

(l to r) Susan Sorensen, tentative executive vice-president pending Senate approval; Myra Suggs, Carol Kovacevich, and Peggy Erickson, all newly elected student Senators

Susan Sorensen nominated executive VP replacement

In another informal meeting Tuesday, the ASB Senate discussed appointments for vacant offices, budget cuts, lagging ASB card sales, and an upcoming student government conference. Five recently elected senators were introduced.

The body lacked a quorum and was unable to take action on any of these matters.

ASB president Sue Martin introduced her choices for the vacant executive vice president office and a vacant Senate seat.

Susan Sorensen, a second-semester student, will serve as executive vice president for one semester pending approval by the senate. Sorensen was active in high school politics.

Brian Guthrie, a sophomore, will serve as a senator. Guthrie was president pro tem of the Senate last semester and served as a senator last year.

"I did not run in the last election for a two-semester term because that would leave another Senate vacancy between semesters," explained Guthrie. "It is

easier to be appointed for one term."

After the introductions, senate members received copies of the revised ASB budget. Proposed cuts would reduce the budget from \$46,737 to \$20,964. Lagging ASB card sales made the cuts necessary, according to Martin.

ASB membership was the topic of a pep talk by Doug Peterson, dean of men and student government adviser. He noted the decline in sales and gave examples of similar problems at other community colleges where the student body membership has dropped to below 20 per cent. Only one in four students at FCC hold ASB cards, according to Peterson.

"All is not completely dark," he said to the Senate. "You have got to get some good money-making projects going."

Peterson suggested a series of popular movies as a possible fund raiser.

In other business, Richard Mata, recording secretary, reminded Senate members of a California Community College Student Government Association Conference scheduled for April

in Sacramento. Eight students from FCC will attend.

Mata is chairman of Area 5, the region of the state hosting the conference. FCC is heavily involved in arranging the spring conference, he stated.

All five senators chosen in last week's election were present at the meeting. They are Peggy Erickson, Carol Kovacevich, Albert Quintana, Brett Rodger and Myra Suggs.

Rodger has already served as a senator for two terms. Suggs and Kovacevich served as officers in the Rally Club last semester. Kovacevich hopes "to get the spark back into the ASB." Erickson and Quintana are second-semester students.

Three senators were absent without explanation. Letters announcing the meeting had been sent to them, according to Martin. The absent members were Paul Bolanos, Tom O'Rourke and Mike McCutchen.

A special Senate meeting is scheduled for today at 1 p.m. in the Senate Chamber.

Board wants state to protect building

Action was taken to ensure that the old administration building be made "vandal proof" at a meeting of the State Center Community College District Board of Trustees Feb. 7.

Board members expressed concern over possible legal problems if an injury or accident occurred on the premises of the vacant building.

Dr. Edward R. Mosley, trustee emphasized the possibility of lawsuits against the district and the board members if action was delayed.

"As long as we sit here, the state officials are going to sit there. They're not going to do anything unless we push them," he said.

A fence could be constructed around the grounds to secure the building. The state would be billed for the costs.

The board will ask the state to begin title transfer proceedings for the building within the next 30 days. The state has agreed to convert the old administration building into an agricultural museum at a cost of about \$3 million. The museum is to be operated by either the City or the County of Fresno.

Disadvantaged students were the topic of a presentation by representatives of the Fresno City College Extended Opportunity Programs and Services and the Campus Advisory Committee.

The board heard several suggestions by the two groups, such as expanding the financial aids program, adding ethnic studies courses, and creating a multi-culture center.

"Other students have advantages that give them an edge," said Betty Coulter, chairperson

for the committee. "Unless disadvantaged students become aware of their own value and potential as participating members of the higher economic level of society, they and their children will continue to be of the lower economic environment."

Mosely replied that "although the services are not perfect, they have improved." The trustees agreed to take the matter into consideration and to work with the administration and the committee on the project.

The trustees also authorized \$30,802 to be spent in planning and bidding for sanitation and safety improvements at the Vocational Training Center. Current facilities are inadequate. The work is needed to meet state health and safety standards.

In another matter the board approved the purchase of the Clement Renzi sculpture, "The Acrobats," at a cost of \$21,200 if the appraised value is no less than that amount. The statue now is at the Ramada Inn on Shaw Avenue.

Renzi is a widely known artist associated with various galleries. He is a native of Visalia and has lived in Fresno for the past 18 years. Other works of his on display in Fresno are "The Visit" and "The New Book."

The board also approved plans for 20 Reedley College forestry students to attend the Sierra Cascade Logging Conference Feb. 9-11, at Reno.

The board accepted a gift of technical books relating to dentistry from Lois Wenn, a Reedley College dental assistant instructor.

The board sent to a committee for further study a request by FCC administrators for second fulltime school nurse.

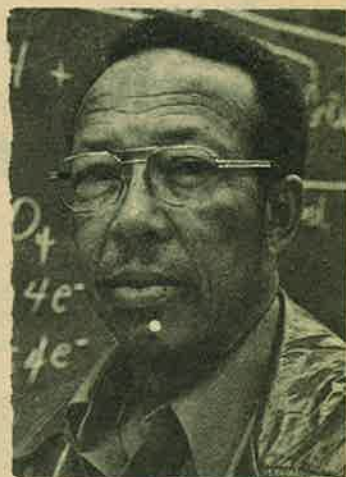
William Day man of year for society

FCC instructor William Day has received the 1977 "Alpha Man of the Year" title for the western region of the college black fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha.

The western region encompasses Arizona, California, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah and Washington. The award is given each year to a person who shows outstanding achievement in fraternity and/or community work.

In addition to his fraternity work, Day was honored for his accomplishments with Bethune Elementary School six graders. Day taught students fundamental principles of chemistry over a period of weeks.

Day is regional director of the San Joaquin Valley district, and two of the chapters in his area have received a number of awards during the past two years. The Bakersfield graduate chapter received "Chapter of the Year" honors in 1975 and 1976, and the California State University of Fresno chapter was selected for the undergraduate honor in 1976 and 1977.



William Day, 1977 "Alpha Man of the Year"

Acc'd semester's signup now

Thought you missed out on attending college in the spring? Well Fresno City College is offering an accelerated semester with courses beginning on Feb. 27 and March 20.

The college credit courses will end with the rest of the regular spring semester courses on May 24. A person can earn up to 12 units of credit in the accelerated semester program.

For more information on the accelerated semester contact the Admissions Office at 442-8228.

8,000 'moonlighters'

Night classes serve wide variety of students needs

Everything from soup ("Quantity Food Preparation") to nuts ("Steering, Suspension, and Wheel Alignment and Brakes") is offered as night courses at City College each semester.

Almost 8,000 State Center Community College District (SCCCD) residents take night courses each semester, most over the age of 20.

Many of the courses offered during the day also are offered in the evening, but several special courses are available only at night.

"Introduction to Celtic Culture," "Introduction to Armenian

Folklore and Music," "Solar Energy," and "Advanced Emission Control" are just a few of the Special Studies Classes offered only in the evenings.

Persons desiring a chance to sharpen their tennis, racketball, or bowling skills may be interested in some of the Physical Education courses offered at night.

Hundreds of other courses such as Basic Astronomy are offered. Basic Astronomy explores the universe and the constellations from naked eye studies to the edge of space. High school algebra and geometry is recommended for the class.

Many dietetic service classes are only offered at night, for instance, Contemporary Dietetic and Food Services. This covers responsibilities in a health care institution, community care, or school program. Modified Diet is also offered. This class goes over abnormal physical conditions in the diet, with clinical field experience arranged.

A mandatory health fee of \$2-5 depending on course load is the only fee imposed by the college. Any resident of the SCCC who is a high school graduate or 18 years of age or older is eligible to attend FCC.

GOING UP?



FCC long distance (2 mile) runner,
Valentin Ramos

Golf team wide open; only two veterans back

Hans Wiedenhofer, golf coach, is looking over a lot of new faces for the best starting lineup. The only two returnees are Pat Barklow and Jeff Johnston, who each saw limited action in 1977.

Eleven others are battling for a spot on the team with Dennis Dachler (Woodland) and Dan Horning (Bullard) having the two best rounds in early season practice. Other golfers that impress Wiedenhofer have been Randy Norvell (Fresno), Mark Darby (Bullard) and Phil Costello (Fresno).

Also fighting for a berth on the squad are Joe Castorano (Los

Angeles), Jeff Lange (Bullard), Ralph Lotspeich (Sanger), Jim McDonald (Maine), Marty Walters (Bullard) and Mike Williams (England).

"We won't have a set lineup until conference play begins on Feb. 28," said Wiedenhofer. "We will just have to keep playing practice matches and wait for the cream to rise to the top. It is difficult to say who will be our top six players."

The next home match will be Tuesday, Feb. 21 against Bakersfield at Riverside Golf Course. Tee-off time will be 1 p.m.

Ram Report

Baseball coach is consistent winner

By Dave Coulson

Consistency is probably one of the most important things that a coach or a team has to strive for.

For a team or a coach to be remembered they have to keep on winning. One winning season or one championship doesn't get the job done.

A sportswriter once said that there were three things that were good bets in life. The three were the New York Yankees, Joe Louis, and Notre Dame. The reason was that they almost always won.

That is one extreme of consistency, but there is another. The New York Mets were known for their abilities to lose a game for many years. And how about Tampa Bay? They are still only 2-26 even with those two upsets at the end of last season.

At one time you could always count on hearing a Brooklyn Dodger fan yell "Wait until next year." How is that for consistency?

But did you know there is a coach on campus who is just as consistent as all of my examples? Baseball coach Len Bourdet has won 470 games at FCC while losing only 206 (not counting games this season).

Only two coaches in California junior college baseball history have won more games. And they are as much a part of past history as the old American Football League.

Four times under Bourdet's guidance the Rams have captured the state baseball championship. If only everyone could be as consistent as Len Bourdet.

Bourdet's teams never have posted a losing season. Most of our presidents can't even say that. So Bourdet will keep on winning and the world will just keep on spinning.

Could Bourdet have a losing season? Could Tampa Bay win the Super Bowl?

Ram track men, women look good in AC meet

More than 250 athletes from FSU, Fresno Pacific, the Fresno Pacific Track Club, FCC, Merced, Porterville and Reedley Colleges took part in the FSU All-Comers meet Saturday.

Turning in a fine performance for the Rams' mens team was Willie Alexander in the long jump. Alexander took first with a leap of 22-4.

Cory Miller finished a strong second in the 110 hurdles as he was timed at 14.4. Miller also took third in the high jump with a leap of 6-6.

In the men's 1600 relay, the Rams sprinters took second with a time of 3:29.9.

In the triple jump, Ray Eddings captured first with a

leap of 46-8.

The girl spikers turned in a strong performance for the Rams.

In the 1500, Connie Hester took first at 5:05.2, and Ester Villanueba took third at 5:31.7.

Pauly Banks and Dianna Macias took second and third respectively in the long jump with jumps of 14-11½ and 14-5½.

In the womens 100 yard dash, Debbie Hackett took second with a time of 13.7 and second with a time of 14.4 was Sarah Saucedo.

In the javelin the Rams placed first and third. Grace Robles took top honors with a throw of 89-1. Sosa took third at 74-0.

The Rams swept the women's shotput. Hanson took first with a toss of 37-1½. Placing second and

third were Roxanne Kasparian and Grace Robles.

In the high jump Debbie Hackett placed second at 4-3.

In the 800 meters the women swept the event. Taking first was Hester at 2:33.5. Following Hester for second and third were Grace Robles and Villanueba.

In the 200, Macias and Banks took first and third, respectively.

The discus was another strong point for the Rams as they took first, second, and third. Hanson took first with a throw of 118-7. Second was Howard and third was Roviscioni.

The Rams' next meet will be Feb. 24 at Ratcliffe against Fresno Pacific and Bakersfield.

Sportwriters honor wrestler John Diaz

By Mark Belman

Last weekend in Bakersfield, the Ram wrestlers placed an impressive fourth in the 21st annual California State JC Championships.

Fresno's most courageous performance came from the new state champion at 190, John Diaz. After wrestling at the heavyweights all season, John qualified for the state championships by wrestling at 190 for the first time only a week ago in Santa Maria.

Joining Diaz in the spotlight were Bob Grimes at 177 and Martin Royal at 142.

Diaz opened the tournament by defeating Gaylord Lane from West Valley 8-5. In his quarterfinal match Camm Herrick, the former No. 1 ranked 190 pounder, John outpointed the highly touted Grossmont wrestler by the score of 8-3. According to Ram coach Bill Musick, "John looked like his old self."

The real trouble came Friday night as John ballooned up to 207 pounds. But with Fresno State's mat coach Dick Francis' doctorate thesis and the help of his fellow teammates, John managed to get back down to 190 pounds.

Francis' theory is that a wrestler can lose up to 7 per cent of their water weight by several hours of whirlpool and sauna treatment.

The plan is designed for emergency cases only—like Diaz.

This method also makes it easier for the wrestler to regain his strength than if he had to run the weight off.

With the help of his teammates, who worked in shifts, John made the next day's weigh-in.

On Saturday Diaz wrestled perhaps stronger than at any other time. In his semifinal match against Cerrito's John Ihli, the South region champion, John pinned him at 5:28 of the third round. In this match John fell behind early only to take a 3-2 lead at the end of the second round. However Ihli, who was second in the state last year, suffered a leg injury at the end of the second round. Diaz capitalized on the advantage to pin Ihli.

In the finals Diaz smashed Cedric Graham of El Camino by the score of 10-4.

Placing third at 177 was ex-Clovis product Grimes. In his first match Bob pinned Mike Miller from Cerritos at 3:35 in the second round. Then in his quarterfinal bout, Grimes defeated a stronger but not as quick Rick Sikes from DeAnza. Grimes had previously defeated Sikes in the Fresno State and DeAnza tournaments.

The next day Grimes' semifinal match, Bob lost to the defending state champion Rick Worel of Palomar by the score of 12-2.

Back in the consolation bracket, Grimes beat Diablo's Valley Jarl Gruneth, 9-6. Then

in the consolation finals Grimes met Sikes again. Grimes took a commanding lead of 11-4 in the third and held on to win 13-9.

After winning his first match by a score of 16-8 over Golden West's Mark Allbrook, Royal bowed to the state's top 142-pounder, Mike Fredenburg of West Valley.

Martin Royal then bounced back to pin Bernie Shafer of El Camino in the first round of consolation. Then in the semifinals of consolation, Royal again pinned his opponent. This time it was Glen Oltmas of Cypress. In the consolation finals Royal faced Mike Fredenburg of West Valley for the second time in the tournament. Battling a persistent nose bleed, Royal lost by a riding point 6-5.

Other Rams who didn't fare so well were Don Johnston (167), Neal Freeman (134) and Larry Verduzco (158). Also Ralph Torres (126) did not compete because of a cold and a temperature of 103 degrees.

Johnston, ranked second in the state, lost in the quarterfinals and then was pinned in his first consolation match.

Freeman and Verduzco each had short days as they lost their openers and then saw their victors lose their next matches, which eliminated the Ram pair.

Palomar took first with 89½ points, followed by Chabot with 74¾, El Camino 54¾ and Fresno with 46½.

Matmen fourth in California; Diaz, Grimes, Royal winners

Wrestler John Diaz has been named community college athlete-of-the-week by the San Joaquin Valley Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association for winning the state 190 pound weight title.

Diaz joined last year's Ram

team during the spring semester and finished fifth in the regionals at heavyweight. This season Diaz was third in the Valley Conference at heavyweight, but slimmed down to 190 for the regionals and took third at the lighter weight.

At the state championships in Bakersfield, Diaz was forced to

lose 17 pounds before his semi-final match, but still went on to win the state championship. His victory paced the Rams to a fourth place finish, their best since FCC won the state crown in 1975.

Diaz also is a linebacker on the Ram football team.



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Ram whip Modesto 86-67, entertain Beavers tomorrow

Other basketball teams in the Valley Conference are finding it hard to defense FCC's John Meyer.

Modesto was the latest victim as the Myer-led Rams planked the Pirates 86-67 in Modesto Saturday night.

Meyer drilled in 13 of 20 shots from the field to score a game high 34 points. The 6-4 forward also pulled down 16 rebounds.

Meyer has averaged 32.5 points per game in the team's last four outings. He has had games of 27, 45, 24 and 34 points

during the period.

The Rams have a pair of conference games this weekend. They host second place American River on Friday and travel to Stockton to challenge first place Delta on Saturday.

The victory over the Pirates moved FCC into a third place tie with Reedley. The Rams are now 12-13 overall and 6-4 in conference with four conference games to play.

The teams that finish second through fifth in the conference standings qualify for the conference playoffs. The winner earns a

spot in the state playoffs joining the conferences first place team.

COS and Sacramento City are currently tied for fifth place. The Rams never trailed the Pirates after the first two minutes and led 38-30 at the half.

Also hitting for double figures were Ron Chatman with 14 and Steve Groth with 12. Chatman also grabbed 11 rebounds.

The Rams shot better than the Pirates (52 per cent to 38 per cent) and controlled the boards (51-36).



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Sports Briefs

Women's basketball team wins

The 3-1 FCC women's basketball team were to play the CSUF JV team Wednesday at CSUF at 5:30 p.m. The Merced Shamrocks are the only team to hand the Rams a loss this season as they have rolled over Santa Ana College, Gavilan College and the CSUF JV team. Sarah Pinson, Connie Gooch, Becky Royce and JoAnn Ganduglia all have been standouts for FCC.

California Relays. Eric Gordon and Richard Gorham pace the untested aquamen. The women's team will also see its first action of the year in the relays.

Ping Pong, racketball

Get out and have a bit of zany fun, and get a little exercise while you're at it. FCC Intramural Recreation Activities, directed by the Rec-21 class, include a variety of sports events and social functions during the Spring Semester.

Ping Pong, to be held in the Gym foyer, will be offered on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 11 a.m., followed by racketball on Friday,

Feb. 24 at 8 a.m. and volleyball on Monday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m.

Every Monday from 7 to 10 p.m., the class sponsors a Co-recreational evening in the Gym, and Intramural recreation activities on Fridays between 9 and 9:30 a.m., also in the Gym. A Recreational Conference will be held at the Fresno Convention Center Feb. 24-28.

Sign painting and one-on-one basketball were offered at the beginning of the month.

For further information contact recreation instructor R. L. Dahlgren.

Swim season

begins Saturday

The Ram swim team will get their first taste of action Saturday in Santa Rosa when they participate in the Northern

'Postal Opportunity'

Fresno postmaster speaks here Friday



Fresno City Postmaster Reuben Ford

Reuben Ford, Fresno postmaster, will be the guest speaker for a Black History program at 10 a.m. Friday in the Student Lounge. His topic will be "Equal Opportunity in Postal Service."

Ford, who has spent 31 years in government service, worked his way through the ranks of the postal service to his present position, assumed in August 1976. He is a manager/post-

master supervising the work of more than 50 other valley postmasters.

Ford attended Bakersfield College and received training in graduate courses at UCLA and UC Santa Barbara, as well as the Postal Service Academy in Washington, D.C.

Friday's program, arranged by instructor Lucille Rash, is free and public.

News Briefs

'On The Town'

The Gene Kelly-Stanley Donen film "On The Town" will be shown Friday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m. in Forum A.

General Admission is \$1 and FCC students with current ASB cards are admitted free.

The film will be shown as part of the FCC "Reel World" series of classic films.

Child Abuse Lecture Slated

"Child Abuse and Neglect in Society" will be the topic of a county social worker in a lecture from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday in SS-202.

The speaker will be Robert Allen of the Fresno County Mental Health Department.

His appearance is the fourth in a series of free programs on Learning Life Skills presented for students and staff members by the FCC Counseling Center.

EYE HEALTH NEWS

By Dr. Harold C. Sivas O.D.

Dear Dr. Sivas:

I am a hard contact lens wearer and have been wearing contact lenses for the past year. My vision with my lenses is good but I am unable to wear my prescription glasses when I remove my contacts because everything seems blurred. Is this expected? — Miss S.

COMMENT: If your prescription glasses are up to date, it is likely that you are suffering from a condition called "spectacle blur." When one wears hard contact lenses, the oxygen level between the lens and cornea must be sufficient to maintain normal corneal physiology. With an inadequate exchange of tears behind the lens, the cell walls on the outer corneal surface become disrupted, allowing water from the tear layer to pass into the corneal epithelium. By noting these changes with a biomicroscope, I may be able to alter your present lens parameters or re-fit you with new contact lenses in order that this condition may exhaust itself — giving sufficient vision with your glasses when you desire to remove your contacts.

The criterion of success with hard contact lenses should be all of five-fold: 1) good vision 2) adequate wearing time 3) patient comfort 4) no observable ocular changes occurring 5) good appearance.

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Dr. Sivas cannot answer all personal letters. Letters of general interest will be answered in his column. Address questions and comments to Dr. Harold C. Sivas, 634 S. Chestnut, Fresno 93702.

Satisfaction of Man

Today there are many seeking Christians who are not satisfied. Many have heard of the gospel of peace, joy and satisfaction. But in reality, what is their experience? Why are so many still under bondage to the world and the lust of this age? Is it possible to be freed from these in this life?

The reason so many Christians today are sick of "church," "pews," "pulpits," etc. is that they never found out how to live day by day, moment by moment with Christ. Nobody is as wonderful to be with as Christ Himself. Anyone who has tasted this enjoyment could never forget the experience. Many enemies of Christ, by just one touch with Him, became His dear lovers. What is it that could do this?

The Lord Jesus is not a belief, a faith or a creed. He is a wonderful person with a wonderful name. When you go through your day with all the headaches of this life, the doctrine of baptism by immersion will never help you. When you are about to lose your temper, the teaching of eternal security is of no effect. How about when you are in weakness and the lust of this world is overcoming you? Do you turn in your Bible to find out whether to baptize in the name of Jesus only, or in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? Our real need is not knowledge but a living, daily subjective touch with Christ. The Bible reveals a simple way to contact the Lord. Paul in Romans 10:12 says, "... the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call on Him." And in 2 Timothy 2:22, "Flee also youthful lusts: ... with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart." Just by breathing the name of Jesus, day by day we are supplied, nourished and refreshed. This calling on the Lord's name has freed us and filled our days with the full enjoyment of His presence.

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Group formed to fight wife abuse

Wife abuse is a crime against the mind and body. The wife in most cases is made to feel guilty and inferior in many aspects. A common myth is that wife abuse occurs only in poor and minority families. It's true they report more because they have less to lose. Wife abuse occurs in all walks of life. Salesmen, doctors, lawyers and even ministers have abused their wives. Very often husbands who are abusers were abused when they were children. Wife battery occurs every 30 seconds, resulting in 33 per cent of all female homicides, according to FBI statistics. In San Francisco, of more than 5,000 reported cases of wife abuse in a two-year period, only three went to court. Here in Fresno there is a place for an abused wife to go called SAFE. SAFE will help to provide a battered wife with counseling, a shelter, referrals and legal information. SAFE is located at 1334 E. Belmont; their phone is 227-0221. If you are an abused female, call them; if you know of an abused female, tell her about SAFE. Let us end this crime.

— Doug Hamilton

ASB apathy

So another ASB election comes... so it goes. Only four candidates run for a total of nine positions, leaving ASB with only a small number of persons to work with. In a realistic (although not necessarily actual) view, a small minority of the students can control the total assets of the student body, as well as guide them in any way or manner the Student Senate wants. Or equally, this same minority can also do what it wants with funds, activities and what have you. Doesn't anyone out there consider the consequences? To merely assert that one is at City College for an education is to point out one's own ignorance, not their ability to rise over such "high school" functions. Certainly, a degree of control is exerted by the administration, and it is a matter of opinion as to the extent of that control. But to sit on one's laurels is to allow yourself to be used. Yes, you are being used even if you didn't buy an ASB card. If you have a gripe, neither the administration nor the board of trustees will act on your lone complaint. Nor will action be taken if you have a group of people. The only real voice that the upper echelons will listen to is their own appointed representatives, the Associated Student Body government. Yet, without any base of support, the ASB is only a dancing marionette performing for the entertainment of the administration and the embarrassment of the student body as a whole. True, we have leaders who claim to be working for the students, yet that claim cannot be justified until the trust of the students is re-established. Pointing the blame cannot help. I point no blame... in fact, I can sense the disillusionment at how apathetic our campus is. But the fact that action is not being taken is a fault of those who refuse to do anything or who plan but never carry through. At this point, it doesn't matter what is done. ASB is close to sinking fast, and anything to boost it up cannot hurt. All I ask is help. Help from the students who are willing to ask themselves, "why am I just sitting here?" Students who are willing to commit themselves to a no-pay, soul-satisfying task of bringing the students back. Perhaps it won't work now... but at least it will be a start.

— Mark Hernandez

Letter policy

The Rampage welcomes comments from its readers. Letters should be typewritten and double spaced. Letters must be signed by the author, although pen names may be used at the editor's discretion. All letters will be corrected to Rampage style. Submit material to SC-211 no later than the Monday before intended publication.

Christian Fellowship, Tuesday, Senate Quarters, 12 noon
Christian Fellowship, Thursday, Senate Quarters, 12 noon
MECHA, Thursday, Comm. Rms. A & B, 12 noon
Piano Recital, Feb. 19, FCC Recital Hall, 2 p.m.
Rally Club, Friday, G-103, 1 p.m.
Student Senate, Tuesday, Senate Quarters, 1 p.m.
Jr. Soccer League Banquet, Feb. 16, Fresno Convention Center Exhibit Hall, evening
America & Michael Murphy, Feb. 16, Selland Arena, 8 p.m.
Fresno County Planning Dept. Public Hearing, Feb. 16, Fresno Convention Center Theater, Kingsburg-Selma Rooms, 8 p.m.
"Bugs Bunny Follies", Fresno Bee, Feb. 16-17, Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Friday, 4 & 8 p.m., Fresno Convention Center Theater
"Squar-rama", Fresno Falcons vs. West Covina Eagles, Feb. 17-18, Friday, 8:30 p.m. & Saturday, 8 p.m.
"Britain's Holiday Islands", World Geographic Society Film, Feb. 18, Fresno Convention Center Theater, 8:20 p.m.
Kennedy Cup Classic, Feb. 19-20, Selland Arena
Bill Glass Crusade Committee Banquet, Feb. 20, Fresno Convention Center Exhibit Hall B, evening

David Wilkerson Crusade, Feb. 20-21, Fresno Convention Center Theater, Monday, 7:30 p.m. & Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Donkey Basketball, YMCA, Feb. 21, Selland Arena, evening
Tubes, Feb. 17, Warnors Theatre for the Performing Arts, 8 & 11 p.m.
Santana & Journey, Feb. 26, Selland Arena, 8 p.m.
Golf, FCC vs. Bakersfield College, Feb. 17, Bakersfield, 1 p.m.
Baseball, FCC vs. COS, Feb. 17, Visalia, All Day
Men's Tennis, FCC vs. Bakersfield College, FCC Courts, 2 p.m., Feb. 17
Track & Field, Examiner Games, Feb. 18, San Francisco, 6 p.m.
Baseball, FCC vs. COS, Feb. 18, Visalia, All Day
Co-Ed Swimming, Feb. 18, Northern Cal Relays, Santa Rosa, All Day
Golf, FCC vs. Bakersfield College, Feb. 21, Riverside G.C., 1 p.m.
Women's Tennis, FCC vs. CSUF, FCC Courts, Feb. 22, 2 p.m.
"How Green Was My Valley," a film, Feb. 24, FCC Forum Hall A, 7:30 p.m.
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Film review

'Coma' is greatest thriller

By Mark Hernandez

Before I begin, let me warn you: Do not see "Coma" if you are squeamish, or if you have just eaten. And most importantly, do not take small children. I give you these warnings for several reasons, none of which are due to obscenity or gross scenes. Rather, the film is much into realism, and real life can be far more terrifying than fiction. "Coma" is based on a best seller of the same title, written by Robin Cook, a doctor and medical writer, with the screenplay written by Michael Crichton, also a doctor. Crichton is well-known for "Five Patients," "The Terminal Man," and "The Andromeda Strain" (the last two of which were very exciting films). Together, these two writers have come up with a film that must rank as the greatest suspense/thriller of all time. Dr. Susan Wheeler (played by Genevieve "Earthquake" Bujold) is a young doctor on the staff of Boston Memorial Hospital. A relationship between her and Dr. Mark Bellows (Michael Douglas) seems to be foundering as the two fight over the apartment they share as well as the responsibility each should have in living together. Complicating this is the fact

that Wheeler apparently is trying to prove she is competent enough to be a senior physician, and strives to expand herself. Part of this is to attend a mid-day dance class with her best friend, Nancy Greenley (played by Lois Chiles). Nancy is pregnant and married, but the pregnancy is by a man other than her husband.

To avoid problems, Nancy takes her own doctor's advice, compares it with Susan's, and asks for a "D & C" at Boston Memorial. For those of you unfamiliar with the term, a "D & C" is also called a "Dice and Chop" and is a form of abortion involving the surgeon using a scalpel to shred the unborn child. A vacuum pump is used to remove the tiny chunks that remain.

During the operation, strange problems occur with the anesthesia, and mysteriously Nancy's blood pressure drops and her heartbeat fluctuates. As everything goes back to normal, the doctors pass it off as a reaction under anesthesia... until her pupils are examined and are found in a fixed dilated condition.

As is later explained, Nancy Greenley has suffered "brain death" and is now a vegetable. She is comatose.

Knowing she can't do anything, Susan then tries to work out the loss of her best friend by researching strange operations resulting in comas; that is, operations which should not even come close to producing comatose conditions, such as appendectomies, tonsillectomies, and the like.

As she researches further, the chief anesthesiologist, Dr. Jorde (played by Rip Torn) takes her inquiries as a personal affront to his abilities, and informs the chief surgeon, Dr. George Harris (played by Richard Widmark). Both of these individuals look into the matter and tell Susan nothing is wrong.

Guess again.

The plotline of this film has now developed into what one reviewer called "Nancy Drew and the Hospital Murders." If this is Nancy Drew, I'm switching to Bugs Bunny comic

books. As a suspense film, it leaves nothing to be desired except that it continue.

To be blunt, "Coma" is the best suspense/thriller film to come out in years and may be the basis for others to work from in the future. It surpasses the usual thrillers and is a film which leaves you staggering out of the theater wishing you had not seen it... yet you are glad you did.

As to realism, the medical backgrounds of the writers testifies to its authenticity, and the acting is incredibly realistic. As you watch the film, you learn every single detail that Susan Wheeler finds just as she does, you see what she sees, and in a horribly effective fashion, you feel every feeling she does. You gain the same feeling of entrapment that she does, and you wish you could help her... and you know you can't do a single thing.

I have seen frightening films in my life, but never have I been on the edge of my seat in terror, suspense, and shock such as I felt during "Coma." I challenge anyone, including medical students, to see this film and not feel the same way.

About 30 persons were in the theatre when I saw the film: At the climax, we all were holding on to chairs or each other. See it, and I doubt you will ever want to go to a hospital again.

Short Takes:

*Thanks to you and me seeing it three or 20 times, "Star Wars" helped put 20th Century Fox in the black, with a profit increase of 374 per cent from 1976. That was the year the studio was in debt some \$4,664,000. Give yourself a hand...

*Thom Bell will be recording the soundtrack of "The Fish That Saved Pittsburgh"... except the film won't start production until May 1. Bell is using the same technique he utilized in "Car Wash," another film made to fit the soundtrack.

*Keep your eyes open. The trailer for "Superman" is in the Festival Cinemas, but no one seems to know which house is showing it. It doesn't let you see anything, but it sure is impressive.

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