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Students asked to assist selves in retention effort

By Julie Benitez

Student retention — keeping students from dropping classes was the problem discussed and reviewed by a committee of administrators and faculty from Reedley and Fresno City Colleges.

A report prepared by the committee, entitled the "District Student Retention Committee," stated that 40 percent of the students districtwide do not complete their coursework. Last semester alone there were 18,696 "W" grades here on campus. Community College expenses approximate \$139 per student per each three-unit course, which is lost when a student fails to complete his studies.

Gerald J. Stokle, associate dean, social sciences, chairman of the committee, said student retention is important because "if retention could be improved by at least 10 percent, it would save the taxpayers over half a million dollars in California."

The committee examined some

of the causes which impel students to drop, and how this can be prevented. Their studies showed that many times students get in over their heads, that is they enroll in classes they're not prepared for, such as the advanced mathematic and English courses.

One way the committee suggested to alleviate this problem is to incorporate standardized entrance tests for courses that require a certain amount of skill.

In addition, they also examined other problems students face which make attendance difficult, such as family accidents, marital problems and even feelings of not belonging.

Stokle felt that better counseling, including peer-counseling, would help these students. The fact that many faculty and staff lack understanding of the contemporary student was brought up in the report. The solution they presented for this problem

was to provide on-going staff developing seminars aimed at recognizing the characteristics of today's student.

These and many more suggestions will be presented to the district board of trustees for approval before they can be acted upon. "However," says Stokle, "implementing many of these suggestions will cost money, which may be hard to come by in view of Prop. 13."

What students can do is to keep themselves from dropping by looking ahead at what courses they would like to take, and by whom taught, to best fit their needs. Course outlines are available in the Library, but students interested in what would be expected from them can go to that division Jean's office to ask for that class's outline written by the instructor who teaches the course. These are often more extensive, and will give the student a better perspective on the class and what will be expected of him.

Kids and child care

Gary Wynn from Heaton Children's Center talks to kids during Tuesdays rally, see story, pp. 6-7.

Sam Tull will edit Rampage

Sam Tull, 23 and a linguistics major, has been named the Rampage's spring semester editor.

Tull, a 1973 graduate of Sanger High School, has been traveling around the U.S. the last few years before coming to FCC. It will be his third semester on the Rampage. Tull is currently Feature Editor.

"I hope to have more news and features on students on campus and also to make the paper a voice for students ideas and concerns," he said.

"I also plan to continue making strong editorial statements on aspects of student life at FCC."

Other editors were also announced. They are Laura Batti, managing editor; Ken Enloe, photo editor; Henry Gutierrez, sports editor; Dennis Holseybrook, feature editor; Julie Benitez, opinion page editor and Lori Luz, ad manager.

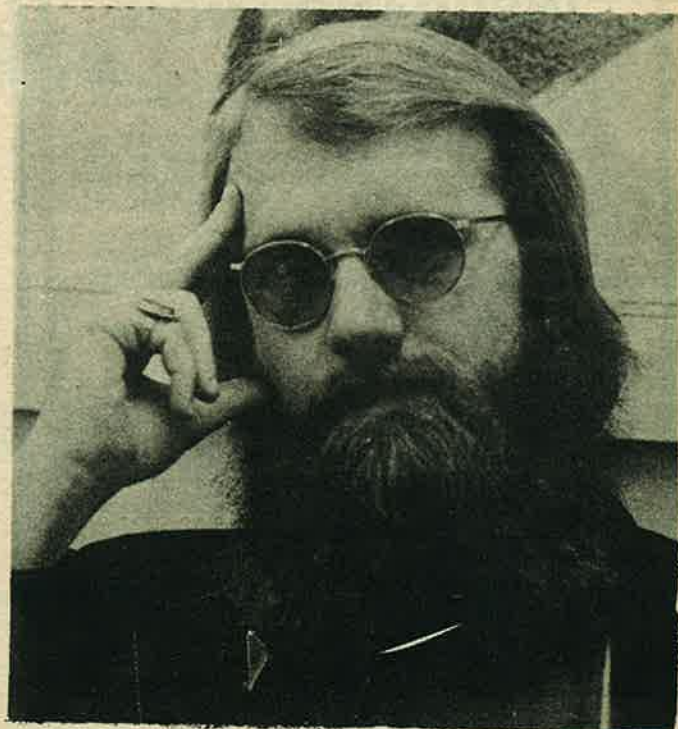


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NEWS BRIEFS

Grade reports won't be mailed

Semester grade reports for Fall 1978 will not be mailed to students as they were in 1977-78 and preceding years. The same process used in distributing the 1978 summer session grade reports will once again be used in distributing the present semester's grades.

A student may obtain one's grade report in the following manner:

1. Admissions and Records Office, Counter B — Wednesday, Jan. 10, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Thursday, Jan. 11, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, Jan. 12, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

2. Leave a self-addressed (PRINTED PLEASE) stamped envelope at Counter B of the Admissions and Records Office.

A student must present some form of identification card, e.g., ASB, to receive one's grade report.

Dec. 30, at 8 p.m.

Being together for 13 years, Columbia Recording artist Pockets was discovered by Verdine White of Earth, Wind & Fire. Their hit single, "Come Go With Us" was released last year, and they performed with Earth, Wind & Fire and Deniece Williams at the Selland Arena.

Tickets will be on sale for \$6 in advance and \$7 at the door. On the day of the show, tickets can only be purchased at the Rainbow Ballroom. Other outlets are J & C House of Records, El Serate Records, T & R Liquors, Sound Stage, and Tower Records.

Scholarship applications

Application forms and details about the following scholarships can be obtained in the Financial Aid Office, in the upper level of the Student Services Building.

American Association of University Women scholarships of \$700 for 1979-80 are available to women with a 3.5 gpa or above who will have upper division standing. Deadline to apply is

Feb. 15.

San Francisco Fashion Group scholarships for 1979 are available for students majoring in design or merchandising and are for use at the Fashion Group. Deadline to apply is Jan. 10.

Scholarships of \$1,250 and \$2,500 for the 1979-80 school year are available from Soroptimist International of North Fresno.

Applicants should be undergraduate women at least 30 years of age, heads of households, in need of financial assistance, with plans for educational training necessary for entry or reentry into the labor market and/or a higher level skilled job. Deadline for receipt of applications is Dec. 20.

Photo display in Library

A photo exhibit featuring 50 pictures by currently enrolled photography students is on display in the Library through January.

Library hours are 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Dec. 22. The Library will reopen on Jan. 15.

Info for transfers

Transfer students, information on entrance requirements and assistance in completing admission and financial aid applications is available at the Supportive Services Center, SS-103.

This service is offered on Mondays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ask for Ramiro Villanueva.

The Wild Blue Yonder

Dec. 14, 15, 16... Wild Blue Yonder (\$2.00)
Dec. 19... Belly Dancing (\$2.00)
Dec. 20, 21, 22, 23... Jump Street (\$2.00)
Dec. 26... Talent Evening FREE
Dec. 27... Folly's Pool (\$2.00)
Dec. 28... Orchid (\$1.50)
Dec. 29, 30... Wild Blue Yonder (\$2.00)
Dec. 31... New Years Eve-Free
Champagne-Semi Formal (\$5.00)
Wild Blue Yonder & Guest

Crackdown coming

Students parking in staff lots

Police Chief Kenneth Shrum said his department intends to find and cite automobiles which bear staff parking stickers and are parked in staff parking lots but are being driven by students.

"The staff zones are intended for employees only," he said. "When non-staff park in the staff zones, it creates problems for staff members who can't find

parking.

"If staff members are allowing student employees or their own dependents to use staff parking permits, they should have them park in student parking areas."

He also asked for help in identifying students who may have been able to purchase and use unauthorized staff parking decals.

Ski Club payment deadline tomorrow

Tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 15, is the deadline for the rest of the payment for the Ski Club's Ski Tahoe Trip. If you have already paid your deposit of \$15 then you will need \$32. Otherwise pay the whole amount. If you still want to

go but money is the problem, contact President Carol Ramirez.

Sunday, Dec. 17, the Ski Club will be going to China Peak. Meet at the front entrance of Fashion Fair at 6:30 a.m.

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Special events

MECHA, 12-2 p.m., Thurs., Dec. 14, Committee Room A

FCA, 7 a.m., Fri., Dec. 15, Committee Rooms A & B

Men's Basketball, COS TOUR-NAMENT, COS, T.B.A., Dec. 14-16

Wrestling, SAN FRANCISCO INVITATIONAL, San Francisco, 10 a.m., Dec. 16

Men's Basketball, FCC vs. Castle Air Force, Fresno, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 19

Women's Basketball, FCC vs. Gavilan College, FCC Gym, 5:30 p.m., Dec. 19

Men's Basketball, FCC vs. Hartnell, Fresno, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 20

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LETTERS

Don't let care center chance die, writers urge

This is to inform and urge the community and its student population to participate in supporting the Head Start child care center program at Fresno City College, while we have the availability to implement a much needed facility for its students. The center is a vital need and no one knows better that the need is essential, then those in need, and that is us students.

I am a student studying for a career in nursing and business. I am writing in support for the Head Start child center because the child care center will affect and influence the community in a very positive manner and it is essential in need for students who truly wish to continue their education. It will benefit the children who are very impressionable at early ages to understand, participate and communicate with students of knowledgeable education and it will also give them an early incentive as to a future career.

It will also benefit and enrich with experience and knowledge to the students who have chosen careers in fields pertaining to child development, medical, social, and health care. A child care center is essential in order

to keep students who are in need of child care assistance, in the community, rather than lose them to another college with such a program.

This college has right now the opportunity and availability to implement such a program. Why all the sluggishness and slowness by the SCCC Board of Trustees, in voting positive for the center now? The board has voted to implement a child care center and it has stated so, but it has not stated as to when it will come about. The establishment and reality of a child care center must be today and not tomorrow. It is needed now when the benefit to the students both for assistance and educational is most pertinent.

I would like to know if the negativeness from the board is influenced by and because students will also have a voice in how the program should best be coordinated to benefit all students. The board as professionals should realize that in order to become a professional in a chosen field, we as students should be allowed to participate in the decision making of areas that affect us, both for educational purposes and for preparedness to adult situation encounters.

I urge the board to vote yes on implementation of the center this month. Its benefit will be an incentive for continued education.

Tony Varga
FCC Student

I'm a student at Fresno City College. A major concern of many students is the Head Start Program, to provide a day-care center. It will be for students who have children that cannot afford to get a babysitter or a day-care center.

It will be for children between the ages two through five. It is disturbing in the classes when a student brings a child in. A child cannot sit quiet for 50 minutes or so.

The day-care center has been passed by the board, but they haven't set a date for when it will start. We the students are now looking for a building to accommodate this program before the Dec. 31 deadline.

Michelle Peterson
Student

The Fresno City College students are trying very hard to get a worthwhile project off the ground. This is the Head Start program, which would provide a child care center for some children whose parents attend school at FCC.

A child care center would be of great value on the FCC campus, because often students who do well in school, and who are motivated, quit because they can't afford child care.

But now, we need public support. The money we so desperately needed has been allotted to us by the Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission, but the problem is the FCC administration can't find the program a site on which to build the child care center. Mr. Bill Chester, the facilities planner at FCC, has been given the job to locate a site and with the advice of an architect, make sure it is suitable.

If a contract is not signed by FCC and EOC by Dec. 31, we will lose the funding for this important child care center.

It seems a shame, that perhaps because of bureaucratic paper shuffling and procrastination, a valuable service will be lost.

Action must be taken immediately so that the funding for this child care center does not expire.

Anyone who would like to give moral support for such a worthwhile cause is welcome. A petition is now going around campus and your signature is needed. Also, please feel free to call a member of the board and express your feelings.

Sandy Alpoonarian

I am submitting this letter in behalf of the long awaited and needed child care center on our campus.

FCC's campus has many students who are mothers and in need of child care assistance. This lack of assistance is one cause of student withdrawal from school.

I truly hope this will be accomplished so that the parents on campus can get an education!

Edwin Reed
FCC Student

Student criticizes manners of ASB Senate

The day is Tuesday, the fifth of December, and the time is nearing 1 p.m. The last of the visiting students are assembling in the gallery (visitor's quarters). A few private conversations between ASB officers are now a dull roar. The chairperson is trying unsuccessfully to regain order.

After the last meeting's minutes are distributed, the meeting is suddenly called to order. Roll call is now taken while late officers are arriving. There is a brief introduction of guests (concerned students which number four).

Maybe the most important communications and announcements to the Senate are hurriedly read aloud and a quick vote is cast to decide whether or not to resume to the next item on the agenda. The disunity is just beginning.

A senator announces the athletic department's proposal for Ram jackets (the expense would be \$2,500). Immediately there is much opposition and the original senator is obstructed. He is unable to compromise with his second alternative proposal.

After the pros and cons are measured, a vote is cast on whether or not to purchase the

Ram jackets. An entirely new argument has erupted; was their voting procedure legal? In budget matters should there be a majority or a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote?

The meeting continues while two acting officers research the process in Robert's Rules (a convenient guideline for the ASB).

The time is now approximately 230 and what have they accomplished? A considerable amount of resentment towards one neighbor and a new restless atmosphere of angered officers. It seems that each one has to get his or her intellectually critical comment in even at the expense of another.

There is much irrelevancy in the discussions and even occasional mentionings of the behavior existing in the Senate room. These which are carelessly tossed aside and forgotten. Some of the officers seem to be here for prestige or maybe just to stir up a little action just to be aroused?

One Senate member has not spoken for three hours only to raise his hand in agreement or disagreement. Meanwhile there is a dispute over whether or not a senator may leave for hopefully an adequate reason.

If he leaves, will there still be a quorum (a sufficient amount of officers to vote on a certain issue)? Robert's Rules is once again put to use.

More debate and arguing is the setting in the Senate room. A count of officers is taken and half agreed to let him go while the remainder refused his excusal. The question of who is eligible to vote stalls the situation and another recount is taken.

This particular senator is very perturbed when he is finally permitted to leave. Can you blame him? Was this action more important than the debate over Ram jackets? The fact is the ASB doesn't know the rules and procedures for conducting a meaningful discussion or debate and so without thinking and out of turn, they express themselves.

A concerned student has the floor. The issue of the Early Childhood Education Club and the possibility of installing a headstart program on campus is introduced. A senator without any information about the club and its intentions makes a dumbfounded remark pertaining to where the Head Start program would be located if it was approved.

The student only wanted to acquaint the ASB with the new club on campus. After some time the student must raise her voice to say thank you to the rude audience, the ASB.

The thought of having to pay \$48 when other clubs must pay the same price and the Rampage is very limited in its funds.

The Rampage is degraded for 15 minutes and an unnoticed hand in the gallery is raised for 10 minutes. When he is finally recognized it is no wonder he is flared. He has the grit to tell the ASB that their conduct is unbelievable and ignorant. He is hastily ordered to refrain but he has the right (any visitor does with an ASB card) to say what he feels.

Because he still is not granted his legal right he leaves the room. Why should the ASB adviser have no say in this particular situation? Instead, while there are still a number of items remaining on the agenda, he walks out on the ASB. Apparently this disunity is too much for him. If he would have maintained a level of disciplinary action throughout the meeting, the meeting would not have proved to be as disastrous. After

all, what is an ASB adviser for? He re-enters the meeting (maybe he had to cool off?).

The time is now 3:45. Five items are still on the agenda for further debate. The ASB call in a substitute adviser to replace him. She seems to have some recognizable authority when she injures the ASB for not acting in a mature manner in their discussions but acting like mad animals. With more ASB officers like her, meetings would be more meaningful and controlled.

Fortunately, there are a few well informed officers who have their act together, but this is not enough. You are the only ones who can run for office of the ASB. You are the one who must attend these meetings. You are the one to write letters to your ASB. Finally, you are the one to become involved. What the students don't know about the ASB will hurt them.

Incidentally, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 and was postponed until the following Thursday at 1 p.m. There were still items to be discussed.

Signed,
Concerned Student

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ATTENTION

Student Elections Coming Up

Jan. 30-31, 1979

There will be approximately five senatorial seats available.

Petitions can be picked up January 16-22 at the Student Services Building, downstairs.

Petitions are due January 26 at noon, in ASB advisor's office.

Campaigning will be January 23-31.

More letters on care center

I am a student at Fresno City College and am very concerned about the many attempts of a day care center coming here to City College. I was very confused to learn that for the past nine years the board of trustees voted down each attempt to have the day care center here.

I want to know why? There are many of us who are in great need of such a center here and there are many others who can't attend classes due to child care problems. Also, some of us are on welfare and resent being talked about being lazy, unconcerned and other things. We don't like having to live on welfare and are trying to get an education so we can get good paying jobs and support ourselves and our families.

Why are the board of trustees and some of its staff against such a great prospect? What are they afraid of? All we're asking for is a chance for a better way. We are often told that changes need to be made, that progress should be encouraged, yet this college does not want to expand, why? EOC had made a proposal for a Head Start Program several months ago and they have been put off long enough.

I know that there is not much time left and we need to get some action now. Where is the cause for human concern going? I am so disgusted but refuse to give up.

I.E. Young
Student and Mother

Many Fresno City College students that are parents are aware of the need for a child care center. most students can't afford a babysitter, or nursery schools. To stay in school they must bring their children to classes.

This is disturbing to parents, children, instructors and fellow students. Until now, there has been no alternative. The Board has approved the Head Start Program. When it will start has not been determined. It is needed now! This should be a concern of every Fresno City College student because it does effect us all.

Leslie Hamgy
FCC Student

Final Examination Schedule

EXAMINATION TIMES	E X A M I N A T I O N D A T E S				
	Friday December 15	Monday December 18	Tuesday December 19	Wednesday December 20	Thursday December 21
*6-7:50 a.m. -- OR -- *7-7:50 a.m.	All classes meeting at: 7 MWF*	All classes meeting at: 7 TTh*	All classes meeting at: 7 MWF* (Pt. 2)	All classes meeting at: 7 MWF* (Pt. 2)	All classes meeting at: 7 TTh* (Pt. 2)
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*5-6:50 p.m. -- OR -- *5-5:50 p.m.	5 MWF*	5 TTh*	5 MWF* (Pt. 2)		5 TTh* (Pt. 2)

* Instructors of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. classes may select an examination period of two hours on the day indicated above or an alternate of two days of one hour each as indicated above.

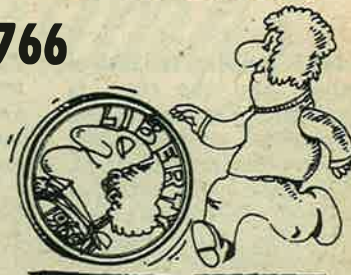
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| 2 How Much I Feel | Ambrosia |
| 3 Sharin' The Night Together | Dr. Hook |
| 4 YMCA | Village People |
| 5 I Love The Night Life | Alicia Bridges |
| 6 Blame It On The Boogie | Jacksons |
| 7 Get Off | Foxy |
| 8 Too Much Heaven | Bee Gees |
| 9 Ohh Baby Baby | Linda Ronstadt |
| 10 Le Freak | Chic |

'Superman' becomes major motion picture

By Dennis Holseybrook

There are a lot of new movies coming out for your Christmas time enjoyment. And a lot of them are good. Most of them are big budget productions too. There are two in particular I'd like to tell you about.

One of them is a remake of "Invasion of the Bobysnatchers." You may say, "Why would they want to make another version of Boby Snatchers?" I don't know. The first one, directed by Don Seigel, wasn't very good.

But Robert Solo thought it was interesting. So interesting, in fact, that he decided to produce the remake. Solo always felt that many opportunities were missed in the original, perhaps due to lack of time, budget, or schedule.

So he got this wild idea to do his version of it. And he got Philip Kaufman, who directed "The Great Northfield Minnesota Raid" and "The White Dawn," to direct it.

He also got some good stars to act in it too. The film stars Brooke Adams as Elizabeth Driscoll. Adams also stars in another upcoming film, "Day of Heaven." Donald Sutherland plays Mathew Bennel. Sutherland, a veteran actor, has been in many movies. One of his recent films is "Animal House."

land, a veteran actor, has been in many movies. One of his recent films is "Animal House."

One of the main stars in the film is Leonard Nimoy, who plays Dr. David Kibner. Nimoy's acting credits include Mission: Impossible and Star Trek.

With all these stars and a good director and producer, this new version may be better than the first. Let's hope.

The other film is "Superman." Superman has a lot of good things going for it.

Director is Richard Donner ("The Omen"), Mario Puzo ("The Godfather") wrote the story and worked on the screenplay. John Williams, who did "Star Wars" and "Close Encounters," composed the music.

And that's just part of the production. Listen to some of the cast: Christopher Reeves as Superman, Gene Hackman as Lex Luthor, Susannah York as Lara on Krypton, and Jackie Cooper as Perry White, name a few.

This movie starts tomorrow in Festival Cinemas. I suggest you see "Superman" first. And have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

No Prince Charming

Commission seeks to help women

By Michale Lehman

If you're waiting for Prince Charming, chances are you're going to be disappointed. You may find him. He may sweep you off your feet, but you won't be swept off to a castle in the sky where he'll take care of you.

Prince Charming's castle is a fantasy. This is the reality. Some 53.9 per cent of all women over the age of 18 are in the work force. Even if a woman marries, she can still expect to work for 25 years. One out of every eight families is headed by a woman.

The divorce rate has more than doubled since 1962 and is still rising. Child support by fathers in divided homes is nearly nonexistent. Thirteen million women with children are in the labor force.

For these reasons, there are groups that research and attempt to improve the status of women. The Fresno City County Women's Commission is one of them. The commission began one year ago when the board of supervisors voted it be started upon suggestion by the federal government.

Dorothy Sloan, business education instructor at FCC is one of 15 members appointed by various supervisors.

She says the purpose of the commission is "to research and identify needs of women. We

report them back to the supervisors and administrators in the city and county. We then set up programs to ameliorate or solve problems."

Within the commission itself there is a health committee, presently concerned with conditions in jails. There are also social service and employment committees. A Task Force was just established. Successful women in business and the professions share their expertise with other women.

"We're interested in having women act as role models for each other," Sloan said.

There isn't a separate committee on education within the commission.

"Education just permeates through it all," Sloan said.

Sloan will assist in setting up any educational programs needed.

Education is needed now because women were not taught early in life how to care for themselves or prepare for their future. "So many women do not know how to help themselves when they're left," Sloan said.

She agrees with the position Sen. Rose Ann Vuich takes that women should be more aware of accounting, budgets, taxes and

their own financial situation.

Sloan also believes that "women should prepare themselves to be employed or to take care of themselves financially should they need to."

The commission is there to help women do just that. They carry on a referral service and offer counseling, including job counseling free of charge.

Their meetings begin with an airing of grievances by any woman who wants her problems heard. The commission has heard from women who wanted midwives, and girls who wanted a coach so they could run track.

They have spoken out on midwives and the girls have a coach and a team.

"Sometimes by putting pressure on we can change things," Sloan said.

The commission's office is located at 2014 Tulare, T.W. Patterson Building. They welcome the woman with a problem and invite her for a chance to solve it.

Sloan would also like some input from female students at FCC.

"Unless we can identify problems," Sloan said, "we don't know how to help."

POLL

'Does FCC need a day care center?'



Marty Esmal — "For people who want to come back to school. It's taking so long because of the administration bureaucracy."



Guadalupe Gutierrez — "We have to get more people to come back to school. At the same time it's helping people get educated and we can get jobs on campus."



Johnny Dice — "It's for the parents who have children that have nowhere else to put them. The administration thinks it might cut off the Student Lounge."



C-chee Temple — "So my mother can go to school."

By Jackie Flannery

Photos by Laura Batti



Channel 47 reporter interviews Pete Rice during the demonstration on campus.



District facilities planner Bill Chester speaks to students at special ASB Senate meeting.

Students write, demon

By Sam Tull

It started over nine years ago and it hasn't ended yet.

For the last several years many people (students, faculty and administration) have tried to get some type of child day care established on the FCC campus.

The latest effort has centered around a proposal by the federally funded Head Start program and a determined group of students and faculty on campus.

In a Nov. 20 meeting of the SCCCD Board of Trustees, the board authorized the administration to investigate the possibility of establishing a Head Start center on or near campus.

The Head Start program faces a Dec. 31 deadline and if no site is found by then the funds will no longer be available.

Many students began to feel that the administration was taking an undue amount of time to at least promise that a site would be available in order to meet the Dec. 31 deadline.

At a Dec. 5 board meeting, these students talked to the trustees about the urgency of this issue. The students asked the board to commit space for the Head Start program.

The board finally, although unofficially, appointed the district facilities planning director, Bill Chester, to help the group of students and Head Start to find a facility or site on or near campus.

Chester has looked into several ideas for the facilities, including the possibility of moving a mobile home onto some part of the campus and working with a realtor to find available sites near the campus.

To draw attention to this matter and as a show of force in support of the center, concerned students have in the last two weeks tried many approaches to gain support on campus and in the community.

Numerous letters have been written to the editors of the Rampage and The Fresno Bee urging support for the center. Petitions have been circulated around campus signed by a large number of students. These students have repeatedly talked to Chester and several are working with Chester and the district's architect to help find a possible site.

This week as the time-consuming process of finals is about to begin, the students stepped up their campaign by setting up tables and posting signs on campus calling on the administration and board to approve a site and give Head Start a home.

On Tuesday of this week, a rally was held on campus to voice concern that the Dec. 31 deadline might not be met.

This demonstration began at the large fountain on campus. The demonstrators marched through the Cafeteria and on to the administration building. From there they progressed

through the Student Center Building and ended at the Student Center special meeting of the ASB Senate. As the demonstrators called for a Head Start center, the ASB Senate now.

About 30 demonstrators, including students, children, crowd members, and the Senate Chamber on whether part of the Lounge could be the Head Start Center site was found.

After the ASB Senate meeting, Dickie, ruled that the present, discuss the Head Start Center placed in the Lounge began.

A spokesman for Pete Rice, said "okay, the center but they give it need the Senate committing a part of the Lounge to be used if the district center site."

A student representative who use the employees who submitted a petition to the Senate opposing the lounge for the Head Start Program.

Stating that opposed to a Head Start Center on campus, the demonstrators explained that the lounge was nowhere else but the classes.

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Students at Tuesdays' rally expressed vocal support for a Head Start Center on campus.

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After further debate on the issue, including statements by Chester to the effect that several possible sites could be available, but it was up to the board as to which one, if any, would be used, Senator Bill Gore moved that the Senate make available the eastern half of Student Lounge for the Head Start Center so that the deadline could be met.

The motion included the following points: any structural changes in the lounge would be paid for by Head Start and the lounge would be returned to normal when the center was moved; no employees of the lounge would lose their job; and the center would not be permanently located in the lounge. The Senate stressed the point that the lounge should be used as a last resort, if the district could not find another site by the Dec. 31 deadline.

The motion was passed by a 2/3 majority of the Senate.

This does not mean, however, that Head Start is now guaranteed a facility on campus. The Senate's action must now be approved by the administration and the board.

Though many people have been working to establish a child day care center here on campus, the Head Start program, if facilities are found for it, will not be strictly a day care center.

According to Virginia Sanchez, the Fresno County Head Start coordinator, the program will be a pre-school education program accommodating 80 children, not a nursery school.

Sanchez stated that how much money Head Start could spend to establish the Center at FCC was not definitely known yet.

She further stated that Head Start normally did not have to pay for facilities for a center. Most campuses that wish a center donate facilities, and Head Start assumes all other costs.

The fact that the Head Start program will not be an actual child day care center has caused some reluctance among board and faculty members who would prefer more college control of a day care center.

The Faculty Senate recently voted to endorse a Head Start Center on campus, while making it clear that some other type of day care center was preferred but recognizing the need for immediate action to establish some type of center on campus.

The board of trustees has scheduled a special meeting to determine whether a site is available on or near campus this year or whether the establishment of a center must be put off.

The meeting will be held in the District Office at 5 p.m. on Dec. 21.

At that time Head Start will state how much they can spend on establishing a center and Chester will present his findings on possible sites.



Luis Sosa, sociology instructor at FCC 'with babe in arms' states that, "The administration doesn't care about the students."



Demonstrating students marched through the administration and are shown exiting the student services building

Enloe, and Henry Guitierrez



On foot and in wheelchairs students rallied to the support of the proposed day care center.

CONCERT REVIEW

'Heart' pleases Fresno audience

By Laura Batti

On Dec. 5, the Seattle based band, Heart, performed to a near-capacity crowd at Selland Arena.

The opening band, Player, due to unforeseen circumstances (their equipment failing to arrive), had to cancel. Player was replaced by Fresno's own Thrust.

Though I have to admit Thrust had a lot of guts going on stage at the last minute, their performance didn't quite make it. You could tell the crowd was waiting for Heart's entrance. When Heart finally came on stage they didn't let the audience down.

Heart consists of six talented musicians who play numerous instruments very well. The main members are sisters Ann and Nancy Wilson. Ann is lead vocalist and flutist and Nancy does vocals, rhythm, electric and acoustic guitars, harmonica and keyboards.

Rounding off the band are Roger Fisher, lead electric and acoustic guitars, Howard Leese,

keyboards, guitar and vocals, Michael Derosier, drums and percussion, and Steve Fossen, bass.

Heart played "Magazine," the title cut off their album Magazine, "Barracuda" and "Kick It Out," and it was great. They have a tremendous stage appearance, all members work well on stage together. They also played some songs off their newly released album Dog and Butterfly. In fact, they played the title cut by the same name.

For their first encore they played an old Led Zeppelin tune entitled "Rock n' Roll." The crowd wanted more, so Heart came out for a second encore and played an old Nilsson song, "P.S. I Love you." Ann Wilson really shined on the song.

The concert had to be one of the best that's come to Fresno this year. Even though there were some sound problems, I'd say if you missed the concert, you really missed something.



Ann Wilson, center, shows her stuff, while sister Nancy, left and Howard Leese play to the audience.

Photo by Laura Batti

Rail discusses road to publication for poets

By Michale Lehman

For three years he sent poetry to magazines. He received only rejection slips. Today, however, he is getting invitations to submit poetry to magazines.

He perceives himself to be a successful poet but it is not because he's getting letters of acceptance instead of slips of rejection.

"I felt I was a successful poet before I'd ever had a poem published," said DeWayne Rail, adviser of RAM magazine and an English instructor at FCC.

Rail was a self-satisfied poet before he was a published poet. Undoubtedly, if he hadn't been happy with his work he might have thrown down his pen in frustration years ago.

Now Rail is a successful poet not only in his eyes but in those who read his poetry.

He has recently had four of his poems printed in an anthology entitled Heartland. Rail's work is in good company. The anthology also contains work by William Saroyan, Mark Twain, Leonard Gardner, who wrote the movie Fatsy, and Gary Sota, one of his students.

Rail has been published in about 20 different magazines and anthologies. Last year his poems were accepted in six different magazines. With each poem that

is published, it becomes easier to have another published.

He had his poems published in an anthology entitled Down at the Sante Fe Depot along with 20 other valley poets.

"It was widely reviewed," Rail said. "It helped me get things published."

Though Rail's work is accepted often, the impression should not be given that every time he sends a poem to a magazine it gets printed.

"Sometimes I'll go for a year and only get one published," he said.

That's where his self-satisfaction comes in to help him last the year with pen in hand. His love of what he does also helps.

Remembering the three years that he sent poems never to have them published Rail says; "I was terribly disappointed. I was so interested in writing I think I would have done it forever, though."

Rail writes every day.

"You have to have a schedule," he says.

In the summer he writes for three or four hours in the morning starting at 7 a.m.

"I have some coffee and start

to write until I get a substantial portion of a poem written."

It's harder for him to find time while he's teaching, but he makes it during the evenings.

Sometimes he'll spend days on end working on the same poem, on rare occasions it will take only three hours to complete one.

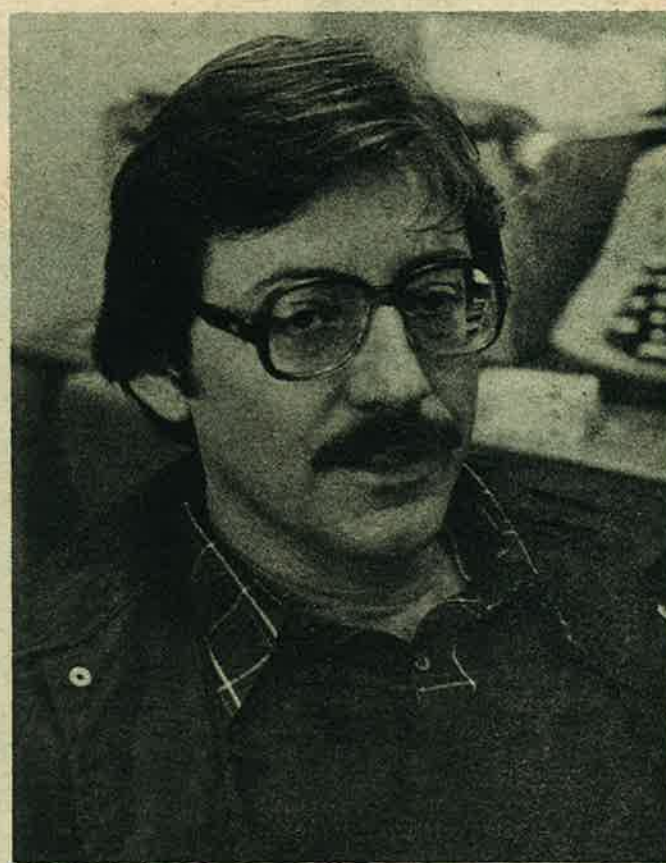
"It took me a year once to write a poem. Three hours is the shortest."

Why is he rewarded by editors for some of his efforts and not for others? Rail believes a lot depends on the "personal whim of an editor."

"I had one poem turned down by 13 magazines and when it was finally accepted it was praised to the skies by an editor," he said.

To the poet who is trying to get his work published he offers this advice: "Send them out to magazines, just the poem and a return envelope, and forget about them. Write a whole bunch before they come back."

Though getting his work published did not make him a success in his own eyes, Rail naturally wanted his poems printed. Now that he's achieved the status of a published writer what does the future hold for



DeWayne Rail

Photo by Ken Enloe

him?

He laughs at the question and jokingly but obviously hopefully replies, "I'd like to be well known, have a book published by Harper and Row and teach at... Yale, yes, Yale."

'Pandora' tries to raise women's consciousness here

By Laura Batti

"The purposes of Pandora and Co. are communication and education. The magazine provides a local media resource for women's activities and organizations as well as a resource for writers, poets and artists... we are free women responding to inner directions... we do not blame outside agencies, men or economics for our condition, but set about changing the cause in ourselves that make us subject to wrong ideas... we explore our deepest spirit to discover true instincts that give rise to purposes beyond what is convenient to the common culture. We create a new culture for the spirit of the goddess being born within us."

That passage was written by a group of writers at Pandora and Co., a valley women's magazine that started just about a year ago.

"Pandora was started by a group of women, legal secretaries, lawyers, actresses and mothers. It was started because

there was a need for voicing women's problems," said Janet Capella, an ex-FCC student who works for the publication.

The magazine's name comes from the old greek myth of Pandora, the daughter of a major god and goddess. "Pandora opens a box and all of the evils of mankind come out. We've done a lot of research on the greek myth and have found a lot of myths. We've found that what she opens up is herself giving birth to a whole new human race," said Capella.

"We're trying to put forth a new age. It's hard to come right out and talk about a lot of things in Fresno, but hopefully this is a voice of a new age and what's to come."

Six issues of Pandora came out during their first year. The magazine has been reorganized and has taken on a new image since then.

"There's plenty of magazines that tell you how to get clothes, a husband, or how to make a joint bank account work. That only

helps about 2 per cent of the women in the world. Most women have to make their own way and get themselves together, so we want the magazine to be a picture of the whole woman and a voice for women in the San Joaquin Valley," said Capella.

Pandora is funded by its own advertising. "We are asking for a grant of \$13,000, so we can pay our advertising people, someone to run an office, an office space and a telephone," said Capella.

Pandora's next issue is due out after Christmas. "In our January-February issue there will be an extended article on the Pandora myths. We're also doing an article in the spring on women on welfare as well as alcoholism. We're trying to stick to current issues that affect women in the San Joaquin Valley," said Capella.

The magazine can be bought at various shops around the valley, including FCC's Bookstore.



A woman's voice in the valley.

Federally funded

Chicano youth center opens in community

By Pete Perez

Recently the Federal Educational Training Commission (FETC) funded the Trabajadores de La Raza (Workers of The People) \$57,000 for a Chicano Youth Leadership Center in Fresno.

The center, on Tulare, will basically provide a central location where high school and college students can gather and acquaint each other by working on joint projects.

"Several programs have been funded in the past to deal with counseling and providing service to Chicano or minority students," said Alfonso Hernandez director of the center, "but we feel that there is something missing in those programs, something very important when working with the kind of students that we are, and that is to develop each individual's potential of leading himself, and that is what the youth center is all about."

Some of the priorities of the center are to get students actively involved in several of the staff's projects and then getting the students to conceive some of their own projects and organize them into successful functions.

A cultural educational segment is designed to help them

appreciate their cultural background and seek their identity. By doing this, added Hernandez, "we hope other problems can be ironed out."

The MECHA youth center has been in operation for six weeks now and with a staff of five — one director, a secretary and three community aides — has developed seven MECHA clubs within Fresno County.

Working directly with around 70 students, the center will provide tutoring classes for students having difficulties at school and in the community — basic classes as English, math, camera and darkroom techniques, phonetics and others, depending on attendance.

The center also will publish a monthly news letter that will give club reports, announcements and general information on the center's progress.

Staff member Stan Santos said this "isn't your traditional program where the staff members sit in back of a desk and let the students come to us. We're constantly recruiting youth wherever they are, in the schools, the community, or out in the streets."

The center is open Monday thru Saturday all day, with staff members always present.

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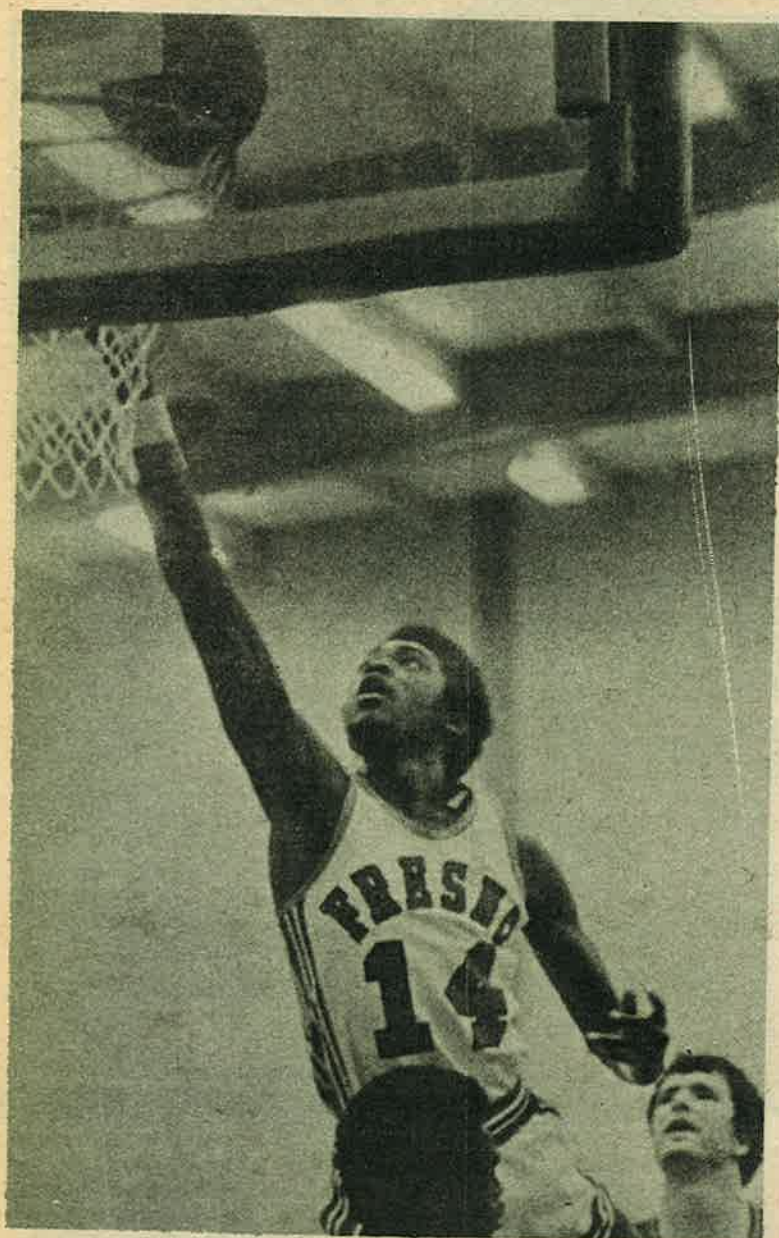
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Money priority

Prop. 13, the controversial Jarvis-Gann amendment, delivered its tragic blow to FCC. While last year 95 subjects were offered on campus, only 81 were offered this year. And courses were cut from 619 to 552; total course sections (such as 20 classes of English 1A) were cut from 1,553 to 1,885.

Also, the number of parttime instructors was cut from 351 to 171, no fulltime instructors were cut.

This is not what is so upsetting, though. It's that \$28,000 was spent on the Renzi sculpture "The Acrobats," and another \$435,000 was spent on the Phase III operation.

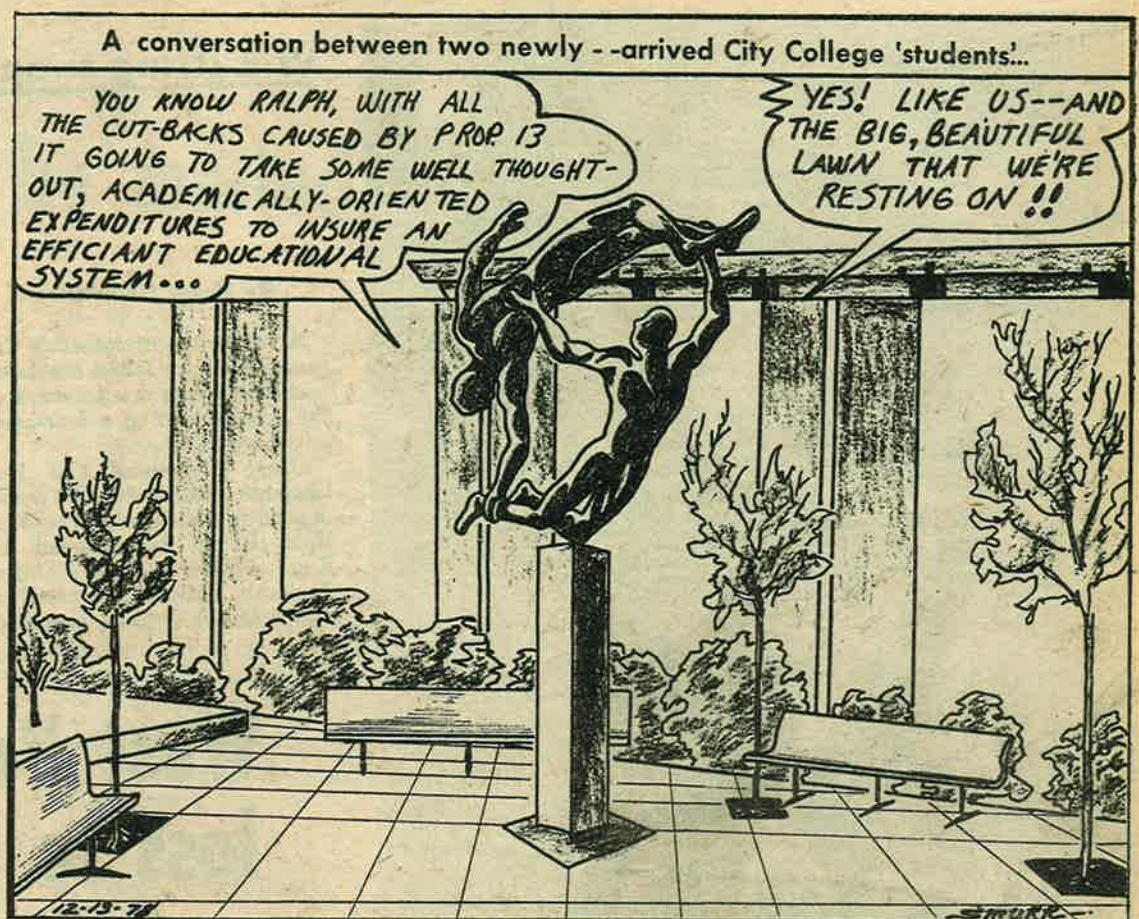
That's the new lawn between the Bookstore and the Cafeteria. That is a total of \$463,000 for a facelift.

Surely that \$463,000 could have gone for something a bit more useful, such as class offerings, building repairs, anything but the nonsense it was spent on.

Maybe my thinking is wrong, but in this age of cutting unnecessary spending, yet turning around and spending \$463,000 on beautification and then cutting classes and laying people off is slightly ridiculous.

Now, maybe the board of trustees had no other choice but to spend the money the way that it was, since a majority of the money was from a government grant. Still, the person who made the decision to spend the money the way that it was in this year of Prop. 13 should get his or her wrist whacked. Better yet, bury them up to their neck in the \$435,000 lawn.

—Doug Hamilton



Church of reason

As this semester nears its end and we all begin that intense mental exercise called finals, I would like to comment on the nature of education and how the institution of college or university (in essence they are the same thing) is related to our goal of education.

I'm reminded of an incident which occurred several years ago in which a Catholic church building was sold and subsequently became a bar with a neon sign over the front door. Many local residents were offended by this and complained to the church officials.

In answer, a church spokesman asked these people if they really believed that bricks and glass and boards constituted a church. The building itself was not holy ground, it had been desanctified. The beer sign resided over a bar, not a church, and anyone who couldn't tell the difference was simply revealing something about themselves.

Many times, the concept "school" or "university" is likewise misunderstood. The real university is not a material object. It occupies no specific space. It owns no property, pays no salary and receives no money for its continuance.

The real university is a state of mind. It is the heritage of rational thought and of striving to learn that has been brought down to us through the centuries. This state of mind is regenerated through the centuries by a body of people traditionally called professors or teachers, but even these titles are not a part of the university. The real university is nothing less than the continuing body of reason itself.

In addition to this state of mind, there is the legal entity which is called by the same name and many times confused for the real thing. This is a branch of the state with a specific address. It owns property, pays salaries and receives money.

But this second university cannot teach, does not generate new knowledge or evaluate ideas. It is just the church building, the setting, the location at which conditions are favorable (at least they are supposed to be favorable) for the real church to exist.

Confusion occurs when people think that control of the church building (a campus) implies control of the church (the university).

Since we can only get our education from the real university, we must always bear in mind that the only reason the church building (campus, administration, facilities, teachers, board of trustees, etc.) is here at all, the only legitimate reason this institution exists, is to insure that we, the students of the real university, are given the means to learn and pursue knowledge.

—Sam Tull

Needed: better student senators

By Julie Benitez

All semester FCC's Student Senate members have been playing games with their constitution, by-laws and parliamentary procedures, or more specifically Robert's Rules of Order.

The debate usually begins with "What's a quorum" which should be perfectly understood by now. One person will say that the guiding force behind the Senate is the constitutional by-laws, but when a conflict arises you can count on a senator bringing up the fact that the by-laws say to turn to Robert's Rules of Order, which in turn states that the constitution is the guiding force for Senate procedures.

Confused? You're not as confused as the people who sit on the committee that represents (or is supposed to represent) FCC's student body!

Confusion has to be the only device certain senators have of accomplishing their goals. The trick is to confuse the majority of senators into voting for the person who speaks the loudest or knows the most parliamentary procedures.

What's worse is that they don't remember which rules they changed. Some senators find this convenient because they may want to change the same rule they changed, back to what it was to begin with! For example,

the rule that only ASB card holders could attend meetings, yet they only asked for one student's card and have yet to ask for any others, although at last Tuesday's meeting the room was packed with students and their young children who certainly didn't have cards. The children weren't even FCC students!

But what topped it all off was when they tried to change the quorum from 14 to 8. They tried it a few weeks ago and then admitted they were wrong, yet here they were again changing things they have no right to. Lucky for them that the senators needed to make a quorum (14) walked in a few minutes after the meeting began.

OPINION

What I want to know is who's to blame for the Senate's actions? Surely the Senate itself, but what about the students who took part in electing them? We complain about the Senate yet many of us didn't bother vote, but even the ones who voted stated that there wasn't much choice on who to select from.

So what do we do? As responsible students we must encourage interested, intelligent students to run for office and make the students running work for votes, campaign, talk to students, state what their goals consist of, who their constituents are, what their experience

is and why they want to run for office!

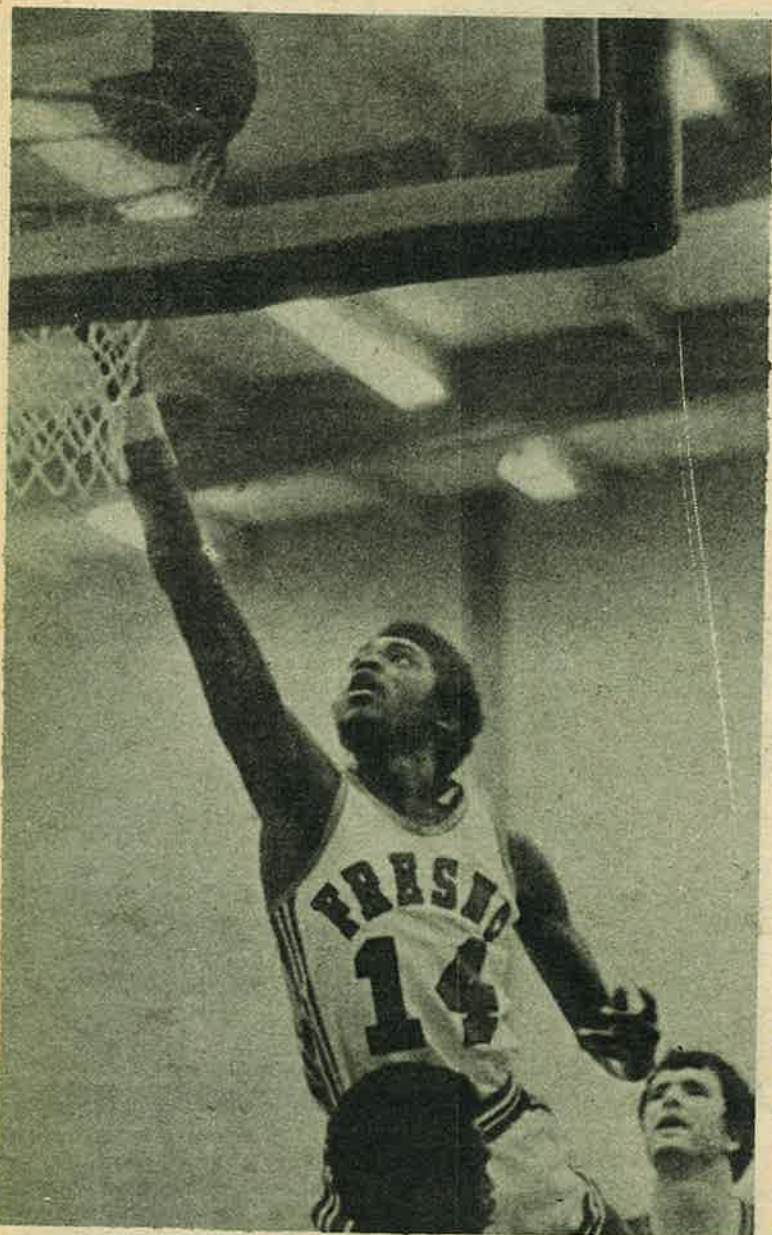
This is the way better representation can come about, and anything is better than what we have now. There are some senators who are sincere in what they stand for. Unfortunately these are the ones who many times quit, disappointed with other members of the Senate and an unresponsive student body.

We need more of these type of people to run in the next election and we also need more of these people to take interest in the Senate, if only with their vote.

Elections will be held Jan. 30 and 31. Don't let them go by unnoticed, or we may see the mistakes made this semester repeated — mistakes such as the couple who chat through most of the meetings, or the ones who attend only to keep from being dropped. Then there's the one who pulls tricks out of his constitution. The list goes on and on while the senators sincere in working for what's best for the students watch, get angry and then give up when it seems as if nobody cares.

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