



S.P.A. polling students on A.S.B.

By Cindy Collins
Managing Editor

Price of books too high?
Can't find a place to park your car?
Lack of child care preventing your taking more classes?
ASB Who?

These issues and others are being addressed by a recently formed group called Students for Political Awareness (S.P.A.).

Last fall Don and Michel Marsh were talking with a few friends about some of the common problems students encounter, when the idea of forming a "watchdog committee" was conceived.

Many members of the original group are still actively involved: Kathy Erline (Secretary), Murry Phillips (Treasurer), and Doug

Plexico to name a few.

The S.P.A. has come a long way since last fall. The group is scheduled to receive their Charter in an official presentation at the end of this month, reported Don Marsh.

At the present time, S.P.A. is polling students in randomly selected classrooms. They are asking three questions concerning the ASB (Associated Student Body):

1. "What is the ASB?"
2. "What has the ASB done for you in the past?"
3. "What would you like the ASB to do for you?"

According to Don Marsh, president of S.P.A., the majority of students have responded with three question marks to the above questions. How did you do on these questions?

"Fifty percent of the stu-

Students' for Political



Awareness

dents are not aware of the ASB and what the ASB can do for them," Marsh estimated.

"Fighting apathy on campus has been difficult. The majority of students forget that power still rests with the people," he emphasized.

Asked what the ASB thinks of the S.P.A. monitoring their activities and meetings, Marsh replied that the group had the support of "over half of the (ASB) senators and the president himself" last semester.

Current ASB senator Thad Wright is a member of the S.P.A. this year. Chris Dougherty of N.A.I.S.A. (the Native American Indian Student Association) is acting vice-president pro tem of S.P.A.

S.P.A. plans include organizing free weekly concerts that will feature local bands and various speakers. The group also plans to contact the Republican, Democrat, and Libertarian parties to procure some of these speakers.

Health care available to all students

By Virginia Clift

Many students are not aware of the health services available at Fresno City College. The student health service office provides screening, assessment referral, and psychological services as well as emergency care.

Free health screening includes a check of hearing, vision, and blood pressure. In addition a skin test is provided also.

A health assessment referral is a brief examination after which a student is sent to obtain other medical care.

There are also psychological services available to students. Dr. Robert Richardson, a clinical psychologist, and two interns, Joy Langenberg-Hall and Paul Heberlein, are available for limited therapy.

The public health nurses, Pat Brunetti and Linda Albright, are on a page system in emergency situations. There is a crisis team set up which includes public health nurses, the college police, and the associate dean of student affairs.

In an emergency situation, a student should tell the instructor and call the campus police at extension 8202. The crisis team will provide 'on the spot' care. There are telephones in each elevator.

The student health service office works closely with the college trainer, Scott Nelson. Together they provide physicals and treat injured athletes.

The office is located on the second floor of the Student Services building, room 112, and is operated on an appointment basis.

Low-budget dating awaits students

by Darrell A. McCulley
Editor

NOTE: In the last issue of the Rampage, we discussed some of the possibilities for inexpensive dating and amusement for college-age students around Fresno. In this, the second of two installments, we'll look at some of the more interesting but not-so-free places to go.

If you don't mind spending a few dollars to take out that special person, there are many places in Fresno that are pleasant, reasonably priced, and as varied in atmosphere as the people that frequent them.

For example, if you want to go to some quiet, romantic place for a private drink or you're just looking for a cozy spot, try the Peppermill Inn Lounge on the northwest corner of Shaw and Blackstone. The surroundings are plush, the service and the drinks are good, and you will be pleased with the prices. It's a nice place to meet friends, and the adjacent restaurant isn't bad either.

Have something more casual in mind? Then the place to go is Finn MacCoul's Irish Pub, located on the ground floor of the Del Webb Building downtown. A light and cheerful place, the owner will bend over backwards to see that you have a good time. He is a jovial Santa Claus-looking fellow and meeting him is half the fun. Occasionally live enter-

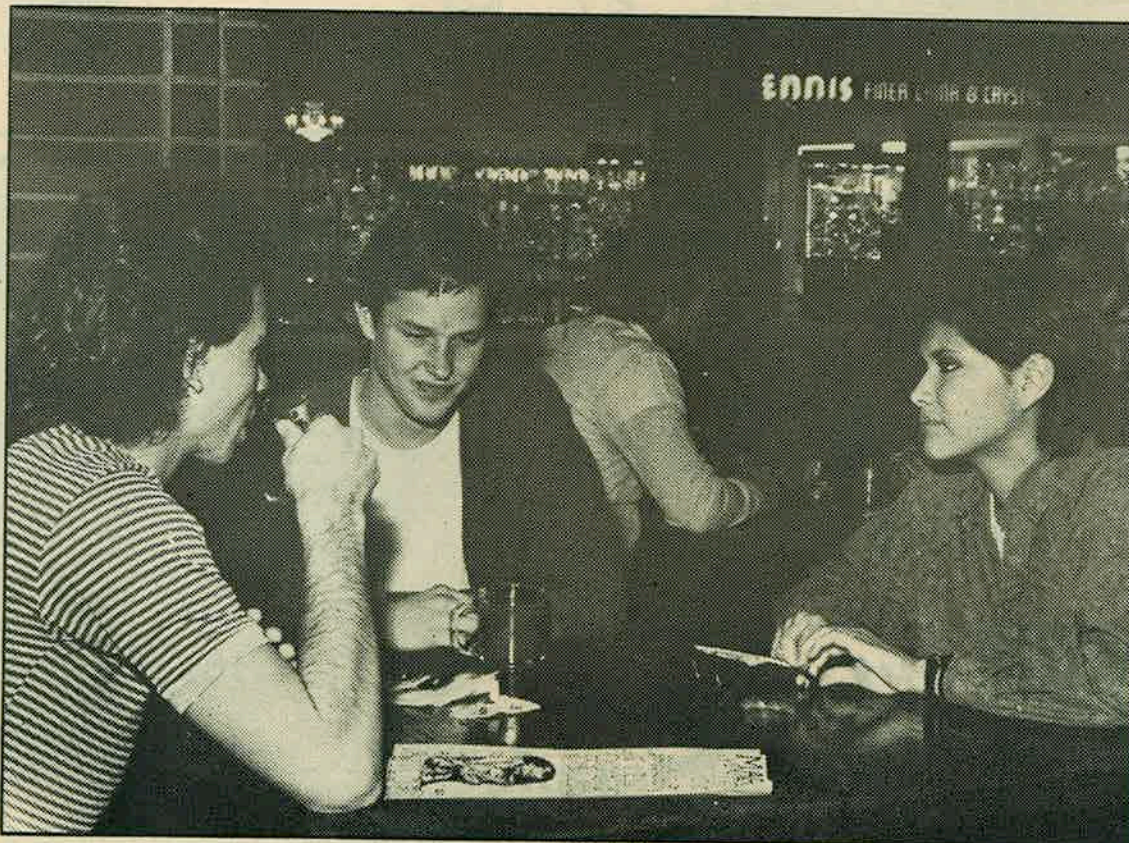
tainment is afoot, and the music of bagpipes and other similarly anglo-Irish tunes is even piped (pardon the pun) outside to greet the guests as they arrive. Out-of-the-way but worth every extra step.

Maybe some light and casual lunch is what you're looking for. Check out the Bagel Basket. The original location is on Blackstone, although they have since expanded to other locations around the city. The New York style delicatessen features natural sodas, omelettes, several different and varied

entrees, and (best of all) some of the best bagels you'll find on this side of the Rockies. Not only are they baked fresh daily (giving off an aroma that makes your mouth water), but the owners are a family of emigrants from Thailand! If this sounds unusual, don't talk with your mouth full. Just eat and enjoy. True Kosher with a dash of oriental.

If you are the intellectual type, then the place for you to go is the Upstart Crow bookstore and coffee shop at the south entrance of the Man-

chester Mall. You can smell "the Crow" a long way off because of the fabulous selection of exotic coffees and teas they carry. Any special blend that you like they will be more than happy to provide you with. The salad-and-sandwich fare is perfect for first dates, by yourself to study, or just to have a friendly game of chess. And as if that weren't enough, there is a wonderful bookstore on the premises as well. Buy your selection, read it, have lunch, follow it up with a cup of Kona, and you'll be hooked.



Three FCC students, (from left) Paul Sullivan, Randy Matthews, and Susan Valdez, take a break from school to have a cup of coffee at the Upstart Crow. Rampage/Julie Shinkawa

Poetry contest leads event

International Publications is again sponsoring their semi-annual National Collegiate Poetry Contest. The Contest is open to all college and university students desiring to have their poetry anthologized. Cash prizes will go to the top five poems, and awards of free printing for all manuscripts. Foreign language poems are welcome. For further information please contact the Rampage.

The Center Plaza Holiday Inn will present the Statesmen Big Band on Sunday, March 9, beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference/Ball-

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Reagan axes social programs

The words, "The National debt has been paid," have only been accurately spoken once in the history of the United States. Do you know when?

It was a century and a half ago that Senator Thomas Hart Benton of Missouri reported in part: "This month January, 1835 . . . (under) Andrew Jackson (the President) the national debt has been paid!"

The happy time of being a debt-free nation lasted for only two years--ending in 1837. In 1837, after deducting a \$5 million reserve to be kept in the Treasury, there was a surplus of \$37,468,859.

This was to be distributed in four equal payments to the 26 states. After three payments, Jackson's successor Van Buren, was confronted with the nation's first economic depression that set us on the path of our present day \$2 trillion debt!

When President Reagan entered office, he inherited a \$1 trillion debt. When Reagan finishes his term, the debt will be nearly \$2.5 trillion.

To reconcile the national debt, Reagan has proposed revamping the welfare system--making large cuts in some programs and eliminating others.

President Reagan has said that the success of the welfare system should be judged by how many people get off the welfare rolls. He also contends, "People on welfare don't want to work."

In California, two and a half years ago, an education and training program was implemented. 23,000 former welfare dependents are now employed as a result of this particular program. Surprisingly enough, 35% of the applicants had children under 6 and were not required to participate in this program.

You may ask how the end justified the means. The cost of the program was \$85 million. Funds from the state contributed \$60 million, and \$25 million was received from Washington. Taking 23,000 people off of welfare resulted in \$70 million savings in welfare payments. Further savings included elimination of food stamps, Medicaid, and added income tax of the newly employed workers. The total amount saved rose to \$107 million--a net savings of \$22 million!

Today, the Summer Youth Employment and Training Program would be one of the programs that would suffer under Reagan's ax. Many Fresno City College students have participated in this training program. It gives young people between the ages of 14 and 21, a chance to earn money during the summer months. More importantly, it teaches individuals job skills and valuable work habits to be utilized in the future.

I have personally been involved in administering various government training programs. I have seen the waste and the abuse of government funds. I also have experienced the joy of seeing participants in these programs gain self-respect and self-esteem when they are accomplishing goals that they thought would only be dreams.

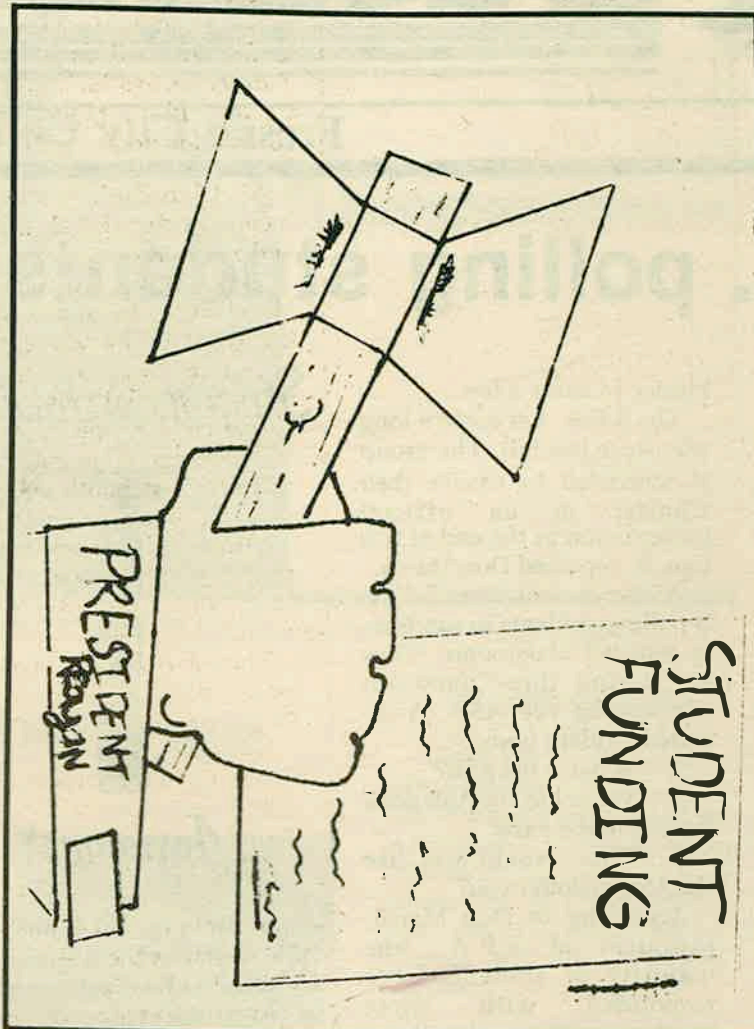
To balance the budget as planned, the Administration's proposal predicts steady economic growth through the next 5 years. That means economic expansion that began in November 1982 would have to continue at a 4% pace through the fiscal year of 1991. Are the Administration's projections compatible with past history?

Historically, steady economic growth for five consecutive peacetime years is unlikely. Average peacetime economic expansion since 1946 has been 34 months. The longest period of expansion during peacetime was 58 months, from 1975-1980.

The current economic recovery since November 1982--about 40 months--could be considered at full term. To balance the budget--even if we make the cuts--we would have to break all existing records, and maintain this recovery for close to another 70 months, or a total of about 110 months!

Joint Economic Committee of Congress Economist, Paul Manchester says, "The record is not encouraging--it raises serious doubts about whether, under current and proposed policies, we will achieve a balanced budget by fiscal year 1991. It's kind of like basing your family budget on the fact that you will win the lottery."

My question is whether or not we are willing to gamble our human resources on Reagan's proposed budget and his unlikely set of predictions.



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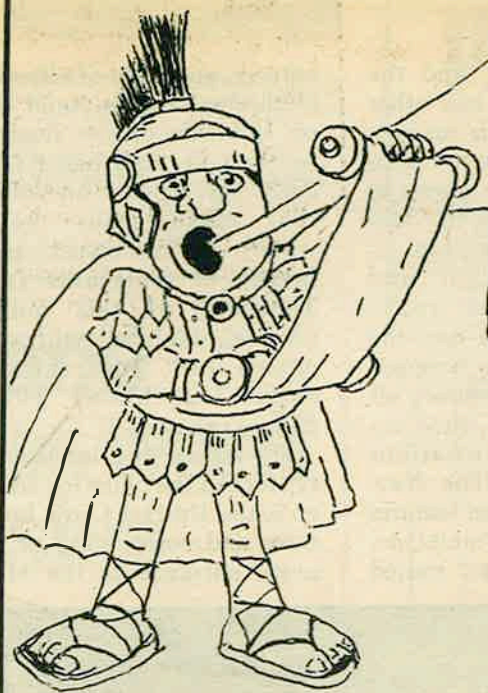
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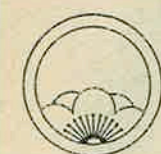
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room. Sunday brunch will be served from 10 am to 2 pm. Tickets are available from the Centre Plaza-Holiday Inn reservation desk.

All Club Rush Week is an incentive for FCC growth and awareness.

This event will be held March 10-14 in an attempt to involve all charted campus organizations in various friendly competitions.

The club competitions will include a trivial pursuit tournament, best booth competition, a pool tournament, fundraiser day competition, an All Club Dance, volleyball, and other suggested events.

The following is a calendar for the week:

March 10 - Religious Club Awareness Day

March 11 - Ethnic Club Awareness Day

March 12 - Greek Club Awareness Day and ASB Awareness Day

March 13 - Career Club Awareness Day

March 14 - All Club Awareness Day

For more information contact the ASB office.

For the past few years a proposal has been pending for Fresno City College and Kings River College to begin the same academic schedules.

Both colleges are already on the same fall schedule, so the change would be made in the spring calendar, possibly in 1987-88.

If both colleges were to begin a common calendar, FCC registration may have to begin in December and start the spring semester earlier.

It takes 7-10 days to regis-

ter the student body at FCC, whereas KRC can complete registration in a day or two. KRC has more flexibility and currently begin the Spring semester before FCC.

Students attending classes at both colleges would be at an advantage, as well as the instructors teaching at FCC and KRC at the same time.

In the future, FCC students may begin to deal with finals and registration in the same week.

The FCC Theater Arts Department will be featuring the play *Bus Stop* as their major production for the spring semester.

The popular comedy was written by William Inge who called it, "a composite picture of varying kinds of love,

ranging from the innocent, through the mature to the depraved."

Bus Stop is being directed by Tim Quinn, the Theater Arts instructor. Sets, lights, and costumes will also be prepared by students under the guidance of the Theater Arts Department.

Performances of the play are scheduled in the FCC Theater for March 6-9 and 13-15. All performances will begin at 8:00 p.m. except for Sunday, March 9, when the curtain will go up at 7:00 p.m. There will also be a matinee performance at 2:00 p.m. on March 13.

General admission will be \$5. Students, Faculty, and Senior Citizens' tickets will be priced at \$3. For more information call 442-8221.

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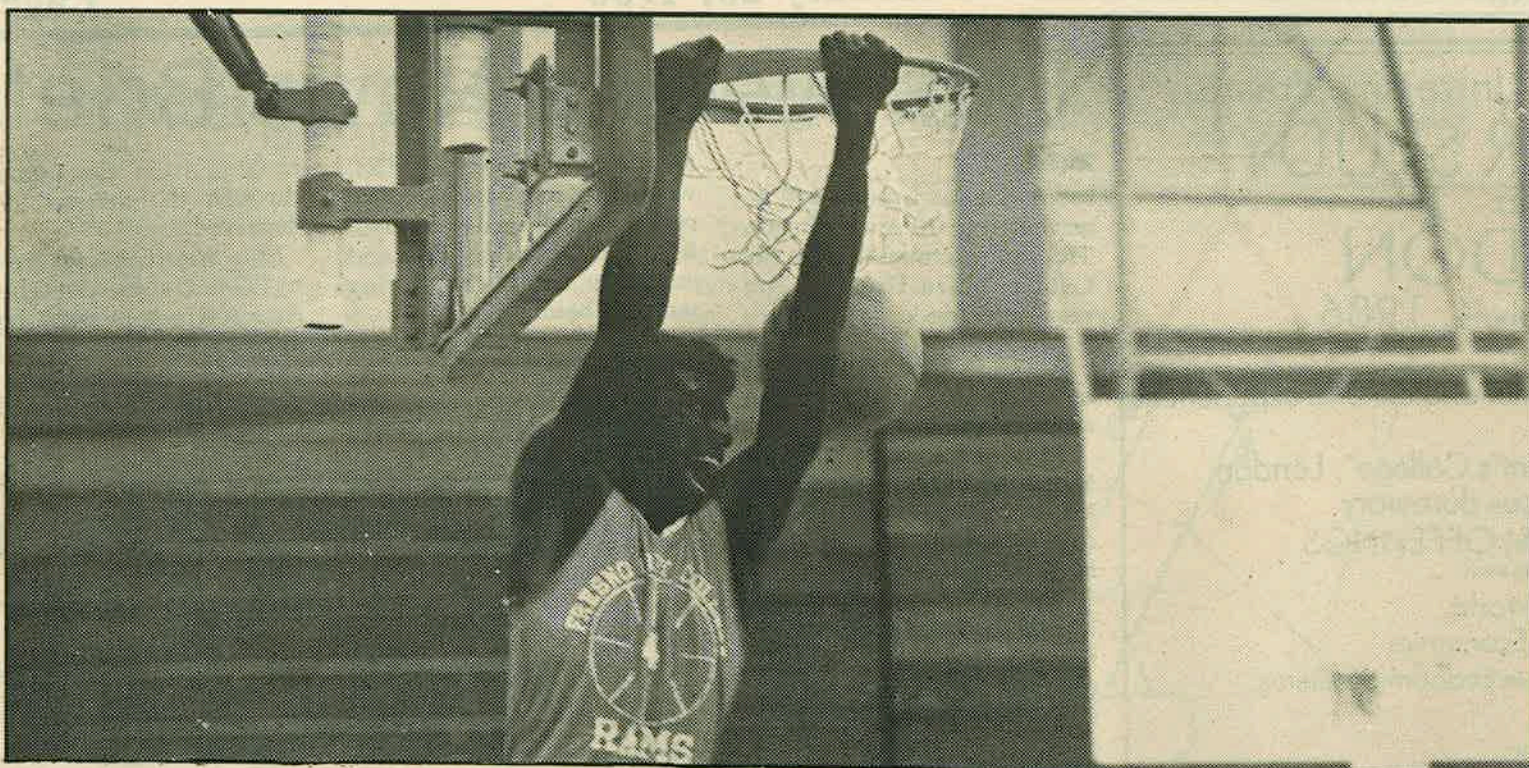


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FCC basketball player Anthony Dixon practices on his backward slam-dunk for the upcoming elimination game next Wednesday night. Rampage/Edward A. Garcia

Roving Reporter

What is the A.S.B. and what has it done for you?

Goretti Novaliches -
Liberal Arts

It has done nothing for me,
but I would like that to
change."



Julie Dodd - Liberal Arts
"Cost me five bucks and
nothing else!"



Ernie Davis - Political Science
"It has done nothing for
me."

Corrections

In the Feb. 7, 1986 issue of the Rampage, Joshua Smith, the chancellor of the California Community College System was incorrectly as the SCCC chancellor. In the same story, the new two-year associate degree will be in applied science.

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The author of the Transfer Center story, which appeared in the Feb. 21 issue, was incorrectly identified as Cindy Collins. The story was written by Angela Valdivia.

FUND RAISING AVAILABLE

Currently available to FCC student organizations are two fund raising projects being offered by off campus sources. Both ideas could help any campus group bring in much needed funds to help their causes.

Skipper's Seafood Restaurants is offering a coupon book plan that is designed to raise money without a large cash outlay upfront. The program gives the student organization 50% of the face value of the Skipper's coupons, therefore returning \$1.00 from each \$2.00 coupon sold back to the student organization. Further information on this plan can be found by contacting any Skipper's Manager.

"Images of You" personal-sized calendars is holding an event called "The Beauty and Beast on Campus". This contest is designed to find the 24 most beautiful guys and girls on the campuses around America. They have established a plan by which student organizations can order and resell the calendars. The company gives back \$2.00 from the \$12.50 price, and is offering trips to Cancun, Mexico for contest winners. Information on this plan can be found by calling (404) 861-1605 in Ross, Ga.

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