

# Matriculation funding drive on campus

By Denise L. Bartlett  
Editor-in-Chief

The California Students Association of Community Colleges (Cal-SACC) is sponsoring a letter writing campaign on a statewide level beginning today, and a table will be in the free speech area at FCC providing information on the issue of a student matriculation bill currently facing California legislators.

AB-3 would provide "seed monies" to begin the process of student matriculation on several California community college campuses. Matriculation is the process whereby students would be "tracked" throughout their career in the community college system

beginning with application for admission, and through graduation, or completion of coursework.

According to "Student Matriculation: A Plan for Implementation in the California Community Colleges," a report issued by the Board of Governors and Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges, a plan for matriculation is ready, and needs funding by the state to implement it. AB-3 would be the first step in providing the monies needed.

The "real" benefits of matriculation to students would be in providing beneficial educational counseling to students upon their application

to community colleges, maintaining records of the student's academic progress throughout coursework progress, and helping the student to establish and maintain educational goals to completion.

Benefits to community colleges would be to help eliminate students repeating courses, and placing students in appropriate educational programs which are on the student's current academic level. This would help to reduce the drop rate of students who find themselves enrolled in classes which are too difficult for them by the use of placement tests to determine the student's academic level before entering an established academic program.

By employing these methods, community colleges stand to benefit financially by keeping up the Average Daily Attendance (ADA) levels of students, and also to save monies spent on students who repeat courses.

Most community colleges already have substantial counseling and placement testing programs available to students, so implementation of the program would not cause hardship in most colleges.

In the 1985-86 educational budget, California Governor Deukemejian eliminated most of the monies which would have been used to establish matriculation plans throughout the state. The purpose of the Cal-SACC letter writing cam-

paign is to support funding for this much needed project.

Renee Hudson, Cal-SACC region V representative, and an ASB senator at FCC said, "It is imperative that students get involved in this important legislative issue. Without that funding, (AB-3) matriculation may not become a reality in California."

The Cal-SACC information table will be on campus today, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

Hudson and other members of the ASB will be there to provide information, and answer questions with regards to matriculation. The group will also provide sample "form letters" to those interested in writing in support of AB-3.

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### Course sheds light on woman's role

By Jess Zepeda  
Staff Writer

"If a woman stays in a relationship it's because she wants to and not because she has to," said Sarah Red, a FCC instructor who teaches women studies.

Women Studies 10/Sociology 10, a three-unit course taught in the Social Science Division at FCC, will be offered this fall.

This introductory course is designed to examine the history of contributions and perspectives of women's changing roles in American economics, psychology, sexuality, religion, history, art, language, law, health and sports.

The course also looks into the roles of minority/ethnic women, changing roles of men and women relationships, and the issues of violence towards women in the forms of rape and battery.

Asked her ideas about the class, Red said the course is based on facts and research presented to dispell negative stereotypes about women as well as men.

The main focus of the course is economics, why and why not women are earning as much as men. Red goes on to cite statistics which say 75 percent of poverty in the United States involves women, 50 percent of these being elderly.

Red explained the fact most men feel threatened by having to take the course of stereotypical ideas concerning

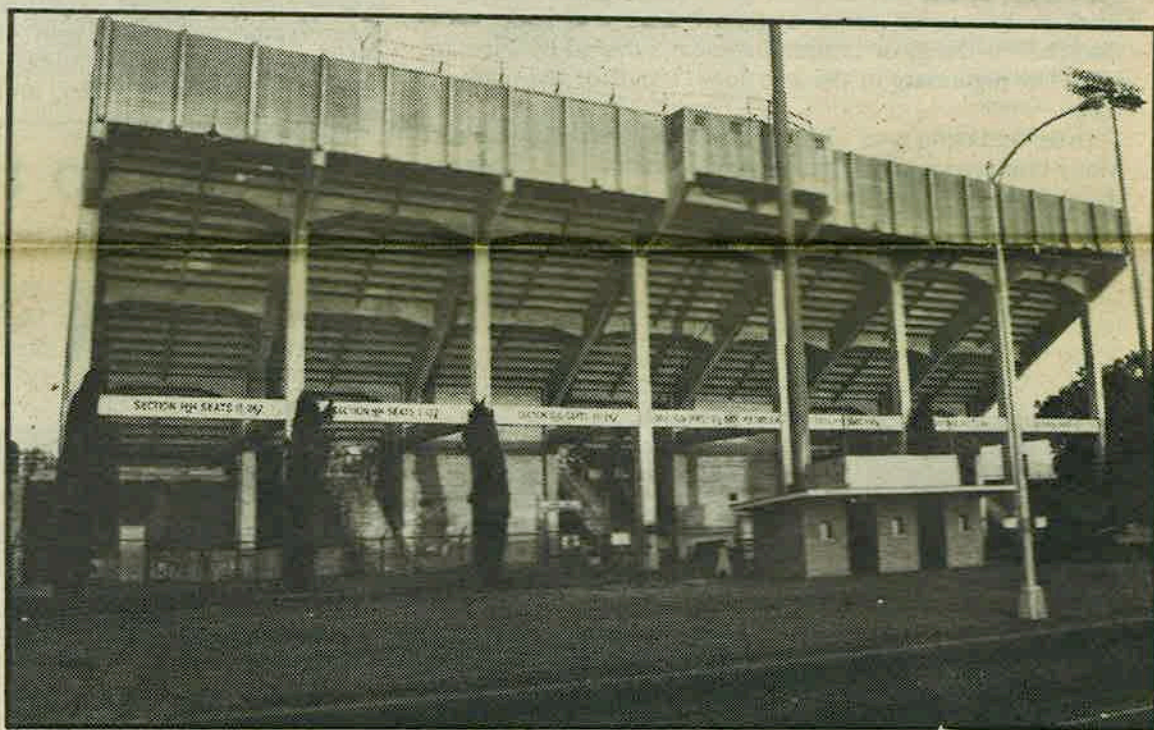
the male gender, feelings of being persecuted by women. Today, only one male is enrolled in the course at FCC, however; the humanities department at CSUF shows one-half of students enrolled are men, perhaps because it is a general requirement.

When asked how the women studies course will affect the social science department at FCC, Red replied, "The instructors are perplexed with this course. Since day one, the entire educational system has been 'men's studies.' Other instructors in this department look upon the course as a threatening agent to the normal realm of a routine curriculum in sociology."

With a final question of what she felt was being a feminist really was, she answered, "The basic definition of feminism is what all feminists have in common."

Feminism seems to differentiate itself on a line: to the left there are women and liberal feminists, in the center, Marxist feminists, and to the right, lesbian separatists. The Marxist feminists blame women problems on the economic system, whereas, the liberal feminists do not believe in a need to change the world to the demands of women. The lesbian separatists prefer the company and competition of other women.

Red said she does not talk about abortion in class because it's too personal a subject.



Rampage/John Collins

Ratcliffe Stadium awaits concerts and renovation which will resume this summer.

### Ratcliffe to benefit from summer concerts

By Donna Reese  
Contributing Writer

Summer concerts at Ratcliffe Stadium are on their way to becoming a reality.

Planning has already gone into effect, said Reggie Rush, manager of concerts at Ratcliffe Stadium.

Rush said a schedule of available dates and contracts with regional promoters is being made to plan production of concerts at the stadium.

The funds from the concerts will benefit the Rally for Ratcliffe fund drive to raise money for the renovation of the stadium.

No concerts have been scheduled as of yet, said Rush, because everything is still in the planning stages.

"(We are) trying to assure that the concerts are smooth

running," said Rush.

To make sure that everything runs smoothly, Rush said, meetings have also been set up with a neighborhood group (Neighbors Around Ratcliffe Stadium) to address the parking problem.

Rush added that a survey is also being done to calculate the number of available parking spaces on campus and in Euless Park.

Because of excessive noise, parking, and behavior problems associated with the summer concerts held in 1983 a maximum of six concerts can be held at the stadium. No more than two of them can be rock concerts.

Dr. Clyde McCully, president of Fresno City College, said he expects to see four successful concerts this summer. If this is true approximately

\$100,000 will be added to the funds to renovate the stadium.

The money raised from the concerts will be used to start the second phase of reconstruction in the stadium. This will include installing storm drainage, an irrigation system, and a track foundation at a cost of \$250,000, said McCully.

The first phase of reconstruction was completed last summer at a cost of \$64,640. This project included realignment of the track to nine lanes and the installation of a retaining wall.

According to Richard Cleland, college business manager, the reason construction was held during the summer months was because "the physical education and athletic departments did not want us to upset their spring sports."

### Announcement...

The Diamond Jubilee Ball scheduled for tonight has been cancelled. Refunds of monies paid for tickets are available by calling: 442-4600 Ext. 8720, or by going to the ASB office located above the bookstore.



# Commentary Vietnam—10 years over but not for some

By Denise Bartlett  
Editor-in-Chief

This month marks the tenth anniversary of the end of the Vietnam war. In April of 1975, the war was officially ended, and U.S. personnel were evacuated from the South-Asian country.

The conflict which officially began in December of 1961 and stretched for nearly 14 bloody years was like no war ever fought by the U.S.

To begin with, it was jungle warfare in terrain which most U.S. military units had been previously un-used to. Add to this the strange cultural differences of the people of Southeastern Asia in contrast to the American ways of life.

Vietnam was different in respects to public opinion too. During the early '60s and '70s, young people all across America joined together to protest U.S. involvement in Vietnam. Too many of them had seen their friends and family members march off to that conflict, never to return...or to return as different people than they were when they left.

Returning home for the Vietnam veteran was a different experience than veterans of other conflicts. Soldiers of WWI and WWII returned home to ticker-tape parades, and the love and acception of the public, their family and friends. The Vietnam vets returned to a country which was angry for being involved in the conflict in the first place. There was no fanfare, no welcoming crowds...some felt no welcome at all.

Many of the young men who did return came home disabled from wounds suffered in the battles...many physical, and even more of the vets suffered psychological and emotional scars to be carried for a lifetime. "Post traumatic stress disorder" is the most common ailment suffered by Vietnam vets. The nightmare of the war doesn't end for too many of them.

Drug addiction was also high among Vietnam veterans. Many bright young men found themselves addicted to heroin, which was cheap and easily available to them in the jungles they patrolled.

It has only been in recent years that veterans groups have made the general public aware of the troubles faced by Vietnam vets. Well deserved praise and recognition of the young men who fought in Southeastern Asian jungles in only now being rendered by the American public.

The war in Vietnam has been historically over for ten years now, but for many of it's veterans the war will never be over in their minds as they fight for recognition and acceptance of the unpopular role they had to play.

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# Bits and Pieces Ideas die at the hands of apathy

By Denise Bartlett  
Editor-In-Chief

I sometimes wonder how anyone gets a new idea to flower and grow. Ideas are a lot like seedling plants, if no one is willing to take care of them, they will wither and die for lack of attention.

Apathy is probably the worst problem I have ever seen facing anyone who tries to make a new idea take off. It seems everyone agrees with an idea while it's on paper, but try to make it work, and there's nobody around to help.

The Diamond Jubilee Ball was one idea which fell prey to the horrible death by apathy at Fresno City College. Everyone I talked to when the idea first came to light was real excited about the Ball, but once it really became a real event, nobody wanted to take part.

Not so long ago, formals were something everyone looked forward to as being the "event of the year." I remember how excited everyone was when I was in high school with the coming of the Junior-Senior Prom, and

the Christmas Formal. For weeks, that was all you heard about ... who was going with whom, what dress to wear, where you were going to dinner ....

Things are different here. Students here are more concerned with the everyday business of living ... classes, jobs, family ... and understandably so. But what ever happened to getting involved in outside activities, or having a memorable experience while in college?

Instructors here are worse than the students. When was the last time you saw a teacher show up for anything? What amazes me is when somebody tries to make an event come off, many instructors not only don't participate, but even make it a class project to shoot down the event in flames. My mom always told me that if you don't have anything nice to say, don't say it ... I wonder if anyone ever told them something like that.

I think if Thomas Edison had met with as little enthusiasm about the invention of electricity, or Alexander Graham Bell

in the invention of the telephone, we'd all still be sitting around with candles and sending letters by the pony express.

It is easy for those who try to make ideas flourish to become discouraged when they fall upon the deaf ears of those who do not care one way or the other. Whatever happened to really caring about what happens around you? I know when I come up with an idea that doesn't meet with at least some kind of interest, I just give up. Maybe all of the other people out there have had the same problem ... nobody seems to care ....

Sometimes I don't feel like coming to school, going to work, or even writing this column, but I do it anyway. I feel I owe myself the school and the work, and I owe you the column. (Or maybe you don't care either ...?)

Sigh ... perhaps it's just the end of the year blues, but it seems nobody wants to get motivated anymore. Apathy must just be the rule at Fresno City College, not the exception.

# Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I was amused at the shallowness and seeming lack of preparation behind the loose opinions in March 15, 1985 Editorial.

As fundamental Christians we believe God has given us a standard by which to pattern our lives. The Bible we believe was written by the supernatural inspiration of God Almighty, upon Holy men. We believe that this standard is from God Himself.

As John Merrill saw it, there were three types of ministers. None of these were according to the Bible standard. The problem with John's perception as with most people, is that they recognize their opinion and their perception as truth and as authoritative as the standard from God, the Bible. Those who believe the Almighty God can and did leave us information and instruction, do also believe God to be more intelligent than ourselves.

As to types of ministers, we

have the Bible example of the Lord Jesus Christ and men such as John the Baptist, the Apostle and the Prophets and Priests of the Old Testament. All of Gods ministers were men who ministered to people in masses, great numbers, to thousands at a time as well as one on one.

According to the Bible standard from the Old Testament to the New, those who God called to labour in the Word and in Prayer were to be supported by the people.

As to the power hungry minister mentioned in March 15, 1985 Editorial, again in the Bible, the Christian standard we find from the Prophets and Priests of the Old Testament to Jesus and the ministers of the New Testament all dealt with the political issues of their time.

If ministers of this time wish to live by the standard set in the Holy Scriptures they will be misunderstood and criticized as did Gods men of old.

Our job is not to impose Gods law on the rest of the world who want to live by other

standards but to teach and proclaim the Good News of success through keeping of Gods laws.

Our founding fathers continuously mention God in their "sacred" writings. History shows that the great majority of our countrys leaders were not only devout in their Christianity but recognized the Bible as their standard both religiously and politically.

Jim Jones, of the massacre in Guyana, had for many years abandoned the Bible as his standard and taken up the writings of Carl Marx, as his standard.

Christianity is the great plan for dealing with our fellow man and its leaders must never substitute their ideas for those that God has given in the Bible.

Why does a college, a place of education breed such uneducated opinions, except for the fact that they have rejected the very standard of truth.

—Brian Cunnings  
Pastor of Faith Family Church

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That's entertainment...

By Jess Zepeda  
Staff Writer

The Warner's Entertainment Center will be featuring "The Replacements" tonight. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. and the show begins at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 in advance, and \$7 at the door.

During this same week, a wide array of musical events will take place in the CSUF Recital Hall. On the agenda tonight is Larry Widner, senior percussion recital, at 8 p.m. Tomorrow there is a concert choir, 8 p.m. On Sunday, Lori Smeds, senior flute recital, 3 p.m. Jose Diaz, faculty Oboe recital, St. James Cathedral, 4 p.m. On April 22, Gail Inghram, clarinet and Hans Vidker, trombone, duo recital, 4 p.m. and a chamber music concert, 8 p.m.

For all of you movie goers, see a couple of elite screen showings at the Tower Theatre: "L'Ete Meurtrier" and "The Bostonians."

The Manchester Mall Cinema features: "Academy II" plus "Vision Quest"; "The Care Bears Movie" and "The Last Dragon."

Tonight in the FCC Theatre, the FCC Community Orchestra will perform a concert at 8 p.m. Also at the FCC Theatre, spend an evening with Jazz at FCC as the Jazz Band "A" and "B" will perform on Sunday, April 21 at 8 p.m.

On Saturday night, Frankie Lee/Johnny Heartsman and the California Soul Brothers with Bobbie Good Fingers Murray will perform at the "Wild Blue" 1145 N. Fulton. Doors open at 8 p.m.



Pierini wins Bee award



Rampage/Terry Pierson

Kelli Peirini used her powerhouse pitching style to win five games in four days last week.

Kelli Pierini, Fresno City College women's softball pitcher has been selected as the Fresno Bee's Athlete of the Week this week.

Pierini, a 5-foot-9 right hander worked seven complete games for the Rams last week, winning five of them.

Piernini is hitting .333 as the Ram's leadoff batter. During a double-header last week against the College of the Sequoias, she went 4 for 7.

She has helped the Rams rebound from a 3-7 start to their current 10-12 record. She is 8-9 with a 1.00 ERA.

"Her intensity has picked up quite a bit," said FCC coach Steve Uyeda. "At the beginning of the year, she was just throwing the ball, but now she and the whole team is working harder with more practices."

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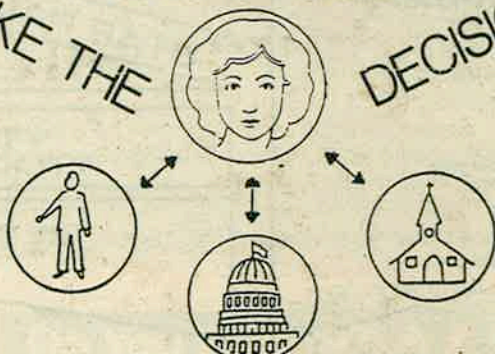
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'Write Way' participants share coffee and compassion.

Rampage/Terry Pierson

## Student writers hold workshop

By Robert Adams  
Staff Writer

Aspiring writers at Fresno  
City College have an oppor-  
tunity to meet at the newly-  
formed Write Way writers  
workshop.

Kay Parker, a student at  
FCC, originated the idea.

The workshop will be a place  
where writers can come  
together to discuss their craft,  
Parker said. The meetings will  
include time for discussion of  
the group's business affairs,  
with the rest of the time

devoted to visiting between the  
members.

Anyone interested in writing  
is welcome.

The group will talk about  
any subject that is brought up.  
Parker said, "The workshop  
will include brag time, where  
we will drink coffee, eat cookies  
and talk about things like  
grades, anything we've written  
or anything we've had  
published."

There is no fee to join the  
workshop. "We're going to  
pass the hat for coffee," she

said.

The inclusion of guest  
speakers is a possibility that  
Parker is considering, and she  
is hoping to have professionals  
from the writing field attend  
after the group becomes  
established.

Parker said she would like to  
see the workshop grow to con-  
siderable size. "I'd like to see  
us reach at least 100 people."

She also thinks that the  
workshop will make members  
better writers and give them  
added confidence in their work.

"I think the group will give  
members a chance to share ex-  
periences," she said, "and help  
to build morale."

This interaction will render  
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