# FCC instructor gets a close hand look at El Salvador University

By Daniel Pimentel Staff writer

To capture the full essence of the subject, one must actually see the evidence, smell the smells, hear the sounds, and witness first-hand all the evidence available before the mind's eye can complete the picture.

FCC sociology instructor Dr. Luis R. Sosa traveled south to El Salvador to witness up close the educational system that he said he believes is very unique. To do this meant traveling under tight security, and "having to move several times to avoid capture."

Sosa was a member of a 12-person group of instructors and students from the West Coast which spent two weeks (July 25 to August 9) touring the campuses of the National University. Sosa's team was hosted by the university's student organization, and his visit

was split between the main urban campus in San Salvador and the rural campus in San Miguel.

Sosa said that to fully understand why he visited El Salvador, you must understand the history of the National University. The main campus has existed for more than 100 years in San Salvador.

Four years ago the regime of President Jose Napoleon Duerte took over the campus for military purposes, taking

with it more than 200 faculty members and students who to this day are considered murdered or to have disappeared.

The university was reopened 11 months ago, and has been struggling to operate normally ever since. According to Sosa, "the military men come in plain clothes because Duerte wants to give the appearance that they are cooperating and the human rights conditions are being maintained, but it is just not

true. They (the military under Duerte) still wait outside for students and faculty to capture them and torture them."

The American fact-finding team learned many interesting things about El Salvador, both political and cultural. Sosa claimed that the vast majority, as much as 80 percent of the general population is against Duerte's regime.

"The only way Duerte is functioning is because of the United States military presence see Sosa page 3

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# Hope here for victims of financial backlog

By James Tripp Staff Writer

Hope arrived Wednesday, for hundreds of Fresno City College students who have been unable to receive government loans or grants because of a severe paperwork backlog in the Finincial Aid Office. A temporary financial aid officer on loan from Kings River Community College set up shop here.

The temporary officer, who will work at FCC three days a week, was added to city's financial aid staff in an attempt to get the office on top of a severe paperwork backlog. Many eligible FCC students have not received the aid they're entitled to.

"We expect things to really speed up with the additional officer," exclaimed Joseph Salazar, financial aid director for FCC. "If things progress as expected we should be caught up no later than November."

The backlog was caused by a combination of federal funding delays and a criminal investigation involving two of FCC's four financial aid officers. The result of these problems is being felt by approximatley 400 FCC students who still haven't received checks that were ment to help them pay for their fall

The problems for the FCC financial aid officer began last May when FCC administrators suspended two financial aid officers, James Johnson and Floyd White, for allegedly accepting kickbacks from students applying for grants and loans. Although official charges haven't been filed against either, they both are ineligible to return to work until a full investigation has been completed. In the mean time officials at FCC are unable to hire full-time placements for them and both men are still receiving their paychecks from

the district, in Johnson's case to the tune of \$2,080 a month.

In addition to the suspension of finincial aid officers, the office was put a month behind by a delay in the payment schedule of the federal Pell Grant, around which City's financial aid system revolves.

"We understand their needs," said Salazar. "We're well aware of some of their situations (inability to purchase books, behind on rent or suffering with food bills) and are doing everything we can to resolve them."

Although Salazar recognizes the suspension of financial aid officers and the Pell Grant delay as the major factors of the paperwork backlog, he contends that some of the student's problems may be self-inflicted.

"The reason some of the applications have not yet been funded is the applicant either filed late or in many cases haven't brought in all the proper documents that must be checked before eligibility can be determined." Salazar explained. "We operate on a system of chronoligical funding, we must fund them in the same order we received them. We also have to follow federal regulations and guidelines when processing applications. We can't give checks merely because students aply. We must check out each case, much as a case would have to be examined before issuing welfare of veteran's benefits or any type of federal funding."

Salazar noted that the reason it took the district four months to find temporary replacements for Johnson and White is the extreme requirements for the position.

"It was difficult to find someone with the necessary qualifications to come in and start funding students. It requires a vast knowledge of federal regulations ... each case

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Helen Schwartz, proprietor of The Gallery in Fig Garden Village, displays "Norman at the Barber," one of many Norman Rockwell works in current showing.

Rampage/Don Donovan

#### **Students Turn To Aid Agency**

By Joe Rojas Staff Writer

At least a dozen Fresno City College students have had to resort to getting food staples from Valley Social Services to make up for failing to receive financial assistance through the college.

The delays have been caused by a logjam at the Financial Aids Office which resulted from the suspension of two workers, lack of computerization and the late arrival of Pell Grants from Washington, D.C.

"I have given needy students food on the spot," said Pete Hagel, director of VSS. Students must have written referrals from teachers, counselors or even pastors.

"My mom has had to borrow money in order for me to buy my books," said Cynthia Ramos. "I live with my mom, but some students who live on their own have been forced to

get help from the food program (VSS)," she added.

Ramos' mother, Pauline Garcia an interviewer at VSS, said, "I have helped at least a half dozen students last week and helped two more just yesterday (Tuesday 9/23)." Students are given a three to four day supply of basic foods: beans, rice, fruit and bread.

"Right now I question whether or not my survival needs are greater than my school needs," said Clark Cowgill, an athlete from Washington, D.C.

He added, "I have talked to my parents and we decided that if I did not receive financial aid within two months, I would have to go back home." Cowell receives \$300 a month from his parents and \$225 goes for his rent, leaving him with \$75 for food and utilities.

Meanwhile students at FCC say they will cope.

Arts Friends Slate Dinner

By James Tripp Staff Writer

As a method of raising money and generating support for the arts program at Fresno City College, the "Friends of the Arts" organization is sponsoring a benefit dinner on October 28th in the Roger Rocka's Good Company Music Hall.

"The program was designed with a multi-fold purpose" explained Charles "Tim" Quinn, coordinator for the benefit. "The money raised by the program will be used to advertise arts programs at FCC. In addition to generating money, we hope to increase the awareness of the arts programs within the community.

The evening's events will include a fashion show by the Ivory Tower, a keynote speech by Dr. Karl Falk, immediate past president of FSU and a business and civic leader, as

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# **Real Fresnans Ready** For Big Birthday Party

By Dan Pimentel Staff Writer

Okay, all you red-blooded Fresnans, break out your noise makers and get out your party hats. The Big Fig is turning 100, and, boy, are we going to celebrate!

The old girl has hit the century mark. Big deal, you say? Better believe it. We REAL Fresnans are getting pretty excited about it too. Fresnans have a lot of things to like about Fresno. Our community spirit has been on the grow as each year passes.

Fresno has come a long way from tiny prairie star to mighty metropolis. Who would have thought way back in 1885 that 100 years later city residents would be arguing about widening Herndon Avenue to six lanes? In 1885, Herndon was a good day's wagon ride from downtown.

Yes, we Fresnans are having a birthday, and it's for Fresnans only. What's this you say, you don't know if you are a real Fresnan? Well, that's no problem, a real Fresnan is easy

Do the letters UNLV get you upset? How about the number 277? If that doesn't get you mad enough to chew up people who do popularity polls on the quality of life in American cities, you simply are not a real Fresnan.

Of course, not all people that reside in Fresno are real Fresnans. Can you believe there are some narrow-minded individuals out there who don't like living here? Most are transplanted East Coasters who haven't got the smarts to move out of incorporated Fresno into the quiet and serenity of the rural areas around us.

Real Fresnans drive like life has no tomorrow. Gas it on the yellow, and gas it harder on the red! Real Fresnans seem to give

each other the finger all to often, usually at on-ramps of "Ike's Pike."

Fresnans like to eat marinated tri-tip and drink mass quantities of beer at tailgate parties, although there are never any tailgates around. Just rent-a-tents with, you guessed it, intoxicated Fresnans, standing about saying typical Fresno things like "Hey, get off your butts, Caltrans, break's over. You guys ever plan to get back here and finish our freeway to nowhere?'

When you get to our big birthday bask, don't be alarmed if you see almost everybody dressed head-to-toe in bright Bulldog Red. It's OK, that's the Red Wave, and with us they're real Fresnans too. Even the ones that live in other towns are real Fresnans if they are in the Red Wave, but don't get in their way, 'cause they came to PARTY!

If you are a real Fresnan, then see you centennial weekend. But for all you snivelers that hate the fog, and gripe about our world-famous rude drivers, better stay away for this one. This weekend, the Bud's for US, and you can't have any!

All you non-Fresnans that will be leaving town, heads clad in paper bags and lowered in shame, don't cry. We have something all planned for you.

All 250,000 of us that like it here, and the Red Wave has your weekend all planned out. While we will be celebrating 100 years of greatness, you'll be locked in a basement in Bakersfield watching "Tonight Show" reruns. We've massed together, in one room, every tasteless Fresno joke Johnny has ever told, and you get to watch them all. If you are driven to the brink of your sanity and have to leave, go ahead.

Just one thing, though. Don't come back here!

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is different," said Salazar. "Just as you wouldn't allow a person without a teaching credential to instruct a class or allow a person in the courtroom to defend someone who hadn't passed the bar exam, we couldn't hire someone merely because we were desperate."

Salazar advised students who are still awaiting financial aid to come by the office to check and see if all their paperwork has been completed and that they have all the necessary documents so that when their turn comes up there won't be any additional delays.

"If you just have a question or want to see your papers, you can avoid the long lines and step to the front," explained Salazar. "We'd like to take care of everyone as quickly as possible."

## Entertainment this week

By Monique Musick Staff Writer

The band "Procession" will play tonight and "The Wounded" will play tomorrow night at The Wild Blue Yonder located at 1145 Fulton. The shows will begin around 8 p.m. For prices and more details call 268-1379.

The following comedians, Rosie O'Donald, a semi-finalist in the television show "Star Search," Ken Aulbrary an ex-Chippendales dancer, and John Melicar a featured comedian, will perform tonight and tomorrow night at The Comedy Shop at 1231 Van Ness in the Athenian Lounge. Two shows are scheduled for both nights beginning at 8 and 10:30 p.m. For admittance to shows one must be 18 or older. Admission is \$5 Friday night and \$6 Saturday night. Reservations must be made in advance.

Today the movie "The Breakfast Club" will be shown at the CSUF Satellite Union. Showings will be at 2:30, 7, and 9:20 p.m. Tickets are available at the Student Union information desk and at the door of the Satellite Union show time. Admission is \$1.50 for CSUF students with I.D. and \$2.50 for general admission.

Three Times Knock Restaurant and Coffee Shop offers people under 18 years old a place to dance to top 40 records. Wednesday nights college students with I.D. receive a \$1 off the regular covercharge of \$3, Thursday nights a special 2 for 1 price is offered, and Friday and Saturday nights there is a \$5 charge to get in. The doors open at 7 p.m. and music is played at 7:30 p.m. There is also dancing available to those over 18. Knock Three Times is located at 2257 W. Shaw Ave.

A Wheel Chair Tennis Tournament will be held today at Roeding Park. The tournament will start around 9 a.m. and be played into the evening. The tournament will remain at Roeding on Saturday and finals will be held Sunday at Sierra Sport and Racquet Club which is located at 2626 W. Alluvial

### **University Day Held**

By Lauraine Lake Staff Writer

Representatives from 27 universities, state universities, independent colleges and universities, and service academies gathered Tuesday for University Days to acquaint the Fresno City College students to their campus curriculums.

The representatives from each campus offered assistance to the FCC students through pamphlets about the schools, educational opportunities, and by the answering of general questions.

The major questions asked were what the different types of majors that the school offered, what does the school offer for them, and what they need to transfer to the school.

Silvia Torres, the representative of California State

University, Bakersfield, felt the most concern of FCC students was what did the campus offer for them. She stated that the students who approached her were shopping, in a sense, for a future school.

Torres pointed out that CSUB was the smallest state university in California, and that the campus concentrated primarily on basic academic

"If a student is looking for a campus with a lot of student population, or a lot of student activity, CSUB is not what you're looking for," observed

In comparison to last year the attendance was attributed to the lack of Clovis and Fresno High School students. This was regarded as a benefit to the FCC student who was limited to time to receive college and university information.

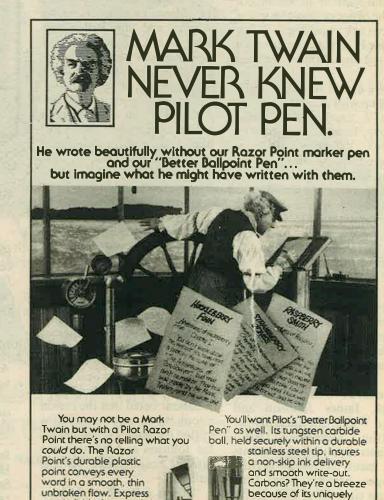
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there," Sosa said. "The American equipment is all over, in the air as Huey helicopters complete with gun mounts, and the M-16's everywhere on the ground."

Of the El Salvadoran government, he added, "The military is so corrupt that they are actually running the show there for the benefit of theirselves and corporate America. Now the money we are sending down there, the millions and millions of dollars is basically going to the military in the form of extremely high salaries to professional soldiers and high-ranking officers to keep control of the people for their benefit, with the money going straight to

Miami and Swiss banks."

Most of what the American team learned is important for all students, Sosa said. Asked if he planned to use what he gathered in El Salvador in his teaching at FCC, Sosa said, "It has to be used, because of the money that's being spent there, and because of our involvement there." Sosa is setting up plans for a exchange program where some Salvadoran students and faculty can visit the United States, starting with Fresno. "The two students that guided us in our travels there are coming here on September 23, and I feel they will talk about their experiences."

Also needed in El Salvador



Dr. Luis R. Sosa

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are instructors of all types.,
Sosa would like to see members.

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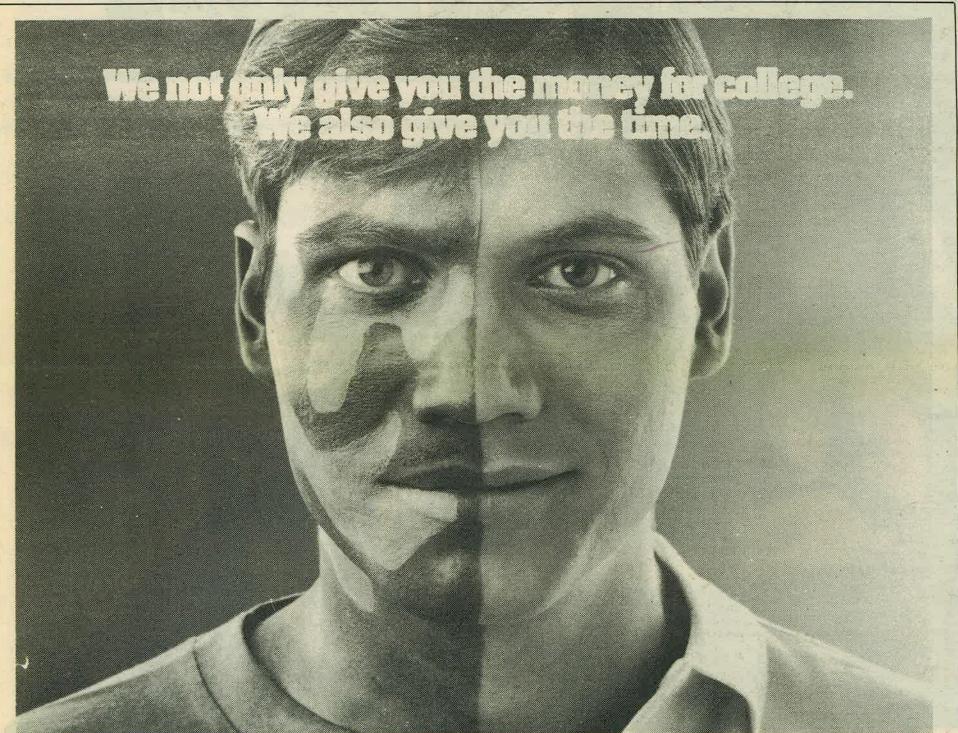
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well as a silent auction of art objects created by FCC faculty members.

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"The silent auction is an auction in which a sheet of paper describing the item to be bid for will be laid out. The bidder will read about the item, decide what he is willing to bid for it, and then write his name and bid on the paper," said Quinn. "Each additional bidder will add his name to the sheet and by the end of the night we will award the item to the highest bidder.

Tickets for the fund-raising event, entitled "Fall for the Arts," are priced at \$25 each and may be purchased by contacting Charles Quinn at 442-8281.



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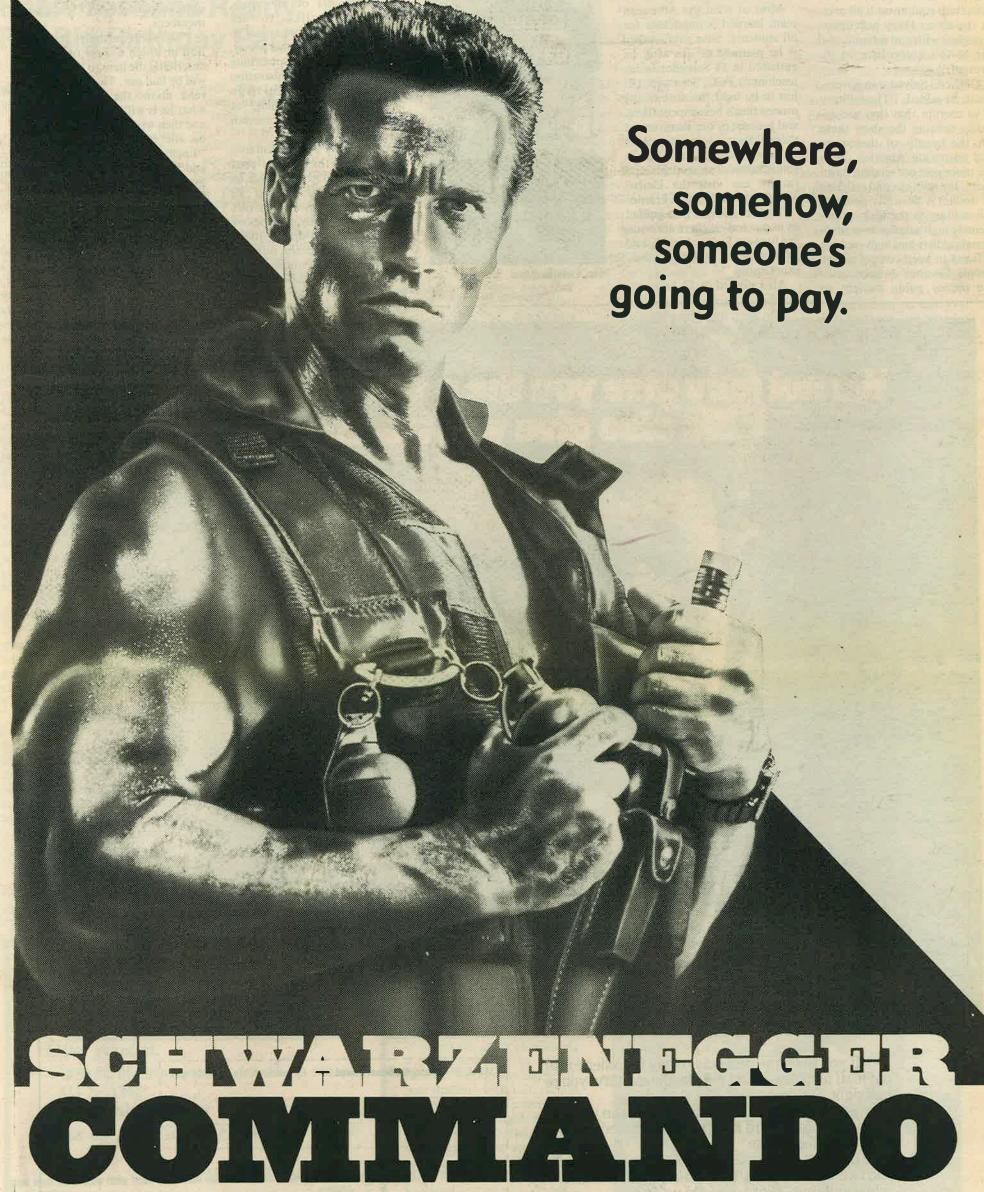
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