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Oscar Segura appeals

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Former Associated Students president, Oscar Segura, reversed his previous decision and announced he would appeal his impeachment at the January 25 Senate meeting.

Segura had informed both the advisor and officers of the Associated Students that he wasn't going to appeal.

Before the meeting, rumors circulated the Senate chambers.

With the appeal process currently underway, Segura declined to say anything besides his intention to appeal.

President Patti Anderson said the appeal could "bring out some of the issues that (Segura) felt were never completely addressed."

Newly-appointed Legislative Vice President Mike Januse called the decision "a power tactic."

"For someone who always says he's concerned about the welfare of the students, it's obvious he's doing it for his own purpose," said Senator Paula Losey.

"Everything he's done has been counter-productive," said Turner.

A committee of five students will determine whether Segura's impeachment was valid. Candidates must be selected by President Anderson and approved by the Senate.

Anderson likened the process of choosing committee members to jury selection. In an effort to be fair, she's looking for students who haven't heard much of the controversy.

"Students can be aware of the way student government works, but not of recent issues," said Anderson.

Anderson has asked some FCC instructors to recommend students for the committee. "I'm looking for the best and brightest, students with open minds."

Senator Eluterio Escamilla voiced some qualms over the selection process. He questioned whether students who don't know what's going on should be entrusted to decide whether or not Segura should be president.

Once the committee is selected,

Anderson explained, it will act as a separate body. It elects a chair who decides how the appeal will proceed.

"(It's hoped that) the individuals will take it upon themselves and no (outside) intervention will be necessary," said Anderson.

How long the appeal will take is unknown. It depends upon how quickly the appeal board can be selected and how long it needs to deliberate. "It's really hard to say," said Anderson.

The process could go on until the end of the semester. "The elections (for next year's officers) are not going to affect the appeal," Anderson stated.

"I hope we can do this in a quick fashion," said Januse. "But I don't want to hurry for the sake of time."

Whether or not Segura's appeal will succeed remains to be seen. Newly-appointed Senator LiAnne Gibson said, "Anything's possible. The appeal is a fair system."

"It's not for me to say," said Anderson. "It's up to the people."

Senator Paul Jones, a once loyal supporter of Segura, called the appeal "futile. Even a hardened supporter knows the truth."

Senators Escamilla and Simone White believe "with the information that will be presented to the appeals board" the appeal will not succeed. "I don't see how it can," said Turner.

"Oscar is just wasting his and the students' time," said Losey. "I doubt we'll even get to the appeal."

Anderson said the appeal "shouldn't really affect" the regular business of the A.S.

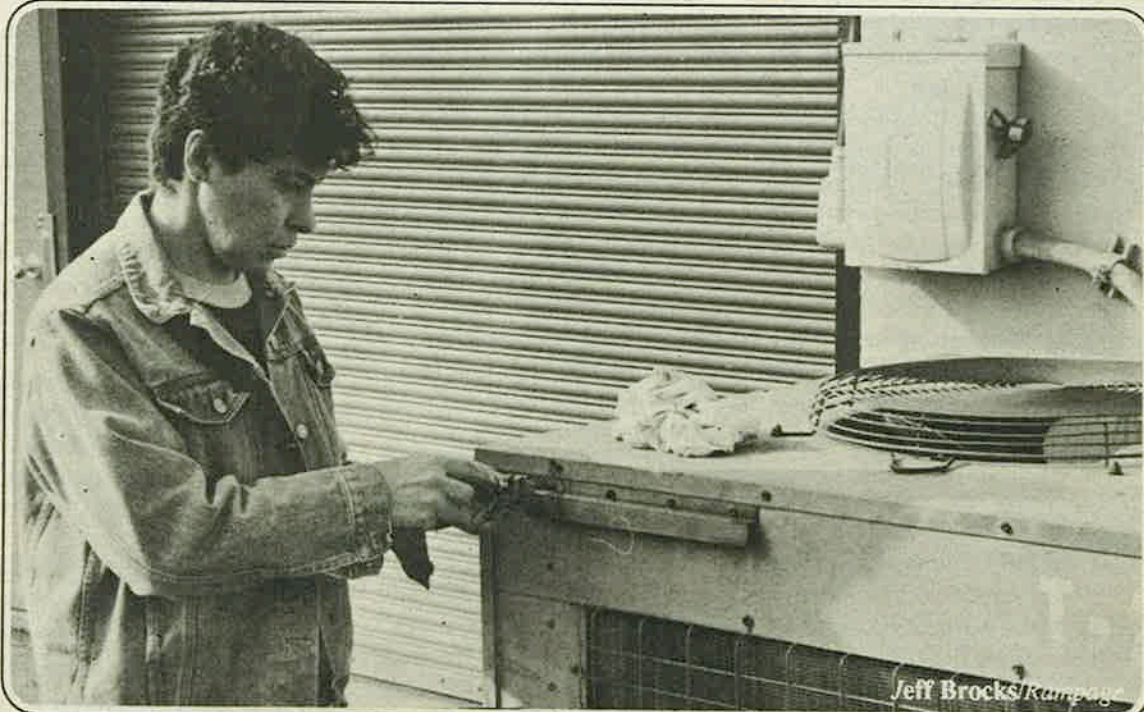
"It might slow down certain aspects," said Losey, but "all the senators are working" she added.

Januse said the controversy has "pull(ed) us closer together. We're working better; the tension is relieved."

"There's a more workable environment," agreed Jones.

"With the impeachment, we made a pledge to the students to get things accomplished," said Losey.

"It's behind us," said Senator Denise Presepe, another new appointee. Let's go forward. There's a lot we can do."



Air conditioners need constant maintenance to keep FCC cool

Patricia Peralta, FCC's first woman maintenance worker

Jennifer Gilbert
Staff writer

Our society's idea of proper careers for women has changed dramatically over the last fifteen years.

Women have succeeded in entering the higher level, better paying jobs once dominated by men. Today it is the "blue collar jobs" where women are the obvious minority, despite the opportunities these fields have to offer.

In a recently published guide for women interested in getting into skilled trades, Muriel Lederer pointed out that such jobs represent a fantastic opportunity for women. Not only due to the pay and benefits involved, but also because of the increasing demand.

Lederer named eight fields where a woman's opportunities were greatest in blue-collared jobs; construction, industrial production, mechanics, repair, transportation, scientific, technical fields, and maintenance.

Patricia Peralta grasped the opportunities offered in one of those fields. Peralta is the first and only female maintenance worker here at Fresno City College.

Her career began ten years ago, but her interest in mechanics dates back to her first car.

"I remember the day I bought my first car. My father told me it was my car and I'd have to fix it. I found out how serious he was when I got my first flat tire. He made me fix it myself. It was so frustrating, but it was the only way to learn. I felt like I had really accomplished something when I was done."

In the early 1970's Peralta got a job at Berben Carpets, working in the maintenance department. She also took a few classes from FCC.

"Ten years ago there weren't many women in the industrial ed., welding, or machine shop classes."

After ten years of experience Peralta worked as a custodian for two years at FCC before applying for the maintenance position.

Her job as a maintenance worker consists of preventive maintenance of service equipment, changing filters, and servicing machinery.

"I get dirty but it washes off with soap and water. It doesn't take away my femininity."

Peralta said there were no limitations on the job due to her sex. "There is some physical lifting involved, but even the men need help in lifting heavy machinery," she said.

"My co-workers treat me pretty well," she said. "It's better now than it was at first. I just tell them you have to work and I have to work. I'm here to take care of myself."

Her co-workers agreed that she was qualified for the position, she worked her way up, and she deserved it.

"It's just the same as working with anyone," one man offered.

Peralta stressed how important family support is, "My grandmother was a ship welder in World War II, so non-traditional jobs have been in the family for awhile. They are proud of me."

Peralta would recommend her job to any woman who felt she was capable if it was what the woman really wanted to do. But in her ten years working in the field, she has seen very few women applying for similar jobs.

"I think they're insecure about any heavy lifting that may be involved, or things only men are supposed to be able to do. But if you're experienced and you can do the job, then any woman or man should go after the job even if it is considered a non-traditional one," Peralta said.

"I'm very happy and satisfied with my job."

Board of Governors gets new president

Timothy Haidinger of San Diego, a member of the California Community College Board of Governors since 1987, moved to the presidency January 18.

Haidinger used "pride" as a one-word summary of his view of community colleges. "Pride in our students, pride in ourselves, and pride in our system."

Haidinger is the president of New West Ventures, a venture capital firm. He is a graduate of Notre Dame and Stanford University.

Nursing instructor remembered

FCC nursing faculty and students held an informal, non-religious remembrance on January 29 for former FCC nursing instructor Vivi Natali who died January 19 from a terminal illness.

"This (was) for the people who knew and cared about Vivi and needed to feel some kind of closure or finality by getting together to remember her," said Gordon Ogden, program director of nursing education.



Kris Langley, Ray Kellen, Erin Miller and Lance Liddell take a break

OPINION

Letters to the editor

This is a letter to correct the allegations of not knowing parliamentary procedure made by "an observer" Richard Dale.

In regards to the position of EVP, a nomination must be submitted to the senate within 25 days of vacancy. This is the responsibility of the president.

Our constitution does not speak to the issue of not adhering to the deadline, therefore we went to our guideline, Robert's Rules of Order. This is where we received our information of nominating from the table.

In neither the constitution or Robert's Rules of Order does it state that the person nominated must be a member of the senate. Even if this were so, two qualified senators had submitted their names to the president for consideration.

At the last senate meeting of the Fall semester our concern was that we were going into a semester break with only two executive officers, one of which did not adhere to the nominating deadline. The executive board (Segura and Anderson) would have still been able to conduct business and the students wouldn't have been adequately represented.

Doug Williams was not our 'friend.' One the contrary, he was the person from which we received the most "concerned flack" on all of the legislation.

Richard Dale, I must admit I am a bit miffed. Not that you disapprove of our actions, for I respect that of any person. My concern is that you did not research your information before flinging accusations of infantile behavior.

You address the issue that "it is the president's job to go over or appoint someone to go over all records of a vacated office."

Does this also include removing financial records from the office and not returning them upon request of the advisor and the senate? Does this also include prohibiting a member of the executive board from doing his duties as prescribed by the constitution? How about rewriting the constitution on the pretext of "solely grammatical errors," and upon receiving the (revised) constitution (finding) much more changed?

Another concern is that students may read your letter and take it at face value without realizing you have no clue as to why we removed Oscar Segura from office.

In conclusion I would like to extend an invitation to any student with questions of Segura's impeachment (to attend senate meetings), especially the "observer," Richard Dale.

Simone White
AS Senator

Get it right

This is a response to the letter from Mr. Richard Dale and his opinions that appeared in Volume 50, no. 2 of the Rampage.

I just have a few things to say about Mr. Dale's letter.

First off, it is obvious to me that Mr. Dale has not read the FCC AS Constitution which states under Article V Section 5, that the President has 25 days to fill any vacancies in the Executive Board upon approval of the Senate.

This was not done, President Segura did not even present any prospective candidates for the position.

So, using their abilities given to them by the constitution and Robert's Rules of Order (the authority on parliamentary procedure) they put Mr. Williams into office by 2/3 majority vote.

As for feelings getting hurt, I don't think that had anything to do with the removal of Mr. Segura from the office. This was not a rash action and if Mr. Dale would have attended meetings last semester maybe he would understand why these actions took place.

The senators made every attempt to communicate with Mr. Segura on their concerns and questions about what was going on and received nothing but a bunch of political double talk.

Steven Chase
Concerned student in the gallery

She's mad now

Sixteen @/*>! dollars and still can't find a parking space

Being new to FCC this semester I'm not sure if what I'm about to complain about is something other students have learned to accept or just deal with better.

All I know is that I dished out \$16.00 for a parking sticker, and what good does this do me? I won't get a ticket if I'm lucky enough to find a parking space!

I leave a half hour before my 10 o'clock class every morning. I enter the first parking lot with naive hopes that maybe I'll get lucky and there will be a space. The spaces are of course, all full.

So I go on to the next three or four lots in search of two things, students walking towards the parking lot with keys in their hands, and parked cars warming up. Of course there are none.

I drive to the next parking lot, it's now 9:38, and I get stuck behind a line of 20 cars because the one in front has spotted a potential exiting driver and is following the pedestrian in his car. We're moving at a dangerous two and a half miles per hour, with pauses every two or three feet. So I wait, and I wait.

Finally at about 9:45 I give up all hope, walking in late to class can be the most humiliating experience of a life time if the prof has had a bad morning. So I head for the back parking lot past the rail road tracks.

I fake patience as I smile at my fellow students who foolishly

believe that I won't run over their mobile little bodies as they casually walk in front of my car. I'm also terribly jealous that they're out there and I'm in my car and this doesn't help the temptation to knock them off one by one.

By 9:49 I finally make it to the back parking lot, which seems to be at least a 20 mile walk to my class. And get this, THERE ARE NO PARKING SPACES !!!!!!!

My eyes start to water, I'm grasping the steering wheel much too tightly, and it's now 9:52.

I was fortunate enough to spot the dirt field 50 feet away, so I stepped on the accelerator, cutting in front of some bimbo who actually had the nerve to smile at me. So I join countless other vehicles in "The Dirt Field."

It's 9:55 and I have five minutes to get to class before I join the "see me after class, please" crew.

I look ahead of me and I see the long, cold walk, all the way around the fence.

My eyes focus on the ten foot fence that faces me and I see I have

no choice. No one will ever be able to say that I didn't want an education. So I stuff my books into the front of my pants, toss my purse over, and climb the enemy obstacle. Of course I get stuck and tear my jeans and lose my only working pen in the process, but I'm over and that's all that matters. So I begin to run. I have two minutes to make it to class on time. By the time I arrive I'm sweating and realize that I've forgotten to use my deodorant once again and there's only one seat left, not even a desk mind you, but who am I to complain so I take a seat.

The instructor begins calling our names and I have to fight back the urge to say, "yes god dammit I'm here, I'm sweating, my legs are so tired and I want MY GOD DAM MONE BACK!!!!"

My chances of making it to class on time would be better if I walked to school, and I could use the money for a new pair of sneakers. This is a most false advertising. They should be called stress-inducing stickers, not parking stickers. I've been ripped off and I'm not happy.

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PEOPLE

Chancellor Stewart

Top administrator presides over growth of college district

John Lugo
Staff writer

At first glance, Chancellor Bill Stewart looks like the typical tough, rigid, boss of all bosses, sitting behind a huge dark-brown desk that complements his big office.

As chancellor, Bill Stewart is the Chief Executive Officer of the State Center Community College District. He has the responsibility for the district in both operations and finance. The Board of Trustees hires and empowers the chancellor as the top administrative officer. Kings River and Fresno City College and their presidents, report back to him.

A big man with glasses and thick silvery hair, he stands and greets a visitor with a friendly welcome. After several minutes of conversation, Stewart radiates an image of a very down to earth man.

He has moved several times during his career—from Oregon to Alaska to Iowa, and now Fresno. Stewart said he likes Fresno and wants to live here the rest of his life.

"I love the outdoors. I'm here to stay and I married my wife here so I'm very comfortable. If the weather gets hot I have my swimming pool,"

he stated.

A former teacher, counselor, and principal at several Oregon high schools, the articulate Stewart seems to possess the qualities of a contributory educator.

He has twice been nominated for "Outstanding Citizen of the Year Awards." He has three awards for "Outstanding Leadership and Support for Students" by the Associated Student Bodies of Mt. Hood Community College in Oregon, Kirkwood Community College, in Iowa, and Fresno City College. Stewart also makes about 50 to 70 speeches a year and writes when ever he has time in his busy schedule.

"I try to write something every year. Something that will get published. I write on a variety of subjects. For instance, I wrote a column for a newspaper once on a fairly regular basis."

"I don't do that much anymore, but I did write on a variety of topics. Generally, they are on some aspect of education," explained Stewart.

In 1988, he was the recipient of the prestigious "Marie Y. Martin, Chief Executive Officer Award." In 1986 he was selected as one of

the "100 Most Effective College and University Presidents" in the United States.

These are only a few of a long list of achievements that Stewart has accomplished since graduating from Southern Oregon College in 1960. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Science and Secondary Education.

A Master's degree in Educational Administration was his next goal. He earned it in 1964 from the University of Oregon. In 1970, Stewart earned the highest degree available at the University of Oregon. A Doctorate in Curriculum and Instructional Administration.

Stewart said there are many projects in the works. He talked about some specific ones.

A possible third community college campus might be added to the district. A Junior College campus that would be greatly appreciated by those people who believe the Fresno City campus is overflowing with people. A scarcity of available parking is a growing problem also.

"If the state in its wisdom funds it, hopefully we'll have another campus," he said with a chuckle.

"If the dollars become true the need is there, the need is great. But like everything else you've got to find some money."

"Now if you look at Fresno City College, we're getting to the point where we're just about out of space. We're hoping to add a couple of major projects here on campus, but that still won't take care of the long range needs."

"So we're going to need another campus in the district and Madera is the most underserved area," Stewart said.

"I couldn't tell you right now where it's going to be sited because I don't know. But we're in the selection process for an architect and that, hopefully will move forward," Stewart continued.

Another interesting project that should benefit the San Joaquin Valley, is the hiring of new people in the faculty. Good news for the competent people, KRCC and FCC

should be experiencing the addition soon.

"We're in the process of hiring 51 to 53 new people district-wide, which is the largest hiring year for the administrative faculty. It's the most we've had maybe in the history of the two colleges. We have only 300, that means we're replacing one sixth of them in one year. That is just almost unheard of."

The district is really filling a tremendous number of positions. Both Madera center and Fresno City College have had tremendous growth this year, Stewart said.

A UC campus would complement Fresno State University and the three community college campuses very well. Stewart said the district supports the idea very much.

"I'm sure we'll do some business with them. We'll be a training facility for them."

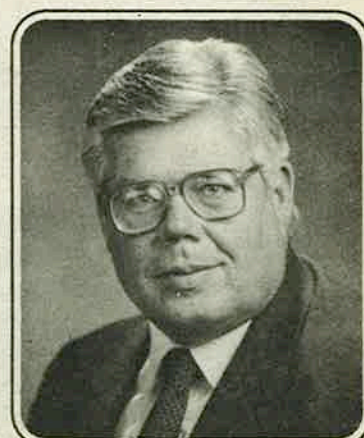
A UC campus in Central California is a very good bet, according to Stewart's guesses.

"If I were to be a guessing person, I think there are three potential sites for the UC campus in the valley. They are Visalia, Fresno, and Merced." Stewart said that Fresno probably has a 50 percent chance while Merced and Visalia have a 25 percent chance each.

A project in itself is the restructuring that Kings River College is going through right now. A new president was just hired this past year, and Stewart said that the college is in the process of hiring a new vice-president of instruction.

"It will probably be an Hispanic from Texas, a good candidate," said Stewart.

"Once we bring this person on



Chancellor Wm. Stewart

board, we change all the top administration. The president was the dean of instruction but he took the new role as president, and we also have a new business manager. So they're kind of restructuring themselves over there at Kings River.

"I think we're doing an excellent job with our two colleges. I think they're both very very solid colleges," said the chancellor.

"If I could implement anything I want into the educational system. I would build the best kindergarden through 6th grade system in the world, and I would start right here in California."

"That's where we've got to start an education," Stewart said.

"We've got to make a massive massive commitment in this nation and the state of California."

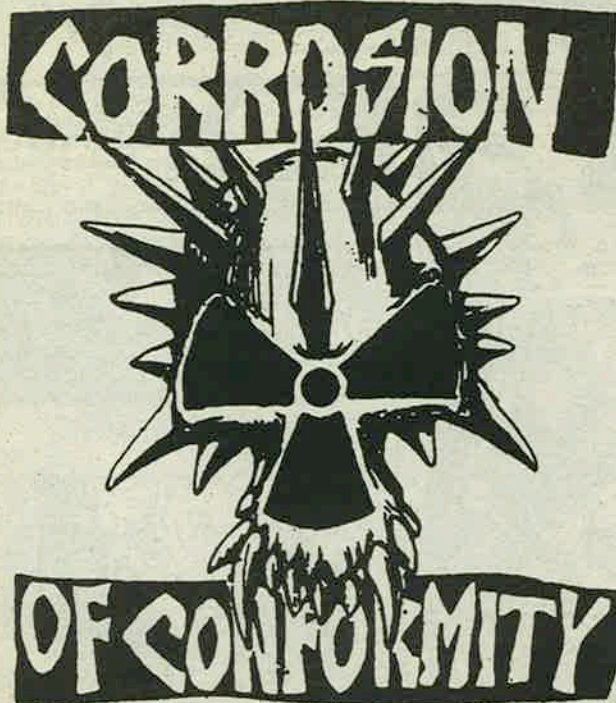
Stewart said that we have to have smaller class sizes, particularly those first three grades. We've got to provide them with the very best teachers that money and expertise can put together," he said.

"If we don't start teaching people to read and write and get along with each other at that level, the rest of us won't make much difference."

"We have problems, and we're going to continue to have problems. We have to face that, and we have to do something soon."



Students of many races and nationalities enjoyed food, fellowship and entertainment at the Multi-Cultural Awareness Day sponsored by Phi Beta Lambda.



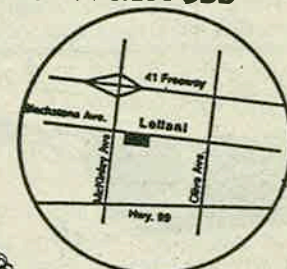
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I know they're still doing this because, though I am not a nosy person, I drive across town every night and peek in their bedroom windows.

Last week I fell off the ladder and wrenched my back. Can you recommend a good chiropractor?

Still Her Mother

Dear Mom:

While I wouldn't think of calling you meddlesome (after all, my mother still spies on me) I do think that climbing a ladder outside somebody's bedroom window is going a bit far.

You could be arrested for invasion of privacy, you know.

Someday you're going to have to admit that your daughter has grown up and what she does is none of your business.

Why don't you find something to sleep with and quit worrying about other people's sleeping habits?

Go see your doctor immediately. Remember... a doctor's bill is nothing compared to your life.

Dr. Frock

Dear Doctor Frock:

I've been reading you for years and years and your advice has always been to the point and most useful.

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Long-time Fan

Dear Oldtimer Fanny:

I recognize your handwriting you sneaky old witch!

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Correction:

The quote in a previous edition should have stated "he is one of FCC's biggest assets."

We regret any confusion caused by losing the "t"...

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