. A close loss to Reedley College in five sets after winning the first two was a heartbreaking defeat.

In a trip to Northern California on Oct. 5-6, a loss to American River and a win over San Joaquin Delta gave the Rams a 1-2 league record. A hard-earned win over Modesto the next week brought the FCC team to a .500 mark at 2-2.

Last Thursday in Visalia, FCC played the College of Sequoias in an important league match-up. COS is considered by many as the team to beat in the Valley Conference. Losing the first game 9-15, the Ram women came back with a 15-9 win. The next two games were close 15-13 and 15-11, with the Giants prevailing.

"We could have beaten them, but the team has to be together mentally and emotionally to win," Coach Sara Dougherty vocalized. "Every member has to contribute to achieve victory. We have well-trained bodies but we must work together as a team," Dougherty added.

Coach Dougherty commented that COS said that the Rams were the toughest opponent. She said that the Giant team was well-disciplined and the next time they meet, the Rams will make "a serious attempt to defeat them."

The Rams are led by captains Julie Reyes and Kathy Kuether. Jeanette Neufeld, Rita Heck and Suzanne Cleland are all stand-outs for the FCC squad.

The FCC women take on Cosumnes River tonight at the FCC Gym starting at 8 o'clock.





Photo by Henry Gutierrez

Jim Brooks assists the water polo team during practice.

## SPORTS BRIEF

### Defense wins for Ram soccer team

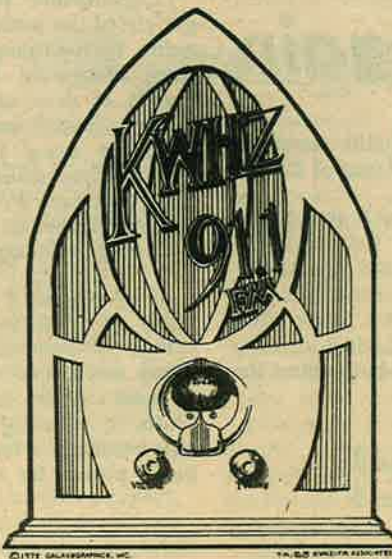
Alan Neal fired a penalty shot 10 minutes into the second half to tie the score as the Ram soccer team beat San Joaquin Delta 2-1 last week.

Neal also scored two goals as the Rams upended University of California at Davis J.V. team by the identical score, 2-1.

"Once again, our defense played a very strong game," Neal said. "The opponents had less

than a half dozen shots on goal. Fullbacks Kevin Bell, George Aguilar and Bryan Taylor all played very well and we received some fine play out of Ara Nurcanyon, Steve Jury and Ian Lee at the halfback spots."

With the win against Delta, the Rams remain undefeated in Conference play. Tomorrow the Rams face Contra Costa College in Richmond.



For Northern Fresno

### Wheelchair athletes seek first win

## Handicap fails to impede Jim Brooks

By Henry Gutierrez

Among 1,100 runners in the second annual Sacramento Marathon last month was a happy Jim Brooks. However, Brooks' mode of transportation was much different than others competing.

The FCC student wheeled along in his wheelchair in his quest to finish in the grueling 26.2-mile race. He finished sixth in the wheelchair division.

Jim Brooks' story began on a day almost a year and a half ago. Recalling the tragic accident that left him paralyzed, Brooks remembered back to February of 1977.

"I was driving to work from Squaw Valley to Reedley, when I lost a front and back tire and I was thrown clear. However my wife was killed in the accident."

Brooks was hospitalized for

2½ months to try to put his life back together again. After his release in April 1977, he contacted Chuck Keller, who got him interested in the FCC adaptive PE program. In the summer of that same year he became an aide in a swimming class.

The 27-year-old athlete took many classes like "Theory to Adaptive PE" and was an aide in weightlifting. He also has taken business classes that mean working with computers.

Brooks has an extensive background as a youngster in swimming. He was on an AAU swimming team in Pittsburg CA while in junior high and high school. He has been an aide in adaptive PE four semesters and also is helping out on Coach Gene Stephens' water polo team.

Coach Stephens commented that, "If I had a team of James'

Brooks', with his attitude and intangibles that you look for in an athlete, I'd be a very happy coach. Brooks' attitude and willingness to learn, along with his desire, interest, and responsibility are intangibles that you look for, he has them all. He'll make an excellent coach."

The Fresno resident of a year and a half, asked if his handicap has held him back, said, "I do not feel hindered, Fresno is really accessible to wheelchairs. It is flat and has many ramped areas."

To promote adaptive classes, the recreation therapy major will attempt a one-mile swim today (Thursday) in the FCC pool. He also is preparing for an upcoming Fresno Marathon that he may compete in.

Stephens seemed to sum up what many feel Jim Brooks will be, "an excellent coach."

## Gridders will entertain Modesto Pirates Saturday

By Henry Gutierrez

The Rams will be in search of their first season football victory Saturday at Ratcliffe Stadium against Modesto Junior College.

Fresno, off to its worst start in history, is hoping to even its league record at one victory and a loss. The Rams had a bye last weekend and put in an extra week of practice.

FCC will count on the running of halfback John Rayford, who after five games has 441 yards. Rayford, mainstay of the Ram offense, will team with fullback Mark Griffin.

Either soph Jeff Dempsey or frosh Nick Papagni will start at quarterback.

Even though the Ram record is 0-5, the squad has played highly regarded teams that have been ranked in the State Junior College Polls. Modesto last year was co-champion along with COS in the Valley Conference.

Kickoff time is at 7:30.



John Rayford tries to gain yardage in the game against Bakersfield.



## Farber case unfair

Myron Farber, a reporter for the New York Times who has spent the last two months in the jail in Hackensack, N.J., for refusing to turn his notes on the mysterious "Dr. X" murders, was in the news once again when the judge released him to observe Yom Kippur, a Jewish holiday.

Farber has yet to turn over his information, holding to the reporter's right, under New Jersey law and the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, to the confidentiality of his sources.

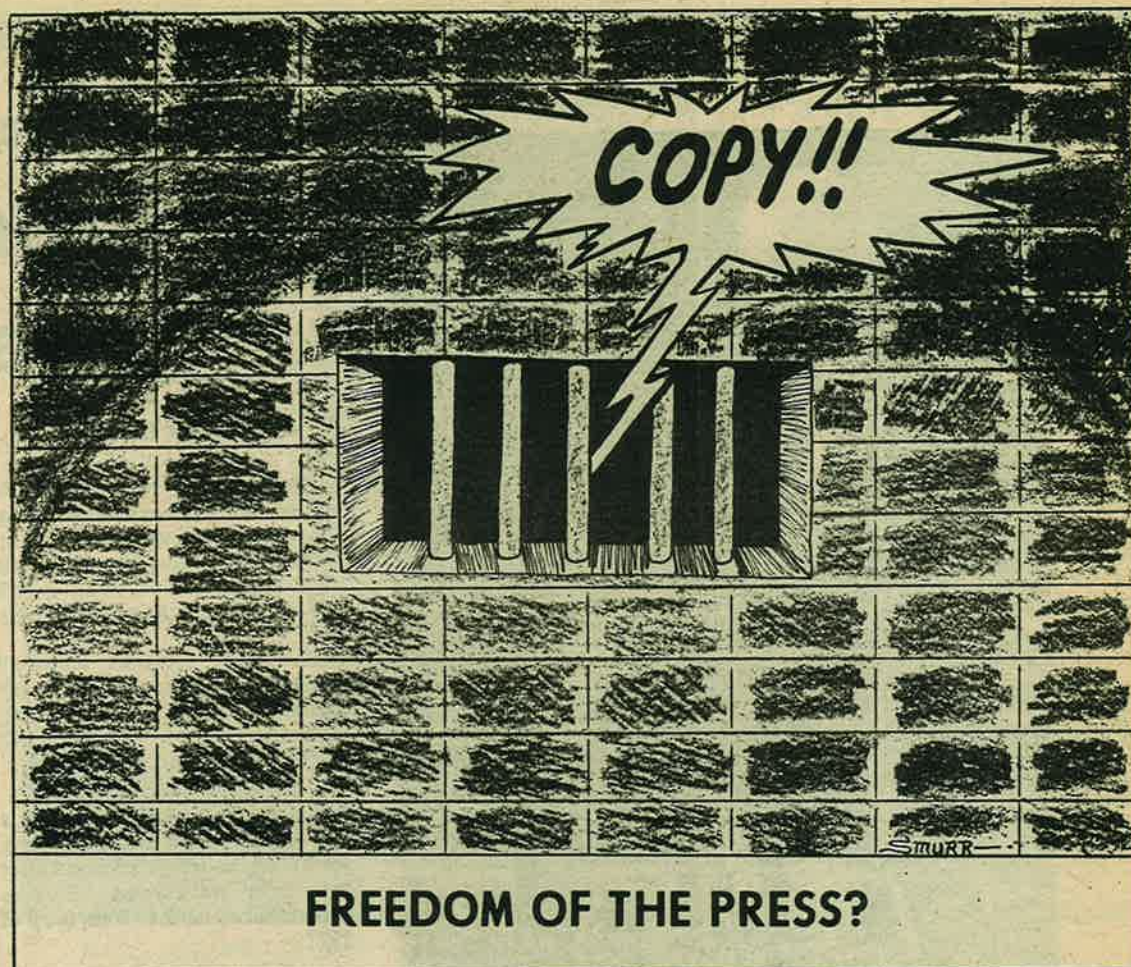
Judge Theodore Trautwein, the judge presiding over the Farber case, seems indifferent to the determination of Farber. When Farber was first sent to jail the New York Times began paying a fine of \$5,000 a day or contempt of court after refusing to turn over its files on the "Dr. X" case. After a time, and after losing over \$100,000 in fines, the paper turned over the files. Trautwein charged that the files had been "clearly and unequivocally sanitized."

Farber deserves a great deal of admiration for protecting access to information from which the public at large has benefited. It is sad that Farber is being incarcerated the way he has been and yet one cannot help but feel moved by the man's belief.

Neither Farber nor the Times has as yet been given a proper hearing where they might contest the subpoena.

New Jersey has a reporter's shield law to bar any invasion of the confidentiality of his notes and information, yet Farber has spent over the last two months behind bars trying to exercise his right. Strange sort of law that only applies to a few.

— Doug Hamilton



## LETTERS

### Reader speaks out on pot . . .

Before you go running out to legalize marijuana, you should answer a few questions for yourself:

1. Who gets rich off of marijuana pushing? According to official government reports, over \$30 billion flows out of the U.S. annually in exchange for drugs. Whose pockets does that money wind up in?

The money flows to banks were set up in the 19th century to run the opium trade for the British from India into China, when it was all above-board "good business." The very same imperialist interests, controlling the same routes and networks, run the drug trade today as 100 years ago.

2. Who's behind the "National Organization for Reform of Marijuana Laws" (NORML)? Anybody bothered to take a look? Who finances them? You'd be quite surprised. With a little homework, you'd find it linked up directly to the same international financier interests that run the drug trade. Beginning to wonder who is being played for a sucker?

3. What about marijuana's medical effects? NORML has never been able to refute the medical evidence that marijuana is considerably more harmful than alcohol, in that a residue factor is retained in the system that can build up and cause permanent brain damage even with only moderate sustained

use. It causes eye damage, and severely affects chromosome reproduction in the genes.

4. What does liberalization of the laws do? After two years of "decriminalization" in New York State, an official survey has found that 45 per cent of all students in that state in grades seven through 12 now use marijuana. These are "users," not experimenters. It also shows one out of six junior high and high school students are users of hard drugs. An official survey. Regardless of what you want to do with your own mind, do you really want to subject your 10-year-old brother or sister to this kind of drug-filled environment?

"Legalization" is not going to get rid of the pushers. It is only going to legitimize and institutionalize one of the most evil ripoffs of man against man in history. British imperialism was built on drug pushing. The identical imperialist motives and institutions are now moving in on affluent American youth market like wolves among lambs.

They succeed because too many of us argue only for the things we immediately feel like doing, and are not strong enough to seek and act on the basis of truth. By refusing to look at the ugly realities, a lot of people are being played for real dopes.

Nick Benton

### Kennedy rides again

The fact that you are willing to allocate considerable editorial space for a legalization of pot promotion when there are a myriad of critical issues facing this society which directly relate to the very essence of our constitutional foundation may in and of itself answer any question about the safety to the human organism of pot consumption.

That such wide-spread, voluminous, and well orchestrated ballyhooing can occur about such a banal enterprise as potmania vividly illustrates that

the usage of marijuana manifestly alters the soundness of human

Article 1, Section 8, paragraph 12 of the U.S. Constitution authorizes Congress to appropriate funds to maintain the army for only two years at a time, at the end of which there is to be legislative debate about the

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### . . . and receives reply

Tull replies:

Thank you for your letter.

I was hoping some misinformed reader would reply to my editorial by quoting some of the commonly held misconceptions about marijuana use.

First of all, if you are concerned about the amount of money spent by Americans on "drugs," I would advise you to consider the vast amounts spent yearly for cigarettes and alcohol (both classified as drugs chemically and pharmacologically).

Only \$5 billion of your quoted \$30 billion was spent last year on pot. If pot were legalized, we wouldn't have to spend all that money in foreign countries. The state of Hawaii could grow enough marijuana, as strong as any Columbian, to supply the entire U.S.

Now then, about the harmful effects of pot vs. alcohol. Alcohol is addicting. The number of alcoholics in this country is estimated to be between 5 and 10 million. Alcohol causes cirrhosis of the liver and irreversible brain damage. In recent studies, 73 per cent of the automobile accidents in this country were attributed to drunk driving.

On the other hand, marijuana has been proven to not be addicting. Medical studies have repeatedly failed to find any

harmful physiological effects of marijuana use. It is currently being used to treat glaucoma (an eye disease) and multiple sclerosis.

As for drug use among young students, what do you classify as "hard drugs"? According to The Consumers Union Report on Licit and Illicit Drugs, alcohol is by far the most harmful (from a physiological viewpoint) hard drug used in America today. Its easy availability among junior high and high school students is known to all.

As for my 10-year-old brother or sister, I would much rather them use marijuana than the poison nicotine or the myriad of drugs and chemicals that our society puts in our food or gives out for supposed health reasons.

If you are concerned with the veracity of the facts I've quoted (as I certainly was about yours), I refer you to the following official reports: The Indian Hemp Drugs Commission Report (1894). The Panama Canal Zone Military Investigations (1916-1929). The LaGuardia Committee Report (1939-1944). The Baroness Wootton Report (1968). The Interim Report of the Canadian Government's Le Dain Commission (1970). And The Consumers Union Report on Licit and Illicit Drugs (1972).

Sam Tull