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# Simplex slow to fix time at FCC

By Robert Adams Staff Writer

Fresno City College Maintenance Supervisor Clyde Hammond blamed a local time recorder company for the incorrect time kept by many campus clocks.

"FCC had a Master Control System designed and installed by Simplex Time Recorder Company in 1959," Hammond said

"Before December, 1982, this system operated all mechanical equipment, exterior lights, fire alarms and clocks on campus.

"Due to frequent breakdowns and poor service support from Simplex, FCC was faced with monumental problems just keeping the necessary equipment on line and operational. FCC had a service contract with Simplex to repair and maintain this system."

Simplex Manager Richard Kapis said that the problems were caused by the College's equipment "being significantly too old."

"Between 1959 and 1978,"
Kapis said "the school's Master
Control System was selfmaintained by the College
District."

Richard L. Cleland, FCC business manager, said that service technician Terry Eishen was the College's "primary contact with Simplex" during most of this time.

"In 1978 Simplex provided the first outside service contract to the school," Kapis said. "Simplex found that the college had an inadequate preventive maintenance system."

Kapis said that when Simplex made recommendations that the College modify and add to their Master Control System, they received "no cooperation" from the College.

"Hammond cancelled the last four appointments made by Jimmy Brooks, Simplex service manager in 1982, to discuss the school's equipment," Kapis said.

Hammond said he believes Brooks made the appointments as a means of "public relations" for Simplex.

Kapis said that Simplex ended its association with the College in 1983, and "does not know what has happened" regarding the operation of the school's equipment since that

Hammond noted that "portions of the system required updating, but the College was unable to fund a major renovation."

The College was in "transition" away from using the Simplex Master Control System at the time of Brooks's appointments, Hammond said.

Cleland said that "in the opinion of the plant facilities manager and the maintenance supervisor, Simplex provided poor technicians, failure to correct errors and failure to maintain the Master Control System."

Simplex Project Manager Mitch Williams said that Simplex was more than willing to help the College and that the company is concerned about the operation and repair of any of its equipment.

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# Cattani to retire early

By Denise Bartlett Editor-in-Chief

The State Center Community College Board of Trustees have voted to appoint John S. "Jack" Hansen as Acting Chancellor of the district to replace Chancellor Ray A. Cattani. The appointment will be effective beginning Feb. 21 through June 30, 1985 and will allow Cattani to retire early for health reasons.

Cattani is scheduled to officially retire the end of this year, but will be allowed to use accrued sick leave and vacation time through June, and then return to work through December 31 on special projects as an administrative assignment

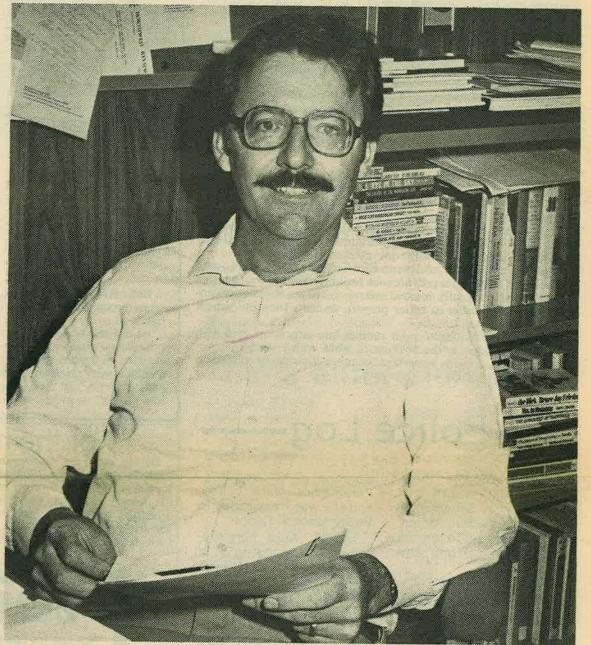
Cattani underwent surgery last month to remove a brain

tumor, the second such surgery he has received in less than two years. At this time, he is convalescing at his home in Reedley.

Hansen served as Chancellor of the district for more than two years prior to his retirement in 1981. Up until that time, he served as Vice Chancellor of Education to the district for 10 years.

There is a nation-wide search being conducted for a new Chancellor, and Hansen is expected to work as a consultant in that effort in addition to assuming the duties of Acting Chancellor.

The position of District Chancellor covers the entire State Center Community College District which includes both the Fresno City and Kings River Community College campuses.



DeWayne Rail: "Teaching is a hard job."

Rampage/James Finley

## Prof. Rail stands up to criticism

By Jess Zepeda Staff Writer

If you were to spend over 45 minutes while speaking with DeWayne Rail; full-time; full-fledged English/creative writing instructor at FCC, you would be convinced of the importance of English 1A.

Professor DeWayne Rail, born in Oklahoma, moved to Fresno with his parents at the age of seven. The post-war era here in Fresno offered his caravan-family jobs as field workers.

The family lived in a not very popular section of town known as "Little Oklahoma" near the county fairgrounds on Ventura Street.

Growing up as a field laborer and picking grapes, cotton and peaches during high school, he had a variety of jobs prior to entering college.

Rail credits his living in the valley to be a major influence on the style of his writing.

Arriving in Fresno, he tried his hand at writing country western songs, depicting many of his experiences about field laborers. Recollecting the summers of 1968 and 1970, while as a college student, and working in the packing sheds near Salinas, a time when Caesar Chavez began his advent for organizing labor and union strife, Rail considered it 'highly paid work.'

After attending Roosevelt High School as a student, his literary style turned to poetry. He continued taking courses at FCC, earned a Bachelor's of Arts and teaching credentials at Fresno State University and a Master's of Fine Arts at U.C. Irvine.

In 1970, Rail published a variety of poems and magazine articles while taking on a teachership position at FCC.

Among several anthologies published is "Down At The Santa Fe Depot," a book about Fresno poets. It was here that he had one of his several encounters with William Saroyan. A second anthology, "California Heartland" is used as a supplementary text in college U.S. history classes. Other publications include magazine articles and stories in the "Beloit Poetry Journal," "Southern Poetry Review," and "Poetry Now."

In 1983, CSU at Bakersfield

used Rail's poems for the "Odyssey Project," a documentery tilm of migration worker's from Oklahoma. At this time, an editor from the "Washington Post" has contacted him with the interest of Rail writing for that newspaper.

Rail has been teaching English for 14 years and creative writing courses for 10 years at FCC. Among some of his former students of whom have been widely published are Gary Soto, Dixie Lane, and Tom Listmann.

"Teaching is a hard job," says Rail. "It is a task that is becoming harder and harder to do. Students lack reading skills and background; a decline in cultural values testifies these

He hopes to be able to encourage culture in his classes, but being unable to do it as a college professor, because he must fight the values of the pop culture. That is one thing he finds harder and harder to do every year, and because of this he says he may continue teaching for another 10 years.

"Most students today are interested only in finding jobs,"

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## **EDITORIAL**

# Education and business partners for the future?

By Denise Bartlett Editor-in-Chief

Recent articles in the Fresno Bee and the Los Angles Times have pointed out the active role which business is taking each year in providing education to it's employees.

Some estimates claim that business is spending as much as \$90 billion annually to educate employees on the job. This figure is comparable to the total amount spent annually in traditional educational

institutions in the US.

According to Anthony P. Carnevale, an economist with the American Society for Training and Development, employer-provided training is becoming more important than degrees earned in most local and state colleges and universities. He said in a recent article that 70 percent of employees learn their skills on the job rather than in formal training before taking a job.

In a report by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, some industries are actually establishing accredited educational institutions which are becoming more attractive alternatives to traditional colleges because of specialization in training.

This provides yet another challenge to community colleges which are already experiencing budget constraints to keep up with the needs of students trying to enter the job market.

Many campuses, such as Fresno City College are partnering with business and industry to provide such training. The General Motors Corporation has recently donated several cars to the automotive program at FCC in order to better prepare students for employment after college.

With business willing to pour monies into education, and with community colleges in the position to work with business in providing training, it seems important for more community colleges to seek such partnerships with business.

## — Police Log-

1/31/85 Bicycle theft, bike rack south of Bookstore. A Schwinn 10 speed bicycle was stolen. The lock was cut to remove the bicycle from the premesis.

1/31/85 Auto burglary, Lot N. A slip wire was used in the burglary of a Datsun

2/2/85 Arrest. One of two juveniles taken into custody for attempting to steal a battery from a Monte Carlo was arrested.

2/2/85 Possible overdose. An intoxicated femalejuvenile was discovered in the area of the MathScience building.
Paramedics were called,
and she was transported to
Valley Medical Center.

1/29/85 Auto burglary, Lot L. The windwing of a Volkswagen was forced open and a purse was stolen from the vehicle.

1/30/85 Auto burglary, Dirt parking lot. A cassette tape box and tapes were stolen from an M.G. The car was entered through the convertible top.

1/31/85 Auto vandalism, Dirt parking lot. The passenger side window of a porsche was smashed.



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# BITS AND PIECES Moving is the pitts!!

By Denise Bartlett Editor-in-Chief

It never ceases to amaze me how easy it is for my friends to talk me into doing the things I hate to do the most.

A case in point occured over the Christmas break when my best friend, Dirty AL was transfered to a new job in the Los Angles area.

After the congratulations were over and Al had found her soon to be new home, I realized what I was in for. As her official "best buddy", I got to help her move.

I consider myself somewhat of a pro at moving, having moved everything I've ever owned a total of 17 times inthe last ten years. Unfortunantly, each time I moved, I grew to hate the task worse and worse.

But...Al is my best friend, so we jumped into the job at hand.

Al did the packing of her posessions with what I consider to be record speed for someone with relatively little experience in the field (she had only moved twice

before.) Many editions of the Fresno Bee made the transition from information service to insulation service with lots of tearing and crumpling, and 52 boxes later we were ready to load the truck.

And what a truck it was. Ryder provided us with an 18 foot long monster with more square footage than my apartment.

Several hours behind schedule, Dirty Al, Tony (our good friend who volunteered to drive the truck), and I finally rolled out onto south-bound highway 99 and headed for L.A.

Now, everyone knows that Bakersfield is a wonderful place to pass through on the way to or from somewhere else, but being stranded in or around the area is no cakewalk.

Just as As and I decided we should stop in Grapevine for refueling our vehicles and ourselves, the right front tire on the truck blew a re-cap. Tony limped it to the shoulder, and we pulled in behind him.

Taking stock of our situation, we figured we were on the outskirts of Bakersfield, so we decided to find the nearest phone and send an SOS to the Ryder people.

Al and I finally found a diner with the three most important features we needed: a phone, a restroom, and coffee to-go. The occupants of the diner however made us wonder if we were still on this planet. When I saw three matching "red-necks" with Ned, Ted and Jed lettered on their greasy levi jackets, I knew we were in Oildale.

Four hours later, the tire people had us back on the road and the trip finally ended without further excitement. (WHEW!)

We got Al settled into her new home, and in her last phone call, she told me she loves it there. It's a good thing too because the next time someone mentions moving I'm heading for the hills!

#### For the record.

In the story on European tours in the Feb. 8 edition of Rampage, there was an error in the itineary of the trip which is scheduled to leave on June 5. The trip will be going to Rome, then it will go to Florence,

Wengen (in the Swiss Alps) then to Paris, and finally London. It was inadvertantly printed as going to Portugal and Spain.

As reported in the Feb. 8 issue, Harry Dalva, FCC librarian died while on vacation in Mexico in January. His death was not caused by an accident as was incorrectly reported. The Rampage apologizes for the error.

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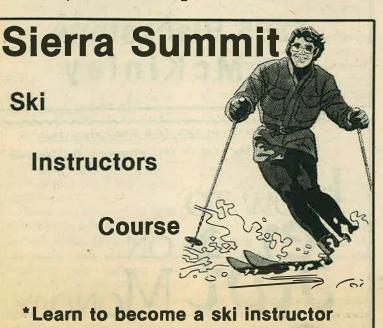
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#### FCC is back on track

By Dan Bartlett

Last Friday the FCC men's track team took on the Bakersfield Community College men's track team in a dual meet with the Rams coming away with a 91 to 62 victory.

The meet got underway with a team victory in the 4'100 yard relay. The Rams received winning efforts from William Shepard, in the javelin and pole- valt, Tony Tynan in the 400 meter run, Arnold Cowings in the 100 meter dash and the 200 meter run, William Sullivan in the 800 meter run, James Rhodes in the 400 meter intermediate hurdles, Ken Putman in the discus and the hamnmer-throw, and Bryan Williams in the two mile run. The team also recorded a win in the mile relay with a combined time of 3:25.6.

Second place finishes were picked up by Kurt Loeprich in the javelin toss, Demetre Booker in the 100 meter dash, Brian Crisswell in the triple

jump, and Daron Crass in the hammer throw.

The Ram women's team also faced Bakersfield, but were upended by a score of 70 to 56.

Wins were recorded in the 3,000 meter run by Rosa Medina, in the javelin by Susan Hibdon, in the shot-put and discus by Mary Lou Merancio,

in the 800 and 1,500 meter run by Linda Hooke, and in the 100 meter dash and 200 meter run by Annie Reed.

Second place effoets were turned in by Lisa Airheart in the shot-put and the discus, Rosa Medina in the 1,500 meter run, and Bonita Walker in the 100 meter dash.

#### That's entertainment!

By Denise Bartlett Editor-in-Chief

Just so you won't have to sit around wondering what there is to do around town this weekend, here are a few of the highlights.

Merle Haggard and the Strangers, the legendary country and western group will appear tonight along with George Jones in the Selland Arena. Tickets are available at the usual outlets. The concert is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m., and so far it doesn't appear to be a sell out, so hurry up and get your ticket.

For those who prefer more of a rock-n-roll flavor, tonight you can catch A Drop In The Gray at the Warnors Star Palace. Fresno's own Aqua Bob is scheduled to play back-up, and it promises to be a great show. Tickets are available for \$8 at the door, or for \$7 at the Star Palace box office, Tower Video, both locations of the Record Factory, and the Stuffed Pipe.

On February 25, CSU Fresno will sponsor Dr. Donald C. Johanson speaking on "Creationism vs. Darwinism" at 8 p.m. in the Satellite College Union on their campus. Tickets

are \$3, so if you crave intellectual stimulation (outside your FCC classes, of course) there you have it. The CSUF "Coffee House" will feature a jazz and rhythm and blues concert on February 25 with tickets at \$3 and the sounds to start at 7 p.m. in the Satellite College Union.

The renown Portable Dance Troupe of CSUF will begin their presentation of "Reflected Spaces" to run from February 28 through March 2 each Thursday through Saturday. Curtain time for the performances in the John Wright Theater at CSUF is 8:15 p.m. For reservations and more information, call 294-2216.

Not to be missed right here on campus in the Art Space Gallery is a display of the paintings by Elizabeth Cox. The exhibition will continue through February 28.

If all else fails, there are many great new movies out, and with matinee prices of about \$2.75 per person before 5 p.m. cost shouldn't be too prohibitive.

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Hammond cited a July 2, 1984 article in Energy User News, entitled "Users Hit Simplex for Breakdowns, Poor Service."

The article claims "more than a dozen customers of Simplex Time Recorder Co. have complained of equipment breakdowns and poor service support for the firm's energy management systems, time clocks and facility management systems."

"In December, 1982, the District installed a computerized Energy Management System to operate and control all critical heating, ventilation and air conditioning func-tions," Hammond said. "This new system allows the College to effectively manage all plant facility functions with relative ease, at a tremendous savings in utility costs." Hammond said "the only functions currently performed by the Simplex Master Control System are the monitoring of the fire alarm system and campus clocks."

"The District has submitted to the State Deferred Maintenance Program a project to update the master fire alarm and clock system," Hammond said. "This project has been estimated to cost in excess of \$50,000.

"On an interim basis, until this project can be funded by the state, Plant Facilities has located a local vendor willing to re-manufacture our clocks," Hammond said. "We recently received our first shipment of rebuilt clocks and are in the process of systematically replacing defective time pieces."

Carl D. Waddle, dean of Humanities at FCC, said "the Humanities Division is in the process of preparing a list of the defective clocks that are in the Humanities buildings."



rail

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Rail says aside from keeping in contact with former writer friends, he spends three hours a day writing poetry and newspaper articles. As far as novels go, he's been trying for many years to write on a detective theme. Currently, he is working on a book of poetry called "Field of Crows."

Living on Fresno's westside, he says his family must deal with the anti-teacher sentiment of all those ranchers and farmers who live next to them.

"If there is one socioeconomic group which abhors, yet fears the existance of college professors, and go on to claim that they are nothing more than classroom lechers and paperchase fanatics, they are the farmers from westside," said Rail. Fresno's

Aside from opinions about students, Rail feels no need to wear a suit with a tie every day to his teaching job. His floppy hair-do with thick mustache and glasses give away his inclination to being an eccentric college professor.



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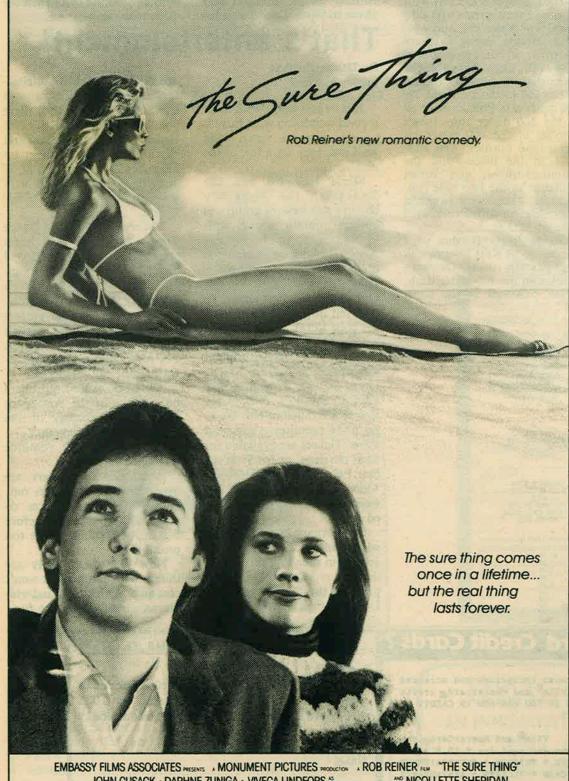


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