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'Bomb, Bomb Iran'

ASB president thinks concert could ruin FCC's reputation

by Carrie Pettitt
Rampage Feature Editor

Here at Fresno City College the subject of much controversy and talk this past week has been the upcoming "American Solidarity Festival." The festival is to be

"Vince Vance and the Valients,"
the Nashville based band that
recorded the highly debated hit
record. "Bomb iran."

The tune is a new rendition of a song called Barbra Ann, first recorded in 1961 by the Regents, and then by the Beachboys in 1966. The original song had

catchy lyrics — "Barb - Barb - Barb - Barb - Barb - Barbara Ann." as for the new rendition, "Bomb lran," figure it out for yourself. You've probably already heard

The first thing to be made perfectly clear is this — the Fresno City College Associated Student Body had nothing to do with the promotion of this concert. "In fact," says ASE president Vicky Miller, "The senators and myself are opposed to the idea that the festival is going to be held on our campus."

In actuality Ratcliffe Stadium

is a public facility and can be rented to any organization for almost any purpose, but in the minds of most people the mention of the stadium brings about an automatic tie — with

"We had nothing to do with it, we didn't even know about it until the stadium was already rented out," says Miller. "We

The reason for the opposition on the part of our student government is easy to see. The song, "Bomb Iran," is a touchy subject at present and is considered offensive by some. The

Senate does not want the rest of Fresno thinking that Fresno City College is racist or that they as a group condone the bombing of Iran.

Now that the veiwpoint of our student government has been discussed, let's look at the situation through the promoter's

The American Solidarity Festival is a promotion of Radio Station KFYE, also known as Y-94. The problem faced by the station in the beginning was not necessarily the song's controversial meaning, but finding a place to hold the festival. Mike

Purcell, the station's manager said every available site for concert proved fruitless until finally the State Center Community College District agreed to allow the use of Ratcliffe Status for the Section

Y-94 has met with much opposition since the record first began getting air play. A group of students from California State University, Fresno, sent a petition to KFYE-FM with 150 signatures asking the station to stop playing the sone.

After consulting their atiorneys, the radio station saw no
harm in leaving the song on the
air and continued playing it.
Thursday before last, at least six
CSUF groups (one of whom
denied being part of it) asked for
people to boycott the station.
Leaflets asking the same were
distributed around their campus
and town.

"The groups say the song is racist and that we are warmongers for playing it," said a disc jackey from KEYF

"I think it was a clever record, but I don't think it should be taken at face value," said the disc jockey. "I think it was made to get some frustrations off our chests instead of wanting to go over to Iran and kill millions of innocent people."

In an editorial that aired on KFYE pertaining to the song, the station's manager, Mike Purcell, said, "The station's position is a simple one. The record, "Bomb Iran" is the single most requested record on our radio station. It is our feeling that the people of Fresno identify this recording as a statement to the Iranian government that we are tired of having our people's freedom stripped from them

"The basic principles of life, liberty and the persuit of happiness as guaranteed under our constitution have been torn away from a group of American citizens who are being held prisoner in a country that continually demonstrates contempt for ours.

"We feel that this recording says to Iran, "We the people of the United States are fed up with this imprisonment of our fellow American's"

Despite all the talk and disagreement over the issue, the American Solidarity Festival will go on as planned. But why

Because of the strong listening response, the stronges anywhere in the United States according to Purcell, the band agreed to play in Fresno for expenses only.

"We've planned this thing as a family event:" said Purcell. "It's a picnic and is meant to be a fellowship of American

Admission to the festival will be \$2,94 for anyone carrying a hand held, wavable American flag and \$5 for those without. "We want those flags a wavin!" said Purcell. The admission costs will help pay for the band's

expenses.

Also performing at the festiva will be two local groups, Dave and Ray, and Boy Howdy. The festivities will begin at 1 p.m and later in the evening a fire

works display is planned.
It is not the intention of this newspaper staff to advocate or oppose this event. It is only our responsibility to report the news. In the issue following this one there will be an interview with the band and the writer of the

Students can Homecoming

by Joe Chabala

There was a time when the word "Homecoming" ment great pageantry and a time when alumni got together for sort of a reunion.

But the great social event of the 40's, 50's and 60's is reaching extinction on community college campuses across the nation. Fresno City College is no exception.

Traditionally, sometime during October and November was the time set for Homecoming. But there won't be any Homecoming festivities this fall semester, because according to Doug Peterson, associate dean, student affairs, it's just too late.

During the fall semester of 1979, Homecoming was brought back after a four year dormancy. It was met with confusion, poor planning and a general lack of

nterest. That's when Peterson, not dean of student affairs at the time, put together a set of guidelines that would insure a successful Homecoming, if one was ever tried again.

One of the first rules was to start the planning of Homecoming at least eight weeks in advance.

"That's the rule I set up last year and I would follow it. That's why its too late," said Peterson.

What would cause Homecoming, which at one time was a gala week with a lot of participation, to slip to a five minute ceremony during halftime, then finally to an obscure thought in a student's mind?

ought in a student's mind?
Peterson has his own ideas.

Peterson has his own ideas.
"Somehow the real meaning behind Homecoming has gotten lost over the years," said Peterson. "When I was growing the meaning was a time for

the classes that had already graduated to come back to the campus and meet informally with their friends. It was sort of a

Peterson says there seems to be no real urge for FCC graduates to return to the campus, therefor making

FCC isn't the only school turning its back on Homecoming events. Peterson says the trend for community colleges in California is away, from Homecoming, In fact, roughly 68 percent of the community colleges in California have done away with Homecoming on their

Another possible reason for the decline in Homecoming is that back in the 40's, 50's and 60's, when Homecoming was at its peak, clubs were more socially oriented, whereas the clubs of today are more

technically oriented. The clubs of a few years ago were always

Another apparent reason for the turning away of Homecoming is the fact that the average age of the community college student is getting older. The older student is more interested in wrok, home responsibilities and studies than extracurricular activities.

When asked whose job it was to initiate Homecoming, Peterson responded by simply saying "the students"

He also says there is a glimmer of home for the rebirth of a meaningful Homecoming here at FCC.

"It's like all things, they come and go in cycles, and someday Homecoming may be the "in"

But until then the student of

Counseling services offer FCC students a helping hand

by Yoko Koike

Do you have academic or financial problems? Are you thinking about transferring to a four-year school? Sofia Hernandez from FEOC. (Fresno Educational Opportunity Center) is waiting for anybody who needs help, with counseling and various materials.

The FEOC started to provide financial service, several supportive services such as tutoring, academic counseling, advising, and transfer information in Fresno, Kings, and Madera counties in 1969. Now, some 10 counselors are assisting students in three counties including 23 high schools.

Sofia Hernandez, counselor-

college recruiter, has been stationed at FCC since this September by FEOC. She was a student of FCC and transfered to CSUF where she got her BS degree in child development. She was an employment counselor at the Fresno County Personnel Office before she began wroking at FEOC, so she

assisting people

assisting people.
Hernandez remarked "I enjoy
working with people, especially
with students, because it is a
challenging and rewarding
experience. I want to assis
anybody with andy academic o
financial aid problem." She i
also a counselor-collegy

ecruiter at Bullard High School. FEOC has been improved by expanding the counseling service and having a good, close relationship with each school, she said.

Rosemary Lopez from FEOC is also stationed at FCC and is working in the Tutoring Center assisting students who need

Hernandez is in the FEOC

Service Building from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, and in the Career Center upstairs in the Student Services Building from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wed-

You can also contact her at the FEOC office on Van Ness or Fridays at 266-7757. She will be glad to help any student. If you



Rampage facelift . . .

gives the Rampage boxes a long awaited the eight boxes located are campus. When asked what

occasion for face lift was, he said, "Well, I didn't have anything else to do and I have to look busy."

Survey shows college is fulfilling educational goals

by Suzanne Berry Associate News Editor

Fresno area residents feel that Fresno City College is doing a good job in academic education and in providing job and career training, according to a recent survey.

A poll was teken betweer June 17 and 28 to find out wha people think of Fresno City College. The survey was made by the Field Research Corporation along with FCC' federally funded project to determine the college goals and objectives.

Dr. Carl Waddle, associate dean of humanities, in charge of the program, stated that the results of the survey will help the college understand what people think of FCC on the whole.

"The goals inventory survey was a house survey where the faculty, classified staff, and students at random answered approximately 100 questions on what the college should be doing and what is important to the respondent." Its teld World lie.

"We are working under a federal grant to accomplish two things in particular: (1) to define the goals and objectives of FCC, and (2) to train the people who are participating on how to define the goals and objectives."

All the respondents were given eight reasons why they weren't likely to attend FCC and the top four reasons were: (1) conflict with job, (2) FCC doesn't offer what the respondent wants, (3) can't afford to go to FCC and (4) too old to go back to school.

difference between importance and performance. For instance improvement in basic skills is considered high in importance but it was rated low in performance. It was rated 2.95."

Waddle continued saying "If a respondent says the college isn" doing a good job in a specific area, then the college will try to improve on that area."

Transfer education and job areer training were also rated the importance as well as enformance. Both of these

studies provide the staff with direction toward goals and

adults, and the survey was available both in English and Spanish.

this survey throughout the state, but we got into more detail and depth by using the federal grant, Waddle said.

"This is the first time in 16
years that this survey was
conducted here at FCC as far as I
know "he added

Mare than a third of the people surveyed thought a certain grade average was required to attend FCC and 39 percent thought a high school diploma was required.

Waddle explained, "Anyone 18 or older, a high school graduate, or anyone who can profit from instruction can attend FCC. Even students K-10 can attend if they want to, but they need to have an agreement with

Teens face early parenthood

Fresno and neighboring counties.

Students who attended the conference commented that three aspects should be improved in the community.

(1) Having education for all grade levels. As students mature, so should the curricula on sexuality.

(2) Providing parenting and adult sex education classes.

(3) The media could help prevent teenage pregnancies by publicizing the agencies and clinics which provide birth control information and supplies to the public.



FCC discusses name change for Ratcliffe

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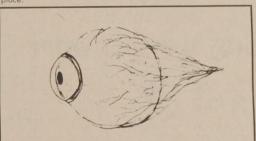
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Divine 'Miss M' flounces her way into audience's heart

by Joe Chabala

Editor in Chief
The hauselights dim. The
curtains part. And Bette Midler
makes her grand entrance on a
silver platter, carried by three
young attendants, belting out
"Big Noise From Winnetka."
Her feathered costume makes
one suspect that several bald
peacocks are prowling the
neighborhood. But as she points
out to her fans, "This isn't just a
garment, it's an investment."
For the next two hours, Bette
Midler sings... struts... weeps
... laughs... flounces... woos
the audience... plays with her
pals, the Harletts... throws out
one-liners like bridal bouquets...
refuses to tell tacky stories
("I've eschewed vulgarity"),
then tells them... breaks down
in mid-song... and has a ball.
It is a turnabout from her
screen debut as a sacrificial rock
star in "The Rose," for which she
won an Oscar nomination.
"Divine Madness" is Midler at
her best; singing, dancing,
joking, miming, and carrying on
a love affair with the audience.
It is also a departure in
fillmmaking, an attempt to break
down.the barrier that normall
exists between performer and
onlooker, to create the immediacy of live theater.
The show changes moods, or
rather Midler changes the mood
of the show from moment to
moment.

At one moment she's pleading
"Stay With Me," clutching a
microphone like the sleeve of a

tertainer — she reveals the frustration of being a mermaid to double entendre Hawaiian lyrics.

As Sophie Tucker, she admits that her boyfriend, Ernie, has sexual hangups. In fact, sex is the punch line throughout her whole show.

To the tune of "Chapel of Love," she performs a bit of "now you see me . . . now you don't" costume magic. On a platform transformed to a pocket park, Midler becomes a shabby old woman, in limbo between hope and pain.

The audience becomes part of the show. The show becomes a party, which is the way Bette seems to like it. Finally, she reaches a peak of energy and emotion, wailing "Any day now . . . I Shall Be Released."

One of the reasons, other than Midler's tremendous singing and acting talent, for the huge success of this film is the fact that her audiences bring their own show to a Bette Midler performance. They know her lyrics by heart. They mimic her gestures. They throw straight lines and she hurls back jokes like firecrackers.

During the show, after her Sophie routine, the audience wanted to see more. Someone wanted to hear the "faco story."

"You expect me to put that on film?" she joked, "I'm dumb, but not that dumb."

A second later, Sophie was gone to be replaced, as the



BETTE MIDDLER belts out a heart felt "Stay with me."

Movie Review

'Private Benjamin' a sophisticated comedy

ultimately go her own way in the world.

In addition to making her debut as an executive producer, Hawn was able to do what she does best — act. She did a real good job of it, too.

A wide variety of sets and locations were used during the filming of "Private Benjamin." From an affluent mansion in Philadelphia, to the raw terrain of a basic training camp, and then finally part of the movie was even filmed in upper class Paris.

I would call this movie "real" comedy. Private Benjamin is a comedy that is not based on anything that couldn't happen.

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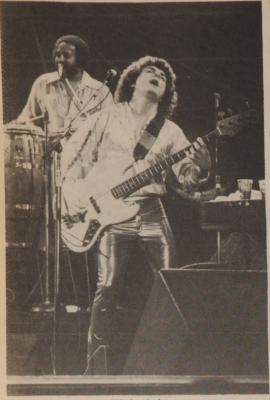
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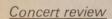
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pace.
The rest of the band then returned on stage to play "Nice, Nice, Very Nice" and their classic "Holdin" On To Yester-

classic day." Ambrosia played for an hour and a half, including two encore



DAVE PACK in the spotlight

- Did you know -



_ by Darrell ArthurMcCulley

The reason it is illegal to kill a seagull in Salt Lake City is because seagulls once appeared out of nowhere and ate up a plague of locusts that threatened to destroy all of the crops, so the people passed a law honoring the seagulls and preventing their being killed.

And now here's this week's Question of the Week:
The British Flag is nicknamed the Union Jack; the American flag
s nicknamed the Stars and Stripes, or "Old Glory"; What was the
ickname of the flag of the Confederate States of America?

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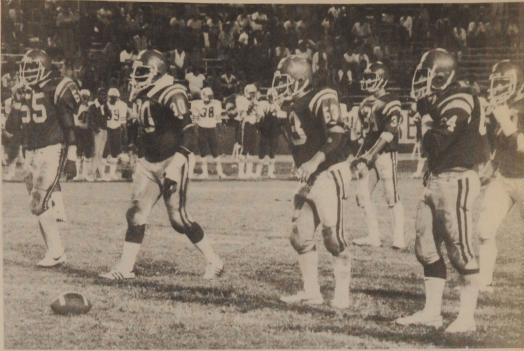
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THE RAM defensive front will be in action again this week when FCC travels to Porterville for their Valley Conference opener.



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Editorials

RATCLIFFE

STADIUM

Good things don't die, they just fade away

by Kim Starr Rampage Reporter

Word's out: no Homecoming. And boy, am I tired of the apathy issue. So I won't try to connect the

absence are that student government decided it wouldn't be feasible because of the eight-week preparation period required, lack of social pizazz in clubs and lack

-Under the Gun-

Why can't FCC get a

'real' group to play?

alumni interest in coming back and seeing old friends.

friends.
The first reason is pretty bureaucratic and pretty dull, so I'll leave it alone. But the change in clubs and the alumni attitudes are less dull, so I'll kick them around ro a few minutes.

So clubs in junior colleges now are less social, more technical than in the past. People's social needs take second place behind the need to fulfill

by Roger Jerkovich

material needs.
Goals! Motivation! Self-actualization! Me-ness! actualization! Me-ness! (No, no reference to Socrates.) People heard that BA degrees were getting grads nowhere because they weren't smart enough for the good technical jobs and too smart for entry positions. enough for the good technical jobs and too smart for entry positions or broom pushing. Now people want to be on top of things all they way though.
(Or we want to prove that
we aren't second-class
students at Silly College by
eliminating frivolous ac-

students at Silly College by eliminating frivolous activities.)

As to the absence of alumni interest, I should say that I find it a little puzzling. Something like half the participants in a recent poll of the college area have had some instruction at FCC. We regard this school generally as a good one. Why, then are alumni not proud enough of it or attached enough to their old Ram buddies to come back for the night intended to honor them?

And why have the Seventies been a decade of decline in social clubs?

Perhaps we have finally responded to the challenge of other countries' educational systems.

responded to the challenge of other countries' educational systems, where students are pushed roughly into and through tough schools, where technicians are a privileged

stories teachers told in high school about the rigid requirements of schools in

requirements of schools in communist countries, and how it would really be my fault if Red China overran us because I didn't apply myself assiduously to my dull technical studies.

So the students are more interested in technical studies and clubs than community life; the ties



aren't built that would interest them in such matters as Homecoming.

At last spring's graduation, Mayor Dan Whitehurst mentioned the introversion in our community made possible by technology. Our entertainment comes to us electronically, we are

spectators; our needs we seek to meet financially, we are socially independent.
(We know we can't really function that way, we try.)
So we've beaten back the Red Tide with diligence and determination at the expense of school social life. To each his own

provided he

priorities, provided he knows he has them.
Frankly, I don't think much about homecoming myself. Maybe this discussion has gone too far afield over too skimpy an issue. My apologies to those who thought I'd a ctually discuss

Letters to the Editor

Apathy

Participation

using it again and save on those gas bills.

If you like to rock and roller skate, then be bop your way to school and have a good time.

And if you are new here and want to meet people, then form a car pool. What better time than eight in the morning to get to know a person well?

Whether you walk, skate, or bicycle to school, the fact is clear that the person who benefits is both you and me.

— Brad Barnett

Monetary Aid

Hostages

Dear Editor:

To laugh at ourselves in human drama situations, is great therapy. Although I didn't come up with a humorous answer to the Iranian Crisis, the entanglement of personal ideals being at stake, there is an interesting observation made. Alan Alda, of the TV series, "M.A.S.H."

While North and South Korea sat at the negotiating table,