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Students can spend a great deal of time searching for a parking place in the FCC lots—they're nearly always full.

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Fresno and London, Bridge the Gap

By Whitney Brown
Managing Editor

Sixteen FCC students and two instructors went to Kingston, England for their spring semester 1992. While abroad, the students were able to experience the English culture first hand as well as travel around Europe. According to Charles Lynes, one of the instructors who went along, the students who participated in the program were very adaptable and mature.

The students left San Francisco on Feb. 6 and some of the students returned on May 17, at the end of the school semester, while others stayed to travel around Europe.

The program cost about \$4,800 and included round trip air fare, room and board with an English host family, and tuition. Lynes said he suggested students take approximately \$2,000 for outside expenses such as lunches, transportation costs, traveling, and social activities.

The students were housed with families chosen with both the students' and the families' best interest in mind. If for any reason a problem should arise, it is not difficult to arrange for the student to live with another host family.

"The organization gives you a questionnaire to fill out concerning the students' personal preferences as to smoking, children, pets, and religion. They try to match the students up with the family that will best suit him or her," said Lynes.

"I was very proud of our students. They were mature and able to adapt to the many differences between England and America," said Lynes. "It's not like America there, yet most of our students are already making plans to return because they loved it so much."

Two of the sixteen students had

very different things to say about their stays. Both of the students loved the experience, but had almost opposite feelings about America when they returned.

Jill Borton, 20, was placed with a family she described as nice and welcoming. The host mother and father were 35 with two small boys age four and five.

"Most of the British aren't as friendly as we are," explained Borton, "and they have a completely different sense of humor. A friend of mine (American) went with me to see *Wayne's World* and, although the cinema was packed, we were the only ones laughing."

Borton came back from Europe with a new appreciation for the California lifestyle. She missed the dryers for clothing, Mexican food, and the sunshine.

"You don't miss America until you leave it," said Borton. "We have a lot more freedom here. They (the English) are taxed on everything from owning a car to a television. I loved the transportation systems there, though. You could go anywhere, anytime. Here, if you don't have a car, you're stuck."

Thomas Bleigh, 19, on the other hand, came home from Kingston reluctantly. He so enjoyed his trip to England and the family in which he was placed, he had difficulties describing the whole experience. He didn't want to come home again when the time came to return.

"My host family was there for me the whole time," stated Bleigh. "They made me feel welcome the moment I arrived and throughout my stay I felt I could go to them if I ever had a problem."

"I felt more at home in England than I ever have here in America," Bleigh continued. "The European mentality is different from ours in

that they relax and enjoy life. We enjoy life too, but it's always so fast-paced, pressured and temporary."

Bleigh stayed his 14 weeks in a family he described as almost hippy. The parents were liberal and open-minded, not at all fulfilling the stuffy, British-reserve-stereotype most Americans hang on to. The family had three sons, all of whom took Bleigh in as if he were another brother. Two of the sons were close to Bleigh in age and this made it easier for him to make friends with the natives, something most of the other students didn't get to accomplish as much. Bleigh apparently spent a great deal of time with his young English friends because he had the slang mastered. His expressions were flavored with British dialect—men were "chaps", girls were "birds", boys were "blokes" and his shoes, Dr. Martins, were "Docs".

For all the students, the trip was a learning experience they will treasure all their lives.

"By the time school was out," said Lynes, "they were traveling around Europe unafraid in countries where English wasn't spoken. School was over every Thursday and began again Monday morning. Lots of the students would bring their backpacks, and after class Thursday they would take of in a group or alone to Paris, or Glasgow, or wherever they wanted. Some came back Monday morning."

"At the end of the semester they knew what they were doing. Venturing into Prague, Budapest, Rome or Munich was not a problem for them," said Lynes.

These weren't rich students, some saved for a year or so to go, one sold his car, another borrowed money from the bank and another from his parents. None of the students regret going.

By Steven Sauer
Rampage Reporter

Enrollment at Fresno City College has increased again, and classes are more crowded than ever.

Many students are unable to get the classes they need, and others must sit in the aisles while they wait for other students to drop the courses and free up seats.

In the middle of all this, the Governor has increased fees by almost 100 percent. Many students are facing the possibility of being unable to attend FCC in future semesters.

However, don't give up hope. While there are no quick and easy solutions, there are many little ways that students can ease the problem.

Greg Simmons, President of the Associated Students, has a few suggestions for those who are having problems.

First and foremost, register early. Don't wait until three weeks after your appointment date.

Second, plan your schedule before you register, and have alternate schedules prepared in case one or more classes are full.

Third, sign up for more early morning and evening classes, as there are fewer enrolled in those classes than in mid-day classes. The easiest ones to get into are the classes in the early- to mid-afternoon.

Simmons also said that the legislature needs to do more to prepare high school students for college, as many arrive unprepared to register.

Simmons also had suggestions for alleviating the parking problems. As many have found out, it is very difficult to find a parking space during peak hours.

Simmons recommends using alternate forms of transportation, such as bicycles or the bus, or forming a car pool.

A proposal has been made to construct a parking lot near or on campus for car pool parking only (a special permit would be required). Another has been made to provide discounted rates for bus passes to people who have Associated Students (AS) cards. Neither proposal has passed so far, but there are hopes for both.

The AS has formed a new Parking and Traffic Committee to deal with just such proposals.

A word of warning to those who have been parking in nearby streets in the sections with the signs that say "residential permit required"—there is a new program in which FCC police cadets will ride around the neighborhoods on mountain bikes giving tickets. Those who have been parking in these areas should find new places to park.

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New heroes of the water

By Andrew Burton
Rampage Reporter

Have you ever wanted to become a lifeguard? The life saving class at FCC is a 12-week course designed to give you the skills and knowledge that is required to become a lifeguard.

The class is held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for two hours. The class is split into one hour in the pool learning new swim strokes and techniques and also to get your body in condition, and the other hour is spent in the classroom where you learn other life saving techniques and rules and regulations

of the pool.

The class is taught by Becky Allen. She has been teaching the life saving class for the past three years.

Gino Wills, a student and future lifeguard, said he enjoys the class. He said that he has always wanted to become a lifeguard. After the class he hopes to become certified by the Red Cross and get a job on a cruise ship.

Thor Anderson, a life saving student, feels that this class is a quality class because of the emphasis put on perfection in the pool. He said that jobs for lifeguards always pop up and it would be a great summer job.

Letter to the Editor

An open challenge to debate the theory of evolution

Why debate evolution? Most people have simply accepted this theory as a fact. But here are the real facts, which are uncontested at the highest academic levels. The formation of the stars, planets and galaxies remains a great mystery to most scientists. "To sum up, I think that all suggested accounts of the origin of the solar system are subject to serious objections." Likewise, the classical Darwinian theory of biological change from species to species, has been disproven in many areas. Yet another evolutionist has admitted "The success of Darwinian was accompanied by a decline in scientific integrity... a striking example... is the alteration of the Piltdown skull so that it could be used as evidence for the descent of man from the apes; but even

before this a similar instance of tinkering with evidence was finally revealed by the discoverer of Pithcanthropus (Java-man/Homo Erectus) who admitted, many years after his sensational report, that he had found in the same deposit bones that are definitely human."

Furthermore, this theory has been used as the basis for racism, including Aryanism which was perpetrated in a brutal and horrible way by the Nazis.

I could go on and on but I will leave sufficient time for opposing viewpoints to be ready to reply in the event that this is printed. Again, let's have both sides receive a fair hearing. Rarely are both sides presented in the classroom.

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Fee increase expected, but not welcomed

By Andrew Burton
Rampage Reporter

Are fees going to increase here at Fresno City College?

Yes!

On Wednesday, Sept. 2, Governor Pete Wilson signed the budget.

The fee increases first proposed by Wilson did not go through. He originally wanted to raise the fee per unit from \$6 to \$20. He wanted to have a

differential fee for students who have more than 70 units or a bachelor's degree. This fee would have been \$50 per unit.

Over the sixty-plus day state budget impasse, the fees were raised and lowered many times. The state legislature has argued many bills. Finally, they came to an agreement and they sent it to the governor.

Now, since the budget has passed, the fees will increase, and the new fees will be effective January 1, 1993. The new fees will be increased from \$6 to \$10 with no

cap, so if you take 10 units it will cost you \$100, 18 units would cost \$180, etc. There is a differential fee for students with bachelor's degrees. Their fees will be increased to \$50 per unit. Associated Students President Greg Simmons states that the state is taxing us and not giving the students anything in return. He feels that the state government is using the community colleges as a bailout for the government's mistakes.

The Rampage surveys student opinion on the upcoming Presidential Campaign

By Robert Azua
Rampage Reporter

According to a Rampage survey done by interviewing ten people, there were five Republicans, three Democrats and two Independents. Out of these ten people, only six will be voting. It is not that they are not registered, but it's the people that are running for office that will keep them away from the polls. They don't like either of the presidential candidates.

Charlene Cole, a 27 year-old female, will not be voting due to Ross Perot dropping out of the presidential campaign. Charlene is an independent. Quoting Charlene about how she feels about George Bush in general, she replied, "George Bush hasn't taken enough money away from over-paid politicians."

Asked the same question about Bill Clinton, she hesitated, and replied in a laughing manner, "No comment!"

Loyd Ayers, a 20 year-old male, will be voting for George Bush once again. Asking Loyd why he's voting for Mr. Bush, he replied, "Mr. Bush is conservative, and I like his views on taxes. Bill Clinton just wants to tax more, and he will do worse for this country."

Liz Smith, a 20 year-old female, will be voting for Bill Clinton. Liz will be voting for Clinton in the upcoming election in November. Liz will vote for Mr. Clinton because she's against George Bush. She considers Mr. Bush irrational because he's against the earth summit. He's too concerned with welfare of the upper class. And he has no support for the disappearing middle class and the growing lower

class. She's voting for Bill Clinton, because she thinks he is a victim of the press. She doesn't know who he really is, but since he's not George Bush, he'll be better for this great nation of ours. She thinks of Bill Clinton, as a very down to earth guy. Quoting Liz about Bill Clinton's plans, she replied by saying, "Who knows, maybe I'll like his national medical plan."

Shawn Bamden, a 23 year-old male, is undecided. He doesn't know who to vote for. He says, "George Bush is a better speaker now than four years ago." As for Bill Clinton, Shawn says, "His policies seem to favor only the middle class and the lower class."

Michelle Hicks, a 22 year-old female, will not be voting either. She thinks that the presidential campaign is not a great deal to her.

New cafeteria/student center renovations already underway

By Andrew Burton
Rampage Reporter

The renovations on the new school cafeteria will not be ready for approximately one year. According to Greg Simmons, the associated students president, the changes that will be made are for the better.

One of the most important changes made will be easier access for handicapped students, making it easier for them to come and go as they please. That alone is a worthwhile change.

The other changes are new awnings which are now being put up, as well as modifications to existing equipment. The cafeteria will also undergo changes to make it pleasing to the eye for it will also be housing several speaking events.

The area, when completed, will be called the New Student Center, and will be able to hold a greater number of students than the cafeteria. The new cafeteria will hopefully be a place worth looking forward to going to when it is completed sometime soon.

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Enablers fights to make FCC handicap-accessible

By Steven Sauer
Rampage Reporter

Janice M. Emerzian, director of enabler services for Fresno City College, says that the college is slowly adding handicap-accessible improvements, but they are unable to make all of the improvements they want.

Enablers, which began providing services for only a handful of handicapped students, now serves 960 students, some with severe physical or mental disabilities.

Emerzian has been director of enabler services for the last 11 years, and is very proud of the improvements that have been made on this campus. But she feels that more needs to be done. She points out as examples of recent improvements the sliding doors for the student center building and Dean Seaberg's upcoming library expansion project.

Unfortunately, not all of the improvements are working as well as was hoped. One in particular that is not working is the chairlift in the stairwell leading to the second floor of the bookstore building. The chairlift has been out of order for the majority of the semester, and they do not expect to have it working in the near future.

The chairlift was originally commissioned as an alternative to an elevator, which was deemed too expensive to build. It consists of a platform that is lifted along the railing of the stairwell. Wheelchair-bound people can put their chairs on the platform and get carried up to the next floor. Unfortunately, a part broke, and they have not been able to get a replacement part yet. There is only one company in California that makes the parts for chairlifts, and the part is still on order from them.

Emerzian described the chairlift as a "nightmare." She said that one of the main problems that they have been having is that most of the maintenance work for the chairlift has been delegated to the Enablers program, which does not normally do any maintenance work. Emerzian said that what is needed is "an ongoing maintenance program," where parts would be readily available in case of breakdowns, and trained maintenance workers would be available to install them.

The chairlift is only one of many problems that are brought before the Architectural Barriers Committee (ABC), a president's committee that oversees problems with handicap accessibility on this campus. The ABC meets every other month, and decides what improvements should be made, keeping in mind the Americans with Disabilities act, a federal act requiring more accessibility in public places (such as colleges), eventually leading to total accessibility for handicapped individuals. Representatives to the committee consist of students, staff, local architects and engineers, community members, and campus personnel.

One improvement that currently is being debated in the ABC meetings is a proposed increase in handicap-accessible seating in the theater. Enabler personnel are saying that there are not enough seats in the theater that are handicap-accessible. Theater personnel contend that the removal of four regular seats, combined with the other alterations required for the project, would cause undue hardship for those who are not handicapped. The ABC has not yet decided whether or not the handicap-accessible seats will be installed.

One concern that some students have at this time is that the doors to



The chairlift in the Student Center Building is broken again—denying handicapped students access to the student government offices located upstairs.

the new associated students' lounge may not be fully accessible to the handicapped, since they are single doors that can only be opened by pushing or pulling on them, as opposed to double sliding doors similar to those in the bookstore, that are much more handicap accessible. When asked about the doors, Emerzian said that she was not aware of a problem with the doors, but that she would investigate the matter to make sure the lounge was accessible.

Emerzian said that one of the main problems that faces the ABC is that the current budget does not allow for many expensive improvements. However, this is not the only problem that faces them.

"Unfortunately, certain individuals felt threatened by the ABC," said Emerzian, "because they felt it had a hidden agenda. I think that is absurd. The committee was established under state and federal mandates to provide a vehicle for transitioning from an inaccessible campus to an accessible campus by removing architectural barriers," and has no other concerns than aiding the handicapped.

One of the ABC's most recent accomplishments is the printing of the *Campus Access Book*, a booklet listing all of the handicap-accessible resources on campus, from wheelchair ramps to accessible drinking fountains. The driving force behind the book is Ken Klein, an

architecture instructor on campus, who has been working closely with Enablers on this project.

Some of the projects that the ABC will be considering in the near future include improved signage for those with vision impairment, lowered counters and water fountains for those who are unable to reach them at their current height, accessible parking near the administration building, elevators on the bookstore building and the library, more accessible theater seating, added ramps, and a host of other improvements. The fate of these improvements depends on the budget situation, but Emerzian hopes to move closer to her goal of a completely accessible campus.

AN OPEN LETTER TO SEARCHING STUDENTS

College is a time of major choices like no other: career, major, courses, relationships, and job decisions confront you more than at any other time. Students are looking for things, ideas, or persons worthy of their commitment. What is desperately needed during these years is wisdom: the ability to put your knowledge, time, and resources to the best possible use, to commit carefully, knowing the lasting impact of these decisions.

The book of Proverbs says, "The first thing is to acquire wisdom; gain understanding though it cost your all you have." (4:7) It also says something that contradicts much of modern thought:

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." (9:10) "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways know him, and he will make your paths straight." (3:5,6)

And if as you search, you say Yes to Jesus Christ, and get to know him, you'll find the only God that lives, the only God that is. He who proved his love, by bearing the burden of all our sins and foolishness on the cross, is not going to shame you or make you feel foolish if you seriously ask for help. (James 1:5)

If you want to talk to someone during your time here, our doors are open.

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Movie Reviews

RAPID FIRE

Reviewer: Steven Sauer

Over the next few months, reviews of current movies will appear here. These movies are rated on a 10-star scale, with one star representing an extremely bad and virtually unwatchable movie, and 10 stars representing one of the best movies ever made.

Rapid Fire is a martial-arts film starring Bruce Lee's son, Brandon Lee. He plays Jake Lo, a Chinese man with a remarkably American accent, whose father was killed during Tiananmen Square. Lo cannot accept his father's death, becomes sullen, and moves to

America, where he quickly becomes involved in a war between the Mafia and the Yakuza when he witnesses a murder committed by mob boss Antonio Serrano (Nick Mancuso). He is then chased by a variety of bad guys (including crooked FBI guys) for the rest of the movie, with his only help coming from a few cops working independently to get Serrano.

Unfortunately, this is as far as the plot goes. The film pays more attention to the fight scenes than it does to any kind of character development. The only character who really has any sort of personality is Mace Ryan (Powers Boothe), the cop who befriends Lo.

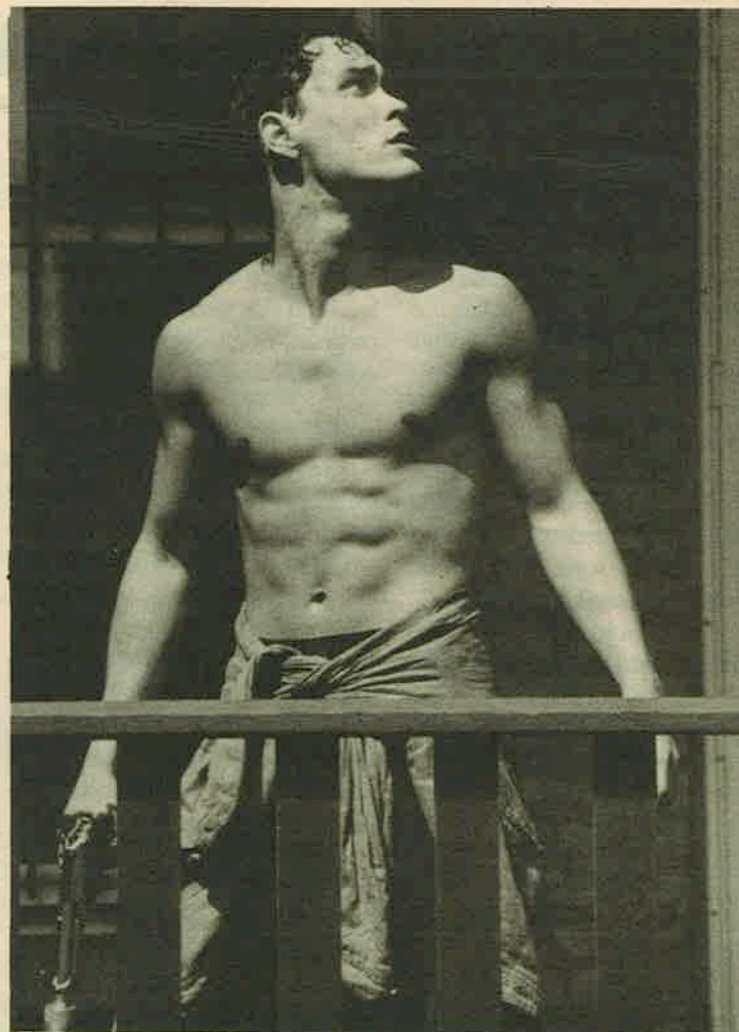
Lee does the best he can with

what he is given, but his character just isn't given much to do. He pretty much walks through the movie, fighting bad guys on the way. When he is given a good script, as with *Showdown in Little Tokyo*, he does a very good job. This was not such a case.

The action scenes are fairly good, and there are two very well choreographed martial arts fight scenes. If you are in the mood for a mindless action film, this is as good a way as any to spend an hour and a half, but don't spend full price to see it. Wait for the video, or the cheap seats at Manchester.

Rating: ★★★★★1/2

Rated R (Violence, Language)



Brandon Lee in *Rapid Fire*—the fight scenes are fine, but the actor needs more meat in his roles.

Christopher Columbus: the Discovery

Reviewer: Richard Snyder

Christopher Columbus: The Discovery, the first of the two films about the discovery of America, is a good solid film, full of enough adventure, intrigue, and romance to satisfy just about everyone. The film traces the trouble Columbus endured in Portugal which led to his fleeing to Spain, his trouble with the church, and finally the voyage to and from America.

The acting in this film is first

rate. The cast, headed by Marlon Brando as Torquemada, the chief inquisitor, Tom Selleck as King Ferdinand, and Rachel Ward as Queen Isabella, are all excellent in their roles, with just the right amount of menace from Brando and forcefulness and wonder about the new world from Selleck and Rachel Ward. It is the performance by newcomer George Corraface as Columbus that is the heart and soul of the film. In his performance, you feel the pain in the failure and ridicule

he endures as well as the joy when he succeeds. The one thing that is perhaps the best part of his performance is that he is human. He is not a good guy, nor an evil monster. He is just a man who wanted to explore and made several mistakes along the way.

The film is also a visual feast with excellent costumes, sets, and special effects. The costumes in this film are among the best seen in a long while and the sets, from the courts of Ferdinand and Isabella to mock ups of the Nina, Pinta, and Santa Maria, are great to look at and have an authentic look to them. The special effects, mainly storm and sailing sequences, are well executed.

The film was directed by John Glen, known primarily for his work on the James Bond films. He brings his knack for character development while keeping the action moving at a brisk pace to this film, and it works perfectly. If you are looking for solid entertainment that will never bore you and may tell you something you may not have known then look no further, *Christopher Columbus: The Discovery* will definitely satisfy you.

Rating: ★★★★★★

Rated: PG-13 For Violence and Nudity

Scandal at School, Perish the Thought

By John Roberts
Rampage Reporter

The School for Scandal by Richard B. Sheridan will be the first production for the fall semester by the Theatre Arts Department. It will be directed by Debra Shapazian.

This play will be a comedy, involving two brothers and their pursuit of the lovely Maria. First

there's Charles Surface, portrayed as a libertine. Then there is Joseph who is the model of prudence and virtue. Both brothers have the reasons for wanting the hand of Maria. To find out the true scandal you'll have to see the play.

The first production will be on October 1st. Tickets are \$7 general, \$4 for students and senior citizens and free for AS card holders.

The Associated Students Want You

The Associated Students Organization here at Fresno City College, extends a very warm welcome to all new and returning students. For many of you this is your first step to higher education, and to others the college scene is a familiar experience. We, the Associated Students, want to make sure that all students reach their maximum potential. That is why we are here to help. No matter what your interest or concern, let us help you in reaching that peak of excellence.

For all the active and leadership

prone individuals the Associated Students offer a rewarding and life-changing experience—the opportunity to join the highly acclaimed Student Senate. This gives you the expressed right of individual representation as a student. The knowledge that you receive as a leading voice for student advocacy, is immeasurable. Whatever your major or career, the Associated Student Senate is the perfect choice for building those critical skills.

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Why there's no swimming or diving teams at FCC

Why don't we have a swimming or diving team on campus when we have almost all other sports available to students? According to Art Ellish, dean of Instruction, there are two main factors involved—cost and no coach.

FCC once had a diving and swimming team but they were dropped when coach Jean Stevens retired. Stevens was noted statewide as a coach and was barely able to fill the teams.

"By large there didn't seem to be any enthusiasm maintained for either sport at the time," explained Ellish. In his opinion, swimming is such a grueling sport, involving hours of training that by the time swimmer or diver reaches a college level, they are ready to end their athletic career or are good enough to go onto a four-year college.

PE instructor, Becky Allen, agreed with Ellish to a degree. "In my classes, I haven't seen a lot of students that would be able to compete on a competitive level. I don't know if we have any around," Allen said.

Allen explained that swimming doesn't make any money for the school like football does. "With all the cuts lately, swimming would be the first thing dropped," said Allen.

However, there is one student on campus that is disappointed. Rayanna Rahn is a former diver from Hoover High School who wishes there was a team she could practice with.

Disagreeing with Allen, Rahn claims that many of last year's top North Yosemite League and valley divers are attending FCC this semester.

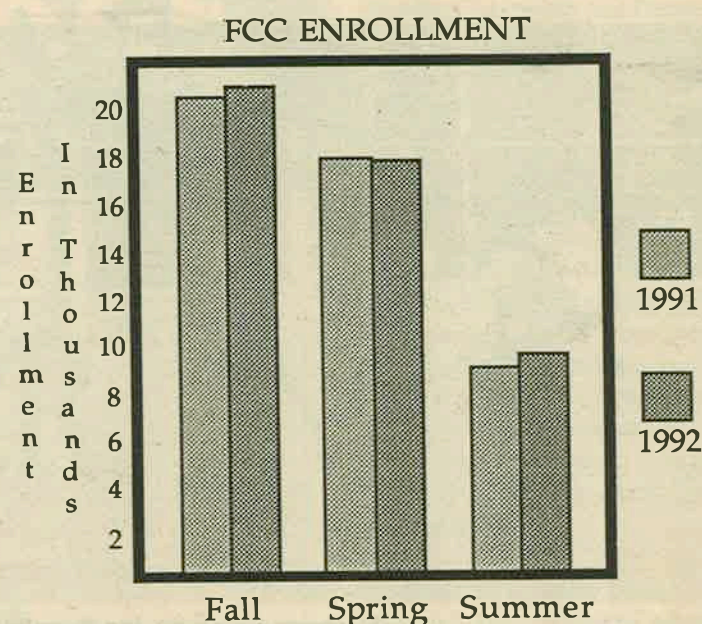
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Simmons says that "the best way to find out about (solutions to on-campus problems) is to become involved, and the best way to do that is to join the AS."

When asked about the enrollment situation, Dr. I. Ward Lasher, dean of admissions and records, had responses that were similar to Simmons'.

Lasher emphasized that most problems with registration occur when students fail to register on time. According to Lasher, FCC is "accommodating its students well," considering the budget situation.

Lasher said that, while there are still problems, overall FCC "is superior to other colleges in the California Community College System," due in part to "the wide selection of classes and class times available" and the "sound faculty and staff."

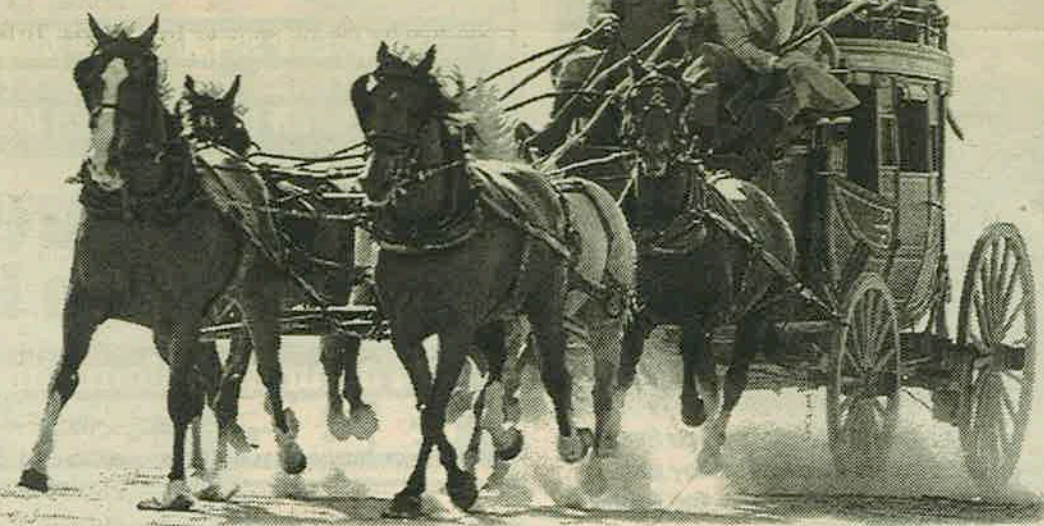


Lasher also said that students who carefully plan their schedules will experience fewer problems registering, as long as they register

on time, and that the fewest problems occur for those who take advantage of the early morning and evening classes.

Lasher pointed out that enrollment at FCC is larger than many four-year institutions (20,828 students enrolled after the first week this semester, an increase of 627 over last Fall's enrollment of 20,199), and that even with this large enrollment, FCC still accommodates a large majority of its students.

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Open Letter to Students from FCC Associated Student Legislative Vice President Jonathon K. Archie

With the first couple of weeks out of the way I know that many of us are feeling the pressure of intellectual stimulation. For many of us, back to school has been a very tough readjustment, because of our much welcomed hiatus during the summer months. It is for this that we find ourselves a bit relaxed. Let us not forget that school has begun, therefore all policies mandated by campus, local, state, and national authorities are enforced. (Effective immediately) I must inform those of you who park on the Heaton Elementary staff property that you are in violation of Municipal Code 10-1014. The 1st penalty for the violation will incur a \$50 fine. Any second offenses will result in the towage of your automobile. Officer Ruben Barrios of the Campus Police encourages students to respect the rights and property of our neighbors in the area. Thereby avoiding parking in front of their driveways and causing them discomfort.

Thanks for your assistance,

Jonathan K. Archie

FCC fall sports preview ■ by Robert Azua



Rampage photo by Joe Sanchez
The FCC men's soccer team is looking forward to a very successful season this year.

Men's Soccer

This years men's soccer team looks better than last years team. These new faces in the soccer league look good. "The players seem more interested in the game, than last year's players." coach Bill Neal said.

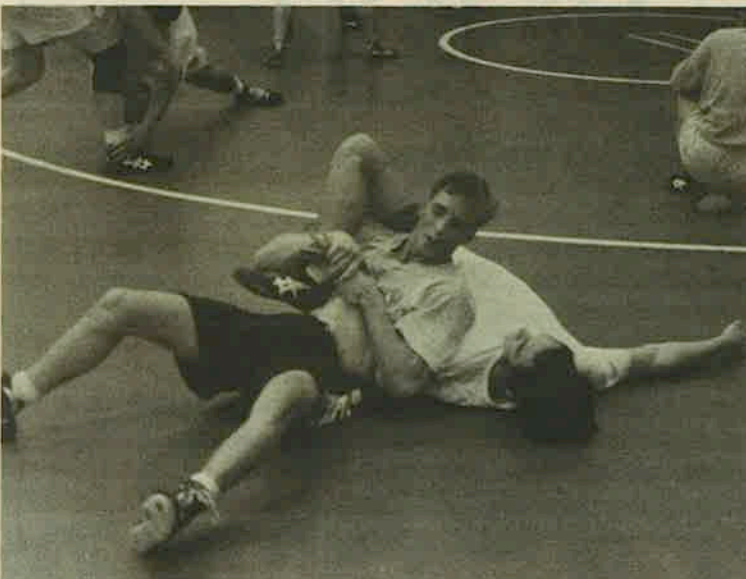
The team consist of twenty two players over all with only seven returning, and thirteen new faces. Although that the majority of the players are coming straight out of high school, a lot of them are coming from valley champs. The other seven have some experience, and will blend in with the new players.

According to head coach Bill Neal, the team is pretty excited about the whole thing. They are anxious to start playing. Although this year's team looks better than last year's, they still need a lot of help and practice.

The only competition for the team would be Santa Rosa College, and American River College. Other than these two colleges, the team should be able to dominate their opponents. In spite of the fact that

this team looks better than last year's, Neal insisted that it is still too early to predict the outcome of games. His best knowledge of his team is to play one game at a time.

The team have their first pre-seasonal game opener against Skyline College on Tuesday, Sept. 8 at Skyline College.



Rampage photo by Joe Sanchez
FCC's wrestling brothers Brandon and Dustin Riley are looking forward to a championship season with the Rams.

Women's Soccer

Obviously, Bill Neal, head coach of the women's soccer team, must be concerned about his team.

Last year's winning season might have been the last for a couple of seasons, or at least this year's team doesn't look like they will make it to the finals. Last year's team held on to nine wins and only one loss. But this year things look critical. With only three returning players, the team looks forward to a long season.

Asking the coach how he felt about the team, he replied, "It's too early to predict the outcome of the season with these players. It's not how you play, or how big your players are, it's how much experience you have. The majority have played soccer in high school so they really don't lack that much experience. But in the long run, they still have to learn a few things."

The team consists of 16 players, of which only three are returning from last year. The team in general gets along quite well. There is always excitement going on between the teammates, and the team plays its first scrimmage on Sept. 9.

This year's wrestling team looks forward to taking another league championship. According to head coach Bill Musick, the team is at its best. "I haven't seen any players that give 100 percent all the time. You see other players practice, workout, and sweat, but then in time you start seeing the players slow down on their performance. There is no day that my players lack or feel rundown. These guys are the best in junior college."

Last year's team ended the season in the number one spot in league. The team ended the season with an undefeated record of 4 wins and 0 losses.

As the season ended, the best spot came when the team finished second place in state. For the past three years, the team has ended the season in the top three positions in state. In 1989, the team finished in first place, then in 1990, they finished in third place, and last year's team, finished in second place. This year's team looks forward to taking first place.

According to Musick, his team

is ready to take on any challenges. "This team is a good, strong team. Everyone is always trying to make the team. It is really hard for me to judge them. Everyone tries really hard. I want to give every one a spot, but I can't because there are only ten positions available.

This years team consists of 67 players. There are only ten positions available in a meet. In order to find out which players will represent the team, they have dual matches against each other. These are called Intergusal matches.

Out of all these players, only ten are returning. With ten players coming back, three are returning state champions. The newcomers are also welcomed. With the majority of the players having played high school wrestling, they hardly lack any experience.

The team will have the first meet against each other on Sept. 25, 1992 in the gym. This is were they take the top two wrestlers from each weight class, and wrestle each other.

The winner will represent that weight in the meets.

VolleyBall

Last year's volleyball team ended the season with the worst league record in years. With a defeat in almost every game, the Rams were not able to go to the playoffs for the first time since the great depression. With a record of only one win and nine loses in league, this FCC Volleyball team was the weakest in their league.

This year though, the team is ready to take on the challenges they face. With twelve new players and four returning, the team looks forward to their upcoming matches. Lead by second year player and captain, Raelen Sesock of Madera, the team is prepared. With every position fought for, team members are more than just ready, they are prepared, anxious, and determined.

According to head coach Susan Yates, the team lacks experience, but they will gain strength and desire with time. She also concludes the team overall is in good shape, respects one another, and above all, has the ability to take the league championship.

Yates also said, "The girls are



Rampage photo by Joe Sanchez
The FCC women's volleyball practices for their opening game on Friday, Sept. 11 against Yuba College in Yuba City.

excited and in order to win, they have to play as a team.

"I have a strong feeling about this team, but I'm not ready to judge them or predict the outcome of the season." The majority of the players

are straight out of high school and they lack a lot of experience.

The first pre-season game match will be against Yuba College on Friday, Sept. 11, 1992 in Yuba City.

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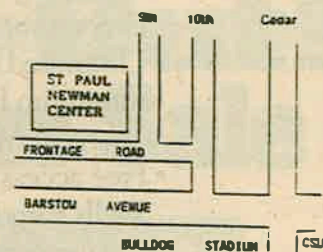
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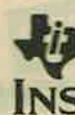
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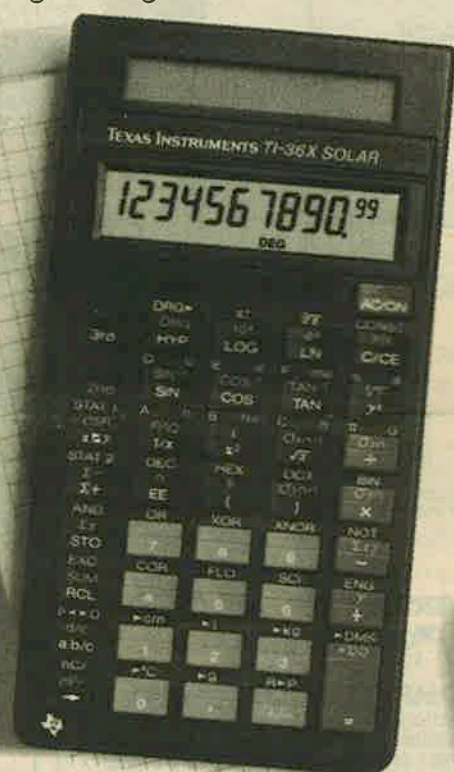
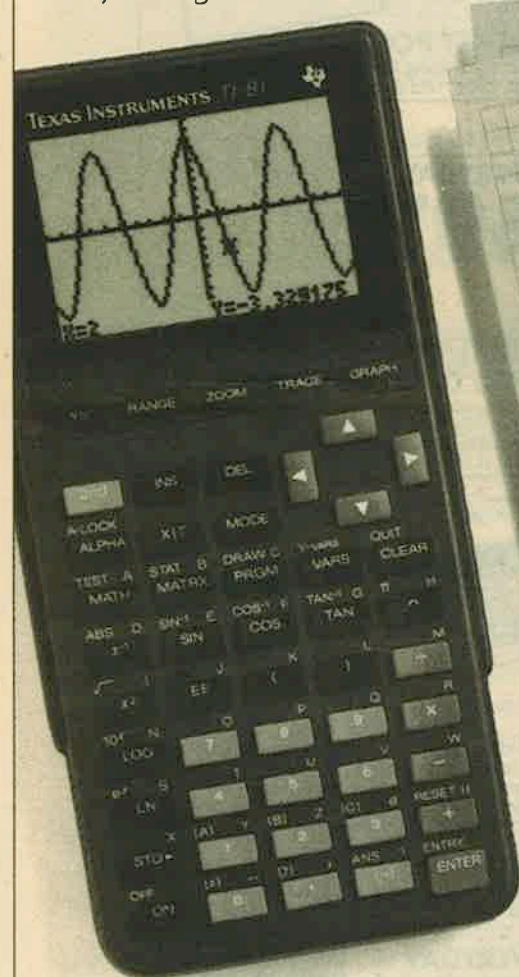
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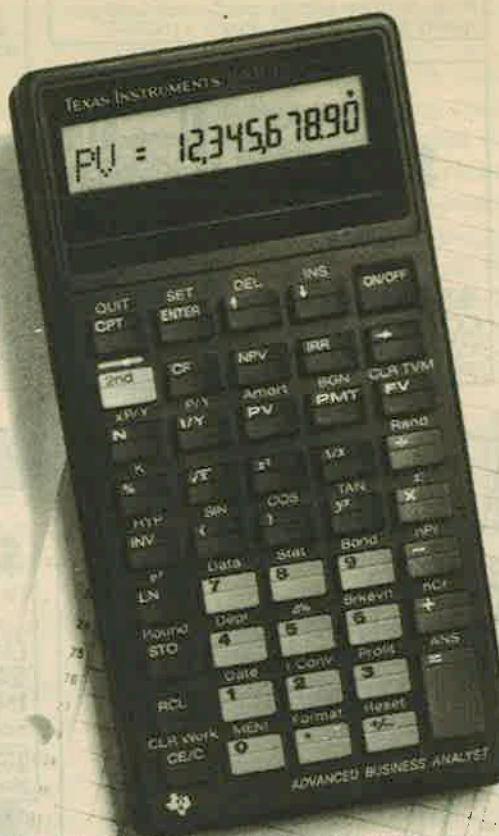
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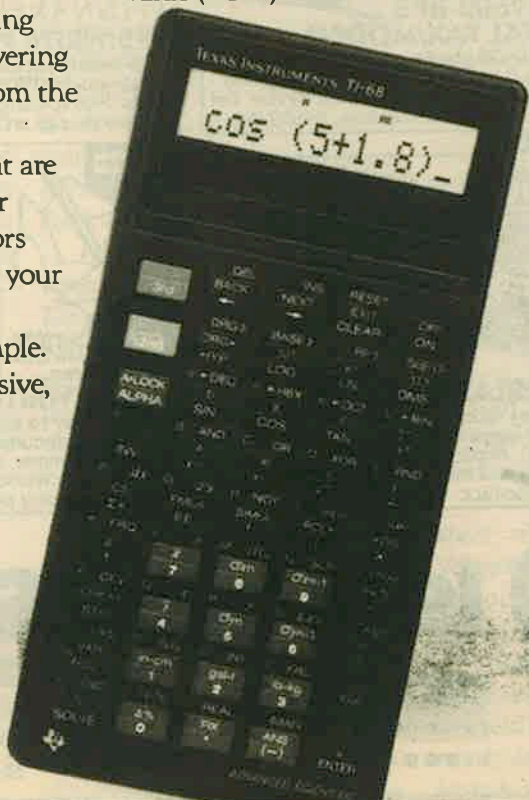
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Esquestrian/Rodeo Club

The new Esquestrian/Rodeo Club will hold its first meeting from 1-2 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 17. Information on the club will be available at the meeting.

Wall of Fame Classic

Don't miss the Wall of Fame Classic tailgate party at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12 at Ratcliffe Stadium. Bring your food, chairs, tables, and bar-b-ques, but please don't bring alcohol. Following the party, the Rams will face the Pasadena City College Lancers.

Transfer Day

The FCC Transfer Center presents Transfer Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 22 on the college mall. Representatives from more than 30 four-year colleges and universities will be on campus to provide information to students and staff.

Creation/Evolution Lecture

Hugh Ross, Ph. D., astronomer and author of the highly acclaimed, *The Fingerprint of God*, will address the theme: "Creation versus Evolution" on Monday, Sept. 21 at the California State University, Fresno Student Union. Admission is free. For more information, call 435-2200.

Heart and Lungs Lecutre

Dr. T. J. Mullin presents a discussion entitled "Heart and Lungs Together In Health and Disease" from 1-3 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 23 at Sierra Community Health Center, 1925 E. Dakota. For more information, call 266-5864.

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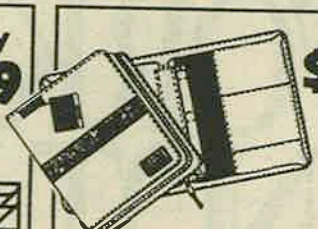
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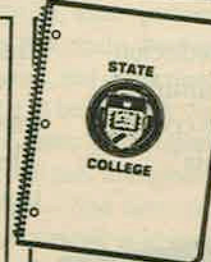
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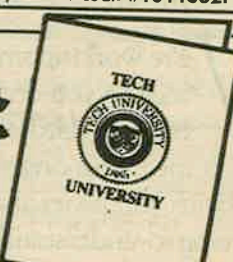


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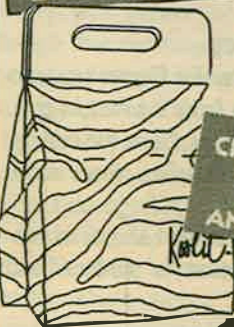
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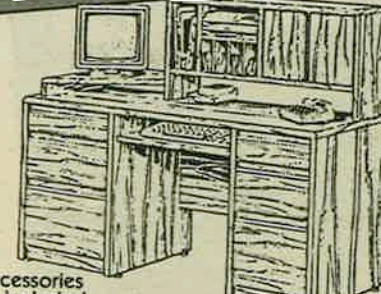
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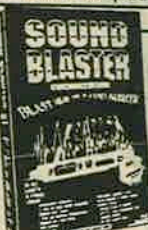
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