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# THE FRESNO CITY COLLEGE RAMPAGE



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## Crime statistics for Fresno City College may be misleading

by James Todd  
Rampage Reporter

At Fresno City College in 1992 there were three rapes or attempted rapes, two robberies, 12 aggravated assaults, eight burglaries, and 66 motor vehicle thefts. Ten arrests were made for liquor law violations, two for drug abuse violations, and three made for weapons possession.

FCC crime statistics, provided by the Public Information Office, were released last month as part of

a nationwide effort to protect and make students aware of crime on college campuses under the Federal Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act of 1990.

This legislation makes the public listing of all crimes committed on campus mandatory.

Although the legislation is widely seen as a step in the right direction, many students and law enforcement officials are still concerned, saying that college crime statistics are misleading and don't reveal the true safety or dangers

associated with specific campuses.

Variables in this crime equation include the size and location of the campus, the effectiveness of the campus police force, and the accuracy of campus records.

For example, according to the Fresno Bee, the University of California, Davis, reported six rapes or attempted rapes and 308 liquor-related arrests in 1991 – the highest in the state for those crimes.

California State University, Chico, however, widely known as a "party campus", reported only

six liquor law arrests and no rapes.

"The statistics are not an accurate indicator of what type of activity you really have going on at your campus, and it's very possible people can get the wrong impression," said Leo Hertoghe, chairman of the criminal justice department at California State University, Sacramento.

This particular discrepancy is explained by the fact that UC Davis campus police patrol a neighborhood within a one-mile radius of the UC Davis Medical Center in

Sacramento. It is from this area that most of the arrests originate from, not the main campus, according to the Bee.

Another shortfall in the legislation arises from the fact that it does not mandate, and Fresno City College does not publish, documentation of instances of larceny such as stolen bicycles, backpacks, and books. These are by far the most frequent campus crimes, and on the average cost students the most money.



photo by Marc Aminian

The Fresno City College Rams battled the College of the Sequoias at Euless Ballpark on Saturday, February 13. See page seven for other sports.

## Change to 8th week proposed for drop deadline date

by Tony Downs  
Rampage Reporter

Fresno City College might be in for another change of policy. The drop deadline may be shortened to eight weeks, which is about one-half of the semester.

The previous deadline was 14 weeks. The Academic Senate has voted for the change of scheduling.

Students and faculty seem to be on opposite sides of this situation.

"We're trying to instill a sense of responsibility," said Marilyn Myers, who is the president of the FCC Academic Senate.

"The shift will cause a few changes. The students are going to have to commit and not procrastinate as long [as they currently do]," said Myers.

According to Myers, the new deadline will result in students who have a more responsible attitude and who must now get serious about their education.

Myers, who taught at California State University, Fresno for eight years, cited other California schools.

"[The deadline change] is not unprecedented. At the UCs and CSUs the drop deadline is at 4 weeks... and is quite effective."

On the other hand, many students and Student Senate members oppose, at least partially, the change of the add-drop schedule.

Of the 30 students questioned, only two were in favor of the change, and both of them were more than 30 years of age.

The majority (27) were opposed to any alterations and believed that the present system gave them no problems or difficulties. Almost all expressed more concern about tuition, book costs and the overcrowding of classrooms. They thought that these issues were more deserving of the school's time and efforts.

Associated Student Legislative Vice President John Connelly suggested that a compromise may be in the works.

"The State Center Community College District used a 14 week schedule and most colleges in the state follow this standard," said Connelly.

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## Opposition rises against fee increase

by Alexander Asher  
Rampage Reporter

Community colleges are in for another fee increase next year if Governor Pete Wilson has his way.

For the third consecutive year state revenues are down; thus most state services, including higher education, are being cut.

Governor Wilson's 1993-1994 budget proposal calls for a \$301 million cut from last year for community colleges. To help offset this loss in budget money, Governor Wilson is authorizing community colleges to raise their enrollment fees from \$10 a unit to \$30 a unit.

Dr. Arthur Ellish, FCC's Dean of Instruction, calls the governor's proposal a "very interesting, and probably smart, political move."

According to Ellish, Wilson hasn't proposed a student fee increase. He simply authorized community colleges to charge an additional fee up to \$30 which the Board of Trustees may refuse to do. But if the Board charged the \$30 fee and enrollment stayed the same, \$500,000 would accrue from the additional fees. Wilson is therefore taking \$500,000 off the top of the money the district would otherwise get.

"What the governor is saying to the Board," Ellish said, "is that we have a choice. We can either levy the fee and keep the \$500,000 we make from it, or we can keep the fee where it is and figure out how we are going to stay in business with \$500,000 less than we currently have. And even if we implement the \$30 fee, we are go-

ing to have five percent less money than we had last year."

Ellish continued, "So when you and your friends get together as students and want to beat up the governor, Wilson will say, 'I didn't raise the fees, the Board of Trustees did.' He's not raising the fees, he's taking away the money."

To help offset the proposed \$2.25 million loss in state support for the district, the college is currently looking at cutting Saturday classes, summer night classes, and off-campus instruction, according to FCC President Brice Harris. Cuts will be across the board so no one department suffers disproportionately, he said. Harris expects no cuts in the GAIN, Enabler, and technical programs on campus.

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## EDITORIAL

## Increasing enrollment fees will only hurt California

by Steven Sauer  
Managing Editor

Increasing the fees for California's colleges and universities is not the way to solve our state's budget problems.

The United States is currently falling behind in technology and education. We are dragging behind Germany and Japan, and falling further behind every day.

The reason for this is that we are not sufficiently educating our citizens.

Funding cutbacks for our educational system are causing professors to be fired, classes to be cancelled, and entire programs to be dropped. While the quality and comprehensiveness of our educational system are dropping, the fees charged to the students are increasing.

This means that many students, especially at the lower end of the economic spectrum, are unable to afford an education which is insufficient to begin with.

Now Governor Wilson is proposing to increase the fees for the California community college system from \$10 to \$30 per unit, with much higher prices for any student who holds a bachelor's degree. This is a 200 percent increase over fees that were increased 66 2/3 percent the previous semester, and

20 percent the semester before that.

Wilson believes that this is a good way to help solve the state's budget problem.

What Wilson does not realize is that he is swiftly pricing our students out of an education.

Students, as a group, are notorious for being poor. This is in large part because they do not have the education they need to get a well-paying job. That's why they are going to college: to get the education needed to get a well-paying job.

If Wilson makes college too expensive for the students, they will not be able to attend college, and will end up uneducated, working for \$4.25 an hour.

The more people there are who are forced to work for minimum wage, the more families there will be that will not be able to afford to send their kids to college, leading to more and more uneducated people.

Those who can afford an education are going to college out of state, because the quality of California's schools is continuing to drop, due to savage cuts to the educational system's budget.

This will eventually result in most potential students in California leaving the state, getting a poor education, or getting no education, because they cannot afford to at-

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tend college, with the final result that California will be so far behind in technology and education that it might never recover.

If California falls behind in

technology and education, its economy will be hurt.

Thus, raising enrollment fees and cutting the funds for our educational system may save a few

dollars in the short run, but in the long run it will only send California deeper into the economic hole it is already in.

## EDITORIAL

## European-American: Beyond the "white" line

by James Todd  
Rampage Reporter

Who are "whites"? There is no "Country of White", no flag, no language, not even a common bloodline to identify so-called "whites". Yet millions of people with diverse cultures, ideologies, and ancestries have chosen to virtually ignore these rich individual heritages in favor of being lumped together under the meaningless title of "white". Why?

Various social historians agree that the reasons go back to colonial times and the beginning of slavery in this country. American slave owners and the various English colonial governments they operated under strongly supported policies that are now seen as racist exploitation based on the theft of labor, namely, slavery. For this to be accepted among the various European immigrants, many of whom had experienced similar treatment in their own countries, a

sufficient justification was essential.

Enter the term "white". As a term Webster defines as "...pure", "...incurruptible", etc., it is easy to see why "white"-labeled Europeans began to see themselves as superior and more readily accepted the enslavement of other peoples. After slavery, Jim Crow segregation utilized this verbal distinction all the more. But why do we still use this misnomer today?

The answer is debatable. Some say that those who choose to identify themselves as "whites" still, either consciously or unconsciously, want to feel superior in some way. Others claim convenience, or lack of a better identifying term.

Whatever the reason, the effects have been culturally devastating on these "whites". As a result of ignoring European names and identities in favor of "white", vast amounts of European culture in America have nearly vanished,

replaced by a shallow, consumer-based people who are today mostly ignorant of their real identities.

Indeed, those of us of European descent not only negatively label ourselves by using "white", but insult the contributions and rich diversity of our ancestors as well.

So what can we do? The first step is to drop the meaningless label "white" in favor of European-American or Euro-American. Although it may be hard to trace a single national lineage back because of the extensive intermixing of nationalities and cultures over generations, just the general knowledge of who we are and where we came from is enough to help us begin a deeper quest into our various histories.

Hopefully we as Euro-American people can regain knowledge of our identities and begin to give our ancestors, our children, and our true cultures the respect they deserve.

## Letter to the Editor

I am authoring this letter in hopes of informing the student body of an upcoming decision by the administration of Fresno City College. In previous weeks, the faculty introduced a proposal to the administration to move the deadline for dropping classes from 14 weeks to 8 weeks. The decision to push forward this idea came from a small group of faculty who polled another small group of faculty and found that 77 full-time faculty feel that having "a later drop deadline (where it is now) is an escape hatch for students..." Now that 77 faculty is out of 275 who were sent surveys and 92 who responded. The question that immediately came to mind when I heard about this was; shouldn't students have the option to decide when they feel that they need to drop? I feel that we should have that option, and that we should have at least the 14 weeks we currently have to make this very serious decision.

There are many faculty out there who agree with me, and many who don't, but what about the students of Fresno City College? How

do we feel? Personally, I feel that moving the drop deadline up to 8 weeks will be detrimental as I would like to at least take a mid-term test. I think that with most classes it is difficult to know how you are really doing until after the mid-term. Furthermore, even if you are doing poor in a class that you need and end up dropping it after 14 weeks, you will still benefit from the time you spent when you take the class again in semesters to come. As I see it there is no good reason to push up the date,

and, until the students of Fresno City College decide that they want to be forced out of class at 8 weeks, the drop deadline should not change. By the way, the Associated Students, student government on the campus of Fresno City College, has taken a stand opposed to moving the drop deadline. Let's keep this whole issue in perspective. Without students, what is the purpose of education?

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# Asian Studies classes promote better understanding

by Lisa Dorman Koop  
Photographer

With Asian-Americans comprising about 10 percent of the population of Fresno, and eight percent of the student population at Fresno City College, a better understanding of the differences between traditional Asian culture and American culture will be increasingly vital in future years.

This semester there are three courses being offered in Asian-American studies, taught by Tony Vang, a specialist in multicultural education. Unfortunately, the people who have the most to learn about Asian culture currently are not taking these classes. Ninety percent of the students in the classes are Asian-American. Vang said that he would like to see the program get more publicity to attract more non-Asian students.

The focus of the program is the study of traditional Asian and Indo-Chinese people and their culture. It also examines reasons why they left their native countries to

come to America. This occurred largely in opposition to the takeover of governments by the Communist party and out of fear of political persecution by the new governments.

One of the main reasons to study this area or any culture different than our own is to facilitate better understanding between different cultures and to make the assimilation process easier. Asian-Americans must assimilate in a country that is new to them with different values, but we must also assimilate to the rapid increase in this country of so many people with a background and values different than our own.

The Asian-American studies have been around for several years at FCC, but up until last semester, but it was usually only offered during one class section each semester. Some semesters it was not offered at all. Vang feels that interest has increased now to the point where the college could easily offer and fill four to five class sections a semester.

Before coming to Fresno City College, Vang was the executive director of a non-profit organization called Lao Family Community, Inc. that provided vocational training and other services to Asian-American families in the area. He received a doctorate in multicultural education from the University of San Francisco. The Asian-American courses are the only classes here at FCC that he has this semester, however he also teaches a class in the Hmong language at Fresno High School and he is teaching a course this semester at California State University, Stanislaus on multicultural and global education.

Tony Vang has lived in the Fresno area for the past 12 years. He left his homeland of Laos in 1972 before the Communist party took over. He came to America as a student. It is very important to him to be able to teach in an area that deals with his culture. He feels that many Asians born into American society don't have a sense of who they are or what their



photo by Lisa Dorman-Koop  
FCC Asian-American Studies instructor Tony Vang

cultural identity is. His goal in teaching these classes is to educate Asians and Non-Asians in the dif-

ferences in their cultures so they can better understand each other.

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## German Expressionist art pays FCC a visit

by Whitney Brown  
Editor-in-Chief

One of the first art exhibits of its kind honors FCC's Art Space Gallery with its presence this month.

The Salochin Collection, which will be on campus until February 28, features such great expressionist painters as Kandinski, Nolde and Rols, among others. The collection is on its first North American tour and will make only one stop in California - FCC.

The collection is extremely rare in that it is comprised purely of German Expressionist artists.

"It's the first time to my knowledge that the collection has been in the United States," said FCC Gallery Director Don Brewer.

"The owner of this collection,

Marques von Salochin of Brazil, thought that the exhibition should be shown in college galleries instead of larger museums to reach a wider representative of Americans," explained Brewer.

"It's an unusual opportunity for us," he said, "We would never have been able to do something like this on our own. We couldn't afford to organize a show like this normally. We just don't have the money. I doubt very much if other countries or museums would lend such art to this institution."

Many in the Fresno art community are excited about the collection's visit.

"This is probably the most prestigious show the Art Space Gallery has played host to," said Brewer.

In the 1930's, as the Nazis

came to power in Germany, it was forbidden to paint or exhibit forms of Expressionist art.

Expressionist art comes from an artist's letting what he feels dominate what he sees. The result is often distorted, exaggerated forms and colors.

All examples of this style of art were misunderstood and labeled degenerate art, or in German, "Enartete Kunst." The art was exhibited mockingly next to works created by the insane, infants, and primitives. Expressionist art was collected by those who defiantly kept the paintings and drawings and through this it survived.

The Salochin Collection is a vibrant kaleidoscope of some 60 colorful oil, water and charcoal paintings and drawings that should not be missed.

## FCC theater has a full schedule planned for Spring 1993

by Alan Aubry  
Rampage Reporter

The FCC Theater has a lot planned for this semester.

New Wrinkles, the organization of entertainers 55 years of age and older, presented Alex Molnor, an accomplished pianist-organist, and Donald Oliver on February 14.

The Fresno City College music department presented local jazz favorites, No Prisoners, this past February 16.

The upcoming play is entitled, "What the Butler Saw." This is the last play written by Joe Orton before he died in 1967. This play is a mischievous farce, a light drama marked by satirical comedy and an improbable plot.

C. Tim Quinn, director of the play, described the production as a "British sex farce." This play was picked to replace the usual classical play of previous semesters.

The play runs March 18-20, and the 24-27. Proceeds go to "Friends of the Arts", a fund-raising

organization. On March 24, there will be an intermission with desserts served. Tickets are \$7 for general admission and \$4 for students, senior citizens, and staff.

Quinn says that he is very pleased with the quality of talent in the performers. Brian Morton will play Dr. Prentice. Robin Harvey will play Geraldine Barclay. Kimberly Helms will play Mrs. Prentice. Vince Lo Forti will play Nicholas Beckett and D.J. Risenhoover will play Dr. Rance. Jim Lopez will play Sergeant Match. The stage manager will be Garrett Cuthbertson.

Two students, Robin Harvey and Kimberly Helms, were chosen in previous semesters to attend the American College Theater Festival in Las Vegas, Nevada this February 16-21. They will compete with 600 to 800 students in the western region, hoping to go to Washington, D.C. for the finals.

The festival is held every spring. Helms was a finalist last year and has very high expecta-

tions of coming home a winner. Helms will perform a monologue with her assistant Brice Harris IV, for two and a half minutes and Helms will finish by herself. Helms says that she knows how the judges judge, and she is hoping that this knowledge will give her the edge to win.

"I'm going to make the judges like me," she said.

New Wrinkles is an entertaining group that sings, dances, and tells stories. They will be presenting their fifth annual Senior Showcase May 28 through June 13. All tickets are \$8.

Janice Jansen is directing City Dances. This is an annual dance recital choreographed by her and her students to be presented April 23, 24, and 25. Tickets are \$7 for general admission, and \$4 for students, staff, and senior citizens.

Friday, May 7, starting at 8 a.m., Fresno City College will host the "High School Drama Festival." Awards will be presented at 4 p.m. High school students will be

judged in their theatrical presentations. Admission is free.

For advance tickets or infor-

mation on all plays and entertainment, call 442-8221 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

## Lunch 'n Learn money management with the Re-entry program

by Alan Aubry  
Rampage Reporter

Are you just getting back into school? Are you having a hard time setting goals and finding direction? Are you unsure about your educational and career goals? Dwayne Berrett could be your answer. On staff with FCC, she works in the counseling center on the second floor of the Student Services building.

Ms. Berrett directs the Re-Entry Lunch 'N Learn sessions, where you can bring a brown bag lunch and listen to all the information about everything from library tours to sexual harassment. She also instructs people in test taking strategies.

In showing the options of get-

ting an education she also does personal and career planning. She also directs and guides you to resources on campus as well as off.

One student she has directed and helped in goal setting is Melissa Lagoe. Lagoe is a single parent of one daughter. In fulfilling her goal as a psychologist major, she has received a Soroptomist Club Scholarship and is headed for the Regional finals. She plans to continue her education at C.S.U.F.

Ms. Berrett may be contacted by phone at 442-8226, x8484. Classes coming up are Money Management on February 18, Understanding Sexual Harassment on March 4, and much more. If you are interested in getting help or attending these free classes, get in touch with Ms. Berrett.

**Malikah Shabazz to speak at FCC**

by Alexander Asher  
Rampage Reporter

Malikah Shabazz, the youngest daughter of Malcolm X, headlines FCC's festivities for African-American history month.

Dr. Betty Shabazz, widow of Malcolm X, is also appearing in Fresno this month. She will speak on the importance of voting on Feb. 24 at Fresno State. However, Nika Shoemaker, president of FCC's Pan African Student Union, doesn't think Dr. Shabazz's appearance at California State University, Fresno will affect Malikah Shabazz's appearance at FCC.

"We sought out Malikah Shabazz in accordance with our theme of 'Celebrating Our Youth,' not because Fresno State was getting Dr. Shabazz," Shoemaker said.

She added that the two women are speaking on different days and expressed the hope people would see both women. "I am," she said.

Shabazz will speak on the topic of "Race, Education, and Youth of Today" at the FCC theater on Feb. 27. The admission is \$5.

Other events occurring this month include the Gospel Festival, featuring choirs from around Fresno, at the FCC theater on Feb. 19, Malcolm X Day, when students of African descent will be invited to recite excerpts from Malcolm X speeches, at the Free Speech Area on Feb. 22, and an African Cultural Museum that will be held in the Old Student Lounge on Feb. 23.

For more information about these and other events call Gurdeep Sihota at 265-5711.

**FCC library is becoming computerized**

by John Connelly  
Rampage Reporter

One of the most important new features of the FCC library is the computerized card catalog.

As it currently exists, the system can do everything a regular card catalog can do: lists books by title, author and subject, but with the speed and accuracy of a computer.

Although it has been in operation only since January of 1992, the system has actually been in development since 1988. According to Bill Seaberg, Associate Dean of Instruction for the Learning Resources Center, it is not yet near completion.

In the next stage, the process of checking out books will be computerized. This period may well take the longest, for each book will have to be affixed with a barcode to be scanned when checked out, much like a UPC symbol in a supermarket. A separate database will also be built to keep track of what books are checked out and which are late as well as currently enrolled students.

This will also provide accurate figures on what books are available on any given subject, and more importantly, what books are needed.

"We have about 60,000 volumes," Seaberg says, "compared to the 120,000 we need."

The final stage will automate

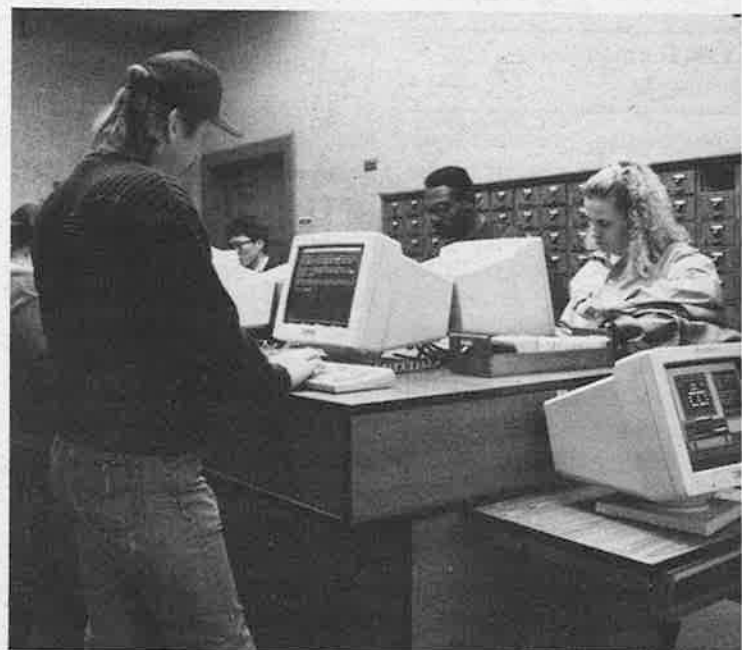


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Many students are using the computerized card catalog, the first of many technological improvements for the library.

the periodicals, allowing for faster access and greater accuracy in circulation.

As with any computer operation, errors in both programming and hardware surface occasionally. The system was inoperative for much of the Fall 1991 semester. Ironically, this period offered a good example of student reaction to the system.

"We were getting calls all the time," Seaberg says with a laugh, "You know it's being used when people miss it like that."

Seaberg expects the entire sys-

tem to be completed around 1995. The funding does not come from the state but rather from Title II Federal monies, so the recent budget battles have not affected the library's progress. "We've been fortunate," he states.

The primary concern has been maintenance and general debugging, which means correcting errors in programming. Seaberg, however, is optimistic about the system's future. "We have a good staff," he says. "They're well trained and they know their business."

**CORRECTIONS**

The story in the January 27 issue of the Rampage about the FCC wrestling squad reported that the team won seven of nine tournaments and placed second and third in the other two. The team actually won all nine of its tournaments and all 10 of its dual meets. The team's

only non-first place showing of the year was at the state championships at Norwalk, CA. on January 12. The team placed third.

The parking tips story in the same issue reported that parking enforcement ends at 7 p.m. It actually ends nightly at 10 p.m.

If you spot something that needs to be corrected, please let us know by writing to us at: Rampage, Fresno City College, 1101 E. University Ave. Fresno, CA 93741, or call us at 442-8262 and ask for an editor.

**Candidates Forum**

for State Assembly District 31

Cruz Bustamante  
Glen Peterson

Jacqueline Hodge  
Doug Vagim

Will be held Wednesday, February 24  
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Doors open at 7:00 p.m., event starts at 8:00 p.m.

*Moderation by Sherrie Frazier of KMPH news radio*

One of these candidates will go to Sacramento to  
vote on the proposed \$30 per unit fee increase.

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## Report says direct loan program could save \$4.8 billion

College Press Service  
Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON — The federal government could save \$4.8 billion over the next five years by providing loans directly to college students if the system were implemented properly, a General Accounting Office report said.

Such a plan could make it easier for students to understand their payment schedules and loan availability by eliminating banks and guarantors like Sallie Mae that act as middle agents for government loans.

However, financial aid officers have said they don't think the Department of Education could effectively manage such a program.

The government implemented a pilot program to test direct lending last June.

However, both the GAO study and pilot program could become moot if President Clinton keeps

his campaign promise to scrap the entire current student loan system.

Members of Congress have criticized the current system for being overly complex, a problem that has contributed to defaults. The high costs of administering the Federal Family Educational Loan Program, formerly the Stafford Student Loan Program, have been denounced as well.

"Advocates [of the plan] see direct loans as an opportunity to simplify the loan process and reduce costs by eliminating several financial intermediaries," according to the GAO report, which was released in late 1992. "Direct lending would obviate the need for commercial lenders, guaranty agencies and secondary markets."

Under the direct-loan plan, universities would act as agents for the Department of Education and dole out the loans, while the government would service and collect the loans, "presumably by

contracting with private firms."

The GAO report found government savings in a number of areas. The Department of Education currently reimburses guaranty agencies for 100 percent of loan default claims. That figure was \$3.2 billion in 1991. The government also subsidizes a portion of students' interest payments while they attend school.

"The expected reductions in these costs would more than compensate or the government's start-up and higher administrative costs associated with direct lending," the report said.

The GAO also employed focus groups of financial aid administrators and business officers to remark on the prospect of a direct loan program.

Some participants said they thought by eliminating the guarantors and commercial lenders, students would receive "correct and consistent information about their

loan obligations." Students often complain about the conflicting information they get about the loan status, amount and repayment schedule.

Most focus group members, however, said they had little or no confidence that the Department of Education could manage a direct loan program.

"In justifying their negative opinion, many participants cited several problems, including burdensome regulations, unrealistic program goals, broken commitments, unanswered inquiries, unfair program audits, and misinformation," the report said.

In fact, the group contended that poor management of the program could lead to greater loan defaults and possibly eliminate all projected savings of implementing the plan in the first place.

The Consumer Bankers Association commissioned KPMG's Peat Marwick, a Virginia account-

ing firm, to analyze the report. The firm rejected the report's cost-saving projections, saying GAO failed to fully examine the costs of servicing the direct lending plan and phasing out the current program. GAO also did not identify the risks of such a transition, Peat Marwick said.

Of the focus group, Marwick noted that participants in these sessions were given a description of the direct loan program different than that reflected in the GAO's cost model and consider the presentation of that focus group results to be biased.

A spokesman for Rep. William Ford, D-Mich., chairman of the House subcommittee on postsecondary education, said Ford is taking a "wait and see" stance on the direct loan proposal, holding off until the Clinton administration takes office and makes its interests and priorities known.

## U.S. may be in Somalia for more than humanitarian reasons

by James Todd  
Rampage Reporter

Four major U.S. oil companies hold oil rights to two-thirds of Somalia and have the potential to reap fortunes if U.S. troops sent to protect famine aid can stabilize the country's political leadership, the Los Angeles Times reported.

Conoco International Petroleum Co., Amoco Oil Co., Chevron Corp., and Phillips Petroleum Co. held rights to potentially rich reserves of oil and natural gas under the former pro-U.S. Siad Barre government, and are positioned to begin exploration once the country is at peace, according to documents obtained by the Times.

The U.S. is also using the Conoco oil compound in Somalia as its embassy. Some experts now question the purpose behind the U.S. led military mission.

Among these experts is FCC instructor and free-lance journalist

Kyalo Mativo, Ph.D.. He believes that the military mission is operating under the guise of a humanitarian cause, while the true objective is to seize Somalia's resources.

As proof of this, he says that the U.S. did not consult or involve other African nations in its efforts, particularly the Organization of African Unity (OAU), an organization which attempts to deal with African problems by coordinating its member nations' actions. The U.S. also did not involve the seven-member African coalition of nations which is currently stabilizing Liberia.

Mativo also suggests political reasons for the intervention. "If Clinton doesn't get out soon, [Somalia] has the potential to turn into a new Vietnam, which may follow him to the next election," he said. "Clinton didn't go to Vietnam, but Bush may have been trying to send him 20 years later."

Mohamed Jirdeh, a Somali

businessman, said, "Our country is now very weak and the oil companies are very strong.... I think the American government must move out of the oil business or at least make clear that there is a definite line separating the two."

However, there are those who

believe the U.S. mission to Somalia is a legitimate one. "Let's get off attacking America," said a Somalia expert who asked not to be identified. "While there is some truth in a victim mentality towards Somalia, many Somalis welcome the troops to end a long-standing

oppressive order which has existed for many years there."

America's reasons for going there were mainly out of benevolence, he said. "We have had plenty of opportunities in the past to explore and extract oil resources from Somalia."

## Judge orders Louisiana to merge university systems

College Press Service

NEW ORLEANS — Despite objections by Louisiana's historically black universities, the state must merge its university systems to eliminate segregation, a federal judge ruled.

"...The dubious ideal of 'separate but equal,' whether endorsed by whites or blacks, is an anachronism that our society no longer tolerates," U.S. District Judge Charles Schwartz said in a 42-page ruling that overhauled much of the state's university systems.

Southern University and

Grambling State University strongly objected to the plan when Schwartz imposed a similar order in 1989.

In order to create the best educational environment for African-Americans, the schools argued that they should remain separate, although they needed increased funding to compensate for decades of discrimination.

The judge's previous order was overturned when a federal appeals court ruled in a similar case that

Mississippi's universities were as integrated as reasonably possible.

Schwartz did not close any colleges, but imposed an order making Louisiana State University the state's flagship university.

Schwartz also ordered an end to Louisiana's tradition of accepting anyone with a high school diploma into a state university. He ordered the top universities to set up admission standards and to drop remedial classes.

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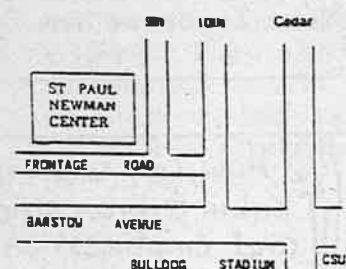
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# Loaded Weapon 1 is no Naked Gun

by Steven Sauer  
Managing Editor

National Lampoon's *Loaded Weapon 1* is no *Naked Gun*, but it's humorous enough to make it worth watching at the cheap seats at Manchester, or on video.

*Loaded Weapon 1* ("see it before they make the sequel") is a parody of the *Lethal Weapon* style cop movies, with jabs at other popular movies including *Silence of the Lambs*, *Basic Instinct*, and *Wayne's World*. It is in the same genre as the *Naked Gun* films, but lacks the comic abilities of Zucker, Abrams and Zucker, the driving forces behind the *Naked Gun* films.

Emilio Estevez stars as burned-out police Detective Jack Colt. Colt gets teamed up with Detective Wes Luger when Luger's ex-partner (Whoopi Goldberg) is killed after she gets ahold of a piece of microfilm with the secret formula to convert cocaine into Wilderness Girl cookies.

Behind the murder are General Mortars (a wonderfully eccentric William Shatner), and his sidekick, Dr. Jigsaw (Tim Curry).

During the investigation, Colt and Luger run into a host of other strange characters, including Federal informant Becker (John Lovitz), Dr. Hannibal Leacher (F. Murray Abraham), and Destiny Demeanor (Kathy Ireland), the leader of the Wilderness Girls.

Guest stars abound, but half the fun of the movie is being surprised by the guest stars, so they will not be mentioned here. Suffice it to say that a few of the biggest laughs in the movie are supplied by a few well-placed cameos.

A warning about *Loaded Weapon 1*: the movie is stupid. It's meant to be stu-



Emilio Estevez arms himself for a fight with General Mortars in *Loaded Weapon 1*

pid, and everyone in it knows it's stupid. This stupidity is where the humor comes from, so if you don't like that kind of humor, avoid this film.

If, on the other hand, you enjoyed such films as *Airplane* and *Kentucky Fried Movie*, you might like this one. It's hit and miss at best, but the times it hits make it worth watching.

Overall the acting is what you would expect from this kind of film. Unfortunately, the best characters in the film (Mortars and Jigsaw) are not used to their full potential, almost wasting good performances from Shatner and Curry.

The effects are also what you would expect, with many of them overdone in an attempt to get a laugh.

If you are in the mood for some extremely brain-dead humor this film is worth a look, but don't spend full price to see it.

Rating: 6★s out of 10

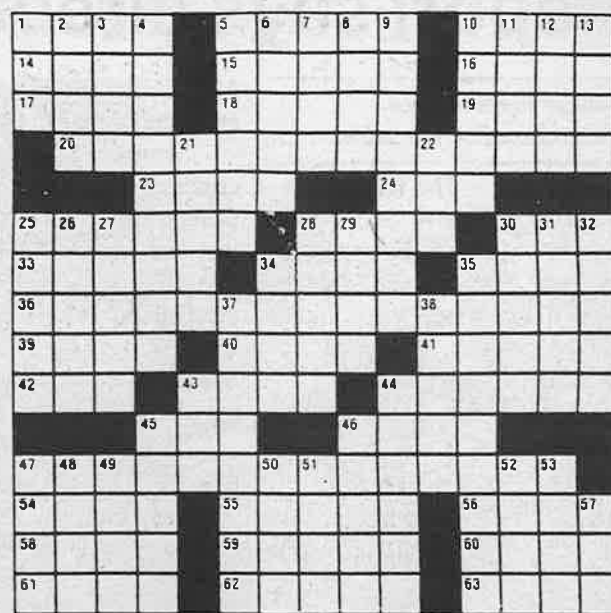
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# The Crying Game is a masterpiece

by College Press Service

Neil Jordan, the writer and director of *The Crying Game*, has put together a sophisticated thriller that confronts the viewer with the underlying challenges of deception and reality.

Fergus (Stephen Rae), is a terrorist with the Irish Republican Army. He helps kidnap a British soldier (Forest Whitaker) in Northern Ireland. The pair become friends, and Fergus promises the doomed soldier to take care of a lover in London.

It is the relationship between Fergus and Dil (played by Jaye Davidson) that is the central plot of this complicated movie. There

are plot twists galore, and one major revelation confronts both Fergus and viewer in the most visceral of ways. It won't be revealed here — the producers and directors ask film reviewers not to divulge the secret.

Jordan weaves a masterful plot full of intrigue in the dangerous, shadowy world of the IRA. *The Crying Game* also reveals that things aren't always what they appear to be, and how we react is the difference between love and hate.

Rating: 9★s out of 10

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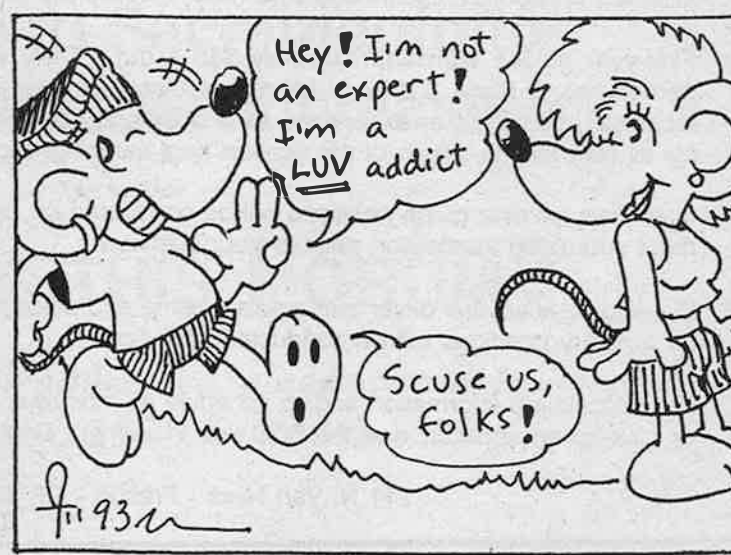
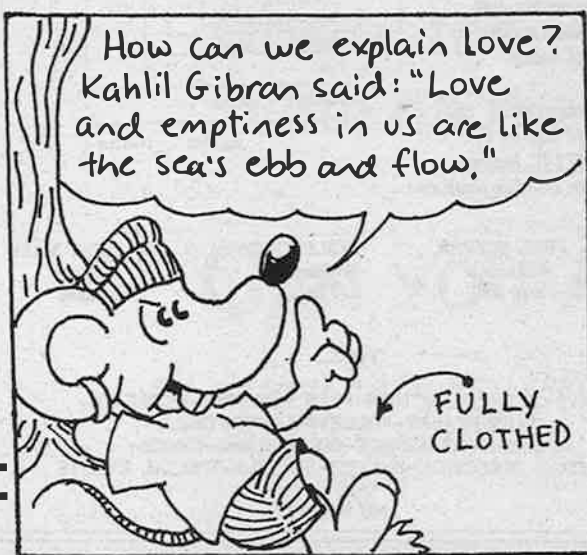
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## Tragedy strikes the FCC baseball team

by Tony Downs  
Rampage Reporter

A traffic accident claimed the life of one FCC baseball player and injured two others, at around 11:30 pm Tuesday February 9 on Friant Road near Millerton Lake.

Ron Ott, a 19 year old freshman outfielder from Selma, was in the front passenger seat when he died.

The car was driven by Adam Bourbon, a freshman infielder, who was listed in stable but guarded condition after having his spleen

removed. The other passenger, John R. Ziegleman was also taken to Valley Medical Center and released the same night, according to a VMC spokeswoman.

"Ron Ott was a valuable member of the FCC baseball team. We loved him and he will be missed a great deal," said Ron Scott, FCC's head baseball coach.

According to the highway patrol the vehicle was driven at an unsafe speed, due to the recent rain in the Sierra-Nevada foothills.

"We are going to dedicate our season to him," said Scott. The

team will wear Ott's number (6) in black on their jersey sleeves.

"We will miss him, but we'll have to be strong and keep going," said FCC outfielder Jason Woolley.

"It's hard... I lost my best friend," said Popus Oliver of his departed friend and teammate.

Ott's funeral services were held in Selma on Saturday February 13. He was buried in his FCC uniform. The team attended the funeral before playing in that weekend's Fresno Distributing Tournament hosted by FCC.

## Lady Rams hold on to victory, 70-69

by Tony Downs  
Rampage Reporter

Tracy Stepp's basket with about 10 seconds remaining gave the Rams a 70-69 home court victory over the visiting Lady Giants of College of Sequoias February 3.

It was a game that was marred by electronic scoreboard problems. None of the coaches or players on either side could tell exactly how much time was left in the game at any given instant.

"(The scoreboard) never stopped a basket," said head coach Art Williams, who implied that he was not worried about the problems at hand. "We were better without the clock, we couldn't get nervous."

Williams opinion did not coincide with his players.

"It made us more nervous," said Stepp, who hit the game winning basket from 13 feet and finished the evening with 10. "I knew there was only about 10 seconds left, but I was not sure," she said.

"It was scary," said Angela Whitfield who led the Rams with 25 points and had made FCC's last 11 points until Stepp hit her game winner.

The Rams (23-6 overall, 3-1 in CVC) had led 39-33 at halftime and 53-47 with minutes to go. The Giants (14-13, 2-2) who were led by DeShannen Conley's 25 points, had tied the game at 41 early in the second half and later tied the game 65-65 with around two minutes remaining.

It was then that Whitfield and COS's Cora Thomas exchanged three-point baskets to knot it at 68-68. Stepp's game winner came next and FCC then fouled Heather Brown of COS. She made the first free-throw but missed the second. Ramona Moreno then pulled down the rebound to seal the victory.

Moreno, who finished with 8 points, and Datri Elliot, who had 15 were FCC's other prominent scorers.

COS coach Wil Smith was upset at the whole incident, "I don't

want to sound like sour grapes but that game should not have been played. There was no timer, no buzzer and it took the game out of proper perspective. Games have been postponed before and this one should have been," Smith said.

FCC has only four games remaining and the league title is at stake. With games still to be played against CVC co-leaders Hancock and Kings River and another game against COS in Visalia the road is anything but smooth.

"We owe Kings River," said both Whitfield and Stepp, who were teammates at McLane high school, "they caught us sleeping."

Williams saw it in a different light. "One game at a time," said Williams who wanted to enjoy this victory for the night and then start preparing for Hancock, which is FCC's next game before the Kings River rematch.

FCC assistant coach Emory Luck squared it all away, "Scoreboards don't decide games... players do."

## Kings River thwarts FCC comeback, 68-63

by Tony Downs  
Rampage Reporter

The Tigers of Kings River held on to a win against the FCC, but the Rams held on to their pride.

The Rams lost to visiting Kings River February 3, but the only defeat came in the loss column. FCC, which had trailed by as many as 16 points during the game, made a valiant effort. If victories were awarded based on tenacity and courage the Rams would have won this one in a rout.

The Rams were out rebounded 36-19 and trailed by 12 with just over five minutes remaining.

Kings River was led by forward Harry Harrison's 21 points and 17 rebounds. He had almost out rebounded the Rams by himself, and leads the state in that department.

The Rams were hit with two crucial technical fouls that resulted in four points from free throws and another four points from loss of possession going to the Tigers. despite all this, somehow, the Rams found enough heart and soul to close the gap to 64-63 with 25 seconds remaining.

"We stepped it up when we had to," said FCC head coach Steve Cleveland. "It was a great effort, the (players) showed great heart."

It was when FCC went to a full-court press defense that things began to change. "(Kings River) could not handle the press" said Cleveland, who was hit with FCC's first technical foul for his comments towards the referee.

FCC was led by Mike Ainger's 23 points including four of five shooting from 3-point range. Lawrence Scott added 16.

FCC dropped its record to 13-12 overall and 3-5 in the CVC. The Tigers improved to 22-3 and 6-1.

The game seemed to get away from the Rams early in the second half after FCC committed its second technical foul. The call against Antoine Lewis was questionable and drew the ire of the FCC bench.

Lewis had said to Harrison, "Watch the elbows." This was after he took an arm joint to the head and almost the eye. It was then that one of the referees hit Lewis with the technical.

"Uncalled for, it just really hurt us," said Cleveland, who was given an apology for the player technical foul by the other referee. Both officials refused to comment on the situation.

FCC has four games remaining this season. They are against Porterville, COS, West Hills and Columbia.

*The Rampage staff extends its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Ron Ott.*

## FCC students to go to Super Hoops finals at UC Berkeley

by Tony Downs  
Rampage Reporter

The team of Brian Volenec, Tim Amundsen and Ty Amundsen won the Spring '93 Fresno City College Super Hoops 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

The team, which beat Rudy King, Lamont Simmons and Sherwin Coleman 43-36 in the finals, will travel to U.C. Berkeley for the Finals on March 6.

Renee DeCanio, Debbie Vasquez, and Lisa Stumpfhauser won the women's division, 28-16, to also earning a trip to the

finals at U.C. Berkeley.

The tourney included over 30 teams and was played on February 5.

Traveling to U.C. Berkeley with the two teams will be Craig Reid, the director of student activities, and Paula Harris, the Intramural sports director.

The top two teams at the Berkeley tournament will play the championship match on March 28 at the Los Angeles Forum directly before the LA Lakers host an NBA game, according to Harris.

## 12 FCC football players go "big time"

by Tony Downs  
Rampage Reporter

An even dozen Ram football players from the 1992 Dairy Bowl champion team will carry their football wares to the Division 1 level.

"I am proud of them and happy for them," said head coach John Volek appeared as happy as a new father on Wednesday February 3, the second letter-of-intent signing session held by FCC.

Here are the players...

Chris Giannetta, offensive tackle, 6'4", 308 lb, Fresno State University.

Anthony Primavera, defensive tackle, 6'0", 260 lb, Boston University.

Lorenzo Wallace, offensive lineman, 6'7", 305 lb, Northeast Louisiana University.

Jerome Watts, defensive back, 5'10", 177 lb, Wayne State (Nebraska) University.

Kevin Garasky, offensive lineman, 6'6", 296 lb, Hebrew State (Utah) University.

Brian Clark-linebacker, 6'0", 240 lb, Portland State University.

Daniel Jefferson, defensive back, 6'0", 185 lb, Montana State University.

Richard Tanuvasa, offensive center, 6'2", 360 lb, Hebrew State

(Utah) University.

Michael Meux, defensive lineman, 6'3", 280 lb, Houston University (Texas).

Duane Vandborg, linebacker, 6'3", 228 lb, Memphis State University (Tennessee).

David Sloan-tight end, 6'7", 230 lb, New Mexico University.

Chris Ogle-linebacker, 6'3", 215 lb, Montana State University.

All of the players are confident about the talents that they will be bringing their new teams. Most of them expect to help out immediately. By far the biggest thing on any of their minds was education.

"Help (Hebrew State) to continue winning...and get my degree in either criminology or teaching," said Garasky.

"Coach Hissel (Montana State) said I'd come in as a starter,

and I want to turn it up another notch, another level and see if I can go pro," said Jefferson.

Tanuvasa said, "I'm going to redshirt so I can learn the system and get ahead on the books, then we'll see what happens from there."

"To get the start and have a good season, and see if I can go pro. I feel I have the skills, I just have to make the opportunities," said Watts.

"I'm going (to Northeast Louisiana) because of the education," said Wallace. But he added, "If I can go pro, CFL or NFL, I'll give it my best."

Wallace also gave a sentiment that is shared by many FCC players. "Coach Volek helped a lot and I am glad I had a chance to come (to FCC) and learn."

## FCC baseball coach Ron Scott named "Coach of the Year"

by Lucas Klinefelter  
Rampage Reporter

FCC baseball coach Ron Scott received the Diamond Sports/ABCA "Coach of the Year" award for the Community College League of California.

Scott received the award from

the American Baseball Coaches Association. He coached the 1992 Rams to the community college championship of California title in his fourth year as head coach. He declared the award, "A wonderful, total team effort."

The Rams finished with a 45-7 overall record in 1992.

## Two players off Basketball team

by Tony Downs  
Rampage Reporter

The FCC men's basketball team will be without the services of Damon Durity and Omar Muhammad for the remainder of the season.

The players and coach Steve Cleveland apparently had different ideas on the status of the team and their playing time.

According to Cleveland Both players were suspended for disciplinary reasons.

The suspension came about

because the two quit showing up for practice.

Durity and Muhammad said they both plan on transferring to another school. According to both Durity and Muhammad, their absence is due to personal reasons.

The two freshman guards had seen only limited playing time. They both plan on finishing this semester at FCC and to play basketball elsewhere afterward.

This does not, however, leave the Rams shorthanded. The team still has a twelve man roster, including six other guards.

## Fee Increase, from page 1

Class sections (the times when a class is offered) may also be cut, but courses won't be, Harris said. "We are not going to cut any of the classes students need to transfer to a university," he said.

Elimination of sections may add to campus overcrowding. "It depends on how the fee increase affects enrollment on campus," Harris said.

Cuts in sections will save the Board \$300,000 a year in electric bills and teacher pay. By not filling the 17 faculty and administration posts vacated by resigning and retiring educators, the Board will save another \$1.1 million in district costs.

But despite any cuts the Board makes, the fees will most likely go up next year and the year after that due to lower state revenues and the huge California state deficit, Harris said.

"This is not a one year problem," Harris said. "It is at least a two to three year problem."

Harris continued, "My biggest problem with this proposal is how difficult it is for students to financially plan for this kind of jump in fees," he said. "If the governor had outlined a gradual increase from \$6 a unit last year to the current \$30 he's proposing, over a four or five year period, then students could plan out how they are going to pay for their education. This proposal doesn't allow planning at all."

But student groups are fighting against a fee increase of any kind.

"I don't know of any other state agency that is being asked to pay a 300 percent increase," said

Burt de Anda, vice-president of the California Student Association of Community Colleges, (CalSACC), an organization that lobbies for the concerns of the 1.5 million students in community colleges. "We're paying what students in the CSU system paid three years ago, except we don't have a cap."

Members of CalSACC joined with student organizations from the CSU and UC systems on January 12, 13 and 14 at the state capitol in Sacramento to dispute the budget proposal.

"The central purpose of the governor's proposal is to generate jobs and rejuvenate the economy," said Doug Morrow, President of CalSACC, in a CalSACC press release. "By cutting higher education, which provides job training and practical skills, the Governor would propose to cut the top contributor of the job market in California."

According to the CalSACC press release, 18 percent of community college students dropped out when a \$5 enrollment fee was introduced in 1984. A disproportionate amount were African-American and Latino males. De Anda is concerned the same will happen if the proposed fee increase goes through.

"If fees go up, colleges are going to lose a lot of low income students and lower educated people—people who are returning to school after years of being out," de Anda said. He believes enrollment numbers will stay the same, but will not reflect the current economic and ethnic diversity currently on campus.

"You have to take into account that fees are going up throughout higher education," de Anda said. "Students currently at four year universities and high school graduates who cannot af-

ford rising university fees, will enroll in community colleges. These students will replace the lower level income students who leave."

CalSACC is arguing against the budget cuts because they run contrary to the Master Plan drawn up by the California Higher Education committee, said de Anda. "According to the Master Plan, community colleges are to provide accessible, quality education that is not prioritized," de Anda said. "We're already seeing a prioritizing with the differential fee for students with bachelor's degrees. The state is now saying it's not as important for students with B.A. degrees to return to school and further their education."

Last fall, students with bachelor's degrees were required to pay a \$50 a unit enrollment fee. The fee increase cut the number of graduate students attending the state's community colleges in half.

"If a student with a B.A. degree wants to upgrade her computer skills, she would have to pay \$150 for a 3 unit computer class," said John Connelly, Associated Students' Legislative Vice President. "\$150 for one class? It's just not worth it."

Students with a bachelor's degree will have to pay \$110 a unit this coming fall if Governor Wilson's proposal goes through.

But according to Joaquin Jimenez, Associate Dean of Admissions, Records, and Financial Aid, higher fees may not affect students if they seek out financial aid options, particularly if they are low income students.

"When fees go up, people's perception of their ability to pay for college gets worse and worse," said Jimenez. "Everywhere they look, in the newspapers and on television, there are stories about rising fees and how people can't afford it, but there is nothing about how financial aid can help relieve

the burden of paying for college."

Currently 9,000 FCC students receive Board of Governor's grants (fee waivers). These grants are based by meeting one of three criteria: (1) Students who are on social services are automatically eligible for the fee waiver, (2) family size versus family income where a sliding scale, based on national averages, is used to determine eligibility, or (3) a demonstration of need for an amount greater than the enrollment fee is used to determine eligibility.

Besides the Board of Governor's grant, other forms of financial aid which are based on need include the Pell Grant, Cal Grant, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), and college work study. Jimenez encourages students to look at these options right now.

"The bottom line is that every student has to apply right now before March 2 for financial aid," Jimenez said. "Any student who doesn't apply now is jeopardizing his chances for money in the fall. Financial aid is like Lotto. You can't win if you don't play."

Middle-income families will also have better chances of receiving financial aid than in previous years, according to financial aid coordinator Frank Ramon.

"Congress said, 'Hey, we've got a big segment of middle-income students who are not quali-

fying for anything and these middle-income families are paying taxes,'" Ramon said. "'We've got to do something to help these families and the children of these families qualify for some kind of financial assistance.'"

In addition to widening the amount of people who qualify for financial aid by the less stringent income requirement financial aid has also been made free for all who wish to apply. Next year the \$9.75 application fee will be eliminated. "If it's free then there's nothing to lose," Ramon said.

Also, next year any person who is enrolled at FCC can qualify for financial aid. Currently financial aid is only available for students who are enrolled in at least six units.

But while more students may apply and receive financial aid than ever before, as Ramon predicts, the recipients will receive less than ever before. The money for financial aid next year will be relatively the same as this year's, particularly in the SEOG and college work study programs.

"Financial aid is like a pie. If more people are getting a piece of the pie than last year, than its going to be a lot smaller piece. A person who is getting \$2,000 this year may only get \$1,000 next year because we don't have as much to give," Ramon said.


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## Drop Deadline, from page 1

"We have an 'open door' community college here and [the Student Senate] will give [the Academic Senate] our fullest attention and effort in regards to the student body and their wishes."

"[If there is] a compromise, (it) would be either a 10 or 12 week drop deadline, and also include that all students who are registered for a class would get (priority) automatic seating and equipment use over the students who have added the class," said Connelly.

This added perk would also work well with Myers's idea. She would like to see more one-on-one teaching were the students would

be able to get individual instruction more often.

Myers said, that with a shortened drop deadline, teachers will not allocate time to those students who are going to drop the class and would be able to give better quality teaching to those who are serious and committed.

The final decision on changes to the add-drop deadline will not be known until February 23. It is on this day that FCC President Dr. Brice Harris will hold his next presidential cabinet meeting and its members will decide what the final outcome will be, according to

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