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Students elect new A. S. officers, senators and trustee

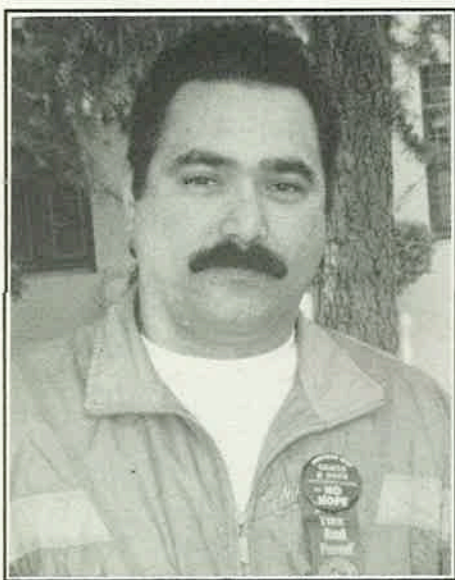


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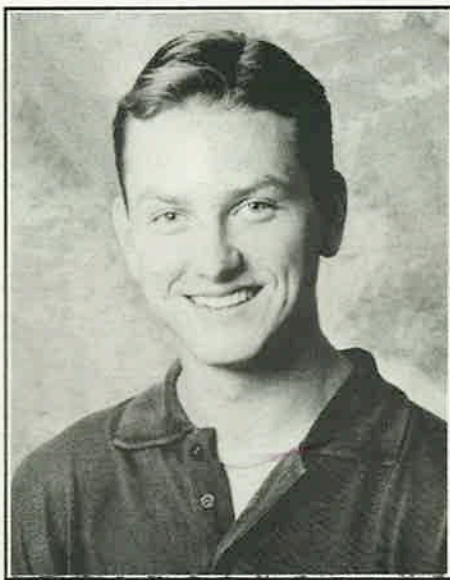


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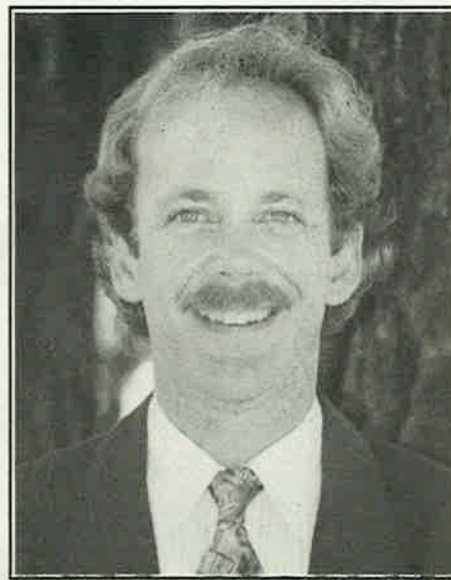


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Student Trustee-elect
Greg Ahlstrand

FCC women's softball—in danger of catching bullets as well as balls?

by Stefanie Hard
Rampage Reporter

Fresno City College's women's softball team has been without its own on-campus softball diamond for twelve years.

In that time, the team has been playing at Holmes Playground, a graffiti-filled public playground where players routinely hear gunshots and deal with disturbances caused by local hoodlums.

The men's baseball team practices and plays its games at John Eulless Ballpark behind Ratcliffe Stadium. The current facility cost \$156,000 when it was renovated in 1988 and seats approximately 500 people.

Baseball players have a short walk to the locker room in the Fieldhouse and the trainers located there. These are luxuries their female counterparts do not have.

The unequal facilities of these two comparable campus teams could be a violation of Title IX.

A part of the Education Amendments of 1972, Title IX amends the Civil Rights Act of 1964. It states, "No

person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

In practical terms this means that federally funded activities such as intercollegiate sports on community college campuses must share equally in the distribution of such funds.

This means both men and women's teams should have comparable budgets, facilities, equipment, and uniforms.

According to FCC athletic director and head baseball coach Ron Scott, the lack of a softball diamond on campus is not a Title IX issue.

"We're building a brand new softball complex this summer," Scott explained. "Our school is actually in compliance with Title IX except for that."

The proposed \$50,000 softball diamond, if approved, would be built on campus on an existing grass field behind the gym. However, this depends on how much money FCC receives from the California state budget.

According to Scott, the money

needed to build the complex will almost certainly come through.

"We're going to get them out of there (Holmes Playground)," Scott said. "This is the last year they'll play there."

If the plans for the softball field falls through, Scott said an alternate site will have to be found for the softball team.

In the meantime, Scott said security guards have been at some of the team's home games at Holmes to keep things under control.

"We're doing everything we can to alleviate the problems over there," Scott said.

Other teams on campus do not seem to be questionable in regard to Title IX. Many intercollegiate sports on campus offer both men and women's teams and often share equipment and a single facility.

Of the ten intercollegiate sports at FCC, five are offered for both men and women. Softball and volleyball are for women only and baseball, golf, and wrestling are offered only for men.

by Stefanie Hard
and
Claudia Coleman
Rampage Reporters

Students have elected the new Associated Students Senate officers, senators and student trustee after three days of voting. Jeffrey John Little won the presidential race with 314 votes.

Mark Green came in second with 210 votes, and Sunnie Duepre finished third with 100 votes.

Mike Flores won the race for legislative vice-president with 293 votes. John Roberts took second place with 143 votes. Tom Reyna had 24 write-in votes.

Gregory Lobowski won the executive vice-president's position with 308 votes. This was the closest race, with Mike Brown receiving 276 votes for that position.

All senatorial candidates who ran were elected. They were: Sandra Luna, 332 votes; Tony Rodriguez, 297; Heu Tou Soua, 262; Glenva Yurnger, 200; Micheal Medrano, 10 (write-in).

Greg Ahlstrand ran unopposed for the student trustee position, receiving 446 votes.

A total of 680 votes were cast in this year's elections.

Although only a small percentage of the student population of about 17,000, this number indicates a rise in student participation compared to previous years at FCC.

The new terms begin June 1, 1994 and continue through

May 31, 1995.

The Associated Students Candidates Forum was a final attempt for individuals running for student government positions to tell the student body where they stand on the issues.

The forum was held in the cafeteria April 26, the day before the three-day election period began.

Students running for the offices of student body president, legislative vice president, executive vice president, and A.S.B. senator gave their platforms at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Most candidates chose to attend the 10 a.m. session. Four individuals appeared at the later forum.

A main point among those candidates was funding for campus clubs.

Presidential candidate Sunnie Duepre gave a brief statement at the afternoon session. She said she wanted to "get things through the Senate in a fast and efficient manner."

LVP candidate John Roberts said he is not afraid to get things done.

Roberts also sponsored the idea that campus clubs should have their own separate income and have a way of raising funds.

Roberts pointed out his belief that, "Each person has the right to say something whether you agree with it or disagree with it."

Write-in LVP candidate Tom Reyna spoke of finding out what student interests are on campus and trying to ac-

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A legacy of FCC student contribution

by Harry Kennedy
Rampage Advisor

Every two weeks an unannounced but vitally important event occurs at Fresno City College. There are no cheering crowds, no wild expectations.

It is a happening both academic and dramatic. This silent exercise is the arrival on campus of the student newspaper, *The Rampage*.

A few of your fellow students, largely anonymous, have toiled countless hours asking questions and crossing 't's' to make it happen. They have gained a great deal in the process. So have you.

Beyond learning language and ways of dealing with difficulty, these students teach each other how to operate as a team while informing you about awards won and games lost.

Fresno City College frequently is compared to a city of 20,000 souls. As every town does, it has a post office, a baseball team, retail stores and police.

Equally important, this 'town' has its newspaper. You can wrap your garbage in it if you wish, but do it after you find out about a fellow student's business venture or the latest proposals to raise tuition.

You also can find opinions about the state of the world and photographs revealing the state of the bookstore expansion. Advertising about new products fills in the blanks. And it is one of the last things in America that is free.

As they plunge into their assignments, the newspaper's reporters, editors and photographers demonstrate a fundamental American tradition of a free press.

In the context of the college class, they gather and write information the same way the pioneer California printers did 140 years ago.

They exercise the same the same right of expression as do their more experienced colleagues on the *Los Angeles Times*. They accept the same responsibility thrust on professionals.

If you will, you can recognize the student newspaper's contributions as you read.

And perhaps think about it because it traces a thin, black on white line going back 46 years to the start of FCC's student newspaper.



Charles Espinoza has contributed his art to the Rampage for over a year. He is going to Washington University next year. Thank you, Charles. We'll miss you.

John Lopez looks back

by Robert Stifinger
Rampage Reporter

Outgoing student body president John Lopez isn't your typical political figure. In addition to his involvement in student government, he moves furniture.

While most politicians boast of individual accomplishments, Lopez is quick to give a lot of credit for his success in office to the student senators and executive board.

Lopez cites one of his main accomplishments as having organizing the Student Senate by developing with his staff a policies and procedures manual outlining the rules and guidelines of the position the student holds.

He also created job descriptions for the executive board.

"Student government was very unstructured when I took office", Lopez said.

"The A.S. office had a couch and a television in it and looked more like a lounge than an office to conduct student government business in."

The couch became history. Lopez had it removed and cleaned up the rest of the A.S. office as well.

Lopez first became involved in student government almost by chance.

He picked up an application for senator at a booth the A.S. was sponsoring and by becoming a senator, felt he could make a difference for students on campus. That term as senator led him to run for president last year.

Lopez said, "Once I saw how things worked, I wanted

to make changes to reflect a positive impact on campus. "That's why I ran for president."

The Adopt-a-Building program is another project Lopez and his staff are proud of creating and initiating. All that awaits the completion of the program is the arrival of the plaques to adorn the various buildings.

Along with Inter-Club Council (ICC) president, David Cardona, Lopez helped build up and strengthen the ICC by promoting and adding more clubs with more members.

One major letdown during Lopez' term was the failure of the voluntary one dollar student rep fee paid at the time of class registration.

"It was for the students best interest", Lopez said. "The money raised would go to support a student lobby in Sacramento and give students a stronger voice in determining policies", he added.

A.S. advisor Craig Reid should be given credit for keeping things flowing smoothly and for his valuable guidance and direction, Lopez said.

The University of California at Berkeley and The University of California at Los Angeles have already accepted Lopez for the Fall, 1994 semester. All that he awaits to hear from are Harvard, Yale and Stanford.

"I haven't made up my mind where I plan to go yet", Lopez said. "I would like to involve myself with student government though."

Wherever he ends up, he won't have any problems moving his furniture.

Jeff Little looks ahead

by James Ryssman
Contributing Writer

Expanding services for FCC's physically challenged and forming an on-campus child care center will be among matters of student concern that Associated Students President-elect Jeff Little will address while serving in his new position, Little said in an interview with the Rampage.

Little emphasized he will try to improve accessibility to classes, services, and books for physically challenged students.

He says he is being advised on setting up a meeting with FCC's physically challenged to make sure their needs are being met.

According to Little, forming a child care center would also encourage single parent students to continue their education.

"I hope to continue what I started as a senator. A co-op for single mothers and parents is needed on campus," said Little.

Little also wants to encourage youth to attend college by expanding the "I'm Going to College" day.

Earlier this year, students from two local elementary schools visited the FCC campus and were told about the benefits and opportunities to be gained from going to college.

Little plans to expand this program to intermediate and high school students by visiting the schools themselves to speak with students.

Little says his desire to become ASB president stemmed from his ability to "build a repore" between students, senators, and faculty.

"I have a lot of people skills," said Little about his personal qualifications as ASB president.

He says although he knows he's not the smartest student on campus, he believes his leadership skills will allow him to effectively delegate responsibilities to the student senators he would oversee as ASB president.

Little has served as a student senator this last year.

He is particularly proud of bringing actor Edward James Olmos to speak at FCC last semester and working to bring voting booths to campus so students can vote in state and federal elections on campus.

"I know how hard it is to attend school all day and then try to find where you vote at night," said Little.

Little said he has also been working with fellow senator Mike Flores to expand the discounts on ASB cards. Little says he has aggressively worked to inform students about the benefits of having an ASB card.

In response to governor Pete Wilson's budget planning to consider community college funding needs last, Little says students "need to be informed" about this.

Outside of school, Little and

see Little, back page

Central Valley Aids Team reaches youth

by Robert Stiflinger
Rampage Reporter

The Central Valley AIDS Team (CVAT) recently received a \$75,000 Grant award from the Association of California Life Insurance Companies.

The grant is for the development, implementation and expansion of an HIV/AIDS outreach program geared toward high risk out-of-school youth ages nine to 21.

The Valley Aids Team describes high risks as incarcerated, homeless, runaways, gang members and other disenfranchised youths.

The organization is trying to reach these youth through group education and the training of peer educators.

Tim F. Reese, the Valley Aids Team executive director, said "I am very proud that CVAT was selected as one of seven grants awarded out of 68 nationwide applicants this year.

This award provides national recognition for CVAT and recognizes the high qual-

ity and expertise the staff provides in education and prevention services."

Reese added that there is no other funding available locally for these types of programs. Grant money from outside the Central Valley for such programs is rare.

Programs the Central Valley Aids Team plans to implement will include educating youths on the dangers of unprotected sex and education in risk reductions and prevention measures.

Improving access to resources and services is also a key element that CVAT will focus on heavily.

Many youths are exposed to HIV mainly through molestation, rape, sexual abuse, dirty needles and having unprotected sex.

The grant comes from an insurance industry foundation supported with contributions from members of the American Council of Life Insurance and the Health Insurance Association of America.

Programs funded by the grant are expected to go into effect over the next two years.

Industrious dean drives goals-oriented department

by Robert Stiflinger
Rampage Reporter

Looking around Richard Christl's office you wouldn't think he has a background in auto mechanics.

There are no motor oil stains on the carpet, no miniature toy cars dotting his desk or book shelves.

Instead, perched high above his cabinets is a small collection of antique movie and still cameras.

"Most of them were given to me as gifts", Christl said. "The rest of them are on loan from friends and colleagues for display.

Richard Christl's name may not sound familiar to most students at FCC. To those students involved in the Technical and Industrial (T&I) programs he is the new Associate Dean in charge of that division.

Christl served as director of the Vocational Training Center for 12 years before being promoted to dean in 1993.

Prior to that, he taught auto mechanics at the vocational

center for eight years.

Christl's job entails overseeing a division of 35 instructors teaching 25 different career options to students in the technical and industrial fields.

He also supervises the Vocational Training Center and Police Academy, both located off campus.

Christl said the Vocational Training Center's objective is to have students attend class six hours a day five days a week for six months.

This is to get the students out of school as soon as possible and into a career. A full-time job developer helps students find jobs at the center.

The Police Academy, behind Euless Park, prepares students for careers in law enforcement.

Christl said students who graduate from the program are in high demand all over the state for jobs in law enforcement.

He added some students come from as far away as Long Beach and San Diego to join the program.

After earning associate of science degrees from FCC in

their respective fields, some students continue at the university level, eventually obtaining a bachelor of arts degree.

The majority of students, however, go right to work.

"I personally don't have a preference if the students chooses to further [their] education or pursue a career," Christl said.

"Our job here is to provide the highest quality training to either prepare them for that career or furthering their education."

Twice a year, a local advisory committee visits campus to evaluate the T&I facilities, equipment and its programs, Christl said.

Christl earned an associate of arts degree in industrial arts from Porterville College.

After a three-year tour of duty in the army, Christl obtained a bachelor of arts degree from Fresno State University in industrial technology. He then received a master's degree in education also from Fresno State University.

Santa Fe Railroad officially asks FCC to fix fence mess

by Carol Buchanan
Rampage Reporter

In a certified letter sent to FCC President Brice Harris, Santa Fe Railroad has officially requested that FCC repair the fence at the Weldon Avenue crossing and provide continuous security to "ensure that no new holes are cut in the fence."

The letter, dated April 20, also asks Harris to "[notify] the student body to immediately cease using Santa Fe's property as a parking lot. Arrangements will be made to tow away any vehicle illegally parked on Santa Fe property."

Included with the letter were photographs taken by Santa Fe personnel allegedly showing "student trespassers" and "unauthorized student parking."

The letter says Santa Fe files indicate that FCC has had "previous proposals to install a pedestrian overcrossing," but that the proposals were not pursued because "of the amount of costs that would be involved."

According to FCC Business Manager Richard Cleland, the only conditions under which Santa Fe would agree to having a Weldon pedestrian

crossing installed would be if the city of Fresno agreed to eliminate an existing crossing somewhere on its property, such as McKinley Ave.

Cleland said the city would not agree to that.

The hole in the fence at Weldon has been a continuing problem for years. As soon as Campus Facilities repairs the hole, someone cuts it again, often the same day.

"Santa Fe has given FCC police permission to enforce the trespass, but it is their property," said FCC Chief of Police Ken Shrum. He said he has been aware that "Santa Fe

didn't want to give us the right away to build a crossing that leaves no liable charges."

In the letter Roy Kettering, special projects manager for Santa Fe, wrote, "Santa Fe will assume no liability for any incident of injury or loss of property for a student trespassing on Santa Fe's property."

Shrum said a crosswalk would still leave someone responsible if someone was injured.

Santa Fe Special Agent Jean Daly has posted notices around the area indicating there is a \$20 fine for trespassing on

Santa Fe property, and that vehicles parked within seven and a half feet of the track will be towed away.

Daly said that no-parking signs will be posted soon.

"Rocks have been thrown at the trains at Weldon street and have broken windows on the train and an engineer was injured by rocks and FCC students get the blame," Daly said.

"I don't know what the answer is," said Daly. "We need some kind of cooperation from everybody."

We don't want any body to get killed," she added.



photo Don Griffith

FCC student Dan Shattuck was a first time blood donor at the recent blood drive held on campus. Shattuck works at the Saint Agnes Hospital emergency room and says he will definitely be donating blood again in the future.

FCC blood drive pumps up the volume

by Don Griffith
Rampage Photographer

About 210 donors participated in a recent campus blood drive, nearly doubling the previous drive's total of 117 donors.

According to FCC nurse Linda Albright, each unit of blood has a potential life saving effect on at least three people. This is possible because the blood is separated and the individual compo-

nents are used to treat specific ailments.

Along with the feeling of satisfaction from helping others, donors received a free "College World Tour" t-shirt from the Central California Blood Center.

The blood drive was organized by the Central California Blood Center, The Associated Students Office and the FCC Health Services Office.

FCC's intramural sports lifts and volleys to weighty semester close

by Stefanie Hard
Rampage Reporter

The intramural sports program was full of student activities the past few weeks.

Sixteen teams competed in the recent intramural sports 2 on 2 Volleyball tournament in April.

Each team played once in the beginning to determine who would advance to the next stage of play. The winners of each game then played against other winning teams.

In Game 5, Sean Spraez and Chris Christiansen defeated Adam Leslie and Brandon Gray 15-6.

After that, the duo of Brian Goforth and Lance Walters beat the opposing team of Chris Gass and Tom Field, also 15-6.

Game 6 found doubles team Bon Her and Bounteng Vongkhamsene winning their match against Kou Her and St. Her 15-8.

Then Douangdy Norasene and Khamphet Insyarath defeated Liane Phenthaphere and Nang Heng 15-1.

All four winning teams in games five and six then ad-

vanced to the playoffs held April 15.

At the semi-finals, Norasene and Insyarath lost to Her and Vongkhamsene 15-8, while Spraez and Christiansen defeated the opposing team of Goforth and Walters, 15-11.

The final match of the tournament was won by Spraez and Christiansen 15-7, who played against Phenthaphere and Heng.

Another intramural competition was held April 21 in the Free Speech Area.

The Bench Press Competition consisted of a total of thirteen individuals who tried to lift more weight than their opponents.

In the men's competition, Raffy Haddadin was first in the Light Weight division with a lift of 235 pounds.

Second place went to Donnie Whigham, who bench-pressed 225 pounds, and Mark Bravo won third place with a 210-pound lift.

Middle Weight Bill McIntyre won his division by bench-pressing 275 pounds.

There were six men vying for the heavy weight title. Scott

Murphy garnered the title by lifting 405 pounds.

Second and third went to Mark Attebarg and Jon Booker, respectively, bench-pressing 365 and 350 pounds.

Other participants were: Marvin Bathe, Kent Cam, and Michael Chapman.

On the women's side, there were only three individuals, each in the Middle Weight division.

One-hundred and twenty-five pounds was the weight that won the competition for Tanya Balekian.

Lynette Herrera and Natalie Mendoza tied for second, each bench-pressing 115 pounds.

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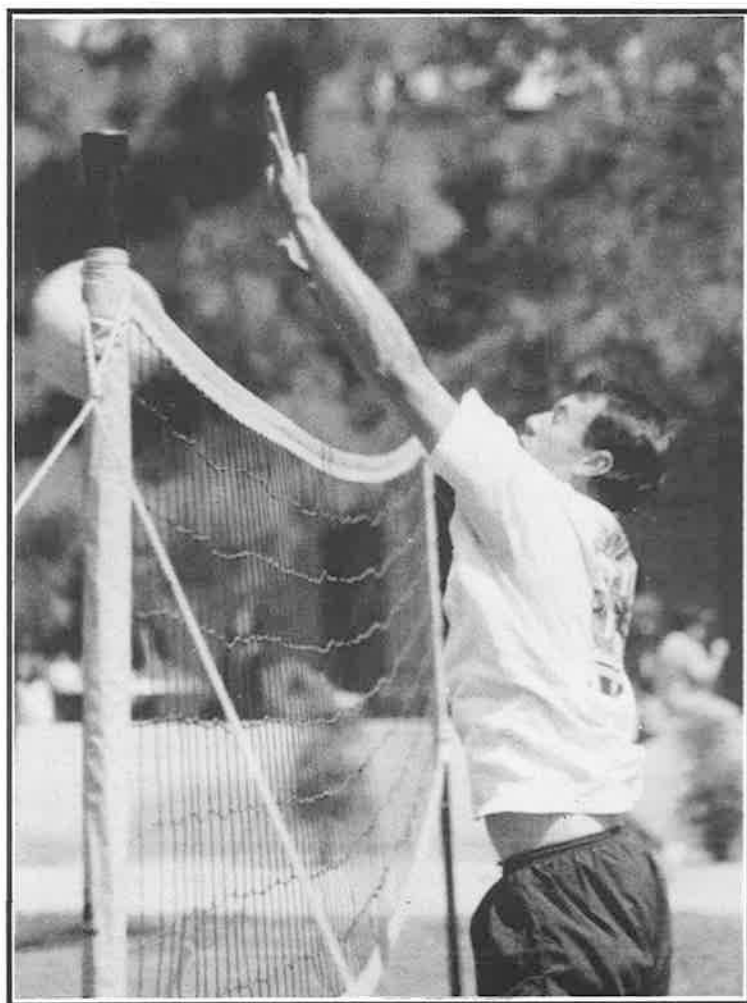


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FCC student prepares to block in recent intramural volleyball tournament.

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FCC holds fifth annual job fair

by Claudia Coleman
Rampage Reporter

FCC held its Spring, 1994 Job Fair Wednesday, April 27, from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. in the FCC cafeteria.

The Job Fair had originally been scheduled outside, but rain forced the change.

The FCC Job Fair, a biannual event in its fifth year, is held once in the Spring and once in the Fall according to Ruth Tarver, FCC Job Fair Coordinator.

"We start as early as January and February—at least two to three months ahead of time—sending out letters [to employers] and only receive 20 or 25 back by the deadline," said Tarver.

"We have the employers check off from a list which majors they can use."

According to Tarver, the

FCC Job Placement office receives calls from other employers who are interested after receiving word-of-mouth information from current employers [interested in attending the Job Fair at FCC].

The main focus of the Job Fair is to assist students who graduate in May, students who are looking for part time summer work and to give the students time to talk to employers in [their] field, according to Tarver.

The Job Fair draws anywhere from 400 to 600 students each time it is held, Tarver said.

After the Job Fair is over each employer is asked how many students he or she plans to hire.

Tarver said 93 students are expected to be hired in the spring, and 185 were hired last fall.

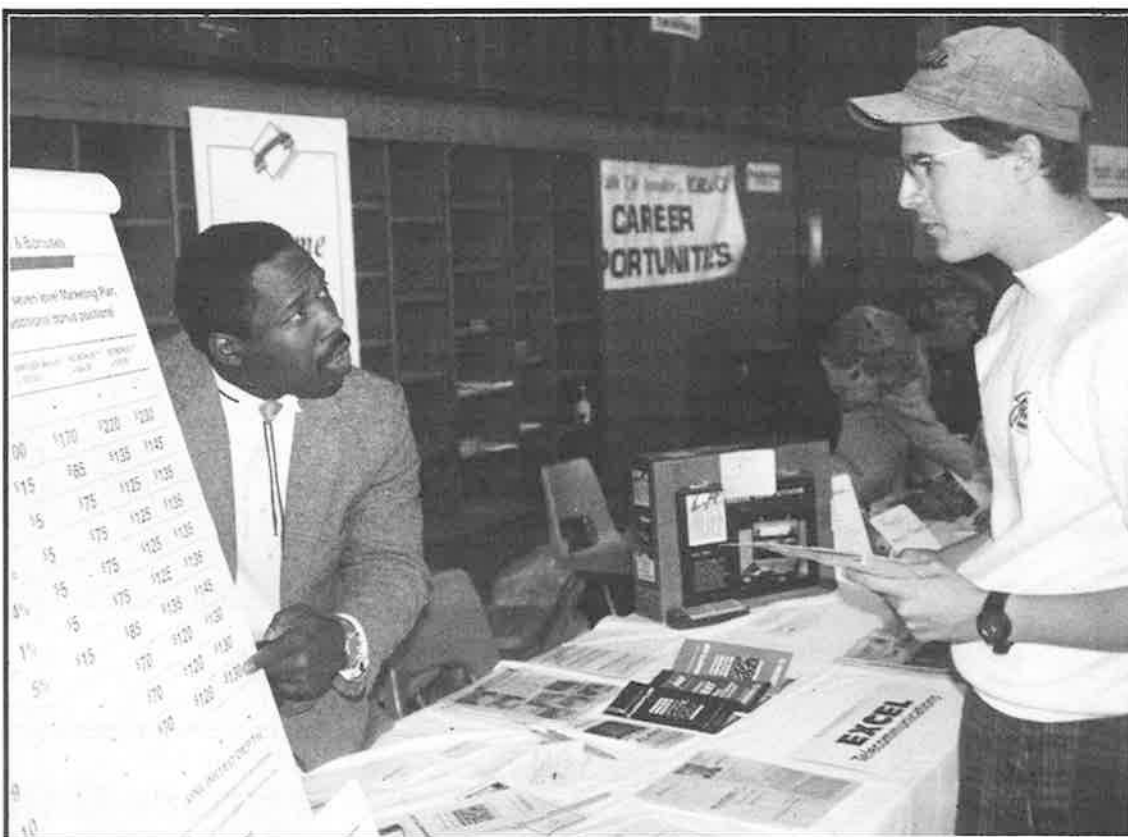


photo Carlos Chavez

EXCEL representative Devin Gilliard speaks to FCC student Brian Bishop about career opportunities given at FCC Job Fair.

Cheap lodging for young travelers

by Jeremy Bolton
Entertainment Editor

This summer you may be thinking of taking a trip of some kind to get out of town. If you are on a budget or don't mind something a little unconventional, hostels provide an inexpensive alternative to conventional lodging.

Hostelling International-American Youth Hostels, is a world wide organization with access to more than 5,300 hostels world wide.

This list includes hostels in Africa, Europe, India, the Middle East, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan, the Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Australia, and South America, as well as in the United States and Canada.

Hostel stays in California cost between \$8 and \$15 a night with a membership to HI-AYH, and an additional three dollars for non-members.

Memberships to the organization cost about \$25 apiece.

On the downside, hostels

generally provide group "dormitory-style bunkrooms", and guests are asked to contribute to up-keep by helping with morning chores.

They are smoke, alcohol, and drug-free settings that are not for everyone, as they may prove a bit too wholesome for some people, but they are an inexpensive alternative.

If you wish to explore "hostelling", you can contact the Central California Council, P.O. Box 3645, Merced, CA. 95344, or call 383-0686.

Hmong Club elects new president

FCC's Hmong Club elected Yee Vang as its new president last Wednesday.

The club has about 50 active members and sponsors several campus events.

Among the events is the Asian festival, which includes participation by high school students.

It is a goal of the Hmong club to get more Hmong high school students to go to college.

"We want them getting involved as much as possible," said Yee.

Yee was born in Laos in 1974, and came to the United States with his parents in 1980.

It was an arduous journey.

When he was a year old, Yee's parents carried him across the Mekong River into Thailand to escape the Communists, who were out for revenge against the Hmong people for helping the United States during the Vietnam War.

Yee's family lived in a Thai refugee camp for six years before finally being allowed to come to the United States in 1980.

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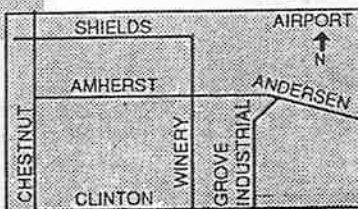
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Dance concert like a dream

The stage was alive with dancers last weekend, as FCC's Theatre Arts/Dances program sponsored the City Dances concert.

The program which ran last Friday to Sunday featured the best and the brightest of FCC's Dance Department.

Ten pieces were featured with titles like "Qu'ran" and "Tomato chips, a Journey I Cried".

The outstanding pieces presented were "Dream'in...in the Dark" and "The (F)Vinyl Appeal" choreographed by Kara Bithell, and "Espial" choreographed by Claudia Norris.

The work of Kara Bithell had a dream-like feel to it that

was reminiscent of the work of film legend Akira Kurasowa.

"Dream'in...in the Dark" made use of a dark stage with the lighting held by the dancers, who used flashlights, glow-sticks, and assorted light-toys to create light sculptures on stage.

"Espial" made the greatest use of costumes, with it's story telling dance of life in the city.

The concert featured contemporary dance and though appreciation for dance is a somewhat acquired taste (something dance photographer for the event, Micheal Longeneker says, "grows on you"), the outstanding pieces held appeal for almost everyone on some level.



Photo by Kristi Merriman

Kara Bithell, Mindy Carmona, Eric Gomez, Danielle Hodgson, Hannah Markovich, performed "Pile Of Time", a dance which was choreographed by Eric Gomez.

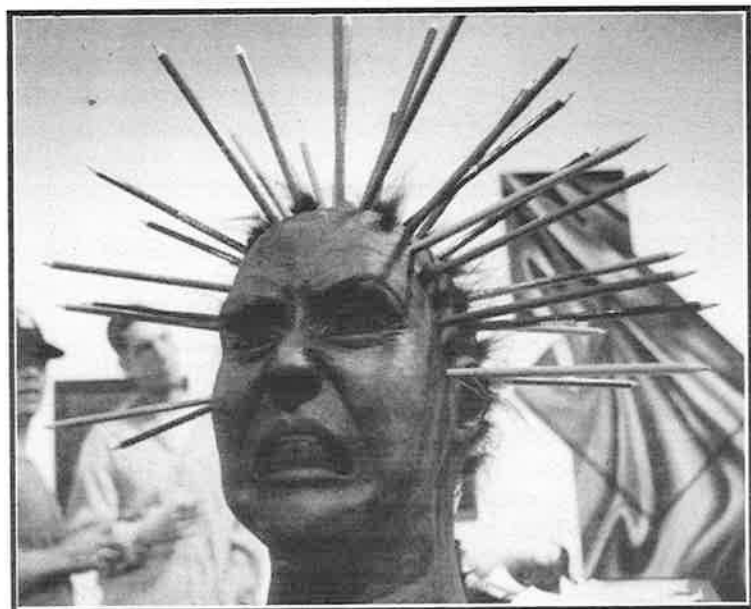


Photo by Kristi Merriman

"Angry Woman As Catalyst For Change" earned FCC art major Geri Montano the Faculty Award for best of show.

Art Space Gallery holds student competition

by Jeremy Bolton
Entertainment Editor

The Art Space Gallery, located on the ground floor of the Arts/Home Economics building, is currently showing an exhibition of the student art judged to be the best work this year.

At the opening on April 21, prizes were awarded for outstanding works.

Geri Montano received the faculty award for best of show, for her piece "Angry Woman as a Catalyst for Change".

The piece is an interactive, multi-media sculpture, painted all in red, of an animal-like body with a woman's head.

The face is contorted in a scream of rage, and in place of hair, there are sharpened pencils in orange and red.

The basic shape of the body is a box with a drawer in the rear. On the front and rear of the box are breasts and buttocks respectively.

Animalistic legs with tufts of hair run down from the corners of the body.

Hair also graces the back and tale of the beast.

On the desk-like back of the beast are red pencils and yellow paper, on which visitors are invited to write what makes them angry.

The recipient of the president's award was John

Rodgers for his altered photographic piece, "# 3", which combined images of an empty living room, an ocean beach and graffiti ridden rocks.

Also eliciting an award was "Step 1 #2", by Robin Jacobson Brodsky.

In this mixed media piece the artist made use of Ink, paper and printed word in a whirlwind piece that won her the dean's choice award.

Several honorable mentions were awarded, though many fine pieces were neglected.

The All-Media Student Exhibition is the most diverse showing that has been presented throughout the year.

Blind Melon thrives on the road

by Chris Arnold
Contributing Writer

Whether you started listening to Blind Melon after seeing Shannon Hoon in Guns and Roses video, the Bee-Girl video "No Rain", or you just bought the album when it was released in 1992, one thing is certain — the band gets around.

Blind Melon thrives on the

road and the intimate exchange with fans. This exchange was not possible while touring with Guns and Roses. But the success of "No Rain" has enabled the band to launch a major tour of its own, performing over 200 shows in just over a year.

Blind Melon band members believe being on the road enhances their creativity, and last month the band released a new CD, written

and recorded entirely on the road. They were applying finishing touches to the album as they rolled into Los Angeles for a recent engagement.

Though the band was disappointed at having to play inside at the Hollywood Palladium instead of outside at Castaic Park, the crowd seemed in good spirits, singing along to just about every song, including the songs played in between sets.

The band's feel-good vibe and blues-drenched electric/acoustic rock — described by fan Kevin Vednoff as "alternative Yes" — worked well on several songs, including "Tones of Home," "Paper Scratcher," "Out on the Tile" and "Soak the Sin."

But the band's frustration at having to play in a place they were unhappy with began to show in the latter two songs, with Shannon Hoon giving away his equipment to fans.

Hoon and the other band members, drummer Glen Graham, bassist Brad Smith and guitarists Chris Thorn and Roger Stevens want the best possible experience for their fans. Thus, they will often resort to extreme behavior like giving away their equipment.

If you missed Blind Melon this time fear not; the band will be back. They are taking a few months off, then going to Europe for a tour. After that the band will come home to record a new album.



photo Chris Arnold

Shannon Hoon of Blind Melon

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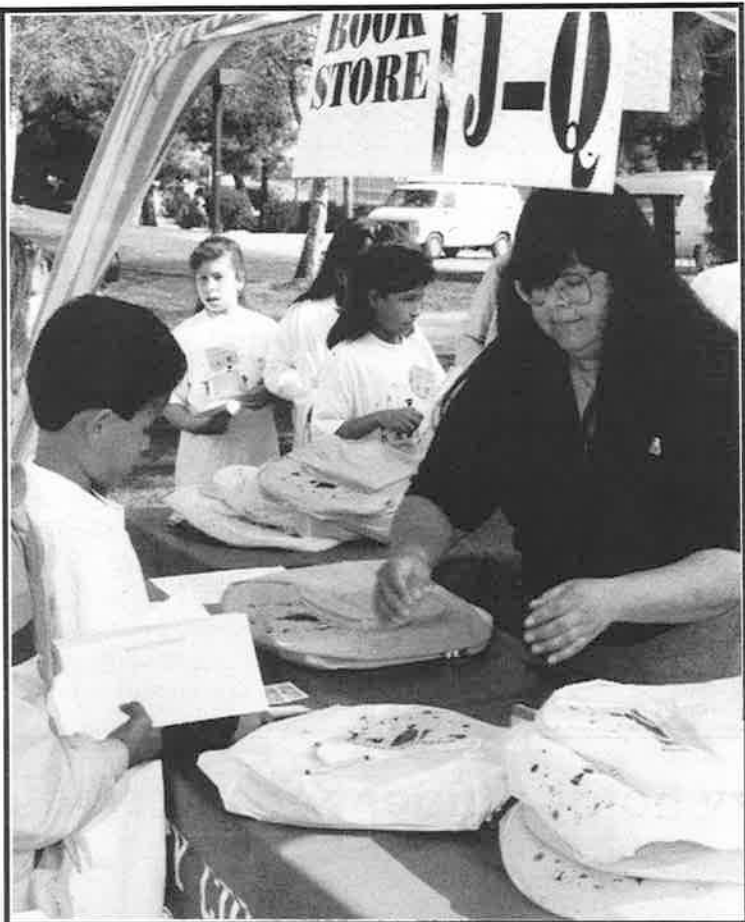
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Kids go to College

photos by Carlos Chavez



Janet Santillan hands out a pencil, a back pack, and imaginary FCC money to Frank Ortiz who wants to be a police officer when he goes to college.



Joseph Mayberry receiving his new college I.D. card from FCC registration officer Allyn K. Gerard at the Administration booth.



Lori Naranjo in the LI 123 Computer Training Room shows Mychal Prescott how he can paint on an IBM compatible window software with paintbrush.

Another option

by Greg Ahlstrand, Editor-in-Chief

America — the strongest country in the world who's continued existence depends entirely on the ability of its youth to grow up to become intelligent, compassionate decision makers.

It is well known that the love and guidance this country's youth need from the beginning of their lives is becoming increasingly rare. Children are learning to use guns instead of their minds and hearts.

As debate over the causes of this country-wide phenomenon continues to give adults something to argue about and politicians "issues" on which to further their careers, the children continue to die.

And with them, America dies, too.

Not at Fresno City College.

The photographs on this page depict the sending of a message: "You are worthy. Your future is unlimited. You will have help in achieving your goals and negotiating the maze of life. You are not alone."

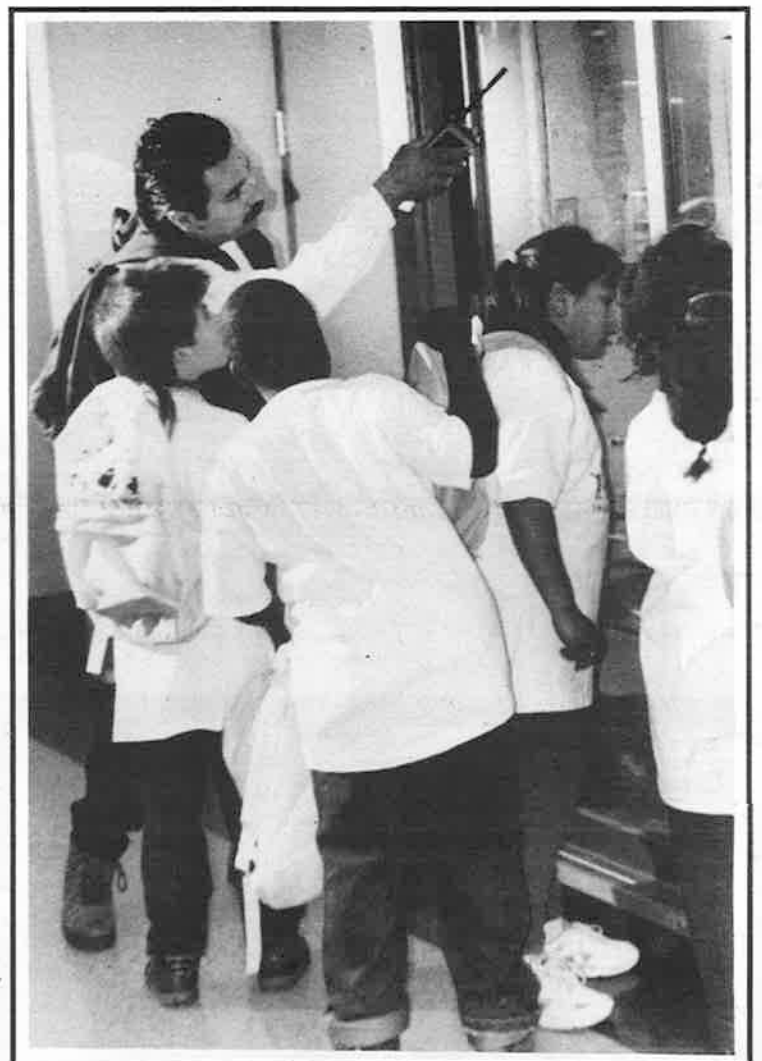
Kid's Day at FCC is an example of adults with countless different views and philosophies coming together in agreement on one idea: You can wonder how your house caught on fire as you watch it burn down, or you can grab a hose and try to put the fire out.

Kid's Day is the combined effort of FCC administrators, faculty, staff and students, and teachers from local elementary schools to put out the fires of hopelessness and defeat and light the fires of hope and accomplishment.

Obviously, bringing kids to a college campus for a day isn't going to stop the alcohol, drugs and violence so many of them experience every day. Solutions to these and other problems must be found.

But Kid's Day is the chance for children to see a different option than the ones offered on "The Box."

Children do what they are shown. Nothing more need be said.



FCC Senator Jeff Little showing the dry snake skin display in the Science building.



Dean of Students Robert Fox gives a motivation speech to college newcomers.



(Left to Right), Paula Harris and Jeanine Smith looking for Gary Floras and David Cardona names so they can vote on election day.

Photo Carlos Chavez

Elections, from page 1

commodate them if he was elected to the post," he said.

Brown also talked about creating better relations be-

tween students and faculty.

"We're all adults here," he said, "we should be treated as so."

Little, from page 2

Tony Soza, have formed "The Choice." "The Choice" is an education, prevention, and intervention to teach parents and youth about gangs and alcoholism, according to Little.

"Kids must be accountable for what they do, but they need to know the side effects of their actions so they can make the choice," said Little.

For most of his little spare time, Little says he enjoys bicycling and weight lifting.

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Campus Crime Log

4/18 Late Report. Male student was walking around with a condom stapled to the back of his shirt.

4/19 6:18 p.m. Two subjects were involved in a fight, however no one wished to press charges.

4/20 Three students got involved in a water fight using high pressure waterguns and balloons during class time. Referred to the Dean of Students.

4/21 10:05 a.m. Transient previously ordered off campus was on campus eating garbage again. Booked on a warrant and transported to Fresno County Jail.

4/22 4:30 p.m. Threats were made to students and Dean of Students relating to the Pow-Wow scheduled for the weekend.

4/22 5:47 p.m. Staff member reported a possibly intoxicated woman picked up her child from the child development lab.

4/23 6:25 p.m. Four subjects were seen walking into parking lot Q. One subject began urinating near the entrance to the lot. Subject was arrested cited and released.

4/24 2:46 p.m. Found person sleeping outside on second floor of student services. Subject was escorted off campus.

4/24 8:15 p.m. An 84 year old woman with Alzheimer's disease wandered onto campus on her way home and could not remember where she lived. Subject was taken to her home.

4/26 8:30 p.m. While on campus a custodian lost a set of building keys, including a master key.

4/26 two students challenged each other to a fight in the cafeteria. situation was resolved by officer.

4/27 9:35 a.m. Vehicle stopped for driving along railroad tracks. Driver was unlicensed. Driver was arrested and released to the custody of his uncle.

4/27 9:35 a.m. Male student caused a disturbance in the cafeteria during the Job Fair by soliciting women for sexual favors, cursing loudly and acting extremely obnoxious.

2/27 8:21 p.m. Suspect repeatedly picked up elevator phone in Language Arts building. He would either curse or just hang up.

2/29 9:05 a.m. An

instructor's vehicle which contained FCC building keys was stolen while parked off campus.

4/30 1:26 p.m. Gun shot reported in the area of Blackstone and Weldon e/side of fence near service center.

5/1 Library staff advised of a possible vagrant sleeping in the stacks at night/

5/1 12:53 p.m. Panic alarm was accidentally activated by a new employee in the Administration building.

Semester Totals:

bomb threats: 1
cafeteria theft: 1
eating out of trash: 3
marijuana possession: 3
parking permit theft: 43
petty theft: 47
sexual assault: 1
vandalism/graffiti: 46
vehicle burglary: 41
vehicles stolen: 23
indecent exposure: 4

Editors note:

This is in no way a complete list but only a sampling of those crimes which are officially reported to campus police. In order to give a complete listing of campus crime an entire issue of the Rampage would have to be devoted to this ongoing problem.

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