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What's in a name?

Change costs District \$8000

By Carlos Cordova

What's in a name?

The Reedley College name change to Kings River Community College in 1980 has resulted in an estimated loss of between \$8,000 and \$10,000 to the Kings River bookstore.

Kings River and Fresno City College comprise the State Center Community College District.

James Stoner, FCC bookstore manager, said in a report to the district this week that the loss was due to the large amount of inventory with the imprint 'Reedley College' that had to be discounted.

On July 1, 1981 the bookstore had approximately \$25,000 in cost immerchandise at printed with the name Reedly College. The merchandise had to be discounted and sold at cost or below cost resulting in the \$8,000 to \$10,000 loss.

Stoner's report said the loss was "a major contributing factor" to the negative cash position the bookstore is in even though the bookstore turned a profit in the 1982-83 school year.

Additionally, the report said prior to the bookstore manager position at Kings River becoming open this year, the bookstore had one of the highest payroll expenses of any bookstore in the state. Payroll expenses totaled 23.7 percent at the end of the 1982-83 fiscal year. The average, including insurance and benefits, is 12 to 17 percent. With the manager position still being vacant, the payroll has now come down to the average.

Stoner suggested the board should consider "alternative solutions to staffing" and a onetime no interest loan to the Kings River bookstore.

The board also heard a report on remedial education at Fresno City College. At least one-third of the students entering Fresno City College are in need of either remedial English or math instruction at the presecondary

Persecondary education is designed for students with deficiencies in skills usually acquired at the elementary level.

The report said the college is unable to serve all of the students in need of remedial education. The report, however, said placement testing has improved student retention and has increased the percentage of students passing coures in English and math.

The report concluded that complete evalution of remedial courses and placement testing is impossible without the ability to do student historical tracking.

The board, later in the meeting, voted unanimously to make an effort to take part in a state pilot program designed to track students.

A bill in the state Assembly will allocate \$6.8 million for the 1984-85 pilot year. The bill recommends that 12 campuses take part fully and 10 participate partially during the first year.

The school would identify students at enrollment and then printed with the name Reedley Presecondary education is ing course in English and math. Chancellor's position when the current officeholder retires in June. The vice-chancellor's position is one of two in the district.

Last month, the board gave Chancellor Ray Cattani only a one-year extension on his contract. Cattani agreed that the decision may indicate a dissatisfaction on the board with his performance.

Edith Freligh retires as vicechancellor. The distict decided not to hire a replacement.

Rampage/Terry Pierson

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Rampage wins awards at State Conferance

By Jim Rhodes

Last weekend, student journalists from California and Arizona gathered at Fresno's Hacienda Inn to participate in headline writing. the Journalism Association of Community Colleges' 1984 State Conferance.

The conferance is held every year but this was the first time any colleges from outside California sent participants.

California counterparts in the Tabloid Newspaper. two-day event.

competed in "on-the-spot" contests designed to test their Peirson took one mention a journalistic abilities.

Some of the contests were: News-Story and Photo; Sports-Review; Feature Story; Editorial Story; Editorial Cartoon; and Front Page Lay-out.

After dinner on Friday night, an awards banquet was held to Design; Photojournalism; and announce the winners of the Media Law. "mail-in" competition.

Rampage members claimed five awards that night.

Two first places were won for front page lay-out, and

Former Editor-in-Chief Mike Bledsoe and the Rampage staff were awarded second place for an opinion written by Levi Pagsuberon.

Dan Immel won fifth place in the News Story category.

The Rampage was awarded Students from three Arizona sixth place for General colleges competed against their Excellance-Small School,

Two honorable mentions On the first day, the students were given to Rampage staffers. Dan Immel and Terry piece in the Feature Photograph category.

On Saturday, the students at-Story and Photo; Critical tended workshops on the various aspects of journalism. The workshops included: Feature Writing: Finding the Nugget; Lay-Out and Graphic

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Politics is no longer Jack-In-The-Box

By Peter Cummings

This is the first of a two part series expressing the views of the reporter. These views are not necessarily those of the editorial board or of Fresno City College's administration.

Before we were blessed with Burger King, Dairy Queen, and missing beef, a wise old man once claimed that he never got excited about presidential candidates because they reminded him of taking the kids to breakfast on Sunday morning: anyplace was ok--as long as it was Jack-In-The-Box or McDonald's.

And although this year's electoral path into the future does indeed come upon a fork in the political road, the choice is no longer Jack-In-The-Box or McDonald's; it is whether to continue to the right or turn back toward the left. It is, though, a question of means, not ends.

The serious threat of the nuclear-weapons buildup and U.S. intervention into the domestic affairs of other nations are seen by both political experts and the American public as a tionship between the United pire'' rhetoric of Ronald States and the Soviet Union. In 1945, with the ashes of World

War II still smoldering, Franklin Roosevelt and Joseph Stalin effectively divided up Europe between themselves by deciding the political and economic fate of the ravaged continent. They had the military might to do so and, hence, guaranteed superpower status for their respective countries. The leaders of the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. can only agree that there is nothing to agree on. Bilions of humans have endured the consequences eversince.

In recent years, the failure of detante, the ambiguity of Salt II, the death of Leonid Brezhnev, Ronald Reagan's rise to power, and the corresponding scheduled deployment of (count'em) 108 Pershing II missiles and 464 Cruise missiles in Western Europe, have sent U.S.-Soviet relations to an all-time low and public awareness of such to an all-time high.

But U.S. foreign policy is seen by many Americans as more than simply an ideological squabble between God and the Devil. The public's everincreasing knowledge of the harsh reality of nuclear war may direct result of the decaying relatend to override the "evil em-

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FCC cadets graduate

By Carlos Cordova

The Fresno City College cadets took "five steps and a hurdle" to graduation this week.

The State Center Peace Officers' Academy graduted 24 cadets at cermonies in the college theatre.

Pat McCormick, a four-time Olympic gold medalist and the subject of an upcoming CBS special titled "American," gave the graduation address.

The former Olympic diver told the graduates that to live up to their potential they must take "five steps and a jump" just as she did in the diving events. "Don't be fancy, just be consistent," said McCormick.

"Life is an Olympic game," she said. "It took everyday to get

to the Games."

McCormick, a tall blonde and dynamic speaker, is frequently requested speaker on motivation and winning. Her daughter, Kelly McCormick, is the current world champion in diving and a contender for the Olympic gold this summer.

"Keep it basic and simple," said McCormick. "Surround yourselves with greatness and winners and drop all your negatives."

And remember, said McCormick quoting Churchill, "Never, never, give-up, never, never, never, never,"

One cadet that didn't give up is Russell Nelson. Nelson won the Top Overall Cadet Award and the Top Academic Award. He narrowly missed winning the Top Shooter Award. That award went to Roger Dittberner.

Several members of the State Center Community District attended the ceremonies. District Trustee Pat Patterson said most of the graduates will be able to find jobs in small town police forces.

Patterson, chief of police for Clovis, is a former graduate of the academy. He said the reason he ran for trustee was because the district was planning to drop the academy's accreditation.

Patterson said small towns hire the graduates because the towns can't afford to send their own officers to the academy to get accredited.



Pat McCormick, four-time Olympic gold medalist, urges cadet graduates to reach their potential. Rampage/Terry Pierson

FCC observes college week

By Brenda Teele

Special to Rampage "Community College Week", observed on the Freson City College campus May 6-12, recognizes the educational and cutural contributions made by community colleges.

During "Community College Week", Fresno City College will host a series of events. A free concert, featuring Brass choirs from Fresno City College, Freson State Unversity, and College of the Sequoias, will be held on Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the college theatre. On Wednesday, May 9, there will be an art show in the Art Space Gallery featuring works from five Fresno Art patrons. And on Thrusday the Vally Invitational High School Theatre Festival will take place in the theatre. the Jesse Owens Games will highlight the week with track and field events at Ratcliffe Stadium on Saturday, starting at 10 a.m.

Throughout "Community College Week", Fresno Citys"

Career Center, and other departments will be open to all interested person. Tours of the Fresno City College campus will be given by the public information office.

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Don David Del Toro performs a pose on the streets

of Fresno. See next week's Rampage for more break-

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Reagan. And his administration's thesis that "the revolution in El Salvador is the logical implication of Russian tanks in Tijuana" many carry much less weight after the failure of several U.S. attempts to intervene in the domestic affairs of the rest of the world. Many Americans are questioning the wisdom of Ronald Reagan's interpretation of reality. Then again, everyone needs something to hate, and the Russians look as good (or bad) as any. Many would-be voters may see Reagan's actions as having made the best of a bad situation. And they may want the man that started it to finish it.

In addition to the American public's "throw the burn out" attitude toward Jimmy Carter, Reagan was elected President in 1980 largely because he persuaded the voters that less government intervention was the cure for an ailing economy. He claimed that too much control of American business concerns had stifled the incentive for investment and led to decreased productivity. Reagan's doctrine suggested that free enterprise, when left to its own devices and unhindered by labor unions, heavy corporate taxes, and environmental controls, would produce like never before. Such production, we were told, would create jobs, encourage investment, stimulate the circulation of money, and bring about a more equitable distribution of

Many observers feel that leaving America's economic future in the hands of big business may well be like entrusting the cabbage to the goat. And it may be

true that if you feed the horse all the oats he can eat, he will leave enough droppings for the sparrows; the portion of wealth that actually "trickles down" may do wonders for the numbers in David Stockman's notebook, but little to fill empty stomachs or heat cold living rooms. But who knows how many voters will agree with Ed Meese that poverty in America is only a fabrication of a news media which has nothing better to do. Concern for the poor is hardly an American pastime. The "every man for himself" spririt of rugged individualism flows deep in the American mainstream.

Socioeconomic ideology may only be so much mumbo jumbo, though, when it comes down to who will vote for whom. If, as they say, citizens vote their pocketbooks and leave their conscience on the fireplace mantle, then late October state-of-theeconomy perceptions that hit close to home may swing the balance and set the course of history. Martin Feldstein to the contrary, Reagan's economic advisors hold that the outlook will be bright in the fall.

Martin Luther King said that the most important step that a person can take is that short walk to the ballot box. According to the 1980 census, 18 million American blacks will be eligible to vote in the 1984 general election. Approximately 11 million blacks are presently registered to vote, and the numbers are increasing steadily.

At present, black politicans in the U.S. include 223 mayors (with 17 running cities of 100,000, and 11 running cities of 200,000), 347 state legislators, and 21 Representitives in Congress, but no senators or governors. The hunger for major political clout has resurrected a black unity not seen since the heyday of Martin Luther King. If the enthusiasm can hold until November, black leaders can contribute ideas to Democratic Party policy decisions that would have brought only laughs 20 years ago. While this in itself is not enough to get Jesse Jackson into the Oval office, it is

demographic power to unseat the cowboy, hence bringing longneeded major changes for the black community.

Although Jackson's presidential campaign is significant just in its historical context, the true importance lies in its effect on voter registration: nothing brings out the vote like a genuine candidate. Should he continue to do well in the later primaries, Jackson can arrive in San Francisco with enough delegates for a solid bargaining position. His main goals will be to bring about significant changes in educational and employment opportunities for blacks as well as other minorities groups which he believes have suffered at the hands of the present administration's policies.

Could the black political strategy backfire? Many prominent black and non-black political observers think so. They fear that Jackson's "feed the hungry and clothe the naked" rhetoric may be to strong for many Americans. And Jackson has taken plenty of votes from Walter Mondale. But so what? This is the time for the black political movement, and the price must be paid. If not now, when?

The "my dog is bigger than your dog" mudslinging of primary season is a welldocumented anthropological condition that, if nothing else, gets grand attention from the media. But just as winter turns to fall, Jackson, Mondale, and the rest of the Democrats will join hands to create the political unity which is only, but quite sufficiently, the perception of Ronald Reagan as the south end of a northbound horse.

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The "on-the-spot" winners were announced later that night.

Two awards were presented to Rampage members. Tom Ferrall took sixth place for Sports Story and Denise Bartlett, former managing editor, captured sixth for Front Page Lay-Out.

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