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Blackout Halts FCC Classes

Students and faculty evacuated from buildings after power outage

By Ericka Montana
Staff Writer

A car ran into a power transformer on the corner of Van Ness Ave. and Alhambra Street, damaging power connections and causing a temporary blackout in the sur-

rounding area last week.

Thursday morning at about 7:20 a.m., faculty and students were ushered out of all campus buildings for safety precautions.

"The maintenance men locked everything up and we went outside and stood like we were told to," said FCC student John Hodges. "Eventually, everyone was released and class

"Everyone was released and class was canceled."

— FCC Student John Hodges

was canceled."

One office assistant was upset. "They even evacuated the faculty members."

Many students congregated at the fountain at the south end of campus. "Everyone gathered around and conversated about being pushed out of school," said student Terry Cook. "I was kicked out of the cafeteria."

Some teachers decided to reschedule class at a later time in the day. "At 8 a.m., my anatomy and physiology professor told us to come back," said student Cheryl Clark.

PG&E began repairs on the transformer after the accident. The power was back on around 8:30 a.m. and classes resumed.

The clocks were one hour slow for much of the day, but were accurate the next day.

Student Government Out of Touch

Low interest in FCC student government, lack of information

By Sheryl Youngblood
Staff Writer

A *Rampage* survey of students confirmed that many students are not interested in the business of the associated student government. Surprisingly, it found many students do. Their involvement is, at best, minimal. "I pretty much go to school and leave, and I don't get too much information," said Jennifer Ray. "Some guy stopped me to sign a petition for more student tutors," she said.

The surprising element in student apathy is that students feel they are not being adequately informed about the ASG. "It's not that we don't care," said Samuel Garza. "It's just that there's no information about it." That's hard to understand from the ASG and the activities center viewpoint. Many flyers are posted on kiosks and handed out. "We put out many flyers and mailings," Morlet said. "You wouldn't believe how many. They've always had an information problem as to reaching general students. It's hard to communicate with 18,000 students."

Information is also distributed at student orientation. "If you get an I.D. you're in it," said Angie Aguilere. "I think that's what they told us when I went to orientation."

The communication problem students feel may deal more with what and how information is given. "I'm not involved," said Andrew Harris. "It's not because of apathy. I need to learn about its functions and how I'm sup-

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FCC Class Renovates Housing for the Needy

Community Service class restores homes along with international organization

By Dan Martin
Editor-in-Chief

Greasy floors, dingy walls, stained cupboard lining — a filthy mess. The Fresno City College Community Service Class cleaned it up last week, as part of a joint effort with Habitat For Humanity, a nonprofit organization building and renovating homes to eliminate sub-standard housing.

Twelve members of the class scrubbed and painted vacant condominiums in southeast Fresno as part of a renovation project on Oct. 10. The homes will be sold to low-income applicants who spend 500 hours helping to build new homes for the organization.

Twelve other FCC students not in the class also helped. According to the instructor, Lynn Badertscher, it wasn't a party. "Some of them had some pretty grimy jobs to do."

The group of FCC students and Habitat For Humanity volunteers worked from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., and divided into four teams. Each team worked to make a home habitable.

In the six-hour span, a lot was done, Badertscher said. "They made a lot of things happen real quickly."

Team one got perhaps the biggest challenge: a polluted, unclean home with soiled wallpaper. Student Anissa Mull scrubbed the kitchen floor, remarking about what was on it: "A greasy mess that was under a refrigerator." She said she knew her work would "help a less fortunate family."

Down a hall, Seth Clark washed walls to ready them for paint. "I can't feel my arm anymore," he said.

Inside another site a few condominiums down, Pine-Sol saturated the air. A volunteer bathed vent grilles in a white bucket, while others painted the walls. In the room were two Habitat For Humanity "gypsy" volunteers — that is, volunteers who travel the country and build or renovate homes.



Laying it on. Student David Potts renovates a home.

Photo By Juana Echeveste

Meanwhile, another "gypsy" was helping to paint the walls of a third home. Marge Kitterman, 60, from North Carolina, said it was her first time renovating instead of building. "I think it's a wonderful project," she said.

Habitat for Humanity has built more than 60,000 homes worldwide. And Badertscher said by participating, her students were bringing the campus together. "Not only were we working on building a community for Habitat For Humanity, we were working on building the FCC community."

Members from student clubs painted

in the fourth home. Max Amara, President of Alpha Gamma Sigma, rolled white paint onto a living room wall. The job in the home worked in was just about done. He said his club does other such community work.

Badertscher said it was good for the participants to feel satisfaction for helping others — and, she added, doing a good job of it: "You should have seen that thing at the end. The kitchen just sparkled."

Students can join the FCC Community Service Class by enrolling in Speech 20.

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posed to work with it."

The ASG provides information to which the student body does not relate. "They don't have a clear cut method to disseminate information," said FCC student Fernando Gomez. "On some [college] campuses you know exactly what's going on." Gomez said he would get involved, "especially if I feel strongly about an issue."

Many students expressed disappointment in the ASG; some, downright anger. "I really don't think they're doing their job because we don't know about it to support it," said Regina Unimuke. "I think if people knew what was going on, half the students here would get involved. I would definitely be involved. I'll be the president. I'll run the damn thing" Unimuke said the student government seemed to ignore the student body.

Student Vatsana Rajaphangkhi agreed. "You have to find out from your friends what's going on," she said.

One student came up with a unique suggestion. "Couldn't they have someone come to the free speech area once a month to say what's on the agenda and what they're doing?" said Janie Bernard. "Flyers and stuff don't get looked at, they're just lying around or thrown in the trash. In the free speech area, at least people will get interested and listen." In a world of textbooks, reports, assignments, and syllabuses, flyers are not appreciated, even for their content.

ASG executive vice president Pauline Bieniek has experienced the position that students complain about. "At first, I wanted to get involved, but the more I got into it I thought that it could help me in my area of interest, like business, and find new avenues of doing things, and get to know the administration and faculty," Bieniek said. "I can understand it from a student's point of view. Work and going to school—there's not much else that most people would want to spare up their time for."

Bieniek has found the time in her busy class schedule. "It takes time, but it's all up to the person who wants to get involved," she said. "We're only required office hours of between three to five hours, and then you have other activities."

ASG president David Shaw also regards the apathy. "That's why I got into the student government," he said. "We're in there speaking for the students as far as policy and things that interest the students. We want to be a voice to the administration but sometimes we lose contact with the students."

Bieniek started out in the ASG as a senator in the legislative branch. There is also an executive branch and a judicial branch. "Officers are all voted on in the spring, and some senators," Bieniek said. "Throughout the rest of the year we take applications for people who want to become a senator. As an officer it's a year commitment. We have a total of opening slots for 16 senators. As

of right now we have, I think, eleven [filled]."

Finding a starting point of involvement may be intimidating to students. Some students might choose to join one of the 27 clubs on campus. The Inner Club Council, which meets with a representative of each club, is chaired by the ASG president pro-tempore, Martha Patrick.

Curiosity seekers can attend an ASG meeting Thursdays at one o'clock. "We have an open forum where students can come in if they want to talk about something and address it to the senate," Bieniek said. "We meet as a whole senate over at the student lounge in the senate chambers. Anyone is wel-

come to come and sit in the gallery and watch what we do. Not only do we discuss things that we're going to do activities-wise, but we also do allocations for funds, bills, and other stuff."

The ASG office is located above the bookstore. The ASG by-laws, constitution, and minutes of the

meetings are posted on the bulletin board outside the office for anyone to read. "If they really want to get involved, I would suggest they come up here and visit the office, and checking out a meeting, and talking to the advisors which are Craig Reid and Gurdeep Sihota," Bieniek said. Reid's and Sihota's offices are in the activities center.

What does the ASG do? "They're very instrumental in getting more computer lab hours available to students, and doing ASB cards in the library [at the beginning of each semester,]" Reid said. After the first two weeks of the semester, the associated student body cards are made in the ASG office.

The ASG is also putting together a proposition letter to keep the summer session at starting one week after the spring session ends, Shaw said. The academic center wants to move it up closer to the end of the spring semester so that there will be two weeks instead at the end of the summer session, he said. That wouldn't give students any break between the two sessions.

The ASG had two meetings about the final drop date. Two years ago the drop date changed from 14 weeks to nine weeks. "We would like to see it extended to a tenth or eleventh week," Shaw said.

"Right now we've got a vendor fair going on," Bieniek said. Vendor fairs are a major source of income besides ASB cards, she said.

"The more you get involved, the better school is for you, the more fun you have," Bieniek said. "It's not only networking, but you're learning something in the process."

"If there's something on campus you don't like, let us know," Shaw said. "Come up to the office."

The ASG constitution states: "Active membership in the Associated Student Government shall be granted to any student registered at Fresno City College upon purchase of a student body card."

Club Cleans Old Administration Building

By Elizabeth Leffall
Staff Writer

The Fresno City College Philosophy Club will begin its efforts to make a "noticeable difference" by participating in the cleanup of the Old Administration Building this month. With the help of the club, the building is slowly reverting to its former self.

The Philosophy Club is new to FCC. Under the direction of club President Nick Hanning, the club's initial goal is to create an environment that is conducive to the expression of ideas. In their discussions, the club analyzes the concepts and trials presented in books. The group is reading *Sickness Unto Death* by Soren Kierkegaard.

In addition to discussing philosophy, the club believes in putting their "philosophizing" into practice by getting involved. "We feel that we should take action and work in our community as well," said the club's secretary, Catherine Tillery. "We want to be a part of a worthy cause. That's why we are participating in this cleanup project," she said.

The club is also looking for new members. "We're looking for an individual who is seeking an understanding of existence by asking questions and trying to systematically find answers to those questions," Hanning said.

The club meets on the second Friday of each month at 3 p.m. in room LA-126. Their next meeting is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 17. To join, students can contact Bob Boyd at (209) 442-4600, ext. 8329.

Members of the FCC Philosophy Club are not the only ones who can help in the cleanup effort. The Fresno City and County Historical Society invites the public to the next cleanup which begins at 8:30 a.m. on Oct. 18 at 8:30 a.m. at the north side of the building. For more information, call the society at (209) 441-0862.

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FCC Selling Itself at Fair

□ Potential students learning about college life at fair

By Sheryl Youngblood
Staff Writer

In just one and a half hours, on a Monday afternoon, Doris Myers and Clarice Eachus talked to about 50 people about Fresno City College. They were manning the red- and white-decorated FCC booth in the crowded Industry Commerce building at the Big Fresno Fair.

Myers, who works at the FCC EOP&S office, returned to this station each of the past five years. Eachus, her guest, volunteered to help her provide FCC information to the masses. She also provides relief during those desperate moments, because the booth must be manned at all times or FCC could lose their spot.

Many volunteers sit in front of the FCC posters, and behind the table covered with spring catalogs, college applications and literature, throughout the nearly two-week long event. "They are either staff faculty or student workers," said Sandy Garachana, school relations office assistant. "We've done a booth since 1988. We have a lot of repeat volunteers."

Free parking and free admission might entice some volunteers, but they leave with more than prizes and junk food and wind-blown hair. "People who

run the booth learn a lot about Fresno City College, out of their specific area," Garachana said.

When the information seekers confronted them, Myers and Eachus "refer to the catalog for questions," Myers said. Some of the questions are not too difficult. "They want to know when they can start registering," Myers said.

"A lot of people ask about computer courses," Eachus said. "Only one girl asked about the cost."

Eachus got a kick out of the large number of seniors who stopped to ask questions. "It seems they want to push their children or grandchildren into going to college," she said.

And people don't have to play games to receive prizes at the FCC booth. "We give free pencils and rulers, and Halloween bags, and catalogs," Myers said.

The buildings at the Big Fresno Fair are as crowded as the outside activities.

VITAL STATISTICS

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, the population of the United States is 268,282,362.

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GETTING IT RIGHT

Last edition's *Rampage* included a profile from an FCC Associated Student Government senator. The letter was truncated at the bottom inadvertently.

The article regarding the pow wow on the front page contained the wrong sub headline.

The *Rampage* will put forth its full effort to correct any misinformation. Call (209) 442-8263.

Play at FCC Theater is a Crackup

□ Production features funny characters, good time

By Sheryl Youngblood
Staff Writer

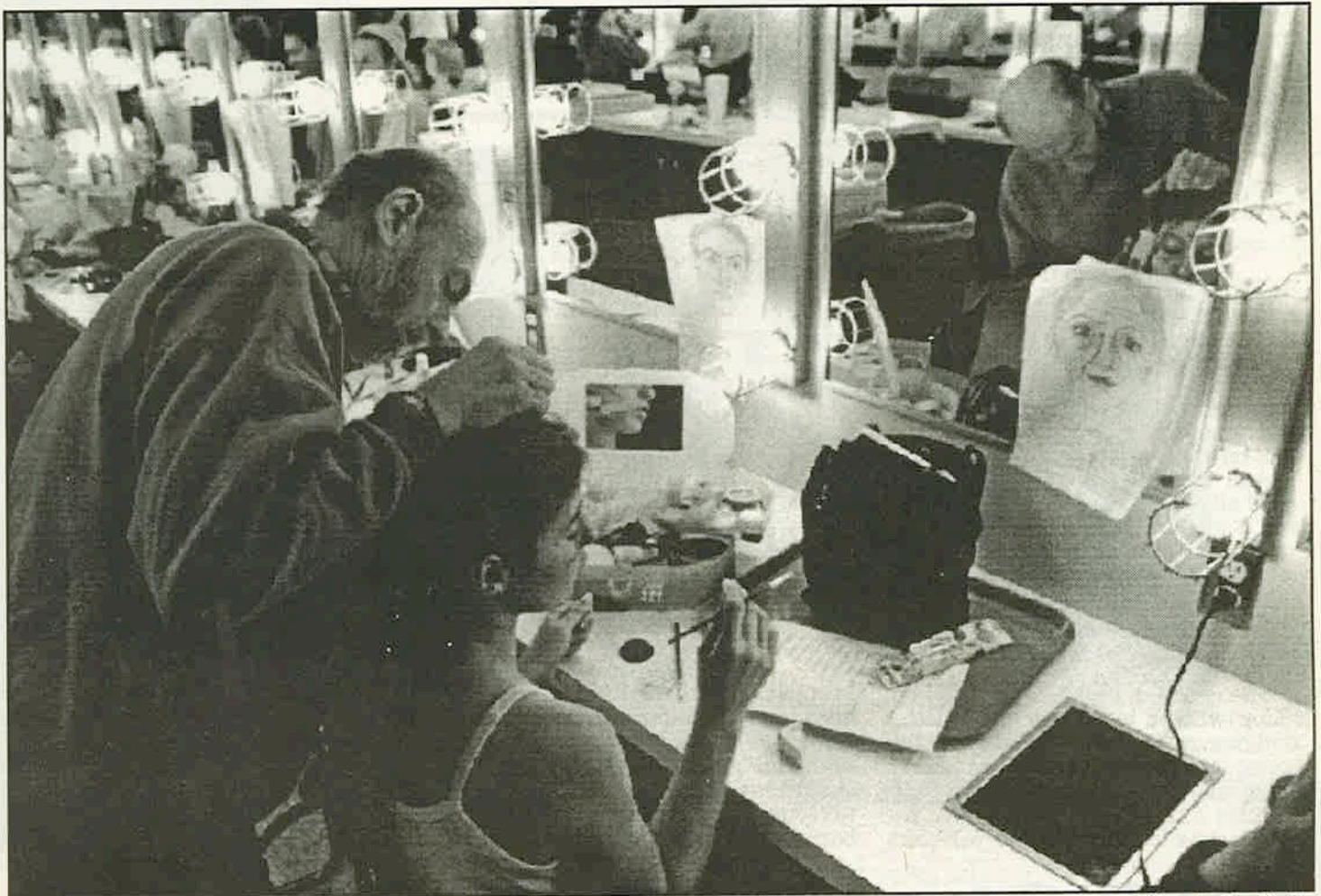
Prostitutes and drag queens are stealing the stage at the Fresno City College Theater this week. They are visibly doing naughty acts behind drapes made of bed sheets in a setting of Brendan Behan's "The Hostage."

Directed by C. Tim Quinn, "The Hostage" is a play about an English soldier held hostage in retaliation for the scheduled execution of an Irish prisoner. Focus on the drama of the Irish Republican Army is very well developed and exposed by the two main characters played by Miquel J. Reyna and Gabriela Lawson.

The setting is a brothel in Dublin, Ire., complete with sexual acts and a couple of drag queens. The drag queens, played by Tim Birch and Lionel Jones, received the most laughs.

But the play is not complete without romance: a touching love story develops between the hostage and a maid — played by Nathan Spinkman and Heather M. Roberts.

In addition to the prostitutes, played by Kristi Jacobsen and Tammera Durham, the cast of 15 includes a bagpipe-playing revolutionary soldier played by Michael Reed, a lustful tenant played by D. Scott McQuiston, a drunk Russian, played by Nathan Shugert, and a religious



Making up. Director Tim Quinn readies an actress' appearance.

Photo by Don Davis

zealot played Celeste Curcio.

No production is complete without bad guys — in this case, the IRA officer and a volunteer soldier who guards the hostage, respectively played by Jay Colby and Mike J. Wright.

The play interacts with the audi-

ence with the help of a pianist: Rebecca Wong. It also involves the audience in singing.

Stage manager Tracy Alaimo said rehearsals for the play have taken place for three to five hours a day since August.

Performances of "The Hostage" will take place on Oct. 16, 17, and 18, at 7:30 p.m., and Oct. 18 at 2 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the FCC Theater box office. Tickets cost \$7, and are \$4 for students and senior citizens. Call (209) 442-8221 for information.

"Most Wanted" Presents Big Punch

By Scott Cropper
Staff Writer

Released last weekend into theaters, "Most Wanted" delivers an action-packed ride of deceit and espionage between America's government and its military.

Comedian and now talk show host Keenen Ivory Wayans plays a serious role, not only as director but also places himself starring as U.S. Marine Sergeant James Dunn. Dunn, a Sergeant sentenced to death row for insubordination during his time in Desert Storm, is rescued by covert operationalist General Adam Woodward, played by Jon Voight. Wayans is marked as a scapegoat by Voight when the first lady is shot and killed in this same operation. With a \$10 million price on his head, he's pursued through the city, piecing together a puzzle of what might clear his name.

Wayans pushes himself through the odds of a city-wide manhunt using his skills (as he) often referred to as "improvising."

Whether it's a change of clothes or jumping off the roof of a high rise building, he evades his adversary.

What is thought to be just an assassination, soon twists and turns into the testing and dealings of biological warfare, and its cover-up.

"Most Wanted" provides 95 minutes of explosive, fast-paced excitement. It did tend to borrow scenes from previous action movies. The first was a man being pursued by the police for a crime he didn't commit, breaking into a military supply store, supplying himself with assorted weapons and apparel, as well as an angry mob chasing the culprit down city streets, which provides the audience with an unexpected car pileup on the freeway, running over the majority of Wayan's pursuers.

The evils of the film move in tight circles of tip-offs and the high powers of government influences, as CIA officials collaborate with the military giving the audience a double-take of who should be trusted.

One might expect that a film starring and directed by a comedian would be filled with one-liners and snappy remarks. But "Most Wanted" maintains a serious composure while dealing with a man who's guilty until proven innocent.

The Gab Column

By Elizabeth Leffall,
Erica Montana &
Rebekkah Mitchell

Question: "What's one word best describing Fresno City College?"



"Meltingpot." Jennifer Ray



"Diversified." Jennifer Ma



"Pleasant." Greg Turner



"Variety." Sharon Bogosian



"Limiting." James Crandall



"Too small." Bruce Phengsiri

Pieces of Life

By Ryan LaMar



Lunch in Brief

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By Dan Martin
Editor-in-Chief

I spilled my drink all over the table when I last visited the Berrock Shop. They reacted nice and all, and gave me a standard free refill.

And then I spilled the refill all over, too. I assure you it was accidental.

The first time, I backed into my cup as it sat on a table. And their "tablecloths" are made of a thick, clear vinyl. This was no help, as it caused a second accident: when I moved my knee up, along with it went the "tablecloth," nudging over my cup. I caused the staff to get out a mop and numerous towels. They took the stress really well.

After a third refill, I continued devouring my lunch: a berrock with ten-

der barbecue-flavored beef inside. Their "berrocks" consist of a blend of beef, spices and usually cabbage wrapped in a dough and baked golden-brown. The dough is baked every morning, the cook told me.

The Berrock Shop makes three kinds of berrocks: one with ground beef, cabbage, onions and spices; one with shredded roast beef with the same cabbage and spices; and a "BBQ beef" one without cabbage — just shredded roast beef and a smoky BBQ sauce. I prefer the last one.

The costs are \$2.35, \$2.60 and \$3 respectively.

But the menu is not limited merely to berrocks. Also for sale is a heap of "specialty sandwiches" that include their "BBQ Beef" and Tri Tip sandwiches and the more conventional grilled cheese sandwich. Chicken and beef pies are among the menu choices.

A new location will open soon near Bullard and West avenues, I was told. I haven't seen it, but I hope the interior is a little more modern. The chairs at this location are hard and quaint. This isn't a problem, should one phone the restaurant for a takeout order. You can order those berrocks by the dozen.



Charming. A Berrock Shop sandwich.

Photo By Linda Burgin

FCC Student Pulls Magic Out of Hat

By Alan DeCoronado
Rampage Staff

Off-stage, he's Caleb Robinson, a 19-year-old Fresno City College student. But, when he throws on his top hat and tails, and waxes his handlebar moustache, he becomes "Robinson the Magician."

"I've been interested in magic ever since the second grade," Robinson said. And five years ago he turned his interest into a business — one which is now the fastest-growing magic show in

Fresno County, specializing in events ranging from birthday parties and banquets to fairs and carnivals.

Robinson, who describes his show as "a galaxy of sensational magical effects," drew well-sized crowds to the Dr. Pepper theater at the Big Fresno Fair during his three performances last week, using his own unique blend of classic presentations with an ethnic slant.

Recently, he began experimenting with the art and science of hypnosis. In one performance, he hypnotizes his

assistant and places her on one of two broomsticks, then suspends her in mid-air.

Quite a spectacle, some would say, but how does he really do it? "People's imaginations run rampant after seeing a performance," said Robinson. "The gears in their heads start turning and they can't understand how it works. Friends have asked if I can really pull money out of the air or turn doves into rabbits. But, in the words of famed traveling illusionist, Andre Cole, 'the closer you watch, the lesser you

see, and the lesser you see, the better for me."

Many people might believe there are actually supernatural elements involved in the production of his show, but Robinson maintains he accomplishes supernatural effects 100 percent through natural means.

He recalled one friend's suggestion that he should concentrate on his business rather than bother with college. "But, I think you do need college,"

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MR. MANNERS

A Return to Etiquette

Last year on Oct. 31, Mr. Manners was sitting in his living room contributing to the Jerry Lewis telethon. Suddenly, the doorbell rang. Mr. Manners smoothed out his suit, fixed his hair, and answered the door with a smile. When he opened it, no one was to be seen.

"Down here!" said a small voice.

Mr. Manners looked down, and realized what it was. It was Halloween. There on his doorstep was a small being adorned as an ogre. An eyeball popped out of its eye socket. Mr. Manners pulled off the mask, and saw a girl of about seven, one would estimate.

Mr. Manners despised the sight. Halloween is inherently anti-etiquette. Mr. Manners realizes it for what it is, gentle reader — a time for selfish, greedy little children to run door to door in odd costumes poorly depicting the deceased. And a time for them to demand candy.

Before you put this paper down and yell, "Look everyone! Mr. Manners hates children," realize that Mr. Man-

ners loves children. He visits the orphanage and reads books to them and plays games with them.

Children are too young to be expected to have perfect etiquette, but we must still teach our young ones manners. Or else, there is no telling what will become of them.

Therefore, Mr. Manners is going to teach you how exactly to take care of our children during Halloween. We return to Mr. Manners' doorstep on Halloween night last year: "Hello, little girl, how are you tonight?" Mr. Manners asked.

"TRICK OR TREAT," prodded the child.

The girl held open a large bag full of candy.

"Are you offering Mr. Manners some candy?" Mr. Manners asked, thinking the girl to be a kind, thoughtful individual.

"NO. YOU GIMME CANDY. I WANT LOTS OF IT," the girl said rudely.

Mr. Manners was shocked and decided his time would be better spent contributing to the Jerry Lewis telethon. So, Mr. Manners began to close the door.

But she stuck her foot in Mr. Manners' doorway. "GIVE ME CANDY OR I'LL MAKE YOU SORRY!" And with that, she pulled out a water pistol.

At this point, Mr. Manners was aghast. He had to take action to reform this ill-mannered child.

Mr. Manners picked her up by her pigtails and carried her away from his charming home. He then swung her in circles by her hair and built up powerful centrifugal force. And at that point he released her, watching her sail through the air. Candy flew in every direction.

To this day, no children have come to Mr. Manners' doorstep demanding candy. And it is quite certain that the girl has learned the virtue of being polite when asking for something. Mr. Manners hopes that all readers who are parents will teach your children to use manners when partaking in this holiday.

A proper child would approach a home and knock politely on the door. If someone answers, the child should ask nicely for some candy, and make sure they say "please" and "thank you." He or she would be a pleasure to serve.

If you are answering the door this year, make sure to follow in the footsteps of Mr. Manners, for we must educate our children.

Happy haunting, gentle reader. And fear not: Thanksgiving is around the corner.

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By: Muhammad 'Ataur-Rahim

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For some it is irrefutable and established dogma, for some it is a vast corpse of contradictory metaphysical fiction, while for others it is a 'mask' on the face of Jesus bearing nothing to his original teachings. So what, and where, is the religion of Jesus, known as Christianity? The question is whether this "Christianity" can rightly be said to represent or even resemble, that which Jesus taught and lived.

Jesus a Prophet of Islam is a commendable effort to study the sacred life of Jesus using both Christian and Muslim sources. A penetrating scholarly study, it explores the origins of Christianity by examining the evidence with thoroughness and care in order to separate the facts from the myth about the person, role and status of Jesus.

For all these centuries, the Muslim view has either been barred or denied to English language readers, especially those who profess the Christian faith. This fascinating account is an eye opener for them and it's findings are something that no thinking person, Christian or otherwise, can seriously ignore.

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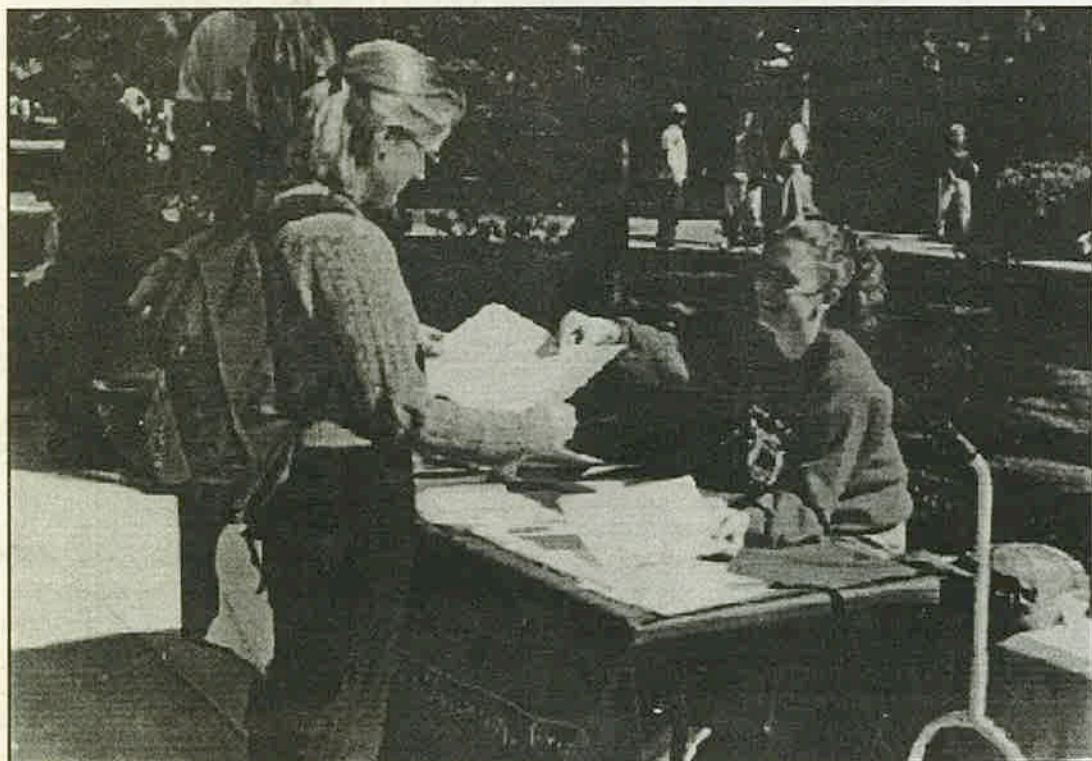
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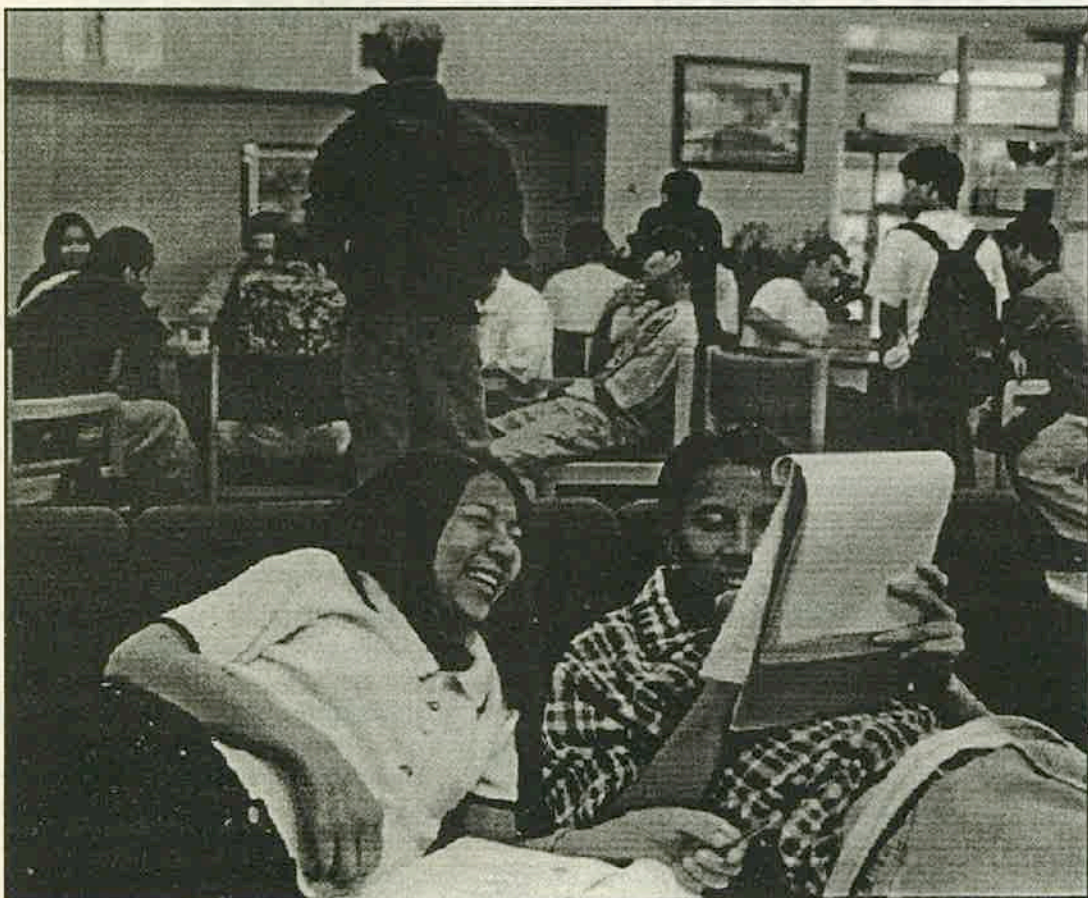
Reaching Out. CSU, Fresno transfer representative at FCC.

Photo By Dan Martin



Coming Together. Old-style McDonald's opens Friday at Blackstone & Shields avenues.

Photo By Dan Martin



Having a Laugh. Relaxing in the student lounge.

Photo By Linda Burgin



Photo By Frank Pasillas

Serving it up. Ramburger Roundup offered free meal to ASB cardholders Oct. 1.

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FCC Volleyball's Shining Star

□ Volleyball star Michelle Medrano has turned a new leaf since coming to Fresno City College

By Eric Mendoza
Staff Writer

Sophomore Michelle Medrano, 22, has made a few bad decisions. But rather than becoming another young, promising student athlete with untapped potential, before slipping through the cracks of a system unforgiving of those not born with silver spoons in their mouths, she is charging ahead.

She was born in Fresno, raised in the outskirts of San Joaquin's town of Northfork — not as bad as the streets of South Central L.A. or the barrios of West or East Fresno, but if Medrano has any say in it, it has all the makings of a happy-ever-after ending. At 22, Medrano has experienced more than some twice her age.

At age two, her parents divorced, leaving her mother to care for Michelle and her one year-old sister, Crissy. Her father moved to Fresno.

Medrano's memories of an early, middle-class childhood are described as "quiet" and "out in the country." It is almost ironic that "quiet" was her first response. Even though her on-the-court demeanor as the Rams' volleyball team co-captain is seen as take-charge positiveness and upbeat leadership, through her smile, she admits that this personality is divided with a modest, shyer side.

And perhaps Medrano is the female version of Clark Kent. If so, the opposition had better lock up the phone booths when #12 comes to town: At 5'5", Medrano is the smallest on the Ram squad and arguably the hardest

outside hitter at her size in the state.

She averages 2.91 kills per game, ranking her among the top seven in the Central Valley Conference.

Rams' first-year Head Coach Sandi Auble marvels at Medrano's power, but values her intangibles even more. "I knew she would be a strong leader," said Auble. "I knew she was goal-oriented and going to be a strong leader."

Setting goals is one thing, but ac-

complishing goals through adverse conditions is becoming old hat, a habit Medrano lives with, a good habit she needs to live with.

After splitting her high school days between Sierra and Yosemite High Schools, where she played volleyball only as a freshman, she began hanging around "the wrong crowd" — the kind of crowd that spent too much time "partying" and not enough time with

their books. The result was bad grades for her and missed opportunity to attend a top college.

She could find excuses and reasons for it. But she won't. Although her Aquarius sign tells us she marches to a different drummer — this in fact is true, but she's taken it upon herself to accept blame without excuses.

Her mother remarried when Medrano was 13-years-old and before graduating. She had to adjust to a new father, two half-sisters, and two step-sisters. Is it uncommon for young teens to act out or even rebel in these situations? Is there the stereotype that the rural life is not the least bit exciting and "the wrong crowd" would be an easy magnet for minors living in a small town? It could've been worse.

At age 18, Medrano moved out to live with her father. Working two jobs, and still living by certain restrictions, she realized she could afford to live on her own and make another change.

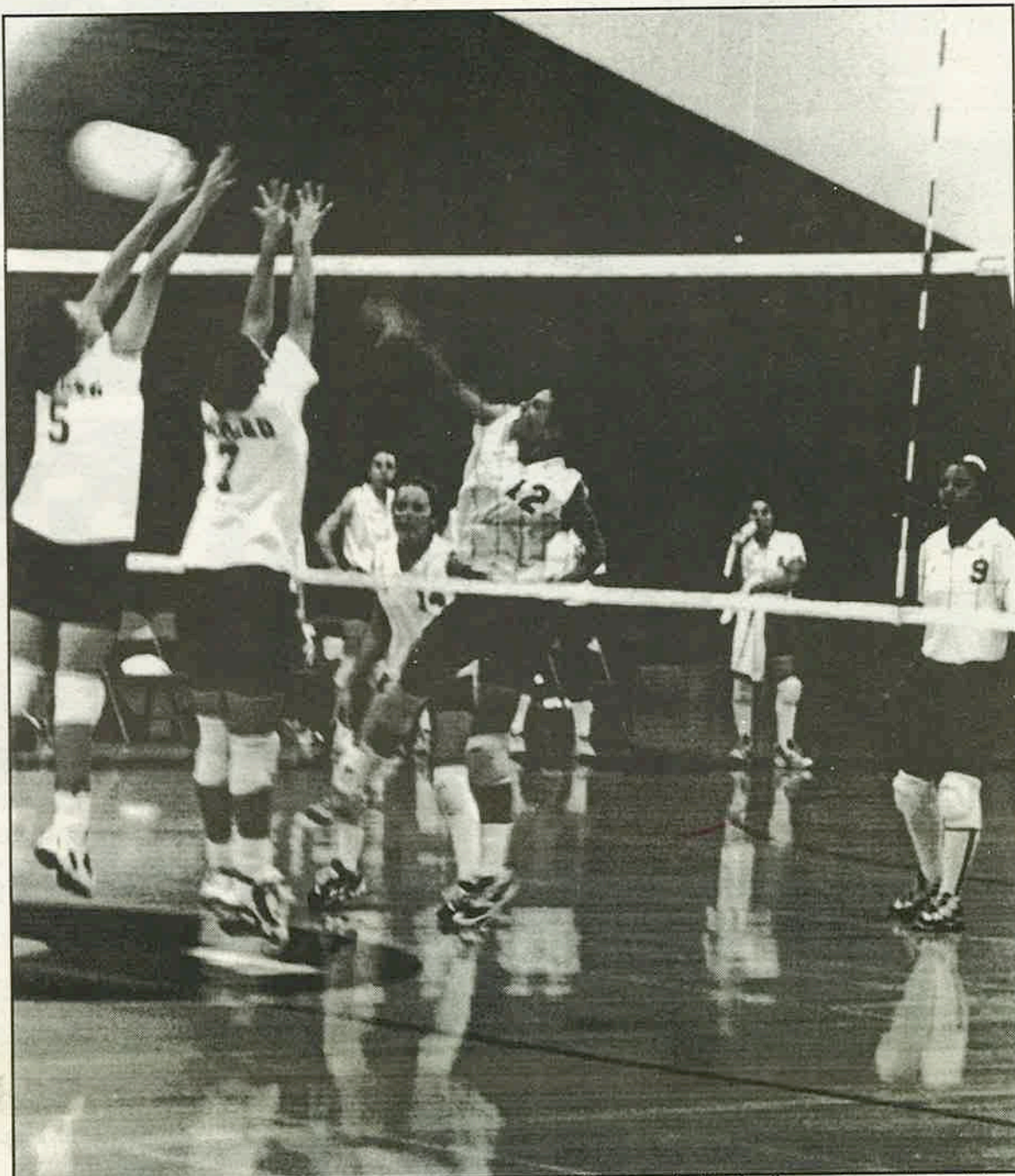
She packed up, moved to Stockton, where she enrolled at a Heald College and moved in with her then-boyfriend. But it wasn't what she hoped for. Things did not work out, and before six months passed, she found herself back in Fresno.

"If I could change one thing about myself, it would be my past," Medrano said. "I could've

been better and not be attending a community college. But, moving away from home was positive. I believed I had a good head on my shoulders."

Between settling back down and finishing her AA degree in Medical Administration Assistance at Fresno Heald College, she met her current boyfriend of four years — and she credits him for much of her success.

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Grand slam. Volleyball player Michelle Medrano (12) pounds the ball.

Photo By Dusten Splan

Rams Start Off On Bad Foot, Still Hopeful

□ FCC football team enters league play against Modesto

By Allen Coleman
Staff Writer

The 1997 Rams football team has had its share of ups and downs in non-conference play. The season opener at Laney college was no flop, and the Rams surprised Laney on a 16-yard field goal in the waning moments of the game, edging the Eagles 24-21.

The Rams were off to a good start, but a quarterback controversy the following week before the second game of the season drove coaches wild. Sophomore quarterback Robbie Bogdanovich, who was the Rams' number one quarterback last season made a hasty decision and quit the team, and then back-up quarterback Jason Rossotti joined the wrestling team. Obviously, a quarterback jinx had struck the Rams, who were then down to one quarterback.

Freshman standout Kenny Rose who, was on a roll while breaking a

single season passing record held by Doug Gaynor since 1982. Rose passed for 382 yards in the game against Grossmont. He was all the Rams had left, however Bogdanovich did return to the team the week before the road trip to Grossmont.

Apparently, the Rams joined the hard-luck club. They saw their hopes for a victory vanish on a 52-yard field goal by Grossmont with only 19 seconds left in a shocking 40-37 loss.

Kenny Rose's knee injury on the second series of downs against San Francisco was a tragedy. The San Francisco City College Rams completely dominated the remainder of the game in an impressive 48-13 victory.

The team continued their losing ways, by dropping two more games to the College of San Mateo 34-21, and Foothill College 31-21. Complete chaos and nightmares continue to haunt Rams coaches. The Rams are now 1-4 on the season with a bye on 18 October. A chain reaction of running backs leaving the team due to personal reasons was unforeseen. Leroy Easter was the

first to go, and then followed Joe Washington, who looked promising in the first three games. Fullback Melvin Fulcher also walked out.

The Rams are struggling, but they haven't given up. Kenny Rose has stopped hopping, and is now looking better everyday. He might be back in action for the first Central Valley Conference game against Modesto, Saturday, Oct. 25, at Ratcliffe Stadium.

Freshman wide receiver Mike Marquez is playing well. Marquez has snagged four touchdown passes for 307 yards so far this season. Marquez and the rest of the Rams surely haven't given up either. "We have to get focused. Mainly I want us to go undefeated in league play," Marquez said after the team's loss against Foothill College last weekend.

Stanley mentioned a 1-3 team early in the season, and bounced back and won a state championship. You can rest assured that the Rams are not out of it yet. Who is Steve Stephens, and where did he come from? Stephens, a 5'9" 180 pound freshman running back

and Hoover High graduate has stepped up and filled Washington's shoes. Stephens now leads the team in rushing yards and touchdowns. The powerful runner, who has good vision for a running back, has carried the ball 44 times for 242 yards and five touchdowns. Stephens shows outstanding potential. "I'm running as hard as I can, and I'm trying to keep a positive attitude," Stephens said. "We're playing good and we're beating ourselves. We've got to get out there, come together as a team and play hard."

It just might happen — history might also repeat itself. This is the worst start for the Rams in 11 years. In 1986, four straight losses mirrored the year's record, and finally the losing streak ended in a 13-12 victory over Modesto on October 4, 1986. Could this year end that way?

Defensively, the Rams rank last in the conference. Cornerback Kendrick Terrance has constantly been picked on, game after game. Terrance has

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been burnt deep several times this season, and appears to be the weak corner. The Ram defensive line's lack of a pass rush must be worked on.

Outside linebacker Carlos Cox, special teams and converted defensive back Kim Johnson are both big hitters, who just might help the Rams defensively. Safeties Stewart Coleman and Steve Craig who was moved to outside linebacker has constantly stalked opposing receivers. Let's wait and see, the Rams might certainly surprise a few teams in the Central Valley Conference this season.



Step aside. Steve Stevens clenches the ball.

Photo By Don Davis

Medrano: Hard Worker, Team Player

"He got me back into playing volleyball. I never knew there was volleyball [at Fresno City College]. My family encouraged me too."

Medrano joined the FCC volleyball team as a freshman in 1996, but spent much of the time on the bench. But just when things were seemingly going against her, some unexplainable force from somewhere came along — this time in the form of Coach Auble.

Before, Medrano couldn't buy her way into the line-up, but now the coach now can't afford to pull her out of any game. The 1997 Rams are not only playing for the first time together, they're facing college competition for the first time ever.

Of the 11 players on the team, 10 are freshmen and Medrano, the sole sophomore, could be considered a first-year sophomore. After a mediocre 1996 season, finishing in the middle of the pack, the Rams (3-2) are confident and capable of contending for their first title.

"It's very important to win," Medrano said. "Everyone wants to win. I want to win every match, but it doesn't always happen that way. It's a team sport. We could be better."

So far, good things seem to be ahead. On Sept. 20, Medrano earned 1st Team All-Tournament honors at American River. The Rams finished second in their pool, as Medrano led the team in kills (45) and digs (39).

Medrano has dedicated fifty percent of her time to FCC volleyball, splitting half with studies and 30 hours or more at a local Plastic Surgery Center. She now rents a room in Fresno.

Hard work is nothing new to her. "I think it's great," Auble said. "It just shows what kind of person she is — surviving on her own. I admire anybody willing to work that hard."

Some may say Medrano is a role model. Perhaps they'd be right: forgetting her past, forgetting that she's 5'5" and playing a sport dominated by six-footers, forgetting her double minority status, the fact remains that at 22, she has a future as bright as her personality.

Medrano hopes a successful season will keep her on the west coast as herself and Auble will start getting busy, contacting the State Division II schools. CSU Stanislaus will be considered.

She also wants her 2.8 grade average to climb to 3.0 before transferring to major in physical education. She wants to teach someday.

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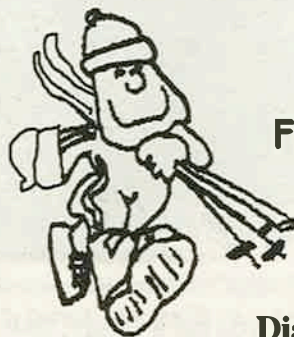
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Men's Soccer	Oct. 7	West Hills	Win	6 - 1
Men's Soccer	Oct. 9	Taft	Win	4 - 3
Women's Soccer	Oct. 4	Modesto	Win	2 - 0
Women's Soccer	Oct. 7	Porterville	Win	4-0
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Robinson said, "because you can always grow as an entertainer and as a person. That's what college should help you do, and every day I'm flooded with new ideas, like ways of improving every performance for future audiences."

One way he encourages feedback from his audience is by inviting them to meet with him after the show. "It's important to know how to communicate effectively with your audience," he said. "Watching the faces of children and adults in my audience light up, and seeing a smile stretch from cheek to cheek, is a great influence. That is the magic for me. That is the real pay."

FCC students shall soon have an opportunity to accept his invitation. His next show will be at Passport Fresno, a multi-cultural food fair and expedition on Oct. 18 at the Fulton Mall in downtown Fresno. Robinson's show begins off at 11:00 a.m. Robinson recommends arriving early — before he disappears.

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