

Monetary aide helps create easy access to education

by John Loughney
News Editor

Many students come to Fresno City College lost, wondering where they're going to get the money to buy books, pay the different types of fees, afford the transportation and (for those living away from home) providing adequate meals, affordable housing and personal expenses.

Jobs just aren't that plentiful anymore, especially for the student wanting a good education and going fulltime to school.

The Financial Aid Program at FCC tries to make life a little easier for the student. Through grants, scholarships, job placement and loans provided by federal, state and local sources, most students can receive sufficient funds for their college education.

When being considered for financial aid, a student must be accepted for admission to the

college, carry six or more units (most of these programs require fulltime status), and be a citizen of the United States, a permanent resident, or intend to become a permanent resident.

Many people are led to believe that need is the only criteria for receiving some sort of financial aid benefits, but that's not the case. The government sets up guidelines to determine whether there is a need or not.

Need is not necessarily a criteria for scholarships because they are given out by donors who can do whatever they want with them.

For loan programs, need isn't necessarily a criterion because loans must be paid back with interest. The wealthy may be able to pay back the loan, but the poor may not be able to do so.

"We try to use loans as the last resort because our policy over the past 10 years has been that we would rather not force the student into a loan situation if we

can help it. We would rather do it with work," said Donald Watson, director of the Financial Aid Program at FCC.

Usually the first thing the FAO (Financial Aid Office) does when a student is in need of money is to find a job placement for that student. This work-study program provides the student with enough work experience and money for his or her education. Not all jobs are for all people and sometimes there aren't enough of them to go around. This is when other financial aid programs are sought. Need is no criteria for job placement.

Grants are outright gifts of money which don't have to be paid back. These grants come from state and federal funds. Need is the basic criteria for this because many lower income independent students or lower income dependent students couldn't afford to pay back a loan if they were given one.

The FAO determines who is going to get the money and how

much, then the campus business office, computer center, or the district office is notified, and they issue a warrant or a check. The student picks it up and to cash it, must endorse it.

Before the students ever touch the money, however, they must sign an affidavit stating that the money will be spent solely for educational purposes. This includes living expenses, meals, and transportation while attending college.

"We encourage the student to get a bank account, setting up a budget so they don't spend it all the minute they get it," stated Watson.

After completing 70 units or an AA degree, funds stop coming in and the process of paying back those loans begins. The lender must allow you up to 5 years, but may allow 10 years to pay it off with interest.

Watson said, "Most students want money to go to school, but they don't necessarily care where it comes from."

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Singers cast aside curtain

by Tammy Yockey
Rampage Reporter

A group of students on campus not many people even know about has done and is doing exciting things. The group is 18 singers and three or four musicians who call themselves the City Singers.

The singers, under the direction of Dr. LeGrand Andersen, perform for schools and organizations around Fresno, not to mention their recent spring tour to Romania and Bulgaria.

Dr. Andersen feels that "the singers are better known out of this country than they are right here in Fresno."

Andersen is very proud of his present group and he feels that, "voice for voice, this is as good a group as any I've had in a while."

The trip out of the country was an experience for all. "Traveling beyond the iron curtain is a striking, different experience," exclaimed Andersen. "When landing on the airstrip in Romania, you notice right away that you're surrounded by guards armed with machine guns and bayonets."

Andersen said the difference is great in life style and especially in the sale of consumer goods and services. In Russia the state owns everything. Prices are all the same, and since the people

don't have a choice as to what type of job they do, they don't care, and most everything is poor quality.

The people get paid the same no matter how good they are, so consequently the results are obvious. "You could go into a souvenir shop and find something you want, but then you have to practically force the sales person to help you," says Andersen. "It's just more trouble to them."

While in Romania the Singers visited such cities as Bucharest, Brasov, Sibiu, Sibiel and Pitesti. In Bulgaria they visited Primorsko, Plovdiv, Sofia and Pleven.

They performed in such places as medieval castles, cathedrals, 10th-, 11th- and 12th century churches, as well as restaurants and street corners.

The group received many interesting gifts from several cities.

Dr. Andersen is now planning a tour of Israel and Greece for the summer of 1982.

The average age of the students in the group is about 20. To be a member one must wait for an opening and then audition.

Their next campus performance will be near the end of the fall semester on Dec. 4, in the theatre.

Micro-News

BE AN INFORMED VOTER

There will be a Candidate Information Rally Oct. 22 from 12 to 2 in the Student Lounge.

Many candidates will be present, and others will be represented. All students are welcome to come to talk with, and find out more about, the candidates in the November election.

ILLUSTRATOR WANTED

Do you have any artistic ability? Do you want to have your work seen by millions? If you answered yes to these questions you can contact Sid Harriet, who is looking for an illustrator for the Potpourri magazine.

Illustrations will be used throughout the publication and on the front cover.

Send a sample of your black and white line drawings to Sid Harriet, office number 2, in the Humanities division.

FUTURE OF JUVENILE COURT

"The Future of the Juvenile Court" conference will be presented from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21, with the luncheon speaker, Fifth District Court of Appeals Justice Pauline Davis Hanson. The conference is for students majoring in legal and social services.

Call Debbie Green at 488-3680 for reservations and more information.

SWIMMING POOL

The FCC swimming pool is open daily for recreational swimming for competitive swimmers, students, and faculty members. Come to the pool between 3 and 5 p.m.

Hot diggity dog

Walking Waldorf pushes franks down Fulton Mall

Suzanne Berry
Associate News Editor

A part-time student at Fresno City College by the name of Pete Pardini turns into the Hot Dog Wizard after he gets out of school.

Pardini is a busy young man. He goes to school and after he gets out, he goes down to the Fulton Mall where he pulls out his jazzy hot dog stand and starts selling his delicious hot dogs.

"I've only been selling my hot dogs down here for approximately two weeks and I really enjoy it," stated Pardini.

Pardini's pushcart says "Hot Dog Wizard" on the side. It is equipped with a red and blue umbrella. His cart holds approximately 180 hot dogs, buns, soft drinks, and the dressings for the hot dogs, explained Pardini.

Pardini said propane is used in his cart to keep the hot dogs hot and delicious.

"I enjoy talking to all the different people who buy my hot dogs and a soda or just one of the two. Some people just stop to talk to me when they see my cart, or just ask me how I got interested in selling these hot dogs," commented Pardini.

Pardini commented, "I already have a few regular customers in the short time I've been down here selling my hot dogs. Most of them are businessmen, and secretaries or anyone who works down here on the Fulton Mall."

Pardini stated, "On the average day I usually sell about 180 hot dogs, and that's not bad for working only 3 1/2 hours a day."

Quite a few people came up to Pardini to buy hot dogs and soft drinks while I was standing there talking to him. By 3 p.m. Pardini had sold every hot dog he had — 180 hot dogs.

To get one of Pardini's famous hot dogs, go down to the Fulton Mall by Walter Smith's. He is down there five days a week from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

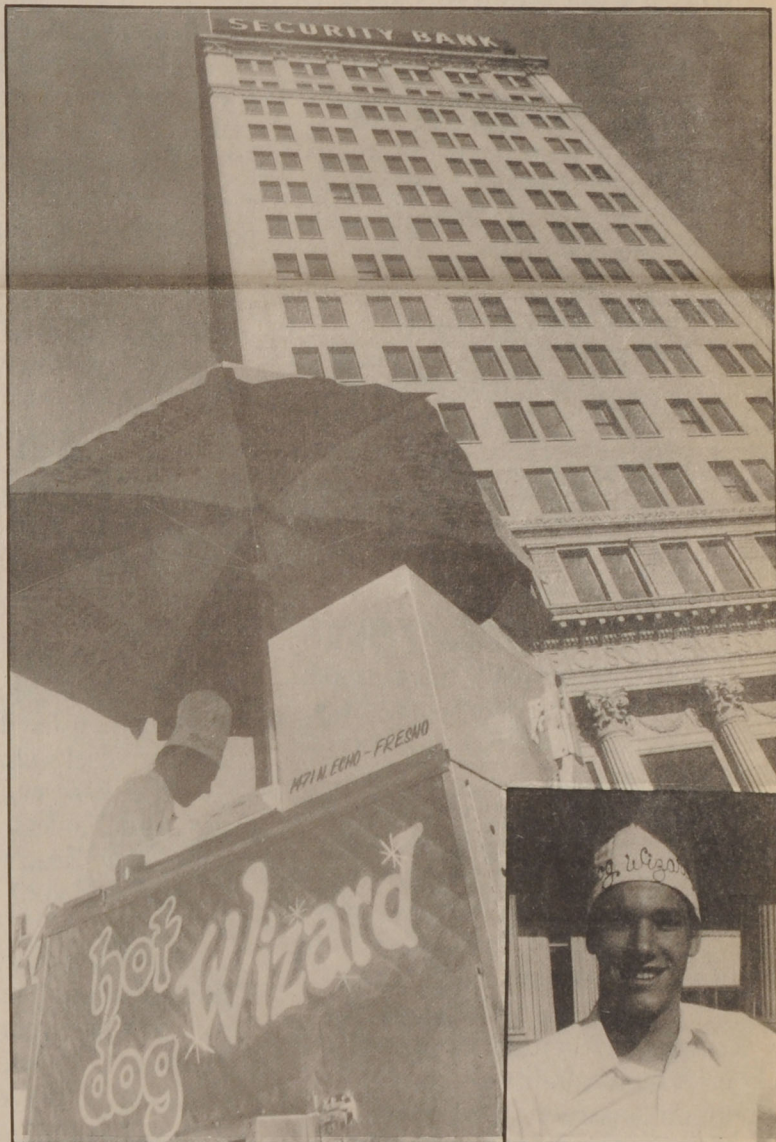


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WHAT COULD THE ARMY POSSIBLY OFFER A BRIGHT PERSON LIKE YOU?

Drop your guard for a minute.

Even though you're in a two-year college right now, there are many aspects of the Army you might find very attractive. Maybe even irresistible.

See for yourself.

ROTC SCHOLARSHIPS

If you're thinking of eventually going to a four-year college, it's not too early to start thinking about an ROTC scholarship.

There are 2-year and even 1-year ROTC scholarships available.

They cover tuition, books, and lab fees. Plus \$100 a month living allowance. Naturally, they're very competitive. Because besides helping you towards your bachelor's degree, an ROTC scholarship helps you towards the gold bars of an Army Officer. It's worth looking into.

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It means about \$60 more a month in your paycheck. And a lot more opportunity in the long run. Since you'll be literally wearing your education on your sleeve, your talents won't go unnoticed by your superiors.

And starting out right can really help you make the most of the Army.

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A CHANCE TO GO ON WITH COLLEGE

If you're thinking you might even go further with your college education, the Army can help there, too.

A few years in the Army can help you get not only the money for tuition, but also the maturity to use it wisely.

The Army has a program in which money you save for college is matched two-for-one by the government. Then, if you qualify, generous bonuses are added to that.

So 2 years of service can get you up to \$7,400 for college, 3 years up to \$12,100, and 4 years up to \$14,100. In addition, bonuses up to \$3,000 are available for certain 4-year enlistments in selected skills.

Add in all the experience and maturity you can get, and you can see how the Army can send you back to college a richer person in more ways than one.

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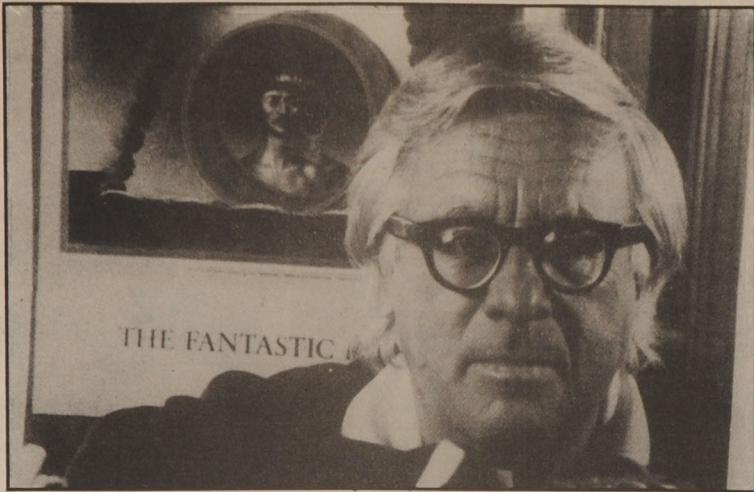
Futuristic author plans brief landing in Fresno

by Suzanne Berry
Associate News Editor

Some good news for all Ray Bradbury readers. Ray Bradbury, who is an excellent writer, poet, and producer, is coming to Fresno on October 22, 1980, over at Fresno Convention Center Theatre.

Bradbury's science fiction classic, "The Martian Chronicles," was recently broadcast on NBC television. It is an intriguing lecturer. He is very talented in emphasizing the contribution of a technological society.

As well as a writer, Mr. Bradbury has over the last 37 years published over 500 articles, stories, poems, and plays. So if you like Ray Bradbury head on down to the Convention Center October 22, at 10:30 a.m. It only costs fifty cents per lecture.



Futuristic writer Ray Bradbury comes to town.

Concert Review

Yes — split requires name change as well

— Tony Fornaro

In past tours Yes has consistently filled halls everywhere they played. With the departure of lead singer Jon Anderson and keyboard wizard Rick Wakeman, many people chose to stay home this time around.

My curiosity was too strong. I had to see Geoff Downes and Trevor Horn (who were so impressive in the new album) perform the old songs which would really be the true test of their ability.

The answer was all too sudden as the band attempted "Yours Is No Disgrace" early in the show.

It was quite noticeable that Horn's vocals fell short of Anderson's range. The song was the low point of the show. It was depressing to hear the band's timing so off on a song which so arrogantly displays it. Steve Howe's guitar solo, which normally ascends the song to a height unimaginable in altitude, was nothing more than a distorted assortment of chords.

An eerie morn fell upon me while Chris Squire performed "Fish." Only drummer Alan White and Steve Howe were also on stage. The song was done so

well that one would expect Anderson and Wakeman to appear on stage any minute. Needless to say, that didn't happen.

The new material was played to perfection and Geoff Downes added a unique dimension to the sound live as compared to the album. Horn is not a veteran showman (this is his first time on the road). Downes plays a more basic keyboard than the majestic organ grinding of Wakeman.

This is definitely a different Yes and should contemplate a name change.

Did you know



Sex in excess and other trivia

by Darrell Arthur McCulley

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DID YOU KNOW that a play entitled SEX written in 1926 under the pen name of Jane Mast was actually written by the famous actress Mae West? She once claimed that she and a certain lover of hers were able to make love 10 times in one night. I wonder how long it took them to recuperate.

Last year there was an item in this column concerning Zsa Zsa Gabor, who won the title of Miss Hungary of 1936. But there's something new about that situation: she was forced to give up the title when the judges found out that she was too young to enter the contest, whose minimum age was 16.

The Golden Slug award to anybody that can explain why it is illegal to kill a seagull in Salt Lake City.

The largest gem in the world is a topaz in the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, which weighs 1,338,000 carats!

For all of you Star Trek fans out there; were you aware that the United Star Ship Intrepid, manned by a crew of 400 vulcans, was actually destroyed twice during the series?

And here's the answer to last week's Question of the Week, and my apologies for having the wrong answer. Who was the last Soviet Premier to die should have been the question, the answer of course being Nikita Khrushchev, who went to that great Politburo in the sky in 1971.

And here's this week's question of the week:

For the benefit of which famous movie character were the following words supposedly written: Oh! Amon-Ra, oh god of gods, Death is but the doorway to new life. We live today, we shall live again. In many forms shall we return, oh Mighty One.

And what do YOU know that's interesting?

Comparative politics class

The Political Science 5 (Comparative Politics) class will start Friday.

For a greater understanding of the political systems in other countries and awareness of the political relationships between nations, this class covers classification and comparison of party systems, legal systems, division of power, and governmental problems. Instructor Maurice Van Gerpen teaches the class. He will cover several countries including France and Great Britain as western industrialized countries, China and the Soviet Union as communist countries, Nigeria and Tanzania as Third World countries, Mexico and Japan, etc.

The class will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 11 to 12:50 in SS-211.

The class has been already filled, so the best way to register is to go to the class and ask the instructor for an orange card. The class is worth three units of credit.

Leave the driving to us

The bus shuttle service between FCC and Kings River College makes two round trips a day Monday through Friday. One round trip is operated by FCC in the morning.

Now the bus takes 15 students from FCC and takes back two faculty members from KRCC.

The bus operated by KRCC leaves there at 2 p.m., arrives at FCC at 2:45 and the return shuttle leaves FCC at 3 p.m. and arrives at KRCC at 3:45.

Every Monday, the student passengers are handed paper to fill out their names and the courses they are traveling to take. The forms are collected by the driver and sent to Dick Cleland, FCC business manager.

Cleland makes a report to Sam Wheeler, vice chancellor, business, of State Center Community College District, on the (1) average number of student riders per day, (2)

average number of instructor riders per day, (3) programs in which students are enrolled, (4) cumulative direct cost of the service, and (5) income derived from "ride tickets" sales.

The ticket costs \$1 a day but the tickets are sold by sets — \$5, \$10, and \$20. Income is estimated \$195 a month, but costs are approximately \$20 a day for the driver's wage and fuel. So there is a possibility the district trustees may raise the fare.

The bus shuttle service at FCC just started at the beginning of this semester, while KRCC started the service last year when KRCC and FCC consolidated the aeronautics classes and all the classes moved to KRCC.

The maximum passenger load of the bus is 15. Cleland hopes more students utilize the bus. Tickets may be obtained at the business office in the Administration Building.



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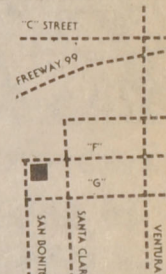
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Dungeons and Dragons — a sign of the times

Fantasy war game opens make-believe world for college students

by Darrell-Arthur McCulley

Would you like to be able to leave school on Friday, enter a world where you spend the weekend killing dragons, picking up a few magic swords here and there, get as much gold as you can carry, and then go back to school on Monday as if nothing had happened?

Well, now it's possible, thanks to a new game that has taken the college and high school campuses around the nation by storm in the past five years, the game called Dungeons and Dragons, and it is flourishing on the FCC campus.

The game consists of players who have, by both the rolls of the dice and by choice, created characters who will be placed in a medieval setting. The characters can be either a thief, a fighter, a cleric, a magic-user, or a monk, whichever the player desires.

Then a game referee, called a dungeon master, creates on graph paper the blueprint of an ancient dungeon, and places within its rooms fabulous treasure, fearsome monsters, or magical items.

Then the players act out the

voices and actions they want their character to take, as if it were they who were really going through the experience. The dungeon master tells them what they see, what they find, and what happens to them.

As a character goes through several dungeons (providing he or she is not killed), then the character may become more adept at his chosen trade, gaining "levels of experience," making him harder to kill, richer, and more powerful.

If a character is killed, a player may simply "roll up" another.

The omnipotent force in the game is the dungeon master. He tells the players what they run across, conducts the battle sequences known as melee rounds, and otherwise creates the adventure out of any of the four main D&D textbooks and his or her own imagination.

Although as with any popular product, there are similar products on the market, true D&D fanciers use any one of four standard reference works: *The Player's Handbook*, *The Monster Manual*, *The Dungeon Master's Guide*, and *Deities and Demigods*, which is the newest.

All of these, including the Basic Set of the game itself, are manufactured and distributed by TSR Industries, a company that produces many such games, like *Gamma World* and *Boot Hill*.

The game's inventor, Gary Gygax, took 10 years to perfect the playing system, and is now \$26 million richer than when he started. Since that time, fantasy role-playing games, as they are called, have greatly increased in popularity. There are large D&D clubs thriving on virtually every major college campus in the nation.

There have been some news items concerning D&D players who have "gone off the deep end," mentally speaking, and imagined that they were actually their characters. But most psychologists who have been asked to give their opinion say it is an excellent recreational outlet for tensions built up in work or school. They also say that, on the average, D&D players are a bit more in touch with reality because from time to time they journey away from it.

Dungeons and Dragons starts out to be a complicated game,

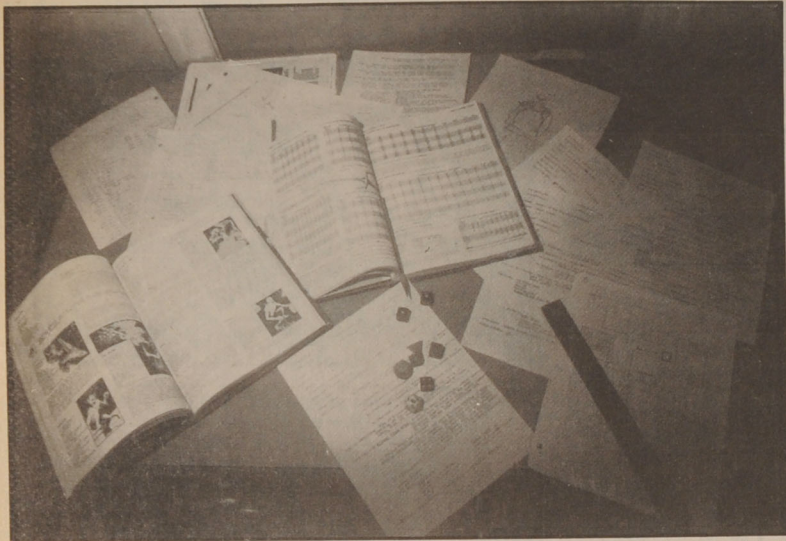


Photo by Roger Jerkovich

Dungeons and Dragons is all played in the mind. Here's some of the paraphernalia.

and may become even more so if the player wishes.

More than once, a dungeon master has covered the kitchen table with so many tables, charts, diagrams, and the like that the player hardly has room to move.

There are charts for attacking in battle, charts for defending, charts for "wandering monsters," charts for weapon hits, shopping prices, gem values, magic items and their properties. There is even a chart for an accidental encounter with a dinosaur.

Characters become the alter ego of those acting out their adventures, and this makes D&D one of the most unusual college fads to strike American campuses since swallowing goldfish. And it's a lot less messy.

Any student wishing to learn to play D&D, or looking for other D&D enthusiasts to adventure with, is invited to come to the Rampage office, SC-211, above the bookstore, and ask for Roger, Jeff, or Darrell.

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Photo by Jeff Krause

Kickers to compete on Modesto turf today

by Danny Gutierrez
Today the soccer team will try to improve its league record of 1-2 when they travel to Modesto to take on the Pirates at 3 p.m.
CC scored its first league win Tuesday, beating Evergreen College 3-2. "Tuesday was our first real team effort," said right halfback Bob Winebrenner.

Brad Silva opened the scoring with a 20 yard boot, but Evergreen tied it before the half ended.

Silva again opened the scoring in the second half on a penalty shot. Salvador Rodriguez was clipped in the box and Silva's low blast to the right corner made it 2-1 CC.

Evergreen tied it again but the go ahead goal was scored by Rodriguez with 20 minutes left in the game.

"They were bigger than we were, but we outplayed them," said left halfback Tim Pena.

"Tim has been playing consistently strong for us, he doesn't

score much but he plays good defense," said Winebrenner.

The Rams lost other league games to Hartnell 4-2, and Ohlone 6-2.

"If we play as a team and avoid injuries we have a good chance to come back and win the league," said Pena.

Team to compete in COS invitational

Straining bodies will clash against the net this weekend as the Fresno City College Volleyball Team pits its talents against 19 other teams during the 1980 Women's State Volleyball Invitational Tournament.

The action starts at noon Friday when FCC squares off against Hancock. Friday's pool play winners will advance into Saturday's elimination bracket, which will determine the tournament champion.

Central Valley Conference teams included in the play are Kings River, Porterville, College of the Sequoias, Merced, Modesto, and FCC. Conference

outsiders to compete are Hartnell, Citrus, Bakersfield, Pasadena, Taft, Cabrillo, Oxnard, Southwestern, Chabot, Mt. San Jacinto, DeAnza, Chaffey and Hancock.

Ram coach Jane Shriner feels that this year's squad is strong, and should do better than last year (FCC did not place). "All out conference games have been very, very close. All the teams are playing at about the same level, and just two or three games could turn all of the standings around." The Rams enter the tournament with a 2-2 league record and a 5-2 record overall.

Runners advance winning record

Three Ram runners tied for first place honors, helping the City College cross country team preserve its winning record in last week's meet against College of the Sequoias. A grueling four mile course was completed with a good time of 20:32 by John Hendry, Julian Vinton and Ray Garcia.

The women ran a three mile course, and Helen Lopez of FCC crossed the line with a winning time of 18:53. Teammates Tammy Jones and Elizabeth Jones finished fourth and fifth respectively.

"I feel we are in good shape mentally and physically for the big race this week with the

foreign legion team from Columbia and South Africa that represent Porterville College," stated Coach Bobby Fries. "However, in order to keep our undefeated streak going, we will require 100 percent effort from all team members. I am confident that with the team we have this year this effort will be forthcoming."

Julian Vinton was named "Ram of the Week" and Tammy Jones "Ramette of the Week."

Today the team faces competition at the Mt. SAC Invitational. On Oct. 24 they run at Woodward Park against Porterville and Kings River. The starter's gun fires at 3:25 p.m.

Women pull to a healthier mind and body

by Shelley Jeffers
Women no longer are the weaker sex at Fresno City College. thanks to the weight training program taught by Coach Fred Bartels.
Until recent years weightlifting was predominantly a male sport, and the few women involved in it weren't publicized

much. A shift has occurred though, and women are getting into body building as much as men. There are several contests for women body builders, and most gyms now have programs for women.

The women's class here at FCC has been held for the past nine years and although it's a tough

class, most of the women feel it does them a lot of good.

Bartels asks them to know 18 muscles of the body when their final comes around, and they also have to know how each muscle works and what exercises to use to strengthen it.

He feels that if they know their muscles and how to develop

them, they can later lift weights correctly in gyms and work out with their husbands. The trouble with families is they don't do enough together and since misery likes company, exercising is a good way to stay together.

Bartels says weight lifting is a good outlet and if you're toned up, life is more enjoyable. Also, if you're involved in other sports, you won't be as sore afterwards if you stay in shape.

One myth that keeps many women from body-building is the fear they are going to get muscles like men. But only males have the hormone (testosterone) needed to achieve the bodies like the body builders.

You also won't lose weight when you lift, although if worked at long enough, the flab you have will turn into muscle. The only way to lose weight is to have good eating habits.

Bartels doesn't believe in fad diets, because they fool around with the chemical balance of the body, and might affect you in later life.

He feels the most important

thing is to know your muscles and how to work them. The more knowledge you have, the less boring it will be. If you know 10 to 15 exercises to work on just one muscle then it becomes more of a challenge and less boring.

Turning flab into muscle has turned women on to weight

lifting, but unlike men they need not worry about bulging biceps.

Since Fresno is becoming quite a center of weight lifting, with this year's Mr. America, Gary Leonard, from here, many people are becoming more interested in it. Bartels just hopes the girls don't get as vain as the guys.

He has all ages in his classes and says that some of the older women are really strong and they claim to feel a lot better

after working out. He says, "My job is to get them turned on to it."

Bartels said, "I take into consideration a woman's physical makeup, but I want them to go as hard as they can, to try harder and go a little beyond their capacity. It's a whole new revolution coming up."

From The Bullpen



NFL downstaged by World Series

by Danny Gutierrez
Rampage Reporter

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It's hard to believe that the NFL is entering its sixth week this weekend. With the World Series getting most of the publicity, the NFL is slowly going about its business.

The Buffalo Bills are definitely the surprise team this year with a 5-1 record and a tie with the New England Patriots for the lead in the AFL East. People were doubting whether the Bills were for real until they beat the Raiders 24-7 and then went into San Diego to defeat the Chargers, 26-24. But the tables turned last week when Bert

Jones and the Baltimore Colts went to Buffalo to stun the Bills 17-12.

The Colts win with Jones in the lineup. They aren't the team they were 10 years ago when Johnny Unitas and Mike Curtis roamed the field but they are a young team with a strong defense. Miami is struggling with a 3-3 record and the New York Jets are in the basement at 1-5.

The Houston Oilers can't seem to take advantage when the Pittsburgh Steelers lose. The Super Bowl Champs have lost two games this year, both to the Cincinnati Bengals. In the AFC

Central any team is capable of beating the others. The Bengals have beaten the Oilers once and the Steelers twice. The Cleveland Browns have a strong backfield in Greg Pruitt and Mike Pruitt and newly acquired rookie Charles White.

The AFC West is regarded by some as the toughest division in the NFL. The San Diego Chargers have the best aerial attack with John Jefferson and Dan Fouts. Seattle, Denver, Oakland and Kansas City are all solid teams and it should be a good race.

Next week the NFC.

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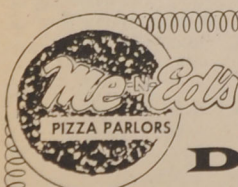
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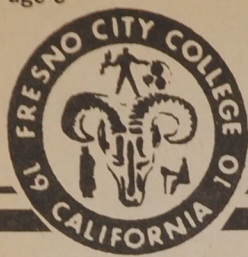
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We reserve the right to delete portions of contributed material if lack of space dictates such action.

Are FCC students 'true to their school'?

Rampage contest results mirror student participation

Last week, the Editorial Board of the Rampage came up with the idea of having a contest to find a solution to the Iranian Crisis. Happy Steak at Peach and Shaw in Clovis graciously offered to donate four steak dinners to the winner, and two large Cokes for the person or persons who came up with the most humorous answer. We thought that certainly the prospect of

Obviously, when less than 200 people voted in the last student body presidential election out of a potential electorate of 14,000 then something must be wrong. In times past it has proved too easy to blame the system. But this excuse is no longer valid.

The fault lies not with the people in charge, but with the people they represent. By virtue of the fact that

perform to an empty house?

Elections for the ASB Senate were held this year — twice. I will not even deal with this subject.

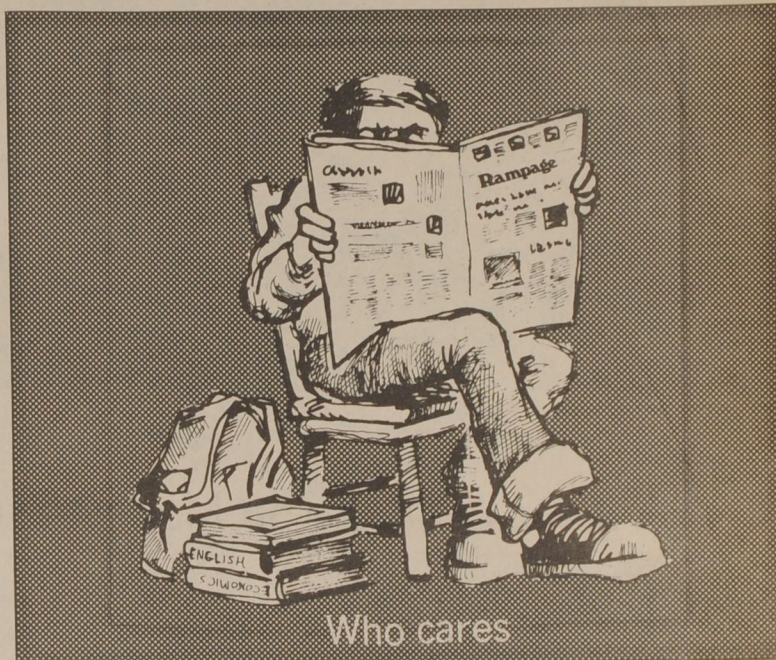
I have been involved in student government and/or student affairs since the eighth grade, and if there's one thing that has always been consistent that is that students never seem to respect a right until it is taken away from them.

But I'm beginning to wonder if this is true of Fresno City College. If the right of student government is revoked here at FCC, I'd be willing to bet that almost nobody would kick up any kind of a fuss, that only half of the people or less would even know about it.

That's not the fault of the media, so don't you dare blame it on the newspaper. It is the fault of students who don't care enough about something to keep themselves informed.

Ask yourself this question: Before it was reported right here in the Rampage, how many of you even knew that Homecoming had been cancelled? Maybe this is the first you've heard of it. Well, don't feel badly. You and about 10,000 other people.

"I don't have the time."



Who cares

"My vote doesn't make a difference." "I don't have a student body card." Students have hidden behind these excuses since I've been going here, and I'm sure for longer than that. If they don't have one or more of these easy ways out, they'll find another.

If they do have one of these, just watch them fall all over themselves telling

you 1) why their excuse is genuine and therefore valid, or 2) why they don't believe in voting. But you'll never hear someone who votes give you any of these cock-and-bull excuses.

On-campus activities should be limited to only those activities where more than 5 percent of the enrolled students participate. If a figure even as low as 5 percent were used, the football, swim, basketball, and many other teams would be just parts of a once glorious past.

Some people whose confidence is tugging at them are bound to say that the Rampage, and myself in particular have a holier-than-thou attitude. But each and every person up here on the staff is here because they want a hand in how the campus is run, or because they are concerned that the average student is told the truth, or because they are looking for a position that will let them see what's really going on behind the scenes.

All of a sudden, that little joke on the high school English teacher's wall about apathy isn't funny anymore.

The present ASB officers are to be commended for their attempts to keep a campus of mindless sheep looking like an organized institution of higher learning. Vicky Miller and Kevin Gilliard should be given medals. Other members of student government should be similarly honored. Then student government should be dissolved.

You heard me. I said student government should be dissolved. Government of the people, by the people, for the people is hardly possible when the people could not care less. At best, student body officers should be kept as token officers, so we don't

get embarrassed in front of our fellow colleges. Perhaps, after the privileges have been taken away for a few years, the students will finally get restless enough to want them back. It's a last-ditch effort, and strong medicine, and it probably won't work. But I'm open to suggestions.

I'm not afraid of making somebody mad in this opinion piece. After all, what are they going to do? People will come up and say, "Hey, that was a nice article," or "I disagree with what you wrote last week," and that'll be the end of it. Things will go on just the way they have been.

I hope I'm wrong. But I seriously doubt it. If we get letters about this article that total even 5 percent of the Rampage's total circulation of 4,000, I will apologize to the campus in this newspaper.

And I don't mean people who regularly participate in the way this campus is run. These people are above reproach and deserve praise. How about the people that sit in the Cafeteria reading the Rampage over their lunch break and say, "Wow, that's too bad," and don't do anything about it.

During the 1960's, clippings from the Rampage show that one of the biggest problems facing them was over-activism. In 1968 a record number of petitions for office were turned in. But we in this day and age had to hold a second election because nobody cared to run in the first.

Actually, to be exact, it was the third election. The offices were supposed to be filled in the spring of the last school year.

I'm beginning to wonder if the only thing FCC has to be proud of is to its glorious past. Surely the present is nothing to brag about.

Staff Editorial

free food would goad the apathetic students on this campus into action.

Well, we were wrong. The contest is five days old as of this writing, and as of this writing we have a whopping three entries. Now, before this flood tide of participation arrived, we had held out some slim hope that there there was still a chance for the students of FCC to take an active part in the governing of their campus. But when certain people are even too apathetic to eat, then as far as I'm concerned they have no right in the world to govern themselves. They are as ripe to be led as were the German people when Hitler came along.

they have refused to participate in their own affairs, the students of FCC have lost the right to govern themselves, and this right should therefore be revoked. When so few students and spectators appear at football games that Homecoming is cancelled, then sports such as this should be put to a stop.

How do you think the football player feels when he sees that there are more people on the home side playing the game than watching it? It makes matters worse when the average slob off the street comes up to him and demands to know why the team lost. Would you

Aaaaaaaah... the good death

by Kim Starr
Rampage Staff

Last week a boy wounded in gang violence in Los Angeles was taken to an emergency hospital, according to a radio news report. Several hours later, his doctors determined that he was mortally wounded and cut off the life-preserving devices he had been dependent on. He died.

This situation involves something that has been called euthanasia, as in "good death," mercy killing, death with dignity, the right to die. It is recommended by some who consider that, in some cases, death is preferable to life: intolerable, incessant pain; certain, lingering death; and, where it has been abused, infanticide, genocide, abortion, and suicide. The basis for permitting it is the assertion that there are lives not worth continuing.

Each citizen must develop his own conviction in this matter, as in others. There is no guarantee that you will not face deciding whether extraordinary measures should be taken or maintained to preserve your life or a family member's. Euthanasia is a particularly difficult issue to deal with because it in-

volves the heavily ingrained axiom most of us hold to that life is precious, the sovereignty of God, and the shattering reality of a human being reduced to biological persistence with no apparent mental life or vitality.

My own approach to it is to see two distinct policies: private and public.

I think that "the good death" is an expression of hopelessness and at the same time an overextension of what man thinks his rights are.

Renowned pediatric surgeon C. Everett Koop has asked if it is man's right to choose in what fashion he will die, or to demand that he die comfortably. We now have the technology to provide this; that society has stopped to ask if it's right is a tribute to man's nobility. That he simply doesn't know brings me back to the hopelessness.

Denying further medical treatment when the doctor thinks his efforts will be to no avail is certainly a hopeless policy to adopt. On the other hand, acquiescence to the bleak prospect of a life in limbo — mental incompetency and incontinence — is also giving up.

Neither alternative

demonstrates perseverance or faith. To a Christian, both these attributes are gift from God, and I will deny neither. Rather, the most effective policy is prayer and trust that the God who created life knows when to end it and that He will have compassion on all who face this situation. I've never had to test this out in the life of a dying relative, but others have. It works because God is.

But if that isn't your approach and you still see more impact in the wisdom of men than the power of God, the choice of this writer means little to you. Indeed, putting this faith into public policy is inappropriate because the church and state must remain separate.

The government must be kept at least as far out of the picture as the church with respect to euthanasia. We have the example of pre-World War II Germany, where the "good death" was bestowed first upon the mentally handicapped, then the physically handicapped, and eventually the racially "inferior" and anyone else deemed unworthy to live or troublesome to the state.

It started small, but was allowed to increase by

sociological law, changing medical ethics, apathy and self-interest generally, and a crushed economy. We must make sure history will not be repeated in this case. No elite, governmental or medical, should decide for us that a "mercy killing" should be administered or that "extraordinary" treatment should be withheld.

The patient should be fully informed of his condition and options; in his stead, if he is unable to render a decision, his family should decide for him. In any case, the decision maker should be given the opinions of at least three doctors qualified to judge the patient's prospects, and time to think it over. When the patient cannot decide for himself and has no one else to consult, his life must be maintained.

If laws permitting euthanasia must be passed, their intent should be compassion for the patient, not the pocketbook or patience of his family or hospital staff; to loose the burden of the dying, not the vibrant. If euthanasia must be legalized, it must be in such a form that it is sometimes permitted, but never mandated.