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Federal and state governments collide over entrance exam

Steve Carr
Editor

* Bush administration frustrated over non-repayment of student loans.

* Federal government requires entrance exam at California community colleges for non-high school graduates.

* California community colleges sue federal government.

In the fall semester of 1991 a new federal government regulation will prohibit students who do not hold a high school or equivalency diploma from attending California community colleges until they take an entrance test.

California State Law allows open access to any student at the community college level, regardless of whether or not they have a high school or equivalency diploma.

The federal government tried to have this policy enforced for the 1991 spring semester. In response to the December 20 federal mandate, the 107 California community colleges filed suit against the federal government.

On January 2, 1991, United States District Judge D. Lowell Jensen of San Francisco blocked the federal government's new regulations by issuing a temporary restraining order that is in effect until today, January 14.

"Classes will go on as scheduled

this semester," said Sarah Reyes, Public Information Officer for the State Center Community College District. "Right now we'll just wait and see (about next semester)."

"These federal regulations may close the door to higher education for many students," said David Mertes, Chancellor of the California Community Colleges.

The Bush administration cited non-repayment of loans by these students as the main reason this policy was initiated.

Of the 90,000 community college students who do not have high school or equivalency diplomas, about one-fourth receive federal grants or loans for tuition or living expenses, according to the Mertes.

No figures were available on the number of non-high school graduates who have failed to repay their loans.

"While we are not opposed to the Federal government tightening financial aid regulations, we now understand that these regulations go far beyond that," said Mertes.

"We are pursuing several avenues to see that these regulations do not close the door on the tradition of open access to California's community colleges."

"The new regulations are bound to eliminate many of our students who would benefit the most from education."

-David Mertes, Chancellor of the California Colleges

These regulations require the California community colleges to test approximately 36,000 new and re-entry students and 90,000 current students regardless of whether or not they are applying for financial aid, according to Mertes.

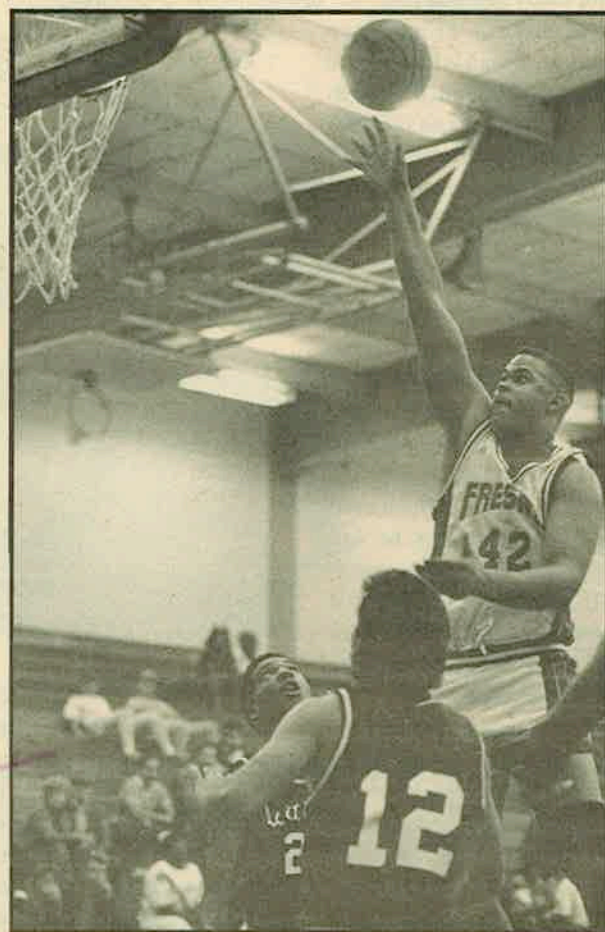
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California community colleges claim they will lose \$283 million in federal aid if they do not follow federal policy, according to Mertes.

"Through an assessment process at every college, we have in place a mechanism to determine whether or not a student has the ability to learn," said Mertes. This can be done without administering an entrance examination, according to Mertes.

The Fresno City College estimates that 1,000 of their students will be affected by the court ruling.

FCC's Athlete of the Month



Source: D. Fultz

Eric Little

Eric Little's dominate play led the Ram's basketball team throughout the month of December as he averaged 23 points and 10 rebounds per game. Before sustaining a sprained knee in late December, Little accounted for 30 percent of his team's offense, 20 percent of their rebounding.

Little displays an amazingly soft touch for man 6-foot 8-inches and 260 pounds.. Little will be out of action for four to six weeks.

Cold weather hits FCC campus hard

* \$20,000 in damages

Celeste Cox
Managing editor

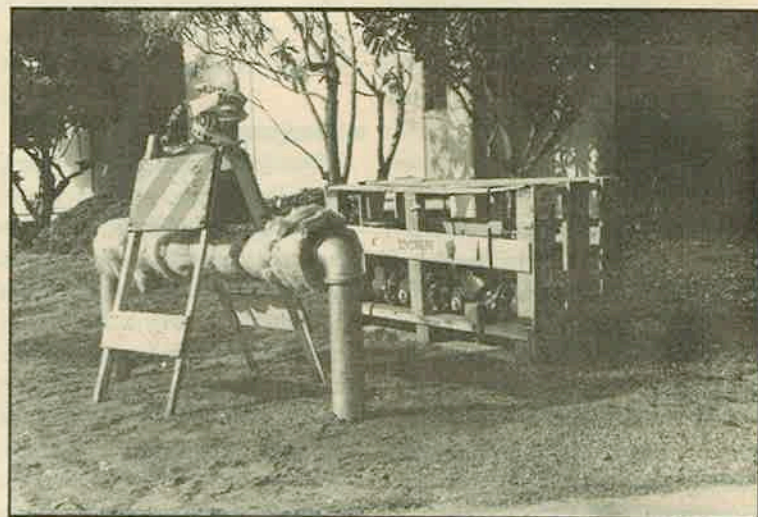
Fresno City College suffered an estimated \$20,000 in damages due to burst water pipes during winter break. Water pipes in 20 locations throughout the campus were affected by the severe weather in mid-December.

Despite the high estimate, FCC "got off easy," said Business Manager Richard Cleland. The damage could have been more substantial, had the problem not been noticed as soon as it was, according to Cleland.

Around midnight on Christmas Eve, a campus police officer was patrolling the campus near the business education building, when he heard spewing water. When he investigated, he discovered a pipe had burst and water was leaking into the office of Shirley Bruegman, Dean of Business.

"There was four or five inches of water on the floor," said Bruegman. "It could have been a lot worse."

Over the winter holidays, the heat was turned off in all the buildings to save money. Cleland cited this as the possible reason for the pipes bursting. Had the heat been on, hot air would



Tash Stubblefield/Rampage

A crate of new pipe awaits to be installed

have been blowing on the coils in the attic, and the coils would not have frozen.

When the campus police officer called Cleland, Cleland ordered that the heat be turned back on to prevent any more pipes from bursting.

"The maintenance and custodial crew were absolutely wonderful," said Bruegman. They worked

through Christmas Eve to make sure the damages were repaired by the time the spring semester began, and that no further damage could be done.

The cost of the repairs will be covered by FCC's insurance policy, which has a \$10,000 deductible. To cover the deductible, Cleland said "We'll just have to save money elsewhere."

News Notes

Don't miss the Fresno premiere of *Eastern Standard*, directed by Richard Greenberg. It will be performed on Wednesday through Sunday evenings at 8 p.m., January 9-13 and 16-20 in the Wahlberg Recital Hall at CSU Fresno. General admission is \$6, and students are \$5. All tickets are available at the door. For more information, call 221-7383.

American Indian students are encouraged to take part in a one-year project on the educational needs of the American Indian student. Contact Ms. Katarin Jurich in the student services building or call 442-8231. There are also part-time positions open for this project; two research assistants and two program development assistant positions. Contact Venancio Gaona, director of the EOP&S office for more details.

Alpha Gamma Sigma is recruiting for the spring semester. The qualifications are either a culminative 3.0 GPA, or a 3.0 must have been achieved last semester. The first meeting will be January 17 at 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. in Forum Hall 101.

Put the Job Placement Service to work for you! Last semester a total of 682 students were placed in jobs suited to their schedule and talents, earning a cumulative of \$375,815. This semester, one of these students could be you! Contact the job placement office.

The Broadcast Journalism class, taught by Faith Sidlow, was accidentally omitted from the spring 1991 class listing. The class is offered on M, W, and F at 8 a.m. Course #1810

OPINION

American blood for oil

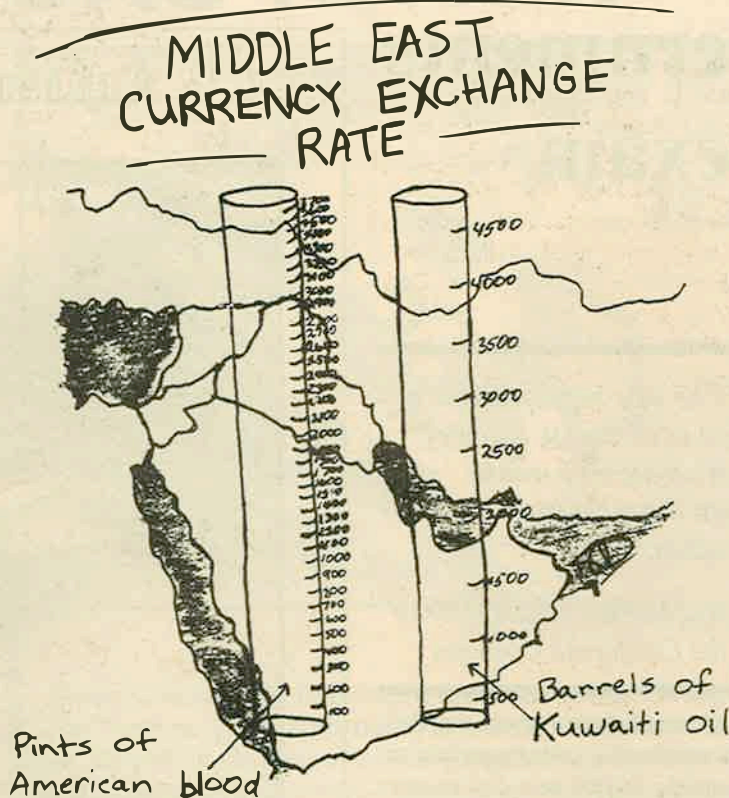
Steve Diddy
Contributing writer

Are you ready for '91?

The great quake of '89 may have shaken you up and the deep freeze of '90 may have left you chilled to the bone, but '91 looks as if it will pack a mightier punch. A punch so strong that it could easily draw blood—the blood of American soldiers.

January 15, 1991 is a date that has been on the minds of American people for several weeks now. President Bush has sent a message so strong to Saddam Hussein that backing down would prove deadly to the U.S.'s credibility as a nation that keeps its word. If Bush continues with the language he has been using and rules out negotiation the U.S. must attack Iraq if it has not withdrawn its troops from Kuwait or risk looking like a paper tiger and risk giving the green light to dictators throughout the globe.

Absent from this Gulf equation is the justification and true motives of going to war. The United Nations has granted legal justification, however, it could not be justification concurrent with our motives because our true motives have never been made clear. These are issues that have been pushed aside by the Bush administration and not dealt



with directly.

It seems the Bush administration has shifted from the position that we must fight for our oil rights and the freedom of Kuwait, both unpopular among the American people, to something more like this: we must fight because we promised we would. With the language being used by the top men in Bush's cabinet, and Bush himself, they have left no room for dialogue and set us

on a course for war.

Body bags have already been sent to the desert for our troops. Analysts are saying that there is little doubt that a war with Iraq will be lengthy and cost many American lives. How many bodies will we have to see on the evening news until we are sick and don't want our men to fight any longer? And will we have won the war at that point? And what will we have won?

OPPORTUNITIES

Minority teaching program takes wing

Monica Castillon
Contributing writer

Fresno City College has enacted a new minority intern teaching program for Fall and Spring of 1991.

"The purpose of the program is to encourage minorities to experience community college teaching and hopefully for them to go on to teach as a career," said Acting Dean of Instruction, Shirley Bruegman.

Bruegman says so far the minority intern teachers are having a great time and seem to be really enjoying their jobs.

She says there is a need in the community colleges for a culturally diverse teaching staff. Student enrollment is sky high and there are many minority students.

The students need teachers they can relate to and this program will hopefully encourage more minorities to go into teaching, according

to Bruegman.

Fresno City College has made a financial investment in this program. The college is placing the minority intern teachers in positions where they think there will be openings in the future.

"These minority intern teachers are certainly viable candidates for jobs that will open up in the future at FCC," said Bruegman. "Without experience it's hard to be a community college teacher, teaching is both an art and a science."

This new program will give the minority intern teachers experience as well as teaching techniques in how to teach.

The program works on a team teaching method. A master teacher and a minority intern teacher teach the class together. The master teacher is a mentor for the minority intern teacher. The master teacher provides resources and advice so that the minority intern teacher has

a positive experience in the classroom.

The minority intern teachers, as well as the master teachers, are paid for their work.

The master teacher needs to know when to step back and let the minority intern teacher take over.

The students need to feel confident to go to the minority intern teacher for help, said Bruegman.

For these reasons the master teachers and minority intern teachers are carefully screened and picked.

The minority intern teachers are now teaching enablers, math, cultural studies, counseling, Spanish and art.

In mid-spring there will be an intense study done to see if the program is a success.

This will determine if FCC will be willing to continue to invest the time and money into the program for next year.

Registration can be a terrible ordeal



Tash Stubblefield/Rampage

Cindy plays, as her mother waits in line.

Celeste Cox
Managing editor

What began as an innocent letter in the mail ended as a three hour trip through hell. In early November, I received my permit to register for the Spring 1991 semester. Although I had heard of some people having a rough time with registration, I never realized what it was like until I went through it.

The day I was supposed to register, I arrived at the Fresno City campus at around 9 am, figuring I would be home before noon. What a joke.

Considering the 45 minute drive, I should have been registered and on my merry way home by 11. Little did I know that I would still be in line waiting to see a counselor.

Midway through the Fall 1990 semester, my older and wiser friend advised me to talk to a counselor then, so I could avoid "the mess," as she so delicately stated it. So, being the obedient little person I am, I listened to her and did exactly that. The problem was, when I went to register for classes, they wouldn't let me until I consulted another counselor. I still don't understand why.

And so my nightmare began. First came the line to sign up to wait for a counselor. This line was my home for about 15 minutes. That was nothing compared to what was coming next... the BIG wait. After I waited there to sign a sheet of paper, I tried to explain to the lady behind the desk that I had already seen a counselor. She gave me the look my mother used to give when I didn't want to eat my peas.

I felt sorry for the lady. She had obviously heard every complaint in the world, and then some. Despite my feelings of sorrow for her, I still had to see a second counselor.

When I saw my number, my face fell open. I was number one-hundred-and-fifty-something. I asked the lady how long the wait was, she shrugged her shoulders and said, "I don't know. About an hour." Well, the first hour came and went. So did the second hour. Midway through the third hour, a counselor came out and called my name, waking me from a fantastic daydream.

On the way down the hallway, he asked me how long I waited. I replied, "I don't know, I lost track after two hours." Again, I was given the look of eat-your-peas-or-else. Scary... twice in one day.

After advising me to take the classes I was going to take anyway, and signing off the only class he said needed a signature, I was well on my way to register, or so I thought.

The last thing I had to do was have my schedule authorized by the lady at the booth across from the registration desk. Much to my dismay, she found that three more of my classes that needed a counselor's signature. This resulted in three separate trips to the counselor at the desk.

Upon my fourth arrival to the desk, I asked if she was positive I needed no other signatures. She nodded. I was overjoyed.

After fee payments, the actual registration and other assorted lines, the actual experience added up to a little longer than three hours.

Looking back, I offer pity for the counselors, people at the desks and those who work at the business office. The students may be the ones who have to wait so long, but these unfortunate souls are the subject of unworthy verbal abuse. It's not their fault they are understaffed.

DID YOU KNOW...

Wood stoves and fireplaces emit more carbon monoxide than all U.S. industry combined...

Environmental Protection Agency report

"Each year small businesses illegally dispose of at least one million tons of hazardous waste."... Seymour I. Schwartz, UC Davis professor of environmental policy analysis

THE ARTS

Movie Review

"Edward Scissorhands"

Ann Ridolfi
Rampage staff

Once upon a time there was an inventor who lived in a mansion on a hill. One day he decided to make a man. Before he could finish his creation, the inventor (Vincent Price) suddenly collapsed and died, leaving the man with only scissors for hands. The man lived alone in the mansion, sculpting animals from the shrubs in the garden, when one day...

"Edward Scissorhands" answers the question of what finally happens to the inventor's creation when he's accidentally thrust into suburban community.

The theme of the alien in a strange land is explored as it was in "ET" and our hero Edward (played by Johnny Depp) undergoes a similar process—at first feared and misunderstood, then loved, then feared and misunderstood again by unfriendly persons.

There's more humor in "Scissorhands" than in "ET" and the

suburbia that Edward is dropped into is made part of the joke, with a bizarre cast of neighborhood women, including a sexpot (Kathy Baker) who wants Edward's body.

"Don't you ever anyone let tell you you have a handicap," she tells him at a get-acquainted barbeque hosted by his benefactor (Dianne Wiest). Edward is fed and pampered by the women who, in the end, turn against him.

It's easy to see the potential threat Edward poses to himself and others with his long, sharp appendages. Wiest, the sweet Avon lady who discovers Edward, must finally admit, "when I brought Edward here to live with us, I didn't think things through," she says in the understatement of the year. The question of corrective surgery is brought up but never explored.

At first, Edward happily adjusts to the family, being put to service pruning shrubs—of course in the shape of animals, although he has added human forms to his repertoire also (a sign of growth).

He even has longings for the teenage daughter of the house, Kim

(Winona Ryder), who after her first hysterical fright, comes to see beauty in innocent Edward. Enter her cruel and jealous boyfriend (Anthony Michael Hall) and Edward's plight begins, first with the accidental knicking of Kim's chin which is interpreted as an act of violence.

Burton, who directed "Beetlejuice" and "Batman," can't decide whether to stick to a bitter-sweet fantasy or a parody of alien-in-a-strange-land movies and the film fails to be either one as fully as it could. The shift in tone between his mockery of suburbia with its pink and green marshmallow houses and its cast of silly and bored residents can't be taken seriously. But Edward can, and so can Kim as the hopeless lovers.

Depp is wonderful and gives depth to the character of Edward, even with his sparse dialogue. His sweet face is so expressive.

There's poignancy and humor in "Edward Scissorhands" and also a memorable new kind of alien, one to tell your grandchildren about someday, thanks to Avon calling.



Twentieth Century Fox

Johnny Depp and Winona Ryder in *Edward Scissorhands*

A special kind of training

Ann Ridolfi
Rampage Staff

Teacher Dolly Trout sat in the Fresno City College cafeteria being interviewed when one of her students walked up to the table.

Mary, (students names are fictitious) a 20-year-old student smiled proudly. She'd just returned from her duties at Manukian's and Pasqual's Restaurant where she is a kitchen trainee.

"I had lunch at Farmer's Market," Mary beamed. She had difficulty with the work "market." A job-training aide had just taken her to lunch to celebrate Mary's placement at the restaurant.

Trout smiled as she listened. Before Mary went to meet her bus on the FCC campus, Trout said, "I'm glad you had a good day. I'm so happy for you. You're so smart."

Trout is a teacher in the Fresno County Schools Adult Transition Program for 18 to 20 year-old learning handicapped students and Mary is on of them.

Many of the students in the program are mentally retarded, some as the result of Down's Syndrome.

Several years ago, the Education Department began a community-based program to teach such students vocational skills in the actual environment in which those skills would be needed.

Trout and four other instructors operated their community-based program from Fresno State University four years ago with great success.

"Students began to display more



Source: Dan Trout

Dolly Trout of the Adult Transition Program

age appropriate social behaviors and an increase in self-esteem," Trout said.

"Last February I met with Chancellor Dr. Bill Stewart and asked if we could make FCC a 'home base' for our (special) students. Bruce Staebler (manager of FCC's cafeteria) wrote a letter of recommendation and offered to let us use the cafeteria as our meeting place."

Since September, Trout and two aides, Chris De La Cerda and Carmie Mullen work with 11 disabled students in the cafeteria, as well as other work sites on and off campus.

"Our goal," Trout said, "is to provide our students with age-appropriate role models and the opportunity to interact socially and recreationally with their peers, while still maintaining our community-based curriculum."

Students work in the cafeteria

two hours on Mondays and Tuesdays doing dishes, busing tables, preparing food under close supervision or doing custodial work.

"Class" hours stretch from after 8 a.m. to mid-afternoon, with sessions in the cafeteria's Conference Room "C" to discuss how they're doing, what was appropriate (behavior) and what was inappropriate. Trout works alongside her students because she thinks modeling correct behavior is so important.

"Everyone comes with unique abilities," Trout said. "Some learn best by watching. Most of them don't have reading or writing skills." "We teach them the number of the bus they need to take and counting out change. They need more concrete things."

Trout talked about "John," an Asian student who learned so fast that everyone thought he under-

stood what was said, but in fact, he learns by watching.

"I never taught him how to use the dishwasher," Trout said. "One day it was going and I asked, 'Who showed you?' He said he watched others."

Trout finds a quote from Goethe especially appropriate. "Treat a man as he appears to be and you make him worse than he is. Treat that same man as if he already were what he potentially could be and you make him what he should be."

Since students in the Transitional Program are of adult age, their curriculum includes a class in sex education which began six years ago with the approval of administrators, parents and teachers.

"It's been extremely successful," Trout said. "It was started in high school with the learning handicapped. The students progressed because they didn't have to deal with 'street' misinformation. It's teaching values and morals."

There are several different transition programs taking place, including those at Pacific College, Fresno State University, and Fresno Adult School.

"Some of the students are al-

ready employed as a result of being trained here (at FCC). Some of those students are at restaurants busing tables," Trout said.

When students graduate, Trout helps them by referring them to other agencies such as the Department of Rehabilitation, which provides job "coaches" who are always there for training in four-hour-a-day jobs. Pay usually begins at minimum wage.

"More and more employers are open to training and hiring the learning handicapped," Trout said. "They weren't five years ago, but they're finding so many other employers involved."

Trout smiles when she thinks of the benefits of the program.

"The self-esteem has been phenomenal," Trout beams. "I looked at a student's file (before he entered the program).

"In his last school year he was aggressive and suspended three days. That was all poor self-esteem. Now he's sought out for his abilities. He smiles and stands tall."

And Trout stands beside him, encouraging him, telling him, "You're so smart."

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SPORTS

Fall sports review

Steve Carr
Editor

The Fall season was good to Fresno City College sports in 1990. From the soccer and wrestling teams vying for state championships, to the emergence of the Producers Dairy Bowl, FCC stood out as one of the outstanding community college sports programs in the state.

The men's soccer team was led by Spencer Williams, the Camino Norte Conference player of the year, who had 14 goals and four assists to lead the Rams to the state semi-finals.

The National Soccer Coaches Association of America selected FCC head coach Bill Neal as "Coach of the Year" in the Western Region of the United States.

The Ram dribblers finished the season with a record of 13-4-1 and ranked in the top four in the state.

The women's soccer team, also under coach Bill Neal, finished third with a 10-4-5 record. They were led by freshman Silvia Beltran, Mitsy Coppo and sophomores Ann Heredia and Teresa Hiat.

The defending state champion wrestling team lacked quantity, not quality wrestlers in their quest to repeat as champions. They finished third in the state. The team simply did not have enough wrestlers in each weight class to capture the overall title.

Brian Rameriz, 118 pounds, finished as runner-up for the second year in a row in the state championships. Ralph Olivias, 142, and Ismael Quintana, 150, each placed third.

The football team played in the toughest conference in the state. Despite the difficulty of their schedule, the Rams finished the regular season at 8-2.



Tash Stubblefield/Rampage

James Graham, 31, is brought down by Butte College's Craig Tippens, 22, during the first annual Producers Dairy Bowl. Despite losing to Butte 51-21, the game was considered a big success by its backers. There were 4,000 people in attendance at Ratcliffe Stadium. The event established credibility when Producers Dairy committed its to \$100,000 for the first five years of the event.

While the team featured many outstanding gridiron talents, a few stood a cut above the rest. Defensive back Keshon Johnson garnered second team All-American honors. Johnson has narrowed his college options to either Arizona or Fresno State.

Tight end Ryan Wetnight will take his first team all NorCal Conference honors to Stanford University, and offensive lineman Mark Smith will head to Colorado as a first team all-league player as well.

Head coach John Volek saw his dream of a Fresno junior college

bowl game become a reality when FCC kicked off the first annual Producers Dairy Bowl on December 1, 1990. Although the Rams lost to Butte College, the game was considered a success by many of its planners because of the positive response the Fresno community gave it.

The women's volleyball team tied for third in league play and finished with a 7-7 overall record.

Kim McCann and Robin Pfief won first team all-league honors and Lisa Aten was award second team recognition.

January basketball calender

Men's Basketball

Jan. 16 Bye
Jan. 19 @West Hills College 7:00PM
Jan. 23 Kings River CC 7:00PM
Jan. 26 Porterville College 7:00PM
Jan. 30 College of Sequoias 7:00PM

Women's Basketball

Jan 16 Allan Hancock Col. 5:00PM
Jan 19 @Kings River CC 5:00PM
Jan 23 College of Sequoias 5:00PM
Jan 30 @Kings River CC 5:00PM

The Rampage is looking for experienced writers and photographers. If you are interested, contact Steve Carr at the Rampage office.

Popcorn lovers have a home at FCC

Lourie Dickson
Contributing writer

The latest craze around Fresno City College is the new Popcorn Addicts' Club.

"People were ready for the popcorn before breakfast," said Donna Rivera, director of the bookstore.

The club began early last April as a promotional idea. "We came with the name by brainstorming and Popcorn Addicts Club just popped out," said Rivera.

Although the majority of the members of the club are faculty, some students are taking advantage of the club's perks.

"I start my day with a Pepsi and popcorn," said Mike Januse, second year student at FCC.

"It's more convenient to buy a tin full rather than one bag at a time. I've become more budget conscious."

Januse, unlike other students, has an office where he can keep his tin. Januse is the student assistant to Lee Farley.

"The tin is hard to carry around but the access to the extra popcorn far out-weighs the cumbersome tin," said Januse. "This popcorn is like

potato chips, you can't eat just one.

The initial fee of the club is \$4.75 and a tin full of popcorn. The tin is colorfully decorated by the staff at the bookstore. The refill cost is \$1.00, and each member is limited to three refills a day.

"We pop about 15-16 kettles a day," said Rivera. "People buy it as an impulse item. They say it's great to chomp on."

The bookstore got the idea to start a popcorn club from another community college. "It's been great success so far. We ordered six dozen tins to start with and already we have reordered more," said Rivera. "Most of the staff members involved say it's great."

"The dieters love it because popcorn is filling and low on calories. We even popped some without salt and only a little oil," said Rivera.

"All they have to do is let us know beforehand and we'll pop it a certain way for them."

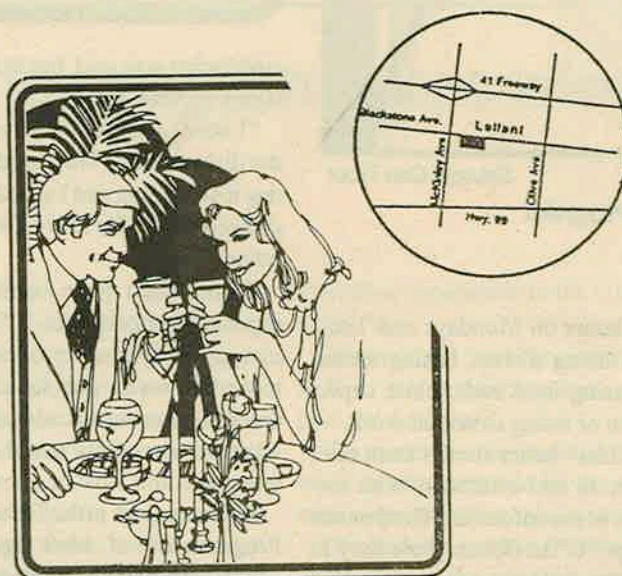
"We have our little in-house joke we all know where they are going when they have their shiny red tins," said Leticia Murrietta, faculty assistant to Lee Farley. "Everybody likes to share in the offices. We fours at least two times a day."

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