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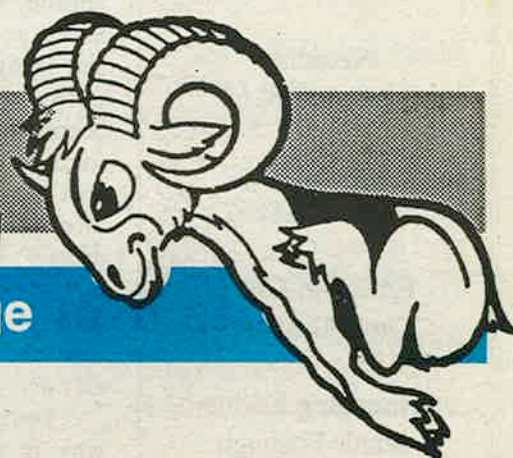
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News in Brief

Prelude to a Kiss

The FCC Theatre Arts Department will present Craig Lucas's "Prelude to a Kiss" at the FCC Theatre.

Shows will run March 17 through 19 and 24 through 26 at 8 p.m.

There will also be a show at 2 p.m. on March 24.

Tickets are \$7 for general admission and \$4 for students and seniors.

For reservations and

FCC Health

Services

FCC health Services will present "The Menopause and Beyond" as part of its recognition of Women's History Month.

The presentation will be given on Wednesday, March 16 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the Staff Dining Room.

St. Patrick's Day

Thursday, March 17 is St. Patrick's Day. Don't forget to wear green.

Herb Gardens

Lunch Concert

Jill Knight will perform an acoustic concert at the Squaw Valley Herb Gardens on March 26 and 27 at 11 a.m.

A native of Georgia, Knight has lived on California's central coast for the past ten years.

She was voted Artist of the Year in San Luis Obispo County in 1993.

Also featured will be a Tuscan inspired lunch by Nancy Vajretti's Gorgeous Foods.

Tickets are \$20 per person. For reservations call 332-2909.

Renaissance Fair held at FCC

by Stephanie Hard
Rampage Reporter

If you have ever wondered what it would be like to travel through time to a bygone era, the third annual Fresno City College Renaissance Fair was the place to be last weekend.

The west lawn near the Old Administration Building was the site of medieval fun on March 12 and 13. The festivities began both days at 10 a.m. and continued until 6 p.m.

The free event was a recreation of an English country fair in the year 1565. It featured assorted crafts, games, entertainers and food of the period.

Proceeds from the fair benefited the Central Valley AIDS Team and the FCC Student Activities Program.

Originally, the fair lasted only one day. Because of growing response, however, it was extended to both Saturday and Sunday.

"Last year [compared to the year before] it seemed to be a bigger response," said Gurdeep Sihota, of Student Activities. "It was bigger. It was better. We had more response from the community."

"It's something everyone can go to. It brings in a lot of commu-



photo Another Time Productions

Gay Lynn Finney portrays Mary, Queen of Scots at the third annual Fresno City Renaissance festival.

nity and it is fun. We expect this year to be a real success."

It was.

Several campus clubs were involved in the fair, and there were more than 30 booths, Sihota said.

Fair director Michael Butler

is a 16-year veteran of the Renaissance Fair circuit. He has worked on fairs throughout California, including the Hanford Renaissance Fair.

Butler said it takes about six months to prepare for a fair. This

includes everything from networking with people from other fairs to sending out applications to merchants and actors.

There were juggling and fenc-

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Forensics team wins state championship

by Robert Stiftinger
Rampage Reporter

The FCC Forensics team won first place at the California Community College State Championship Tournament held March 4 to 6 at Modesto



photo PIO

Debate coach Mark Woolsey

Junior College.

Team captain Sandy Parker and her partner, Tom Lindstrom were named the top debaters, winning every round throughout the tournament and a gold medal in the process.

Jefferson Kyle and Brian Plummer took home gold medals and Dave Nugent and Eva Russell won bronze medals in the team category.

The team won six of nine available medals in the Lincoln-Douglas, or one-on-one debate format.

Kim Horuchi, Jefferson Kyle, and Sandy Parker each won gold medals in this category. Brian Plummer won a silver medal, and Karson Kalashian and Tom Lindstrom won bronze medals.

Horuchi also won a gold

medal in the extemporaneous speaking category.

Mark Woolsey, FCC Speech instructor, has been coaching the forensics team for five years.

"I personally feel this is one of the strongest teams FCC has ever fielded," Woolsey said. "I had a lot of confidence in them going into the tournament."

FCC's best placement prior to this year's state tournament was third in 1992.

Nationwide, the team is ranked third on the community college level, and 45th of all two and four-year colleges combined.

State rankings are split into Northern and Southern divisions, with FCC ranked fourth overall for two and four-year

schools in the Northern division.

For their efforts in the state tournament, six members of the team will travel to Baltimore, Maryland to compete in the national tournament March 10 through 14.

Parker said, "I'm a little intimidated about competing against the larger schools. I feel confident we can break into the elimination rounds." She added, "If we can do that, I'll be happy."

To cover travel expenses to Baltimore the Forensics Team held a garage sale in February. They also received private donations. The ASB allocated \$300 for the team which won't be appropriated until the team returns next week, Parker said.

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Community building starts at home

by Greg Ahlstrand
Editor-in-Chief

In this age of instant information, which is supposed to make people happy and free and bring everyone closer together, it seems that for the most part all the information does is point out how far apart we really are.



That is why it was such a pleasure recently to witness and be a part of a group of people who came together for a common cause—the sprucing-up of the campus via the inglorious means of scrubbing, scraping and picking up trash. Students, teachers, maintenance personnel and administration-types all donned their grubbies and worked together to make the place look nice for the impending arrival of the accreditation team last Monday.

On the surface, this might

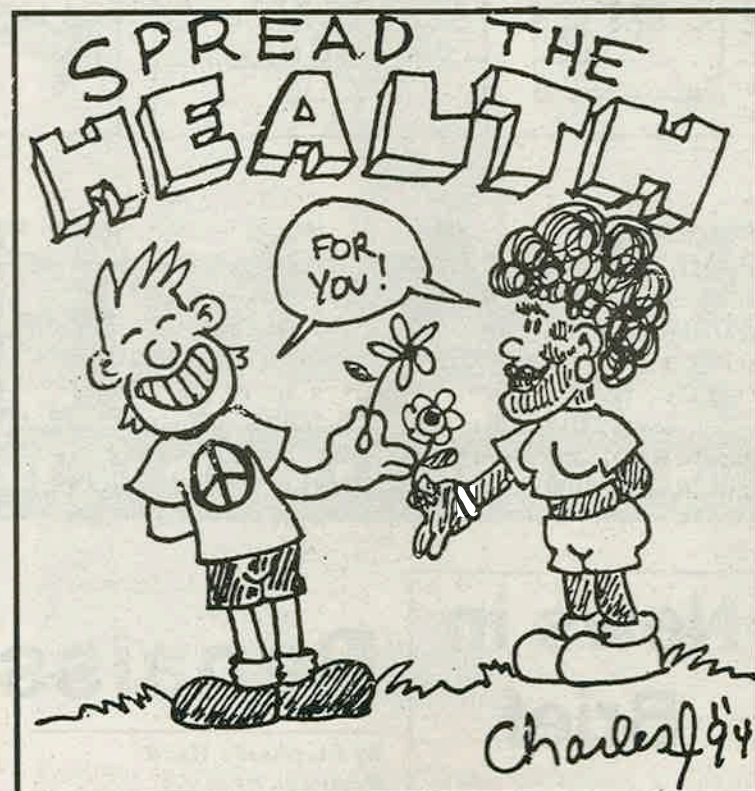
not appear to be a big deal. It probably won't inspire Arabs and Jews to stop killing each other and demanding that each be removed from the other's "rightful lands". And it won't stop the drive-by shootings and child-child killings in Fresno, either.

But just as one teenager shooting another is a symptom of disease in a society, Saturday's event was a symptom of health.

And just as a tiny flea spread bubonic plague to millions in the middle ages and nearly wiped out an entire society, a seemingly small gesture by a few can spread to many and heal an entire society now.

Idealistic? Maybe. But whatever energy one puts out touches another. It therefore makes sense that if more energy is devoted to building community than to tearing it apart, there will be more construction than destruction.

It seems impossible to turn things around sometimes, but it is not. Like with voting, one may be inclined to think that one small effort on the part of



an individual will mean nothing.

That way of thinking, however, creates a lot of people doing nothing. As FCC President Brice Harris said, "The accreditation team won't necessarily be impressed that the campus is clean, but that a hundred people took time out of their Saturday to

come out and do it."

An activity like the campus clean-up is, unfortunately, the exception rather than the rule, it seems.

FCC students and staff are leaders who can spread health through our community. Let's keep it up.

College women suffer effects of violent crimes, FCC no exception

by Jennie Fitzhugh
Managing Editor

Birds are chirping, safety is all around us and a female can safely walk to and from class. This is Fresno City College after all.

Not quite.

Since January female students have: been assaulted with a deadly weapon, reported a male masturbating inside a vehicle, been grabbed, physically forced down, and intimidated, been subject to a naked man exposing himself in the Language Arts building, been sexually assaulted, held against their will, had their purses stolen, and had their legs pulled out from under them in the Library.

It would seem only fair to include the violent and sexual crimes reported which female students committed against male students.

There were none.

Few women are ever free from the fear of sexual assault and rape. They fear for the safety of their bodies, their property, and their lives on a daily basis.

Females need to learn to protect themselves.

Some 50 percent of the women who are slain each year are murdered by their current or former partner.

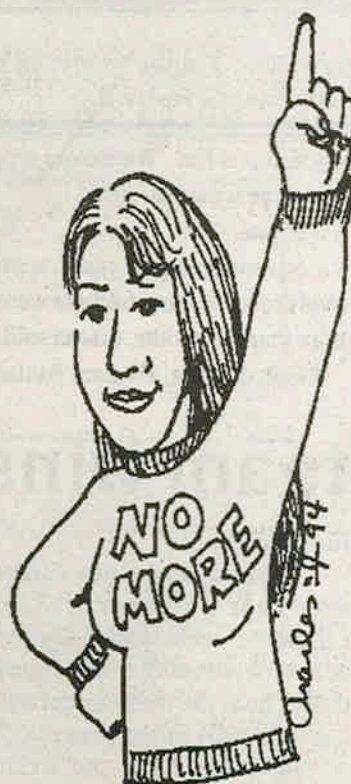
Women are more likely to be raped and murdered by their current or former partners than by any other man.

While only 8 percent of homicides are committed by

women each year, 51 percent of those crimes are committed towards partners with a long history of abuse.

Maybe the conflict between the sexes begins at birth.

Women are taught from an early age that they can seek protection from their fathers,



brothers, and husbands. In the meantime men are socialized to be dominant.

Men are told that they are to control the interaction in male/female relationships. They are responsible for asking women out, paying, and for protecting.

Males and females are taught to view the roles of the

people around them as that of either an aggressor or victim. There doesn't seem to be any in-between, and in the long run, women lose.

Females are socialized to nurture their husbands, to be socially responsive to his wishes, to bear his children, to depend on him financially, and to have her own needs come second.

Men are dominant perpetrators for one reason alone, physical strength. For centuries physical strength has been used to intimidate females and cause harm and death.

The intimidation tactics used force continual sexual objectation by men, repression of femininity and a false need for male affirmation in the lives women.

Men abuse the use of their strength, and then try to shift the blame on their victims.

How dare she walk down the street in that skirt. How dare she go to a bar alone that late at night.

How dare a female in 1994 act like a grown woman capable of living a free life. Enough is enough. The days of the subservient woman are over. It's time to take a stand.

The women of the 90's must always be ready to fight for their bodies, property and life.

A woman can't protect herself in a dress and six inch heels, but she can by calling 1-800-733-3832 and enrolling in pepper spray classes.

Letters

To the Editor:

Every semester FCC sells far more parking stickers than there are available parking stalls. I've been told that this semester the ratio is about three stickers to each parking stall.

Every semester the Rampage prints an article about the parking problem, and the answers from the administration are always the same:

They have no intention of cutting back parking sticker sales.

They have no intention of creating additional parking areas.

They are understanding and sympathetic to the problem.

End of story!

I think it's time to wake up and smell the coffee. If you want a parking stall after about 8 a.m., you'd better get here at least 20 minutes early.

After the final drop date, the congestion in the parking lot always eases somewhat. In the meantime, you can take consolation in the fact that you're not alone. We're all afflicted with the aggravation of FCC parking.

Don Griffith
FCC student

FCC reviewed by accreditation team

by Robert Stifftinger
Rampage Reporter

The Community College Branch of the Western States Accrediting Commission visited FCC March 7 to 10 to validate the accuracy of a reaffirmation of accreditation self-study FCC has conducted over the past 18 months.

Every five years, FCC undergoes this process to maintain its accreditation as a viable learning institution of higher education.

A 120-page book has been assembled by the standing committee members and support staff outlining and analyzing in great detail every facet of all educational, administrative, student and faculty programs at FCC.

The book breaks down into eight self-evaluation standards. Standard one reviews the purposes, planning, effectiveness and integrity of FCC. Standard two covers the educational programs. Standard three shows what Student Services and the Co-Curricular Learning environments offer. Standard four covers the fac-

ulty and staff. Standard five highlights the library and learning resources. Standard six, FCC's physical resources. Standard seven financial resources. Standard eight ends the book with the governance and administration of FCC.

The Accreditation committee receives the book 45 days before visiting FCC. Committee members read it, study it and then come to FCC to see if what we said is right, according to FCC President Dr. Brice Harris.

When the committee of 14 arrives at FCC, it will break down into teams of two or three to a group and visit classes, offices and facilities. They will also talk to the faculty, students and members at the district office.

The committee will also have an open period of discussion to anyone who wishes to voice his or her opinion about anything at FCC.

If any real significant
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Campus clubs and organizations

American Institute of Architects: Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m. in T-300.

AlphaGammaSigma: Tuesdays at 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. in the Senate Chambers.

Alpha Beta Gamma: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m. in T-101.

Bonsai Club: third Friday of each month from 7-10 p.m. in S-140.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes: Fridays at 7 a.m. in Cafeteria Conference room A&B.

Hmong Student Club: Wednesdays from 3-5 p.m. in the Senate Chambers.

Entrepreneurs Club: Wednesdays from 12-1 p.m. in BE-220.

Club Azteca: Fridays

from 12-1 p.m. in SO-110.

Lao Student Association: Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m. in the Senate Chambers.

Journalism Club: Wednesdays from 3-4 p.m. in Cafeteria Conference room A&B.

M.E.Ch.A. (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan): Fridays from 12-1 p.m. in the Senate Chambers.

M.A.S.S. (Mexican-American Student Society): Tuesdays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Senate Chambers.

N.A.I.S.A. (Native American Indian Student Association): Tuesdays from 4-5 p.m. in SO-110.

Pan-Afrikan Student Union: Mondays and Wednesdays from 12-1 p.m. in G-98.

Phi-Theta Kappa: Mondays from 5:30-7 p.m. in the

Senate Chambers.

Republican Club: Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the Senate Chambers.

Sikh Cultural Club: Mondays from 2-3 p.m. in the Senate Chambers.

Paralegal Student Association: the third Tuesday of each month from 5:30-6 p.m. in BE-134.

Teachers of Tomorrow: Wednesdays from 12-1 p.m. in the Senate Chambers.

Vietnamese Student Association: Fridays from 3-5 p.m. in the Senate Chambers.

African-American Women's Society: Fridays from 12-1 p.m. in the Senate Chambers.

It's never too late to get involved!

Campus Crime Log

1/12 6:45 p.m. assault with a deadly weapon.

1/13 2:04 p.m. a female student reported a male masturbating inside a vehicle with the driver's door open in parking lot C.

1/13 5:30 p.m. a male walked up to a female student, grabbed her and physically made her sit down. He then made sexual advances towards her.

1/24 10:25 a.m. Two subjects arrested and released for possession of marijuana.

1/26 1:09 p.m. Subject reported to be walking on second floor of Language Arts building completely nude. He was arrested, cited, and released.

2/3 9:10 a.m. Following investigation of petty theft that occurred in the cafeteria 1/26, suspect was contacted on campus, arrested, and released.

2/3 10:17 a.m. Subject observed eating out of trash can ordered off campus for seven days.

2/7 11:45 a.m. Subject eating out of trash cans at cafeteria arrested, cited, and released.

2/8 10:30 a.m. Juvenile arrested for breaking into vehicles in parking lots.

2/9 10:30 a.m. Student reported sexual assault that occurred off campus. The suspect is also a student and vic-

tim is afraid he might come after her on campus.

2/11 11:41 a.m. Bomb threat at Assessment building. Fresno Police Department called in.

2/12 10:42 a.m. Possible unauthorized access by student in Associated Students office.

2/17 3:25 p.m. Female reported on campus rape to psychiatric intern that occurred in December of 1992.

2/23 2:34 p.m. Suspect holding female against her will. Suspect was found to have outstanding warrants. Suspect was arrested and taken to Fresno county jail.

2/28 10:43 a.m. Report of a vehicle on campus with subject inside brandishing a gun while driving through lots.

3/1 10:55 a.m. Female reported to have been assaulted off campus and then being stalked at her place of business. She wanted to advise the department in case the suspect comes to the college.

Semester Totals:
bomb threats: 1
cafeteria theft: 1
eating out of trash: 2
marijuana possession: 3
parking permit theft: 18
petty theft: 27
sexual assault: 1
vandalism/graffiti: 18
vehicle burglary: 28
vehicles stolen: 12
naked people: 1

Administration holds luncheon for campus club members

The inter-club council recently held a luncheon to deal with common problems faced by club members.

The clubs and organizations on this campus are an extremely intricate part of this campus," began FCC President Brice Harris.

Harris encouraged campus involvement in campus clubs and other college based organizations.

"The research tells you that students who have more than one reason to attend an institution consistently do better," Harris said.

Among the clubs Harris was involved in during his college career was the Journalism club.

Harris said that outside organizations helped him become more involved. He also said that he did not believe FCC

had done much to support campus clubs financially.

"In fact, to be blunt," Harris began, "You're being underfunded."

"I promise in the next year or so we are going to do all we can to help you."

Kathy Bonilla from the Public Information Office also spoke. She informed club members that as a campus organization they are entitled to the printing of brochures, flyers, and news releases through the PIO office.

Gurdeep Sihota of College Activities said that clubs could also advertise their activities on the electronic bulletin board located across from Ratcliff stadium.

Clubs who would like to advertise should contact College Activities in writing at least three weeks in advance.

Letters

To the Editor:

Here is a thought I would like to share with you and the students here at Fresno City College and in general to all people—to maybe take a little time out to consider this thought:

Racism is ignorance and ignorance is blind.

Are you blind? Or can you see all the beauty there is in colors?

Don't limit yourselves to just one color, or you just might become color blind.

Raymond
Hernandez
FCC Student

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Corrections

In the last issue of the Rampage we put the wrong reporter's name on the cafeteria theft story byline. The story was actually written by Stefanie Hard.



Club Awareness Day



above: Club Azteca, home of the best tasting burritos on campus

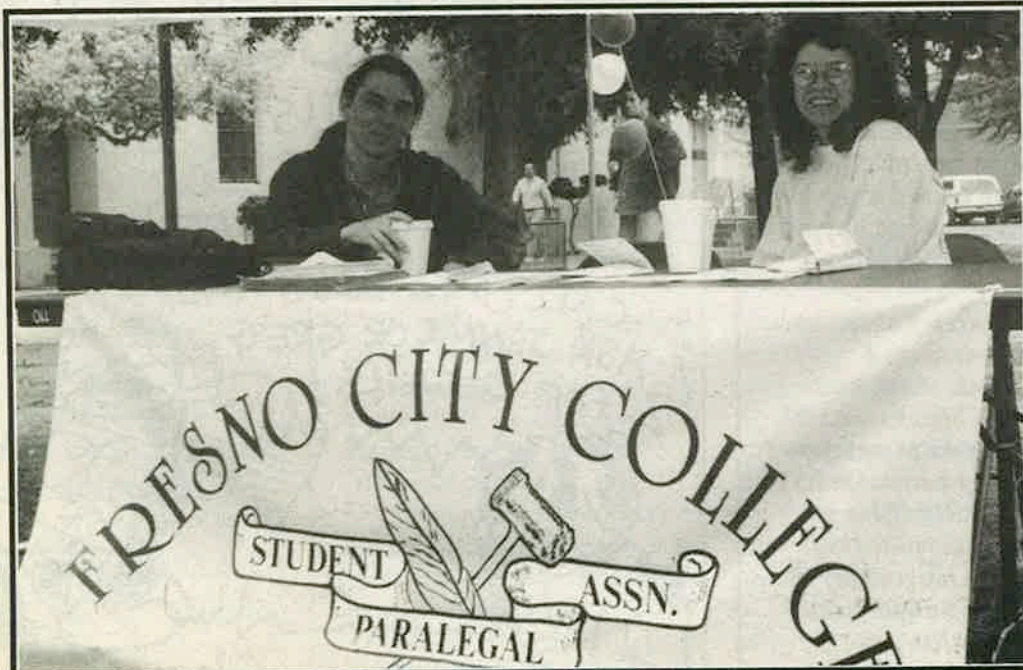
left: Mexican American Student Society (M.A.S.S.) President Frank Aleman explains the significance of the Aztec calendar.

below: Alpha Beta Gamma (radiology) poses with a member who gives you an idea of what the club is all about.

Club Awareness Day gave all the clubs on campus a chance to promote themselves and raise funds for various club activities.

Clubs sold food, drinks and had bake sales.

There are 26 clubs on campus in which students can participate. FCC's diverse student body allows many different ethnic oriented clubs and special interest clubs.



left: The Student Paralegal Association is one of several new clubs on campus.
photo Don Griffith

right: Carlos Chavez of the Journalism Club dishes up the spaghetti and French bread to fellow club member Carol Buchanan
photo Kristi Merriman



Bookstore changes location

by Stephanie Hard
Rampage Reporter

Phase One of Bookstore construction has been completed and the bookstore has moved to the Old Student Lounge area.

During the first week of March, students were redirected to the new bookstore entrance at the back of the student center building in the courtyard. The old entrance is being blocked because of construction in that part of the building.

Phase Two is currently under way and should be completed next Fall, according to Bookstore Manager Michael Guerra. With the completion of the second phase, a section of general merchandise in the old bookstore will be added, as well as a cafe for students and staff.

The construction is being done, "To accommodate the student's needs on campus," Guerra said.

According to Guerra the bookstore is gaining an additional 3,225 square feet, which comes to about 43% more space to operate the facility in.

More space means more items available for students to purchase. Guerra said the elec-

tronics section will be expanded and best-selling novels will be sold.

"Before we were so constrained in space we didn't have the offerings," Guerra explained. He also said that with the new expansion the FCC bookstore will be competitive with large Fresno area bookstores such as Barnes & Noble.

"(It will) really become a bookstore to the campus community," Guerra said.

Guerra said that eventually he hopes to put the Bookstore in a point of sale system to shorten lines. A point of sale system scans the bar codes on a given item and gives the item's price.

"It's going to expedite things greatly at the checkout line," he said.

According to Guerra the bookstore construction will not end up costing students more money.

"Textbook prices will not be increased. Definitely not," Guerra said.

He explained that by being part of the Western College Bookstore Association that FCC could "increase quality greatly and decrease prices by as much as 35%."

Guerra said that prices at local stores for items such as paper are cheaper because as

he put it, "The quality you're buying is not the quality you're buying here. It's quality products we're bringing in for student selection."

According to Guerra, Bookstore operation appears to be affected very little by all the construction going on. "It's not an inconvenience if you consider what the trade off is," he said.

The old Bookstore entry that is currently being blocked will be reopened when Phase Two is finished.

"Due to the construction," Guerra said, "It would be unsafe for students to enter and go upstairs that way."

He said despite all the activity, the bookstore did not close because of the inconvenience it would cause students.

Guerra complemented his staff on the job they had done in getting the new bookstore ready. The staff has gone to conferences to learn new methods in order to make the facility better.

Guerra seemed pleased not only with his staff, but with the new facility itself.

"You're going to have a nice environment to shop in," he said.

There will be a grand opening of the new bookstore after the completion of the second phase. In the meantime, students can write down items they would like to see in the bookstore and put them in a suggestion box.

"Through the process of education, input of students, staff and faculty, we will have a premier bookstore," Guerra said. "It will be second-to-none."

Journalism Club debuts at FCC

by Claudia Coleman
Rampage Reporter

Now there is a place at FCC for journalists, writers, photojournalists, photographers and any students interested in communication through the world of journalism to come together.

According to Jennie Fitzhugh, the club president and founder, the club plans to have a different speaker at every club meeting involved in photography, writing, editing, or the broadcast media.

The club's first speaker of the semester was Nancy Mayer of the Associated press. Mayer covered the Ellie Nesler trial for the A.P. and stayed with Nesler's mother during the court proceedings.

Other speakers have been: Lisa Dorman-Stubbs of Neighbors, Deborah Gold of Another Time Productions and Michael Kade of Kade Media Productions.

Upcoming speakers for March include Fresno Bee photographer John Walker and Ombudsmen Lynne Glaser.

The club is currently participating in the "adopt-a-building" program by co-sponsoring the bookstore building with the Associated Students.

The Journalism club also had a spaghetti sale at club awareness day and will participate in the Renaissance

Fair later this month.

For the Renaissance Fair club members are making costumes to resemble those worn in 15th century England and will run the beverage booth.

On a national level, club members are obtaining membership with the Society of Professional Journalists and the National Federation of Press Women.

Eventually club members would like to start a journalism scholarship for highschool students who would like to attend FCC.

The club is co-advised by Kathy Bonilla of the Public Information Office and Director of College Activities Craig Reid.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the club is invited to attend the meetings. The meetings are held each Wednesday at 3 p.m. in Cafeteria Conference Room A/B.

"In order to become a member, a student must be enrolled at FCC, pay a \$5. membership fee and express a desire to participate in club functions," according to Fitzhugh.

The club's main purpose is to initiate interest and welcome students into the fields of journalism, photojournalism, and all other areas of writing and photography.

For more information, contact Journalism Club President Jennie Fitzhugh, at 442-8263 on campus.

River run to benefit Diabetes Association

Johnsey Insurance Agency, Incorporated will host Run/Walk '94 on Saturday, March 19. There will be a two-mile run/walk beginning at 7:30 a.m. and a 10K run beginning at 8 a.m., with an awards ceremony at 9:30 a.m. Entry fees are \$10

pre-registration and \$13 day of the race. Fees include a t-shirt and refreshments, with shirts and numbers given out on race day. Proceeds will benefit the American Diabetes Association. For information on how to register call 436-0833.

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Blank Check surpasses Home Alone for pre-adolescent fantasy films

by Steven Sauer
Rampage Reporter



Blank
Check

Starring Brian Bonsall, Karen Duffy, Miguel Ferrer and Tone Loc
Rating: PG 6★s

Disney's newest film, *Blank Check*, at first appears to be yet another *Home Alone* rip-off: a kid on his own battles bumbling crooks.

However, this film proves to be much more than that.

Preston Waters (Brian Bonsall) is an 11-year-old boy who is tormented by his two older brothers and virtually ignored by his parents.

He has no real friends, and can never go out and do things with other kids because what little money he manages to save is taken by his brothers.

Preston is miserable.

Things seem to get even worse when Preston is run over by Quigley (Miguel Ferrer), an S&L bandit who recently got out of jail and wants to launder the money he stashed away before his arrest: \$1 million.

Quigley gives Preston a check to cover the damages to Preston's bicycle, which got bent up by Quigley's Jaguar.

Rushed by the arrival of a police car, Quigley hands Preston a blank check, saying "Give it to your father. He'll know what to do with it."

Instead, Preston fills in the amount himself, using his brothers' new computer.

He writes it for \$1 million.



Preston Waters (Brian Bonsall) buys all sorts of nifty stuff when he suddenly receives \$1 million in *Blank Check*.

When he goes to the bank to cash it the corrupt bank president thinks that Preston is Quigley's courier, and gives him the money.

Shortly thereafter the real courier (Tone Loc) arrives, and the criminals begin their hunt for Preston.

Preston uses the money to fulfill his wildest fantasies, but he soon finds that money doesn't buy real friends.

The result is a lot of soul searching mixed in with a bunch of chase scenes, and a brief *Home Alone*-style battle with the crooks.

The main difference between *Blank Check* and *Home Alone* is Disney's influence.

Unlike *Home Alone*, *Blank Check* does not send the message that kids can get away with anything.

Instead, it focuses more on the characters, and how they

respond to the sudden appearance of so much money.

It is this underlying characterization that makes *Blank Check* the superior movie, and one that parents can take their children to without having to worry about what kind of message it is giving them.

It remains a kids film, though, and the older audience probably should avoid it unless they are bringing kids along.

The acting is acceptable, but nothing special.

The best characters are supporting ones: Quigley's henchman Juice (Tone Loc) and Preston's chauffeur (Rick Ducommun). They add the comedic element that makes this movie work as well as it does.

Overall, *Blank Check* is a good film to take younger children to, and not much else.

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Oscar needs a values change



Steven Sauer
Rampage
Reporter

The Academy Awards are coming up, and as usual the main contenders for all categories are from dramatic films.

Rarely does an actor from an action film get nominated (Tommy Lee Jones from *The Fugitive* being an exception this year), and horror or science fiction films are almost never nominated for anything except technical awards.

Why is this? There are great scripts being written for some of these films, and quality performances are often seen in these genres.

The reason is the Academy's fixation on drama.

It's time the Oscars followed the lead of other film awards and divided into categories.

Each category could have its own best picture, actor, actress, and supporting actor and actress awards.

Other awards could remain where they were, and an overall award could be given for the best from any genre in the

category in question.

This would allow extraordinary performances in genres other than drama to receive the recognition they deserve, and might add a little more interest to the stagnating awards ceremony.

This year there isn't even much suspense in the awards.

Schindler's list, a film that looks like it was designed to cater to the interests of the Academy, is expected to win best picture hands down, and most of the other categories are locked up as well.

And of all of them, the only non-dramatic performance given any recognition was Tommy Lee Jones, who was so good that even the Academy couldn't ignore him.

If the Academy doesn't change soon, they will find the popularity of their award slipping as other, specific awards appear, such as the Horror Hall of Fame.

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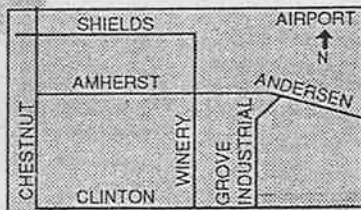
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They can, however, come back in a year or two to check and see if the problem is fixed.

By that time, if the the problem is not fixed, the committee can take steps to discipline the school. It also has the power to eventually withdraw accreditation.

"The chances of that ever happening are almost absolute zero. This is a fine institution with a solid reputation," Harris said.

ing schools at the fair, as well as homemade ice cream and bread bowl soups.

With bread bowl soup, one first eats the soup, then the bowl, which is literally made of bread. Butler said this is true to medieval history.

Something new at this year's fair was the presence of St. Elizabeth's guild, which represents Queen Elizabeth I and her court.

St. Andrew's Guild was also present. This guild represents Mary, Queen of Scots and her court.

The two queens, who never met in reality, came together at noon each day of the Fair to sign the Treaty of Berwitz, a peace treaty.

This year the fair featured Gay Lynn Finney, newly selected to portray Mary, Queen of Scots as

she signed the treaty with Queen Elizabeth.

For people interested in attending future fairs in period costume, Butler suggested going to thrift stores to find the appropriate items.

For the basic peasant costume, men and women alike should wear a blousy, oversized shirt. Women need a long skirt and and men a pair of breeches or even tights to complete the outfit.

All items should be made of natural, woven fabrics in natural colors, mainly browns and greens.

Butler strongly encourages attendance by everyone, either in costume or street clothes.

"It's basically a big play," He said. "People walk in and participate in it. It's a great history lesson. It really makes history come to life."



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Director of College Activities Craig Reid gives a high-five to nine-year-old Outi Hicks of Sunset Elementary School. Students from Sunset and Carvard Elementary participated in "I'm Going to College" day recently.

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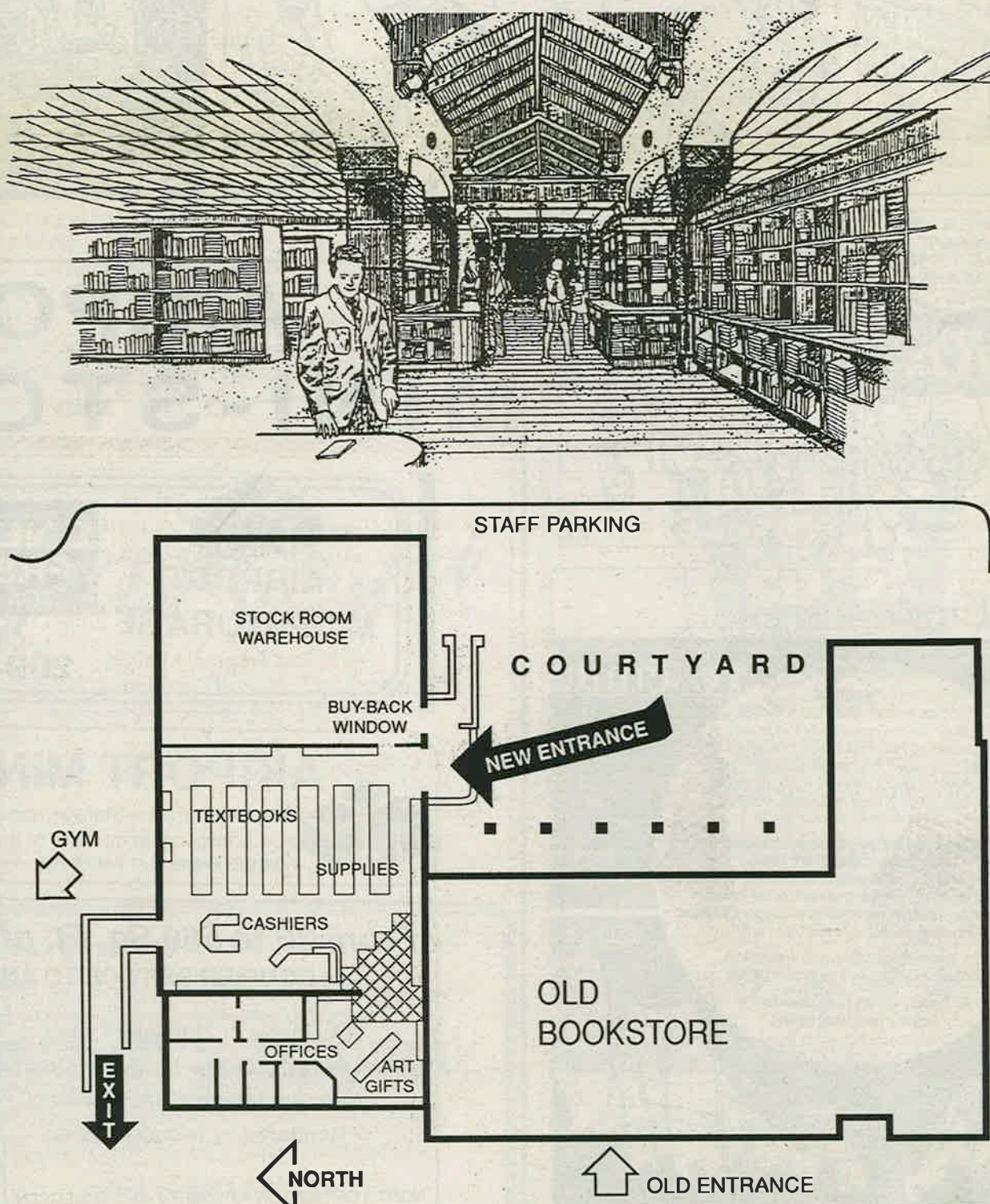
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