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## Rams plan to keep winning

By Jim Ryssman  
News Editor

The Fresno City Rams hope to continue their winning streak this Saturday, Nov. 5, when they play Modesto Jr. College at 1 p.m. in Ratcliffe Stadium.

The Rams, at this point, are 6-1 in total games and 1-0 in conference games. The first conference win came last Oct. 22 at the Shrine Classic with their 35-32 win over Merced College.

The upcoming game looks to be equally matched with Merced (6-2, 2-0) ranked first in passing and Fresno City ranked first in rushing. The Rams however are ranked first in total offense while Merced is second.

The 35-32 narrow victory over the Merced Blue Devils in front of a 3,100 crowd at Ratcliffe Stadium was held in contention all the way into the fourth quarter.

Merced nearly tied the game with only 25 seconds left to play. Justin Lounsbury kicked a 35-yard field goal that went wide right, denying the Blue Devils the tie.

Joe Romano's 25-yard field goal with eight minutes eight seconds left gave the Rams the three points needed to win the game.

The highlight of Merced's team was running back Odell Collins. Collins rushed 46 times for 240 yards and two touchdowns during the game.

Fresno City came on strong when in the second quarter Sean Murphy made a 37-yard fumble return for a touchdown.

Behind, the Rams tied the game at 32-32 on Josh Bravo's 20-yard touchdown pass to Cordell Horner and a two point conversion run.

John Shelton of Merced fumbled early in the fourth quarter to be recovered by Chris Bernard at the Rams 33-yard line providing the

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## FCC Homecoming crown: a long-celebrated tradition continues

By Theresa Deveau  
Rampage Reporter

A tradition that was once dead has been revived at Fresno City College. The tradition is that of the Homecoming King and Queen and it will be reaffirmed on Nov. 19 as yet another instance of staff, students, and faculty coming together to celebrate this yearly event called Homecoming.

The theme for this year will be 'This is Ram Country'.

Paula Harris, College Center Assistant, urges all students interested to compete for the titles of Homecoming King and Queen.

According to Harris, nine years ago the tradition died out because of lack of participation and for five years there was no Homecoming King or Queen. But with the support of staff and students the tradition was revived and is now in its fourth consecutive year.

Harris feels that people on campus are essential to keeping the flame lit.

"We need staff and students to keep the tradition going," said

Harris.

For the first time in almost a decade a campus-wide election was held last year and elections will be held again this semester.

The applications for king and queen can be found in the College Center or the Associated Students office and the deadline to apply is Nov. 3.

The requirements to compete for the title of Homecoming King or Queen is a 2.0 GPA and at least 9 units.

The 'Vote For Me' campaign will be held on Nov. 16, 17, and 18. Booths will be set up and votes will be counted by the College Activities personnel.

Voting will take place on all three days from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On the 16th and 18th voting will take place in the Free Speech Area and on the 17th it will be conducted by the fountain.

From 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the 16th and 17th, voting will also be held in the cafeteria.

The clubs are urged to nominate a candidate, accord-

ing to Harris, the purpose being to encourage club involvement in Homecoming.

But a student doesn't have to be in a club to run for king or queen. All a student need do is fulfill the requirements and get involved.

According to Harris there are nine female contestants and six males as of the 1st of November.

There are many prizes for the winners including a limo ride, a free dinner, and the crown, which is kept.

"It's an honor and they will be put down in the history books," said College Center Assistant Gurdeep Sihota.

The Homecoming Committee has decided that this year, instead of announcing the winner at the beginning of the Homecoming game it will be announced at half time in hopes of drawing a bigger crowd.

Among the activities that will be taking place on Wednesday Nov. 16 will be Karaoke entertainment held in the Free Speech Area.

Rich Casanova from Casanova Entertainment and

KISS Country will be hosting the show.

During Ramburger Round-up, which will also take place on the 16th, Dean of Students Robert Fox and other faculty members will be giving away free hamburgers and sodas to ASB cardholders. For those without cards the fee will be \$2.50. Campus clubs will sell dessert.

At noon, FCC staff members, cheerleaders, football players and homecoming candidates will model western clothing in a fashion show in the Free Speech Area.

Sihota will be the mistress of ceremonies. Clothing for this event will be provided by Bodacious, Howard and Phil's, Miller Stockman, Spur of the Moment, Western Warehouse and WalCo.

Friday, Nov. 18 is Country Western Day. Rich Casanova will air the events from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at different intervals through a live remote.

There will be a number of vendors on campus that will

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## Candidate, reps come to FCC

By Kellye Galbraith  
Rampage Reporter

Fresno City College's Political Science department sponsored the Gubernatorial Candidates Forum, held on Oct. 26 in the FCC Theatre. The candidates for governor were all represented, and one candidate was present.

The forum was held in order for students to get an idea on where the five candidates stood on the issues that plague California. The forum was moderated by Dr. Maurice Van Gerpen, an instructor for FCC's Political Science department.

The American Independent Party candidate Jerry McCready was represented by Richard Empie. Republican Party candidate Pete Wilson was represented by Robert Segura. Libertarian Party candidate Richard Rider was represented by Jonathan Richter. Democratic Party candidate Kathleen Brown was represented by David Hawkins. Gloria La Riva, the Socialist candidate for the Peace and Freedom Party, was present at the forum.

Main topics discussed were

proposition 187 and illegal immigration, education, crime, health care and welfare.

Proposition 187, Illegal Aliens. Ineligibility for Public Services, Verification and Reporting Initiative was a very

controversial issue. La Riva stated that 187 was racist, and was 'immigrant bashing'. Republicans, who are pro 187, withstood a lot of criticism for their stance with Segura stating in Wilson's defense that the governor wants the federal

government to pay for all of the illegal immigrants coming into California because the state's economy cannot foot the bill.

La Riva argued that if it  
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photo by Sabrina Wilcox-Thomas

from left: Gloria La Riva, Peace and Freedom; David Hawkins, Democratic; Jonathan Richter, Libertarian; Robert Segura, Republican; Richard Empie, American Independent.



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## Apathy, Holy Water and the Student Senate

By Jennie Fitzhugh  
Editor-in-Chief

Involvement among many associated with the Student Senate is at a sickening low this semester. The minutes for the Oct. 20 meeting read as follows:

New business: none

Old business: none

So they moved into free forum. Senator Nichelle Medina handed out Halloween candy to senate members. Mr. Hill, the reporting secretary requested that the office be maintained in a clean and orderly manner and then the meeting was adjourned.

No old business? No new business? What exactly is the A.S. doing for the students they represent? They are certainly

not vocalizing student concerns, or at least not to anyone but themselves. Why aren't they protesting the high prices in the bookstore, customer service in the cafeteria, parking, or the slaughter of more than 40 trees in the bookstore and allied health services construction projects.

Most students aren't even aware of the fact that they have student representatives. Student senators need to go out into the campus community and become an active force for change. There are a select few in the student senate that seem to be pulling the weight of everyone else. The students need and deserve representation. Where is their voice?

One thing the senate has accomplished however is to

provide themselves with their own deluxe water dispenser behind the counter and out of reach of the student body. Ironically there is a water fountain less than 10 feet outside their office door that is good enough for the rest of the student body and faculty members. So why the high class water supply? It must be holy water used to anoint themselves into their congregation of disinterest.

The favorite activity of some senators seems to be the constant rearranging of their office space. The senate office has been completely rearranged three times in the past two months. And it sure was wonderfully decorated for Halloween. They certainly deserve credit for that.

Attending an A.S. meeting brings back memories of junior high. The girls are twisting their fingers in their hair, rolling their eyes, passing notes and giggling. The men, or in this case boys, who sit across the table flirtatiously eye them in an almost sickening and patronizing manner while making wise cracks and laughing several times during the meeting.

The executive board seems to take on a parental roll, asking senators would mind reading the bills put before them.

A senate consultant is always present at the meetings though and is available as their personal psychologist. Just in case all their student involvement is just too stressful. Poor senate. They certainly deserve pity.

## Proposition 187: Will history repeat itself?

By Greg Ahlstrand  
Managing Editor

Governor Wilson has been telling the people of California that one of the primary causes of the state's economic problems is illegal immigrants crossing the border from Mexico and sucking California dry by receiving social benefits while not paying taxes.

The children of illegals, he says, drain our school system by being in it. If we would only kick them out, he says, the schools would have enough money and human resources to properly educate the legitimate beneficiaries of math, science, reading and critical thinking.

If we would only deny illegals health services, California could better afford to provide health care for those who truly deserve it.

But it's not a mean-spirited or racist sentiment that inspires the governor's touting of Proposition 187. No, it is a necessary solution to a crisis: California is being destroyed by people who don't even belong here.

The quick analogy here is

obvious; Adolph Hitler convinced Germans that Jews were responsible for the collapse of the German economy. As a result, millions of Jews and other non-Arian peoples were stripped of human dignity, and eventually of their lives.

Ridiculous, some might say. But is it?

If the measure passes, teachers, school administrators and health care providers, among others, will be required by law to report to the California Attorney General and the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service any "... person determined to be, or who is under reasonable suspicion of being, in the United States in violation of federal immigration laws ...."

Reporting suspected illegal immigrants? By what criteria will "reasonable suspicion" be determined? An accent? Use of a language other than English? A certain skin color?

When we find them, will we sew a foreign flag to their clothing and round them up for the trains that will take them away?

Suppose the the measure

does pass. Say all the illegal immigrants are rounded up, kicked out of schools, denied health care and put in the street.

What will California then do with a significant portion of its population (the California Legislative Analyst estimates the undocumented student population alone at 300,000) who are uneducated, unemployed and disease-ridden?

The measure does not address funding for deportation or incarceration. There is no language whatsoever on the measure's implementation costs, or where the money would come from.

The Legislative Analyst estimates that the verification cost to school districts alone could be "in excess of \$100 million." When schools can't afford paper, how can they afford that?

As a United States Senator, Pete Wilson supported legislation that allowed undocumented workers to come to California from Mexico to provide cheap seasonal labor for farmers. No follow-up was implemented to ensure those workers returned to Mexico

when the work was finished.

Many of them stayed, and continue to provide cheap labor for wealthy California (and Texas) business people. They are helping, not hurting, California's economy.

It was politically expedient for Wilson to support illegal workers in California when he was a senator; it seems that as governor, it is politically expedient for him to push for their ouster.

Things are not good in the Land of Opportunity these days, and like a demagogue Wilson has found a scapegoat to blame it on.

What's frightening is that public opinion appears to be swaying in line with the anti-immigration mantra, and politicians are quick to catch on.

The soundbites are getting meaner. One hopes that people realize what is going on before production-line gas chambers are a standard item in prisons and everyone proves his or her legal status by displaying a tattoo.

## Gov. Pete Wilson is no friend to education

By Jennie Fitzhugh  
Editor-in-Chief

Since his reign of destruction began Gov. Pete Wilson has slashed \$340 million from the U.C. budget, \$195 million from the CSU system and vetoed legislation that would have provided \$200 million in low-cost student loans. And it goes on.

Wilson cut the education budget by 53 percent according to the California Governor's Office. About the only thing

worse than being an immigrant in Wilson's world is being a community college student.

Since 1992, Wilson's administration has sent community college tuition skyrocketing up 290 percent. Wilson has stated he plans to raise community college fees up to \$30 a unit (\$900 a year).

For those who wish to transfer, tuition has gone up 52 percent in the UC system and 54 percent in the CSU system over the last two years. College budgets have been cut by

nearly \$300 million.

Wilson's administration has attempted to bar student access to quality education causing over 130,000 community college students to drop out and 15,000 class sections to be cut.

The last week of Sept. Wilson vetoed several bills supported by the Community College Association and the California Teachers that would have greatly benefited community college students. Among the bills was one that would

have provided permanent protection for community college funding against shortfalls in state revenues.

Students must not only come up with the money to pay for cruel fee increases but hope that they will be able to take their classes in the midst of budget cuts and instructor layoffs.

These increases in tuition and decreases in the education budget clearly show Wilson's

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# Campus Crime

Due to recent coverage of crime issues relating to students, the FCC campus police denied *The Rampage* access to their police log, a public document.

This was done despite the Freedom of Information Act, the California Open Records Law and the Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act.

The students have a right to know.

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attempt to widen the gap between the lower and upper classes and his attempt to eliminate the middle class.

By the end of the 1993 fiscal year California lost 120,000 more jobs than statistics from the governor's office had predicted nine months earlier.

These lost jobs cost the state of California \$2 billion in tax revenues and added billions to welfare and medical payments that Wilson gripes about so much.

Wilson then initiated a ballot to cut welfare payments by 25 percent according to Business Week Magazine.

Kathleen Brown however plans to freeze student fees and eliminate the \$50 a unit fee for students with BA degrees. Brown also proposes new low-cost student loans and additional grant programs.

Kathleen Brown supports the education all Americans are entitled to while Gov. Pete Wilson proves to be no friend to community college students.

### Corrections

It is the policy of *The Rampage* to acknowledge errors promptly

A story in the Oct. 19 *Rampage* incorrectly listed the date of Ramburger Roundup. The correct date is Nov. 16.

A story in the Oct. 19 *Rampage* incorrectly identified the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

A story in the Oct. 19 *Rampage* incorrectly identified the printmaking instructor. Leon Osborne teaches the printmaking class.

A story in the Oct. 19 *Rampage* incorrectly stated that A.S.B. cards can be used to cash checks.

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# Election '94

## Search Your Soul - and VOTE!

by Soul Vang-Choj Bristar  
Rampage Reporter

The earth is drowning in a swelling sea of humans. That's the image I get when I read the statistics of the human population boom and its repercussions. The magazine article, "Putting the Bite on Planet Earth" in the September/October 1994 issue of "International Wildlife", says: The human population is growing by 90 million per year - the equivalent of 3 Canadas or 1 Mexico added each year. It is estimated to grow from the present 5.6 billion to 8.5 billion in 2025. Correlating with this, 40 million acres of tropical rain forests are destroyed yearly. 27,000 species of lives are driven to extinction each year. It is estimated that 25 percent of the plants and animals will be extinct in 30 years. Add to this, 1.2 billion hectare (2.47 acres) of agricultural lands have lost productivity. The ecology of the ocean and the swamp animal habitats are being daily polluted and eroded.

As election day approaches, this issue really churns my mind. It's enough to make me stay awake at night; or if I manage to fall asleep, to give me nightmares. It reminds me of the lecture given by Mr. Palmer, my Biology teacher, about the cattle crash in the Central Valley of California, when millions of cattle died from starvation because of

overgrazing, or the same thing that happened to the deer population of Texas when their controlling agent, the cats and wolves, was killed off. Can the same fate be waiting for humans in the near future?

The United Nations has made an effort to solve this, our greatest challenge, and the possible obstacle to our survival as a species. The UN policy of educating and empowering the women of the world to make choices, which was adopted in the recent population conference in Cairo, Egypt, gives the world a breathing space and a hope for the future.

However, there are many other avenues that the UN and the nations of earth need to pursue more diligently. Besides developing renewable resources such as solar energy, we also need to look beyond our planet for other sources of energy, food, and living space - the basic things that the earth is rapidly running out of. The billions we spend on research and development of consumer, luxury goods and the trillions we spend on weapons technology should go instead into space exploration - research into LIFE instead of how to get fat and kill.

To curb our population problem by aborting our babies or preventing parents from conceiving in the first place is a necessary evil that, for our survival, we advocate now.

Each of us should realize the enormous privilege that we have in existing and the baby lives sacrificed daily to keep us here. We all should strive to live to our fullest potential, so that the sacrifices are not made in vain. And we all should do our part to conserve, recycle, and replenish the resources of our planet.

Human life defies scientific data and theories. Human history has been poetry, song, and energy in motion. Human destiny is faith, love, and undying optimism. Human progress has rested in the genius and insights of a few great individuals who came along once in a long while to help us change our perspectives - changing our paradigms of ourselves and our environment. Individuals who have shown us that the answer is not yes or no, but maybe; or that the answer to a multiple choice question is not A, B, C, or D, but is S. If we are aborting or preventing people from being born, we could very well be shutting the door on one that will come along and help boost us a leap forward. Right now we are trying to achieve stability out of necessity. But stability is just a form of stagnation. And stagnation is decay. We must find new room to grow. We must grow or die.

As Nov 8 approaches, I will find the candidates that come closest to articulating my views stated above and vote for them. I hope you search your soul, find your ideals, and vote the candidates who represent them. Join me in making a difference. VOTE!

## Measure A

Fresno voters have a chance to make a real difference in the quality of local education. Measure A is a Bond issue that will raise money throughout the Fresno Unified School District to build, upgrade, and maintain schools, and give students access to new technology. It is estimated that the average cost to property owners will be \$25 per year.

### Overcrowded Schools

The last new high school built in Fresno was Hoover High in 1962. Since the early 1980's enrollment has grown over 60%. We all know that overcrowding in schools is a problem. Crowded, impersonal schools tend to inhibit the learning process. Disciplinary problems are more frequent in overcrowded schools. Critical support facilities such as restrooms and libraries are overtaxed. Nearly 7000 new students are due in the school system over the next 5 years. Measure A will provide for at least seven elementary,

middle, and high schools in Fresno and will replace old portable classrooms with new permanent ones.

### Inadequate Lighting

There are some elementary and middle schools which do not hold meetings because of inadequate lighting. Because parents fearing crime are reluctant to walk to their cars in the dark after a school play or PTA meeting, night activities just aren't held. Measure A would pay for new lighting in these schools.

### New Computers & Technology

School boards give science and Technology studies high priority. Yet our schools have very few computers. If this measure passes, every school will be equipped with science labs. Computers will be installed in schools throughout the district. Furthermore, 57 elementary schools will add library/media centers. None of these

funds will go for administrative costs.

### Bottom Line

The passage of Measure A will authorize the city to issue \$215 million in bonds. The highest tax rate which would be required for payback would be just under 6.7 cents per \$100. The passage of Measure A would also make the district eligible for \$225 million in state matching funds.

### It's Up To You

Last year, the voters of California voted down a bond issue that would have raised money for schools throughout the state. Locally, the law requires a two-thirds majority in order to pass a bond measure. There is widespread support for this measure, from the business community to the county board of supervisors. If you don't vote for anything else, if you vote "none of the above" for the politicians, please come out and vote for your local schools. Vote yes for Measure A.

## Argument for PROP. 186

by Blaine D. McArthur  
Journalism 3 student

Proposition 186 will guarantee health care to every Californian, according to an administrator at Fresno City College. The proposition, known as the Single Payer Initiative, would make the state a major supplier of health insurance.

"More than eight million Californians have no health insurance," said J. Gerry Stokle, dean of the division of Social Sciences at FCC during a speech last Tuesday.

"Health care is a right," according to Stokle. Among western industrial nations, only the United States and South Africa do not guarantee health care for all their citizens.

Opponents of the

proposition include the American Medical Association and the California Chamber of Commerce.

The AMA believes the quality of health care in the state would decline if the proposition is passed. Stokle said health care quality does not have to be affected.

The California Chamber of Commerce believes the initiative puts an unnecessary financial burden on both individuals and employers.

Stokle admits the measure would require a 2.5 percent increase in personal income taxes, and a 4 to 9 percent increase in employer taxes.

Stokle believes the measure is worth the cost. He compares the issue of health care to education. Taxpayers support public education, said Stokle. He believes health care equally important, and should also be supported by taxpayers.

## opposing viewpoints

## Argument against PROP. 186

by Sean Rios  
Journalism 3 student

Byron Johnson, a health insurance broker, advises voters to read Proposition 186, the Single Payer Initiative, so they can understand what the act really offers.

"Proposition 186 needs to be treated with the attention and respect it deserves," Johnson told a group of journalism students. Johnson explained to the students that it was very important to read the lengthy proposition, which is 84 pages. Johnson claims that many of the proponents of the initiative he has talked to have admitted that they have not read the whole proposition.

Proposition 186 proposes coverage of long term health care and prescription drugs to all Californians, including the eight million people in the state who do not have any health insurance. This

initiative is one of ten propositions on the Nov. 8 ballot.

Johnson said that he is afraid that Californians will have to pay taxes for everyone who comes from other states to have major surgery because there are no time established for residency in California.

Johnson said an extra \$83 billion, which is accounted for in the initiative, will be added to the \$106 billion California already pays per year for health care. Johnson claims California, a state which operates at \$57 billion a year, will triple the amount of money which flows through the state government.

"The entire health care system will become politicized," Johnson said, of the proposition if it passes.

Johnson feels the proposed health care system will give the government too much power. "The private sector will slowly become part of the public sector," Johnson stated, maintaining that the initiative will give the state absolute control over health care.



# What are these propositions all about?

## An overview of the measures and initiatives on the Nov. 8 ballot

### PROP. 181

**Passenger Rail and Clean Air Bond Act of 1994.**

**SUMMARY-** A \$1 billion bond measure to fund inter-city and commuter rail transit programs. It is the third rail bond since 1990. The first was approved and the second was rejected.

**ARGUMENTS FOR-** The measure expands rail service across the state, reducing traffic, improving air quality and stimulating the economy

**ARGUMENT AGAINST-** The first approved act is still not running smoothly. The taxpayers should not have to pay more.

### PROP. 182

**CALIFORNIA HOUSING AND JOBS INVESTMENT BOND ACT.**

**SUMMARY-** A \$185 million bond which requires that proceeds from bond sales be used to provide mortgage insurance for low and moderate income first-time buyers.

**ARGUMENTS FOR-** The measure will help 55,000 families purchase their first homes. It will also create 40,000 new jobs and generate over \$1.5 billion in economic activity.

**ARGUMENTS AGAINST-** The measure is too costly to taxpayers. It will add over \$300 million to California's debt over the next 20 years.

### PROP. 183

**RECALL ELECTIONS. STATE OFFICERS.**

**SUMMARY-** A constitutional amendment that will authorize a recall election to be held within 180 days of certification of sufficient signatures in order to combine such an election with the regularly scheduled election.

**ARGUMENTS FOR-** The measure makes the recall process easier by combining elections. Voter turnout will increase and taxpayers will save money.

**ARGUMENTS AGAINST-** Voters should not

allow recall elections to be delayed because recalling dishonest officials saves money.

### PROP. 184

**INCREASED SENTENCES. REPEAT OFFENDERS.**

**SUMMARY-** The highly publicized "three strikes" initiative. The law puts repeat criminals with two previous convictions for violent or serious felonies in prison for 25-years-to-life. The initiative reaffirms a law passed earlier by state legislature and signed by the governor.

**ARGUMENTS FOR-** The measure keeps violent felons in prison where they belong. It saves lives and money.

**ARGUMENTS AGAINST-** Most felons punished under the law will be non-violent offenders, costing billions of dollars.

### PROP. 185

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUNDS. GASOLINE TAX.**

**SUMMARY-** Adds another four percent tax on the sales of gasoline, raising an estimated \$630 million per year. Money raised will be used to work on environmental projects.

**ARGUMENTS FOR-** The measure will cut transportation waste. It will also create jobs, develop electric vehicles and rail systems, save energy and clean the air.

**ARGUMENTS AGAINST-** The tax increase will create a group of three political appointees with the sole power to spend billions of dollars.

### PROP. 186

**HEALTH SERVICES. TAXES.**

**SUMMARY-** The initiative will create a government-run health care program which will be run by an elected Health Commissioner and replace existing health insurance programs. Its \$75 billion cost would be paid by employers and tobacco taxes.

**ARGUMENTS FOR-** Provides lifetime medical cover-

age for all Californians. The only charge would be a health tax, which would be less than current coverage costs.

**ARGUMENTS AGAINST-** The initiative would create a huge bureaucracy with \$40 billion in new taxes and \$30 billion in shortfalls. No guarantee of physician choice.

### PROP. 187

**ILLEGAL ALIENS. INELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC SERVICES. VERIFICATION AND REPORTING.**

**SUMMARY-** The "Save Our State" initiative which would make illegal immigrants ineligible for public services including education and health care. It requires state and local agencies to report suspected illegal aliens.

**ARGUMENTS FOR-** The measure excludes illegal aliens from receiving public social services. It also would be a felony to be involved in any aspect of the creation of false documents designed to obtain benefits.

**ARGUMENTS AGAINST-** The measure won't solve illegal immigration problems. It could cost tax payers up to \$10 billion. Border enforcement would not be increased.

### PROP. 188

**SMOKING AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS. LOCAL PREEMPTION. STATEWIDE REGULATION.**

**SUMMARY-** Legislation introduced by the tobacco companies which preempts any existing smoking laws and enacts a limited, statewide smoking ban. It permits smoking in most public places, but penalizes tobacco purchases by minors.

**ARGUMENTS FOR-** Regulates smoking in public places and prevents minors from obtaining tobacco products. Provides a fair solution in the interests of both smokers and non-smokers.

**ARGUMENTS AGAINST-** The tobacco industry wants to eliminate smoke-free areas and overturn existing tobacco laws, including

tough laws designed to prevent the sale of tobacco products to minors.

### Vote!

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were not for illegal immigrants California would be in dire straits because Americans do not want low wage jobs that immigrants are willing to take.

"The day that every undocumented worker leaves this state, is the day that the economy collapses," stated La Riva.

According to La Riva, to vote yes on 187 would only hurt the children who are part of America and who will probably live their lives as Americans. La Riva feels that it is racist not to educate and give health care to these children.

Democrats also oppose prop. 187, but they want to put a stop to illegal immigration by cutting off jobs to illegal immigrants, increasing penalties for employers who knowingly hire illegal immigrants, and creating a tamper-proof social security card that every employee must show every employer to demonstrate their eligibility to work.

The issue of who California's Education Governor is was discussed by Hawkins, the Democratic representative.

According to Hawkins, Pete Wilson claims to be the "education governor" but plans to raise community college fees to \$30 per unit, and that in fact Wilson tried to do it in the summer of 1993.

He also claimed that Wilson has already cut college budgets by nearly \$300 million, causing classes to close, students to drop out, and faculty to be laid off.

The Democrats contend that Kathleen Brown will freeze student fees and eliminate the \$50 per unit fee for students with BA degrees.

During the forum an audience member, who identified herself as an individual who had had children at a young age and was having to rely on government assistance to go to college, questioned Wilson's policies on welfare dependents trying to get more funding while going to a four year school. Republican representative Segura replied by saying that it was not his fault that she was in that situation.

Crime did not seem to be a big issue at the forum.

Legalization of drugs, according to the Libertarian party, means an instant dou-

bling of the resources available to fight real crimes like murder, rape, robbery and child molestation.

Richter, the Libertarian representative maintains that a large number of crimes are committed by people who are stealing and killing each other over drugs and drug money.

Christine Brogh, a Business Administration major, suggested that "we take murderers, child molesters, and rapists, line them up against a wall and shoot them." La Riva suggested that Brogh should move to Guatemala, and a young man from the audience gave his opinion that Brogh was a racist.

Another student stated that "Taxing and limiting the use of drugs is not an answer to the problem that is overwhelming our society, it is just another way of making money off of dependent people."

Health-care and welfare were also discussed at the forum. The panelists did seem to agree that the systems needed to be reformed. Each of the parties has its own plans for health-care reform. The Peace and Freedom Party was the only one supporting Proposition 186, Health Services and Taxes.

The Republican, Libertarian, and American Independent representatives all favored welfare reform, and oppose giving tax-supported subsidies to persons who refuse to work or engage in welfare fraud.

The American Independent claims it will refuse to give aid to people who utilize their reproductive capacities for the purpose of securing ever larger welfare payments.

Democratic Representative Hawkins stated that in the June election, there were 1.3 million students in the California college system and only 8% voted. For more information on the following parties call the American Independent Party at 209-658-7238, the Democratic Party at 310-207-7600, Libertarian Party of California at 209-439-8801, the Peace and Freedom Party at 415-826-4828, and the Republican Party at 209-255-7220.



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opportunity for the winning drive.

Daimon Shelton started the drive with a 51-yard run to the Blue Devils 16-yard line. A failed third down passing play to the end zone set up for Romano's winning fourth down field goal.

The Rams defense ended the game for the Blue Devils there.

As part of the festivities leading up to the Second Annual Shriners Football Classic, some of the FCC football players met with Fresno area handicapped children who have benefited from the Shriners Hospitals.

The gathering, sponsored by the Fresno Shriners, was held in the College Center lounge last Oct. 19.

For the game, the Shriners put on a halftime show featuring marching units, clowns, bands, and a contingent of "Tin Lizzie" motor cars.

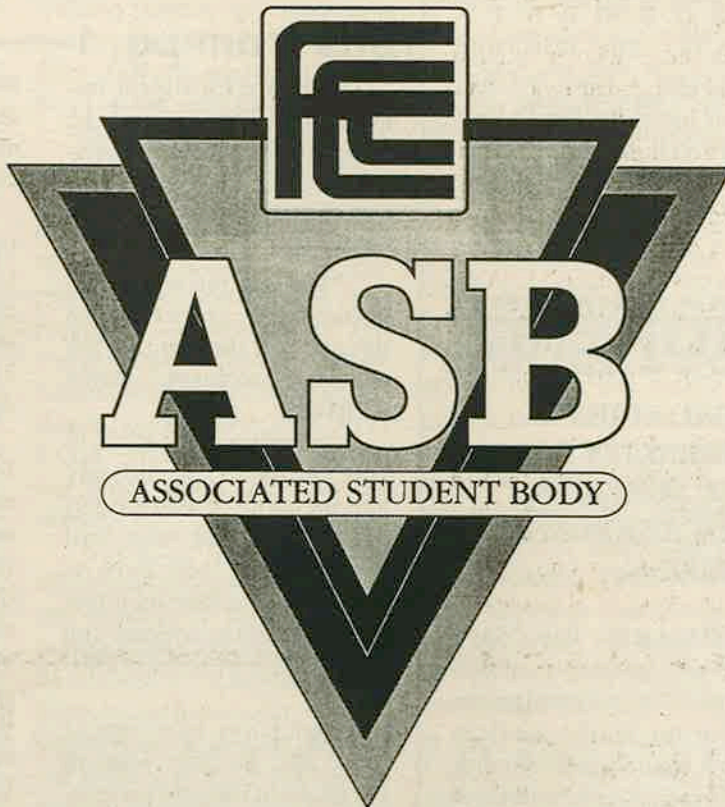
Proceeds from the game went to benefit the Shriners Hospitals which help disabled and burned children at no cost to the families.

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# FCC Asian-Americans celebrate diversity

By Soul Vang-Choj Bristar  
Rampage Reporter

On a recent Tuesday mid-morning, a sudden rhythmic sound jolted Fresno City College students from their usual routines.

No, it was not an earthquake, nor was it the pounding construction noise coming from the library.

This was a different sound—a happier, more upbeat rhythm—as if to foreshadow a party.

It was the heart-pumping drum sound of the Dragon Dance, put on by the FCC Vietnamese students to open the first annual Southeast Asian Cultural Awareness Day.

The event celebrated the diversity that exists in the Asian-American population.

The FCC Cambodian Students, the Hmong Student Club, the Lao Student Association and the Vietnamese Student Association, with the help of the Associated Students, the College Activities program and a grant from the Eisenhower Leadership Program, held Cultural Awareness Day to share with and show FCC students the differences and similarities of southeast Asians.

It started out as a show and tell about dances, fashions, and musical instruments.

"The dancing is very intricate," said Pat Vrunette, an FCC nurse, referring to the Hmong dance "Ten Years Passed." She said that she liked the music, and thought the dancers (Xee Xiong, Xee Yang, Lisa Vang and Sheng Her) were very graceful and feminine.

"It's good that we can share our culture with other students," said Julia Vang, a Hmong student who was enjoying the dance with her friends.

Teddie Bitckard had a front-row seat for the show. "I like the dance!" she said. "The costumes look great!"

Pat Hong and Lith Bounkhoun enjoyed themselves watching the Cambodian "Coconut Dance."

"It would be great to see days like this more often," said Bounkhoun.

"I like it," said FCC student Marisa Torres about the Coconut Dance. "Especially the guys! I mean that it's good to see guys and girls involved in the dance together."

Sophia Kong, a Cambodian student, felt good to share the Coconut Dance. "It's good...everyone will be aware that it's a beautiful dance," she said. "Coconut is a symbol. It represents life. Coconut means a lot to us. We use the meat for food and the shells for tools and utensils."

Then the Lao students took over the show with their up-

beat music and playful tone in the fashion show. They played to the audience, and turned what could have been just a regular cultural show into an event that everyone out in the Free Speech Area felt involved in. The show turned into a party. Some spectators even joined in the dancing on stage.

"It's great seeing some of my friends participating in the show," said Thep Xaysongkham, a Lao student majoring in business law.

"One of the things that I would like to share about Lao culture is the way we dress. It's very beautiful and colorful...a different color and design from Western clothes," added Xaysongkham.

FCC Dean of Students Robert Fox was out watching and enjoying the impromptu

dancing to Lao music.

"It's a beautiful way to show our diversity," Fox said. "It's good to see all the different groups working together...a tribute to the hard work of the organizers."

For those who wanted to try southeast Asian foods, tents were set up in the Free Speech Area to accommodate this. There was sticky rice, egg-rolls, papaya salad and many other delicious varieties of food.

"It was excellent!" Gurdeep Sihota, assistant to the director of College Activities, said of the day. "Everyone did a great job. I wish that more students and staff could have come out to see it."

Sihota is also one of the organizers of this first annual Southeast Asian Cultural Awareness Day. "Next year, it's going to be bigger and better!" she enthused.

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show and sell their different items.

They include Badasci's, Buckles-N-Stuff, Cloves Corral (sellers of tack equipment for horses) Howard and Phil's, Western Warehouse, WalCo, and Miller Stockman. George Fisher from Dancin' Moon studio will be giving free line dancing lessons behind the bookstore at 11 a.m.

Head Football Coach John Volek will, along with the football players and cheerleaders, conduct a Pep Rally at noon.

To encourage student participation Sal's Restaurant has bought \$3000 worth of tickets for the Homecoming game and will have a booth set up to sell the tickets for 1 dollar each.

General admission to the game will be \$5, and students with an I.D. can get in for \$3.

The final day of Homecoming will commence on 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 19 at Ratcliffe in the North Field

with the Tailgate party.

This will be an event geared for the entire school where faculty, staff, and students will participate and bring food.

Karaoke singing will be handled by Casanova Entertainment. Western Stars, a country and western dancing troupe, will perform under the direction of George Fisher.

The Old Time Fiddler Association will also perform country violin music throughout the day. The Homecoming game is scheduled to begin at 1 pm with FCC vs. C.O.S.

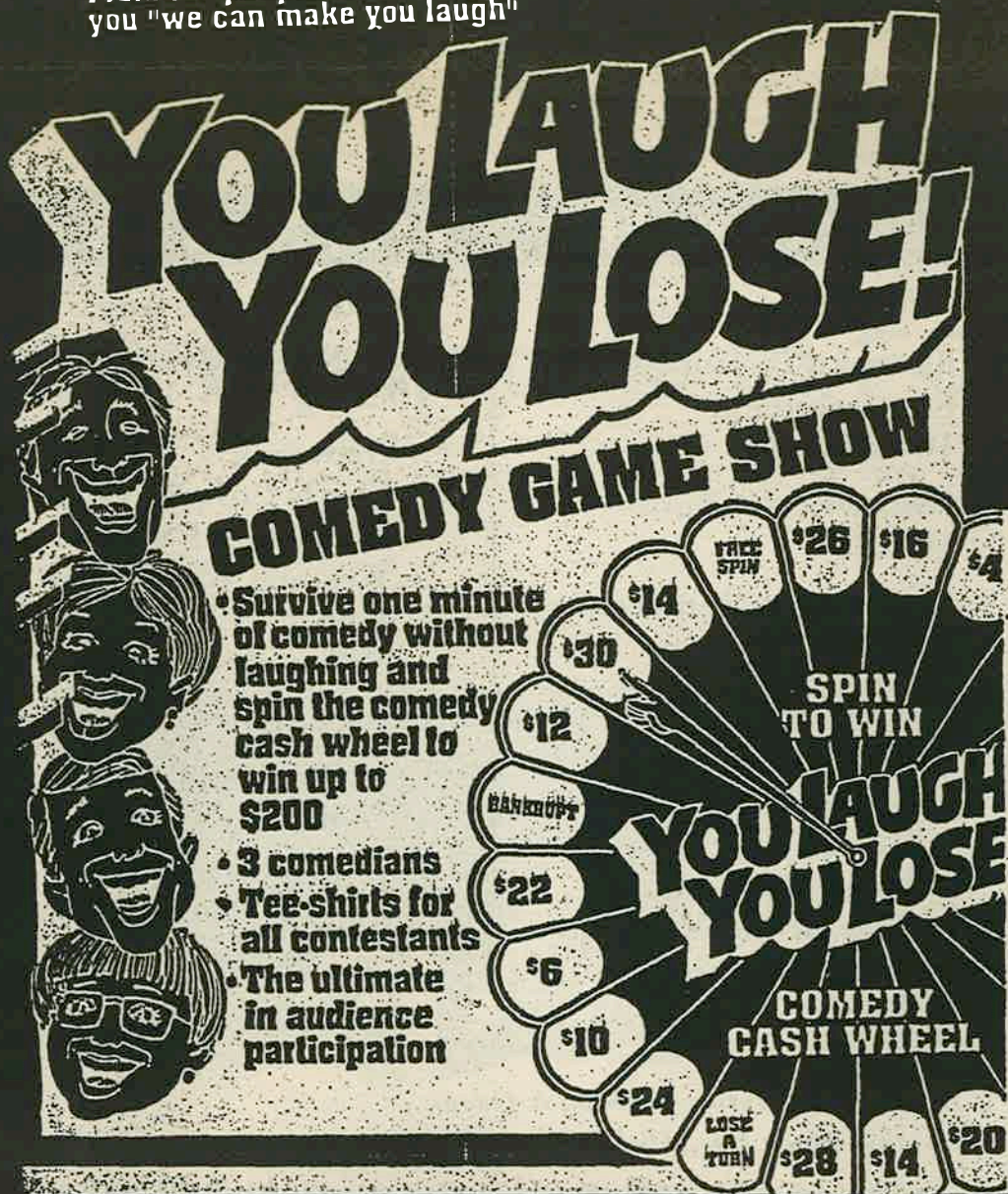
According to Alexcias Freed-Bewarder, captain of the cheerleading team, FCC will be getting a lot of help from students ages 5-15 from different schools throughout Fresno cheering the team on to victory. During the halftime show the king and queen will be crowned.

"I just hope that we get the support from both staff and students, because we are doing good," said Paula Harris "I think we'll make it to the Producers Diary Bowl."

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- Club Dessert Booths  
10 AM
- Ramburger Round-up  
10 AM
- Fashion Show  
12 Noon
  - Badasci's
  - Howard & Phil's
  - Miller Stockman
  - Spur of the Moment
  - Western Warehouse
  - WalCo

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- Nov. 16: 9AM-3PM (Free Speech Area) & 4PM-8PM (Cafeteria)
- Nov. 17: 9AM-4PM (Fountain Area) & 4PM-8PM (Cafeteria)
- Nov. 18: 9AM-4PM (Free Speech Area)

### Fri., Nov. 18

#### *Free Speech Area*

- Country Western Day  
10 AM
  - Badasci's
  - Clovis Corral, Tack
  - Howard & Phil's
  - Western Warehouse
  - WalCo
  - Miller Stockman
- KISS Country Remote
- Line Dancing Lessons  
11 AM
- Pep Rally – 12 Noon
  - Games

### Sat., Nov. 19

#### *Ratcliffe, North Field*

- Tailgate – 11 AM
  - Karaoke
  - Food
  - Dancing
  - Old Time Fiddlers Association
- FCC vs. COS – 1 PM
  - Halftime Show
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