



Don Watson

SAFE offers help to abused women

On Jan. 3 a program was begun called SAFE, or Services for Abused Females Enterprises, including program, education and administrative services.

SAFE was created through a community effort of many groups and citizens.

Julie R., a former abused female, told this reporter "It was eight years before my husband first struck me. I was very shocked when it first happened. Then the fear, guilt and shame set in."

Ken Issak, a SAFE educator, said "The abused female will in most cases take responsibility for the beatings, thinking she had done something wrong."

Julie went on to say, "Most frequently the beatings will occur more and more often."

"I stayed with my husband for 14 years after the first beating," she went on "The one reason I did stay for so long was because he was ill and there were

services for me to go to."

She went on to say "He joined AA and I joined Al-Anon. The physical abuse was gone but there was still verbal abuse."

"I encourage women to seek help after the first slap or hit, stop it before it is too late because two things can happen. 1. They may be hospitalized. 2. They may die," she added.

Issak put in, "Women often are afraid to leave because they may not have the training to make a living."

SAFE, a non-profit organization, is located at 1334 E. Belmont Ave. The phone number is 268-6377.

The goal of SAFE is to help the abused female by providing family counseling to both male and female, to provide emergency housing referrals, and to provide support groups for women to discuss their troubles in a group.

Bad communication blamed for mixup on ASB loans

Lack of communication is the cause of misunderstandings that sometimes occur between the ASB and the Financial Aids Office, according to Susan Martin, ASB president.

Says Martin, "Sometimes we have misunderstandings in words. Sometimes we mean something one way and they take it the wrong way. We're working on that."

Martin and Richard Mata, ASB recording secretary, discussed reasons behind the halt of ASB emergency loans to non-ASB members.

Mata said the ASB would like to provide services to only ASB card holders and believes the way loans were being handled earlier were unfair to ASB members. Both Martin and Mata believe that Donald Watson, financial aids director, did not understand the reason for the change. They said a lot of thought had gone into the situation before the decision was made. "We discussed it last fall, at the end of the semester and at the beginning of this one. We felt it was an appropriate time," said Martin.

Mata explained that it was the beginning of a new ASB, he said, "To him (Watson) it was in the middle of the stream, to us it was the changing of an ASB administration." Mata believes the change should not have caused that much of a problem. "It seems to me that Financial Aids could have handled the situation better than they did. In the past things have worked out between the ASB and Financial Aids," he stated.

Now, if a student wishes to attain a loan, he must buy an ASB sticker before applying for the loan. No sticker, no loan, according to Martin. Another problem students might face in attaining a loan is that they must carry a minimum of nine units in the current semester and the prior semester.

The purpose of the emergency loans is to help out students when they are in a bind — when they need the money, but don't

have it. Most loans granted are issued in the beginning of the semester. They are mainly used for books and supplies, according to Martin.

"I feel Financial Aids does a

pretty good job with the limited amount of money they have to work with. If we had more students buying ASB cards, we would have more money for the program," explained Martin.

Financial Aids has about \$3,000 to work with for ASB emergency loans, according to Martin. They give out as many loans as they can with the funds available, waiting for students to repay so they can continue the process. The money returned is recirculated to other students. This semester alone, 100 to 150 students have applied for funding.

ASB expects students receiving loans to use the money for such emergencies as books, supplies, food, rent. Most loans applied for range from \$35 to the maximum of \$75, but some have exceeded this, up to \$100. That, according to Martin, should never happen. "Some loans have been up to \$100. They shouldn't have been, but the Financial Aids Office approved them," she claimed.

Students not repaying loans can expect to have grades, transcripts, and report cards help up, as well as becoming unable to receive any other kind of assistance.

'Orpheus Descending' good entertainment despite flaws

By Mike Hoffman

The ancient Greeks told a story about Orpheus, a musician, and his love for his wife. When his wife died, Orpheus played to persuade the gods to allow him to go into Hades to bring her back.

In Hades he was told that he could not look at his wife until they were both in the light on the surface. If he looked earlier, she must return. She follows as he leads.

When Orpheus had completed the long journey out of Hades'

shadows his wife called to him and he turned around. She had not come completely into the light and was taken back down.

For the Greeks, Orpheus' wife represented the coming of spring, the renewal of life every year.

Tennessee Williams uses several themes from the Greek myth in his play Orpheus Descending. The lead male character, Val Xavier, is a wandering musician, who wears a snake skin jacket, trying to find a new life far from bars and corruption.

In a small southern county, Val meets the sheriff's wife who introduces him to Lady Torrance, the wife of a dying shop owner. Lady Torrance gives Val a clerical job in the store. He also meets Carol Cutrere, a "lewd vagrant," who recognizes Val from his days playing in the bars. Carol unsuccessfully tries to seduce Val.

With time, Val and Lady become lovers. They create a new life in a barren town.

Val does not feel safe in the small town. Carol wants Val to leave. He has been tamed by trading his snake skin jacket for the conservative blue jacket of a convict, she says. The sheriff also tells Val to leave the county. But, Lady persuades him to stay to help her with the reopening of the store confectionery, an act of vengeance against her husband who killed her father.

Like Orpheus' wife, Val and Lady never leave Hades.

The Theatre Arts Department is presenting Orpheus Descending as the spring play. The play ran three nights last weekend and will run today through Saturday, March 16-18. Chris Moad directs a cast of 18 FCC students in a well-paced presentation.

Dan Carrion, as Val, gives a strong and calm performance. The character could have been improved, however, by playing a few notes on his guitar instead of relying on the taped music from backstage.

Annette E. Federico, as Lady, has a good presence on the stage. She moves easily and expresses emotion effectively through her body. In one scene she explodes with unforeseen anger. The scene would be more believable if the audience were given more signals that this anger exists.

Sammie Slater is too nice to play a "lewd vagrant." Her performance of Carol is uneven. She acted well in the tender scene with Val in the second act. Earlier in the play, however, she seemed too self-conscious to be seductive.

The character Carol has the best line in the play. She asks, "What on earth can you do on this earth, but catch at whatever comes near you, with both hands, until your fingers are broken?" From Slater the stunning question sounded too much like a statement of fact.

Lynn Mantikoski and Susan Brandt, as the sheriff and his wife, provide excellent performances. Mantikoski plays a perfect southern sheriff. Debbie Walker and Sandy Spears, as two middle-aged gabby ladies, start the play off well.

All the action takes place inside the Torrance mercantile store. Tom Wright of the theatre arts faculty designed the attractive set. The light crew did a good job, particularly with the backstage lighting.

Despite minor flaws, the play is worth seeing. All tickets are reserved and on sale at the Theatre Box Office or at the door.



Jabe Torrance (with cane) returning from the hospital is greeted in Orpheus Descending. (l-r) Lynn Mantikoski, Debbie Walker, Steven McLaren, Ron Tolliver, Keith Williams, Sandy Spears.

Photo by Mike Briggs

Photo by Ken Enloe

NEWS BRIEFS

State chancellor says Jarvis-Gann would hurt

Community college funds would drop by two-thirds, causing severe personnel and educational problems if the Jarvis-Gann initiative passes, according to a report delivered to the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.

The report, prepared by the chancellor's office, was presented at the Feb. 24 meeting board meeting in Millbrae. The board was told the initiative does not provide substitute sources for financing the colleges.

The board adopted a resolution directing the chancellor to provide local districts with an assessment of the initiative's impact. The resolution also calls for continued reports on other tax measures, for exploration of remedial legislation if the initiative passes, and for the chancellor's office to cooperate with groups dispensing information on the initiative.

Following two hours of testimony, Chancellor Craig encouraged adoption of the resolution.

"The chancellor's office can play a critical role in getting information on the initiative out to the districts," he said.

Other tax measures are currently being watched by the chancellor's office, according to Craig.

Jog-O-Thon here Saturday

Fresno City College is sponsoring a Jog-O-Thon, March 18 at 2 p.m. in Ratcliffe Stadium to help purchase a \$30,000 organ for the Theatre.

Participants walk, jog, wheel or run for one hour as far as they can go. They obtain as many sponsors as possible, each of whom pay a minimum of 25 cents per lap.

There will be gifts given to those who participate. There will also be quality door prizes for spectators.

For more information contact the Office of Community Services at 442-4600.

Services information

Representatives from the Supportive Services Center are available in the Cafeteria foyer, every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon to assist students needing information on food stamps, Medi-Cal, child care, legal aid and like information.

Sophs chosen for BA prizes

Four City College sophomores have been selected to compete in the first round of the Bank of America 1978 Community College Awards program.

The students and their study fields are Helen L. McIntyre, business; Brian D. Guthrie, science-engineering; Carolyn S. Hentrich, social science-humanities and Robert L. Fain, technical-vocational.

The students will compete against winning students from other community colleges in a semi-final competition scheduled March 29 at the Fresno Hilton.

Two students from each study field will go on to the finals April 27 in San Francisco. Runners-up

in the semi-finals will receive cash awards of \$150.

In the final event, semi-final winners will compete for top prizes of \$2,000, \$1,000 and \$750. Runners-up will receive \$250.

Senate names H. McIntyre

On Tuesday, the ASB Senate appointed Helen Louise McIntire as the new president pro-tem.

As president pro-tem her duties are to assume the spot of legislative vice president at meetings of the Senate if the vice president is absent.

Ms. McIntire is a 4.0 student and a recipient of the Bank of America scholarship.

The Senate also discussed a blood donor drive and a hobby day.

UC rep on campus

Are you thinking of transferring to UC Berkeley? Michele Silva from UC Berkeley will be on campus Thursday, March 16 in the Cafeteria from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with information about housing, financial aid and EOPS, and departmental bulletins.

'Stress' is series topic

"Coping with Stress" will be the seventh in a series of "Learning Life Skills" lectures presented by the Counseling Center for staff members and students.

Don Farris of the Fresno County Mental Health Department will make the presentation, from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday in SS-202. Admission is free.

Help for transferees

Thinking of transferring to CSUF or other colleges or universities? Help with the applications and financial aid forms is available on Mondays and Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Supportive Services Center, SS-101, from a representative of FEOO (Fresno Educational Opportunity Center).

Sorority program

Coeds planning to attend CSUF will be given a preview of sorority life during a "Go Greek Party" Saturday, April 8, sponsored by the City Panhellenic and the CSUF sororities.

The program will begin with a presentation at 1 p.m. in the College Union Lounge, followed at 2:30 by an open house involving all five national sororities represented at CSUF. The open house will include tours of the facilities and opportunities to meet with sorority members.

All high school seniors, com-

munity college and current CSUF coeds not affiliated with a sorority are invited to participate in the "get acquainted" program.

Sororities sponsoring the event are Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Gamma, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta and Phi Mu.

For more information, contact the CSUF Student Activities Office at 487-2741.

'Singin' film here Friday

The Gene Kelly-Stanley Donen film "Singin' in the Rain" will be presented at Fresno City College Friday, March 17 as part of the "Reel World" series of classic films.

The film will be shown in Forum A at 7:30 p.m. Parking on campus that evening is free.

The 1952 production stars Kelly, Donald O'Connor, Jean Hagen and Debbie Reynolds.

General admission for the film is \$1 and FCC students with current ASB cards are admitted free.

The series is sponsored by the FCC Office of Community Services and the Associated Students. For more information contact the college at 442-8256.

Celt show for St. Pat

The Celtic Cultural Society of Central California is planning an evening of music, dancing and entertainment on Friday, March 17, St. Patrick's Day, at the Palm Lakes Country Club, Dakota and Winery.

There will be Irish entertainment, dancing, and a dinner of roast beef. Tickets, \$9 for both the dinner and dance, may be obtained by calling 229-6952, 431-0198, or 229-4967. Dance tickets alone may be purchased at the door for \$3.

A microwave oven will be raffled along with several other prizes.

DECA wins nine awards

The FCC Chapter of the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) walked away with nine state awards at the recent California Leadership Development Conference.

Among the awards received was the Gold Award for Membership, which designates the Fresno Club as the outstanding chapter of the year. Anne Walker, formerly of Visalia, and first-year adviser of DECA, took honors as the outstanding adviser of the year.

First place awards went to Mary Rader, Training Manual, and Marlene Natali, Individual Marketing Improvement. Receiving second place honors were Stephanie Rangel, Chapter Activity Manual, and Maria Collier, Business Speech. Godwin Tsui won third place for General Merchandising.

Six students will travel to a national conference in Washington, D.C., in May.

The cost per student to attend is \$600 and each student will be

paying for his/her own trip. Donations are being asked to help fund the students. Contact Anne Walker at 442-4600, Ext. 8476.

Hearings set on salaries

A public hearing to discuss the State Center Community College District classified employees proposal for the 1978-79 school year will be held Tuesday, April 4, at the regular meeting of the SCCC Board of Trustees.

The district offices are at 1525 E. Weldon Ave. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. The board received the proposal on March 7.

Handball March 18-19

The 1978 Fresno City Singles Handball Championship will be held March 18-19 at the Fresno YMCA, 1408 "N" St. The tournament is sponsored by the Fresno Handball Club and the Fresno YMCA.

Black writer here Monday

Black author-journalist Farcia Birhan will speak Monday at 8 p.m. in the Student Lounge. The public is invited. Admission is free.

Birhan's appearance is sponsored by the Black Studies Department and the Office of Community Services. Birhan has written for several magazines and newspapers, and her short stories, poetry and children's stories have won awards. She also has been involved in adult and early childhood education.

PD recruits minorities

The Fresno Police Department is starting its annual Minority Recruitment Program, commencing March 27. Recruiters anticipate being on campus April 3, 4 and 5 to visit classrooms and contact male and female minorities interested in becoming a police officers.

On April 5, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., they will be stationed in the Cafeteria Conference Room B. A panel of four recruitment personnel officers will answer questions.

Red Cross aid classes

The Fresno-Madera Counties Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer the following courses:

Standard first aid classes will be held on April 11, 15, 29, and May 13. These are one-day classes held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the chapter house. Materials will cost \$8.50.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscita-

tion (CPR) classes will be held on April 13 and 22, May 6 and 18. These are one-day classes from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost of materials is \$6.15. There also will be evening classes on April 10 and 12 from 6 to 10 p.m. and May 9 and 11 from 6 to 10 p.m.

There also will be a Modular-CPR Instructor course April 18 and 20 from 6-9 p.m. and April 22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Candidates must hold a current Modular Certificate and be 17 years old.

CCC seeks volunteers

Interested in helping conservation efforts in California? The California Conservation Corps is looking for youths willing to work to protect the environment, learn a variety of job skills, and live and cooperate with people from varied economic and social levels.

The program provides a variety of work experiences with private and public agencies to help young adults to make viable educational and career decisions. Applicants must be California residents, 18 through 20 years old, willing to live in a camp setting away from home for one year, do strenuous physical labor under difficult weather conditions, live in a dormitory situation, learn a variety of skills, and follow a strict schedule of work, recreation and educational activities.

Enrollment is open to both men and women. Applications are being accepted on a continuous basis. Some of the jobs Corps' Program include building fences, controlling erosion, mulching, re-seeding, helping plant community gardens and farms, and fighting forest fires. Application forms can be obtained by contacting your local Employment Development Department (EDD) Office.

Child care help offered

FINDCare (Families In Need of Day Care) assists persons that need child care. They help find the type of care most accommodating to the person's needs. For more information, contact Supportive Services Center, SS-101, or call 441-8231.

Minstrel songs concert here

George Britton, singer to the lute and guitar, will present a concert Friday, March 31, in the Theatre. The admission-free performance is scheduled for 8 p.m., sponsored by the Office of Community Services.

The concert, "400 Years of Minstrelsy," will include Old English, Irish Folk, Scottish Folk, French Folk and Ancient Gaelic selections as well as more recent ballads.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Special events

EASTER VACATION, Mar. 23-26, No classes

"Orpheus Descending," a play, Mar. 16-18, FCC Theatre, 8:15 p.m.

Coping With Stress, Don Farris, PSW, Fresno County Mental Health Department, Mar. 21, SS-202, Counseling Center, 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Impressions of Black Manhood, Ralph Kennedy, M.D., Fresno County Mental Health Department, Mar. 28, SS-202, Counseling Center, 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Gemini Originals, Art Show & Sale, Mar. 25, Fresno Convention Center Exhibit Hall, 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Easter Sunday Services, Northwest Baptist Church, Mar. 26, Fresno Convention Center Theatre & Exhibit Hall, Morning

Clive David, speaker, Guidance Clinic League of Valley Children's Hospital, Mar. 28, Fresno Convention Center Theatre, 10:30 a.m.

Eboney Fashion Show, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Mar. 28, Fresno Convention Center Exhibit Hall

Kenneth Copeland Evangelistic Association, Mar. 29-31, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, 2 & 7:30 p.m. and Friday, 2 & 7:30 p.m., Fresno Convention Center Theatre

Improvisation for Children, Fresno State University's Child Drama Center, Mar. 18, Child Drama Center, FSU Lab School Room 101, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.

S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A., Barbershop Quartets Contest, Mar. 18, Fresno Convention Center Theatre, 8 a.m. to 2 a.m.

International Showcase of Dance, Fresno Dance Repertory Co., Mar. 19, Fresno Convention Center Theatre, 3 p.m.

Virgil Fox, Organist, Mar. 22, Fresno Convention Center Theatre, 8 p.m.

East Fresno Rotary Dinner, Mar. 24, Fresno Convention Center Exhibit Hall

Ice Hockey, Fresno Falcons vs. Los Angeles Bruins, Mar. 24-25, Selland Arena, Friday, 8:30 p.m. & Saturday, 8 p.m.

"Singin' In The Rain," a film, Mar. 17, FCC Forum Hall A, 7:30 p.m.

JOG-O-THON, Mar. 18, FCC Ratcliffe Stadium, 2:30 to 7:30 p.m.

"The Taming of the Shrew," Visalia Community Theatre, Mar. 17-18, Ice House Theatre, Race St. & Santa Fe Ave., Visalia, 8:15 p.m.

Brigadoon, Mar. 16-25, Theatre 3 Production, 1544 Fulton St., Fridays & Saturdays

Brer Rabbit, Fresno Community Theatre, Mar. 18-19, Saturday, 10:30 a.m., 1 & 3:30 p.m. and Sunday, 1 & 3 p.m.

Candlelight Guild Book Fair, Mar. 16, St. John's Hall, Mariposa & R St., 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

"Peter Rabbit & The Tales of Beatrix Potter," Infant of Prague Film Benefit, Mar. 18, Warnors Theatre, 10:30 a.m., 12:30 & 3 p.m.

Mardi Gras, Caruthers District Women's League Mardi Gras Party, Mar. 18, Riverdale Memorial Hall, Group: Touch, 8 p.m.

Spring Fashion Show, Sierra Hospital Foundation Guild, Mar. 18, Las Vegas Room, Fresno Sheraton Inn, 2 p.m.

Sailing Into Spring With Fashions, Infant of Prague, Mar. 18, Fresno Townhouse, 12:30 p.m.

FSU Portable Dance Troupe, Mar. 16-18, John Wrights Theatre, 8 p.m.

International Showcase of Dance, REP, Mar. 19, Fresno Convention Center Theatre, 3 p.m.

Far Western Invitational Gymnastic, Mar. 18, McLane High School Gym, Competition, 10:30 a.m., finals, 7:30 p.m.

Christian Fellowship, Tuesday, Senate Quarters, 12 noon

Christian Fellowship, Thursday, Senate Quarters, 12 noon

Debate State Finals, Forensics, Mar. 17-19, Moorpark College

MECHA, Thursday, Comm. Rms. A & B, 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Rally Club, Friday, G-101, 12 noon

Student Senate, Tuesday, Senate Quarters, 1 p.m.

Sports

Women's Tennis, FCC vs. COS, Mar. 17, Visalia, 2 p.m.

Women's Tennis, FCC vs. Reedley College, Mar. 21, Reedley, 2 p.m.

Women's Tennis, FCC vs. De Anza College, Mar. 27, FCC Courts, 2 p.m.

Men's Tennis, FCC vs. COS, Mar. 17, FCC Courts, 2 p.m.

Golf, FCC vs. Modesto JC, Mar. 16, Del Rio CC, 12 noon

Golf, Yosemite Invitational, Mar. 19-20, Pine Mountain GC, Sunday, 2 p.m. & Monday, 7 a.m.

Baseball, FCC vs. Reedley College, Mar. 18, Reedley, 12 noon

Co-ed Swimming, FCC vs. COS, Mar. 17, FCC Pool, 3 p.m.

Men & Women Track & Field, FCC vs. COS & Reedley College, Mar. 17, FCC, 2:15 p.m.

Men's Tennis, FCC vs. Modesto JC, Mar. 29, Modesto, 2 p.m.

Golf, FCC vs. American River, Reedley & COS, Mar. 28, Riverside GC, 12 noon

Women's Baseball, FCC vs. Merced College, Mar. 28, FCC Fields, 5 p.m.

Baseball, FCC vs. COS, Mar. 28, Visalia, 2 p.m.

Men & Women Track & Field, FCC vs. Santa Barbara Relays, Mar. 25, Santa Barbara, 10 a.m.

Women's Tennis, FCC vs. De Anza College, Mar. 30, FCC Courts, 2 p.m.

Wrestling, Fresno Athletic Club, Mar. 17, Fresno Convention Center, Selland Arena, 8 p.m.

The Wild Blue Yonder

Mar. 16, 17, 18 (Thurs. Fri. Sat.)....

..... Wild Blue Yonder

Mar. 19 (Sun.)..... Jazz

Mar. 21 (Tues.)..... Belly Dancing

Mar. 22 (Wed.)..... The O'Neils

1145 N. Fulton in the Tower District
8 p.m. Beer, Wine, Coffee (21 years)
for flight information 268-1379

Placement Office

Job Listings

PARKING LOT ATTENDANT
12 noon-6 p.m. or more hours
\$2.65 per hour
Must have a valid California Drivers License and good driving record.

SECRETARY - Full Time
8 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Monday thru Friday \$650 mo.
Heavy typing. Must type at least 50 w.p.m. Lots of dictaphone, some posting, answering phones, greeting customers. Will work in Real Estate Department.

ATTENDANTS - Full Time & Part Time
\$2.65 per hour and up.
Will assist physically disabled in daily activities. Prefer someone with experience or someone interested in helping with the handicapped.

PROCESS SERVER
7 p.m.-10 p.m. Approximately 15 hours per week.
Commission basis (for each paper served)
Serving legal documents subpoenas, divorce papers, etc. Must have own car and knowledge of the area.

MECHANIC
8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday thru Friday with a possible 1/2 day on Saturday on an alternating basis.
\$4 per hour to start with commission.

Need a mechanic with tune up experience. Brakes, front end and alignment. Should have own tools.

DRAFTER, MECHANICAL
8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday thru Friday
\$4-4.50 per hour depending on experience.
Theoretical and practical knowledge of mechanical drafting. Must have had industrial experience.

COUNTERWORK & CLEANING - Minimum 15 hour week.
9 a.m.-12 noon Monday thru Friday \$2.50 per hour.
Will be doing selling, some cleaning up. Very physical work. Need own transportation.

BABYSITTER
4:30 p.m.-10 p.m.
Around \$1 per hour (negotiable)
Will care for two twin girls aged 19 months. Some experience preferred, but not necessary.

DELIVERY PERSON - Part Time
Mornings 8-12 or afternoons 1-5
Salary - depending on experience
Mechanical background or electronic background.

PIZZA MAKER
Evenings - Weekends and occasionally an afternoon.
\$2.65 per hour
Must be over 18 - will make pizza, some cleaning up.

CCSCC CAR RALLY
Friday nighters
Starting time: 8 p.m., March 31, 1978
Starting place: McDonald's Shaw & West
Sign up: Begins 7 p.m.
Cost: CCSCC members \$4 per car
Non members \$6

Eye Health News

By Dr. Harold C. Sivas, O.D.

DEAR DR. SIVAS:

After a series of tests, my eye doctor told me that I am "red-green" color blind. As a criminology student at FCC, I am concerned if there is a cure for my condition. What is your opinion? - Mr. K.

COMMENT:

Most eye practitioners in past years have regarded color defective vision as incurable. Hereditary color vision defects like the one you described are indeed constant throughout life, and while this defect cannot be cured, it is possible to improve color discrimination with the use of red filters. Many color defectives are unable to distinguish reds and oranges from greens and browns. However, with the use of a red filter, these people are often able to make these distinctions. For example, with an equally bright red and green object and a red filter placed in front of someone with "normal" color vision, the red object will now appear brighter and the green dark. Moreover, it has also been found that in some cases, a red tinted contact lens (X-Chrom) when worn monocularly can also be beneficial.

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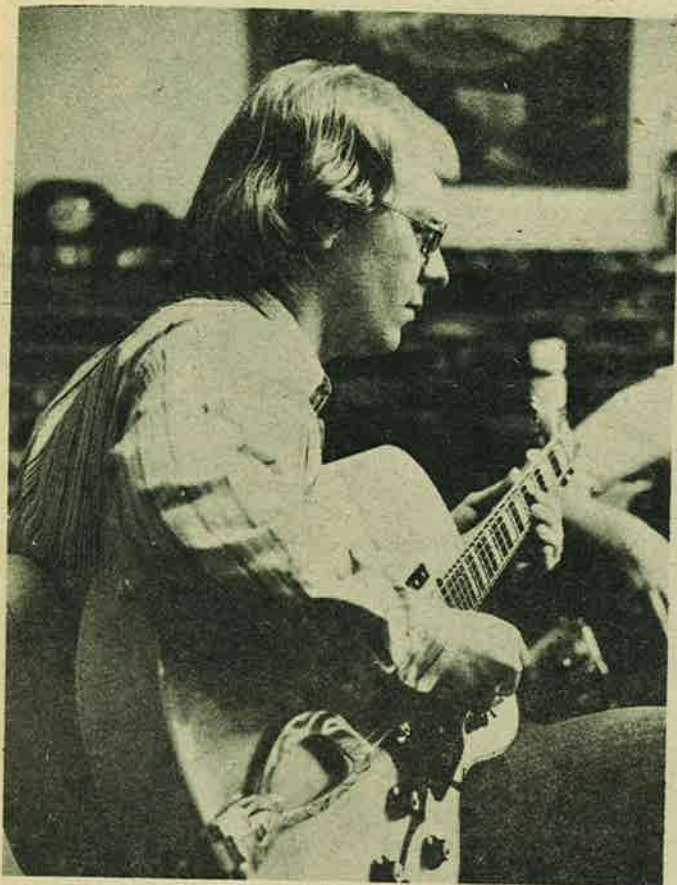
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Dr. Sivas cannot answer all personal letters. Letters of general interest will be answered in his column. Address questions and comments to Dr. Harold C. Sivas, 634 S. Chestnut, Fresno 93702.

BIG BUNNY...



IS WATCHING!



Mike Dana



Rick Helzer



Roy Carlson

By Laura Batti

In past years, jazz music wasn't too popular in Fresno and you never heard about any groups who played jazz in town. But because of great musicians like George Benson and Chick Corea, Fresno is beginning to experience jazz music.

Windfall is a jazz-based group who play around town, usually at the Wild Blue Yonder on jazz nights. The group is made up of four talented and experienced musicians; Mike Dana, guitar and leader of the group; Rick Helzer, piano and electric piano; Gary Newmark, drums and Roy Carlson, bass.

Windfall approaches their music the way jazz musicians would, but they play a little different things. They play funk tunes, but with jazz concepts, and they even do some Brazilian material.

"The group is basically for jazz musicians who are playing a lot of different styles of music, but are approaching it from the jazz background. We do a lot of Brazilian and funk things and we probably don't play the traditional things that people expect jazz groups to play," said Mike.

"We're starting to do a couple of real high-energy things like Chick Corea does, only with the electric guitar, so you really can't classify us as a regular jazz group."

Mike, who was born in Fresno and went to Fresno High and CSUF, has taught jazz and intermediate-advanced guitar at City College for three years.

Mike has played guitar for 10 years. He also has played with other groups around town like Silver Lining, Orpheus and the

CSUF Jazz Band.

"I have a lot of different kinds of guitars. I have a Fender, Guild, Ovation and a couple of Gibson guitars," said Mike.

Mike's favorite guitar players are George Benson and Pat Martino.

Rick, originally from Sanger, went to Roosevelt, FCC and CSUF. Presently he teaches at FCC. This is Rick's first semester teaching jazz theory.

Rick, who plays a Fender Rhoades, has played piano about 15 years. He also has played in other groups around town.

"I played with Orpheus, which Mike was in. There were about three versions of that group with the last version being the rhythm section of the University Jazz Band. I played with Free Ride, which was a Top 40 band, and Silver Lining," said Rick.

"Now I play with Windfall and have my own band called Re-Awakening. I also am working with a modern dance company and I also teach private lessons."

Gary, who was born in LA but went to Clovis High and FCC, has played with many bands in town. A few of the groups are March Hare, Ivory, Rainbow Bridge, Fox, Bud Noble and, just recently, Spare Hare.

"I've been playing drums for 16 years and just recently I purchased a new set of pearl drums," said Gary.

"I'd really like to be able to play different styles on the drums. I find jazz is the most rewarding music I can play. There's so many different styles of jazz and I'd like to play the styles that are appropriate."

Roy Carlson, who also was born in LA, went to Fresno High, McLane and CSUF. He teaches instrumental music at Irwin

Junior High and plays with Windfall.

Roy, who plays an Ampeg bass, has played about 15 years. Not long ago he played with a Fresno-based band called Oasis.

"I really admire good bass players and I try to emulate them as best I can."

Mike, Rick and Roy also do custom musical themes or jingles around town. The jingles are commercials done for stores in the valley. Some of the radio jingles they've done are for M-V Music, Gottschalks and Bobbie West. They just finished taping one for the Tape Deck and it soon will be on the air.

"I write the music for the commercials and hire the local musicians and string players. The jingles are recorded at Kenjo Audio Studios," said Mike.

"Rick and I have played in many groups together over the past few years. Actually our current groups really intertwine. Even though Rick's group is separate he plays with Windfall and Gary plays with Rick's group and plays with Windfall, and Rick, Roy and I do jingles," said Mike.

"I don't think we'll get night club jobs because we do a lot of original stuff and not Top 40, which is so big right now in the night clubs. Actually we play more for pleasure, we all have other jobs, so when we get together and play in Windfall we're doing it for our own pleasure and hopefully others," said Mike.

Windfall's next gig will be at the Wild Blue Yonder March 19 at 8 p.m. This reporter plans to be there and if you want to hear some excellent music, you may be there too.

Windfall's thing: funk tunes with jazz concepts



Gary Newmark

Photos by Ken Enloe

Another FCC offers help

By Moria Riley

There's a place in town that offers sound alternatives to a number of problems. It's a place that teaches effective lessons to help you in your every day life. That place is FCC.

Fresno City College? No, although it also provides many good solutions. I'm referring to the Family Communications Center at 1039 U St., an organization seriously involved with troubled persons.

About four years ago, Myron Downing (nicknamed "Doc" because his initials are M.D.), was asked by a number of citizens to "meet needs that were not being met in the community." In the beginning, the center, whose staff includes four qualified counselors, concentrated its efforts mainly in the areas of juvenile delinquency prevention and treatment, and adult counseling.

FCC helps persons with weak self-images, domestic violence (wife beating, child abuse), marital problems (divorce, separation), relationship problems (family, employers, friends), and any type of annoyance that can build up on a person so that they can't handle it with satisfactory results.

Downing received a bachelor degree in psychology from Oregon State University, then furthered his education by receiving his master's in social work from Fresno State University, meanwhile collecting various counseling experiences along the way.

Doc said he spent six months researching, talking to people in the community and finding out just what needed to be done. Doc realized that one of the areas of

service that needed to be filled was that of working with the family as a unit, not just a single member most affected.

"You go to college, not because you're sick," tells Doc, "but because you want to learn some things differently, you want to learn some skills that you don't have."

At FCC, you aren't "labeled" in any particular category, such as paranoia or schizophrenia (such classification is called "medical modeling"). The medical model technique is generally practiced in common counseling.

"We don't believe in 'mental illness' (other than the obvious brain damage, etc.). We believe that behavior is a learned thing — that when you're born, you're born basically with two emotions: the fear of falling, and the fear of loud noises. We learn to be afraid of the dark, we learn to be afraid of bugs. All our activities and our values are learned. Our behavior is the way we respond. Assertive or passive, we accept responsibility or we project it on to others."

To the FCC, "if what you're doing isn't giving you what you want," then learn how to get what you want. Instead of telling persons what they're trying to cope with, FCC teaches them how to handle their problems themselves. This method is called educational modeling, which seems most beneficial.

"You can always go back and do what you've always done," Doc said. "We're not going to shrink your head. We're not going to change you. You always have that choice."

Besides private counseling, workshops on assorted communication skills and therapy are

offered. They consist of three hours each week for six weeks, a new workshop beginning each six weeks. Attendance is made up of about 50 per cent clientele and 50 per cent persons who "just want to make things better," like paraprofessionals, doctors, judges, and executives. They all learn skills useful to them in their homes, on the job, and in their everyday activities.

"You don't have to be sick to get help," Doc emphasizes. "You don't have to be crazy, you just have to want to make things better."

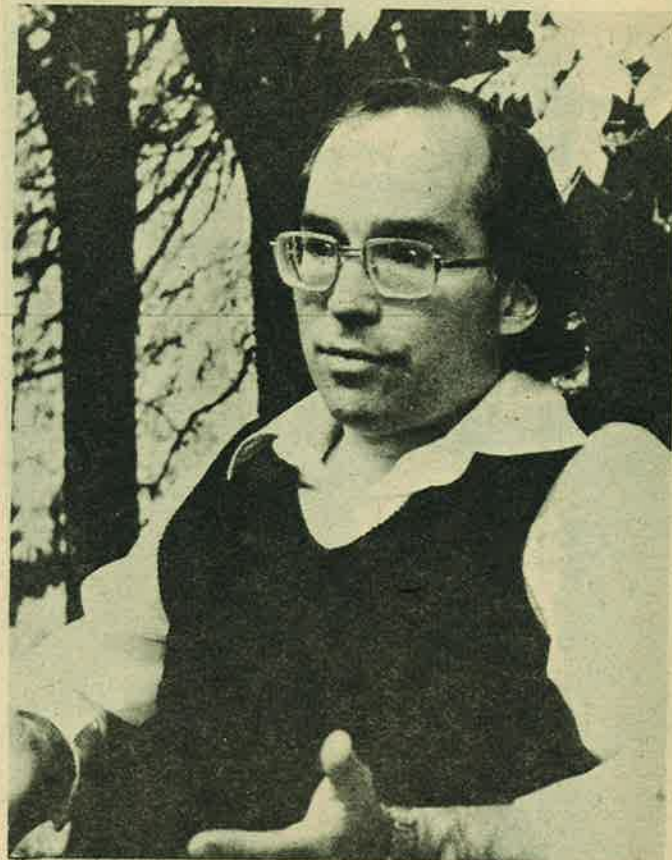
The communication skills taught by the Center obviously are not limited to family relations alone. They can help you to talk to your new boss, or employees, or with a confrontation with your auto mechanic.

One effective means of communication consists of learning how to listen. Mastering such a technique can be the solution to endless arguments.

A couple on the verge of divorce or separation are seated facing one another on either side of the room. The counselor is present. One of the couple voices his/her complaints. The other cannot speak during that time.

The silent partner must then relay back just what the other mate said, using all three levels of listening techniques (content, meaning and feeling).

The role is reversed, some free verbalizing exchanged, a bit of coaching from the counselor engaged, and a problem is most often resolved, tension relieved and communication lines reopened. Of course, not all cases are so easily concluded, but satisfaction is just within reach.



Myron (Doc) Downing

Prop. 13 'pink slips' go to 64 at FCC, 24 at RC

By Mike Hoffman

At FCC, 50 instructors, 11 counselors and three administrators have received letters from the State Center Community College District Board of Trustees stating that they will not be rehired — a result of threatened passage of Prop. 13 in June.

In a special meeting March 9 the board voted unanimously to send the letters of notification.

The letters are part of a long chain of circumstances.

First, Prop. 13 would decrease district revenues by over \$5.3 million, according to an estimate from Kenneth S. Wheeler, assistant chancellor.

Second, the board must enter the fiscal year with a balanced budget, said Chancellor Charles E. Chapman. Staff reductions would be necessary if the proposition passes, he said.

Finally, to reduce the staff, the board is required by law to notify certificated employees by March 15 of intent not to rehire.

In deciding to send the notices, the board is keeping all of its options open, explained FCC President Clyde C. McCully in an interview later. The board still has the option of rehiring everyone.

"That the letters were sent out is not to be construed as a reflection on teacher services or staff services," said McCully.

Twenty-three instructors and one counselor at Reedley College also received the letter. Thirteen administrators at FCC and Reedley College have been notified that they might be reassigned to non-administrative positions as teachers or counselors, according to McCully.

McCully and Ray A. Cattani, Reedley College president, worked late for several nights deciding which positions could be eliminated, according to an informed source. The proposal that Chapman presented to the board was the result of these efforts.

Chapman explained, in an interview later, that the positions were cut on "what was felt to be the best interest of the students."

The cuts had two goals, according to McCully. The college wants to keep a balance in the services provided, "to have a little bit of everything," he said. Second, programs with the most student interest would be preserved.

The eliminations were made by program, Chapman explained at the board meeting. The district is not allowed to start at the bottom of the seniority list and work up, he said.

Programs with low average daily attendance rates (ADA) were the most likely to be reduced. The district receives state funding on the basis of ADA, said Chapman. To keep state funding at its present level the administration must keep classes with high student enrollment.

Although programs with low ADA, such as foreign languages, would be cut, they would not be eliminated completely, according to McCully.

After McCully and Cattani decided which programs to reduce, they picked which instructors to notify. Within these programs, instructors were chosen on the basis of quality and seniority, said McCully.

The administration voiced concern at the board meeting that the notified faculty members might look for jobs elsewhere.

"There will be outstanding teachers who will apply for other jobs, not just in California, but in the other 49 states as well," said McCully.

FCC instructor Don Wren spoke at the meeting. There were failures on both the part of the faculty and the administration, he argued. The faculty failed to demand to help decide which positions to cut and the administration failed to ask the faculty for its advice, he said.

The FCC Faculty Senate

adopted a resolution declaring its opposition to the Jarvis-Gann initiative the day before the board meeting.

Board members assured the audience of mostly FCC instructors that they were taking this action only for protection in case Prop. 13 passes. If the proposition fails no one will be dismissed, according to board chairman Harry E. Hiraoka.

If the measure passes, those employees laid off will get first rehire rights for 39 months, according to Trustee David L. Creighton.

Parttime and temporary teaching positions also would be eliminated if the proposition passes, according to a district press release. Reductions in district supplies and equipment also would occur, according to Chapman.

Chapman also called for an "institutional dialogue" between the faculty and the administration to be held before May 15. By May 15 the board must send out final termination notices, he stated.



Staff members get emergency training

Wouldn't it make your day if you saved somebody's life, especially if that person were a relative?

People trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) can do just that, if the threatened death is from such an unexpected sudden cause as electrical shock or suffocation, said registered nurse Linda Albright, the instructor at CPR.

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation is how to restore heartbeat and breathing in a victim by means of the dual application of external heart compression and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

The training for CPR includes at least 1-2 hours of homework and 6-8 hours of classtime, which consists of viewers, peer practice and practice on manikins.

Albright says "one part is knowing how to apply CPR and the other is when it's indicated." You just don't apply CPR to a person who has fainted or has cancer.

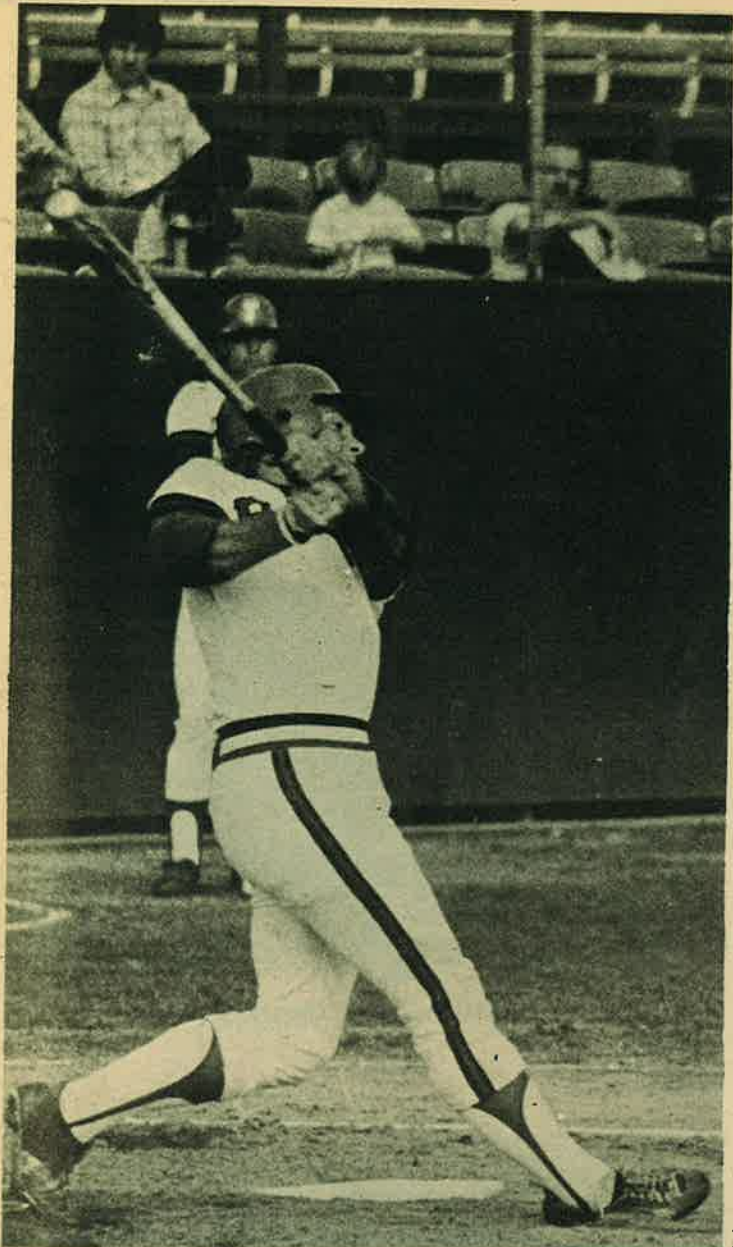
Some of the earlier methods of

CPR were more extreme. Back in the 15th and 16th centuries, in the flagellation method, two persons would whip you until you awakened. Another was the heat method. Hot coals or ashes were applied to the stomach. Others were the inversion method — you were tied by your feet and hung from a tree — and the Russian Method — your whole body except for the head was buried under dirt.

You could say that we've come a long way since then; now all it takes is a couple of steps.

First thing you do in an emergency is call for professional help. Second, make sure you know what you're doing; if not, let someone who does take charge. Sometimes you can do as much harm as good to a dying person.

CPR is given at FCC for staff only, says Albright, "but if the demand by students was great enough we could work something out."



Greg Seib singles up the middle against Reedley.

Photo by Michael Prieto

Ram doubles trouble Reedley in 10-3 win

Paced by an attack of 14 hits, including seven for extra bases, the Ram baseball team banged out a 10-3 win over Reedley Tuesday afternoon at John Eules Park.

The Rams will meet Reedley again Saturday on the road with Bill Patterson as the starting pitcher.

Mickey Wright, 3-1 for the season, managed to complete the game after getting off to a rough start. Wright scattered seven hits and four walks. The Tigers scored a run in each of the first two innings.

"This was the first time Mickey had pitched in competi-

tion in eight days due to the rain and he wasn't as sharp as he could have been," said coach Len Bourdet.

Bourdet added, "It hurts when you have this many rainouts. Your players get keyed up and then you don't play and they lose their edge."

Leading the Ram attack were Dave Morgan, Mike Richardt and Jeff Ulrich. Morgan had two singles and a double while Ricardt had two rbi's on a double and a triple.

Ulrich had two rbi's also, on a double and a sacrifice fly. Greg Seib, Dave Meier and Randy Ward each added two hits. The

Rams took the lead 3-2 in the third inning after Morgan singled and stole second and Chris Konze was hit by a pitch.

Rick O'Daniel followed with a single to score Morgan and the Rams never relinquished the lead. The Rams broke the game open after two were out in the sixth on four consecutive doubles by Richardt, Ulrich, Ward, and Morgan to go up 8-2.

FCC added single runs in the seventh and eighth and Wright gave up a run in the ninth to close the scoring.

Ram Report

WBC, NCAA, forces behind sports confussion

By Dave Coulson

Sometimes in the big-money world of pro sports and the big-money world of amateur sports, events happen that leave both the sports fan and the sportswriter confused and amazed.

The last couple of weeks have provided a bit of both. Since we don't have room to discuss all of the oddities, we'll focus instead on just a couple.

First there was the Leon Spinks incident. It was startling enough when he beat Muhammed Ali for the heavyweight boxing title. But the World Boxing Council had even more of a shocker to give us.

They say unless Spinks makes his first title defense against Ken Norton they will strip him of their half of the title (there are two factions governing boxing, the WBC and the World Boxing Association).

It seems they think it was of bigger importance that Norton beat Jimmy Young than that Spinks beat Ali. Confusing, but it isn't the first time they have pulled this type of rabbit out of their hats.

When Ali gave ex-champ Sonny Liston a second chance after taking his title the WBC stripped him of the championship and gave it to Ernie Terrell (who?) even though the WBA and the public still recognized Ali.

One small piece of wisdom for the WBC: Let the championship be decided in the ring, not out of it.

Next we have the confusion of post-season basketball tournaments. It seems everyone in the NCAA is trying to make a few extra bucks this time of year.

How else can you explain a team getting into the NCAA tourney with a losing record? It no longer means anything to win a conference championship, you also have to win the conference tournament.

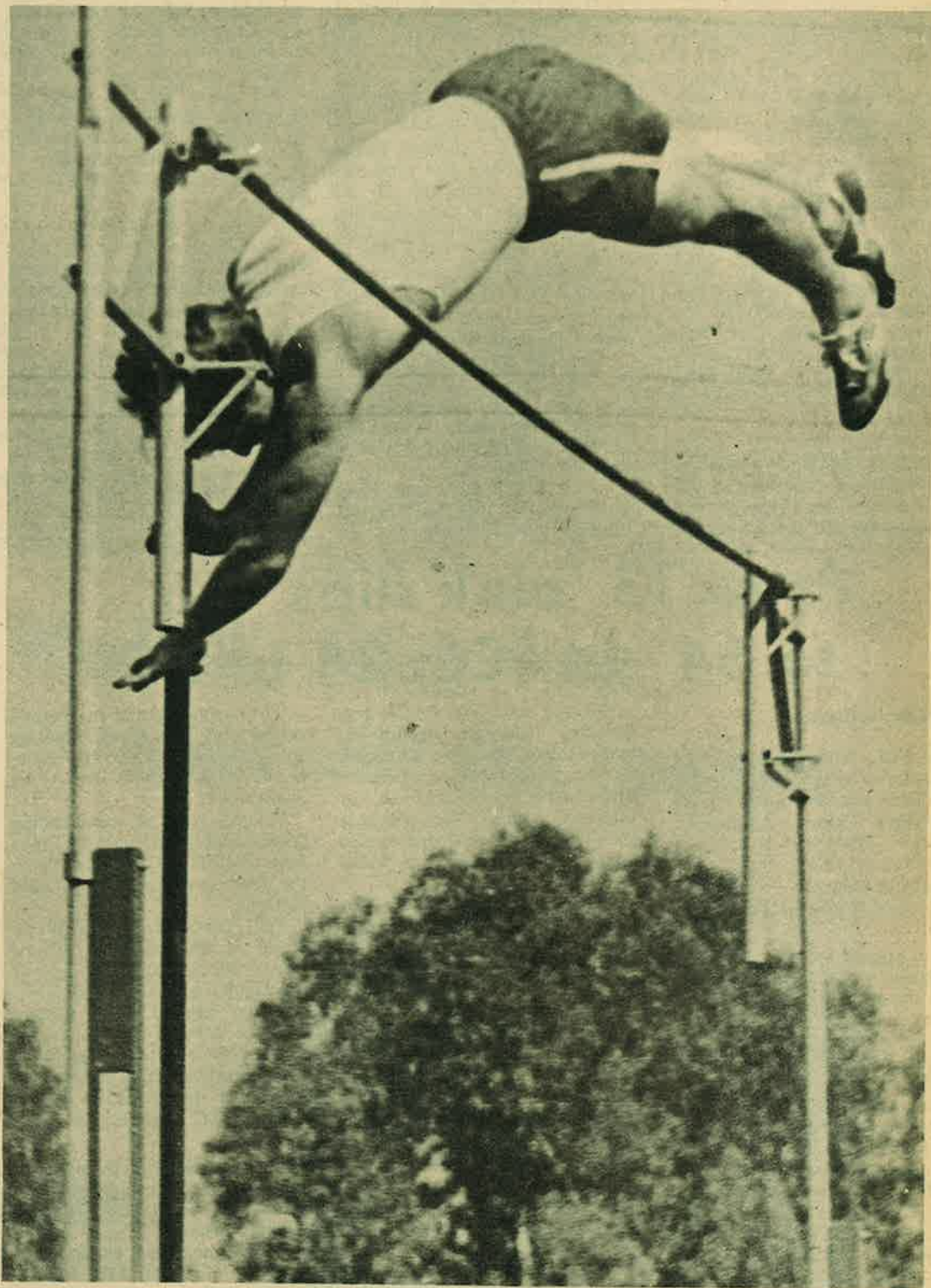
The conference tourney can ruin an entire season in the space of 40 minutes. Missouri, for example, finished in sixth place in the Big 8 only to end up as the conference representative in the NCAA tourney even though they sported a losing record.

The opposite happened to Fresno State. They won the PCAA championship only to see their season go down the tubes in the conference tourney. Fullerton State, probably the fourth best team in the conference, ended up in the NCAA's.

Perhaps the most amazing sports happening was how I or anyone else could sit through an entire basketball game broadcast by Eddie Alexander.

Alexander was the play-by-play man during the Fresno State-Long Beach game televised by Channel 30 during the PCAA tourney. I actually found myself wishing Mark Barash would say something.

I lost track of how many times Alexander said one of the teams had the game wrapped up. Well, at least we'll know better than to listen to Alexander during next year's conference tournament.



Kevin O'Reilly clears 14' in the pole vault

Photo by Mike Briggs

Sac no problem for tracksters

Dominating the field events and showing overall team depth, FCC defeated Sac City 81-51 in Valley Conference track at Sacramento Saturday.

With head coach Bobby Fries in Europe as a U.S. national team coach, the Rams competed under assistant coach Ken Dose.

The Rams proved too powerful in the field events as they took five out of seven. Winning were Kevin O'Reilly, Mark McNaughton, Willie Alexander and Norman Alston.

O'Reilly captured firsts in the javelin and the pole vault, with a throw of 198-6 and a vault of 13-0.

McNaughton, still rebounding from a three-year layoff, claimed the discus with a heave of 156-6. He also took second in the shotput.

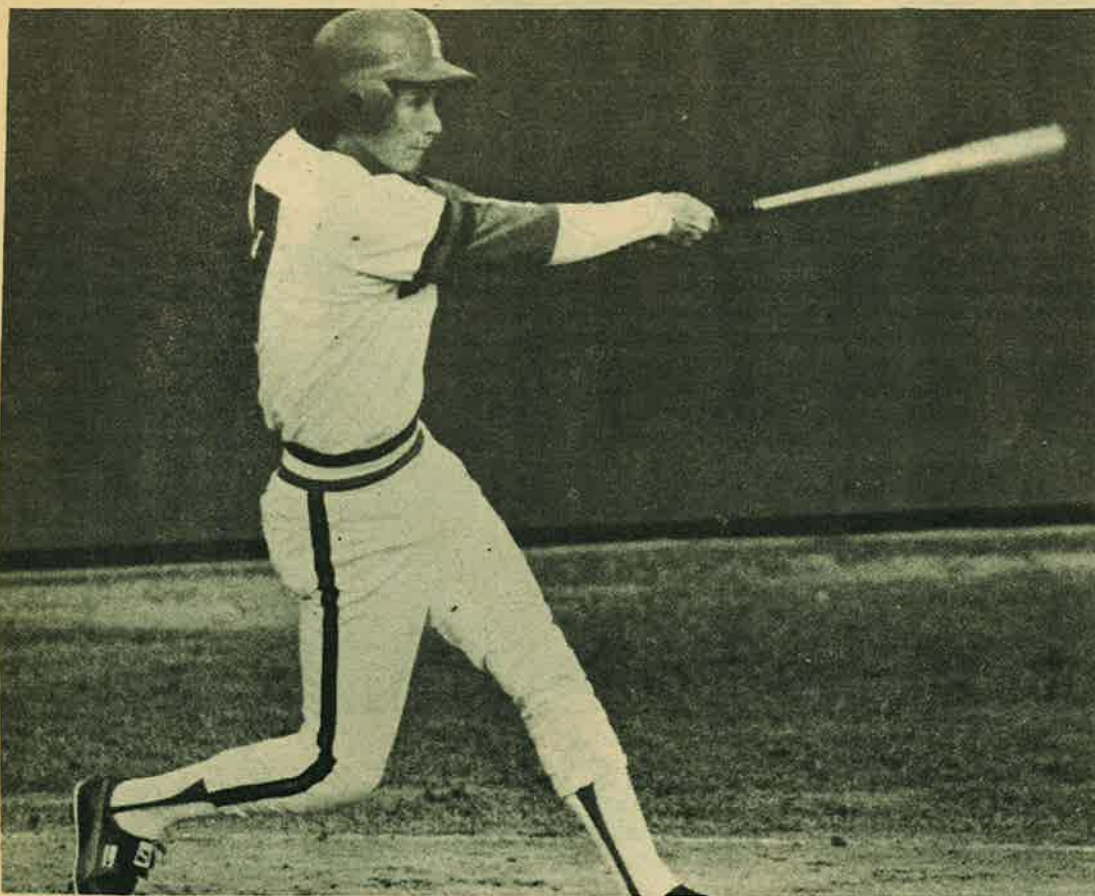
Alexander won the long jump with a leap of 6.77 meters and Alston took the triple jump with an effort of 13.85 meters. In the running events Co. y

Miller, John Rayford and Jose Renteria all had a good day.

Miller scored firsts with a 15.2 clocking in the 110-meter high hurdles and a 56.2 effort in the 400 intermediates.

Rayford had seconds in the 100 (11.2) and in the 200 (23.3). Renteria ran a personal best in the 5,000 meters in 15:18.6.

The Rams will entertain Cosumnes River and Reedley tomorrow at 2:15 p.m. at Ratcliffe Stadium.



Mike Richardt connects against Modesto. The Rams rallied to a 3-2 win over the Pirates Wednesday at home. A bunt single by Chris Konze and a triple by Randy Ewing in the 8th gave Mike Wright and the Rams the victory.

Photo by Michael Prieto

Men netters take Reedley lose to Sacramento City

After losing to Sac City last Friday, the Ram tennis team rebounded Tuesday to defeat Reedley 7-2.

The netters were defeated by Sac City 5-4. In this thrilling match the score was tied 3-3 going into the doubles. Winning in singles were Will McFeeters, Joe Pombo and Tony Esclera.

In the doubles Jim Deaton and Esclera took their match at No.

3 doubles 6-2, 6-2. This put the Rams ahead briefly. Sac City came back to win the next two doubles matches to take the overall match 5-4.

Against Reedley the Rams had the match won after the singles as they won five out of the six matches. Winning in the singles were Joey Heffington, Will McFeeters, Jim Deaton, Tony Esclera, and Andy Anderson.

Heffington crushed Ron Boucher 6-3, 6-3. McFeeters

whipped Bruce Wann 6-1, 6-2. Deaton killed Clifton Kaprielian 7-5, 6-0. Esclera ran by Bob Ascuncion 7-5, 6-2 and Anderson creamed George Taylor 6-0, 6-2.

Fresno won two out of the three doubles. The Rams' only loss was by Anderson and Mark Belman, to Clifton and Taylor 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

The Rams will be home Friday to hose COS in a crucial VC match.

Women netters take one of three in Sac

Just surviving three matches in 24 hours would be enough for most teams but the women's tennis team added to the accomplishment by beating Cosumnes River 8-1 on Friday morning in their second match in Sacramento over the weekend.

Forced to play a makeup match with Cosumnes River due to a rainout earlier in the season added to an already busy schedule. The Rams lost to American River 9-0 on Thursday and dropped a 6-3 decision to Sacramento City on Friday afternoon.

Coach Shirley Stilwell said "I don't think I'll ever schedule two matches for the same day again. We would have had a better chance of beating Sac City if we would have been rested."

The Rams, now 2-2 in conference and 3-3 overall, travel to Visalia to face a tough COS squad tomorrow. "COS has a good team but they just lost to Delta (FCC beat Delta 5-4) so we have a good chance," added

Stilwell.

According to Stilwell the team played well despite losing 9-0 to American River. "They have a very strong team and several of the matches were closer than the scores indicated," she stated.

Pam and Pat Cruse and Socorro Bolanos each split sets in singles before losing. Bolanos and Pam Cruse played a total of 15 sets during the three matches.

Against Cosumnes River the Rams won five of the six singles matches to clinch the team win before playing doubles.

Winning their singles matches were Sandy Smith, Ann Duarte, Bolanos and Pam and Pat Cruse. Losing in singles was Robbie Chivara. The Rams won all three doubles ties.

The Rams finished the weekend with some close matches against Sac City. Bolanos and Pam Cruse won their singles matches and lost a close three set doubles match. Pat Cruse and Duarte also won in doubles but the Rams fell short of victory 6-3.

Mustangs drop Ram linksters

City College suffered a defeat in Valley Conference golf to San Joaquin Delta Tuesday at Swenson Park, 378-396.

Leading the Rams was Dennis Dachtler with a score of 76.

Other Rams who did well are Dan Horning (79), Ralph Lot-speich and Ken Bitter (80), and Randy Norvelle (81).

The Rams, now 2-1, travel to Modesto today.

I never realized

I never realized how much one name could change me. The name of Jesus was the key to my search for a satisfying life.

My first experience of Christ was through a prayer. That experience was unique and wonderful, though I did not fully understand what had happened. Afterwards I tried to duplicate that experience, but somehow I could not find the way. By the Lord's mercy, I met a Christian who introduced to me the matter of calling on the name of Jesus. I began to experience Christ again! As I called "O Lord Jesus", the joy of my salvation was restored; the Lord became so real to me, filling me within. At times I would spend hours just calling -- how sweet that name was to me!

Furthermore, to my amazement, I saw for the first time how much calling on the Lord was mentioned in the Word of God. As early as Genesis 4:26, men began calling on Him; then David in many of the Psalms called "O God" or "O Lord" (Psa. 119:145, Psa. 116:4); calling was equated with drinking (the cup of salvation Psa. 116:13); and even the early believers were known for calling (1 Cor. 1:2; Acts 9:14). Finally I found Romans 10:13 which says, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved". I then became a daily caller and soon the Lord brought me to others who enjoyed calling His name out of a pure heart (2 Timothy 2:22).

By His mercy, may we all return to the enjoyment of simply calling on Him.

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Carter's coal priorities poor

The threat of violence hangs as heavy in the air as the soot and dust that threatens the workers' lives. Federal marshals roam the countryside for three days, serving court notice that the miners of coal must go back to work. The President, using special powers, tries to force the miners back, first with the Taft-Hartley act, then by threatening to cut off some welfare aid programs that have been helping the miners survive.

The coal strike which has begun paralyzing the nation's coal-consuming states has lasted for three, closer to four months, yet bargainers for both sides have found themselves really no closer to solving the dispute.

Necessarily, there are major points of dispute, but examination of the issues brings to light the true "villains" in this conflict.

For many years, the unions of coal miners throughout history have pointed out the necessity of safety requirements to protect the miners from harm. This includes the feared cave-ins and also "black lung disease," caused by the inhalation of coal dust by the miners.

For the same amount of time, the mine owners and operators have consistently ignored the dangers to the miners, and have instituted minor compliances with demands, apparently giving little concern to the plight of the miners.

In the case of the current coal strike, however, it appears that President Carter has got his priorities reversed. The Taft-Hartley injunctions were not to help the miners, but rather are designed to help the industry by insuring that production is maintained.

The other option that was equally feasible yet not pursued was the takeover of the mines by the National Guard or Army. This type of action would limit the amount of profit the companies could make, since the coal would be sold at cost, rather than at a profit.

Indeed, the industry itself did not take the idea of government action seriously. When the use of federal authority became closer to reality, the industry then recalled its bargaining teams and replaced them at the tables.

In the words of one mine owner, "We decided we had better put people at the table who have had experience in mining coal before."

In effect, then, is a court order to place the miners back in the mines, yet nothing to guarantee follow-through by the mine owners.

But even though the two sides are back at the tables bargaining, the threat of violence in the coal fields still exists. No amount of coercion can really force the miners to work, not even the threat of removing Food Stamp eligibility.

Yet the mixed up priorities of President Carter may yet have a set of repercussions which we may feel all too harshly.

—Mark Hernandez



Film review

Heavily promoted 'The Fury' is now showing in Fresno

By Mark Hernandez

Several films have opened or will open this week that might be interesting to the average movie viewer, running the gamut from American history to future fiction.

The first of these, "The Fury," has been generating interest nationwide with two-page advertisements in every newspaper market over 50,000 persons. Twentieth Century-Fox is heavily

promoting this film, about a government agent whose son is manipulated by the agency he works for. The agent, played by Kirk Douglas, tries to get his son and rescue him.

Why? It seems the son has psychic powers the government wishes to use. Enlisting the support of a young girl who is also under the agency, the two attempt to locate Douglas' son and rescue him.

As a Frank Yablans production, I normally would not value

it highly, but with direction by Brian DePalma (who also directed "The Omen" and "Carrie"), as well as a cast including John Cassavettes and Charles Durning, I am pretty sure this film won't disappoint its audience.

Also opening this week is "American Hot Wax," a bit of historical Americana involving the payola scandals of the early 1960's and disc jockey Alan Freed. Besides starring Laraine Newman of "Saturday Night," the film is supposedly a dramatic representation of the events leading up to and including the blackballing of Freed as a radio

announcer.

Historically, this film shows a period of time in which the radio and television industry suffered financial losses, and political careers were furthered. If nothing else, this should be seen for its indictment of restrictive laws regarding music, radio, and television.

The film industry seems to be looking up finally, after years of economic troubles as well as problems in quality. Around early May of this year, a massive blitz of films should be hitting the market, an example of how the financial situation of the industry is getting healthier.

Who knows—1978 may be a better year than 1977.

—Mike Hoffman

Proposition 13 should be defeated

On June 6 you will decide the fate of Fresno City College. Prop. 13, the Jarvis-Gann tax initiative, would drastically cut the FCC budget by reducing property taxes. Prop. 13 would affect every community college student. Consider it carefully.

The proposition would limit property taxes in the state to 1 per cent of the property's assessed value. Today, property taxes average nearly 3 per cent statewide. The assessed value of the property could be raised a maximum of 2 per cent a year, according to the proposition. Counties, cities and special districts like our college district, could create new taxes only with the approval of two-thirds of the qualified electors.

Howard Jarvis (chairman, United Organization of Taxpayers) and Paul Gann (chairman, People's Advocate), the initiative's sponsors, collected more than 1.2 million signatures to qualify the initiative for the June ballot. The people who signed the initiative understand that their property taxes will drop if the measure passes. But, do they see the larger implications?

The Jarvis-Gann initiative would reduce tax revenues by \$7.6 billion. Government services will be cut if no other taxes are raised. Other options are to raise new taxes or effect some combination of cuts and new taxes. FCC services would be cut if other taxes remain constant.

In the 1977-78 budget, the State Center Community College District received \$10.4 million in property taxes. It received \$9.2 million from other sources. If Prop. 13 passes the district would receive only \$4.5 million in property taxes. The budget would be reduced by 27 per cent. To meet these budget reductions the board of trustees would eliminate classes and services.

At a special meeting March 9 the board of trustees voted to send letters to district employees whose jobs may be eliminated by the initiative. State law requires the board to send such notice by March 15. At FCC, 50 instructors, three administrators, and 11 counselors received letters telling them that they might not be rehired for the next year. Many of the classes taught by these instructors would be eliminated.

If Prop. 13 passes, and no other taxes are raised, your class choices would be reduced. If other taxes are raised to replace lost funds, the likely candidates are sales tax and personal income tax.

Sales taxes would need to be raised from 6 per cent to 12.5 per cent to make up for the property tax decrease, according to the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee. Raising personal income taxes 150 per cent would generate the same

amount of revenue. Although your property taxes would decrease, your other taxes would go up. Most homeowners and renters would lose in the trade.

Only 35 per cent of the property taxes are paid by homeowners. Fifty-five percent comes from businesses and income-producing property, like apartment houses. The remaining 10 per cent comes from the state.

Businesses and large landowners would receive property tax relief from Prop. 13. Even with increased sales and income taxes, their total tax share would be less. Overall, taxes would shift from businesses and large land owners to consumers and workers. There is no reason to expect the businesses to pass the savings to the consumers.

Prop. 13 should be defeated. It will either decrease the quality of instruction at FCC or shift the tax burden to those less able to pay.

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