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Bills Gain Ground

Help for Admin Building

by Darrell Johnson
News Editor

With the September fundraising deadline to save Fresno City College's Old Administration Building approaching, two bills designed to pardon the landmark from proposed demolition recently cleared legislative hurdles.

A bill that would exempt the building from state earthquake standards got a 58-11 stamp of approval on Monday by the state assembly.

This bill, which now goes to the state senate, gives the State Center Community College District approximately five years to decide the fate of the aging structure.

Another bill, that sets aside \$200,000 in the 1987-88 state budget for the restoration of the FCC landmark, gained both assembly and senate approval, and now awaits approval by Governor Deukmejian.

The bills have been sponsored in the state legislature by Assemblyman Jim Costa

and Senator Rose Ann Vuich.

According to a report presented at Tuesday's SCCC board of trustees meeting by structural engineer Rick Ransom, restoration of the building will cost "a minimum of \$8.4 million." The report was prepared by the structural engineering firm of William A. Brooks.

The district has maintained that it does not have sufficient funds to restore the 71-year-old building.

The Fresno Heritage Foundation, which has attempted to fund the restoration of the building through private channels, is planning a fundraising event on June 7 in the courtyard of the structure.

According to Bruce Morris of the Heritage Center, "We have not received any major commitment for funding yet."

In an agreement with the state, the district will assume ownership of the building in October. The building is now state property and is the temporary site of the California Agricultural Museum.

Toomasian Era Comes to an End -- Coach Calls it Quits

by Randy Risner
Managing Editor

After 14 seasons Fresno City College basketball coach John Toomasian is stepping down.

Toomasian announced his resignation at a news conference Wednesday.

"Let's just say I'm tired," said Toomasian. "At 62 I don't need to be involved with 35 nerve jamming contests every year. If I was young enough to handle it I'd probably consider it."

This is Toomasian's second resignation as basketball coach since he began his career at FCC in 1965. Toomasian stepped down in 1975 after 10 years as FCC's



FCC Coach John Toomasian

basketball coach. He returned in 1983 when the men's basketball program was nearly eliminated following the resignation of

Gary Hulst.

Toomasian's last three seasons have been particularly outstanding ones for FCC athletics. In 1985 Toomasian led the Rams to the state playoffs. In 1986 and 1987 the Rams claimed the CVC title outright and posted records of 23-11 and 24-9.

Toomasian's resignation comes at a point in his career where he is only 10 wins away from breaking the record of former Rams basketball coach Joe Kelly who is the all-time leader in wins at FCC with a record of 275-102.

Toomasian plans to remain at FCC in his current position as a history instructor.

ASB Officers -- What They Do

Executive Vice-President:

Handle financial matters in conjunction with Business Office; Countersign all ASB requests for payment; Present monthly financial statement to Senate; Present to outgoing Senate in spring a financial guideline for the incoming Senate; Chair the Budget Committee meetings and help with the budget; Advise all committees on budget matters; Inventory ASB assets and report to the Senate four weeks before the last meeting; Vote at ASB Cabinet meetings and Budget Committee meetings; Attend and vote at Senate meetings.

Legislative VP Vice-President:

These are the major responsibilities of each of the major offices as set forth by the ASB Constitution and By-Laws. In some cases there are other minor duties which were not listed here.

ASB President:

Chair the Executive Board and ASB Cabinet meetings; Countersign requests for payment when the Executive VP is unavailable; Accept speaking engagements; Attend Faculty Senate, Board of Trustee, FCC President's Cabinet, and Budget Committee meetings; Appoint standing committee members and Faculty Senate representatives by the fourth Senate meeting; Attend as many ASB functions and Senate meetings as possible.

Chair Senate meetings; Appoint President Pro-Tempore of the Senate, Parliamentarian, and Ad Hoc or special committees; Attend FCC President's Cabinet meetings and as many Faculty Senate and Board of Trustee meetings as possible; Attend and vote on Executive Board and Budget Committee.

President Pro Tempore:

(NOTE: Pro Tem is included here because, even though it is an appointed office, he or she on appointment is in a direct line of ascension to the Presidency and other elective offices.)

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Distinguished Maestro Leads FCC Orchestra

by Veronica Hansen
Contributing Writer

Alex Molnar, director of the Fresno City College Community Orchestra is a dedicated human being as well as a musician.

He was born in Yugoslavia, but moved to Salzburg, Austria at the end of World War II. From there he and his family moved to Fresno in 1955.

Since he knew only German and Serbo-Croatian, he enrolled at Fresno State in 1957 to learn English. Because of the language barrier, "it was very, very difficult." There were times when he felt like giving up, but with persistence he survived. "The sun shines always at the end of the tunnel," he said.

In the fall of the same year, he enrolled in the

Music Department to learn English music nomenclature. "With all my degrees, I had to be a student like everybody else," he said.

"In music one is always busy, never out of contact," he remarked. He started teaching piano at FCC in 1966, and also taught other fundamentals of music, music appreciation and music history. He then established the piano department before retiring in 1984.

Also in 1966, he founded the Fresno City College-Community Orchestra for "purely idealistic reasons." It is designed for students and people in the community who want to play classical music. "It is for those people in the community who don't have the time to play in the Philharmonic." The orchestra began with four people,

three students and one faculty member, which has now grown to around 55 performers.

"It is very difficult at a two-year institution to find people, especially students," he said. By the time the students enroll into the orchestra they graduate and go on to other programs. More students have since enrolled in the program, including local high school students, but there is a great need for musicians.

For the future of the orchestra he would like to see a little more publicity. He has concern that the public is unaware of all the activities on campus.

"I am sick and tired, after 20 years, of always fighting for a little publicity." There were times when he would

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Works of Art



The FCC Art Space Gallery is featuring a show of works by Ruth Weisberg, Madden Harkness and Judy Chan, three artists from the L.A. area. The show will run until May 29.

Photo by John Tipton

RAMPAGE SPECIAL

EXECUTIVE OFFICES

ASB PRESIDENT

Candidate's photo not available at press time.

Alexis Anderson

Major: Speech (Communications)

I hope to be given the opportunity to use my training in parliamentary procedure, public speaking and debate to help the students help themselves.

The way to help ourselves is to hold our instructors and counselors accountable to us.

Katherine Rhynes

Major: Sociology

I am not a politician; however, I am a fellow student who has concerns, as you do, about our educational system. I will serve my fellow students to the best of my ability if I am elected to this position.

Thank you for your support.

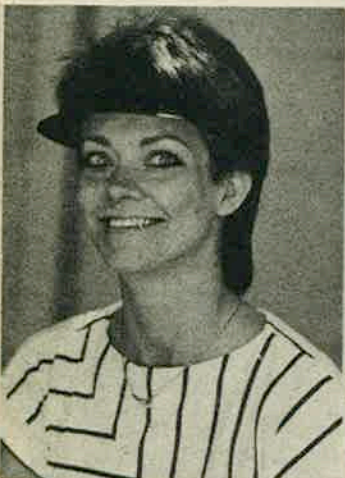


Richard Montanez

Major: Paralegalism

I was a senator of the A.S.B. last year which educated me and provided me with knowledge in student government. I have good leadership experience and I feel that both I and the student body can benefit from my term as president. I will provide a strong voice for your concerns.

STUDENT TRUSTEE



Renee Hudson

Candidate's Statement was not ready at press time.

CALSACC REPRESENTATIVE



Jan Badinski

Major: General Business

CalSACC is a statewide student lobby exclusively with the Community College student in mind. Being a grassroots organization, input from the students plays a key role in the decision-making process of CalSACC. I would like to strive for excellence in the laws concerning CC students.



Kathy Iness

Major: Psychology

I believe that students need to be heard not only on the local level but also on the state level. I have seen many needs of the students that haven't been met. I feel I could represent the student body and I would try to see that every need was met. I have been a columnist for the Rampage and I know how to interact with people. I am confident that I can do a good job.

LEGISLATIVE VP



Connie Kramer

Major: Political Science

My experience as a delegate to committees state, national, and international in nature, has given me a comprehensive understanding of the effective use of parliamentary procedure and committee structure. This, coupled with my desire to make FCC the standard of successful student leadership, make me the right candidate for you.



Robert J. Hendricks

Major: Pre-Law

I will do the best job I can as Legislative Vice-President. I will be out among you next year, as I have been this year, finding out what my fellow students want.

I believe I am the best qualified person for the seat considering my major and experience. Thank you.

EXECUTIVE VP

Candidate's photo not available at press time.

Eddie Ash

Major: Sociology

Seeking position because students need someone who is sensitive to their needs. My goals include: being accessible to students, monitoring ASB funds appropriately and fairly allocating them to the various student groups, as well as keeping students informed regarding budget expenditures.

Carnival Week

Carnival Week is coming! On May 13, 14, and 15, the Inter-Club Council will sponsor a week of fun to take place from 10-2 p.m. in the Free Speech area. The event will feature booths representing the many clubs of FCC. Friday from 10-2 p.m. is "Beach on the Green Day," and later that night there will be a dance sponsored by the ASB and KKDJ featuring the band Los Lobos. The event is intended to raise money for the clubs of FCC. For more information contact the ASB office.

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have to beg for a small advertisement in the Fresno Bee. "Then it would be so small that no one notices," he added.

"Students should be acknowledged," he said. "When they give their time to perform, it is important to

them that there is a reward because performing is difficult."

In his opinion, all the music is not publicized as it should be, a showcase for the College. He wishes there wasn't any discrimination between school functions. He feels there is too much emphasis on sports. "All functions bring the public and other students to the college," he said. "The college is for everybody."

To his knowledge, FCC has one of the best musical staffs in California. They are dedicated individuals, human beings, and musicians. "That's the only thing I will miss is my friends," he said.

"Music brings people to-

gether," said Molnar. There is a close relationship between the music and drama department. He finds harmony in this relationship — unlike other institutions that fight like "cats and dogs."

"We are here for the students and not for the glory," he said. He sees the primary role of the teacher as educator. "We are here for the education of young people and we are an example to them."

His last performance as director will be May 17 at the Fresno City College Theatre. It will be a "Musical Tribute to American Composers." Dr. Leland Andersen, choir director at FCC, will participate also, conducting the

Central California Mormon Choir.

This musical program includes excerpts from "Porgy and Bess," and "Song of Democracy" by Howard Hanson. Molnar expressed appreciation to the Friends of the Arts for the rental of Hanson's music.

Excerpts from composers such as Aaron Copland, Irving Berlin and Bernstein's overture to "West Side Story" will also be performed.

Even though Molnar is no longer teaching, he will "always have his fingers in the music." As he said, it is his life, main job, and the "first love."

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ELECTION ISSUE

SENATE



Jan Badinski

Major: General Business
Working with the ASB and representing the students of Fresno City College has been a challenge this past year. I would like to continue representing the students of FCC with the best of my ability and the students will continue to be my first priority.



Richard Fleming

Major: History
Diligent student representation and clear-cut goals. That's what I offer as a Senator of FCC.



Brett Reams

Candidate's Statement was not ready at press time.

Candidate's photo not available at press time.

Youa Ly
Major: Liberal Studies
As a student running for ASB Senator, I'm not

guaranteed to be the best one. But I am willing to give all of you every free minute I have.

Darren Armstrong
Bryan Lampson
Anna Lee
Richard Vanwert
Mike Uribes

Other candidates running for Senate whose statements and photos were not ready at press time include:

Serve as President of the Inter-Club Council; Attend and vote on Executive Board, Budget Committee, and ASB President's Cabinet meetings; Preside over Senate meetings in absence of the Legislative Vice-President.

Senators:

Attend all Senate meetings unless excused; Serve on committees; act upon the budget.

Student Trustee:

Attend as a non-voting member all meetings of the State Center Community College District Board of Trustees.

Along with these responsibilities goes a certain amount of power.

The ASB President must, within 25 days of a vacancy occurring, appoint a person

to fill that vacancy. The Senate, according to the Constitution and the By-Laws, does not have the power of approval or denial in these appointments. The President also has the power of veto, although it must be in written form, and the Senate must vote by 2/3 to override.

Succession to Office

In the event of the resignation or removal from office of the ASB President, the Legislative Vice-President will assume the office. The President Pro-Tempore of the Senate would then become Legislative VP and appoint from the ranks of the Senate a new Pro Tem.

Theoretically, it is possible to be appointed to the Senate and become President without having to stand for elec-

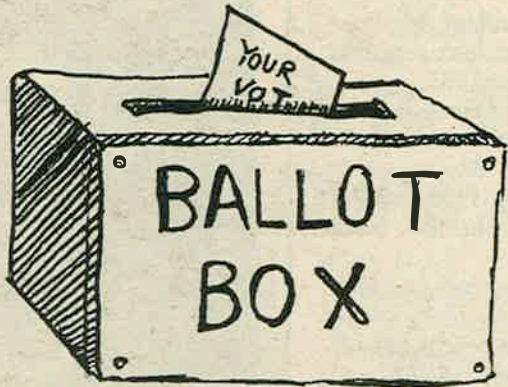
tion. In fact, this happened as recently as 1980, when then-Senator Tim Sheehan was appointed President Pro Tem, then succeeded to the Vice-Presidency and then, upon the forced resignation of President Jim Sowers, became President.

Removal

ASB officers can be removed from office, presumably by action of the Constitutional Appeals Committee. The student body at large does not have the right of recall.

Election

An elections commissioner is appointed by the President and must be approved by 2/3 vote of the Senate. He or she oversees the election process and cannot hold any other position for the one-year term of office.



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Candidates must file a petition with 40 students' signatures by the deadline to qualify. Any candidate missing the deadline may still run, but must do so as a write-in. Ballots must be counted in the presence of the Elections Commissioner

and the ASB Advisor.

In the event of a tie or runoff, a special election must be called within two weeks.

Any protests must be filed in writing within 24 hours of the completion of the ballot count.

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Revised Summer School Calendar

June 5 Application cut-off for regular registration for Summer Session 1987.

June 23-25 Registration for students with a registration permit according to the date and time printed on their permit.

June 29 End of application period for late registration for Summer 1987.

June 29 Instruction begins for Summer Session 1987.

July 1 Last day for completion of late registration and program changes with permission.

July 3 Independence Day holiday.

July 6 First census cut-off for Summer Session 1987.

July 10 Last day to apply for credit/no credit status for summer session classes.

July 10 Last day to drop a class without payment of drop fee.

July 21 Second census cut-off summer session 1987.

July 31 Last day to withdraw from college or to be dropped from a class.

August 7 Last day for degree candidates and certificate of achievement candidates to file for July 1987 completion date.

August 7 Final examinations and end of summer session 1987.

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"Broadway" Show

The Fresno Philharmonic Association presents "The Very Best of Broadway" with guest conductor Reverend Alphonse Stephenson and the Fresno Philharmonic Orchestra on May 9 at 8 p.m. in the William Saroyan Theatre.

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