

## All eyes turn to national politics

by Darrel-Arthur McCulley

It seems in recent weeks that the focus of the news has shifted, even if a little, from international to national. The object, of

course, is to predict where it's going to go from here. Well, in the light of recent events, this task becomes easier for one who tries to interpret the news.

Of course, the major

object of interest is the Presidential election scene. There are, of course, many opinions floating around, of which one must beware.

One of the more comical and predictable figures in the race is our own beloved Jerry Brown. What will probably happen is that he will experience a surge in popularity (one or two percent) due to his calling for a balanced federal budget, and then his following will dwindle down to about 8% for the convention. As for Kennedy and Carter, I think a tendency for the President to "come out of the Rose

Garden" a bit more than he has is in the cards.

The same thing that happened to the Republicans in 1976 is happening to the

However, the same thing may just be brewing for the other side of the fence. But there is one element that may prevent the problem from plaguing Bush and

prevent a schism in the GOP rank and file.

As for the other poppies in the field, some have turned out to be weeds. If John Connally wins in South Carolina, he can hang on for at least another month. If not, then he will almost surely bite the dust within two weeks. John Anderson is becoming the counterpart of Jerry Brown, and Philip Crane should be out of the race within a week or two.

Now for the Sixty-Four dollar question: who will win the nomination? To that one can only say . . . As for now, who knows?

### NEWS ANALYSIS

Democrats in 1980: Two contenders running neck-and-neck will serve to split the party down the middle and lead the way for a possible Republican President in the White House next term.

Reagan. This will be the possible blessings brought about by the enactment of the alleged "Eleventh Commandment: 'Thou shalt speak no ill of another Republican.'" It is this type of Chivalry that might

### Practice makes perfect

## Students benefit from math lab

by Yoko Koike

The Mathematics Laboratory planned by the Associate Dean of Math, Science and Engineering, Dr. Ray C. Cramer, has been giving help for students for three years.

"Each student has his own pace and way of figuring out mathematical problems. There are three major purposes provided in this project," explained Mr. Vahack Haroutunian, the mathematics director in charge of the project in company with another math instructor, Ms. Doreen Fisher.

Those three purposes are to offer alternate learning modes, to provide individual pace for study, and to provide help in tutors, audio-tutorial aids, special reading materials, TV, and tapes.

This lab is offered not only for mathematics major students but also for medical assistants, nurses, computer programmers, and other major students. If you have difficulties in mathematics, the lab will provide assistance.

"Students can utilize the method in different ways by attending the lab," said Mr.

Haroutunian.

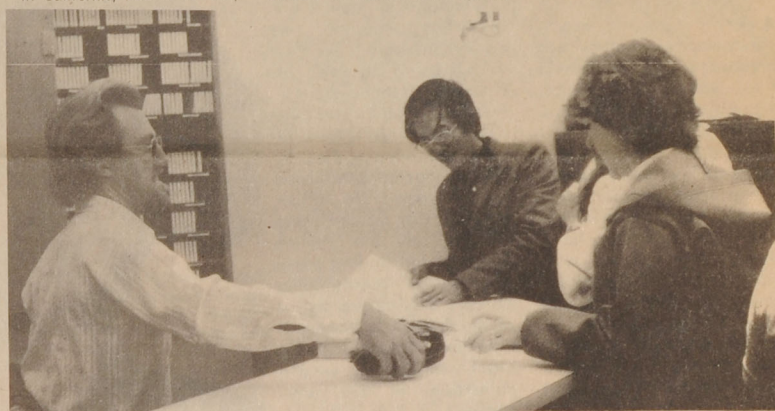
This three-year project will also provide some up-to-date equipment, such as a computer, cassette recorders, slide projectors, and calculators, depending on types of problems that the student may have.

In California, FCC is the only

grant from the National Science Foundation. FCC applied for this grant last year when they wrote to CAUSE (Comprehensive Assistance for Undergraduate Science Education), a government funded program. Now, FCC is receiving \$85,000 total from CAUSE. In addition to this grant,

FCC also spends \$42,000 for the development of materials in the math lab.

Although some of the classes are new this semester, and one class is still in the process of experiment, Mr. Haroutunian's attitude implies a prospect of success.



Students use the facilities in the math lab to sharpen their skills



FORMER PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY, Gerald and Betty Ford stopped in Fresno to do a little official and unofficial campaigning last week. The official campaigning was for Rep. Charles "Chip" Pashayan, while the unofficial came as Ford still declined to accept an active Presidential bid although not missing a chance to lambaste the current Administration. (Lonnie Eskridge photo)

## Gerald Ford speaks in Fresno

by CHRISTY DENNIS

Former President Gerald Ford and his wife Betty Ford ventured up to rainy Fresno from sunny Palm Springs Thursday evening, for a press conference and dinner in support of Congressman Charles "Chip" Pashayan. The press, however, were more interested in knowing Mr. Ford's decision on placing himself on the Republican ballot.

Ford began by saying he had no prepared remarks. Ford said, "I am not scheming and conniving to be a candidate." He did, however, say, "If my party wanted me to be a candidate I would respond."

When Ford was asked how he felt about the recent New Hampshire primaries and what he thought about Reagan sweeping over the other leading Republican opponent, George Bush, he replied, "I have taken an oath and I will therefore not be critical of any one of the Republican candidates." But he did say he would then support the candidate selected at the convention. At this date Ford very well may be that chosen

candidate.

The crucial question was posed: "Do you think you (Ford) could best President Carter if given the opportunity again?" Ford then answered "Yes." He proceeded to give statistics to prove his reply. "After three years of President Carter in office, the inflation rate has risen to 18%." Ford ended the issue, saying, "The Carter administration has blown it and they are totally irresponsible."

Ford also showed great concern for the Iranian crisis, saying, "This action by the Iranian students was possibly the most perilous and dangerous incident facing the United States and the world since World War II. Under those circumstances I do not believe that a president ought to have a lot of Monday morning quarterbacks telling him what to do. We should support whatever he does until we get the hostages back and give no grandstand advice."

Ford ended the press conference by stating that the country can not survive another four years with President Carter in office.

by Peggy O'Rourke

Would you feel comfortable attending a luncheon date with several business executives of, Fresno? Would you know what to say? And are you familiar with some of the terminology that goes with marketing and managing? Could you guess what the topic of discussion would be?

If you are unfamiliar with some of the areas in business, or you're not sure how to properly conduct yourself, then perhaps DECA may be the right thing for you.

Each month DECA honors a "student of the month" at a luncheon where the business community recognizes a DECA student for their involvement in business.

Edgar Wesson is the first student of the month for the spring semester. He will be given the unique opportunity of engaging in a business-social luncheon with top executives in the Fresno area.

DECA has also been preparing vigorously for the state conference that will be comprised of DECA students from the entire

state.

The state conference will be held in Fresno March 7, 8, 9, at the Piccadilly Inn. In the conference the students will be engaging in a variety of events.

One of these events includes role playing in a business situation. It includes several difficult problems, such as a manager of a department store having to supervise an unhappy employee, or having to face a dissatisfied customer.

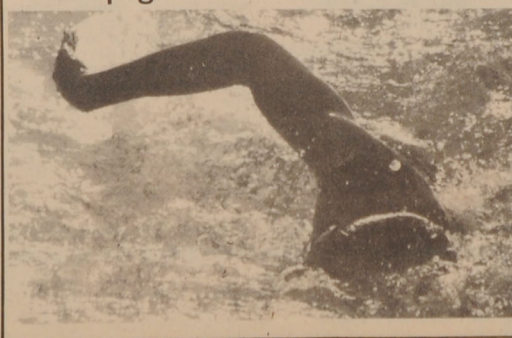
Because FCC's business department is hosting the state conference, it is also their

responsibility to obtain the trophies and hire 68 judges, comprised of teachers, business executives, managers, and public relations specialists.

FCC presently has seven returnees from last year's nationals. The judges are comprised of corporate presidents, such as the president of Bank of America. When the competition is over, it is not uncommon for a student to be approached by one of the many executives who are looking for intelligent, young and energetic people for employment.

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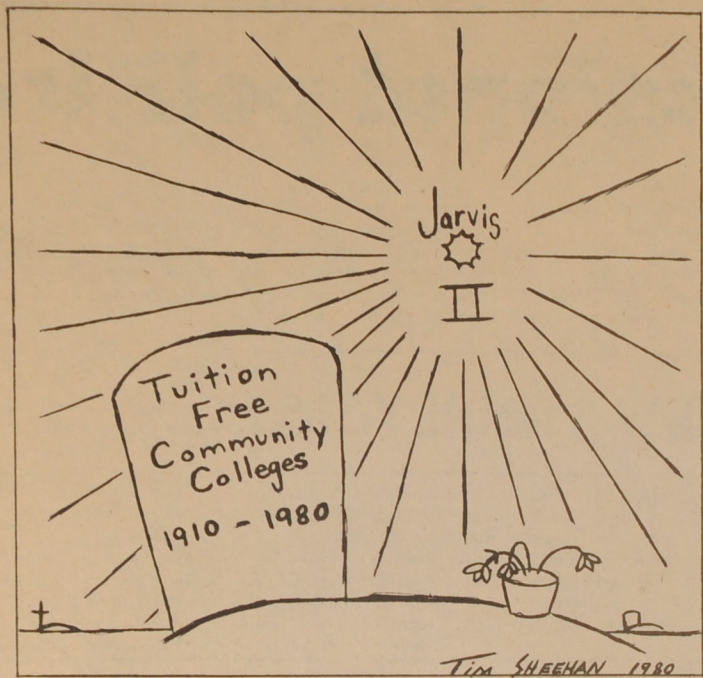
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## Jarvis II spells trouble

by TIM SHEEHAN  
Well, Howie Jarvis is at it again. This time his escapade is Proposition 9, better known as Jarvis II. This initiative would reduce personal income taxes to 50% of 1978 levels. Sounds pretty good, huh?  
Let's look past the glitter, and check out the deeper, long term effects of this measure if it should pass (God forbid!).  
Proposition 13 sounded good, too. But the State of California also had over \$7 billion in "bail-out" funds to cushion the effects. This surplus, however, even without Jarvis II, is nearly depleted, and since Jarvis II has no provisions for bail-out, it will have an immediate effect. Considering the estimated

budget losses of nearly \$5 BILLION overall for the 1980-81 school year, coupled with the unbuffered impact of Prop. 13, Jarvis II could have a disastrous effect upon the open-door policy of the California Community Colleges.  
Over 14 community college organizations have declared a united opposition to Jarvis II, including the California Community and Junior College Association, the Association of California Community College Administrators, and the California Community College Student Government Association. Each segment of the college system, teachers, administrators, students and

trustees, have committed themselves to the defeat of Proposition 9 for one simple reason: the firm belief in an educational system that is open to all persons, regardless of race, nationality, or previous education, at a cost of only a health fee to permit an "open door" for learning.  
To deny the right of a college education at reasonable cost is WRONG!  
Yes, if Jarvis II passes, then the inevitable result will be eventual tuition fees for California Community Colleges, a fee that could run as high as \$200 per semester. How many students here at FCC can afford that? Think about it, voters . . . think about it real hard. Is it worth it?

## Anything to make a buck

by Tani Mayeda  
Where else but in America can a person capitalize on events past or present? If you look around you will find Ayatollah Khomeini dart boards, "free the hostages" T-shirts, and "camel jockeys go home" bumper stickers.  
The once common war-games, such as Battleships, Risk, and Diplomacy, have now been replaced with simulations of real conflicts past and future. Players may sense a feeling of participating in history or even changing it. If you've ever wanted to command an army or naval fleet you now have a chance to do just that.  
For a small fee of anywhere from ten dollars to fifty dollars you can purchase the historical information of your favorite war and relive it in total command. If you thought that the outcome of a particular war wasn't exactly the way you thought it should have been you can purchase the

game and change it.  
Simulations Publications Inc. has elevated this ancient art from a handful of buyers to an even increasing number of buyers. Although most of their customers are college-educated civilians, the U.S. military has adapted three of the games for officer training. Can you imagine walking into the officers quarters and finding some of the top commanding officers playing wargames of the future? (I wonder if President Carter and his staff have a whole collection of SPI wargames.)  
Maybe these games will become the wars of the future. Instead of actual combat we can send the top commanding officers into a room to battle it out on a board. We'll be able to save lives, time and money. Besides, we would have to make sure that our officers were intelligent. What a great way to get rid of the nitwits we have in higher offices.

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## Editor's Note

by Laura Lang  
Last week's Staff Spotlight caused more waves of controversy on campus than it was worth. First of all, the Staff Spotlight was an idea brought up by the staff, voted on by staff members and written by a staff member. It focuses on a person not just as a journalist but as an individual.  
One of the letters I received was from the "FCC coffee shop academic community." Although attempts to locate such a recognized group on campus proved futile, I want to thank the senders for calling me "academically brilliant (sic)."  
The entire staff got a kick out of the letter, which pointed out that by twisting a line in the story one could concoct that people who are "Academically brilliant people are fools." My advice to the FCC coffee shop academic community is an old saying I once heard: "A fool is he that thinks himself above being so." Case closed.  
Three dimensional movies have finally come back to Fresno. Tonight at the newly renovated Tower Theater audiences can squeak and squeal as the "Creature from the Black Lagoon" looms threateningly off the screen at them. I have only seen one three dimensional movie in Monterey at a place called the "812 Cinema." The 812 is a converted theater in one of the old warehouses lining Cannery Row. Instead of the conventional hard backed seats found in most theaters (the kind that invite viewers to go get popcorn, go to the bathroom or just to go) the 812's floor is a mass of cushions. The atmosphere inside is so comfortable that one soon forgets about the funny looking goggles necessary for the 3-D effect.  
For all you hot dog skiers out there — use your skills to help those in need and have a blast at the same time. KYNO is sponsoring a ski-a-thon benefiting the fight against muscular dystrophy at Badger Pass on March 16. Information on the event can be obtained at your local ski shop or M.D.A.  
With the warm spring weather young men's (and women's) thoughts are turning towards outdoor activities. One of the more active places on campus has been the FCC Pool. Athletes in general are happy, nice people but the swimmers in particular are probably the greatest most closely knit miniature society in the sport world. I hope that City College students will support the spring sports and even try to get involved. Not all of us (including myself) were made to be stars of the team but there are other ways to help that are just as appreciated.  
Anyway, let's enjoy this semester, and instead of dividing against ourselves bind together and create a positive and productive campus.



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History repeats itself

Draft protests return to FSU

by Roger Jerkovich  
With President Carter's proposal to reinstate the draft for both men and women, 1960's inspired draft resistance movements have been springing up on this nation's university campuses, and Fresno State is no exception.  
Last Wednesday afternoon some 500 students and interested persons gathered in the College Union Lounge, to listen to speakers asking for men and women to resist the draft.  
Although it lacked the intensity of the protests relating to Vietnam a decade earlier, it did show that we have not forgotten the bitterness relating to that conflict and to the draft.  
The rally was sponsored by the FSU Women's Alliance, but organizers and speakers made it clear that they oppose

registration and drafting for both men and women.  
In a news conference before the rally, Darlys Ashford, the organizer of the rally and an instructor in the FSU Women's Studies program, said that the main purpose of the rally is to educate young people so that they "can make up their minds before registration comes up." She added that "None of us as people should be involuntarily forced to fight."  
Alford said that even though it is unlikely that the President's proposal to register women will get through Congress, the issue must be faced, saying that "We as young people are not going to be used again."  
The rally also included three Chicano representatives who spoke during the news conference and rally, who stressed

that there are more minority fatalities in a war because more are drafted. Al Lopez of the Chicano Youth Center said that during the Vietnam War, 25% of American casualties were Chicanos.  
Although the crowd had dwindled by the time FSU professor Bob Allison spoke, he got cheers and a standing ovation from some of those remaining when he pulled out a card identified as a draft card, and burned it in front of the audience.  
Sociology professor Bob Fisher drew a connection between draft registration and war. "There's only one reason for draft registration: to have a draft; there's only one reason to have a draft: to increase the military; and there is only one reason to increase the military: to use it."

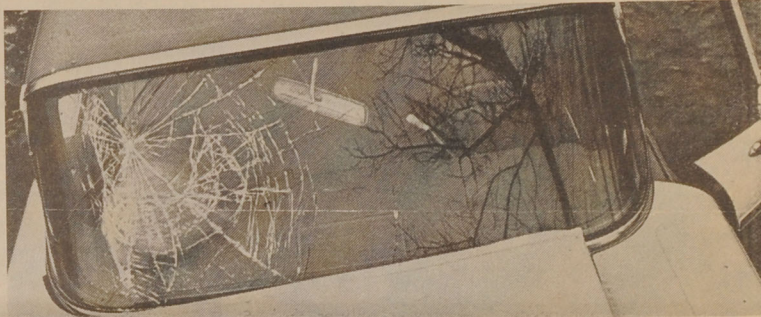
All too often, when the party ends, the trouble begins.  
People who shouldn't be doing anything more active than going to sleep are driving a car. Speeding and weaving their way to death.  
Before any of your friends drive home from your party, make sure they aren't drunk.  
Don't be fooled because they drank only beer or wine. Beer and wine can be just as intoxicating as mixed drinks.  
And don't kid yourself because they may have had some black coffee. Black coffee can't sober them up well enough to drive.

If someone gets too drunk to drive, drive him yourself. Or call a cab. Or offer to let him sleep over.  
Maybe your friend won't be feeling so good on the morning after, but you're going to feel terrific.

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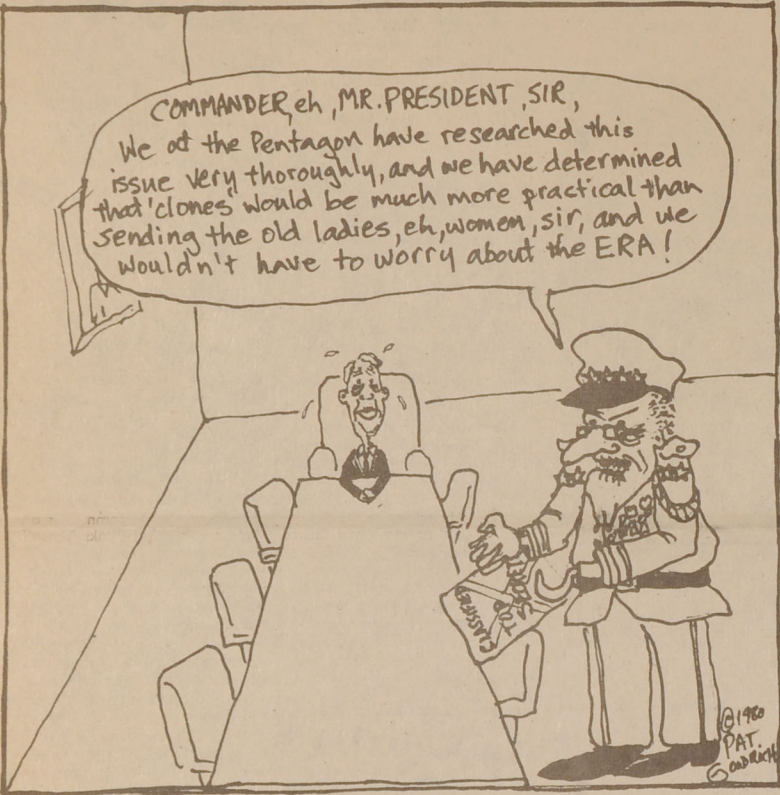


Wilder plays in Fresno

Fresno Community Theatre announces auditions for Thornton Wilder's comedy, "The Skin of our Teeth" on Saturday and Sunday, March 1 and 2, from 1 pm to 4 pm. Guest director, Michael Robertson, will maintain the non-traditional style of this classic, where the actors occasionally break character to talk directly to the audience.  
The main characters of this show are George Antrabus, his wife and two children, and their maid Sabina. George represents the average man who endures fire, flood, pestilence, the seven-year locusts, the ice age, the black pox and double feature, a depressions during the 5,000 years which the action of this show takes place. They prove the mettle of humanity and are the stuff of which heroes are made — heroes and buffoons. They have survived these calamities by the skin of their teeth. This comic production is a tribute to their indestructibility.  
The original Broadway cast

starred Tallulah Bankhead, Frederic March, Florence Eldridge and Montgomery Clift. Other major characters include a delightful cameo role of the fortune teller, originally played by Florence Reed; and the stage manager (who will portray the role and actually be stage manager) originally portrayed by a young E. G. Marshall. The cast is rounded out by 10 extras (5 men and 5 women) who play

multiple roles, ranging from pre-historic animals to ushers to a telegraph messenger.  
Try-outs are open to the general public for anyone who would like to perform, help prepae sets or costumes or work stage crew for the show. This delightful comedy will be a great deal of fun to prepare and perform. It is always a pleasure to work with a talented director like Michael Robertson.



New students must take tests

by John Loughney  
Next fall, incoming freshmen and present Fresno City College students who have not taken English 1A will be required to take a mandatory diagnostic test for eligibility in English 1A classes.  
In the past, eligibility was based on the results of SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) and the discretion of the student's advisor.  
Some students who were registered in these classes could not read or formulate good English sentences. Many of these students would either drop the class or would receive a poor or failing grade.  
Mr. Franz Weinitschen, Dean of the Humanities Division, believes that it is in the best interest of the students to implement a mandatory diagnostic testing program for English placement.  
In order to enter English 1A, the student must score at least in the 80th percentil. Students who

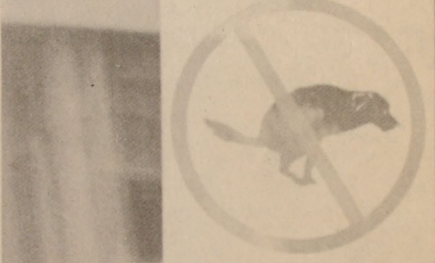
score in the 20th to 70th percentile must enter English 51 or English A classes.  
If a student desires, he or she will have an opportunity to make up the deficient English test score by passing a written composition exam. Students scoring in the 2nd to 19th percentile must enter English 50 and English 56. Students scoring in the 1st percentile must take English 77.  
It is very important that a student take English 1A since it is a pre-requisite for other advanced courses. English 1A also helps the student to prepare for the Junior Composition English Exam, which is a requirement for a BA degree.  
FCC instructors want their students to know how to read and write properly, so that they do not run into any problems in a 4 year college or university. The instructors feel that this is an indication of the standards of FCC.  
"There will be more writing in English classes from here on

out," according to Mr. Weinitschen. "The student will be pleased in the long run."

New president

FCC has a new student body president, Tim Sheehan. The former Legislative Vice-President and news editor of the Rampage will assume the position of president vacated by Jim Sowers.  
Sowers announced his intention to resign as president at last weeks ASB Senate meeting.  
The reason Sowers stated for wanting to leave his one year post was he lacked the time necessary to be an effective president. Sowers' resignation was carried out on Monday.  
Besides the promotion of Sheehan, President Pro-Tempore Dimitri Jaramishian will fill the vice-presidents spot and Jim Sowers is going to finish off the semester as a senator.

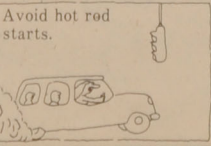
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# fcc dining

## ROOM MENU

### MONDAY

#### Roast Top Round of Beef

Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Baby Lima Beans  
Small Salad

Roll and Butter

\$1.50

OR

Lasagne

Ravioli With Beef

Gnacchi

Small Salad

French Bread

\$1.50

OR

Chinese Cheese and

Rice Omelet

Salad

Roll and Butter

\$1.35

OR

Fish Cutlets (4)

Tartar Sauce

French Fries

Coke Slaw

Roll and Butter

\$1.40

OR

### TUESDAY

Veal Cutlet Romano

Potatoes Au Gratin

Italian Zucchini

Small Salad

Roll and Butter

\$1.50

OR

Mexican Frankfurters

Over Steamd Rice

Small Salad

Flour Tortillas

1.30

OR

Beef Mandarin

Over Rice

Salad

Roll and Butter

\$1.35

OR

Seafood Platter

Tartar Sauce

French Fries

Coke Slaw

Roll and Butter

\$1.50

### WEDNESDAY

Southern Fried Chicken

Candied Sweet Potatoes

Whole Kernel Corn

Small Salad

Roll and Butter

\$1.50

OR

Spaghetti With Italian

Meat Sauce

Salad

French Garlic Bread

\$1.35

OR

Spare Ribs With

Sweet and Sour Sauce

Pilaf

Salad

Roll and Butter

\$1.50

OR

Breaded Filet of Perch

Tartar Sauce

French Fries

Salad

Roll and Butter

\$1.35

### FRIDAY

Salisbury Steak

Scalloped Potatoes

Salad

Roll and Butter

\$1.45

OR

Beef Enchiladas (2)

Refried Beans

Spanish Rice

Salad

Flour Tortillas

\$1.45

OR

Sweet and Sour

Meat Balls (8)

Egg Noodles

Salad

Roll and Butter

\$1.40

OR

Breaded Filet of

Whiting

Tartar Sauce

French Fries

Cold Slaw

Roll and Butter

\$1.40



## Black author sees need for solidarity in community

by Peggy O'Rourke

Throughout Kehinde Solwaze's office are three shelves stacked with colorful books. Some are on the history of the Black people. Others include the economic conditions of Black people. And as one's eyes move further down, it runs into a political section, with books on such topics as the independent party of Black people.

Kehinde Solwaze is a Black Studies teacher. The posters on his wall reflect his deep commitment to the Black race. As he sits in his chair, and softly speaks, one can see that the maps and drawings in his office

blend in very well with his personality.

The Pan African Student union has decided to celebrate Black History Month in April, instead of February. The themes of past celebrations have consisted of the support for Black youths, and the support for African Liberation. This year's theme is "Umoja," which means unity.

"There is a great need for renewal and solidarity within the Black community. We must prepare our kids in developing the community, and let them know that it is theirs," stresses Kehinde.

Since the time of slavery, the

Black family has been broken up. Members of the Black family have had no pattern to fall back on; consequently it has become difficult, if not impossible, for the Black family to follow the same structure as the White family.

Recently a local politician accused some of the minority groups as being lazy, and not willing to work as hard as others. However, he failed to mention the fact that most families came into the valley with some knowledge in business.

"Black people lost their families 400 years ago. We do not know how to start a business. You must have money to start off

with. We have never had a grandfather, or an uncle, to fall back on. Because the whole concept of how to start a business stems from the family," says Kehinde.

The desire to cut taxes, and the rise of inflation are leading people to move toward the conservative right.

"Black people's condition in 1980 is worse than it was in 1950, due to the inflation and the high level of unemployment among our black youths. There is the deterioration of the inner cities since the 1960's. But now the trend is moving White people back into the cities, and moving

condominiums in, and at the same time moving the poor people out! The condition of black people is going to get 10 times as bad!" stresses Kehinde.

Today special interest groups are competing more than ever for recognition, and it can become easy for a politician to be supportive of one special interest group or another, without really being committed to any of them.

"I think," states Kehinde, "that Black people will have to build some kind of independence, by forming a political movement. I don't think we should be wedded to either the Republican or

Democratic parties, because we are always at mercy with them. My complaint is that too many of us are democrats."

"We can't isolate poor people and ignore them, or get rid of them, and yet not destroy the entire state. It's like cutting off my own foot, and saying I don't need this old foot anymore, so why not cut it off," explains Kehinde.

"It's going to be rough on us all in the 1980's. Perhaps the difficult conditions will unite all people together."

"I think that the worst conditions bring out the human spirit in us all," says Kehinde.

### Collection still growing

## Student's life dominated by Beatlemania

by Joe Chabala

While most three year olds were watching cartoons, Captain Kangaroo and Mr. Rogers, Janet Ragsdale was screaming to see the Beatles.

"I've been a fan since I was three. They (her parents) said I was yelling to see The Ed Sullivan Show, which the Beatles appeared on," said FCC student, Janet Ragsdale. "When I was

seven I even got a Beatles birthday cake."

Now some 12 years later, the Beatles are still a big part of this Hoover graduate's life — she's begun collecting Beatle memorabilia.

When you walk into her small bedroom, a montage of Beatle photos, buttons, drawings, books, posters and dolls transport you back to the mid-60's, when those four men from Liverpool made their debut in America.

Though Janet has been a fan of the Beatles for some time now, she says she has only been collecting seriously for about two years.

"The first thing of the Beatles that I got was the *Hard Days Night* album," she said. From there she has collected everything from Beatle lunchboxes to Beatle wallpaper. "Some of it I send for, but most of my stuff I get from a friend of a friend — it comes down through the grapevine," she added.

Janet has many magazines and other paper memorabilia, but she says she would like to get away from that type of item.

"I want to get away from the paper stuff like magazines and into the hard stuff like lunchboxes and stuff. The paper stuff is really easy to find," she said.

One of the more valuable items that Janet says she would like to add to her collecting is a butcher block album cover, worth over \$300.



John Lennon doll.

"When it first came out, it was thought to be disgusting. The group was shown dressed in butcher clothes and there were pieces of meat, blood and parts of baby dolls scattered all around. The album was taken off the market and new album covers were glued over the objectionable ones."

Janet also said that you had to be careful when you bought one of these albums because some people try to steam the top layer off and end up ruining the valuable cover.

Of the four performers she idolizes — Paul McCartney,

Ringo Starr, John Lennon and George Harrison — Janet says she doesn't have a favorite. She used to play favorites, but now she likes them all equally.

When asked if the group got together again, how much would a ticket be worth to her, all she could say was, "Lots."

Though Janet's collection is still growing, she has only humble aspirations for it.

"I figure by the time I get old, I'll have a pretty good collection. I hope someday it gets so big that they recognize me and maybe I'll get to see them some day because of it."

## did you know?

BY DARRELL-ARTHUR McCULLEY

DID YOU KNOW that, as the world spins through space, it gains weight? This is because of the millions of both small and large meteorites that strike the earth every day, most of them unnoticed. After a while, the stuff accumulates and the earth becomes significantly heavier.

There are some animals that, if necessary, can reproduce without benefit of a male mate. Some species of brine shrimp are like this. In times of men shortages, the females can reportedly conceive and give birth. This is called Meiotic Parthenogenesis.

Since the beginning of recorded history in the civilized world, there have been less than three hundred years of total global peace. This is not an unusual fact when you stop to consider that the ancient Middle Eastern kings used to have a season specially set aside for war. Come spring, a King would take his troops and do whatever conquering and plundering he could get away with until it got either too cold or too hot to fight.

Can anybody out there name the most common form of surgery performed in the United States today?

Two Presidents of the United States died on the Fourth of July in the same year. Do you recall who they were?

It is interesting to note the fact that there have been several carvings found among Aztec and Maya artifacts of that ancient flying dinosaur, the Pterodactyl. Quite unusual when one stops to think that there were no Pterodactyls on the American continent at that time. So either the Indians found some million-year-old fossils for models (which anthropologists think is highly unlikely), or . . . could they have known of a species of the creature that did not become extinct?

In ancient Sparta, a man was expected to rape his bride.

Some scientists have reported coming up with a special clear liquid that is so rich in oxygen molecules that small animals such as hamsters can breathe underneath it.

And here's the answer to last week's questions of the week: The words on the Saudi Arabian flag mean, "There is no god but Allah." And here's this week's: The medical students out there could surely tell who performed the first heart transplant, but who was it performed ON?

And what do YOU know that's interesting?

## European Viewpoint by Gitte Krough

In my former article I have mentioned the EEC (the European Economic Community) and in this article I will try to explain the idea and function of the European Community.

The idea of a united Europe has existed for a long time, in one form or another. A radically new approach was, however, proposed in 1950 by the French foreign minister, Robert Schuman. He suggested a pooled sinew of coal and steel under the control of a single independent authority. The six signatory states were, when the European Coal and Steel Community was established by the treaty of Paris in 1951, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. The trade in these products was so successful that the Six in 1957 decided it would be both possible and desirable to extend their integration to other sections of their economies. They therefore signed two treaties in Rome in 1957, establishing a European Atomic Energy Community (EUATOM) and a European Economic Community (EEC).

The progress of the Community was very smooth in the early days, because it was born and approached its maturity in an environment of world economic expansion which owed a good deal to the availability of cheap, plentiful and secure supplies of oil and raw materials.

Since its enlargement to nine member states in 1973, where Ireland, Denmark and the UK entered the Community, it has had to adjust itself to a changed world of uncertain power balances. The enormous rise in oil prices, in particular, dealt a severe blow to the Community's economic fabric, giving rise to balance of payments problems, inflation and unemployment.

During the years the Community has covered more and more fields, such as: Agriculture, Fisheries, Industry, Energy, Science and Research and has also developed an educational and social policy. Slowly the Community tries to wipe out the biggest differences between the member states and tries to equalize the possibilities for all of them.

The Community has four institutions, each of which has its own civil rights.

THE COMMISSION is responsible for proposing community policies. Its 13 members act independently of the nine national governments in the community interest. It is

answerable to the European Parliament and to the parliament alone.

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS decides major community policies which the Commission then implements. It has one representative from each member country and the ministers who attend its meetings vary, depending on the subject under discussing; i.e., Agriculture ministers deal with agriculture, Transport ministers deal with transport, and so on.

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT is consulted by both the Council of Ministers and the Commission on all important matters. It can dismiss the Commission and it has a considerable budgetary power. The Parliament has 410 members elected by direct elections.

THE COURT OF JUSTICE has nine judges, one from each member state who ensure that policy proposals and policy implementations are in line with Community law. It is superior to national courts in matters of Community law.

The Community grew up in the shadow of two super powers, the United States and the Soviet bloc, but has for some time had an important and growing influence on world events, particularly since its enlargement in 1973. Despite the fact that its member states had over the centuries developed separate commercial and political links with the rest of the world, the Community, which is the world's largest trading unit, has developed not only an economic but also a political identity on the world scene. It has won wide spread diplomatic recognition and even the Soviet Union and other eastern bloc countries, which have refused to recognize the Community formally, have in practice acknowledged that they can no longer afford to ignore its existence and have negotiated with it on fishing rights.

Today, no individual European country has the size, strength or stature to exercise a decisive influence on its own. The European Community, on the other hand, which has a population of 258 million, which is the world's largest trading unit and the world's biggest single source of aid to the developing countries, can and does have a significant role to play.

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POETRY

THE FAR FIELD

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Theodore Roethke, probably the best recent American poet, has here produced one of the outstanding books of the last thirty years. Roethke, in "The Far Field," has not only gained American greatness, but is one of the few poets who has achieved a sense of universality. Roethke combines exceedingly powerful images with the dexterity of simple everyday occurrences and breaks out into a language sometimes sorrowful, sometimes joyous, sometimes humorous, but always magnificent. Roethke's imagery lies in nature and the environment around him, and it intertwines with his own mindfull spirit. The music of his lines ranges from the soothing melody of a church organ to the haunting madness of a callopie. Here is an excerpt from the title poem, "The Far Field," demonstrating Roethke's voice and consciousness:

I am renewed by death, thought of my death,  
The dry scent of a dying garden in September,  
The wind fanning the ash of a low fire.  
What I love is near at hand,  
Always, in earth and air.

The lost self changes,  
Turning toward the sea,  
A sea-shape turning around, —  
An old man with his feet before the fire,  
In robes of green, in garments of adieu.

A man faced with his own immensity  
Wakes all the waves, all their loose wandering fire.  
The murmur of the absolute, the why  
Of being born fails on his naked ears.  
His spirit moves like monumental wind  
That gentles on a sunny plateau.  
He is the end of things, the final man.

All finite things reveal infinitude:  
The mountain with its singular bright shade  
Like the blue shine on freshly frozen snow,  
The after-light upon ice, burdened pines;  
Odor of basswood on a mountain slope,  
A scent beloved of bees;  
Silence of water above a sunken tree:  
The pure serene of memory in one man, —  
A ripple widening from a single stone.  
Winding around the waters of the world.

—Review by Sevag Yarialian

All That Jazz — surrealistic film

All the tension. All the glory. All the work. All the pain. You know, All That Jazz.

"All That Jazz" is definitely THE movie to see these days. Roy Scheider, as memorable for "JAWS" as he is forgettable for "The Last Embrace," stars as Joe Gideon in Bob Fosse's new musical autobiographical celebration.

While "Jazz" certainly is autobiographical, it is not necessarily an autobiography. Oh, sure, Fosse the man and Gideon the character are both Director-Choreographer-Dancers who smoke, drink and sleep around to vulgar excess. And, yes, both do have heart attacks while editing films about a somewhat morbid comic. But Joe Gideon does at the end of "All That Jazz," while Fosse is still quite alive.

Perhaps Fosse, who in 1973 scored an unprecedented directorial feat, winning an Oscar for "Cabaret," a Tony for

"Pippin," and an Emmy for "Liza with a Z," has begun to realize his time is limited, and prepared "Jazz" as a part of his epitaph.

And it is a fitting and successful epitaph, at that, the movie, which cost some \$10,000,000 to make, opens at the birth of his show, the cat-leall auditions done to the sounds of George Benson's "On Broadway."

The film is often surrealistic and heavily laced with symbolism. Jessica Lange, former girlie to "King King" and presently set to star in the remake of "The Postman Always Rings Twice," is cast as death's heavenly handmaiden, Angelique, and she looks as delicious as she does sultry.

But the real stars of the film are not-so-famous. Some of the dancing in this movie is superb, and newcomer Sandahl Bergman is the most outrageous of the lot. Her topless number, "N.Y. to L.A.," is the most

sexually alive thing I have ever viewed. Fosse's trademark has been to take dancing's implicit sexuality and to make it explicit. Bergman is set to star in "Xanadu" with Gene Kelly and I've definitely got my anticipation level up.

The first 2/3 of the movie has some of the most creatively imaginative scenes ever placed onto celluloid. Scheider performs a dance of eulogy to a menage-a-trois he once shared with two lovelies. In a later flashback, a young Joe Gideon is introduced to foreplay by a trio of strippers at a strip joint where he's employed.

But it is after his open heart (graphically displayed on film for all to see) surgery that the movie has some problems. In the ex-cruciatingly drawn out final production entitled "Hospital Hallucinations," Scheider as Gideon finally sees that he must die in a fantasy to death where he struts and sings (with the help

of Ben Vereen) through a symbolic dance of death. They sing the Everly Brothers' "Bye Bye Love," as "Bye Bye Life," which was cute but just a bit much!

Ann Reinking as Gideon's mistress Kate gave the best female character performance in the film. She, in real life, is actually a long time Fosse girlfriend who has made a name for herself acting in Fosse shows (Pippin, Chicago, Dancin'), she was also in the quasi-popular "Movie Movie."

I like "All That Jazz," and recommend it to everyone. Although some parts drag, it is innovative and intelligent enough to make it a movie that will stand as one of Hollywood's major films as the years go by. One question, though: when did the Good Luck saying "Break a leg" mutate into the saying "Go crack a Chest." One can easily see we have entered into a NEW DECADE.

Staff spotlight

Rampage Advertising Manager Christy Dennis, originally from Oregon, spent twelve years of her life as an inhabitant of the Aloha State of Hawaii.

Though this is Christy's first venture into the newspaper business, she proves to be a valuable asset as both a writer and businesswoman.

Although her major is journalism, Christy is branching out into the field of radio broadcasting.

"I've got my own radio show on KLIP and eventually I hope to be a TV anchorwoman," she stated.

Christy is a second semester student here at FCC and says she wasn't too enthusiastic about attending the college.

"I moved from Hawaii so I could go to Fresno State," she said. "I couldn't get into State so I had to come here. I didn't like it at first, but now I'm glad I'm here because I don't think I could get

into the college scene as quickly as I did here."

Christy doesn't find much extra time as she motors her way from one destination to the other on her moped, but when the schedule permits she enjoys skiing, roller skating, and swimming.

Christy is a fun and relaxing person to spend time with. She meets every obstacle with enthusiasm and a will to do what a woman has to do to pull ahead.

Christy's favorite fantasy is to live in some exotic place, with a second home in Hawaii, be a famous TV reporter for ABC, and be able to pay next month's gasoline bills.

In closing, Christy remarks, "I feel one of the most important qualities a person can cultivate is to be able to communicate with other people effectively. Also I hope that people who read our paper continue to give us the feedback we have been receiving."



Advertising Manager Christy Dennis

Guitarist has hard work payoff

by Carrie Pettit

All the hard work former FCC student Sam Williams put into his work finally paid off. Williams has had his first guitar book, "The Homegrown Guitarist," published.

Mr. Williams was born in San Diego, but has had his home base in Fresno since the age of 10. He is a graduate of Fresno High School and he has studied music theory here at Fresno City College.

With years and years of musical experience behind him, along with thousands of miles on the road playing west coast colleges, he played four years in local rock and roll bands (before discovering the magic of acoustic guitar). Also, he held the position as folk guitar at U.C. Davis.

Williams started playing guitar in 1964 during the height of the British musical invasion. Considering the musical influences he was exposed to, it is easy to understand why he has first interested in playing rock and roll guitar. he now looks back at this period of his life as a time in which he abused music and put his parents through unexcusable musical sufferage.

Williams doesn't know why he was so into rock guitar at the time. He told me that "rock and roll just seemed like it would be fun."

After a few years of trying to keep it together in a rock and roll band, Williams became bored. He said the reason he stopped concentrating on electric guitar and started giving all he had to give to the old wooden box is that he discovered that "acoustic music was more real. It's people music and it's more original."

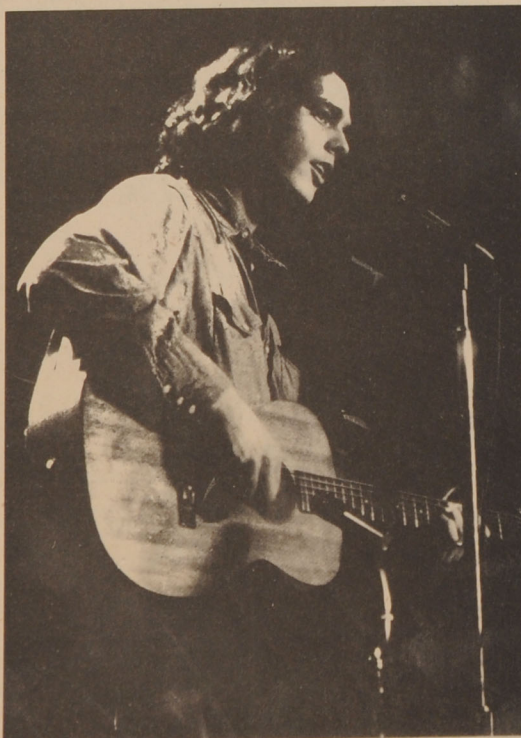
I asked Williams if he ever played rock and roll now at all. It seemed like the question really

triggered something in the man. Sam was serious in his answer. "If somebody comes to me and expects to hear rock and roll, I'm sorry, but they're not going to hear it." This man is true blue as far as his musical tastes go. I could hear a strong sense of sincerity in his voice.

When asked what the real driving force behind his book, "The Homegrown Guitarist," was, Williams replied, "I knew

when I wrote the book that I wasn't going to make a million dollars off of it. Basically my reason was just to get the idea across, to pass on the information."

Sam is a t present working on setting up a publishing company called "Jah-Keen Productions." They plan to publish several books in the future. Mr. Williams has currently settled in Fresno with family and friends.



Sam Williams, strums his way to success.

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Athletic Supporter

## Back in the USSR

by HENRY GUTIERREZ

To make a point, I would like to echo Roger Jerkovich's cry, "Let's stomp them Rooskies." I feel even more upset about our Olympic situation. Now that all the ballyhoo about the Winter Games is history, and the hockey team and Eric Heiden brought the country together, we must sit back and HURT the economy of the USSR by not sending our athletes or fans to the Summer Games. Have you seen the state of the US dollar on the international market? Keeping us out of their country can only hurt us.

But I guess that Carter is doing this for the good of the country (what country?). It's re-election time and Jimmy must look good in the eyes of his public. Athletes around the world have been training for years for this goal and now the dumb 'ol' US has to mess 'em up.

On the other hand it seems that the good 'ol' American way lives on. Didja see the NCAA pairings for the basketball tourney? The ACC has five, yes, five, representatives in the post-season tournament. Even UCLA made the pairings due mainly to tradition, not to this year's record.

Wish good luck to the FCC women's basketball team in the State JC Championship tourney this weekend. The Rams will hopefully be able to bring back some hardware from the state tourney.

Wish good luck also to the baseball team in their season and also for the golf, track, swimming, and tennis teams and hopefully our teams will all make an effort to be at the top of the VC league.

Bill Sahatdijan



## Badminton anyone?

Badminton, one of the most favored sports at Fresno City College, is underway for the last season as a team. "The team is enthusiastic about playing," commented Ms. Shriner, coach of the badminton team.

FCC's co-ed badminton team lost their first game against FSU last month, but there will be a rematch against FSU on March 18. These will be the only tournaments FCC will have this year due to prop. 13. Next year, the badminton team will be deleted from the program.

There are some international students on the team from Hong Kong, Malaysia, Indonesia, and India. "It takes a special student to become a badminton player. They don't get a lot of rewards for their participation in the sport," said Shriner.

Members of the team are: Tom Burke, Kahheng Cheah, Rahesh Chopra, Glen Frazer, Marty Griffin, Kelley Lee, Kin Leung, Harsoya Lukito, Mei Ng, Ferdinand Nuval, Joey Perez, Celia Roberts.

## Women break five records

# Swimmers beat Merced

by Christy Dennis

The Fresno City College swim team victoriously blitzed the Merced blue Devils last Friday afternoon when both the Men's and Women's teams scored above the opponents in total points.

Both teams predicted the victory; one team member confided "Even if we couldn't have beaten Merced we built up so much confidence in ourselves that a win was almost inevitable."

And win they did. The women chalked up 78 points without having to swim in the last event, while Merced received less than half of the Rams' points or a minimal 35 points.

The Men's team did not have as wide a gap in points, but nonetheless won the competition with 9 points above the Merced men. The total score was 62-53.

The women have predicted the number one title for themselves this season, and the prediction is

becoming a reality after only one meet when they broke five records. "Breaking records this early in the season is a positive sign because as the season goes on we get stronger," related a member of the women's team.

Breaking the record in the 200 yard Medley relay: Susan Provost, Lisa Neilson, Kuleen McGrath and Kim Lofan. The new record stands at 2:00.79.

Susan Provost broke three records in her events: the 50 yard butterfly, the 50 yard backstroke and the relay.

Kuleen McGrath was next, breaking two records in the long strenuous 500 yard freestyle and teaming up with members in the relay. And Lisa Neilson, last but not least, broke the record in the 100 yard breast stroke.

The men earned nine first places out of the thirteen events for their performance.

Today's meet will be held at Modesto beginning at 3:00.



Jeff Krause

A FCC swimmer practices for a recent meet.

## A marathon racer

# Jim Brooks; a little handicap can't stop this athlete

by Shelley Jeffers

We have many athletes here at Fresno City College, all of them special in their own way. But there is one who can be considered an encouragement to all the rest. His name is Jim Brooks, and he races in marathons.

"What's so special about that?" you say. Well, Jim is a paraplegic. He's been in a wheelchair for 3 years and his outlook on life is terrific.

"I consider my disability an integral part of my ability in communicating with disabled people," remarked Jim.

Jim's main sport is marathon

rating. On January 26th he participated in a 26.2 mile marathon in Bakersfield. There were 250 contestants. Coach Fries from FCC also participated.

During the three day holiday for Washington's birthday, Jim kept very active. The first day he raced for 6 miles in the foothills for Synanon with some friends. The second day he raced 6 more miles on flat ground in Tulare. The third day he was by himself but he raced another 6 miles at Woodward park.

The next weekend Jim raced for an organization called the

world hunger, also known as CROP.

This is his third year at FCC. "A lot of things have worked out for me at FCC," said Jim. He plans to graduate in May. He has been working on his Theraputical Recreation degree.

Jim is the treasurer for the Associated Student Body. During the past 4 semesters he has spent time working with various physical education departments.

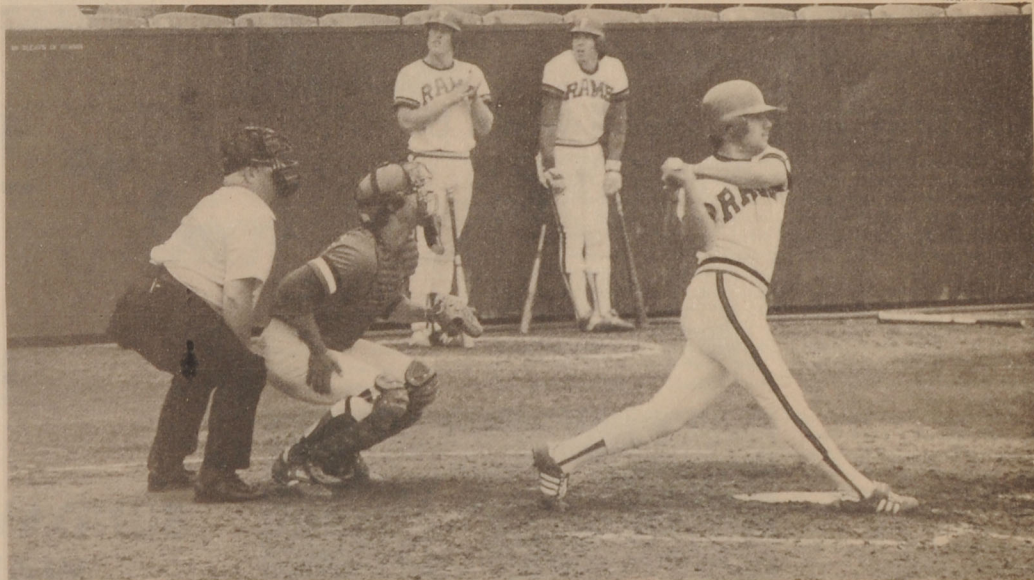
The summers of 77 and 78 he worked with the adaptive P.E. department.

During the fall of 78 he assisted the water-polo team, and during the spring of 79 he

helped out the swimming team. During that time he remarked that Coach Stephens gave him quite a bit of encouragement in learning swimming techniques and kept working with him, showing him all the skills required for adaptive swimming. Jim also worked 2 summers for the Easter Seals.

Jim seems to be a very well adjusted person with a fantastic disposition and a desire to help people less fortunate than he. He feels that some recognition is due to his friend Dick Thomas who has given him a great deal of inspiration and encouragement.

Roger Jerkovich



Pete Delana up to bat for Ram baseball team. They captured the win over Bakersfield 7-2.

## Sports Calendar

MARCH 12-15

Basketball (M & W) State Tournament, Cal State Fullerton, TBA.

MARCH 13

Golf, Bakersfield, Riverside GC, 1 p.m.

MARCH 14

Swimming, Sierra, FCC Pool, 3 p.m.  
Golf, Taft, Riverside GC, 1 p.m.  
Track, American River, Sequoias, Ratcliffe Stadium, 2:15 p.m.  
Women's Tennis, Sequoias, FCC Courts, 2 p.m.

MARCH 15

Baseball at Reedley (2), 12 noon.





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