



ASB Elections

By B.T. Wedemyer
Rampage Reporter

In an election of considerably more voter turnout than the last several years, Greg Simmons was elected Associated Students president.

The 600 students who did vote still only make up a small fraction of more than 21,000 enrolled at Fresno City College.

The tightest race in the elections involved Simmons and Dan Lorraine, a current senator. Simmons was elected with 238 votes, a few more than Lorraine at 209. Lorenzo Vega came in a distant third with 101 votes.

"I'm really pleased, not that I won, but because the students took an active roll to cast their votes and make their voices heard," Simmons said. "I have my work cut out for me. There is going to be a lot of changes to deal with, on the administrative and campus level."

"We want to get as many students involved as we can, and keep it that way," Simmons added. "The key is going to be communication."

Lorraine campaigned heavily for

the elections by posting signs and meeting with fellow students on both election days.

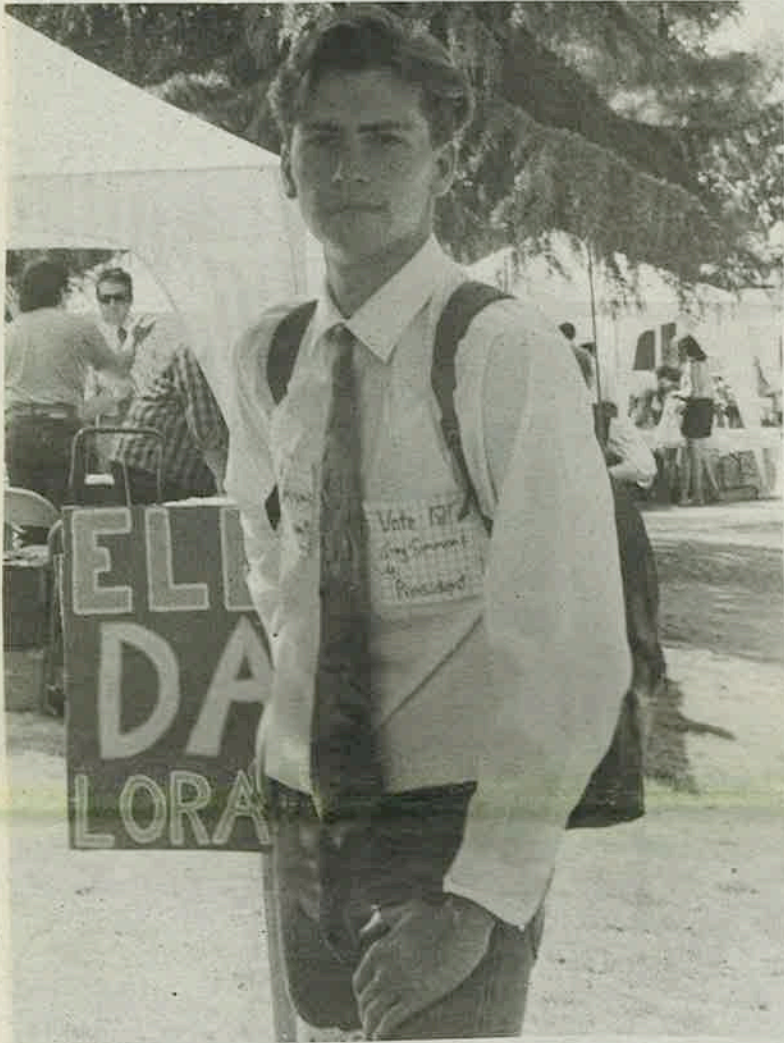
"Of course I was disappointed with the results, but I was very happy we had so much more people voting," Lorraine said. "It makes dealing with the loss a lot easier."

Current AS president Michael Mattox, who was running for two different seats, battled .500. He was elected Student Trustee with 228 votes. Ward L. Mitchell had 155 and Gunnar Jensen, 134.

Mattox lost considerably to Collete Dodd for executive vice president with 177 votes compared 346 for Dodd.

For legislative vice president, Jonathan K. Archie was elected with 300 votes, followed by Gregory Scoggins with 240.

Because only 10 students ran for 16 senate available positions, they needed only one vote to be elected. Incumbent Rene M. Juarez received the most votes with 114 and the others included: incumbent Eddie K. Ash, Patricia Aubuchon, Mark Bryant, Brenda Cox, Mai L. Lee, Lance D. Liddell, Steven Sauer, James C. Sheppard, Jr. and Keisha P. Whitten.



ASB President Greg Simmons

Photo By Theresa Dunn



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Political Mud Slinging Hits FCC

Like a heated feud between Bill Clinton and Jerry Brown, two candidates running for Associated Students president battled just days before the election.

Greg Simmons, the current president pro-tempore, won a close battle by 29 votes, but not before a direct challenge on issues from Dan Lorraine.

"He kept claiming he was all for clubs and lower book prices," Lorraine said after the election. "But when I checked it out myself, there it was in black and white that he voted against all this."

A few days before the election, Lorraine's campaign staff, headed

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Freedom of Choice

By J.L. Zewe
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Abortion is one of those subjects that can't be brought up without a heated debate following. So how does one approach this delicate subject without offending anyone...one doesn't.

To many, abortion is a cut and dry subject. There is a right side and a wrong side. To the Pro-Life people, abortion is murder, plain and simple. They say it is murder because the life of an unborn fetus is being terminated. To the Pro-Choice people, abortion is not murder because the fetus hasn't left its' mother's womb, therefore it has not begun to live. Who is right? Is abortion a scientific, medical equation or a question of ethics and morality?

Is it right to make a teenage girl face a life with a child that she isn't ready for or mature enough to raise? Is it right to abort a fetus because it will be born deformed or severely retarded? Woludn't that be considered genetic engineering?

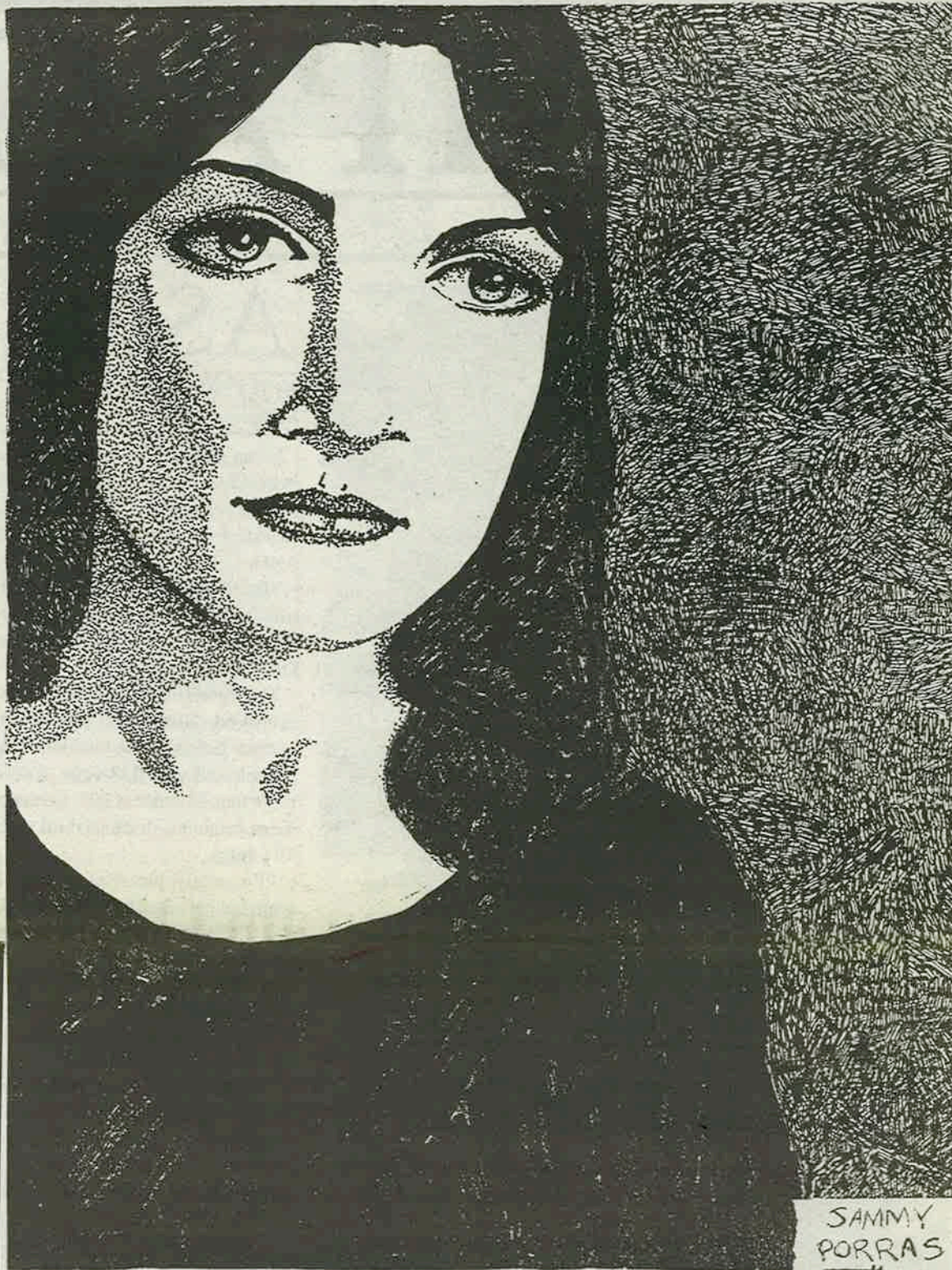
Image, if you will, a time when abortions were illegal. My mind conjures up images of dirty tables in back alleys with frightened women

lying on them. An unskilled butcher (doctor), a knife in one hand and a bottle of whiskey in the other, about to rip into a woman, maybe kill her as well as the fetus. Why force women to go through a torture like that.

Abortion shouldn't be treated casually as a birth control method and yet it is wrong to take the right to an abortion away from a woman. A Woman should be allowed to control her own future, just as any man has the right to control his own future. No one tells a man that he can or cannot have a vasectomy. It is up to no one but the woman to decide what she does to or with her body, she, and she alone, will have to answer for whatever she chooses.

Is that reasonable? America can't afford to take a leap (that big) back into time? What will happen next? Will women loose their right to vote? Will Native-Americans be forced to live on land reservations? Will African-Americans be enslaved once again?

How does one come up with a solution to a problem as big as the issue of abortion? Mind your own business, you have enough problems of your own, stay out of my womb.



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Rampage Awards

Two Fresno City College students won awards at the Journalism Association of Community Colleges state competition April 10-11 at Fresno State.

Brian Wedemeyer, a reporter for The Rampage, took third place in the on-the-spot sports writing competition and former editor John McAllaster won an honorable mention in the editorial writing category.

Cory Tyler, current Rampage managing editor, was elected Northern California representative for the JACC, an organization of faculty and student members at some 60 community colleges in California.



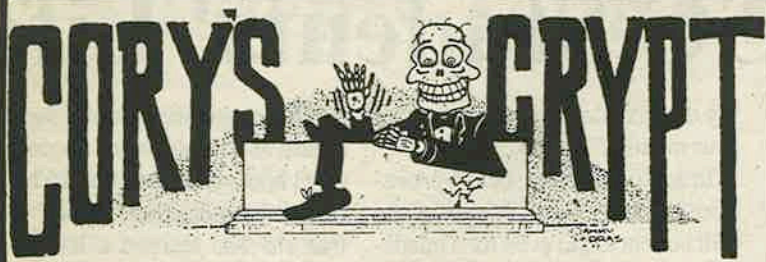
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By Cory Stephn Tyler

College newspapers, friend or foe? You may have asked yourself that question many times.

Well that's why I'm here to help you. Let's spend a little time together and figure this out, shall we?

First of all, if it wasn't for newspapers, you would not know what's going on in the world around you.

Now that's a stupid phrase... the world around you. What exactly is that supposed to mean? It seems to imply that you are just air space and everything else is surrounding you.

Speaking of surrounded, ever been in a really crowded mall? It's hell.

There is no parking, you can't find a place to sit and the lines at the store's are too long.

While on the subject of long,

daylight saving's time is in effect, making the day's seem really long. Why, it seems that just when the sun sets and the party starts, the sun comes up again.

Tomorrow, tomorrow, the sun will come up tomorrow.

Don't you love Broadway show tunes? They're so lively and bubbly.

Bubbly like soap. You remember soap? It's that stuff that cleans you and your loved ones. Rub a dub dub, three men in a tub.

Now there's a story you don't hear about everyday... of course if there were no newspapers, you would never hear about it.

So I guess that the answer to our question is college newspaper's are our friend. See ya!!!!

Fee Increase Proposed

By Inger Sethov
Contributing Writer

In an effort to balance the state budget, a California legislator is proposing a fee increase for students with 90 units or more.

Assembly Bill 2782 proposes that students with 90 units or more, a bachelor's, a master's, or a higher degree would pay the full cost of educational services provided. This would amount to \$3,100 per year for community college students, \$7,500 for CSU students and \$14,200 for UC students, based on the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges' (FACCC) calculations.

Supporters of the bill argue that in times of crisis we have to prioritize those who need higher education the most.

"Taxpayers can no longer afford to support higher education for anyone who seeks it regardless of background" reads a bill analysis by the Community College League of California.

They claim that the result will be more funds available for students that need it the most.

The 1964 Master Plan committed California to provide "accessible, inexpensive education" to residents. The state's colleges and universities are now experiencing the prospect of fee increases, class cuts and reduction in student aids.

The Governor's proposal to impose fee increases of 24 per cent for UC's, 53 per cent for CSU's, and 20 per cent for community colleges, is inconsistent with state law requiring fee increases to be "gradual, moderate and predictable," according to information from the Assembly Committee on Higher Education (ACHE).

Arguments in opposition focus on the importance of the Master Plan. Further, they argue that the bill "does not take into consideration reasons for a person's return to higher education". As examples they include job-retraining after lay-off and upgrading of skills to gain a

better job.

Also they claim that the proposal would hinder persons from using their talents and meeting their personal and career goals.

"The bill is very likely to be passed," said spokesperson for CALSACC, Harry Sachs.

AB 2782 would give a \$20 million saving on the state budget and is one in a series of proposals that will make higher education in California less accessible, according to a newsletter by Faculty Association of California Community Colleges, Inc. (FACCCCTS)

"This year is just a crazy, crazy year", said Lorraine Paskett Albrecht, legislative coordinator for FACCC.

Albrecht said she doesn't believe AB 2782 has much chance to pass but she is convinced that higher education will be more expensive in the near future.

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Staff Diversity Program Offered

By Inger Sethov
Contributing Writer

In an effort to comply with state laws on affirmative action, Fresno City College encourages individuals of ethnic or racial minority to apply for its Staff Diversity Intern Program.

"To actively seek to recruit qualified minorities is state law," said Dr. Arthur D. Elish, dean of instruction

In addition to ethnic and racial background, the interns are required to hold a master's degree or complete one during the intern year.

The applicants must have limited or no previous teaching experience.

The main purpose of the program is to encourage minorities to enter teaching positions.

"We give the interns a little bit of a head start," said Elish. "Every intern that I know of has improved their status as a result of our internship program."

Elish emphasized that the program is designed to obey with the law. He said it is his job to follow board policy and the diversity internship program is successful in doing so.

Commenting on Dr. Michael

Levin's controversial speech against affirmative action April 4, Elish focused on state law and the freedom of speech.

"Well, he's entitled to his opinion," he said. "However, we did not support Levin."

Elish said it is important to realize that Levin rented a room on FCC campus. This was the only support FCC provided.

"Affirmative action is the policy of the district," he added. "Of course I support it. That's what I'm paid for."

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Scalzi: The man behind the pen

By Jeff Connelly
Contributing Writer

One of the best known writers for the Fresno Bee is, in fact, one of the newest. John Scalzi has replaced the endless stream of wire service clippings previously used for movie reviews. At 22, he admits that he's been lucky to get a job that some people work for years to get.

Scalzi attended a boarding school in his native Southern California. Upon graduation, he felt a pull common to those of his age: to get away.

He went on to the University of

Chicago, where he edited the school newspaper and earned a degree in philosophy.

Returning to California, he interned at the San Diego Tribune and wrote articles on entertainment. A quote from his review of Stephen King's "Four Past Midnight" appears in the beginning of the paperback edition.

Roughly a year ago, Scalzi began looking for a job, sending a portfolio to literally dozens of newspapers in California and around the nation. The response was, if nothing else, encouraging.

"Newspapers are some of the

first to go in a recession," Scalzi said. "Very few people were saying, 'We won't hire you because you don't have enough experience,'" Scalzi said. "They were saying, 'We're not hiring anyone at all.'"

Eventually, Fresno Bee Feature Editor Diane Webster asked him to send in some more examples of his movie reviews. Though Scalzi's primary focus had been music and books, he leapt at the opportunity. Two months later, Webster called him back and of-

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D.U.I. Charges Change FCC Students' Life

By Camilla Cedequist
Contributing Writer

It was Saturday night, late October, 1991. "Mary", a 21-year-old Fresno City College student, was drinking wine in her apartment accompanied by some friends. When someone offered her a car to drive to a party, she made a decision she would regret deeply later.

"I don't know what made me drive that night," "Mary" said, shaking her head. "None of my friends were pushing me."

"Well, they didn't exactly try to stop me either," she added.

"Mary" knew when she entered the car she was about to commit a crime. She knew that she was in no condition to drive, but she didn't realize how intoxicated she actually was.

"I guess I just thought what everyone else thinks," "Mary" said quietly. "It will never happen to me."

In the car with "Mary" were three of her friends. One of them pointed out to her that she was driving with the high beam head lights on and showed her how to turn them off. Unfortunately, she turned the lights off altogether and a nearby police car noticed the scenario. The policeman pulled "Mary" over.

"Mary's" friends told her to keep calm; that everything was going to be all right, but the blood in her veins froze as the police officer walked up to the car.

"I was shaking," "Mary" said, shrugging as the memories came to life once again.

The police officer asked "Mary" to step out of the car for a field sobriety test. "Mary" then realized there was no easy way out of it.

"I don't think I've ever been that nervous," she said. "I just feel so humiliated being unable to do virtually anything the officer asked of me."

"Mary's" failure to pass the sobriety test was enough for the officers to handcuff her, arrest her and take her down to the county jail. Her friends questioned whether the handcuffs were necessary. The officers replied that they couldn't possibly know what kind of a person "Mary" was.

"All the way down to the police station I cried, all these wild thoughts went through my mind," "Mary" said. "I didn't know what was going to happen to me. The only thing the cops told me were my rights."

In the police car, "Mary" felt completely ignored. Her hair, soaked with tears, got stuck to her face. "Mary" wished someone would have reached out to give her a helping hand.

"It was awful," she whispered, trying hard to remain calm. "There I was, a good girl, squished in between two huge policemen on my way to county jail. I just couldn't believe this was happening to me."

Once she arrived at the police station, "Mary" was registered and

put in a cell with about 10 other women. The walls in the cell were completely bare and in the middle of the floor stood a steel toilet. A phone was available to prisoners. That phone probably saved "Mary" from breaking down completely on the night she labeled, "the worst night of my life."

"I called my roommate numerous times," she said. "It was wonderful to hear her voice, because I felt like the loneliest person in the world."

"Mary" spent six hours in that cell surrounded by thieves, prostitutes and drug addicts who were screaming for cocaine. When her roommate eventually picked her up, she didn't know whether to cry or laugh. She was thrilled to be released, but the filthy stench of the jail cell kept bringing the painful memories back time and time again.

"When I came home, I just sat in the shower for at least half an hour crying. I kind of tried to wash the whole experience off of me," "Mary" said rubbing her arms. "It wasn't very successful, though."

Five months has passed since that disastrous night in October. "Mary," who had 0.11 percent blood alcohol level, was found guilty, in late December, of driving under the influence. She was sentenced to pay a fine of \$1,130, 30 hours of D.U.I. school and four days of community service.

"I also have to attend six Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and

my drivers licence was revoked for four months," "Mary" said.

In addition to this, she is on probation for three years. Meaning she will be sent to jail even for a misdemeanor crime. She cannot consume any alcohol during this time, not even at home.

"The implications of what I did that night are far greater than I had ever imagined," "Mary" said with a smile. "Think of it, I won't be completely free, legally, until the end of 1994, I will probably never be free psychologically."

"This is something I don't even wish would happen to my worst enemy," she added.

"Mary" had never been in trouble with the law before. The worst thing she had done was skipping school now and then. She is a top student at FCC and her family is very proud of her.

"I haven't had the guts to tell my family about this," "Mary" said. "I don't think I ever could make them that disappointed."

These are the reasons she wishes to appear, in this story, under a false name.

"I know what I did was wrong and at first I felt that everything was unfair," "Mary" said.

"Now I have learned to live with the fact that I really screwed up that one time. It is hard to admit it... I felt like such a failure, I still do."

Currently, "Mary" is attending D.U.I. school for two and a half hours every week. This is the only

part of her sentence that she doesn't regard as a punishment. It consists of 13-hours of lecture and 15 hours of group counseling. "Mary" said that she has learned a lot, about alcohol, its related problems and herself.

"In my group there are all kinds of people," she said. "from young to old, poor to rich, black to white."

The meetings have also helped "Mary" in that she feels less alone. She is not the only one that made a mistake.

"This is something that can happen to anyone who is driving drunk," she said in a forceful voice, "eventually will."

"Anyone who thinks 'It won't happen to me' is wrong, terribly wrong."

"Mary" is convinced that she will never repeat the same mistake. She hopes her story will prevent others from committing crimes like hers. Maybe "Mary's" friends have learned from her mistakes; for her closest friends no longer drink and drive. "Mary's" experience has them rethink their behavior, and "Mary" is pleased that something good came from all of her trouble. She believes that everyone must realize that they are committing a serious crime when they drive drunk.

"This whole thing has hurt me tremendously, both financially and psychologically," she admitted.



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FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS DRIVE DRUNK

Education's Key To Bright Future

By Inger Sethov
Contributing Writer

"After goofing off my first two years of college, I decided to become a journalist," says Amy Alexander, 28, now an enthusiastic news reporter for the Fresno Bee.

Despite her young age, Alexander has a great variety of work experience. She started our writing at San Francisco State University, where she finished her bachelor degree in journalism May 1989.

During her years in school, she constantly had part-time and summer jobs at local newspapers. After her graduation, she worked for one year at the San Francisco Examiner, where she mainly wrote straight news.

"It's extremely important, especially for young reporters, to learn how to write news quickly, like I

did," she says.

Alexander says she has always found it both "easy and fun" to express herself through writing. She prefers writing "news-features" where she can use an anecdotic style describing the simple facts.

"I'm a good writer."

Amy Alexander, from the Fresno Bee

With the increasing competition from television, she believes journalists have a responsibility to entertain, as well as to inform, the readers.

She has been working for the Fresno Bee for two years. For the last year she has been covering Fresno schools from kindergarten through eighth grade. This is an area of controversy and a lot of newsworthy events, which

Alexander finds somewhat interesting. However, she says her job here is only temporary.

"There is no possibility for me to advance in this job," she says.

She emphasizes, however that her experience in the Fresno Bee is going to be helpful for her career as a journalist.

With a journalism degree with emphasis on magazines, Alexander's dream and goal is to write for a major magazine. "As do journalists in general," she says. "I have a dominating ego," and she certainly intends to achieve her goals in life.

Being a black, female journalist is a challenge, but Alexander also characterizes this combination as an advantage.

"I'm a good writer," she says "being black and female comes in addition to this!"

Students Tour Capital, Learn about Gov't

By Camilla Cederquist
Contributing Writer

What is going on in the state capitol, concerning community college students? Fee increases? Class cuts? Reduced financial aid? And who is there to argue the student cause? These were questions three of my fellow FCC journalism students and I sought the answer to when we reluctantly crawled out of bed at 5:45 a.m. Thursday and headed for Sacramento.

"This year is just a crazy, crazy year," said Lorraine Pasket Albrecht, referring to proposed fee increases, budget deficits, reapportionment and upcoming elections.

Albrecht, a legislative coordinator at the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges, welcomed us in her office along with Judith A. Michaels, legislative director at California Federation of Teachers. A thoroughly prepared early morning lecture in the nuts and bolts of the California legislative system followed. It was an excellent guide to the rest of the day, although my not-yet-functioning mind kept wandering to the gi-

ant muffins and the thermoses of coffee awaiting the end of the session.

Next on our crowded agenda was a tour of the Capitol. We hooked onto our tour group five minutes late, panting from the jog across the street.

The Capitol building is an impressive piece of construction art. The effort to preserve the building as it looked during its most beautiful period required six years of remodeling. To me, it was like walking into a huge colonial estate in the 18th century.

Remodelers found fragments of old hand-painted ceiling beneath thick layers of white paint. This ceiling has now been restored to its original beauty and it is gorgeous.

In the old Governor's Office we found a telegram from President Theodore Roosevelt, saying he heard there had been some trouble in San Francisco. Considering he meant the 1906 devastating earthquake, one must conclude communication has vastly improved throughout the years.

The Assembly Gallery lay deserted after the morning session.

The color of the room is predominantly green, which brings money to mind, according to our tour-guide.

We continued to the Senate Gallery where we finally found

"They only pay attention when it comes to a real important vote. They screw around a lot."

Secretary of Senator Vuich about what senators do when a proposal is introduced.

some action. After having been searched by two six-foot, five inch security guards, we could hear Senator Maddy of Fresno argue an amendment to a proposed budget bill. Few of the 39 remaining sena-

tors were listening, instead they were spending their time talking to each other or on the phone.

"They only pay attention when it comes to a real important vote," said one of Senator Vuich's secretaries, who had joined us. "They screw around a lot."

Walking out of the gallery we passed a collection of former governors. They are all painted in a conservative fashion except one that sticks out with its bright colors and modern touch. This is the portrait of Governor Edmund G. Brown, more commonly known as Jerry, a current candidate to the presidency. Maybe this year's candidates aren't so boring after all.

In Senator Vuich's office, we were met by her counselor on international trade. The poor man could hardly answer any of our questions regarding education. Small wonder. He did refer us to other sources and he did give us an interesting lecture on the life of a senator, so the visit was definitely not in vain. But the senator's ill-cut poodle was quite ugly.

Lunch was hastily eaten at a small, charming cafe, not far from

the Capitol. Rumors said Vice-President Quayle had eaten there during his visit to Sacramento. Well, the sandwiches were good anyway.

At 1:30 p.m. we walked over to the Hyatt Regency for the last of the day's appointments, CALSACC representative Harry Sachs. He took

us to the Capitol cafeteria, where he talked about student lobbying efforts in Sacramento. He was well prepared and provided a lot of useful information to me and my news-hungry classmates.

"A ridiculous document," said Sachs when asked about the CALSACC constitution, adding he had seen far better high-school constitutions.

However, Sachs promised a revision, necessary for effective student lobbying, was in progress.

In the car on our way home, we were all busy sorting out all the information we had come across during the day and thinking through our up-coming stories. NOT! To be honest with you, we were sleeping. But as enthusiastic reporters, there will be a lot of "goodies" for you in the Rampage. On time.

Capital Punishment In Calif.

By Camilla Cederquist
Contributing Writer

After 14 years of waiting in hope and despair, the time had come. On April 21 at 6:21 a.m., Robert Alton Harris paid the final price to society for a crime he committed in 1978. The price was his life.

Harris, convicted of killing two teenage boys in San Diego, was the first person in 25 years to inhale the lethal gas of the San Quentin gas chamber.

In 1967, Aron Mithcell faced death in California for the killing of a Sacramento police officer. Since then, legal matters have halted the previously high California execution rate, generating hope for capital punishment opponents and the 324 inmates of death row.

According to The World Almanac 1992, California is one of 36 states practicing the death penalty. The justification and effectiveness of the death penalty have been issues hotly debated, including the question whether or not the states should be consistent on laws this significant. The fact is; anyone in Harris' position would face lifetime imprisonment rather than the

death sentence had he committed the crime elsewhere.

A majority of the Americans favor capital punishment. Research made public on CBS Thursday, April 2 reveals that 80 per cent of the public approves of the law. According to an article in the San Francisco Chronicle June 2, 1991, the number one reason for capital punishment supporters is a variation of the biblical statement "an eye for an eye"—"a life for a life".

Gary Hoff, chief deputy district attorney and head of the Homicide Division of Fresno, speaks in favor of the right of the state to execute its most harmful criminals. "Unfortunately it's needed in society," he says.

Hoff says there is no evidence of the extent to which capital punishment serves as a deterrent, but it will at least prevent one particular person from causing more harm. He believes that if there were more executions by the states yearly, the effect in preventing crime would be greater.

According to the Chronicle article, the public support of the death penalty would decline to a bare majority if these criminals were imprisoned for life without the pos-

sibility of parole.

This is also the view of Don Larson, history instructor at Fresno City College, who is opposed to capital punishment.

"To be locked up with the key thrown away and to become nothing in our society would in the end be more cruel," he says. "We don't correct one wrong by doing another."

Speaking in favor of the death penalty is Ronald Graham of the FCC Police Academy. He believes a person who takes a life must be prepared to give up his own, while Larson holds that no one has the right to kill a human being. He questions whether an average citizen should be randomly chosen to do the killing.

"We're part of the state—we're the executors."

Whether or not Harris was to die as scheduled remained uncertain to the last minute. The defense lawyers worked intensely but unsuccessfully to find a way of sparing his life. Six hours behind schedule, doctors declared Harris dead after he had been exposed to the lethal gas for about 20 minutes.

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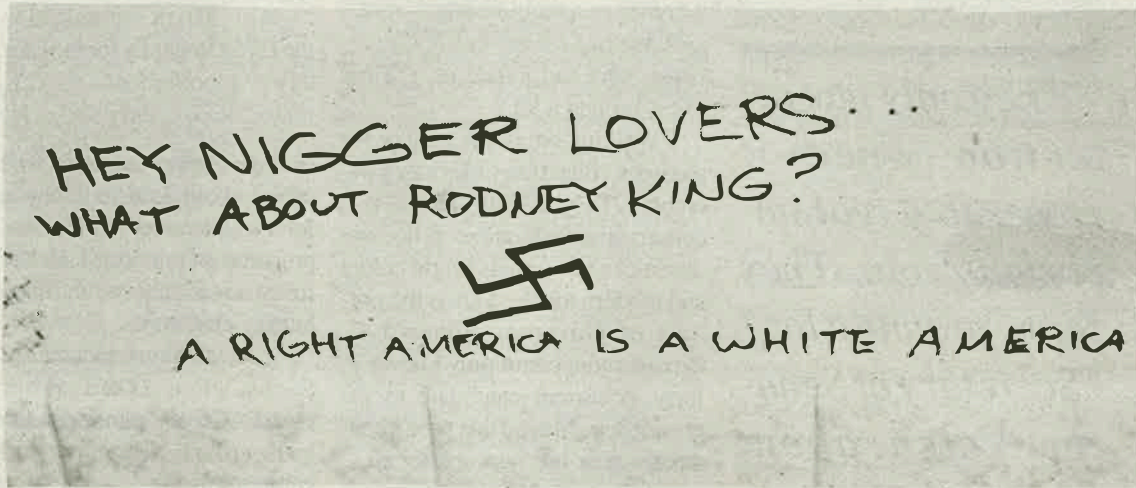
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Open Minds- Except Behind Closed Doors



Photos & Commentary
By Michael Longenecker

I would like to preface this essay with two brief comments. First, the maintenance crew does a tremendous job of cleaning up the graffiti on campus. Secondly, I have been in almost every restroom on the F.C.C. campus and the women's restrooms that I was able to investigate are virtually free of racist and sexist graffiti.

This semester I did a "Roving Reporter" assignment on prejudice at F.C.C.. I spoke to a random selection of F.C.C. students and recorded their responses. The answers were positive in nature; only two students had "seen prejudice" at F.C.C., none had been affected by it personally.

I get a very different feeling about this subject when I use the men's restrooms on campus. On the walls of the restrooms at F.C.C. there is hatred directed towards men and women of all colors and sexual persuasions.

Even though anyone (even small children) can walk into these

restrooms any time and read this graffiti, some of the language used was considered too explicit to be printed in the Rampage. This is why there are so few photographs on this page. Unfortunately, the photographs that were "printable" don't convey the scope of this problem in a fair manner. African-Americans and homosexual men were by no means the only targets of this oppression.

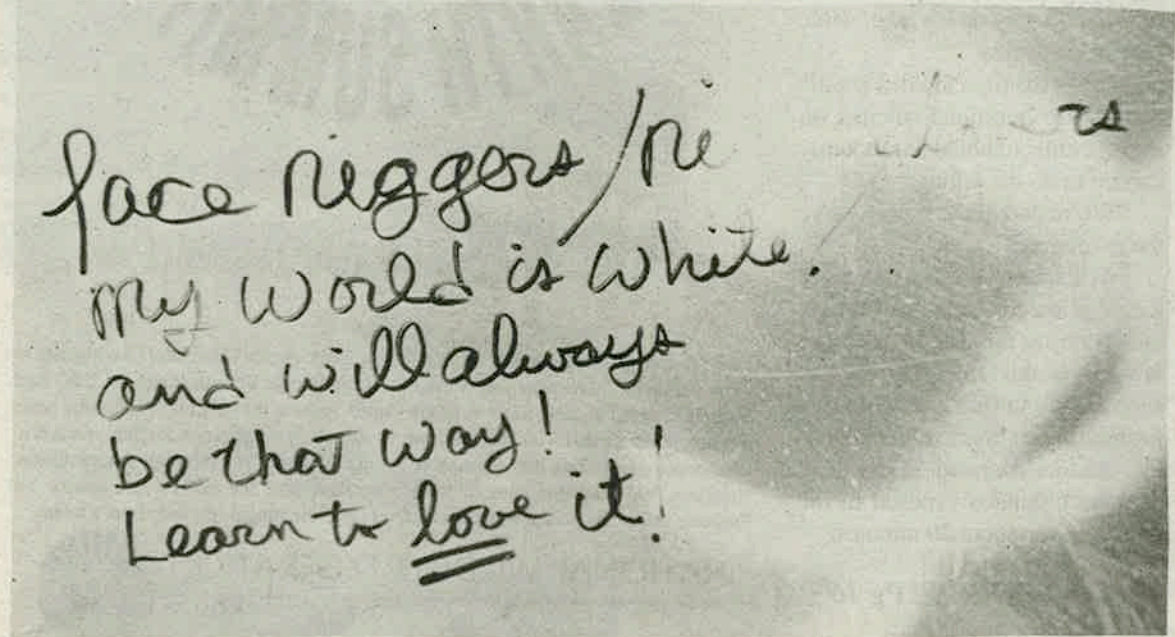
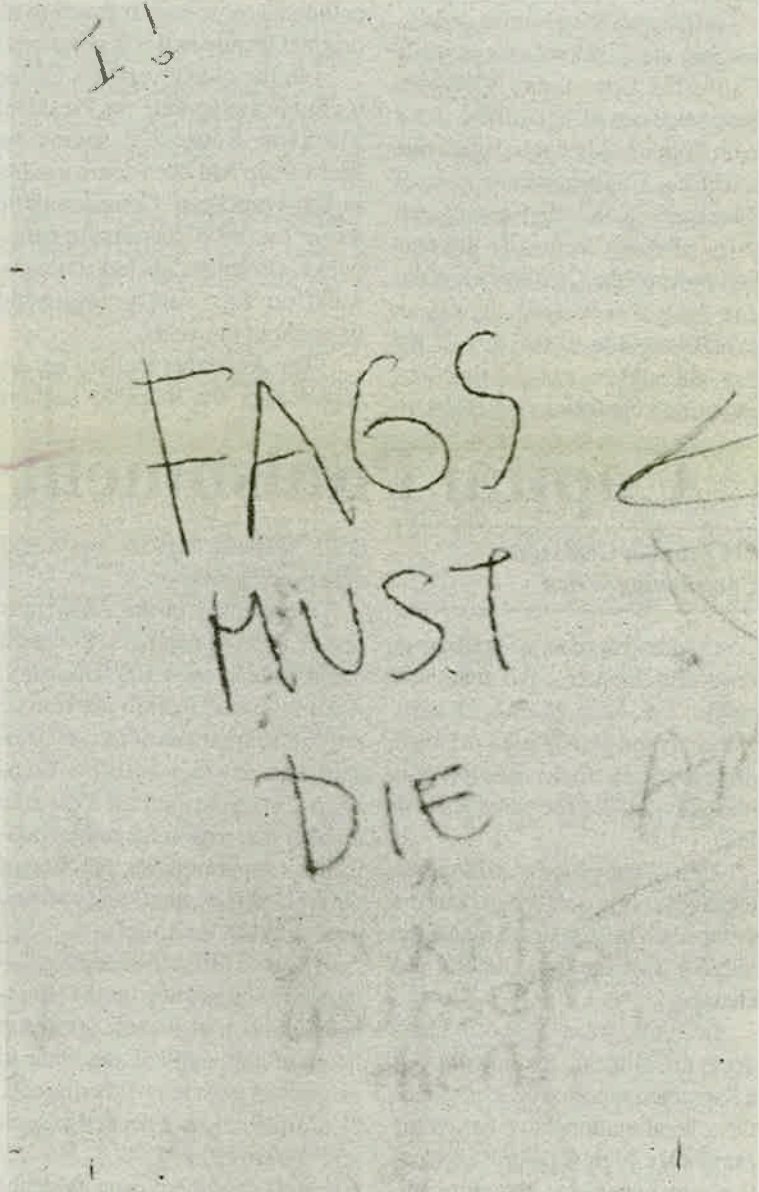
It is sad to see so much misdirected energy spent in such a counter-productive manner. If these students would spend as much time educating themselves as they do oppressing their brothers and sisters, they would quickly discover the sources of their own oppression. There are a number of alternative publications available in the periodicals room in the library. Read them. Valley Public Radio (KVPR, FM 89) broadcasts a version of the news that is relatively free of the influences of commercial interests. Listen in and learn another side to

world events.

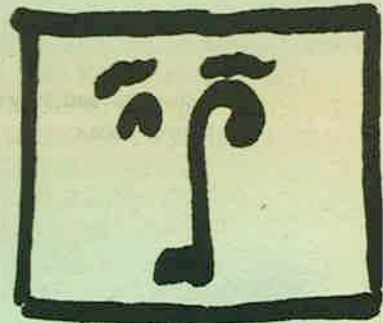
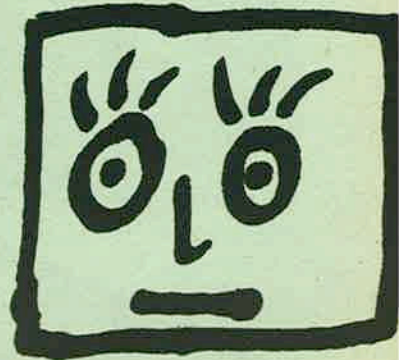
You can change the world around you with a small amount of educated effort. Think before you spend. Boycott or reduce consumption of products that perpetrate oppression. Don't support the merchants of death who thrive on your addictions to drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. Don't support the destroyers of our planet (the petro-chemical industry, the beef industry, and many others).

Vote!! If You cannot find someone or something to vote for, vote against those politicians and policies that undermine our freedom.

Look at how ugly this page is and think before you write, speak, or act. Find your real enemies. Join with your brothers and sisters and fight the forces that exploit you and your anger. Don't be tricked into expending your precious energies lashing out with violence. It will take time to correct the injustices of our world. Begin today.



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FOUNTAIN OF DEATH!!

BY JOHN, YEAH-THAT'S IT-
JOHN SMITH

It's a popular place, it's a fun place, it's a deadly place. Yes, FSC's beloved fountain has once again claimed an innocent life.

Tommy Schullembig was

found early Tuesday morning, stuck in the drain of the fountain. He was the third victim this semester.

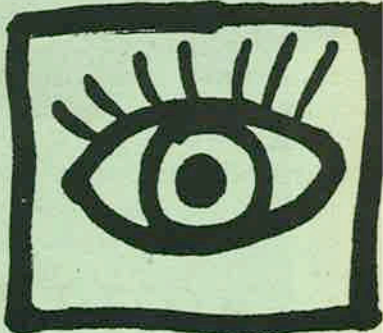
According to his friends, Tommy was sitting on the edge of the fountain (a place where he felt very popular) trying to get a suntan. On this particular morning, he

ditched his class (English as a fifth language) and stayed by the fountain unattended.

Police Chief Yucant Park there said that the problem with the fountain is that it was built over an old cemetery. The cemetery was originally used to bury un-popular

people, so it seems that whenever a "popular" person is at the fountain alone, a lost soul comes out of the drain and pulls the person in.

When confronted with this problem, the Board of Trustees simply replied, "let's tear it down and put a parking lot there."



ORANGE CART HELL

They're everywhere you look. On the street, on the pathways all over campus. They can startle unsuspecting students as they fly by silently. Although they travel at a maximum of only 15 miles per hour, they seem to go a lot faster in the eyes of students on foot. They're electric maintenance carts. A few are orange, most are blue.

"A couple of weeks ago, a maintenance man left his keys in a cart and went to do something. When he came back his cart was gone. Police later found a couple of people going for a joy ride down the street in the cart," continued Speece.

"It's the responsibility of the custodian who drives the cart to keep his clean and to plug it in at night"

explained Speece. "Each custodian usually keeps all of his tools locked up in their carts, and that is one of the reasons we are reluctant to loan them out to other departments. Every cart is used daily and then they need to be plugged in at night."



PIRANHA FOUND IN POOL

BY SPEEDO GONZALES

Tragedy has struck the Fresno Silly College pool.

It seems the science club's piranha project went haywire.

"We were just watching the little fishies swim," said John, a science club member, "We got a

little hungry and left for lunch."

That was the big mistake that they made. Shortly after they left for lunch, the swim class went for a little dip, and the piranhas went for a little snack.

"Ouch," quotes one of the survivors of the attack, "I thought it was Tony biting my arm as a joke, but when I looked at Tony, he

didn't have a face, in fact, he didn't even have a body. The only way I recognized him was by his swimming suit. It was a very ugly one."

No one is sure how to remove the piranhas, but a "trusted Board" on campus have examined plans to fill in the pool and turn it into a parking lot."



survivor and tony's leg and swimming trunks



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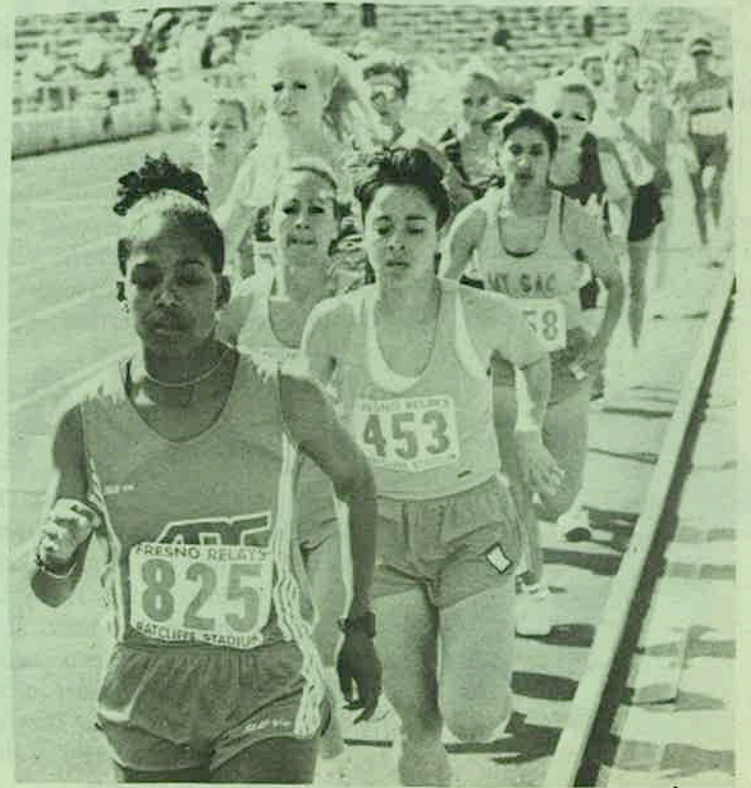
STAFF BOX



EXCITING NEW TRACK EVENT

BY D. W. SAUNDERS

Fresno Relays introduced a new and exciting event to the track world this year, the 5K run. Most of you are probably saying, "The 5K run has been around for decades." But now it's run like it's never been run before . . . with your eyes closed! Unfortunately, the first place runner from American River College couldn't see herself running over the finish line and kept on running. According to authorities she's still missing, so track officials have been unable to give her her gold medal yet.



thousands of books found in strange old building

BY D. I. GUM UP

The Archeology Club was strolling through campus one day, when they came upon something extraordinary.

It seems that the Archeology Club has stumbled upon one of the greatest finds at FSC, a building located across from the Student Services building that contains thousands of books.

"Who would have believed that?" questioned the head digger, "Many of them have never even been read." What is the purpose of

this "building of books"?

Was it an ancient Egyptian tomb? Did visitors from beyond leave it behind? These are just a few of the many explanations that scientists have come up with.

With the help of a special grant, the building has been opened to the students. Now you too, can tour the strange dwelling. Rumor has it, you can also take one of the books home to impress your friends.

But what will become of the structure and its contents? Well, this reporter overheard a member of a certain Board say, "It would make a wonderful parking garage."



ARCHEOLOGY CLUB MEMBERS RECENTLY FOUND IN STRANGE BUILDING



CAMPUS CLUBS- DEMENTED AND SAD, BUT SOCIAL

BY OSO LONELY

Fresno Silly College is offering an alternative to fun... clubs. FSC has over 50 clubs. Students who have nothing better to do with their time than hang out around the campus find these clubs refreshing.

"I like to join as many clubs as I can," said FSC student Mike Michaelson, "It makes me feel popular and cool. Besides, it's not like I have a life or anything."

Michaelson puts no limitations on the clubs that he joins. He's in at least 20 different clubs ranging from "Rocks for Jocks," a club specializing in the examination of common rocks to "Nazi transvestites who pierce their tongues," a club that talks about Nazi transvestites who pierce their tongues. Michaelson has just recently started a club of his own; "Clubs Anonymous."

"Actually, it's not a club," explained Michaelson, "It's more like a support group for club-aholics. We just can't seem to break the habit."

Claire Clairenberg, a member of Clubs Anonymous and 26 other FSC

organizations said that clubs have surpassed being a hobby and have now become an addiction for her.

"I'm in the math club, the science club, the English as a fifth language club, the Las Vegas Casinos and Hotels Bathroom Interior Decorators of tomorrow club, to name a few.... I just can't quit. I need clubs."

When asked how she finds time for all of the clubs Clairenberg replied, "I quit my job, I left my husband, I stopped going to all of my classes and just went to club meetings."

FSC clubs offer more than a chance to make new friends, they offer a chance to get out into the community and be social.

"I went to a math-a-thon with my math club and we had a big party after we won the tournament. We counted all of the light bulbs in the convention center and then we divided them by the number of people and so on and so forth. It was marvy," Clairenberg said.

"People really need to get involved at FSC and join as many clubs as possible, that way you can sit at the Fountain of Popularity and feel like you belong... and some junk," explained Clairenberg.

SPACE FOR RENT



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WE HOPE WE HAVEN'T OFFENDED ANYONE, IF WE HAVE ...LIGHTEN' UP...IT'S A JOKE. YOU CAN LAUGH!!!!



first time fsc students made to suffer by being forced to hang out at the fountain of unpopularity



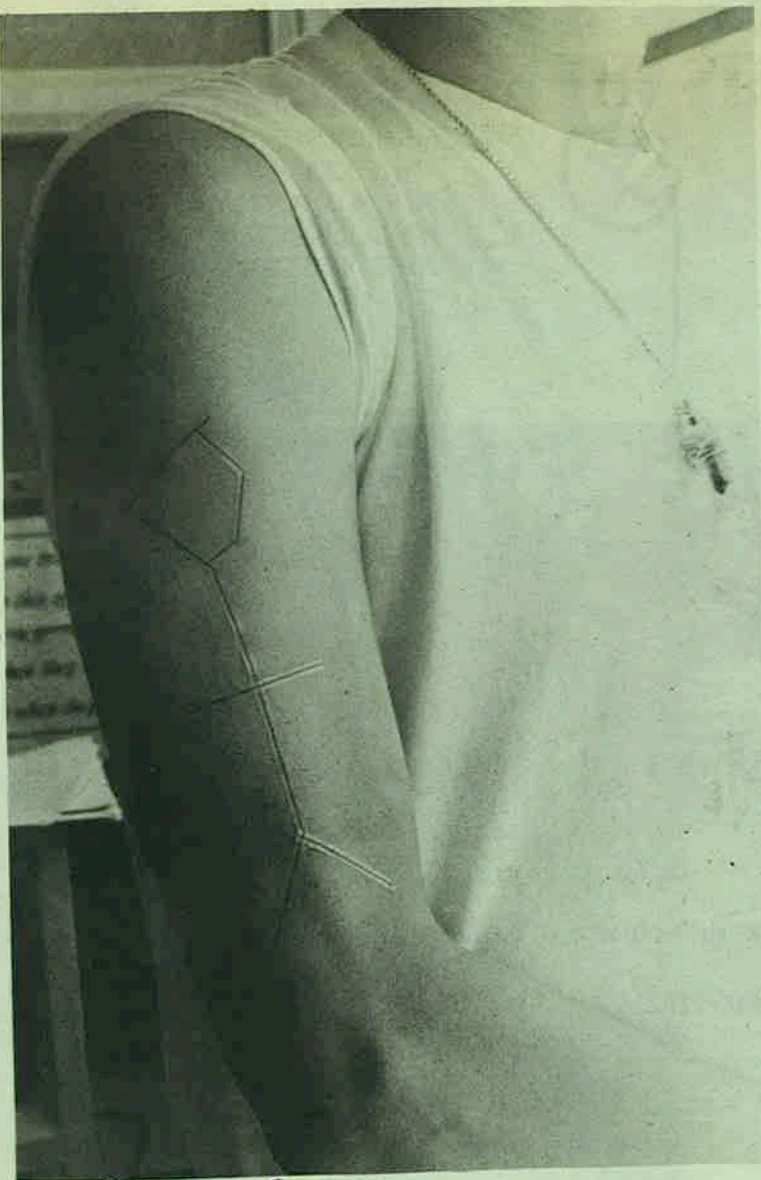
NEW CLASSES- OH YEAH!!

BY DR. DO LITTLE

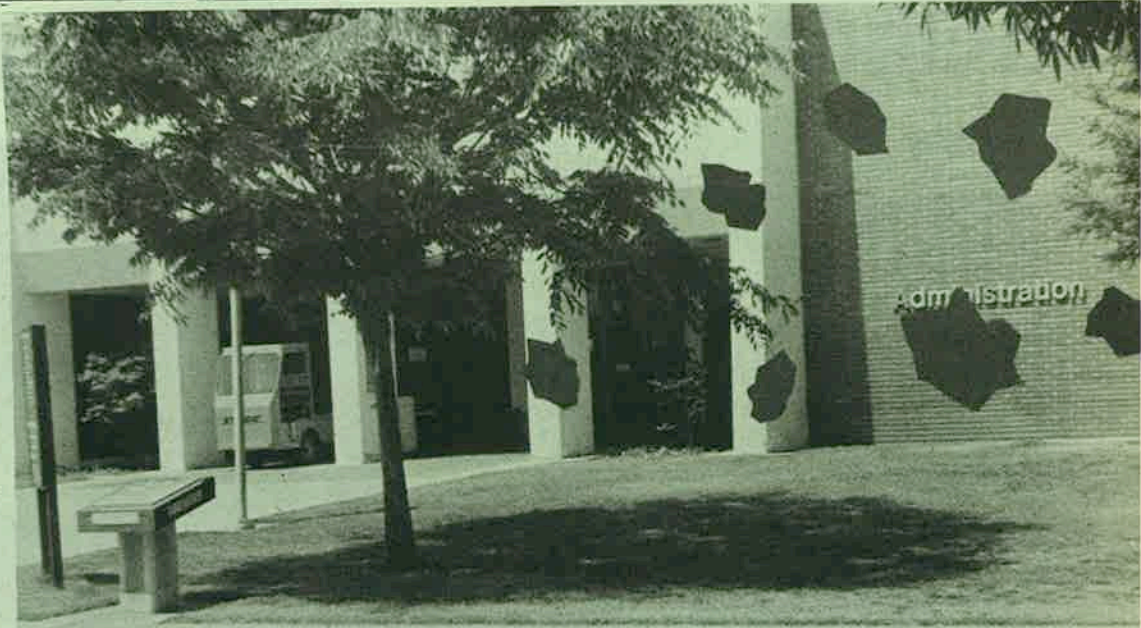
Fall registration for Fresno Silly College is on the rise and FSC students agree that it's because of the new classes offered.

Some of the classes are: History- Who needs it? taught by the State Center Community College Board of Trustees, Spores- Your friends or your focs? Taught by FSC nursing students, Drivers Education- taught by the guys in the little or-

ange Maintenance carts, How to belch effectively- taught by Christy "Bleeeeeeeecchhhhhh" Behar, Parking 101- taught by the campus police, How to pollute the campus with recyclable cardboard signs- taught by the environmental activists of America and ECO-watch, Beginning Tattooing- Taught by arthritis stricken artist Lefty MaGoo and finally, How to manage "stress" without suicide- taught by Rampage Staff survivors.



Ouch! Quit it!!!



Hordes of SPORES Attack NEW ADMIN. BUILDING.



"I wouldn't buy food from the snack shop unless it was bagged because of the bugs," Simmons said.

SPACE FOR RENT

THE NOSEY REPORT



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SHOULD WOMEN PHOTOGRAPHERS be allowed in M E N S LOCKEROOMS???



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"AAAAAHHHHH"



Sleepwalkers Lack Character

By Ann Ridolfi
Contributing Writer

Stephen King, the horror king, has written the screenplay for "Sleepwalkers" but the film depends more on action than words.

With a liberal dose of fantasy, he has aliens land in Los Angeles who not only take over the bodies of cats but also become part feline themselves—right before our eyes.

In the opening scene, a youth is shown in his bedroom carving the letter "T" on his arm. Next follows a benign typical high school setting where the youth, a new boy in town played by Brian Krause, seems smitten by cheer-leader-pretty Tanya (Madchen Amick).

Back home, the eerie and shocking relationship he has with his beautiful mother (Alice Krige) further sets the morbid tone of the film. They live in a dark and dreary frame house with a horde of cats who sit like statues in the yard.

Piece by piece we learn that the pair are not ordinary humans, or

even human at all. As Sleepwalkers they must feed off others' flesh, preferably that of a virgins. Tanya is chosen as the prize specimen for his "hungry" mother.

So much for boy-meets-girl romance, even though Tanya is wooed in a blue Grand-Am which can be disguised as a red Mustang when necessary. In fact, the super-human powers of Sleepwalkers seem endless—surviving bullets and going through physical transformation at will.

But there are some things Sleepwalkers finally cannot defend against. Not, however, before countless bodies are strewn in their path.

The special effects are gory but vivid as expected by King fans. That's not surprising and one can always squint when necessary. But the other elements—photography and sound—are fine. Even the acting is convincing.

Krige is so hauntingly beautiful and effective she almost seems tragic. Krause is appealing as the cute new face in high school, then

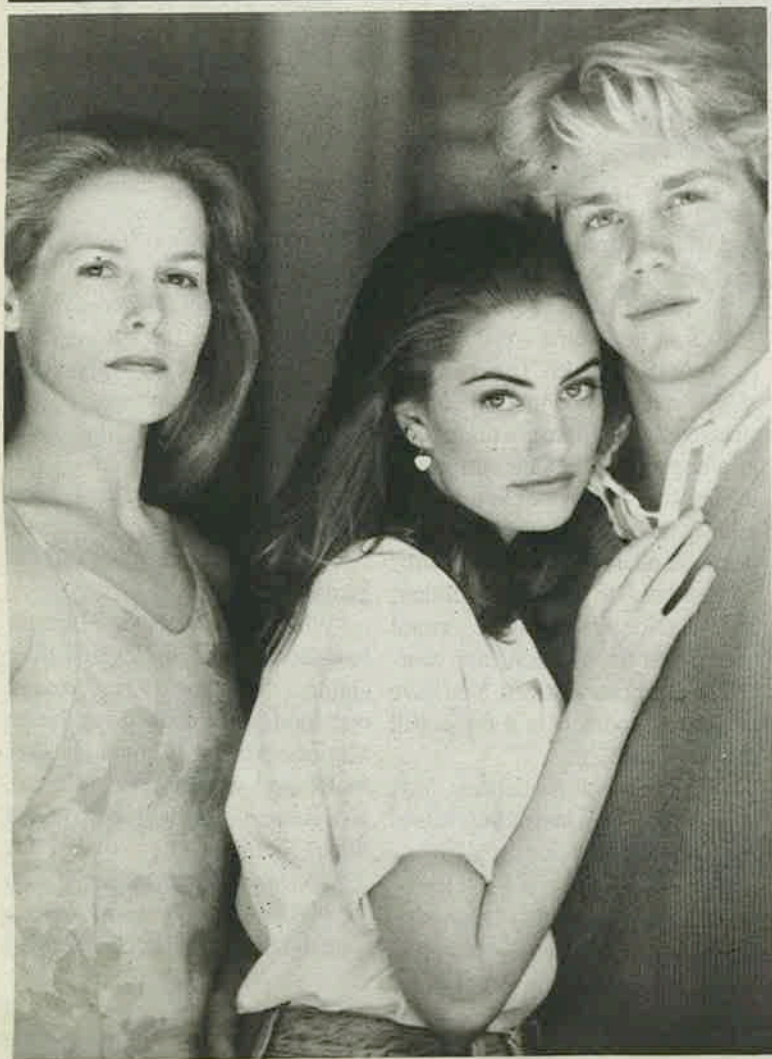
menacing as a monster. And Amick is wholesome with a fresh appeal as the unsuspecting prey.

King has cooked up a dark blend of incest, cannibalism, horror and even some humor in this fantasy about doomed aliens who wreak havoc. It shocks and scares, so it serves as escape.

What the film lacks is real characters within the doomed Sleepwalkers. A promising early scene with an irate teacher who has a vendetta against his unsuspected Sleepwalker student isn't developed. In King's film, action counts more than words.

Like classic director Alfred Hitchcock, King pops up in a cameo appearance in each of his films. He won't be hard to spot here because he has a speaking role.

The many roles played by cats in the film might cause concern in animal lovers, but viewers are assured in the credits that the Humane Society supervised the use of the animals and that no cat was harmed in filming.



Elements For success

By Ann Ridolfi
Contributing Writer

Touted as a behind-the-scenes look at Tinseltown, "The Player" at least gives a clue as to how movies are born. In an early scene, Giffin (Tim Robbins), dressed in a rich, double-breasted suit, hears a "pitch" from one of the screenwriters who beat a path to his office. The plot, Giffin is told, is "a cross between 'Out of Africa' and 'Pretty Woman.'"

That's how Giffin, a successful Hollywood producer, spends his days, with the help of girlfriend-story editor Bonnie (Cynthia Stevenson).

Soon Giffin begins receiving poison pen postcards from an irate writer whose "pitch" didn't make the grade.

Giffin begins to unravel a bit. "Should I be looking for a job?" he asks when a young producer nips at his heels to swipe film projects from him. He also seeks out his stalker. Both plots keep director Robert Altman's film moving along.

But Giffin's attempt to track down his stalker drags him into a tunnel of death and deceit. Yet he maintains a kind of innocence throughout—as the hardball player in high-stakes deals AND as a chief

suspect to murder. This is partly because Tim Robbin's, with his sweet, boyish face, hardly looks capable of more than a schoolboy prank. But he's fine in the role. His lanky frame fills the screen with great presence.

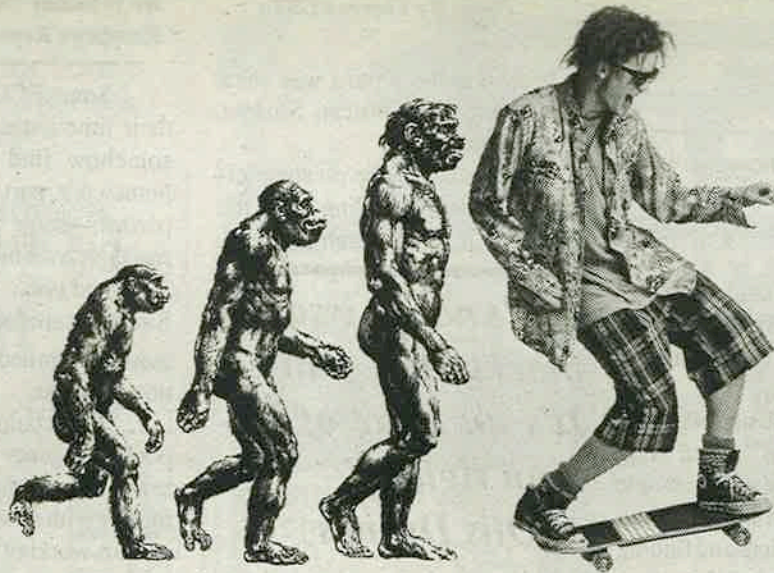
Whoopi Goldberg does her slyly amiable turn as a detective investigating the death of a frustrated writer and Greta Scacchi is sweetly sexy as Giffin's new love.

There's an added gimmick which adds luster and at the same time distracts somewhat: movie stars in cameo roles keep popping up at cafes and parties so that you're on the look-out and counting: Burt Reynolds, John Cusak, Angelica Houston, Jack Lemmon (playing a piano at a party), and others.

"The Player" almost de-glamorizes Hollywood and the process by which it's decided what we see on a Saturday night. And whether we continue to see copycat movies that piggyback on the success of blockbusters like "ghost" and "Pretty Woman."

Following Giffin's own prescription, "The Player" has some of all the elements for success at the box office: "suspense, laughter, sex, violence, and a happy ending." That's if you call an ending with a corrupted and guilty hero happy.

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Protests Reach FCC



Students speak at rally

Photo By Theresa Dunn

By Cory Stephn Tyler
Managing Editor

"Not Guilty." These two words triggered riots, looting and protests throughout America. FCC was not immune to this.

Friday, May 1, students held a protest in the Free Speech Area to express their views on the Rodney King verdict.

"I'm glad we're not oblivious the whole situation," stated Greg Simmons. "And that we're all able to have a mature dialogue about identifying the problem and finding a solution...one people." Simmons was one of the many people who attended the protest.

People of all races have been affected by the verdict of the Rodney King trials. "It's not an issue of blacks and whites," stated Otis Drones, an FCC student who spoke at the protest. "It's an issue of human rights."

Drones feels that there is a lot of anger and frustration built up in people.

"The king verdict was the straw that broke the camel's back," said Drones. "I believe everything could have been handled much differently," he added.

Also at the protest was Nika Shoemaker, Pan African Student Union President.

Shoemaker spoke on some effective ways of dealing with the problems in issues such as these.

"It's not an issue of blacks and whites. It's an issue of human rights."

Otis Drones

"We need to come together as a community, with sisters respecting brothers and brothers respecting sisters," she related.

Shoemaker was very pleased that the FCC protest went on peacefully. She also stressed that the protesters on Shaw and Blackstone were not involved with PASU.

There was a brief fight that broke out at the fountain here on campus which also reflected nothing on PASU. The fight ended quickly and the parties engaged were not identified.

AGS Active in Community

By Whitney Brown
Rampage Reporter

According to Jacqueline Zee, president of Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society organization, there is a lot of hard work that goes into being a member and even more into being a president.

"Basically, AGS stands for scholarship, leadership and service. We promote scholastic excellence through scholarships and encouragement to maintain a good grade point average," Zee said.

"We promote leadership by giving opportunities to head committees, and we promote service by helping out in the community and organizing fund raisers."

To become a certified member of AGS, it is required that a student have a GPA of at least a 3.0, 12 units at here at FCC, and he or she must attend six meetings during a semester as well as participate in six hours of service.

Meetings are held the first and

third Thursdays of each month in the Cafeteria conference room, at 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., for the convenience of its members. On the first and third Tuesday of each month, the board meets, in the same place at the same times.

"It's an honor and a privilege to be an AGS member. The membership should not be taken lightly," stressed Zee. "There are duties that go along with AGS. There are meetings to attend, services to the community, and AGS' moral and academic standards have to be upheld."

"Not only do you, as a member, have to abide by the college's moral codes, you have to consider yourself an exemplary citizen. You have to portray yourself in a respectful manner," said Zee.

"We avoid politics entirely," explained Zee. "We involve ourselves in community service only."

"This semester we did a 'clean-up' for the Ronald McDonald House, a facility which provides rooms to parents from out of town

we have to do is call them and say 'Hi, it's AGS. What can we do?' and they will have something for us."

"We raised over \$560 on Kids Day with the newspapers for Valley Children's Hospital," Zee added.

"It's fun doing these things as a group. It's a bonding thing. After we're done we sometimes go out and talk and it brings the group together."

to stay when their children need services from Valley Children's Hospital. We painted, and did the gardening, etc."

"We also put together 33 Easter baskets for the families and their children," continued Zee. "We put on a food and clothing drive for the Marjorie Mason Home (a shelter for abused women and children) and came up with truckloads of things for them."

"We have worked closely with the McDonald and Mason Houses a long time now," said Zee. "Now all

Student Owned Businesses

by Whitney Brown
Rampage Reporter

Some FCC students balance their time amazingly well. They somehow find time for school, homework, part and full-time jobs, parties,—some even find time to run their own businesses.

Chad Ivie is one. He and Greg Simmons are founders of I&S Promotions Limited., a music promotion business.

"You could almost say we're booking agents for bands here in town," explained Ivie, "we deal mainly with new bands. Right now we are working out of Fresno but come summer we want to expand to Visalia, Bakersfield, and other surrounding cities."

"Right now we're not in it for the money," said Ivie, "We're just having fun with it. We know a lot of people and have a lot of contacts. I just finished filing about 400 addresses of companies from Elektra Records to NBC. These will come in handy for some of the free benefits we want to put on here in Fresno. Eventually, we will contact these companies and ask for their support."

(This is both beneficial to I&S and to undiscovered new bands.)

"This gives new bands some

publicity and hopefully bigger companies will contact us to help put on concerts in the future," said Ivie.

Some of the benefits Ivie recognizes in running his own business are that he has fun doing it and he gains experience in his field of study, he said.

"It's a blast," Ivie said. "I'm business oriented and I love doing stuff on my own. This gives me a chance to do it. I get to say 'yes' and 'no' to things and Greg and I decide what the company does and doesn't do. We don't make a lot of money right now. The way it's set up is, we

"I have an obsession with money."

Chad Ivie

listen to a band that comes to us and if we like them we get them a spot playing somewhere. There is the agreement that they will put our name on any flyers or in any advertising they do for the show or concert. We make 10 to 15 per cent of the proceeds for setting them up," explained Ivie.

"We want to go throughout California and bring bands from other cities to Fresno and introduce bands from Fresno to other cities," said Ivie. "Being from Fresno, we

want to put it back on the map as the party town it once was. It used to be good for bands to bring concerts here, they used to make a lot of money. It's not such an advantage for them anymore because people buy their tickets at the last minute. This sometimes discourages them from coming here."

Ivie said he became interested in business at a very young age.

"When I was little, I used to make flyers and hand them out to people and rake leaves," said Ivie. "I have an obsession with money. For right now the business is fun. It's a success, that's fine and if I have other ideas I'm working with it. I always have something going on the side."

"School comes first though," maintains Ivie. "If it all gets to be too much to handle, with my part-time job, homework, and my business, then I will cut back in one area so that it all balances out again. My business classes are the easiest for me right now because I can apply what I learn to my business right away."

Ivie's philosophy about success is practical: "If you want it bad enough, whether it's success in your own business or in someone else's corporation, I think you'll work hard enough to get it."

Snack Shack Changes

By Alexander Asher
Rampage Reporter

The old snack shop by the Fountain Area was closed last summer. It is now once again open up for business, but food isn't what's being dished out.

According to President Pro-Tempore Greg Simmons the shop was small and unclean, but it was convenient. "That was before they rolled in their mobile monstrosity that's at the Fountain Area now," Simmons said.

The ASB is currently using the area for membership drives to get students into clubs and involved on campus. Simmons said the new/old facility is working much better than his old stand.

"I used to have to set up a tent out in the Free Speech Area and try to get people involved in clubs," Simmons said. "Now I'm in a much better location because everyone hangs out around the fountain area."

The early turnouts for registration haven't been as high as they were out in the Free Speech Area but Simmons is hopeful that will change.

"We are in a much better position to serve students by not only providing information about clubs but also for lobbying and getting campus issues out to the students," Sim-

mons said. "For example, if the bookstore was going to raise book prices we could be out here informing students of what's going on much more effectively than we could out on the Free Speech Area."

Getting authorization to use the snack shop for student purposes wasn't easy.

"It took us months to get into the snack shop," said Simmons. "We had to discuss it with President Harris to establish the guidelines for clubs, then we had to get our own key before it finally went down to Dick [Cleland]."

Even though student government is responsible for the snack shop, it is available for any club who wants to utilize it.

"The snack shop isn't just for the use of the ASB," said Simmons. "This shop is for any club that wants to use it. All they have to do is sign up for it on the Information Station sheet for approval."

The Pan African Student Union has been one of the organizations to take advantage of the snack shop. The club made use of the shop as a headquarters during their protest of Dr. Michael Levin on April 3.

Simmons thinks the snack shop has become a much better facility since its reconversion.

"BEE" From Pg 3

ferred him the position.

"I enjoy to write," Scalzi said. "I would do it anyway. I would go to a movie anyway, and I would talk it. I do a lot of work, but it's not slave labor."

Asked about his plans for the future, Scalzi replied, "I'd like to do a column, somewhere between Dave Berry and William Path."

Scalzi attends the movies he reviews in a number of ways. Ideally, he will attend them before they officially open. This often includes driving to press screenings in San Francisco or Sacramento or sitting in on advance screenings put on by radio stations. He sees the Art Film Series movies privately, since the theater receives the print two days before the movie opens.

As one might expect from someone with his college degree, Scalzi is philosophical about his position in life.

"I'm extremely happy with this job. I'll be eternally grateful to the Bee."

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Spring Semester Sports Wrap-up

By Dara Wright
Rampage Reporter

BASEBALL

Fresno City College's baseball team clenched their conference championship when they beat COS 9-1.

Ranked number two in state, FCC is leading the state in wins, with a 37-7 season record. Plus, breaking the school's old record of 36 wins in 1991.

Coach Ron Scott explained that one highlight of their season was winning the four tournaments they entered: The FCC/KRCC Tournament, The FCC/Fresno Distributing Co. Tournament, FCC/Merced Tournament, and The Buckman-Mitchell Baseball Classic.

"We have a real good group of guys out here," Scott said.

Chris Saunders, FCC's third base man, agrees, "All the guys out here are hard workers, and we really support each other."

Saunders leads the team in hits, walks, and RBI's. Batting over .500, Saunders is also leading the team with nine homeruns.

"He is the best player that I have

had in the four years I've coached here, and an outstanding college and pro prospect," explained Scott.

Joe Jacobsen is another player who is having an excellent season.

Jacobsen has pitched 95 strikeouts in 82 innings for an E.R.A. of 1.6. He is 10-1 overall and 7-1 in league.

"I'm pretty sure he has the most strikeouts in the state," Scott said.

Nor Cal playoffs start on May 8. FCC will play the first round at home. Then the final four, the State Tournament will be held in Riverside.

Scott explained, "We had some goals at the beginning of the season. One was obviously to win league and we've done that. The next one is to win 40 games. And the last goal would be to be on top of the dog pile in Riverside... to be the State Champions."

TRACK

Fresno City Colleges track team hosted the Coast Valley Conference meet at Ratcliff Stadium April 24.

The men's team placed second

to Taft Junior College, and the women's team came in fourth.

"It was a close meet, but we did a good job," explained men's track coach Gary Bluth. "And the team as a whole did extremely well, we 18 personal records (PR)."

Results of the running events:

Jose Santiago ran a two flat in the 800m to take third, in the 1500m Shon Wilson took third with a 4:04.8, 100m hurdler Walker Vaughn place third with a 15.4, Scott Curtis steplechased a 10.14 for a second place, in the 10k both Roman Lui and Jesus Torrez PRed taking second and third place with 34.57.4 and 37.45.7 respectively.

Maryann Alvarez is FCC's only women runner. She set a personal record with 19.36.4 in the 5000m winning her a third place.

Field Event Results:

John Ceccarelli started off the meet right for FCC when he took first in the hammer throw with a PR of 118.3ft. Zak Johnson placed in the top three positions in the shotput, javelin, and discus. Isreal Ramirez placed third in the discus and fourth in the shotput with a PR throw in both events. In the high jump David Bass cleared 6'10" to be the number one jumper. Robert House jumped 6'6" in the high jump to place fourth and swept the triple jump with 49'8". Don Martin placed fourth in the triple jump with 47'7". Carlos DaSilva vaulted 14'6" to win the pole vault and Fletcher came in second with 12'6".

The women had an equally good day. Stephanie Rhodes threw a 127'10" to win a fourth place in the discus. Myra Krantz had a PR in the javelin with 90'4", which got her a fourth place. Dara Wright took first in both the javelin and shot put, with 101'6" and 40'4", respectively.

The track team then traveled to San Jose to compete in the North California trials. Ten out of the 13 athletes that competed qualified to go to Nor Cal finals in Modesto May 8. However, the three athletes that didn't qualify all set personal records.

- Nor Cal qualifiers:
- 1500m-Shon Wilson
 - Men's highjump-David Bass and Walker Vaughn
 - Pole Vault-Carlos Silva
 - Triple Jump-Robert House, Don Martin, and Art Lopez
 - Men's shot put-Zak Johnson
 - Men's discus-Zak Johnson
 - Men's javelin-Zak Johnson
 - Women's shot put-Dara

Wright
Women's discus-Dara Wright and Stephanie Rhodes

The top six athletes in each event at the Nor Cal finals will then compete in the State track meet at Long Beach, May 10 and 11.

MEN'S TENNIS

Fresno City College men's tennis team dominated the Coast Valley Conference tournament April 30, May 1 and 2.

The team qualified five singles players and all three of their double teams to go to the North California semi-finals.

In the second round FCC upset Allen Hancock when Steve Clark beat Allen Hancock's number five scede Masahiro Kudo 7-6, 7-5, (7-3).

Number one scede, Neil Castro of FCC had a bye in the first round of the tournament. Won his next three matches to put him against his own teammate Sloan Perry in the singles finals.

Another surprise of the tournament was when Perry, number four scede in the tournament, beat Castro 7-6, 4-6, 6-3, (7-5), making Perry the tournament singles champion.

The fourth and fifth FCC players to qualify for Nor Cal were Brett Stubblefield and Steve Kuo.

There was a big upset in the doubles tournament as well. FCC's Stubblefield and Kuo, sceded number four, beat FCC's number one team of Castro and Perry in the doubles finals.

FCC's third doubles team that qualified for Nor Cal was Mendoza and Hannen. They made it to semi-finals but were beaten by Castro and Perry, 6-3, 7-5.

This week FCC will go up against number one scede in the state, Foot-hill CC, for a duel team match in the first round of the Nor Cal tournament.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Three singles players and two doubles teams from FCC's women's tennis team qualified to go to the Nor Cal tournament from the Coast Valley Conference tournament.

"We did a super job in the tournament," Coach Jesse Cota explained.

FCC's number one singles player, Kristen Berrera was the champion of the tournament, beating Amy Hudson of Kings River, 7-5 and 6-3 in the finals.

Karan Mendrin, not seeded in

the tournament, upset Valerie Gohl of Columbia, seeded number five. Mendrin beat Gehl in the round of 16 with a 7-6, 9-7, 6-2 score.

The third player to qualify was Maria Esquivel when she made it to quarter finals.

Both of the double teams made it to semi-finals.

Seeded sixth, Nikki Campbell and Karen Mendrin upset fourth seeded Hudson and Scranton Kings River in the quarter-finals, 6, 6-6, and 6-1. But lost to Allen Hancock's, Tina Grinds and Tan Toubbeh in the semi-finals, 7-6, 3, and 6-1.

"It was a pleasant surprise for Campbell and Mendrin to make it to the semi-finals," Cota said.

In the finals, FCC's number one doubles team of Berrera and Esquivel, seeded third, lost to Grinds and Toubbeh. The same double team that beat FCC's team of Campbell and Mendrin in the semi-finals.

"The girls played really good tennis to make it this far!" explained Cota.

In order to qualify for the State Tournament at Gross Mont College in San Diego, the players must make it to the quarter-finals in the Nor Cal Tournament.

GOLF

FCC's golf team finished number one in their league over Taft by half of a point.

Fresno's team had to win their last two games in conference to become champions. "We took first at Allen Hancock and first at Visalia to clinch the title," explained FCC golf coach, Dr. Emory Luck.

Steve Messer and Jason Smith were picked to be on the All CV team.

Messer is ranked fourth in the conference with 921 point total for the season and an average of 76. Whereas, Jason Smith is number five in the league with 935 points and 77.9 season average.

This week FCC travels to Chico and then to Table Top Mountain to play 36 holes in the Nor Cal tournament.

The top two teams of the tournament will qualify for the State tournament May 11. Also three individuals not on the two qualifying teams will go to the state tournament.

"We have a good chance at going to state," explained Luck.

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SCOTTY'S CORNER

Scott A. Mayes
Sports Columnist



Isn't it funny what time can do to this world? Where are the Lakers? Where is that team that took over NBA dominance in the '80s? This is the same team that dued the once powerful Celtics. Where are they now? I keep looking for their picture on my morning milk carton. No Luck. To add to my dilemma, I can't find them in the lost and found department of the morning newspaper either.

Does anybody even recall the Lakers that sent two rebounding superiors in A.C. Green and Kareem Abdul Jabbar to the NBA playoffs? How about the fast break combination of Earvin "Magic" Johnson and James Worthy? In the 80s, if all that failed the Lakers would resort to 3-point bomb specialists, Byron Scott and Michael Cooper.

The answer to all these questions lie within this next statement: In the 80s the Lakers introduced showtime and in the 90s it was converted to slowtime. The once powerful Laker Express has been derailed indefinitely. The journey may be a one-way trip. Unfortunately for us Laker fans, it may not return.

The number one mistake occurred when Pat Riley left as Head Coach. The 1992 season was the complete downfall of the Laker Organization, once invincible.

The year of terror began when

All-Pro Magic Johnson announced his emotional retirement. Then with the Lakers fading from the playoff scene, they won their last three games to secure the last spot in the postseason party. The amazing part was not only that they did it without Johnson, but Sam Perkins and James Worthy sat out the last part of the season.

As the Lakers started the playoffs against Portland, they felt nothing could get worse. After all, they were playing without Johnson, Worthy, and Perkins. In addition, A.C. Green was hobbling up and down the court with a hip injury. He refused to sit out. Could it get worse? Welcome to the Rodney King court case.

Due to the riots caused in Los Angeles as a result of this court case, things could and would get worse. The Lakers were pinned against their backs in their best of 5 series. They trailed 3 games to 1 with a home game coming up. The rioted city forced their game to Las Vegas. What kind of a home game is that?

After losing their "Las Vegas home game," Laker fans can't help but think the worst is over. Here's a word of advice: don't count on it. Nothing is for sure anymore except this: if you love the Lakers like I do let's agree, time sucks.

COACHES

By B.T. Wedemyer
Rampage Reporter

When it comes to athletics, Fresno City College has more than its share of success. Some primary contributors that aren't usually noticeable to the average fan are volunteer coaches.

This spring, both men's and women's track and field teams have welcomed four volunteer coaches. Their incentive isn't a paycheck, instead they assist the Rams because of their love for the sport.

The volunteer coaches for the track and field teams include:

Jane Solano, a local physical therapist and former high jumper at Fresno State.

Danella Barnes, a special education instructor for the Sanger Unified School District and a former NCAA champion in the javelin.

Dennis Hooper, a construction manager in Fresno, and a former Fresno State decathlete.

Ken Putnam, a former hammer throw specialist at Fresno State, who is currently pursuing a degree in geology.

Women's coach Ken Dose said the teams wouldn't be a success without volunteer coaches.

"In track and field, there is so much diversity and so many different events," Dose said. "If someone with knowledge can help us in one event, we as coaches can concentrate better on other areas where we need help."

The athletes are equally grateful of the support from volunteer coaches.

"Without the volunteer coaching, we would not be competitive at the level we are for the season," said Zack Johnson, who competes in the shot put, javelin and discus.

"It means a lot to me that somebody is willing to give up their time to help me improve. That alone, is a big incentive to work harder," said Dara Wright, a shot put, discus, and javelin thrower.

"Since D, that's what we call Danella, specialized in the javelin during college, she knows a lot about the event. She's able to explain how to improve in it in ways that makes sense to me," explained Wright.

"D makes the javelin fun for me, she's constantly telling jokes. So, when we're out in the heat, sweating to death, we're enjoying ourselves," Wright joked.

David Bass, one of the top high jumpers in the state, agreed. "I think its great she's out there helping us to become better athletes on their own time."

"They love the sport," Dose said. "They want to stay active, and this is one way for them to be involved. The kids look up to them."



Jane Solano

Inconvenience

By Dara Wright
Rampage Reporter

If you were wondering if Fresno City College has a women's softball team you would have to go to Fresno and Huntington to find your answer.

Ever since the program was funded ten years ago, the team has had to practice and play games at Holmes park.

"It's mainly an inconvenience to be here," explained Coach Steve Uyeda.

According to Uyeda, the team has to practice with a goal post in right field until March 1.

"We're already playing games and our players have never practiced on a smooth field, because the

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"FLYER" From Pg 1

by James Aubuchon, posted a flyer throughout the campus making several points against Simmons.

The flyer stated Simmons abstained from supporting Women's History Month, Cinco de Mayo, Pan-African Students, Alpha Gamma Sigma and the FCC Alumni Association.

It also said he voted against legislation to lower bookstore prices and against supporting Phi Theta Kappa.

The next day, Simmons rebutted with a flyer of his own.

"First of all, for James Aubuchon (a 31-year-old student who has been around for longer than me, but couldn't hack it as a senator) to say that I have been involved too long is stupid. The whole focus of our organization has been to get people involved, which I have chosen to follow," the flyer said.

"Now, as for my support of the clubs, there is no one who has been more dedicated to the clubs than me. NO ONE. Hell, if the few opposing votes are a weighing mechanism for two and a half years of dedication, than I should just get out now. But it is not.

Simmons' flyer continued, "I cannot hope to explain what it means to vote no or abstain on legislation containing unjust taglines or misleading price quotes with only days (until) the election. I can only ask you to use your head. Tell James Aubuchon to take a leap and vote Greg Simmons for President."

Lorraine, who said he will continue to help promote various programs and activities on campus, said he didn't know what to expect with Simmons as president.

"It's going to be an interesting year with (Simmons) in there. I hope he matures and doesn't do anything stupid," Lorraine said. "I honestly don't think he can work effectively with the administration."

Simmons said that in many cases, he wasn't voting against certain subjects but actually against the legislation.

"The resolution to lower the cost of books had so many loopholes and was so opinionated," said Simmons, who was a primary contributor in forming the AS Book Exchange.

"I am amazed that he came out with these kinds of attacks," Simmons said. "I have told (Lorraine) that I need him. We can do a lot of good things if we work together."

"SOFTBALL" From Pg 15

soccer players have been using our right field has part of their field," Uyeda said.

Uyeda explained that the team has to travel a lot to play pre-season games. The only games that they play in Fresno are conference games.

"It's a hardship on our budget, because we have to travel so much," said Uyeda.

Plus, the girls don't have the convenience of a locker room to get changed in. "There's no place to dress out," explained Uyeda.

"Unless, they kick out the people sleeping in there," Uyeda said as he pointed to the rundown restrooms.

Uyeda thinks that the team would get more support from students if the field was located on campus, "We'd probably get more students walking by that would stop to watch the games."

Other than being inconvenient, Uyeda explained that the park is not dangerous.

"We've never had an incident that was dangerous to them [softball players], just broken windows during practice where people have driven by and smashed one of the car windows in," explained Uyeda.

Then he said, "Well, Monday mornings are bad, because there's a lot of broken glass and bottles left from people the night before, on the field. Some of the girls have gotten cut while sliding into a base from the broken glass.

"But as far as any of the people giving us problems, that hasn't been a problem."

Uyeda believes there are places on campus where the school could build an infield to practice on, although he doesn't know if it would be regulation size for an outfield, "like, the soccer field in Ratcliff Stadium."

"I guess because of expenditures and things, it's just low on the priority list," Uyeda said.

He admits to not pursuing the idea of a different practice area being built, "No, I really haven't."

"It's just an inconvenience."

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"HARRIS" From Pg 5

Gary Hoff says a man like Harris with a criminal background, involving the death of another person, had little chance of clemency by Governor Wilson. Harris' sole possibility, he says, would have been the abolishment of capital punishment altogether. A possibility not likely, as the Governor advocates the law and also receives substantial support from powerful interest groups who favor the death penalty, according to various state media.

Harris' execution has further fueled the debate of capital punishment. The citizens of California and people throughout the country are expressing their views on an issue which for the prisoners of death row and for hundreds of thousands of victims' families is the painful everyday reality.

"FEES" From Pg 3

He said community colleges are the country's "number one institution for developing professional skill" and that he thinks it's a "paradox" when the legislatures are now proposing further fee increases.

"The doors are closing quietly and invisibly to America's finest system of public higher education," reads a newsletter from ACHE.

In times of recession, well-educated citizens are a great resource to re-establish a balanced economy and to provide for economic growth. In this context, it would be a tragedy not to open these doors again.

"The fees will definitely go up," she said.

"It's so Mickey Mouse it's absurd," said Sachs.

"DIVERSITY" From Pg 3

The four interns currently enrolled in the program are Daniel Chacon, who teaches English; Veena Kapoor, teaching psychology and women studies; Oris Medicineboll, who works in the theater/art department; and Luis Sanchez working for the Counseling Center.

Five interns will be selected for the 1992-93 school year and eligible individuals are referred to the Office of Instruction for more information and application materials.

Ellish strongly encourages eligible persons to apply. He said he hopes minorities will be integrated so that affirmative action won't be necessary. The purpose of FCC's diversity program is to support the process on the way to a fully integrated society.



Scenes from Showcase '92

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