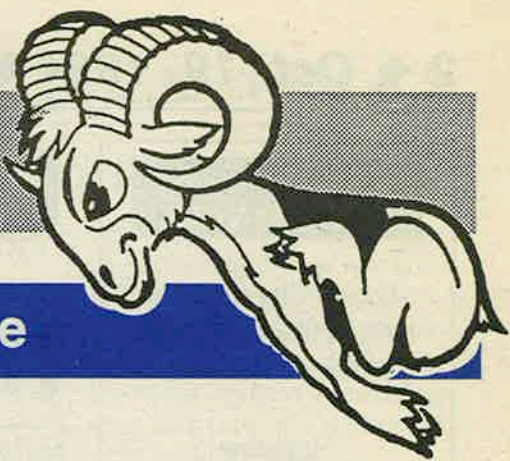


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FCC Orchestra:
Sunday, Oct. 23 at 3 p.m.
in the Theater.

ART SPACE GALLERY

Sensory Fictions,
Visual Deceits: A Brief
History Trompel L'Oeil
(Oct. 2 - Nov. 6): Historic
Trompel L'Oeil paintings
on loan from the Oscar
and Maria Salazar collec-
tion of the Fresno Metro-
politan Museum.

Learn Self Defense:
Thursday, Oct. 27 at 1
p.m. in the Social Science
Lounge (SO-110).
Instruction by Campus
Police Chief Ken Shrum.
Contact Marilyn or Doris
at 442-4600 ext. 8484 to
reserve a spot.

INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORTS (Central Valley Conference): Home Games Only

Football (at Ratcliffe
Stadium)

Oct. 22 Against:
Merced College 7 p.m.
(2nd Annual Shrine Clas-
sic)

Men's Soccer (at Gym)

Oct. 21 Against
American River College
3 p.m.

Nov. 4 Against Napa
Valley College 3 p.m.

Women's Soccer (at Gym)

Oct. 25 Against
Ohlone College 3:30 p.m.

Oct. 27 Against
Cañada College 3 p.m.

Woman's Volleyball (at Ratcliffe Stadium)

Oct. 19 Against: West
Hills College 7 p.m.

Oct. 28 Against:
Porterville College 7 p.m.

Wrestling (at Gym)

Oct. 22 North-South
All-Star Meet at 6 p.m.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

"3 on 3" Basketball:
Oct. 21 at 1 p.m. in the
Gym.

"3 on 3" Basketball
Finals: Oct. 26 at 1 p.m.

Rubio to stand trial for murder of Fresno City College Student

by Greg Ahlstrand
Managing Editor

Benjamin Rubio will stand trial for first degree murder in the death of Fresno City College student Mai Lan Nguyen, a Fresno municipal court judge ruled Oct. 13.

Rubio is accused of stealing a car on July 22 and taking it on a high speed hit and run spree down McKinley Avenue, killing Nguyen and injuring at least 14 other people.

Nguyen, a 21-year-old FCC Nursing Program candidate, was killed when the car Rubio allegedly was driving hit Nguyen's car in the rear with such force that it knocked it into the path of a van traveling in the opposite direction. Nguyen suffered massive head and internal injuries.

During the preliminary hearing, Senior Deputy District Attorney Ken Hahus questioned Fresno police officers and detectives who responded to the seven different accident scenes on McKinley that day, all allegedly caused by Rubio.

Hahus called to the witness stand Fresno police officer Joseph Shreve as an expert in accident identification. Shreve is the lead investigator on the Fresno Police Department's Major Accident Identification Investigation Team.

Shreve said that physical

evidence on the stolen Chevrolet Caprice Rubio was allegedly driving, and on Nguyen's Toyota Tercel, indicated the Caprice was traveling a minimum of 80 miles an hour when it struck Nguyen's car.

Hahus questioned Shreve on methods used to determine the facts at an accident scene.

Shreve described identifying "contact match points," marks that indicate one vehicle striking another.

When Hahus asked Shreve if there were such marks on the Caprice and Nguyen's car, Shreve replied, "You could read the license plate of the Caprice in the bumper of the Tercel."

Hahus questioned several witnesses, all of whom gave testimony implicating Rubio as the driver of the stolen Caprice.

Rubio's public defender, Eric Christensen, limited his cross examination of witnesses to the clarification of details.

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Club Awareness Day

Students from Club Azteca work their booth for fun and profits. -see story pg. 4 & 5.

Photo by Sabrina Thomas

Crime wave continues to sweep cafeteria

by Jennie Fitzhugh
Editor-in-Chief

The cafeteria continues to suffer a heavy crime wave. Fresno City College Cafeteria management refuses to go on record and everyone else is tight lipped.

The first cafeteria employee charged with embezzlement was arrested on September 14.

In a separate case another employee was taken in for questioning on Sept. 30 after cafeteria management found a discrepancy in the Ratcliffe concession stand receipts over a two day period.

In addition, at the Oct. 13 Associated Students meeting a student accused a cafeteria employee of harassing her.

On Monday a student was arrested for food theft.

An arrest was also made on Oct. 17 when a student who is

not employed by food services was charged with theft in the cafeteria.

According to Business Manager Richard Cleland when the student was arrested several females vocalized in his defense.

Cleland stated that it appeared for a moment a riot might begin.

Video tape allegedly captured the student walking out with food on film. Campus police ended up showing the film to the president of the Pan African Student Union.

Cafeteria management refused to comment.

At the Oct. 13 A.S. meeting President Jeff Little asked two students, Stephanie Starks and Tina Beachan, to speak on the treatment of customers in the cafeteria.

Starks said she was discussing ordering breakfast

with Beachan when she was interrupted by the employee and told breakfast was no longer being served.

"I turned to my friend Tina," Starks stated, "And said 'I guess we're not having breakfast today'. (the woman) interrupted me and said 'I guess you're not.'"

According to Starks she went to the woman's supervisor to tell him of the problem since it was not an isolated incident.

"He justified her actions and told us to take our breaks at another time, to avoid her," Starks said, "He specifically told me I should go to Fresno State to eat because I had made a comment about paying high prices to eat on a daily basis and not being treated with common courtesy."

Starks told the A.S. she was made to feel nothing would be

done and that she was not taken seriously.

"I've learned since then we haven't been the only ones," Starks said.

"He would not let us finish what we had to say, he cut us off short," Beachan said.

Little explained why he asked the two students to speak. "It's not the first time we've had this type of problem in the Cafeteria," Little said, "It's not the first time we've gotten these reports."

Cafeteria management refused to comment.

The employee taken in for questioning on Sept. 30 was alleged to have used three different aliases.

According to campus police the woman claimed to have left for the restroom giving

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Umoja: strong on motive, weak in content

by Theresa Deveau
Rampage Reporter

Fresno City College's Pan African Student Union has recently produced a publication which is bound to raise a few eyebrows.

It is called Umoja, and the intent behind it is good. The results, however, are of questionable merit.

There was much positive information in the publication and there was much negative information, the likes of which may have left a bad taste in the mouths of many readers or perhaps no taste at all.

It's nice to know that there are African American students taking an interest in what is going on campus.

Umoja informs others about resources like the Idile program, which is designed for the increased assimilation of African American students into an educational system that tends to be biased toward Caucasians.

The results of the program are beneficial and many PASU members have enjoyed its advantages and are reportedly doing well.

To have a list of all the African American instructors on campus makes them more accessible to students.

The piece *Sweet Black Voices* is a showcase for the talent and creativity of the au-

thors. African American students should always be this eloquent and be as vocal as any other group on campus.

But this publication also makes a statement that resembles so much white noise.

There is a sad and demoralizing image being represented, which symbolizes the childish mentality of some of the writers.

The article *The Beauty Behind Being Black* brings an element of questionable credibility to the paper.

It has no grounds on which to base its arguments of the superiority of the black race through its possession of more skin pigment.

It is therefore left with empty statements which have little or no meaning, hence the whole piece gives the vague impression of disorganization and lack of professionalism.

The content of this particular article in the publication and the way it was presented were demeaning to the very concept of a Pan African student organization.

The statements that it makes, in attempting to appeal to black youth, end up being offensive to all races by the ridiculousness of their assertions.

The article indulges stereotypical ideas when it says "we witness the power of melanin whenever we see African

Americans performing on the football field, basketball court, at city hall, on television, or the theater."

These are the same kinds of images and cliches that civil right leaders were fighting so hard to rid themselves of.

The stereotype that African Americans are physically inclined to excel in sports and entertainment always tends to imply that they are unable to excel mentally.

This shows that no thought was put into the planning of this article because there are many African Americans who have proven themselves in all areas and defy such generalizations.

The producers of this publication have put forth ideas for which they have no evidence, weak arguments, and little support.

The article goes on to say "Because of its magnetic properties, people with higher concentrations of melanin in their bodies are more in tune with nature."

The proof to support such broad accusations, is difficult if not impossible to find in the article or anywhere else.

As far as the gossip column is concerned, whether or not it tells the truth about the persons involved is irrelevant.

The issue is that it is an invasion of the privacy rights of the individuals concerned

and should be considered libelous.

It made many students aware of its existence and disgusted the rest, and if this is the way in which the editor was trying to attract attention they have accomplished their goal.

However in doing so, and associating the publication with the PASU, they have almost destroyed the credibility of the organization.

The gossip column was appalling and amateurish and the columnist should have gotten the approval of those involved before printing the material.

The matter upset the individuals involved as well as other African American students who felt ashamed because of the poor quality of this publication which claims to represent the African American community but neglects to do so in actuality.

Actions like these may cause a distrust among many students which may prevent those who would have joined the club from doing so.

In a well meaning effort to reach out to the African American community on campus may have unintentionally alienated them as well as every other community.

It is the opinion of this reporter that an apology to all is definitely in order.

by Coby Jackson
Assignment Editor

What separates young black males from the rest of American society? Is it their baggy clothing, their creative hairstyles, their affected manner of speech? Is it the prospect of one of these young

black males appearing on White America's doorstep asking for one of its daughter's hand in marriage?

Part of this question can be answered through observing the general threat that subur-

bia feels from Black Americans, both male and female. But there is another element to explore here. It is typified by the acerbic reaction that most people seem to have toward black urban youth in general. An interesting point is that the sight of these members of the populace has also been occasioned to strike fear and apprehension in its own community. The reason for this fear is justified in the growing number of individuals leading a lifestyle that is detrimental to themselves and to others, namely the "Thug Life" as rapper and actor Tupac Shakur so aptly put it.

I am free, black, and 21. That is to say I am not a slave to the whims and preconceived notions of society, but an individual who has reached full adulthood, is prepared to bear full responsibility for his actions, and is African American. But what did "free, white, and 21" mean when the phrase was at the height of its popularity? It conferred some sort of benefit, perhaps an aura of optimism characterized by the fact that such an individual's entire adult life lies before them to make

of it what they could or would. In this same context, before the civil rights movement, a 21-year-old black person might not have such an optimistic outlook on life. He might see his world through slightly different colored lenses. Seeing a landscape tinted by the haze of racism, his idea of his place in it might be less a function of what his abilities are and more a function of what role society has prescribed that he play.

Needless to say, I am glad that it is 1994 and that because of all the blood, sweat, and tears that my mother's generation and her mother's generation etc. have shed I can have those simple, basic, human rights that my fellow citizen possess. And even though when I walk down the street I see more fear or hate than brotherhood in my fellow man's eyes, I still know that I am the better off because of their struggle. I will strive not to take their work for granted and I will vote and I will go to school and I will sit at the front of the bus and I will do all of these things because now I am free, black, and 21 and after all, in this society two out of three ain't bad.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

This is in response to Valerie Garza's article on racism published in the October 5th issue of the *Rampage*.

The point of Ms. Garza's article seems to be that racism is caused by economic factors. I couldn't agree more. Ms. Garza errs however when she states that racism has existed since the "dawn of mankind." These two arguments are contradictory, for the practice of racism came into existence only when economic factors made it necessary. Obviously, at the "dawn of mankind," there were no economic pressures to lead to racism, to say nothing of the fact that there were no distinct racial differences for thousands of years of human pre-history.

America was built on the

concept of equality, not power, as Ms. Garza asserts. America has come closer than any other large society in creating a free and open system, of course, but when the history of this country emerges from under the revisionist smoke-screen, the story of the United States will tell of a country that made life better for her people. The current fascination with ethnic pride is a reaction to racism, both real and imagined. I do not believe however that by separating ourselves further as a people will achieve the goal of stamping out racism. Divisions are divisions no matter what form they take. We are all Americans, like it or not so let's get to work.

PS: Yes, I am a white male. Pity me.

-Ron Woods
FCC student

Campus Crime

10/3 7:13 p.m. Suspect stopped for a traffic violation and was found to be driving on a suspended license.

Suspect was arrested for driving on a suspended license, giving false information to a police officer, and falsifying registration on the vehicle.

Suspect was released on scene with a field citation, but is still under investigation for weapons charges.

10/3 10:45 p.m. Report of a female being harassed on campus, but unable to contact victim. Victim later telephoned campus police and gave information.

10/4 9:45 a.m. Subject escorted off campus after he made threats towards staff and students.

10/4 11:50 a.m. Children left unattended wandered onto campus from a nearby residence. Children returned to babysitter and report forwarded to child protective services.

10/5 4 p.m. A pay phone was reported spitting out coins and three women were witnessed taking coins. Unable to determine amount taken or location of suspects.

10/5 9:15 p.m. Custodians reported that one of the pad locks to the exterior gates at Ratcliffe Stadium had been stolen while they were inside cleaning.

10/6 7:50 p.m. Report of a sick or injured student down in parking lot F having trouble breathing. Student turned over to American Ambulance.

10/7 7 p.m. Vehicle stolen off campus Sept. 22 this year seen in area.

10/10 12 p.m. Subject arrested and sent to Fresno County Jail after being ordered off campus and returning.

10/11 9:30 a.m. Someone observed attempting to steal tires in parking lot M.

10/11 4 p.m. Student received threats against her life on her windshield.

10/11 6:45 p.m. Student accidentally stabbed herself with a pencil. Mother notified and student picked up.

10/12 10:41 p.m. Student causing a disruption in class referred to psychological ser-

vices by police officer.

10/13 6:07 p.m. An adult driver found to be unlicensed after a routine traffic stop.

Three juveniles accompanying driver were found to have open containers of alcohol in the vehicle.

Adult was arrested, cited, and released for driving without a license, open alcohol container in vehicle, and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

10/14 1 p.m. Unauthorized long distance phone calls made from Police Department telephone. Suspect was cited and released.

10/17 10:31 a.m. Subject observed taking food without paying for it and when confronted by student employee threatened her. Subject arrested and released.

10/17 7:55 p.m. Two suspicious males were contacted in parking lot C.

Upon identifying them as students one subject began using offensive language towards officers and refused to give proper identification.

Cross Country Team readies for Championship

Cross Country Coach Gary Bluth looks forward to the upcoming Central Valley Conference Championships and State Championships with optimistic confidence.

"I'll be very surprised if we don't make the [State] Championships," said Bluth.

The cross country team needs to rank at least 14th to go to the State Championship meet here in Fresno Nov. 19 at Woodward Park. Currently the women's team is ranked 6th

and the men's 8th in northern California.

Bluth said the teams only real difficulty arises from their small size which limits flexibility, but still were very respectable.

The women's team features two of the best runners in the country, Jessica Leal and Kemisole Solwazi.

Leal has made an incredible comeback, not running competitively since an injury. This year Leal is ranked 2nd.

Running competitively for the first time last year, Solwazi has excelled to become leader in her age bracket and according to Bluth is a "world class athlete."

"As soon as the seasons over, we're going to start preparing her for the National Indoor Classic," said Bluth.

Solwazi currently has a master's degree in education and is also an accomplished artist.

Peralta decision postponed

by Jim Ryssman
News Editor

FCC administrators may breathe a sigh of relief — at least, temporarily — over a plan that would have limited access to campus and their parking lot.

Sept. 21 the City Planning Commission decided to temporarily not go forward with the plan to close Peralta Ave. between Van Ness and Maroa.

The commission voted 5 to 1 (the Commission Chairman Mervin Smith voting in the minority) to not send the plan to be voted on by the City Council.

The plan proposed by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) Institute of Religion would add the section of Peralta with the property already owned across from the Institute.

The Institute would then expand its parking lot allowing for more spaces while maintaining the existing trees and Van Ness street lamps.

FCC administration has opposed the plan because closing Peralta would force student, faculty, and administration traffic to go through McKinley instead of the residential area of Peralta to get to school.

Although FCC administration placed posters and had a campus club distributing flyers advising students of the possible closure of Peralta no FCC students came to speak against the plan.

FCC representative and Business Manager Richard Cleland said Activities Direc-

tor Craig Reed, Campus Police Chief Kenneth Shrum, and himself spoke against the plan.

"I think the most persuasive argument was that [Fresno] City hasn't backed up what they said they'd do in the area," said Cleland.

Cleland said a representative from the Tower Committee spoke regarding Fresno City's inaction to realign Van Ness and Wishon to two way streets.

What concerned Cleland was that Fresno City wouldn't follow through with installing a left turn signal at McKinley and Wishon once Peralta was closed.

Speaking in favor of the plan was Mormon representative Jim Logan, Institute Director Garth Rasmussen, LDSSA club advisor Tomas Whitt, and several FCC students use the Institute spoke in favor of the plan.

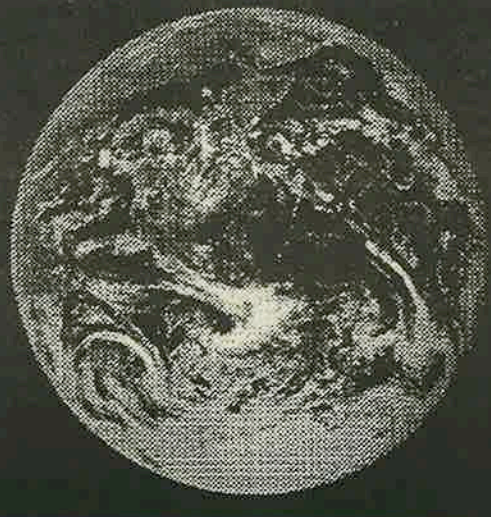
"[Those who didn't want Peralta to close] were clearly in the minority. Someone spoke saying all those opposed to the closure had left because of how late it was getting. That just wasn't so," said Rasmussen.

A resident of the area spoke at the meeting saying that if Peralta closed she wouldn't be able to get out of her house, but after reflecting on her comment said that maybe she was wrong.

"The end result will be the parking lot will be smaller, less useful, and more ugly," said Rasmussen.

The plan will go before Mayor Patterson and the Fresno City Council Nov. 15 at City Hall for a final decision on the proposal.

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Club Awareness



by Soul Vang-Choj Bristar
Rampage Reporter

Joining and participating in club activities may be as important to a college student's successful development as attending classes and doing homework.

One learns to interact with others in different social settings. One learns to navigate through the twists and turns of the college learning process with the help of more experienced club members. And one finds friends with the same career interests and goals—a good networking process for the future.

The Associate Students Senate and the Inter-Club Council held Club Awareness Day on Wednesday to introduce Fresno City College students to the various clubs on campus.

"The day was a huge success!" said Glennva Younger, Associate Student Body President Pro-Term and organizer of the event.

"The purpose of Club Awareness Day is for the various clubs to network with each other and to recruit new members," said Younger. "And also for club members to learn leadership and business experience."

Younger added that the day was also meant to bring the student body closer together—to have a good time, and to share cultures and native foods.

The day was very eye-opening. Many people have always thought electronics were for people who like to repair radios and VCRs, who don't talk very much about anything

except wires and circuit boards.

Talking to Jose Delgado, president of the VOLT club, one comes away with a broader view of the field of electronics and its possibilities. Electronics is not just for people who want to repair radios and VCRs, but for anyone who is interested in the basic technology of the future.

Delgado said that many people have a preconceived notion of electronics that is wrong. "Electronics is fun!" he added enthusiastically.

"We want to create an awareness about electronics. That electronics is the future. It is going to have a fundamental impact in our lives as we move into the high tech age," said Delgado.

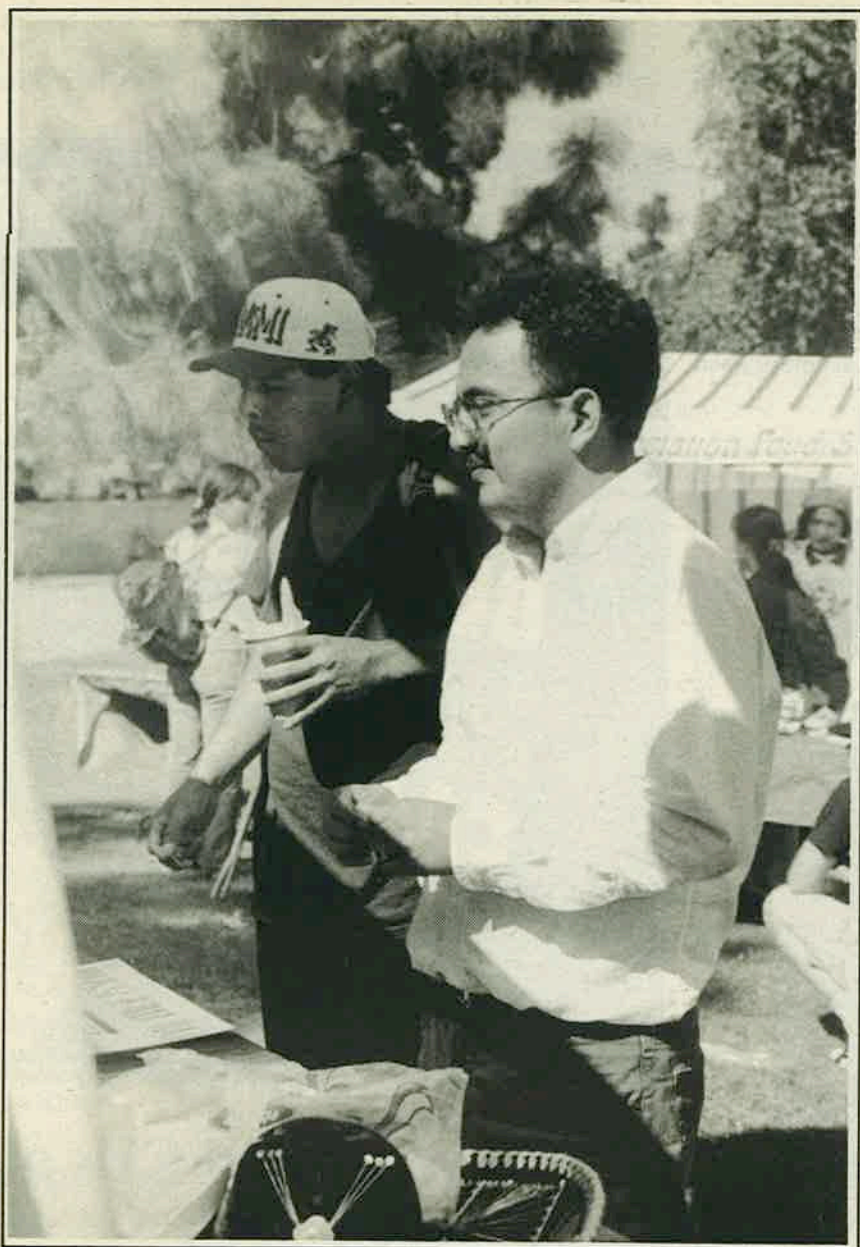
Delgado said that electronics already plays a large part in our lives, from communications such as cellular telephone technology to auto-mechanics working on the increasingly intricate and complex electrical systems on cars. In many career fields, electronics is a required fundamental knowledge, and this trend will only increase in the future.

The club is looking forward to field trips to the West-Com Electronics Showcase in Los Angeles and to a hydro-electric plant this semester.

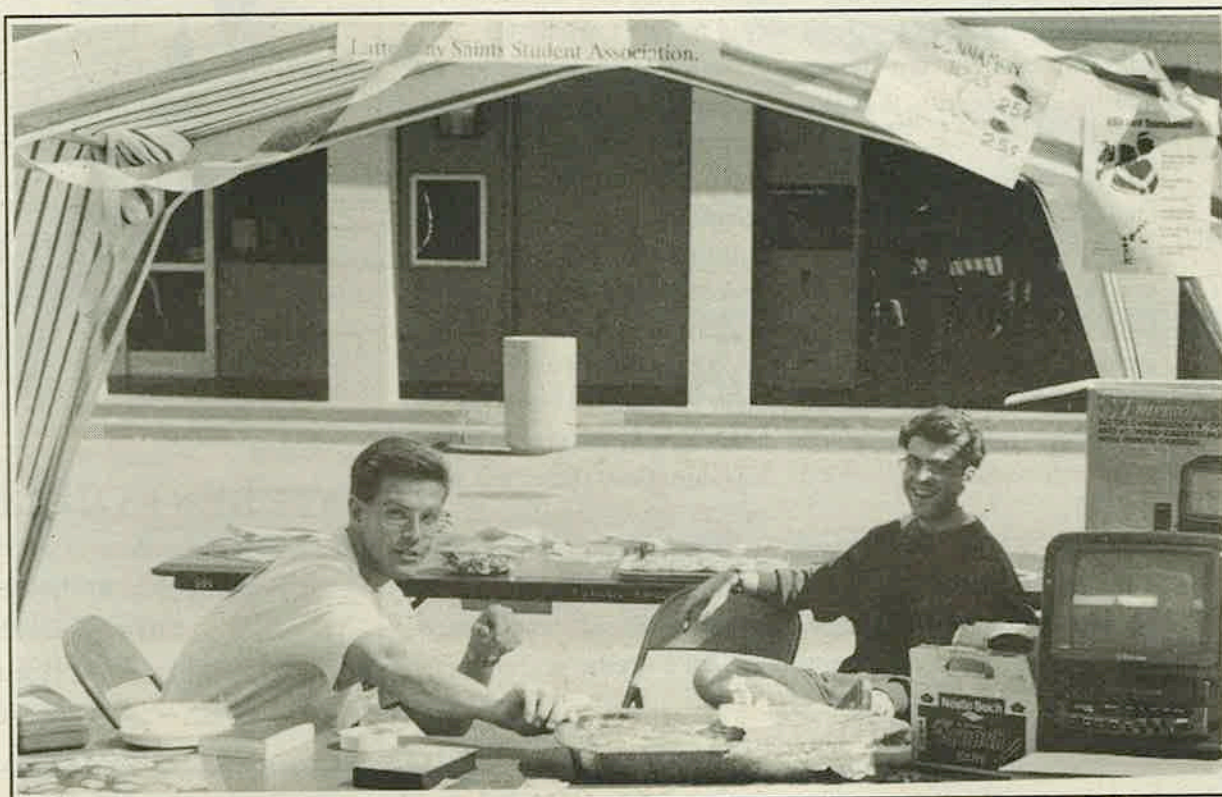
The VOLT club was just one of the many interesting groups represented. Of the 28 clubs on campus, 17 participated in the event.

The Free Speech area was crowded with students checking out the tents displayed by all the clubs. Information was free, but food samples could be had for a small price.

The clubs were as diverse



Day unites students



and interesting, as common and exotic, as the foods — from chocolate chip cookies to hot, spicy Lao papaya salad.

The AIA (American Institute of Architects) Club is for students interested in art and architecture as a career or as a way of "expressing the self," according to Jason Edward, club vice-president. Activities planned for this year include a field trip to the California Polytechnical Institute Design Village, a trip to a construction site in Oakhurst to give club members a chance to view an actual construction site, and a sand-castle building competition.

The Alpha Gamma Sigma club (Honor Society) is open to all students with a grade point average of 3.0 and up. It emphasizes volunteer work in hospitals and public institutions, and fund-raising to help combat diseases and to help out underprivileged children.

The Alpha Beta Gamma club (International Honor Society) demands an even higher standard of excellence than the AGS—a 3.5 GPA. It also emphasizes public service. The benefits to club members are many, including chances at full scholarships to universities in the United States, Canada, and Europe.

The Hmong Student Club, Club Azteca (Mexican), Lao Student Association, MECHA (political student movement), MASS (Mexican American Student Society), and NAISA (Native American Indian Student Association) are some of the clubs that have an ethnic or cultural emphasis. Their purpose is to foster and share their cultures, and to be a helping

hand to students in their learning process. Anyone who wants to meet new friends and learn about a different culture is welcome by them.

The Entrepreneur Club is for future business owners and anyone who is interested in business. It offers practical experience and a network of contacts with the business community. The club is doing the advertisement for the upcoming Producers' Bowl. Its motto, "Mind Your Own Business!", says it all.

The Latter-Day Saints Students Association is a Christian club new to FCC this year. It's open to anyone who likes public service or just wants a friendly crowd to hang around with.

The Paralegal Student Association is for those interested or think they might be interested in a career in the law field.

The Unity Club (Gay and Lesbian Support Group) aims to be a place where members can find support and morale. They are a fun group of people, including straights and Christians, who are very open-minded, said Jennifer Host, club president.

The Radiology Technology club also showcased their program. Its members want students to be aware of a great career field for those who like to help people.

And last but not least, Ms. Glynmary Bateman, who teaches the printmaking class, showed off her works. It is a pains-taking but rewarding process of doing art work. Students interested in art might want to check out her class.



FCC Library comes of age as new construction begins

by Kellye Galbraith
Rampage Reporter

Fresno City College's Library Extension and Renovation project is estimated to cost around \$6.4 million and should be completely finished in April, 1996.

The first phase is the extension of the library which was started October 3, and will be completed in August 1995.

The library will extend on the east and west sides.

The 2nd phase of the project is the renovation of the existing structure, which will start in September 1995, and should be completed in April 1996.

According to Associate Dean of Instruction, Learning Resources, Bill Seaberg, the library is in need of expansion.

"We are greatly undersized for a school this size. This building was originally intended for about 8,000 students."

The project has been in the works since 1989 and is funded by the State of California Bond Project.

The school has been allotted \$5.4 million, and the lowest bidding contractor, came in just under \$5 million.

Seaberg said, "We will try to keep the rest of the money which totals about \$1/2 million, for the unexpected costs."

Jerry Setty, Project Inspector for the State Center Community College District said, "We found a manhole and a water meter under the sidewalk, there are new surprises all the time."

Harris Construction, the company which received the contract, has been around for a very long time and has a very good reputation in Fresno and the surrounding area, according to Seaberg.

There is an additional \$1 million for equipment such as tables and chairs, book shelving (stacks), computers and so on. There is a request for another \$1 million for books which cost a great deal of money. For \$1 million you could get about 20,000 to 25,000 books.

The new additions will include fire sprinkler systems, and additions to the cooling system, which will have a greater impact on regulating and maintaining the tempera-

ture in buildings on campus.

There will be a 12 foot wide walkway between the library and the Language Arts building.

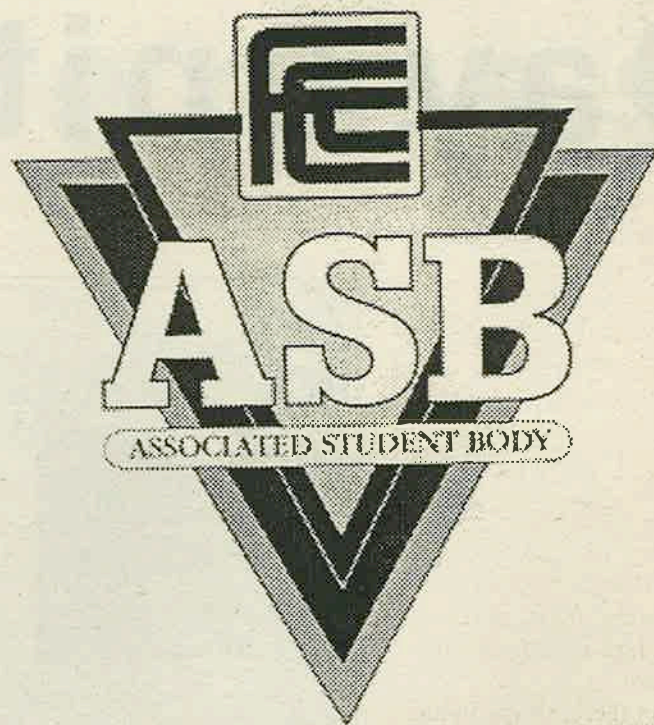
The library is currently occupies about 25,000 square feet, and when completed will increase to about 50,000 square feet. Additions will include expansion of the media center, which will host interactive classroom instruction and a high-tech center for disabled students.

Other features will include a reference reading room expansion, an assessment center, a special math classroom, and men's and women's restrooms

upstairs, the new additions will only be one story high.

An elevator will be installed next to the current stairway in the foyer, to allow disabled students access to the second floor classrooms. "The building will be more accessible to handicapped students," said Seaberg.

The main entrance will remain the same, except for the addition of a connecting walkway upstairs. There will also be skylights installed on the westside of the building. The promise of this project is a more advanced school library to meet student's needs.



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ASB card: many benefits

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Rampage Reporter

The Associated Student Body card is a helpful instrument at Fresno City College.

It allows students access to many outlets on campus and off. The process by which a student can obtain one is fairly easy.

Once a student is registered and has paid his fees, he can remit a small payment of \$5 to the business office.

Then on receiving the printout the student is to take it to the ASB office upstairs in the Student Center above the bookstore.

Once there, an appointment can be set up for a photograph to be taken. The whole process takes an hour.

There is a wide variety of opportunities for a student with a card. It guarantees free admission to all home game sporting events.

The card allows students to take advantage of a 10 percent discount on any food item over a dollar in the cafeteria. Another advantage can be utilized at the Ramburger Round-up on Nov. 2 where a booth is set up by Dean Fox and the faculty so that ASB cardholders can get free hamburgers and sodas, a \$2.00 value.

Some of the facilities and services that a student has access to once the barcode is placed on the card include the Library's Reserve, E.O.P.S., and the Tutorial Center.

Other advantages are to use it as an I.D. card for cashing financial aid and College Work-Study checks.

In the Student Lounge it can be used to borrow cards, games, paddles, and magazines. "It's an overall I.D. card," said Associated Student Senator Staci Failano.

Off campus there are many merchants where the card is recognized including Arby's, Archer's Music, The Bike Doctor, Bruce's Auto Supply, Clovis Athletic Club, Electric Beach, Fresno Philharmonic, Gold's Gym Sports Club, Golden Scissors Beauty Salon, Little Ceasars Pizza, Malibu Grand Prix, Mann Theaters, McDonalds, Miracle Hand Car Wash, Pioneer Construction, Ramada Inn, Sal's Mexican Restaurant, Santoni's Bookkeeping Serv., Sierra Summit, Tan Like Crazy, TCBY, and You-Bee's U-Bake Pizza.

Senator Failano believes that the A.S.B. card is a support mechanism that is important to students because it assists all the clubs here on campus.

"The A.S.B. supports the club, all the club members should have their A.S.B. cards, although some of the club members don't."

Failano thinks that students should be more aware of the benefits of owning an A.S.B. card.

"Sometimes a student may want something done but they do not have their card, so we tell them that they would have to get a card.

Most of the time the students

don't know about the card.

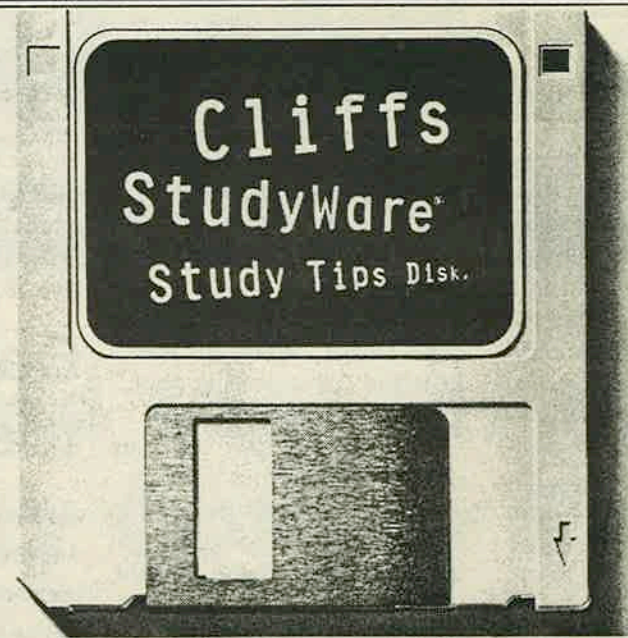
It is important for all of the club members to buy a card, so that when the clubs need money it can be available.

The money received from the A.S.B. card is used to pay for the office supplies, leadership conference, and other school activities.

"The card also allows students to have a voice with the Student Senate," said Failano.

"It is one of the requirements in order to run for officer or senator. Once a student has the card the opportunities available on campus are limitless."

Moreover, according to Failano, the card is an asset for the students here at Fresno City College because of the availability, values and convenience.



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Rubio: death case

After each side had rested its case, Hahus asked that Rubio be held to answer in superior court to charges of first degree murder of Nguyen, with special circumstances that the death occurred during the commission of a robbery.

A finding of special circumstances allows the prosecutor to ask for the death penalty.

Hahus also argued that Rubio be held to answer for seven counts of causing major injury while driving intoxicated, and one count of auto theft.

Christensen tried for second degree murder, which would eliminate the possibility of the death penalty.

He argued that Rubio was so high on PCP at the time of the incident that he couldn't have formed the intent to steal the car, therefore the special circumstances did not exist.

Although several officers testified that Rubio did indicate signs of being under the influence of PCP, the judge rejected Christensen's argument and found that there was sufficient evidence to charge Rubio with all nine counts.

Rubio's girlfriend, Anna Marie Esqueda, was at the hearing to support Rubio.

She wouldn't answer questions about Rubio, but did say he "signed me that he loves me."

Rubio's father, Benjamin Rubio Jr., also was there.

"I blame myself," said Rubio Jr., 58. "I raised him to be what he is."

"Me and my wife were both dope fiends. When he was a little kid I was dealing dope," Rubio Jr. said.

Rubio's father said he started using heroin in 1954.

"Me and my wife used to shoot [heroin and cocaine] right in front of him," Rubio Jr. said. "I used for 40 years."

Rubio's mother died of a heroin overdose in her mother's home in December, 1993, according to Rubio's father.

Rubio Jr. and his wife both went to prison when Rubio was 16 years old, he said.

"We left him by himself. My wife got five years and I got three. That was in eighty-five," he said.

"When Benji was 18, he was sentenced to six years in the pen," said Rubio Jr.

"I blame myself. For twenty-one years I was in and out of prisons."

Rubio Jr. said his son began smoking marijuana when he was very young. Then, he said, the younger Rubio started smoking PCP, a powerful animal tranquilizer also known as "angel dust," and "K.J."

"He OD'd twice when he was fourteen or fifteen," said Rubio Jr. "For years I told him,

'don't be using that sh—,'" he said. "I just hope they give him a break."

Rubio will be arraigned on Nov. 8.

Cafeteria: theft target

ample time for one of her co-workers to take money from the register therefore she could not be held responsible for any appearance of theft.

Cafeteria manager Bruce Staebler reported that the register tape showed \$533 worth of business while the receipts totaled only \$334.40.

The register tape also showed that on Sept. 9 the employee should have had seven \$20 bills but only had one.

According to campus police, Staebler said the receipt tapes did not show that the employee had received bills large enough to justify a \$20 as change.

No charges were filed and the employee continues to remain on staff. Cafeteria management refused to comment.

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