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## Hall of Fame

By Darren B. Angelos  
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It was on November the 6th, 1996, that FCC's legendary Coach Hans Wiedenhofer was inducted into the Fresno Hall Of Fame. In this the 38th year of the annual awards and ceremony, 3 of the 6 inductees honored, were of the Fresno City College status.

Hans, a native of San Francisco, spent his college days playing football for San Jose State University earning his membership later into the Football Hall Of Fame at the same college. During those years, the team went on to play overseas in Hawaii, on December 4, 1941. They had been matched up with two mainland teams and were about to play University of Hawaii, the week of the attack on Pearl Harbor. The team consisted of 25 players including Wiedenhofer, and one coach. Stranded on the island, they gave up the football for weapons, as the coach of the team managed to employ them all into the Army Engineers to keep the money alive in the budget, and in the hopes of returning home.

"We had known we were in a rough 'worldly' situation at the time but we really just wanted to play Football," explained Hans. "We were just doing a return home game as the University of Hawaii had played on our turf you see," he continued. "Today, I still question the fact of why we even went over there in the first place. It would be like sending a Soccer team to play over in Iraq today- you just don't do that," he explains.

After three weeks later, Hans did return home safely with his team and managed to serve 38 years of his life as an instrumental Coach, Advisor and Director.



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Hans Wiedenhofer, 1996 Hall of Fame

In 1947, he started his career at Fresno Technical College and in 1948, he assisted Coach Stoney Johnson, FCC's first athletic director until 1951. During this term, he and Stoney Johnson collaborated together about the 'colors' of the new Fresno Junior College as well as the mascot they wanted to address themselves as. In the next few days, Hans had proposed ideas to Stoney and the rest was history.

In addition to his outstanding athletic achievements, Hans Wiedenhofer also made possible many opportunities that we see on the campus of Fresno City College today. The campus newspaper known as the "Rampage," celebrates its birthday of 48 years and owes a good part of that to Wiedenhofer. "Stoney came to me and said something about there being a school newspaper of sorts and needed a suggestion on what to call it," Hans replies. "I said, well, we are the 'Rams' and we would like for our athletes to always be on 'the rampage' so how about ram + page, the 'Rampage,'... and there you have it".

When asked about the honor of being inducted in the Hall Of Fame, Hans had told me that it is nice to be remembered for your job and the lives you touch along with it. "I wasn't an Olympian or anything like that, I simply worked for thirty-eight years and had the honor and opportunity to make the acquaintances of many talented and fine young individuals. Hopefully, I made an impression on their lives, something that would help them in their lives."

There is no doubt, he has.

## Library or PRISON?

By Sukhvir Singh Sodh

If you haven't noticed yet, the library received an extension along with the media center. It looks pretty nice from the outside. But once you go into the new section things change real fast.

Here's how a few students described a recent patronage. They say they're constantly being harassed by librarian Virginia Jollif for what they feel are childish reasons. Dean Fox, accompanied by library staff member David and activities director Gurdip Sibota recently took a group of five students, including myself, into a private conference room to tell us we couldn't seat more than four to a table for any reason. He acknowledged the fact that the finest schools and universities in the country are based on collective learning but the FCC library won't allow it. There are numerous fliers posted throughout the library saying "Do not rearrange the furniture. Keep four chairs to a table" and "Disruptive behavior will result in disciplinary action." Clearly this is an attempt to

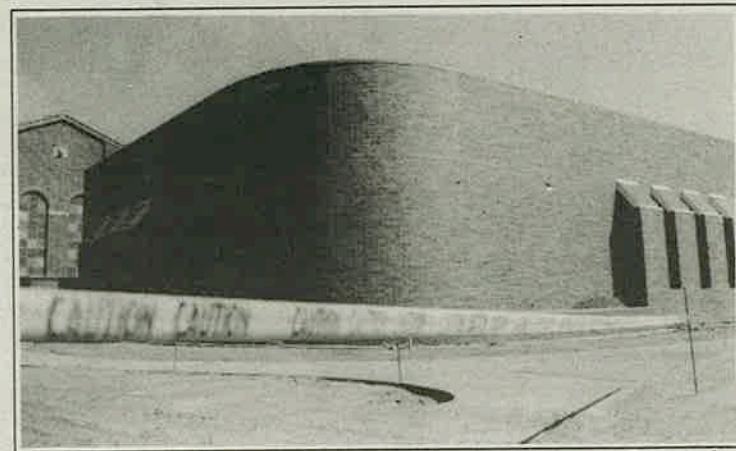


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discourage students from collective learning.

"I'm not the only one who's had this experience," says Sukhshinder Singh Brar, "I've heard many students talking of such mistreatment in the library and the majority of them have been minorities." "She jumped on my case because there were five of us at one table doing a class project," says Gurjot Singh Gill. When confronted, a library staff member told me that there is a limit of four people per table in order to control noise levels. When asked how to do a class project with more than four people they replied "Only four to a table."

Recently the power trip has escalated to a new level. Students told me that upon entering the library they were confronted by senior library staff requesting their name and social security number. "This is a clear violation of student rights. Who's going to believe us if we complain? Clearly, we are being discriminated against," says another frequent library patron, Harpreet Singh Dhaliwal.

As of Monday, Oct. 21, the library underwent its most desperate change to date. Half of the chairs from the new section have been eliminated.

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Photo By Nathan Reppert

## Honoring Our Veterans

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

*All I can say is thanks to all the verterans who served for our country in which we now live and with the liberty we all cherish. Most of all, I hope the readers will enjoy. Thanks Hans*

## POLICE LOG

Between Oct. 25 and Oct. 31 there were seven burglary related cases on the FCC campus. That's an average of one per day. People beware!!

Oct. 21 A male student threatened another student with a knife by the main fountain. The suspect was located, arrested and booked into the Fresno County Jail.

Oct. 18 An officer observed a suspicious person near the bookstore who was attempting to conceal drug para-phernalia (a hash pipe). When the officer approached, the subject attempted to flee. He was caught by the officer and a fight ensued. The suspect was pepper sprayed and taken into custody. Narcotics were found in the suspect's possession. He was medically attended to by paramedics, and booked into the Fresno County Jail.

Oct. 18 On a lighter note: A female reported that she has been receiving unwanted love notes from a male student in her classes. The case is under investigation.



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MEIKO'S  
Corner

By Meiko Brumfield

In the past couple of weeks tragedy has struck the lives of many individuals I have come in contact with. They have lost extended family members, dear friends, and children due to illness and unforeseen circumstances. This sad trend has lead me to look at my life and how I might react to such a loss. Though I cannot say I know how these individuals feel, I can sympathize with them as I'm sure we all can.

These heart-wrenching situations

have made me realize that I take the people I love for granted too often and fail to show them my appreciation as often as needed. Look at your own lives and think of the people who are near and dear to your heart. Before you left for school today, what were the last words said between you and your child, parent, sibling or lover? Were they cold and unfeeling? Did you have an early-morning argument with them? What if by the end of the day they

were taken from you and those previous words were last the two of you exchanged? Frightening isn't it?

This is why we have to make sure we let our loved ones know we care even if we are temporarily upset with them because no one is promised tomorrow. At times it may be hard to say you care, and I know that the ones you love the most are the ones who aggravate you the best. I feel the

fact that I have life is not anywhere near as special as the fact that

my life is full of people that make it great. Sometimes I lose sight of that. We all do. So please, try to appreciate the people around you, let them know that you do. If you and a loved one have stopped communicating because of a trivial spat, swallow your pride and make up with him or her. Let people know how great, or talented, or beautiful or unique they are in your eyes. The worst feeling in the whole, wide world is regret and the best one is love.

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Photo By Nathan Reppert

Veterans were honored in a touching ceremony held at the Fresno City College Court of Honor last Friday. The Court stood proud and majestic as it served the veterans who have served America.

Standing, saluting, pledging and singing, observers showed their own patriotism at such moments as the Posting of Colors, the "Pledge of Allegiance" and the "National Anthem."

As citizen soldiers of the past were honored the flag eerily and fittingly lowered to half mast as if thanking those who stood valiantly for its cause in the throes of war.

The FCC Native American Student Association made a special ceremonial dedication. The high rhythmic wailing and the beating of the drums paid touching homage to and blessed generations of Native American veterans of war; again, all stood as the flags passed.

Deafening shots rang out as the American Legion Post #147 made their salute. Then, slowly, melodically, the bugler played "Taps" bringing tears to many eyes and an end to the ceremony.

"Taps" always gets to me," said Dr. Maurice Van Gerpen as he headed away from the Veteran's Day Observance held last Friday at the FCC Court of Honor. "I think of all the people and friends I served with, one guy 'got it' only about three days after we got to Korea. There was a group of soldiers, I was looking at them one minute then the next minute they were gone... The end of their lives."


Dr. Van Gerpen, professor of political science, is one of many veterans on campus whose memoirs of war experiences are unique yet universal. "I was one of the lucky

ones." Van Gerpen stated explaining his short lived battle experience.


Having just started college, a young Van Gerpen was drafted into the Army in late 1951. After basic training in Fort Riley Kansas he went to the front lines of the Korean War. The normal tour of duty being about 18 months, Van Gerpen stayed only four-and-a-half months. The troops were all expecting something big to happen soon, perhaps that very day, Van Gerpen explained of his last day in combat. He was at his post when a red haired man with a waxed mustache drove

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up in a jeep, orders in hand for a transfer to Seoul. No signatures were needed. Nothing at all, except to say a few goodbyes, grab his things and leave. As they drove away sounds of chaos rang out in the background. "I was one of the lucky ones."

In Seoul, Van Gerpen's new duty was to fly over enemy territory in an unlighted airplane and photograph the land. He then had to convert the photographs into maps for strategic planning. "It was a nice respite." Indeed it must have been.

Dr. Van Gerpen now celebrates Veteran's Day with a feeling of nostalgia that many of us may never quite grasp. He attends some of the events, as he did Friday, and he takes time to talk with his family about what this day truly signifies. What it signifies is a day of remembrance. What it signifies is a day of honor. What it signifies is a day dedicated to those whose strong and courageous will have kept this country free and proud.

Thank you Dr. Van Gerpen and all other veterans for your service to these United States of America.



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**PRISON ?** from front

Now there is a limit of only 2 students per table. "California tax-payers are being raped," says Sukhjit Singh. "The library was expanded with tax-payers money to house more students and now it's only be used to half capacity."

Also started that Monday, two Fresno City College police officers are assigned to frequent the new section. Later that week, I saw two officers sit in the library for over an hour.

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