

Fee Vote — Up Yours?

Campus Will Vote This Week On Student Fees

CSCS students this week will vote their opinions on whether the Associated Students fee should be lowered or left as it is. The election will be held Tuesday through Friday on the campus and in Stockton.

Several options will be offered: whether the fees will remain the same (a yes vote) or be reduced by 10 per cent, 20 per cent, 30 per cent, 40 per cent or 50 per cent.

The Legislature has coughed

up \$2.6 million to fund instructionally-related activities previously supported by the Associated Students. When the money was voted, there was a stipulation that a student referendum be held on all the campuses of the system in order to advise the Board of Trustees as to what the new level of fees should be.

The instructionally-related activities to be supported by the new money include the art

gallery, the radio station, chorale, theatre and dance productions, the *Signal*, forensics, intercollegiate athletics (men's and women's), instructionally related films, business games, and political science and English activities.

The new infusion will free AS fees for such other programs as intramurals, the Coffee House, Film Series Lecture/Concert Ser-

ies, the Leisure Program, Warrior Day, the Consumer Affairs Program, Black Heritage Week, Cinco de Mayo, and the Arts and Crafts Fair.

Officers of the Associated Students are working hard to keep the fees at their present level.

"Most of the funds we have to work with have gone into instructionally-related activities," says Reagan Wilson, AS vice-president. "Since these have now been taken over by State funding, if the fees are left at their present level we could provide a lot of new services. For example, admission prices to some of the Cultural Climate activities could be reduced from the \$1 to \$1.50 they now cost, and in some cases admission could be free."

The student government has some ideas as to how the surplus could be spent if the referendum, as they put it, "goes positive" (is left at its present level), but officers stress that there will be open hearings and debate to get

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Ballet Bonfire

Associated Students is sponsoring a free concert tonight in the Student Union. The concert features *Early Sunrise* and is for the purpose of informing students about the referendum election this week.

A bonfire will start the evening off at 7 p.m. behind the Student Union. *Early Sunrise* will begin playing at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

Meter Mania Gives Parkers Paranoia

Before I began to study life processes last week in my biology class, I was confronted with a little research project of my own: how in the hell to deposit my car and get to class before the teacher starts to talk, or where did all these cars come from?

The morning had been a good one. I left home figuring I had allowed plenty of time.

As I approached campus from the east -- first bad sign. Cars are parked all the way to there. Ahha, last semester I fell for this one a couple of times. I dropped my car almost at Grant's center. I remember how ridiculous I felt when on my way to class, I noticed umpteen hundred spaces close to the main entrance of the college.

Parker's Paranoia, it's called. I knew they were watching and snickering at my frustration. They just don't want me to get the good spots, that's all.

Shoulder-to-shoulder parking meters sternly guard empty spaces...

One semester smarter - I refuse to be taken in. Forging ahead, I forge and forge and forge around the median two, three, four times and once down Crowell Street and back.

Not one little space left. You don't mean I'm actually going to have to walk that distance?

They win! I give in, parking about thirteen car spaces down Delta Street. I stomp across four lanes of traffic, squish through the mud-bogged median, and shortcut through a half-empty metered parking lot.

I finally scout my way to class, late and bristling. I settle down to take in a movie on evolution. Class is dismissed (a teench early) and the process reverses itself. Back out the door, across the campus grounds, across streets and mud, I march the endless trek back to the car.

I had spent more time on the jaunt than I had spent in class.

Now at this point I'd like to get a few things straight. I can accept responsibility. I should and could avoid much of the hassle by leaving the house a bit earlier. And I don't mind a bit of inconvenience. Walking is good

for one, particularly when that one is my age.

But is this inconvenience an injustice?

There are advantages in attending a small isolated school. Small colleges are friendly, more

intimate. (Who can imagine the number of intimate relationships formed on the long excursion from car to class?)

Cal State Stanislaus is in the boonies. There is plenty of room, plenty of room to park it.



...while shoulder-to-shoulder cars are lined up in front of the Drama Building.

Spring Intramural Program Will Begin

The CSCS Spring intramural program will begin league competition March 3 and students interested in participating in a wide variety of sporting events have until this Wednesday to sign up.

The program will kick off each week with coed softball on Monday followed by coed volleyball on Tuesday. Wednesday provides bowling and doubles badminton. Three-man basketball accents Thursdays.

Friday will be a day of rest in the program to prepare for the four-hour recreation periods on Saturday and Sunday. Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. will feature badminton and basketball with volleyball filling in for badminton on Sundays.

Also in the planning stages is a men's, women's singles tennis tournament. For additional information on the program or to sign up, the Field House is the center of action.





More For The Money

by Bill Flanigan

One of the most important issues to students at CSC Stanislaus this year involves the upcoming fee referendum election.

Because of the rising inflation, the economics of the issue has become of major importance, and rightfully so. Speaking as a student who has to make ends meet, when I first heard that we were going to be given a choice to lower the fees or let them remain the same, my first reaction was to lower them as much as possible. I now feel differently for a number of reasons.

First, I'm sure, at one time or another, most of us have had some reason to see the doctor on campus and have come out with a handful of medicine, a shot or an x-ray, or even a bandage plus an office call for \$2.50 per semester health fee. When you think about it—what is more anti-inflationary than that? My point is that services and programs similar to that such as free legal counseling, child day care centers, more and greater quantities of free flu shots, financial aid programs and others could be provided for students by the fees for associated students.

When you compare the price you would pay a year for services comparable to this with an Associated Students fee of \$20 per year, \$8.50 per semester and \$3 for Winter Term, the economic advantage appears to lie with the Associated Students fee.

Second, with the current inflationary trends in mind, a lot of us will have to cut down on spending money for entertaining ourselves and also make the most of what we can spend. With a \$20 annual fee, Associated Students could provide some free concerts, dances, Coffee Houses, lectures and/or other Cultural Climate productions.

The fees come out to be under \$2.50 a month, 55 cents a week for all that entertainment. You'd pay a lot more for that even now, not to mention next year when prices will probably be much higher. That 55 cents could also buy the previously mentioned services too.

The third main reason is not economically oriented but rather involves the general feeling that "there is never anything to do around here." It seems to me that this is the perfect chance to do something about that.

The reason there is nothing to do is because the money to do it with is tied up in something else. Now that money is being freed by funds from the state to replace Associated Students money, if the fees are lowered, that money will again be unavailable. We can all look forward to another year with nothing to do.

The main reason in offering these reasons to maintain the fees at the current level is to try to make students aware of the possibility that they could benefit more by looking at things as a whole and in the long run. Vote to keep the fees at the current level rather than reacting hastily to the situation just because it means spending a little bit less right now. It's up to the students to decide.

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Letters

Dear Editor:

Stereotypes. Unfortunately every group in this society has one; racial, ethnic, and religious. Religious? Sure. Anyone residing in Turlock who has ever looked at the Turlock Journal and noted with great awe the number of churches in this burg, must have formulated their own stereotype of Christianity and Christians. "Christians are old, dried up people who don't drink, smoke or have any kind of fun." True or False? False. How dare I say such a bold thing? Because I'm a Christian and there's nothing old, dried up or funless about my life.

Christianity is a joyful way of life. If you don't believe me, just drop by the Pilgrim's Inn, which operates in the campus cafeteria every Thursday night, and is sponsored by the campus Christian Fellowship. Your curiosity won't cost you anything because admission and refreshments (coffee and bakery) are free. From 7:30-9:30 we offer music, singing and bible study. Our emphasis is not on preaching the bible, but discussing the bible, as it relates to us on campus. I'm sure everyone has his own opinion on the bible and the state of affairs on our campus. At the Pilgrim's Inn you have an opportunity to discuss both.

Opening night, February 13th, sixty people listened to a guitar player and banjo picker, a discussion of Ecclesiastes, a book in the Old Testament, which the Byrds made famous a few years ago, ("Turn, Turn, Turn") and participated in a warm Christian Fellowship. In the future we plan to have more folk rock and contemporary church groups perform.

This Thursday February 27th, Steve Stuckey from the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship staff will speak.

Christians and non-Christians, all are welcome to come and participate. Share your joy with others.

Alice Washington

On Campus

Feb. 24—Counseling Seminar, Tension and Relaxation, 4:30 p.m., C-235.

Feb. 25—Placement Interviews—Elmer Fox & Company for assistant accountant, accounting majors.

Feb. 25—"Flying Saucers Are Real," lecture by Stanton Friedman, 8 p.m., Mainstage Theatre.

Feb. 26—Coffee House, Le Chalet Blanc featuring "A Tear and A Smile," 8 p.m.

Feb. 27—Student Senate, 12:20 p.m., C-106.

Feb. 27—Pilgrim's Inn, 7:30 p.m., Cafeteria.

Feb. 28—Baseball at the Diamond, 1 p.m.

Feb. 28—Placement Interviews—Arthur Andersen & Company for junior accountant-auditor, majors in accounting or business grads with 12 units in accounting.

Mar. 1—Track in the Stadium.

Club Capers

Feb. 24—Ski club, 7 p.m., C-102.

Feb. 25—Business club, 12:15 p.m., C-114.

Feb. 26—Veterans Conspiracy, 1700, Straw Hat Pizza Parlor.

Feb. 27—Business club, 12:15 p.m., C-114.

Feb. 27—Mecha club, 12:15 p.m., C-233.

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The rest of this week students will have the opportunity to voice their opinion on the level of student body fees. The present level of fees are \$20 per year.

The fees provide the money on which Associated Students operates. This is an attractive opportunity for students to reduce the cost of their education. I can see you nodding your head right now. But is it really?

The Associated Students provide services and programs that for years I just took for granted as being the part of any college community. For instance, up until January 1, 1975, Associated Students provided the funding of the drama, forensics, intercollegiate athletics, art gallery, music programs. There are many people who have received degrees at this college in these or related programs because Associated Students has funded the programs. Without funding those people would not have had that opportunity.

Associated Students also provide a fine lecture/concert/film series that has expanded students' cultural and intellectual horizons for many years and can in the years to come, if fees are kept at the current level.

Associated Students sponsor the Coffee House which fills a big gap in the social atmosphere of Turlock. The Associated Students has provided supplementary funding of Black Heritage Week and Cinco de Mayo. Associated Students provide that event we all love and look forward to, Warrior Day. Associated Students provide these activities and more at low cost to the CSCS student.

Okay! Okay! But what about the cost of my education here, the parking meters I shove coins into, and the cost of driving here from Modesto? Okay, did you know that our Associated Students belongs to the California State College and University Student Presidents Association? This group is the statewide organization representing the student at the system and the state level.

The group, which our A.S. helps support, has fought over the years in the Chancellor's office and in the State Capitol to keep registration fees low. Associated Students is planning to go to the Board of Trustees in March to ask for the removal of the parking meters on this campus. Our Associated Students is working to see that an adequate bus system is established to accommodate students coming to Stanislaus from Modesto.

But there's more to serving the students than just saving money. Because of Associated Students' effort a student is helping select our next college president. Associated Students work to see that the various departments are providing students a good and fair education.

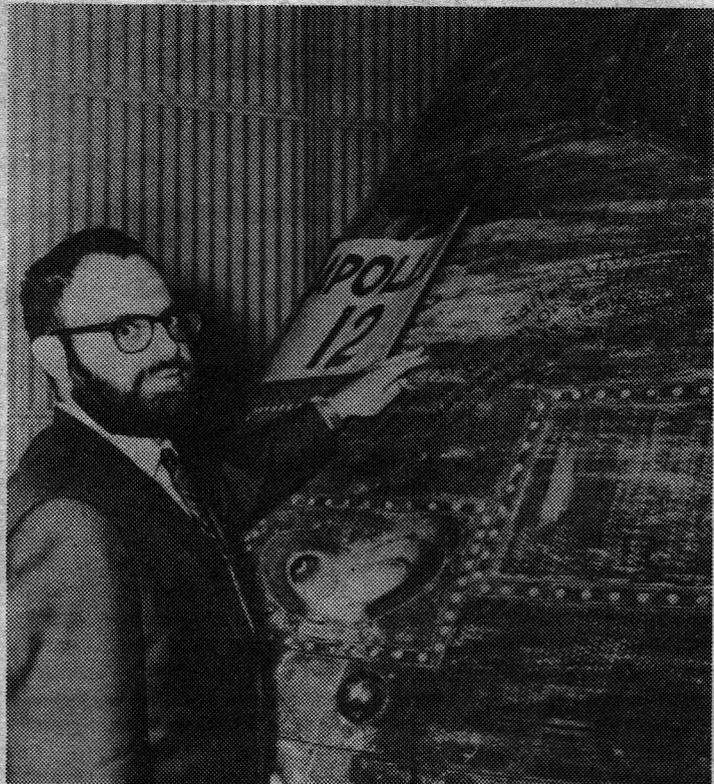
In short, our Associated Students is the organization on campus that makes sure the student perspective is considered whether it be the planning of the proposed gymnasium, the number of hours Student Services is open, the budgeting of the instructionally related activities, the price of admission to drama productions for CSCS students, the curriculum of the academic departments, or the new registration process.

Now, if student body fees are maintained what new programs and services could happen? Some of the programs and services being considered are: a day care center, legal aid services, a student research grant program, expanded Cultural Climate program with free admission for CSCS students to most events, supplementary funding of financial aids, supplementary funding of health services, a championship contingency fund so our students who reach high levels of competence in competitive areas may compete at the national level whether it be the forensics team, an athletic team, the chorale, or a drama production, student service programs for our students on the Stockton and Merced campuses in Stanislaus.

These are programs and services that Associated Students can move into now that the funding of the instructionally related areas are the state's responsibility.

Perhaps the most important reason to vote to maintain fees is the fact that A. Alan Post, the legislative analyst for the State of California, has recommended to the state legislature that the funding of the instructionally related areas be dropped from the 1975-76 CSUC system budget. Governor Brown supports that recommendation. It means, if the state does not pick up the tab for drama productions, intercollegiate athletics, art gallery, forensics, music, business games, some of the funding for the Signal and our developing radio station, and our student body fee has been reduced, the existence of the programs will be in question.

We students can do a lot for ourselves. We can make the educational process here at Stanislaus an excellent and full process. Let's not cut our own throats and turn Associated Students into an ineffective organization. I am going to vote YES ON STUDENTS this week and I hope you will vote YES, too.



Stanley Friedman, physicist and "ufologist," displays returned space capsule.

Friedman Ufology Lecture Tomorrow

Stanton T. Friedman is the only space scientist devoting full time to the science of "Ufology." He will be on campus for a lecture at 8 p.m. tomorrow in the Mainstage Theatre.

More than 13 years of study and investigation have convinced Friedman that Earth is being visited by intelligently-controlled vehicles from outer space. His exciting talk covers data from several scientific UFO studies, misconceptions about UFOs, travel to the stars, "humanoids," the faulty arguments of the "educated" non-believers — all from the viewpoint of the practical scientist.

Friedman believes that "Earth Excursion Module" is far more descriptive than UFO, since EEMs have many features in common with our own Lunar Excursion Module. These include the ability to hover over, land, and take off from unprepared sites in the boondocks, to rendezvous with a mother ship and to carry strange-looking humanoids who wander around, collect specimens, and then take off.

Friedman believes, "The real problem with UFOs is a psychological one. Many older eminent scientists are unwilling to give up

their notions of Earthman's uniqueness and their own importance. A 'laughter curtain' has been erected which keeps most UFO observers from reporting their sightings and prevents most scientists from getting publicly involved in UFO investigations."

Tickets cost \$1 for CSCS students, \$1.50 for other students, and \$2 general admission.

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Student Fee Referendum

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opinions from the students. "Health services can't be subsidized; that's illegal," Wilson explained, "but we can underwrite the cost of Pap smears, pre-marital blood tests, that kind of thing. We'd also like to explore the opening of a child care center. This would involve a relatively small amount from our funds, because most of it could be funded by state and federal grants. We'd like to get the opinion of the students on this, but we feel there is a real need for a day care center."

Some of the instructionally-related activities on the campus are partially self-supporting. The Signal, for example, was subsidized by the Associated Students during the first semester, but for the rest of the year will mostly coast on advertising revenues. Box office receipts are channeled back into drama productions. This relieves the strain somewhat, but does not eliminate the need for subsidy.

The outcome of the referendum is not binding on the Trustees, but will serve as a guide to President Carl Gatlin and the other college presidents when they make their recommendations to the Trustees.

What if the result of the student vote is ignored?

Wilson thinks it won't be. "The Trustees are bound by legislative intent," he pointed out, "and ignoring the student vote goes against legislative intent; it could be contested on constitutionality. I just don't believe the Trustees

would go against the students. These are the intricacies of power. The Governor and the Legislature control the money, and the Trustees are realists."

The monies, called "3116 Funds" after the number of the bill, are being used at the present time—they became available in December—and the money from the Associated Students fees have been frozen pending a decision on whether they will be carried over, spent, or returned to the students. It is not likely they will be returned, according to Lou Leo, Dean for Administration, since tracking down all the students who would be entitled to refunds would be an almost impossible job.

The corker is that although the 3116 money has been provided for this year and has been written into the budget for next year, Legislative Analyst Alan Post has recommended certain cuts in the allocations to the colleges and universities, and the Governor has gone along with his recommendations. The 3116 money was included in the cuts.

The general opinion among those who should know, however, is that the details of the budget have not been completely worked out yet, and that in all likelihood the 3116 money will be left in.

"If it isn't, and the student referendum calls for a cut in the fees, the chances are that the fees will go back up again next year," said Leo.

Luncheon Will Honor Feminist

There will be a potluck luncheon on Thursday, March 13 honoring feminist Florynce Kennedy, who will speak that night.

The sign-up sheet is on the door of Patty Taylor's office at the Student Center.

The luncheon will be held in the College Union at 12:30. Those who sign up can indicate what kind of dish they will bring—cold cuts, salad or dessert. Or they can bring a dollar in lieu of a dish.

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Debaters Sweep Attorney Judgments

The Cal State Stanislaus debate squad completely dominated the competition at the annual Cal State Hayward Attorney Judged debates last weekend and won the first-place sweepstakes for the second consecutive year.

Competing against teams from U.C. Berkeley, U.C. Davis, U.O.P., Cal State L.A., San Francisco State, U.S.F., and Southern Oregon College, the Stanislaus team won the second-place and two third-place trophies.

June Robertson, a freshman from Tracy, placed second, Ken Adair, from Modesto and Steve Jost, also from Tracy, each tied for third.

The speakers argued actual trial cases, one on a charge of entrapment for a marijuana arrest and the other on the constitutionality of a law school's admissions procedures, as attorneys from the Alameda County

Bar association judged the debates.

Every Stanislaus speaker earned a "superior" ranking as Jost, Adair, and Robertson compiled an impressive record of 11 wins and only one loss during the first day of competition.

Eight speakers qualified for the semi-finals on the second day, the three from Stanislaus, three more from San Francisco State, one from UOP and one from USF. Stanislaus and S.F. State were battling for tournament honors until the semi-finals when all the Stanislaus speakers won and all the S.F. Staters lost, two of them to Adair and Robertson.

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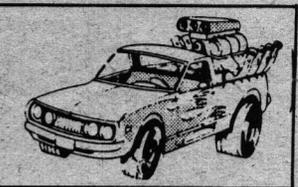
Women's Center Opens

The new Women's Center, Classroom 160 (next door to the women's rest room downstairs) is ready for use. Anyone (man or woman) who wants to use it to study, eat lunch, browse and read the literature on hand can go in any time it's open. Hours are posted on the door.

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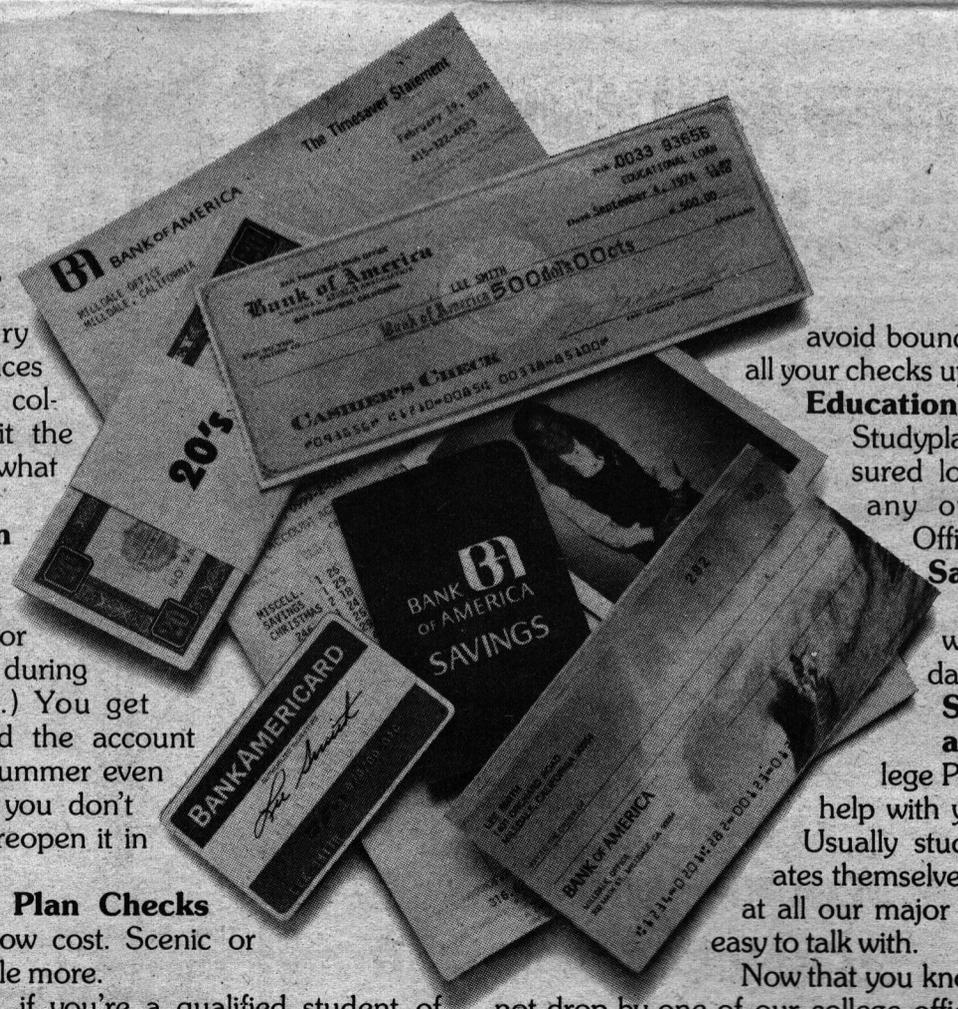
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