

cal condition. Johnny Sittisin and Britney Baker, all of whom suffered minor injuries and have since returned home.

ARC theatre says the show must go on.

ARC President Dr. David Viar encourages everyone to support the department.

"I ... hope you will consider attending the production ... as both a tribute to Jenna and to the unwavering spirit of those who have worked on the show with her," Dr. Viar said in an e-mail sent to the staff.

The play promises to provoke much conversation.

ent stage a woman has fallen and taken to a hospital. Was she pushed? Did she faint?

The answer remains a mystery as two cultural rivals battle between truth and perspective and a reporter is forced to discover the truth of what really happened. This is only part of the content in Elizabeth Wong's play "Kimchee and Chitlins" opening on the ARC Theatre stage this Friday.

"Kimchee and Chitlins" is controversial on a real level. Racial, gender and economic prejudice are active in its script and the ARC Theatre has taken the challenge of bringing these

Professor Sam Williams of the drama league decided to bring appreciation to the production. He used the play to convey diversity in one of his classes.

He says, because of the play's content, he doesn't know how the audience will react.

"That's something I can't worry about," said Williams. "That is [the audience's] perspective. I think there will be some people that will leave at intermission or even before."

Professor Ingrid Kerkhoff at the University of Bremen in Germany quoted Wong as saying, "my work is about response."

The 21-member cast displays

bers have added their own choreography ... something that wasn't written in the script.

The play originally was written for nine, but Williams decided to add more roles. ARC's theatre department uses theater productions for entertainment and teaching.

This is "educational theater," Williams says. "We use it as a teaching tool."

Helen Ventura, ARC nursing student, says her first reaction after reading this play was confusion.

"I'm used to musicals. I'm not used to controversy," said Ventura. "This is definitely

Capitalism" through the people

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## Artists starve Campus Life art show

By Eric Webb  
Staff Writer

On the most romantic Hallmark holiday of the year, Valentine's Day, apparently artists were so involved with painting and sculpting for their significant others that they failed to turn in a single piece of art to the Student Art Contest for black history month.

"It's a shock to me that no one stepped up, especially when there was \$175 on the line," said Tim Reilly, Student Personnel Assistant of the Campus Life Center.

The grand prize for the event was a \$100, second was \$50 and third was \$25 in Beaver Bookstore vouchers. The only requirements were the drawing, painting or sculpting have something to do with Black History or African Heritage and be turned in

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# SA members resign en masse

By Amber Sellnow  
Staff Writer

Since five student representatives have resigned from Student Association, the council is no closer to filling seats than it was last week.

Within an hour and a half before the SA meeting on Feb. 12, the five submitted identical resignation letters - Alexander Cojan, Valeriy Dorn, Brandon Garcia, Daniel Karavan and Sergey Linnik. In the duplicated letter, they stated their disagreement with the president and felt that he is unethical because he "deceitfully denied the right of one of the Student

Representatives to vote on overriding the special election."

During the vote to override the elections to appoint three previous vacancies, Garcia voluntarily took chair, and according to Robert's Rule of Order the chair is unable to vote unless there is a tie. But perhaps he assumed he was able to vote. Garcia also stated in his application for student representative, that he was "familiar with governing documents, such as a constitution and by-laws ..."

There was a disagreement on the Feb. 19

meeting on whether or not the resignations were accepted prompting open vacancies. Student representatives submitted their resignations hours before the Feb. 12 meeting, the renouncements were not posted on the agenda.

Other than the five disbanding from council, and the argument on whether their resignation was accepted, there is a bigger dilemma. Was the vote from the Feb. 5 meeting (approval for the president to appoint three to

## Honoring Black History month with poetry

Dr. Muhammad 'edutains' ARC

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## Jumper Movie...

Globetrotting sci-fi action flick  
leaves plot to be desired

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## SA: Regrouping

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council) still valid?

On the Feb. 19 meeting, Director of Public Relations, David Fisher, and two reps, Tanya Garcia and Yuriy Popko. The seven members available, the council approved three students the president appointed in a closed meeting on Feb. 14. Saba Siddiqui, Rachid Frihi, and Anthony Todd. Frihi was the only appointed member to show up to await approval of the council.

So what is to become of the five vacancies?

According to the bylaws, if are four or less representative positions are open, the council may override a special election. Even if the SA president is able to appoint three positions, an election must take place, but that won't be known until next week.

The rest of the agenda (including reading of resignations/declaring vacancies, and filling remaining seats) was tabled to the next meeting.

### How SA lost its' Student Representation

**Nov. 27** — Election day at ARC. Nine of the 10 newly elected to positions of Student Representative are allegedly part of a "Christian Bloc."

**Jan. 29** — Three students are disqualified from taking office because they do not meet specific requirements. Six student representatives who allegedly have ties with to the former Christian Civilization Club are sworn into office.

**Feb. 5** — Student representative Brandon Garcia steps in as chairperson and so, is not able to participate in the special election vote. As a result, the vote is nine to four, or two-thirds of counsel in favor of appointments. Garcia's vote would have changed that count to eight to five.

**Feb. 12** — Five of the new student representatives resign from their positions using identical resignation letters. They accuse SA President Lex Martinson of an ethical and

## ARC tennis beats rival Sac City

### Current Staff Report

The men's tennis team dominated rival Sacramento City 9-0 in the season opener, Feb. 19, and followed that up with a strong Beaver showing at the Modesto Tournament, placing second overall in a field of 14 of the top teams in the North.

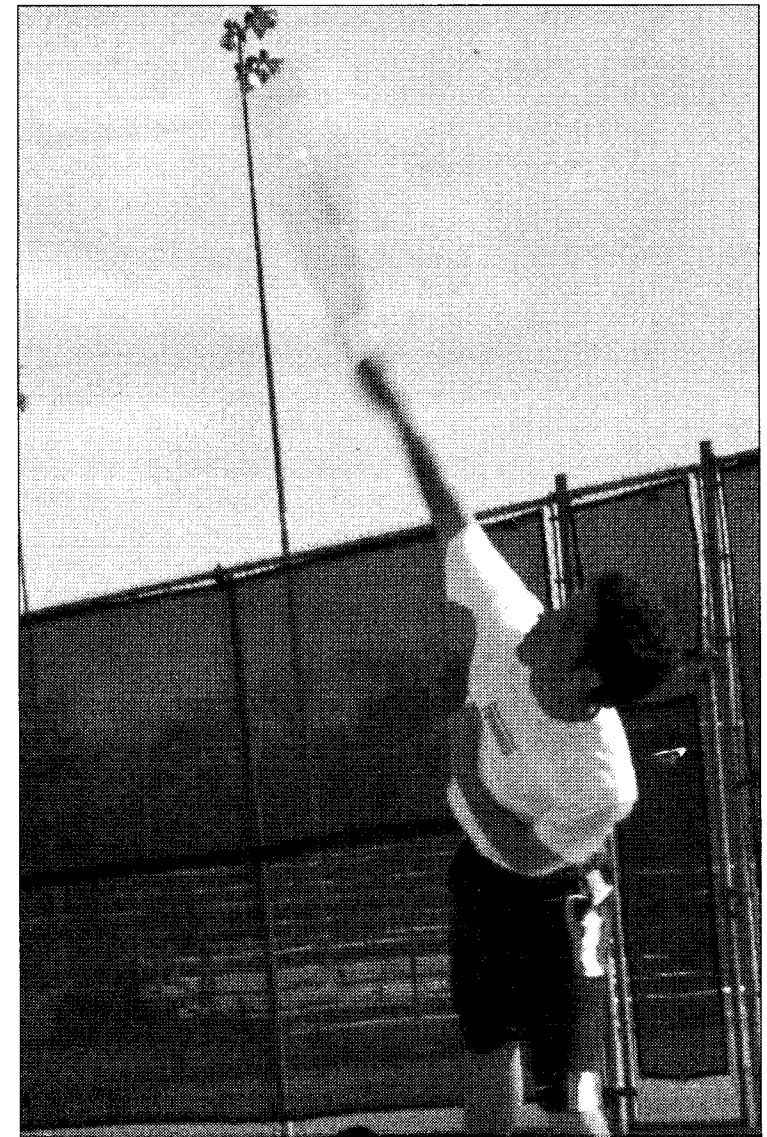
ARC's No. 3 **Nader Zahedi**, No. 4 **Andrew Swart**, and No. 5 **Jon Lee** each reached the finals of their respective draws. While No. 1 **John Spoerl** and No. 2 **Rusty White** made it to the semifinals in their draws.

Swart, ARC's sole champion, won the No. 4 Flight with an amazing 3-6, 7-6(4), 7-6(20) victory in the final over Troy Kellenberger of Fresno City.

The Beavers' No. 1 doubles team of Spoerl and White lost in the semifinals, as did the No. 2 team of Swart and Zahedi.

### Follow the Beavers

**Feb. 23**  
ARC vs. Foothill



accuse SA President Lou Martinson or un-ethical and deceitful practices.

**Feb. 19** — Yuriy Popko is not in attendance for Council meeting, nor was the SA's president. Three new members are voted onto council and will be officially sworn into office on Feb. 27. Five Student Representative positions are still vacant.

## STARVE: Little notice given

### From Front Page

Valentine's Day morning.

"The goal of this [art show], and of future projects, is to help the campus culture grow," said Joy Galloway-Jones the Campus Life specialist spearheading all of the Black History Month activities on campus, "And we're going to keep trying."

So with all this money on the line, and with the rising costs of textbooks, where were all the starving artists on campus?

"I had no idea there was even a contest going on today," said ARC student Sarah Hickman who has taken several art classes in previous semesters, "But I would have probably entered it if I did."

The money for the contest, donated from the Campus Life Center, will be used for another event down the road, and hopefully another art competition with a little more notice for students to prepare their artwork, according to Galloway-Jones.

## TCHAKA: Teaches tolerance

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Galloway the Campus Life's Campus Life specialist, other staff members and students Dwight Wise and Cody Kvenzli to hear more of his jokes and thoughts on life.

"I learned [from Muhammad] to ask about other peoples cultures and to learn about their language," Wise said when asked about his thoughts on Muhammad's speech and poetry.

Muhammad then traveled to "the Spot," to hang out and talk with students before he spoke in Professor Jared Marshall's College Success (Human Career Development) class, providing more insight on life and tips for successful and peaceful living.

For information, booking or to be added to his mailing list, you can contact him by email at [tekmu@sprynet.com](mailto:tekmu@sprynet.com)

College

at 10 a.m.

**Feb. 29**

ARC vs. Yuba

College

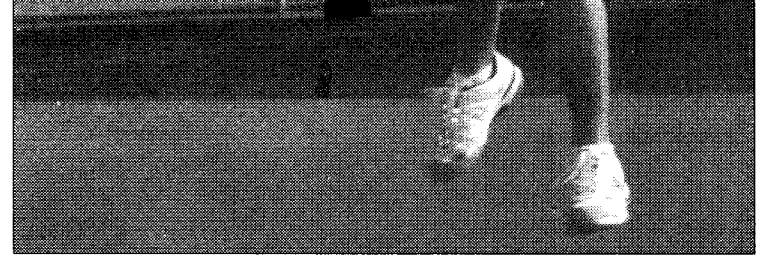
**March 6**

at 1 p.m.

ARC vs. Chabot

College

at 2 p.m.



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Andrew Swart connects with a speed lob volleyed to him from Nader Zahedi, not pictured, while practicing on the American River Tennis Courts on Monday, Feb. 11, before their big game held on Tuesday.

# BLOOD: New way to donate

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separator next to the donor station. The cell separator separates the blood into red blood cells and plasma.

"The platelet rich-plasma along with saline is infused back to the donor through the same collection line," said Meredith Chilcot, BloodSource account manager.

Through this process, double the red blood cells are collected while vital nutrients in the plasma, such as sodium and potassium, are returned to the donor along with a saline solution. The saline solution is a common replacement fluid containing sodium chloride and water that aids in cell functioning.

The double red blood cell donation not only doubles the donation, but also reduces the possibility of side effects for donors, such as dizziness and drowsiness.

## BloodSource

Tuesday, March 4 and

Wednesday, March 5

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Cafeteria Banquet

Room

Free T-shirt with

blood donation!

"Many donor reactions associated with whole blood donation are thought to be attributable to volume shifts. Automated collection procedures overcome most volume shift issues by delivering fluids back to the donor," said Chilcot.

Students who do experience any negative side effects are encouraged to visit the ARC Health Center.

"We are always available for

any situation on blood drive days," says Gin Fierro medical assistant in the Health Center.

Students must meet some requirements to be eligible for this special double donation. Donors must be male, ages 18 through 65, at least 5'6" tall and weigh at least 160 pounds. Regular single cell donations are less restricted as they are open to both male and female students and require that the donor be at least 17, or 16 with a parent's permission, and weigh more than 110 pounds.

Donate blood by either method on Tuesday, March 4 and Wednesday, March 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the ARC cafeteria banquet rooms. Save lives and get a free blood donor T-shirt, too.

For more information students can call the ARC Health Center at (916) 484-8383.

# CURRENT

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**Whatever happened to...**

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## Honoring Jenna's memory

Production plans to open despite student tragedy

By Amber Sellnow  
Staff Writer

American River College's production of "Kinchee and Chullins" is set to premiere Friday night, despite the sudden loss of lead actress, Jenna Faeth.

Faeth, 18, passed on Sunday, Feb. 18. She was killed instantly after she lost control of her car on the way home from a theater festival in Los Angeles.

Of the three other passengers, ARC student Andy Hoover, the son of Admiral Hoover, Pamela Hoover. Hoover suffered a physical trauma and remains in critical



An impromptu memorial was set up in the Theatre Arts courtyard Tuesday afternoon, after a weekend auto accident killed Jenna Faeth, left another in critical condition and injured two more.

Current Photo / Sema Daniels

## Sisters' civil rights battle needs to be continued

By Josh Clemens  
Staff Writer

You may know a story of a person trying to help others struggling to free themselves from a serious dilemma. Sister Dorothy Stang, was honored in "Martyr of the Amazon. The Life of Sister Dorothy Stang," for doing just that.

Stang joined the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur of the Ohio province, intending missionary work. She traveled to the Brazilian Amazon and saw what life was like for the people there. As a conventional nun she saw that not only their personal, but civil rights were being taken away; her purpose was to help the poor and defenseless. She learned how Brazilian ranchers were exploiting the Amazon by "Brazilian Miracle" or "Savage

In a small Brooklyn community issues to life

a lot of talent. Four of its mem-