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Watsonville quake damage

Photos by Dallas Blanchard
Photo editor



Above: When a portion of this building collapsed, it killed a relative of FCC student Marvin Barnes.

Below: Richard Gomes (left), Neal Bastian and Chris Kehoe load earthquake relief items.



Above: This 150 foot fissure measured 6 inches across and a foot deep.

Below: One of the estimated 400 families left homeless by the earthquake.



FCC students help in quake relief

Paul Edwards
Editor-in-chief

The impact of the devastating earthquake that shook Northern California 17 days ago has touched even Fresno City College citizens, at least two of whom lost relatives in the disaster, prompting students and staff to work together in an effort to ease the suffering of quake victims.

Responding to the needs of the homeless in the Bay Area and Central California, the Associated Students is leading a drive to raise \$10,000, and a few clubs have collected and delivered relief items such as clothes, food, and bottled water.

"During time of need, people should rally together and help," said Gurdeep Sihota, president pro-tempore and organizer of the Associated Students drive. "We're not even close to our goal, but we can do it."

"If we got only one dollar from each student, we could easily raise more than \$17,000," she said.

Sihota said anyone wishing to donate money can drop off checks at the Business Office or the Associated Students office and should

make checks payable to "Earthquake Disaster." The money goes to the American Red Cross.

"We really need to ask students to give [to those less fortunate], but we can't go around tugging at people's pockets," she added.

The AS wanted to get all of FCC involved in reaching out to those experiencing crisis.

"We want to create a community effort," said Legislative Vice President Patti Anderson. "We want it to be the college working together as a whole, rather than just a few individuals or clubs."

The AS issued a challenge to the district office, the faculty senate, administration, and classified counseling staff.

The student government is not the only organization on campus that got directly involved in the cause.

At least two clubs, Students For Peace and Justice and Native American Indian Students Association, collected relief items and delivered them to homeless victims in Watsonville, one of the hardest hit areas.

Three members of the Peace and Justice Club went to the small town south of the Bay Area October 21

and 22 and helped Salvation Army and American Red Cross volunteers unload truckloads of food, clothes, tents, and sleeping bags, among other items.

Club President Kim Kasten said the quake had particular significance for its members.

"We had just come back from a San Francisco pro-choice march two days before the quake hit," she said. "We could have easily been in the earthquake."

She said the experience imparted a combination of both "relief and sadness": "Relief that we escaped the earthquake and sadness that people up there were suffering loss."

One of the members, Dallas Blanchard, also took photographs for the *Rampage*.

"Because I was photographing people's personal misfortune, I felt like a voyeur," Blanchard said. "I wouldn't want my picture taken if I became homeless, even in a disaster."

"But if the photographs help FCC students to get involved, then I feel it was worth it," he added.

Blanchard said seven blocks of downtown Main Street were devas-

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News

Oct. 19 big day for thefts, guns

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FCC student loses new truck at gunpoint

Stories by Patricia P. Tsai
Staff writer

Robbers hit FCC's parking lot C and Snack Shack on Thursday, October 19, with one escaping in a new truck and the other in custody. According to SCCC Police Chief Kenneth Shrum, at about 8:45 a.m. in parking lot C, Jerry Carlos was returning to his car from class when he was approached by a Hispanic male who asked him if he spoke Spanish.

When the student said he did, the stranger asked the student to take him to Sanger. The student refused because he was going to Madera and proceeded to get into his truck.

As the student was backing out, the stranger pulled out a blue-colored gun, reached into the truck through the window and told the student to take him to Sanger or he'd kill him.

Once they reached Sanger, they drove around the town for a while until the stranger made the victim pull over.

"The suspect made the victim get out of the car and told him he was going to shoot him three times," Shrum said.

When the victim stepped out of the truck to what he believed to be

his death, the suspect drove off in the victim's 1989 Chevrolet S-10 pick up.

"[The truck] was so new it didn't even have license plates," said Shrum.

At the time of writing, the truck has yet to be recovered. Campus police are currently following leads

Robber fails at Snack Shack robbery attempt, caught

Around 9:45 pm, a would-be robber approached Snack Shack employees Natalie Valencia and Aaron Arendondo as they were closing up with his hand inside a paper bag and claiming he had a gun.

With threats of gun fire, the robber made the employees open the cash register drawers. Unfortunately for the robber, and adding to the victims' fear, the money had already been taken to the cafeteria.

Shrum said the robber "apparently became confused and left."

After their ordeal, the employees immediately called the cafeteria employees who notified the campus police.

Sergeant Charles Anderson was already out on another case when the call went out and responded immediately.

He had been investigating attempted auto theft burglaries in near-by parking lot C where suspects were breaking into cars to steal radios, but the victims had chased

the suspects away.

Anderson went to the Snack Shack and since little time had passed the victims said the would-be robber might still be on campus.

The sergeant proceeded to search the campus with Valencia accompanying him to identify the robber.

The suspect was found walking west and was approached by Anderson behind the Old Administration building. Physical force was necessary to take him into custody.

"He refused to cooperate and caused a ruckus," said Anderson.

The Fresno Police Department sent a paddy wagon because of the "violent nature" of the suspect. "He tried to tear up any vehicle he was put into," Anderson said.

The suspect, identified as William Robert Boyd, a 29-year-old, male non-student, was arrested by Anderson.

After Boyd was taken away, police proceeded to search the campus for his gun. No gun was found at the time of arrest.

vehicles and sell the parts illegally.

If apprehended, the suspect will face charges of armed robbery, kidnapping, and auto theft. According to the captain, "If we catch him, we will prosecute on all three counts."

Police can charge the suspect with violating a new law which Shrum said was written to combat terrorists who make death threats

Although no gun was found when the police searched the campus that night and the next morning, police still do not know if Boyd had a gun in the first place.

According to Shrum, "There's a good possibility that he did have a gun and disposed of it."

Nevertheless, whether he actually had a gun inside the paper bag or merely simulated one, Boyd still faces the charge of attempted armed robbery since he convinced his victims that he had one.

If convicted of an attempted theft, Boyd's sentence will be half that of a completed crime.

Boyd has a "rap sheet" of prior arrest for crimes such as theft, tampering with vehicles, being drunk in public, and burglary.

tated. "About 90 percent of the buildings had been condemned and were going to be demolished," he said, adding that huge spider-web cracks on the sides of buildings gave the street areas an "eerie" appearance.

About five students from the club plan to camp out over night in the Watsonville-Santa Cruz area tomorrow to do more work.

Another student, Marvin Barnes, got involved in the plight of the quake survivors after a relative was killed in Watsonville during the first and strongest shock, which struck at 5:04 p.m. October 17.

"My [distant aunt] was killed in the quake," he explained. "She was walking out of a donut shop when it hit, and she just froze, and part of the building collapsed on her."

He said another student in the N.A.I.S.A. club had a relative who was killed in the collapse of Interstate 880. He declined to give her name and the *Rampage* was not able to follow up on that report.

Although Barnes said he didn't know his aunt very well, it brought the disaster's impact close to home and he became worried about "all the things that were happening up there."

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News notes

The Year of the Young Reader will be celebrated Wednesday, November 15, with a Book Fair, sponsored by the FCC Student Chapter of C.C.A.Y.E.C. exhibiting books for use with pre-school children and ways to heighten children's interest in reading from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Room 107 of the Child Development Center.

A.S. Ping-pong Tournament will be held Wednesday, November 8, from 12-2 p.m. in the Student Lounge. The entry fee is 25 cents and students can sign up at either the Student Lounge or AS office, Room 204 of the Student Center before Tuesday, November 7.

Old Phone Books can be donated to the Association for Retarded Citizens fundraiser. For more information call 291-0611.

The Student Senate meets every Thursday from 1-3 p.m. Students are encouraged to attend and voice their opinions.

FCC student Paula Losey was selected Cotton Maid of Fresno County, winning a cash scholarship of \$2,500 and the right to compete in the national Cotton Maid competition in Dallas for a scholarship of \$10,000.

Six students were cited for trespassing on railroad property near the new FCC parking lot on October 18, said Inspector W. W. Leavens of the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway Police Department.

About 200 others were warned about trespassing.

La Raza charges district with racism

John R. Graham
Managing editor

The La Raza Faculty and Staff Association of State Center Community College District has issued a nine-page presentation to the Board of Trustees criticizing the district's policy on affirmative action.

La Raza, which takes its name from the Spanish words for "the race," claims that the college district is not doing enough to hire Hispanic instructors.

The proposal, presented by La Raza president Frank Quintana, recommended the following changes:

—Aggressive "strategy plan" with specific goals and timetables for achieving staff diversity/affirmative action success and accountability.

—Board requirement for a quarterly comprehensive report on the progress of affirmative action which is available to all interested parties.

—Establish a faculty and staff diversity fund.

—Establish a new organizational unit of staff diversity/affirmative action.

—Establish a position for a staff diversity/affirmative action officer as a special assistant to the Chancellor.

—Form a Staff Diversity Com-

mittee on each campus to develop a "New Diversity Program"; focusing on training seminars on issues of diversity.

—Monitor the faculty screening committees.

—Negative evaluations of associate deans whose departments don't have enough Hispanics.

—Hire an affirmative action consultant.

—Hire professional affirmative action recruiter/consultants.

—Develop a strategy plan for the hiring of part-time instructors.

According to La Raza, the SCCC service area has a 42 percent Hispanic student population. Kings River Community College has a 33 percent Hispanic student population while Fresno City College has 22 percent Hispanic students. Hispanics make up nine percent of the faculty at FCC and only three instructors at KRCC are Hispanic.

La Raza's criticism extended to the faculty screening committees, claiming that faculty serve on the committees in order to "push specific candidates" such as friends of faculty and part-time instructors.

La Raza's presentation addressed only the hiring of Hispanic faculty and not affirmative action as it relates to any other ethnic group.

There was no estimate of the cost of accepting La Raza's proposals.

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Opinion

When feminism goes overboard

Paul Edwards
Editor-in-chief

On October 13, FCC student Lisa Moreno protested at the Miss Intramural Contest, a Homecoming Week event. She also wrote a letter to the editor, published in the October 20 *Rampage*, in which she condemned the contest as a "disgusting" sexist act and made it a male vs. female issue.

Calling it an "example of discrimination," she went into a tirade about the status of women in our society and attacked AS President Oscar Segura and Lee Farley, associate dean of student affairs, for sponsoring the event.

While she should be respected for standing up for what she believes in, especially alone, Moreno's criticisms were not only overly harsh, but misplaced.

Although I'll be the first to agree that women should be valued for their various contributions to society, and while I recognize that women have been grossly exploited at many times in our nation's history, not to mention the world's, in this particular case, I think Moreno went overboard in typical radical feminist fashion.

With due respect for the finer points of feminism, here's a case of a student casting aspersions and sweeping generalizations at all those who sponsored, watched, or participated in the contest. She even insulted the two participants who weren't intimidated by advance warning of a protest.

The problem with her polemic is that it paints an unattractive picture of feminism that actually hurts its purpose. All around the country, there are women who are making less money than men for the same quality of work; women are discriminated against and sexually harassed in the workplace, victimized by rape and the effects of hard-core pornography, and Moreno is mercilessly attacking an inconsequential event such as this?

It's commendable when women—and men—fight serious and relevant forces of real subjugation, but what is there to complain about in this situation?

Let's look at the Miss Intramural Contest in its proper context, without unnecessary anger and mudslinging.

The simple fact of the matter is that two women, who as adults are capable of making their own decisions, voluntarily participated in a "pageant" in which beauty was the criteria for winning. Nothing more, nothing less.

The only thing unfair about it was that there wasn't a *Mr.* Intramural contest so the women could get *their* looks in and the guys could get some recognition also.

But instead of seeing it for the mindless silliness it was, Moreno, like many of radical feminism's more extreme proponents, turned it into another scene in the big, contrived mythic conflict the man-haters want us all to believe is the cause of all of collective womanhood's problems.

What these women overlook is that they themselves are



Czars in America: just say 'no'

John R. Graham
Managing editor

Drug Czar, Energy Czar, Insurance Czar, Water Czar. Here a Czar, there a Czar, everywhere you look's a Czar.

Czars in America? The self-styled "leaders of the free world" must be kidding. Don't they know what a Czar is?

Czar is the Russian word for Caesar. A Czar is an absolute ruler who is not accountable to anybody, particularly the people. Czar was the title of some of the most ruthless dictators the world has ever known. The very concept of Czar is un-American.

Many of our early patriots, including George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, were afraid that European-style royalty might someday creep into power in America. They were so adamant about preserving our liberty that they declared that no American could accept any title of nobility. They understood that if the people accepted the titles they would soon accept the abuses of power that comes with them.

The early patriots wouldn't accept princesses or knights. Do you think they'd accept a Czar?

So, why would modern government leaders create a Drug Czar?

It was the excesses of the Czars that led to the Bolshevik

Revolution that brought communism to Russia. After the Czars, even the "dictatorship of the proletariat" and Stalin's bloodthirsty purges sounded good to the Russian people. Is this what is ahead for America?

An optimist could assume that the government officials who created the Drug Czar were just naive and hadn't studied their history. But, the facts are evident. Naivety didn't get Bush the job of head of the CIA. Bennett didn't get to be Education Secretary by flunking history. No, these power hungry characters know what they're doing. They're getting the American public ready to accept totalitarian rule.

Power is not compatible with liberty. People who are power hungry are the enemies of liberty. Anybody who would accept the title of Czar is un-American.

Will Americans also accept the titles of Ayatollah, King, Shah, Emperor, Tyrant, Despot and Fuhrer?

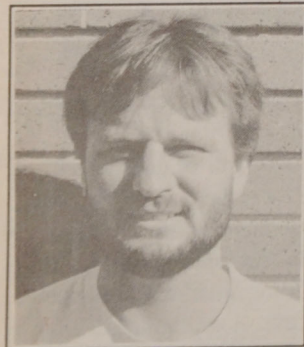
The United States of America is a Constitutional Republic founded on libertarian principles, with a democratic heritage. Czars, dictators, kings and other tyrants have no place in America.

Anybody who thinks they need a Czar should go to a country that has a military dictatorship so they can find out what it's like.

And take our Czars, please.

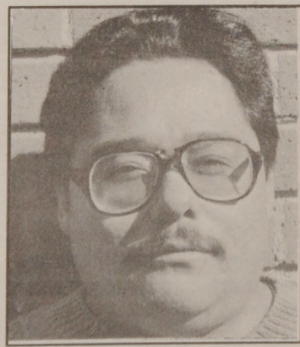
Roving Reporter

Photos by Dallas Blanchard



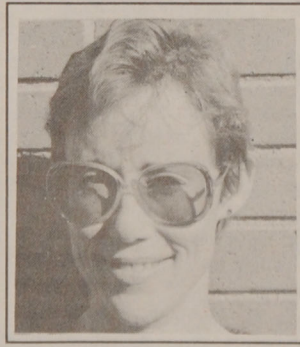
Since he has the possibility of parole I feel it is just. A firm message needs to be sent to people who exploit others out of their money.

Doug Williams
History & Political Science



I don't know if it were just. I would have to spend an evening with Jessica Hahn to see if it was worth it. Just kidding.

Marty Carbajal
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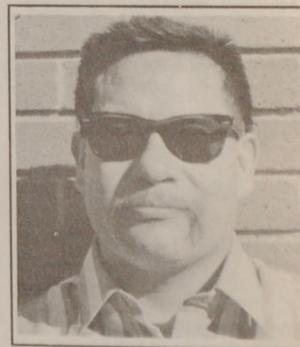
Yes, it is just. He defrauded a lot of people.

Cat Shackleton
English



I don't think he deserves that many years in prison. Other people have done far worse crimes and received less time.

Tony Shepard
Medical Lab Technology



I feel it was just, although I feel he should have gotten more time. He is paying for his sins, and then some.

Randy Jimenez
Business Administration

Do you feel Jim Bakker's 45-year prison sentence was just?

Opinion

Letters: readers think Moreno doth protest too much

A few statements in the following letter have been edited out for the sake of taste and brevity by the editor.

I am responding to Lisa Moreno and Dallas Blanchard's blatant attempts to force their version of morality on the entire student body of FCC.

I can understand Lisa's rage and envy that there are contests that she can't win with her intelligence and wit . . . But, can't the rest of us have any fun?

In case Ms. Moreno hasn't noticed, there are people on this campus who aren't known for their genius. Saying that learning and intelligence are the only things that college students should be judged on is bigotry. College, especially junior college, should be more well-rounded (as should the chicks).

We're here to learn about life. Lighten up, Liz. Sex is part of life. In fact, there is a theory (probably spread by sexist biology teachers) that without sex there would be no life.

And Dallas Blanchard, what a hypocrite.

He spends all week taking pictures of pom-pom girls and then attacks sexism in an editorial.

What's wrong, Dallas? Are you one of those guys that makes love to the brain? Maybe something's gone to your brain if you don't enjoy seeing a little T&A.

If we can't have a contest once in a while that judges people on their god-given beauty, what will all the bimbos do for recognition? Fortunately, God didn't make everybody like Lisa . . . He made a wide variety of people with different strong points and weak points.

To deny people the right to show off their good sides is discriminating against them.

The one thing that was truly a shame about the Miss Intramural Contest was the fact that most of the truly beautiful women on campus (and there are lots of them) were scared away by the protest flyers.

My hat's off to the two courageous chicks who dared to compete anyway. They both deserve to win something special.

George Grammarian
T&A Major

Infairness to Dallas Blanchard, the "pom-pom" pictures were part of his contribution assigned to him by the editor.

Another response to Moreno

In response to the letter from Lisa Moreno, I feel that if she has a problem with beauty contests, she should just grin and bear it. I realize that there is sexism and racism in the world, but one person is not going to change much.

"Beauty contests" have been going on for many years and I doubt that anything is going to change soon. Ladies as well as men who have been endowed by our Creator with well-proportioned figures should be proud to show them off.

You can't tell me, Miss (Ms.?) Moreno, that you have never looked at a good-looking gentleman and commented on just his body, can you? You can't tell me you haven't ever wanted to see a male burlesque, either.

I would certainly be proud if I could see my daughter (or son, for that matter) on a stage to

be judged for her/his physical attributes. Bear in mind that throughout time, the athlete has been the most desirable reproductive partner.

If you think women care just about their minds and not their appearances, then tell me, how the cosmetic, perfume, health spa and diet companies make so damn much money? It is because women want to be physically attractive; not just for men, but for themselves.

Another thing, what about the disabled ladies? Do they stop trying to look nice after becoming disabled? Certainly not! I have seen some disabled ladies who look better than some able ladies.

GET OFF OUR BACKS! Men enjoy looking at beautiful women just as much as women enjoy looking at handsome men. If that is sexist, then our society must be totally and completely sexist and we can't escape that fact. For your sake, Miss Moreno, I hope you wake up and change your puritan attitudes and start living in the 1990s and not the 1890s.

John Gleichwelt

American Indian club to celebrate 'Unthanksgiving' at Alcatraz

Jeannette Baeza
Staff writer

The Native American Indian Students Association (N.A.I.S.A.) is planning a trip to Alcatraz on November 23-24 where they will meet with other Indian groups and take a tour of the island to celebrate the "Unthanksgiving" holiday.

Unthanksgiving is an effort to undo the traditional holiday. Its purpose is to make people aware of what really happened between the Indians and the settlers.

"Anthropologists determined there was a massacre of Indians by the colonial settlers, and the Governor of Massachusetts declared it a holiday for that reason," said Preston Van Camp, NAISA vice president.

"It's been proven but it's not widely accepted, because nobody

wants to destroy the holiday significance," said Van Camp. "Conservative historians haven't been willing to accept that."

Another trip the club is planning is to UC Santa Barbara sometime next semester. N.A.I.S.A. will get together with clubs at UCSB to talk about transferring and UC life.

"It's been a fantastic year for N.A.I.S.A.," stated Van Camp.

"Our American Indian Cultural fair-day was a success." Tribes from all over the area and from as far away as New Mexico participated in the festivities, he said.

On October 21-22, N.A.I.S.A. attended the California Indian Educational Association Conference at Palomar College in San Marcos. They discussed topics from Indian Recognition Legislations to Indian education in the 1990s.

On Club Awareness Day, October 24, the group had a booth for food, clothes, and donations for earthquake victims.

A donation booth was also set up on Disabled Awareness Day, October 25.

"There was a lot more participation this semester than last semester," said Van Camp. "The club has grown from three members to 20, and hopefully is will grow to 300."

N.A.I.S.A. welcomes any students interested in helping Native American Indian students pursue goals of education, professional and cultural values.

The club meets every Friday at 2 p.m. in the faculty lounge of the Social Science Building. For more information call 442-4600 ext. 8344 or ext. 8554.

Feminism from page 4

guilty of sexism when they portray all women as having exactly the same feelings and experiences and when they brand all men as exploitative, ravaging war-mongers bent on domination of women and the world.

Bruce Thornton, associate humanities professor at Fresno State, examined feminism's unconfessed flaw in a recent Fresno Bee column, as he pointed to its reliance on certain myths and assumptions.

One is called the Myth of Patriarchal Conspiracy, which states that men—regardless of race, education, or economic status—are involved in a conspiracy to oppress women. "Thus," he wrote, "masculine pronouns are linked to Playboy centerfolds, wolf-whistles to rape, in a vast, intricate structure of oppression serving the universal male need to keep women in their place."

By categorizing men and women in such a sharply simplistic dichotomy, the feminist ideology is guilty itself of judging people by their

gender. It also fosters an "us vs. them" attitude that is just as divisive and poisonous as racism.

The best method for promoting good realtions between the sexes is for all of us, men and women, to put away our assumptions and stereotypes and to openly, and rationally, discuss our misconceptions about and treatment of each other.

We will never accomplish this if men and women view each other's concerns from the poor vantage point of divisive rhetoric and stereotypical terminology. And as for feminists themselves, they will surely fail to make their point with men if they resort to male-bashing and name-calling.

The sin of oppression does not occur within only one race or one gender. To recognize the equality of all people as valuable human beings with the capacity for intelligence and productivity, one must also recognize our equal potential for persecution and malevolence. To deny our capacity as people to do both right and wrong is as plain an example of discrimination as anything else.

Smith vs. Margosian in race for college district board seat

Jeannette Baeza
Staff writer

Incumbent Dorothy Smith and challenger Dr. Arthur Margosian have announced their candidacies for the Area 5 seat on the State Center Community College District Board of Trustees which governs Fresno City College, the Vocational Training Center and Kings River Community College in Reedley.

Margosian, professor emeritus at Fresno State, said he is more experienced for this position, citing his five-year tenure on the Community Colleges Board of Governors.

Smith said she is better qualified because of her eight years on the State Center board.

Smith hopes to gain voters attention because of her support of the Community Campus program, which operates off-campus classes throughout the district.

She also supports the hiring of more minority instructors and the construction of a third campus in Madera.

Margosian's main goal is to upgrade Fresno City College's library. He also supports building a third campus at Madera and increasing the number of students who transfer from the State Center district to four-year colleges.

He strongly supports vocational education, both in colleges and high schools.

Both candidates would like to save the old administration build-

ing on FCC's campus if it can be saved at a reasonable cost.

Margosian is a former full-time public relations and journalism professor at Fresno State University who now teaches a criminology class on police and community relations at FSU.

He has been an instructor at FCC and a visiting professor at University of Southern California.

Smith operates D.J. Smith Associates, a consulting and public relations firm, along with teaching seventh and eighth grade English and seventh grade geography.

The incumbents in other areas of the SCCC are running unopposed.

Area 5, which includes the city of Fresno, is the only area with a contested race.

Relief from page three

"I'm an Indian chief for that area, and I talked to N.A.I.S.A. about starting a drive," he explained.

Both clubs are now directing their money-raising to the AS drive. As of Wednesday, the AS had received \$595, according to Lorrie Nichols, an accountant in the school Business Office.

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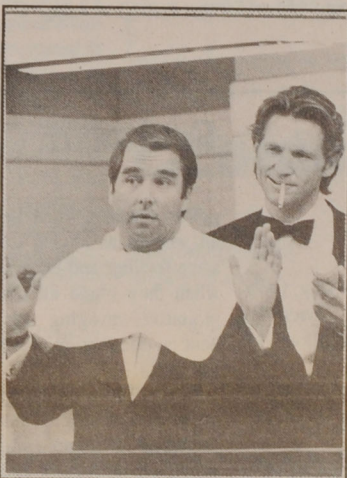
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Unusual comedies attract big audiences to box office



Bridges brothers, Travolta and 'vocal' infant entertain in new fall movies

Top: John Travolta stars as an affable cab driver with Mikey (Jason Schaller) in "Look Who's Talking," a popular romantic comedy also starring Kirstie Alley and the voice of Bruce Willis, who supplies Mikey's thoughts. Bottom: Michelle Pfeiffer makes her singing debut in "The Fabulous Baker Boys," with Beau and Jeff Bridges, who star in their first film together, a comedy-drama about a piano-playing lounge act.

Tense drama in 'Fat Man'

'Fat Man and Little Boy'
Paramount Pictures, Rated PG-13
1-To-4 Star Rating: ***1/2

0=Lousy *Fair **Good
Excellent *A classic

Paul Edwards
Editor-in-chief

Of all the fall movie releases, the most thoughtful and quietly powerful offering is "Fat Man and Little Boy," the story of the men who oversaw the awesome task of developing the atomic bomb during World War II.

Starring Paul Newman and Dwight Schultz and directed by Academy Award winner Roland Joffe, it chronicles the cooperative effort between the army and a group of brilliant physicists to beat the Nazis in a race to build the bomb.

Unlike many anti-war films, "Fat Man" avoids the mistake of making a simplistic black and white statement about the United States' decision to build the bomb. Instead, it delves into both sides of the issue and considers the delicate balance between moral considerations and historical expediency. The result is a realistic, convincing film with messages on several levels.

Newman stars as the craggy, obsessed general Leslie R. Groves, the guts behind the completion of the so-called Manhattan Project, and Schultz is J. Robert Oppenheimer, the scientific brains behind the actual invention of the bomb.

The story follows the relationship between these two very different men who must both wrestle with the orders of superiors as well as their own convictions about their respective missions.

No less important in the film are the roles of John Cusack ("Say Anything") as Michael Merriman, a young scientist overwhelmed by the importance of the project, Bonnie Bedelia ("Die Hard") as Mrs. Oppenheimer, and Laura Dern ("Blue Velvet") as an army nurse.

The film follows the grueling project through its completion, capped by the very cinematic and powerful scene in which the team views the historic first test of the bomb in the early morning darkness, a sequence that shines with a Spielbergesque polish.

Throughout the course of their 19-month

task, the characters' gradual descent from creative tension into mental exhaustion is effectively conveyed.

We see the frustration of the scientists over the Army's intrusion into their lives with its phone-tapping security measures and tension-raising deadlines.

The audience is shown the magnitude of the responsibility put upon their shoulders and the immense toll it takes on their lives and relationships.

As in his previous film "The Mission," Joffe's script and direction exhibit a remarkable level of sensitivity for human values.

His theme explores the antagonism between rigid bureaucracy and human desires, as when Oppenheimer's communist mistress commits suicide after he is forced by officials to cut off contact with her.

Joffe also employs a clever use of symbolic actions and images that add to the film's artistic statement, such as a brief but effective scene in which a pensive Oppenheimer washes his hands in a dim, mirrored washroom, as he silently cleanses himself of the responsibility for the government's use of the bomb.

Also imaginative is the music of "The Nutcracker Suite" coming in on a ground radio frequency at the Trinity test site.

Among some of the film's other strong points is an entertaining scene in which the scientists celebrate VE Day at the Los Alamos laboratory camp, capturing the spirit of post-war America, and a segment depicting the horror of radiation sickness.

As for the stars, Newman gives a solid performance as usual and in a rare role cast as an ensemble player instead of dominating the picture in a "star" role. Still, he is one of those accomplished actors who can command attention even when understated or low-key.

Schultz, like Newman, will likely garner an Oscar nomination for his performance.

Joffe is almost certain to be nominated for his careful direction and classic cinematic vision.

"Fat Man and Little Boy" (named for the designations of the two bombs dropped on Japan) is the perhaps the best serious film of the year, an exceptional, cerebral film that not only grips the viewer at times but also leaves him plenty to think upon. Unless Hollywood forgets this one by next spring, watch for it to be discussed at Oscar time.

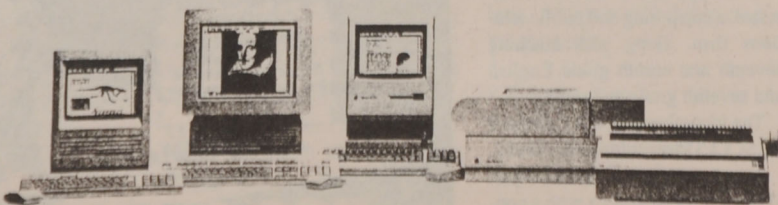
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Sports

Voleks: father and son teamwork in FCC football

Dan Cabuco
Sports editor

What would be a unique situation anywhere but Fresno is just normal football on the FCC football team. The starting quarterback, Joe Volek, is also the son of head coach John Volek.

When John Volek became the head coach at FCC in 1988, Joe decided to move with his father from Walla Walla, Washington.

The nature of their relationship is a special mix of similarities and differences.

Coach Volek feels having his son as quarterback is advantageous.

"[Joe and I] know it's an advantage," he remarked, "because I know

Joe's strengths and limitations."

Joe feels that having his father as a coach has been beneficial and that he can "really get to know him."

Does Joe feel that having his father as coach is tougher for him?

"It's a little tougher," he explained, "because he expects more from me."

Coach Volek learned that he could expect and get "more leadership from Joe."

On the field, John Volek is a coach, and sees his son as just another player.

"We have to be professional," he commented. "I have so much on my mind during a game, I can't really worry about Joe."

Joe admits that his unusual status on the team felt "weird the first day," but he said he sees his father as a coach during a game.

While they have had their dis-

agreements over football, both men usually work things out, especially before a game.

"We used to have a rule about not talking football at home," remarked the coach, "but it didn't work out."

"Football was just too big a part of our lives," explained Joe.

In describing his ambitions, being a football quarterback has always been close to Joe's heart.

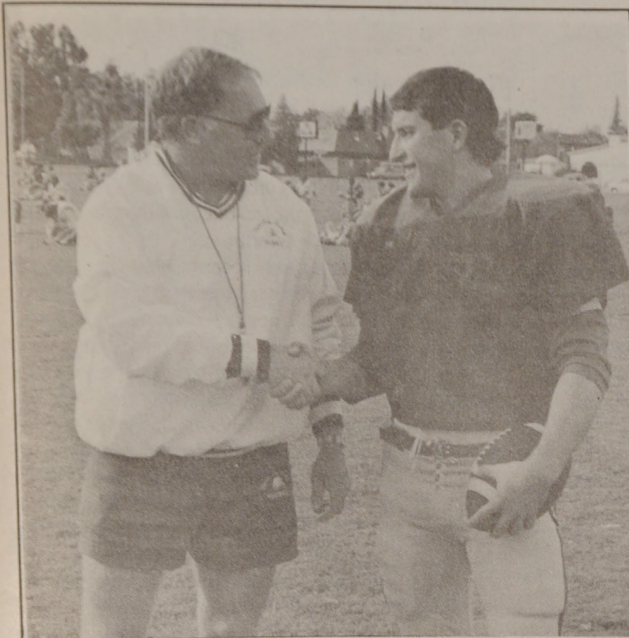
"It's something I've always wanted to do," he said.

Coach Volek also sees good things ahead with Joe as head quarterback.

"With only one quarterback, [the team] had no depth at FCC in '88," he said.

Joe sees his personal relationship with his father in a unique light.

"He'll always be my coach," he remarked, "but at home, he's my coach and my dad."



Tash Stubblefield/Rampage

Fresno State had Jim and Kevin Sweeney. Now Fresno City College has John (left) and Joe Volek, Ram football's father and son combination.

FCC women excel in cross-country racing

Dan Cabuco
Sports editor

Women's cross country track team is off and running.

The Central Coast mini-meet held in Bartlett Park, Porterville, sported the 5000 meter women's race on October 20.

Fresno City College competed against the College of the Sequoias, Kings River Community College, and Hancock College.

Natalie Mendoza, Marcy Ambrose, Jennifer Neumier, and Toni Espinosa placed in the top ten.

Heather Lara and Hanna Fortier finished well and improved their times by at least a minute.

Coach Fries showed enthusiasm over the results. "The last meet showed we could beat the rest," he said.

The results of the Central Coast dual meet have given the team a spark of momentum for their next meet in Santa Maria tomorrow.

"It's great," remarked Marcy Ambrose. "Everybody on the team has a positive attitude."

"The team gets better every week," commented Coach Fries.

Coach Fries believes the women's strength lies in their endurance and spends a lot of time developing technique.

"Good mechanics is so important in distance runners," he explained. Some players feel that hills can be an advantage because of the inconsistency of other teams' pace.

"We work a lot on the hills," commented Ambrose, "and try to keep a steady pace up and down."

The top two teams from the Santa Maria meet will go on to the Nor Cal meet at Woodward Park.

The top five teams from that meet will go on to the state meet, also to be held at Woodward Park.



Dallas Blanchard/Rampage

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Debate team starts strong

Jeannette Baeza
Staff writer

The FCC debate team's next tournament will be held at Cal State Long Beach on December 9.

The previous tournament, held in Stockton was very successful according to debate coach Mark Woolsey.

Ron Harris won third place in dramatic interpretation, Mary Alice Cooper took third in impromptu and first place in prose, Julie Perez placed second in the open Lincoln-Douglas debate, Sam Curbow was first in the novice Lincoln-Douglas debate and second in the novice team debate. Rebecca Boyd took second in the novice team debate.

"We knocked them dead," stated Woolsey.

There are about 30 people on the team. Most of the members participate in team debate competition rather than individual competition.

This semester's debate topic is "Resolved that violence is a justified response to political oppression."

This is Woolsey's first year as speech coach.

"I hope to build a solid debate program," stated Woolsey. "I think this team can be very competitive with other colleges."

He believes the returning members provide the backbone while the first year members are "holding their own" though they are limited because they are forced to compete against students who have had previous involvement with speech in high school.

Woolsey is always looking for new members. If anyone is interested they can contact him in room 202 in the Music/Speech Building.

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Readers can aid news coverage

Most people have no idea what it takes to publish a newspaper. Even a little newspaper like the *Rampage* can be a lot of work.

Reporting the daily activities on campus is the main job of the staff.

Every article has to be typed, edited, typeset and pasted up. Photographs have to be taken and pages designed. Advertising must be sold, typeset and pasted up.

After the paper comes off the press it has to be delivered to the boxes all over campus.

Many of the cities in this valley that have their own newspapers have fewer people than FCC which has more than 17,000 students.

Most city papers have a full-time staff of editors, reporters, photographers, advertising representatives, and circulation managers.

In contrast, the *Rampage* has a part-time, unpaid staff of seven college students and a faculty advisor. Many of these students also have outside jobs and take full course loads.

The city newspapers have beats to cover: crime, sports, government, schools, special events and features.

Fresno City College has four governments (student senate, faculty senate, administration and board of trustees), 49 departments, a dozen clubs, intercollegiate and intramural sports, plus the surrounding city of Fresno for the *Rampage* staff to cover.

Editors may cringe at the thought of trying to cover such a diverse population with a small, inexperienced, volunteer staff. Why would anyone do it for free?

"I love the challenge," said Graham. "It's fun for me to do something that seems impossible. Besides, I've always wanted to learn desktop publishing."

"The experience of learning to meet deadlines is important to me," said Dallas Blanchard, photo editor. "Even if I never work for a newspaper, the experience here will help me to make newsletters for clubs and causes when I get out."

"This is my resume," said Edwards. "When I go to an editor, looking for a job, this is what I will have to prove to him or her that I know what I'm doing. This will show I can write and edit a newspaper."

The joy of seeing their work in print is a big motivation for most of the staff. So is the recognition that goes with being a reporter.

"I'm with the *Rampage* and I'd like to ask you..." gets a lot more response than "My name's Joe and I wanna know..." because the *Rampage* reporter is asking for all the students who want to know.

The biggest satisfaction for editors and reporters is to "scoop" the competition on a big story, according to Dr. Kennedy.

"A student recently told me he was impressed because the *Rampage* scooped everybody on the big burglary of the football players' lockers during the American River game," said Graham.

"The *Bee* didn't find out about the burglary. Local television journalists didn't know about it. Nobody, except the football players, coaches, police and maintenance workers heard about it before the *Rampage* broke the story."

A local newspaper is also a place for readers to air their views and read the opinions of others.

The editors feel entitled to publish their opinions as editorials but they take a risk in doing so. Each of the *Rampage* editors has been attacked in the letters to the editor section for their opinions.

The editors will continue to publish their opinions and print letters attacking those opinions, and even unwarranted personal attacks on the editors, because that is how American journalism works.

According to Thomas Jefferson, a free exchange of ideas is necessary to maintain a free country. At Fresno City College, the *Rampage* is the best place for this free exchange.

The best way for campus organizations and departments to let students know about activities is to send a press release a couple of weeks in advance. It should include the basic information that the public will need to

know and a phone number for further information.

In the past, the editor has decided on full coverage for an event, but there was no follow-up number to contact. At other times there has been nobody free to cover a particular event.

Letters to the editor are welcome. The editors reserve the right to edit for length and taste but will attempt to keep the original intent of the letter intact.

Letters should be no more than 250 words and typed. Shorter letters are less likely to be edited. For convenience, letters can be put in the locked red *Rampage* box in front of the Student Center, next to the bookstore.

To really make a difference a person may consider becoming part of the *Rampage* staff. There are openings for reporters, photographers, feature writers, cartoonists, typesetters and advertising representatives.

How to get your news in print

John R. Graham
Managing editor

There are 49 departments listed in the FCC directory, dozens of sports programs, hundreds of athletes, and at least twelve clubs that should be covered in the *Rampage*.

It is impossible for seven college students to cover everything. If there is something happening that you think is important, write a simple press release, and the editors will try to include it in the next edition.

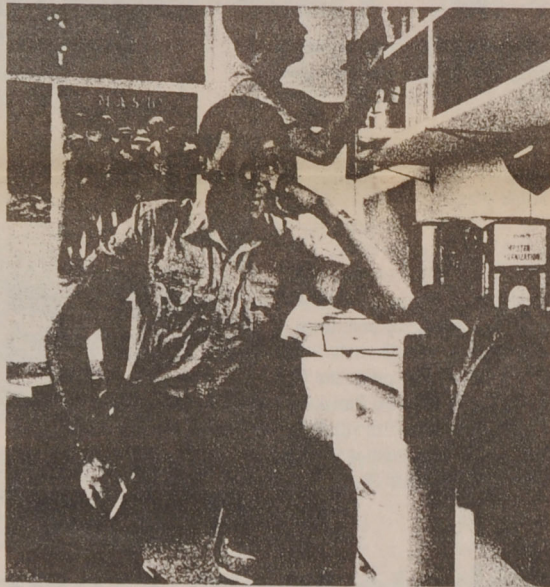
A good press release should include:

- Who is sponsoring or involved in an event.
- What the event is (include its title or name, if any).
- When it will happen (date and time).
- Where the event will take place. Be specific.
- Why this is of interest to FCC students.
- A phone number for further information and a phone number for public information.

The *Rampage* cannot guarantee that all press releases will be published, due to limited space, but it will try to include as many as possible based on importance to FCC readers.

Mail press release to: The *Rampage*, 1101 E. University Ave., Fresno, California 93741 or drop it in the red editor's box by the bookstore.

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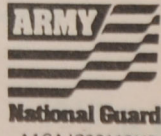
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