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Down and out on the streets of Fresno

by Lucas Klinefelter
Rampage Reporter

Homelessness is becoming an epidemic in the United States, and Fresno is not without its share of those with no place to live.

The Fresno Census Bureau estimates there are over 4,000 homeless in Fresno County, at least 1,200 of these people are living on the streets.

The last census taken in 1990 was the first to actually take an official count of the homeless. Fresno county listed 894 in sheltered homeless and 36 street living homeless. But employees of the bureau claim the census is inaccurate because many homeless people would rather not be counted.

"When we tried to take a count of the homeless in the city we were shunned and intentionally avoided," said Tim Wilson, in charge of information at the Fresno Census Bureau.

Many homeless people claim there is no help for them.

Jim, who recently became homeless, says there are no programs for people who become homeless to fall back on.

When he lost his job as a construction worker, he also lost his house. Without an address or a telephone number, he has been unable to find work in order to get his feet back on the ground.

So, Jim stands daily on the islands of streets with his dog Ewok and asks passing people to trade him work for food.

"It's all I can do," Jim said,

"and hope people are kind."

But with the cold weather, pick-up work is scarce, so people often give their change or offer something to eat.

"The generosity helps us get by," Jim said, "most people will give money or dog food."

During the cold weather season many transients move to the shelters to sleep and get a hot meal. These shelters fill quickly during the colder months and this results in more homeless people on the streets.

The Fresno Rescue Mission (F.R.M.) is one such shelter. Located at 310 G Street, the shelter is capable of sleeping 136 in beds with more room on the floors when necessary. F.R.M. also serves three meals a day.

Jerry Reed, F.R.M.'s house manager said the house is often filled to the limit.

"The door opens at 6 p.m. and closes at 7:25 p.m., so people usually line up early for a place to sleep," said Reed.

The three meals served each day are at 6 a.m., 11 a.m., and 8:30 p.m.. In addition to this, clothing and blankets are handed out every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

The Poverello House also gives free meals each day but does not provide sleeping facilities for those without homes.

All of Fresno's shelters are run on private donations from the community. Many are in desperate need of funding and supplies.

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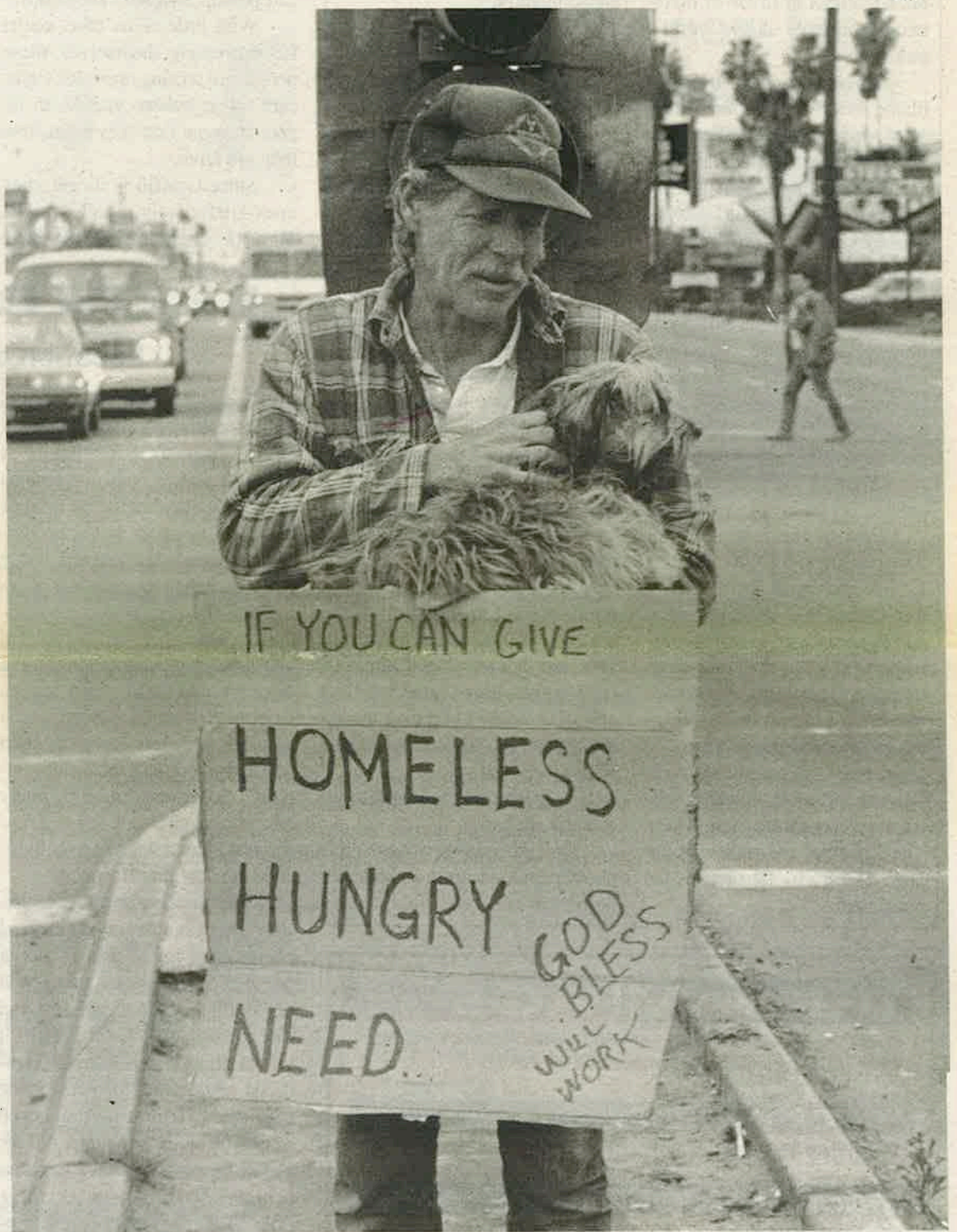


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Jim lost his construction job, and became one of Fresno's homeless. Now, with his dog Ewok, he stands on Fresno's streets, hoping that someone will offer him work.

Malikah Shabazz, daughter of Malcolm X speaks at FCC

by Vincent Guzman
Rampage Reporter

Malikah S. Shabazz, the second youngest daughter of civil rights leader Malcolm X, made an appearance at the FCC Theatre on Saturday, Feb. 27 as one of the highlight events presented by the African-American History Month Committee. A near maximum capacity crowd gathered to hear her deliver a speech entitled, "Education, Racism, and Our Youth".

The evening proceeded smoothly and was a success, according to Gurdeep Sihota, one of the event's main organizers. "We sold a large number of tickets the night of the presentation," ex-

plained Sihota. "Interest also probably stemmed from the recent appearance of Betty Shabazz, Malcolm X's widow, at Fresno State."

The evening began with a joint introduction of Ms. Shabazz by Dr. Deborah Blue, Dean of Humanities at FCC, and Keisha Whitten, president of the African-American Women's Society. They detailed a few of the 27-year-old Brooklyn native's achievements, including her B.A. in architecture, her appearances as a motivational speaker, and her role as founder and head of the National Organization of African Students of America.

Ms. Shabazz then took to the

stage amid a thunderous standing ovation.

"We are all students," she stated early in her speech, "and the world is our university."

Her comments stressed the need for multicultural education and self-knowledge as a counter to racism.

Shabazz brought up the media's tendency to portray Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr. as philosophical opposites; one violent, the other non-violent. "They made you believe it was an issue. They made you make a choice. Love them both," she stressed.

She railed against the concept of integration. "Integration," she

stated, "is a smoke screen that makes black people flee their own, poorer blacks."

"Integration means mixing without choice. Separation means

total freedom," she said, explaining her preference of the idea of separation.

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EDITORIAL

"Nobody knows me, but I'm always there. A statistical reminder of a world that doesn't care." — UB40

by Whitney Brown
Editor-in-Chief

America has often been called one of the richest countries in the world. Americans have been called friendly, generous and fiercely patriotic.

Is it possible to be proud of being American when we continue to ignore internal problems as grotesque as nation-wide homelessness in favor of maintaining our role as the world's policeman?

Americans unblinkingly blame these victims of a failing economic structure. There are many who believe that the thousands of miserable and hungry on the streets prefer that lifestyle, or they simply assume most of the homeless are insane and can't be helped anyway. All untrue.

This again is how the issue is dodged and the responsibility avoided. This helps Americans feel good about their selfishness. Only one third of the homeless are mentally ill and even this estimate is often said to be exaggerated.

Two of the many reasons America has more homeless than Europe and Japan stand out:

One — the U.S. government still thinks military brawn is more important than meeting with housing experts and mayors of the nation's major cities to examine solutions to this problem.

Two — we as individuals do not care and are sickeningly selfish when it comes to these issues. The Japanese are right, we are lazy. The truth often rouses the most anger.

Last fall, an FCC instructor from the Administration of Justice Department told his class late in the semester that he would make a deal with them. The 20 students in his class who were in need of extra credit could bring in up to ten cans of food for the Cone of Cans food drive being held on campus. Two students took out a pen to jot down his offer. The rest of the class stared ahead blankly.

The instructor repeated his offer before dismissing the class. The next class meeting three out of the 20 students brought in cans.

This is a minor example of laziness and insensitivity, but one typical of our society. It clearly shows where our priorities lie.

The homeless need to be recognized as human beings, not ignored or labeled insane and lazy. There are many people (George Bush is one) who believe that America doesn't even have a homeless problem.

Have we all grown numb and blind in regards to this problem? How many more people have to live on the streets before an effort is made to help solve the problem?

Wake up. Let's give people on the street something to eat if we have it. Bring apples or fruit if you pass homeless and hungry people every day on the way to school or work. Let's give them the change in our pockets, most of us CAN spare it.

Volunteer time to soup kitchens and shelters.

Quit pretending not to care about people in need — instead help them out.

EDITORIAL

Graffiti does not have to be the "blight on our community" that many people consider it to be

by Steven Sauer
Managing Editor

More buildings in Fresno are being vandalized with graffiti than ever before, and now cars are becoming a target.

Laws are being passed restricting access to paints and marker pens in an attempt to stop graffiti.

None of it will work.

Graffiti is a means of expression for a growing part of American youth, especially Hispanics.

With little or no other outlet for expressing themselves, these people are writing on walls, signs, cars — anywhere visible, to let people know that they exist, that they are alive.

Since Graffiti is illegal, they must do it furtively, usually at night. They stay just long enough to make

their mark and leave before someone catches them.

The result is a hastily scrawled line or two with just enough information to identify the people to their peers.

Is it any wonder that other people consider it to be an ugly blight on our community? Ask an artist to paint something in 20 seconds and you will get something of extremely poor quality — yet that is what we are forcing these people to do.

On Olive Avenue west of Highway 99 is a large wall covered with graffiti. There are occasional scrawled messages, but the majority of it are very attractive, very creative murals.

The reason for this, according to a source within the Hispanic community, is that the owners of

the wall have given graffiti artists permission to use the wall.

No longer is this graffiti a blight on the community; instead it is an attractive way to brighten up an otherwise boring and unattractive wall, while giving our youth an outlet for expression.

By making more large, boring walls available to graffiti artists, two things would be accomplished: our city would look better, and there would be less illegal graffiti, as many of those who would normally paint illegally would now be painting these walls.

Illegal graffiti would not by any means be eliminated, but it would be reduced, and a little-understood segment of our society would be able to express themselves without fear of arrest.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Location of first civilization a moot question

In a recent article (Rampage, Jan. 28) calling for students to seek "truth" from their instructors at FCC, Mr. James Todd perpetuates a misunderstanding in the field of the social sciences that is becoming hopelessly politicized today when he refers to evidence proving that the first human civilization may have been in East Africa, rather than in Mesopotamia or some other place as traditionally taught. Controversies such as these, which so often are more semantic than scholarly, permeate the "multi-cultural" movement found in many educational circles today and represent a potential threat to enlightened curriculum reform.

We must be wary of a simplistic view of human civilization as exemplified in the article. Even Mr. Todd admits that many will not find his claim significant and that his main purpose in offering it was to illustrate a pattern of prejudicial instruction. However, the academics who are truly prejudiced might be quick to jump on the claim; obviously, if they can discredit Mr. Todd's claim regarding East Africa, then they can in general cast some doubt over the entire article.

What are the facts of the matter? Well, the first fact that may be difficult to swallow is that "civilization" does not mean "culture." Every society of humans has a culture, but only complex cultures can form civilizations, a word derived from the Latin *civis* and literally meaning "citizen of cities." A civilization is a way of life that is advanced enough to include living in a city.

In recent times many social scientists have come to the use the word more loosely, as in "Western civilization" or "Chinese civilization." Yet, clearly, this sort of broad use of the word as a synonym for human culture is inadequate; many parts of China have been civilized for over three thousand years (more than twice as much as Europe). Yet, many parts of China are just as uncivilized today as when the Hwang Ho civi-

lization (one of the world's first four great civilizations) rose around 2500 B.C. A substantial portion of the world today is still uncivilized.

Probably the most important element in the evolution of a civilization is the development of a written language. Indeed, the point of departure for historians and classical archaeology is language, for without language, there is no written historical record. It should come as no surprise, then, that historians have classically and for the most part continue to define that period of time before the development of written language as prehistoric, and to refer to the Hwang Lo, Indus Valley, Sumerian and Egyptian civilizations as the "first civilizations."

Thus, those human civilizations which have not left a written record have, for all effects and purposes, no discernible impact on the evolution of the human species. In all likelihood there were some civilizations both in and out of Africa prior to 4000 B.C., but since we are unlikely to acquire any written record of such civilizations, for the purpose of the historian such peoples are discounted even though there is a very real possibility that the innovation which we credit to X is in fact a product of Y.

Now, this doesn't mean that what anthropologists have found in Olduvai Gorge and other places in Africa is not significant. It is, vitally so. What it does mean is that this knowledge and its related theorizing really has no real political meaning other than "all human beings may owe their origin to prehistoric African hominids, and that we are all related to one another." But, of course, our consanguinity has not been in serious scientific doubt since the turn of the century. Thus, the locality of our common origin, if it indeed is ultimately determined, is purely a matter of curiosity.

A more serious charge is the inference that historians have typically denigrated the contributions of non-white cultures. This may

be so by the uneducated, and certainly historians are as prejudiced as any group, but it is a long-established fact that most of Europe became civilized relatively late in Western history, after (in no particular order) China, India, Asia Minor, the Mid-East and North Africa. To put it baldly, there is very little evidence of civilization in much of Africa prior to colonialism. There are not, as are found elsewhere in the world, any lost cities, any lost writings waiting to be discovered. The Africa which Europeans exploited was non-technological and pre-literary, thus the stereotype of the "dark continent." In reality, many portions of Africa have been highly civilized.

Given the complexity of gauging intelligence, genetic determinism is not the simplest explanation which fits the facts in terms of the variation of attainment shown by different human cultures. Rather, the different accomplishments of various human populations is best explained by the differences in their primitive environment. Groups in tropical climates require less clothing and are less likely to develop textiles; landlocked cultures know nothing of seafaring, and so on. The dreamy European fantasy of the "noble savage" is in part an instinctive response to the less challenging and more idyllic environment which has allowed the primitive societies to remain less dependent on technology and literature.

Ironically, the same sort of simplistic approach which leads people to falsely assume that people's culture and intelligence can be broadly categorized on the basis of race is the same one that seeks to make an issue of "what was the first civilization?" The question, as Jesse Jackson might say, is moot; the real question is "what will be the next great human civilization?" Hopefully, that civilization will be one where empiricism and a love of one's brother stand hand in hand.

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Linda Quinn: the voice behind the voices

by Jeff Connelly
Rampage Reporter

Linda Quinn is one of the unsung heroes of FCC's theater department. As a dialect teacher, Quinn's work is most successful when the audience doesn't detect it, when the accent of an actor sounds natural as opposed to practiced.

Quinn currently teaches Theater Arts 31A at FCC. Quinn has earned a Masters Degree in English and drama from California State University, Fresno as well as her teaching credentials in these areas. Quinn went on to earn her Masters in communications arts.

Quinn has always been interested in voices and has a good ear for them. She cites CSUF drama professor Brad Meyers as one of her main influences.

"I give him a lot of credit," she says. "He taught a class in dialects and I loved it."

Quinn's first teaching job was at Richard Henry Dana Junior High in San Pedro from 1968 to 1969, then in Greeley, Colorado from 1969 to 1970.

"I was a master teacher and department head at the Greeley, Colorado lab school. I would teach the college students to be teachers of drama." She came to FCC in 1975.

Quinn is proficient in six dialects: Southern, Standard English (British), cockney (a British subdialect), Irish, French and German.

She works with the theater department on most of their productions, including the recent "Ladies of the Alamo" and "A School for Scandal" and the upcoming "What the Butler Saw."

In addition to teaching, Quinn is also a professional dialectician. She assists businessmen who need to speak in public, for example, as well as people from other countries who are having trouble with accents.

"Mainly, what I do is I teach dialects and I also help people who have heavy accents to speak clearly and be understood in our country," she explains.

The primary concept behind



Photo by Lisa Dorman-Koop

FCC instructor Linda Quinn teaches theater arts students to speak in many different dialects

dialects, she says, is the substitution and placement of sounds. "For example, in Standard English you'd say 'my fah-thah.' The 'r' is very soft, almost not there, where we'd say 'my fah-ther.'" Subtle distinctions, but ones that can lead to problems in communications. "In my class, we do a lot of voice work. We study what you do to make certain sounds."

As you might expect from a professor involved in the theater, Quinn has done her share of acting. Much of it was while she attended California State University, Long Beach, where she was the lead in

almost every production.

Quinn has also performed on the radio. She tends to avoid television, however, because of the medium. More so than radio, television inhibits her animated personality. "Mainly, I do stage work. The stage is my thing."

Quinn says she entertained others ever since she was a young child, and it carries through to her teaching. "When I'm in front of students, I'm competing with television. If I don't make it interesting, they're going to tune me out. There has to be some element of entertainment with the education."

Miss the first day, get dropped

by Alexander Asher
Rampage Reporter

Students who miss the first day of class are at the mercy of the instructor.

"If 28 people are waiting to add my class and Joe's not there the first day, I'm going to drop him and add a student," said chemistry instructor Edward Lindley.

"Students will register for classes but when the semester rolls around, they may be attending another school," Lindley said. "We have no way of knowing

when they are going to show up."

According to the 1992-1994 FCC catalog, students may be dropped from a class if they miss the first class of the semester. The decision to drop a student who doesn't attend the first day varies on the instructor, course, and the time the class is offered.

"If I have a class at 2:00, I usually am able to add anyone who wants to be added," said English instructor Michael Roberts. "But it's tougher to add students who want the class at 9:00 or 12:00."

Castagna the new face in the Math department

by Mary Sorenson-Hayes
Rampage Reporter

Mrs. Paula Castagna, (pronounced like lasagna), is the new face in FCC's math department.

Castagna received her undergraduate degree in math and secondary education from Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago. She taught for ten years in grades 6 through 14. She lived in Tulsa, Oklahoma before moving to Fresno five years ago.

Castagna got her master's degree in mathematics from Fresno State University in 1990. She taught at the College of the Sequoias during the 91-92 school year before coming to Fresno City College last August.

She is working on computer software for calculus classes, so students can get computer experience. Castagna plans to reorganize the algebra courses offered to improve student success and retention. She wants to show students



Photo by Marc Aminian

New FCC math instructor Paula Castagna

how algebra relates to real life. She has also started a pre-calculus class.

Castagna says her classes are full with a low drop rate. She fills vacancies after the first two weeks of classes. Anyone willing to sit in and do the work until then will be allowed to participate in a lottery for the spaces available.

FCC Collector Cup to be designed by student artist

by Lisa Dorman-Koop
Rampage Reporter

A student artist will receive a \$300 scholarship for creating a cup design that will be used by the cafeteria.

A cooperative effort between the Fresno City College Food Service, Pepsi, and the art department resulted in a new marketing promotion that will feature the artwork of an FCC student.

FCC Cafeteria Manager Bruce Staebler wants to introduce a 32-ounce plastic cup that students will purchase and bring back for a discounted refill price, like the current red and white coffee mugs that can be refilled for thirty-five cents.

"If it wasn't for the students, the cafeteria couldn't keep running," said Staebler, "I want to do something that gets the students involved in the food service."

Staebler also is interested in satisfying the concerns of ecological groups on campus. By implementing a returnable plastic cup, the amount of paper waste on campus would be reduced, he said.

A group of representatives from the cafeteria, Pepsi, Sweetheart Cups and the art department

decided that student artists will submit designs for an FCC cup. The student body will choose the two winning logos from among five final designs on exhibit at the Student Art Show in the Art Space Gallery at the end of the semester.

In addition to the scholarships that the students win, the two winning designs with the artist's signature will be imprinted on the cups, one to go on sale in the Fall of '93, the other in the Spring of '94.

Beginning this semester, the art department will incorporate the contest into the Art 5 class outline. Their designs will automatically be entered in the contest. However, the contest is open to any student enrolled in Fresno City College.

This type of contest has never been held before between Pepsi and any other college. Red Wilkerson of Pepsi emphasized, "If it's successful, the structure of the program could be used as a model to incorporate at other campuses throughout the country."

Any students who are interested in the contest should contact a member of the art department for the specific requirements.

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Get more money back at the A.S. Book Exchange

by Jeff Connelly
Rampage Reporter

One of the purposes of student government is to make campus life more efficient, and the Associated Student Book Exchange is an example.

"The bookstore will buy [your textbooks] back from you at 30 percent or 40 percent of the price that you paid five or six months ago," explains Legislative Vice President John Connelly, "then sell [them] back to students again at 75 percent of the original cost. Of course, students dislike that."

Instead, a student wanting to sell their books can walk upstairs to the AS office and fill out a card with their name, telephone number, what book they're offering and their asking price. It is essentially the same information as on the kiosk flyers, but organized and more convenient. The cards

are arranged by subject.

A similar service is offered for people who are looking to buy books.

Besides the price, another advantage to this system is it makes a greater number of used books available to students than might otherwise be offered by the bookstore.

"The bookstore has to make an estimate of how many students are going to return books," said Connelly, "and how many they're going to have to order new. So, if they order too many new books, they aren't going to take back any used ones because they have to sell off the ones they ordered."

The Book Exchange has been in operation for about a year and a half, and is growing. "If you want to get your \$10 right away, that's fine—come up here," said Connelly. Wait a little while, get \$20."

Students share opinions on gun control

by Sammi Winniski
Rampage Reporter

In a world where guns are readily available throughout society, whether for hunting game, self defense, or for a recreational sport such as target shooting, there are many strong opinions as to whether guns are an essential in everyone's life.

In a small survey taken around the FCC's campus, most students thought that the use of guns was unnecessary. There were many different opinions.

In this survey of 20 students, five students owned a gun, whereas the remaining 15 did not. As one gun owner stated, "Everybody is entitled to their own opinion, but if I feel safer with a gun in my home I don't want anybody to tell me I can't have it."

The fact is, if guns are not handled correctly, an innocent victim could be injured or killed. This is one of the major reasons those for gun control are opposed to guns

all together. As one student stated, "If you have a gun, there's a good chance you'll have to use it."

In the five cases of gun owners on campus, all said that their guns served as a form of protection in their homes. Three of those same people use their guns to hunt with and one man even happens to be a member of the (National Rifle Association) NRA.

Other students, as an alternative to the use of guns for protection, came up with some interest-

ing ideas. One student suggested using a baseball bat or some form of kitchen knife. Another student said that if he did have a gun, he would only use it to "scare" his intruder. Whereas another student suggested, "Invest in a good alarm system."

Whether guns be used for hunting, recreation, or even home protection, it is essential that a gun be operated by someone who knows what they're doing and that the gun be licensed.

New path built to fountain

by Alexander Asher
Rampage Reporter

Students have been using a dirt path between the bookstore and the fountain area since the 1970s. It's not there anymore.

"When it's real obvious students want to take a certain route, we try to build a sidewalk for them," said Brian Speece, manager of FCC's Plant Facilities Office, (P.F.O.). "A sidewalk looks nicer and it gives the students a better surface to walk on."

Speece compares the \$4,500 path with past constructions by the college. A sidewalk between the student services building and the library was built in 1988 in response to student traffic.

P.F.O. is responsible for the constructions and improvements made on campus. The office receives its money from state lottery funds.

In the next two months, an estimated \$45,000 (of the \$1.4 million the college received this year) will be used to improve lighting on campus.

The existing globe lights along College and University Malls will be replaced with 75 new fixtures. According to Speece, these new

fixtures will produce twice the light as the current installments.

This summer, an additional \$10,000 will be spent to increase the lighting in rooms T-104 and T-300, Speece said.

P.F.O. also hopes the state will fund an \$11,000 plan to replace the existing 250 watt lights in the parking lot with 400 watt lights, Speece said. The proposal will be made this summer.

P.F.O. is currently funding the construction of the \$2,000 Student Information Booth. Undertaking construction of the booth are the Welding, Air Conditioning, Auto Repair, and Carpentry programs on campus.

Speece would like to meet student demand for paved parking behind the cafeteria, but the \$61,000 needed to pave it won't be coming anytime soon.

"We're hoping it will be done by next year but it depends on our budget and we always have more safety issues," Speece said. "We still have to upgrade the eyewash stations and fire alarm systems to existing standards."

"We never run out of projects," Speece said, "That's job security I guess. We always have more work to do."

Tuberculosis problem reemerges in Fresno County, at Fresno City College

by Vincent Guzman
Rampage Reporter

The recent media spotlight on the reemergence of tuberculosis has not gone unnoticed by the Fresno City College students or administration. T.B. testing has always been available to students in the Health Services Office, most notably in connection with students enrolled in Child Development classes who wish to participate at the day care center. These days, however, more students are voluntarily going in for testing, and for good reason.

Tuberculosis, a disease once thought to be on the decline, has in recent years become an increasingly prevalent health risk. Although reported cases have steadily decreased since they peaked in 1953, from 1985 through 1991 approximately 39,000 more cases were reported than would have been expected if the decline had continued, according to the U.S.

Department of Health and Human Services.

Complicating matters is the fact that there are about 10 to 15 million people in the U.S. who are unknowingly carrying the T.B. bacterium. As a result, they run the risk of developing tuberculosis or spreading it to others.

Dr. Hugh F. Stallworth, the health officer for Fresno County, recently wrote that California currently ranks fourth in the nation for reported T.B. cases. In Fresno County alone, we are averaging 80 cases a year. These facts have led the Fresno County Health Department to recommend that everyone in the San Joaquin Valley be tested for tuberculosis at least every two years.

FCC nurse Pat Brunetti also recognizes the importance of such testing. "Because there is no preventative vaccine against tuberculosis, the best protection one has is to be tested regularly." If a test should be positive, there is an op-

portunity to administer proper treatment to prevent the disease from progressing or being passed to someone else.

Nurse Brunetti is also very encouraged by the response to the available testing. "There is a definite increase in the number of students coming in for T.B. tests. We are presently testing at least 1,000 students per semester." This is most due, she feels, to the wide media coverage of the problem.

Although the rise of T.B. reports seems ominous enough, it can be dealt with rather effectively. The best course of action also happens to be the easiest; a routine T.B. skin test.

Free T.B. tests are given here on campus in the Health Office of the Student Services building. Because the test requires a follow-up visit after two days, for results, it is only available Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. Stop by the office, or call 442-8268, for an appointment.

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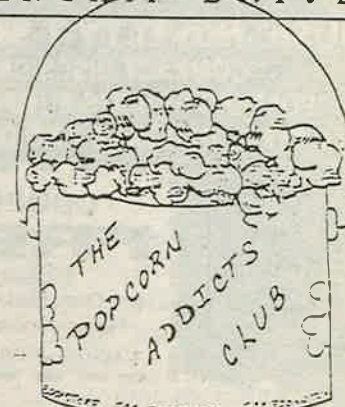
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Report: minorities underrepresented despite gains

College Press Service
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WASHINGTON — Although minority students have made gains in college enrollment, their progress has been jeopardized by reductions in state and federal funding that limit their access to higher education, a new report says.

The status report by the American Council on Education also concludes that minorities are still "far underrepresented" in higher education in most states when compared with the state's racial makeup.

The council's annual report on minorities in higher education charts national data on high school graduation rates, college participation, enrollments and degree attainment.

From 1980 to 1990, Hispanics

recorded a nearly 66 percent enrollment gain nationally and African-American enrollment jumped 22.6 percent. Minority enrollment in professional and graduate schools also rose considerably in the last decade, according to the report.

The report found that in 1990 and 1991, minority enrollment saw limited progress because of widespread state budget cuts, which reduced funding for higher education and forced many universities to raise tuition rates and more students to seek financial aid, including loans.

"Access to minorities to higher education is in peril," American Council on Education President Robert Atwell said. "The growing imbalance between federal grants and loans already has put many minority students at a disadvantage."

Atwell said an upcoming cut in the maximum Pell Grant from \$2,400 to \$2,300 will exacerbate the situation. He also predicted that state fiscal conditions will not improve soon, which he translated to "continued hardship for many public institutions."

While the report's results were disappointing to college officials nationwide, most said they thought the near future would bring about better results.

According to the report, college enrollment by Asian Americans doubled in 21 states in the last decade, while enrollment of white students grew by 9 percent.

The report concludes that whites remain much more likely than either African Americans or Hispanics to attend college. In 1991, more than one-third of all

18- to 24-year-old whites were enrolled in college, compared with 23.6 percent of African Americans and 18 percent of Hispanics in the same age group.

Because of limited budgets, many states are turning their attention to two-year colleges. While this practice may increase enrollment, the report states that the trend could "affect the future pipeline of minority professionals, since the two-year/four-year transfer rate for minorities remains especially low."

Minority enrollment at two-year colleges rose by 13.4 percent between 1990 and 1991.

The number of bachelor's degrees awarded to minorities from 1989 to 1990 rose 5.8 percent, com-

pared with 2.7 percent for whites.

"It's clear from the data that, while minority students are enrolling in college in large numbers, many are not completing degrees," said Deborah Carter, co-author of the report. "Institutions need to consider the range of factors that contribute to students remaining in college, from financial issues to environmental considerations, in crafting better retention strategies."

Minority enrollment in professional schools increased by 80.7 percent and in graduate schools by 52 percent between 1980 and 1990. In contrast, enrollment by whites decreased by 10.4 percent in professional schools and grew by 19.5 percent at the graduate level.

Clinton's financial aid changes likely to occur slowly

College Press Service
Washington Correspondent

Washington — College students who expected rapid improvements in financial aid under President Clinton's administration will be disappointed by the most recent news coming out of the nation's capital.

Education Secretary Richard Riley said budget problems will prevent the government from increasing the current \$2,300 Pell grants to individual students right now.

In addition, President Clinton's plan to let students work off college debts through community service, the proposed National Service Trust Fund, likely will be phased in gradually over a period of time, rather than launched in a massive program, White House assistants said.

Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers said the new administration is facing a deficit that is \$60 billion

to \$100 billion higher than it was last year when Clinton proposed the National Service Trust Fund. The president "had to reconsider a lot of his options based on the higher deficit numbers," she said at a Feb. 4 news conference.

Riley said at a meeting of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU), which represents about 1,600 private colleges. But that's exactly what he did.

Raising the maximum grant to needy college students from \$2,300 to \$4,000, as recent proposals have suggested, is "not possible under the current circumstances," he said.

During his campaign, Clinton promised to increase dramatically the amount of financial aid for higher education. Clinton also said one of his top priorities was to give any person, regardless of income, the opportunity to go to college. Working in public service after graduation would be a means of

paying off college loans.

But Riley said those plans will have to be phased in more slowly than the new administration had anticipated.

"I don't like it — you don't like it," he said at the meeting.

Riley has not elaborated on his comments since the Feb. 4 speech, and Department of Education officials said they had no new information to add.

Riley's sobering news came on the heels of a congressionally mandated report that called for a plan that would require about \$7 billion in government funding to enable every college student to get some form of financial aid.

According to reports in The Washington Post, the Education Department has been one of the most neglected in the federal government, and some of its computers are so outdated they are nearly useless.

Riley said he recently learned that his department's budget deficit was \$600 million worse than what he had expected because of miscalculations. Part of the department's shortfall stems from debts incurred during the last two years when \$2 billion more was doled out in college grants than was available.

"Naked Guy" expelled from UC Berkeley

College Press Service

BERKELEY, CA — A University of California at Berkeley student who wore little more than a smile around campus was expelled from the school for violating public nudity and indecent exposure rules, a university spokeswoman said.

Luis Andrew Martinez, 19, was sent a notification that he was expelled on Jan. 21, university spokeswoman Marie Felde said. He has an opportunity to appeal the expulsion, but must show either new evidence or good cause to be allowed back into the school.

Martinez, dubbed the "Naked Guy," was arrested twice in October for being on campus with little, if any, clothes on, and was suspended for two weeks in November. He was a sophomore and attended Berkeley campus full time. He usually wore only a

pair of shoes, and donned a daypack while he attended classes and walked around campus.

"He was given many opportunities to comply with our rules. He declined," Felde said.

In September 1992 Martinez held a "nude-in" on campus and in front of hundreds of observers, Martinez and two dozen supporters stripped off their clothes.

Martinez claimed that being nude on campus was a form of free expression. While he got some support at the rally, the campus police department received complaints from students and staff, said Lt. Bill Foley of the university's security force.

Employees and students complained that they were forced to look at him in their offices and classrooms because they couldn't get up and leave. Martinez also frightened some people when he jogged naked through residential dorm areas.

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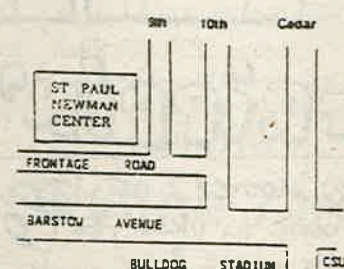
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Jodie Foster gets romantic in *Sommersby*

by Ian Spelling
College Press Service

Jodie Foster, hot off another Oscar for her work in "The Silence of the Lambs" and still enjoying critical kudos for "Little Man Tate," her directorial debut, searched for her next acting role. Nothing excited her until *Sommersby*.

The film, based on the popular French film *The Return of Martin Guerre*, also stars Richard Gere, with Jon Amiel, director of *Queen of Hearts* and *Tune in Tomorrow*, behind the cameras. *Sommersby* is a romantic period piece set in post-Civil War Tennessee.

"I liked the folk-tale thing," Foster said during a recent interview at a Manhattan hotel. "I liked the idea of where the story starts, where it ends, and all the little details that lead up to that end. It's sort of timeless and sophisticated. It's a really intelligent movie that you have to work very hard to figure out."

The story concerns Jack Sommersby (Gere), who disappeared during the war and was long believed dead. When he arrives home, unannounced, things have changed. The town is ravaged. People are poor and bitter. Sommersby's wife, Laurel (Foster), and their son have survived without him, thanks in part to family friend Orin Meecham (Bill Pullman), who banked on Laurel turning her affections to him.

Sommersby's return sets off a wave of events. He convinces his neighbors to join together and raise a tobacco crop as a way to once again become financially secure. He tries to calm racial tensions. But underneath it all, people have doubts. Is Sommersby who he says he is, or just a good imposter? No one has a tougher time answering the question than Laurel, who comes to deeply love Sommersby.

"They're both trying to have some kind of identity, some self-worth," Foster said. "In order to do that they have to have two layers. One is the public person and the other is the private, intimate relationship between the two of them. So, on the outside they're husband and wife, dignified and baking all the right cookies, saying all the right things. On the inside they have a very passionate, emotional relationship."

Foster is atop the A-list in Hollywood, but even she finds a decent woman's role as hard to find as the Holy Grail. She argues that women need to fight for better roles, that there should be more female studio executives, screenwriters, directors and producers. After a lifetime of acting, a Yale University degree, and two Oscars, Foster is shaping her own destiny.

She formed a production company and has several projects in development, but the development process spins its wheels slowly and Foster has no next project lined up. One likely future project is a sequel to *Lambs*, but everyone must wait for Thomas Harris to write one. In the meantime, *Sommersby* is in theaters and *Tate* remains a popular video rental. Foster enjoyed directing *Tate*, and hopes to direct again some day soon.

Looking back on her college days, Foster describes her years at Yale as valuable to her personally as her growth as an actress and director have been professionally.

"I was 17, and those years between 17 and 22 are so important. Wherever you spend them you figure out what you think, what you believe in, what you like and don't like," she concludes. "It encouraged all the things that Hollywood discourages, in a lot of ways, and it discouraged a lot of things Hollywood encourages. It was wonderful."

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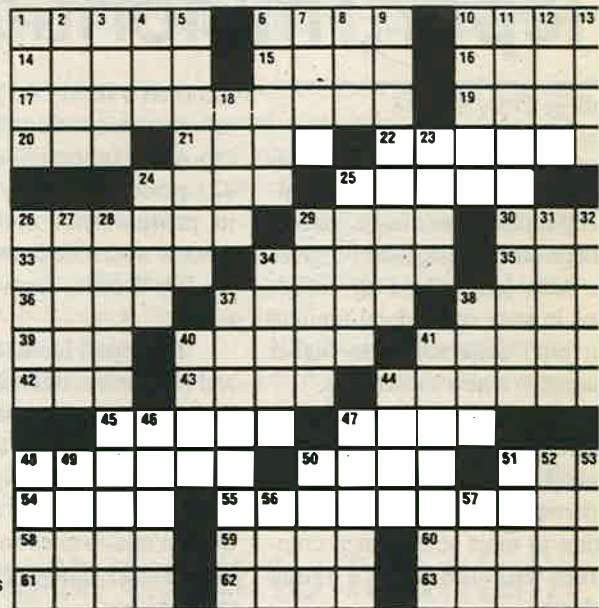
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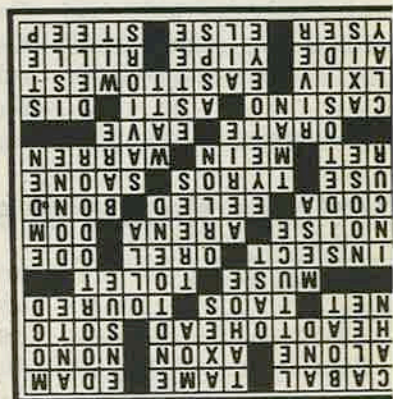
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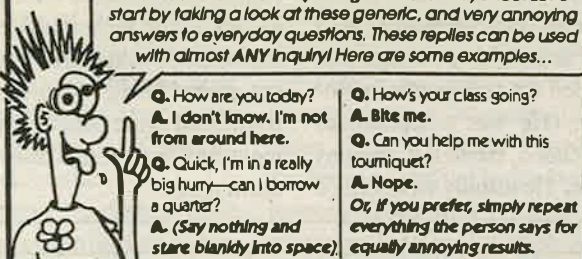


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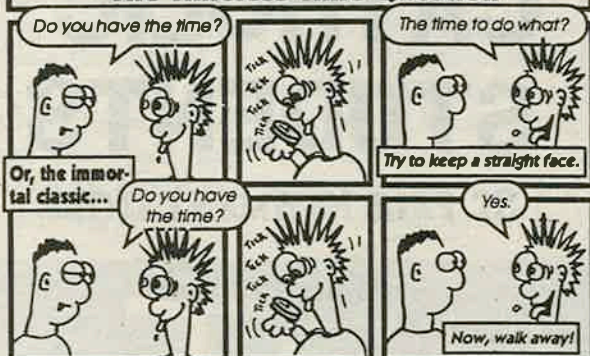
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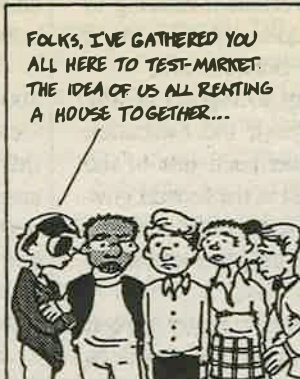
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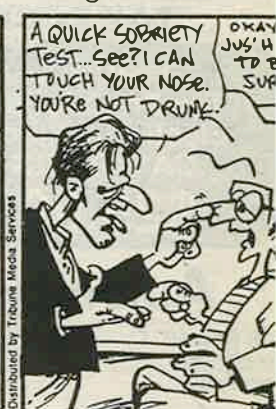
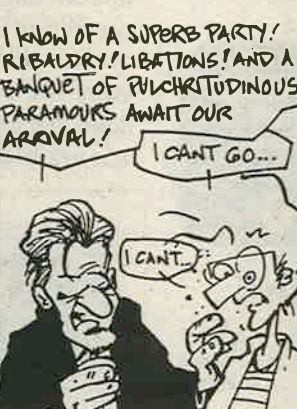
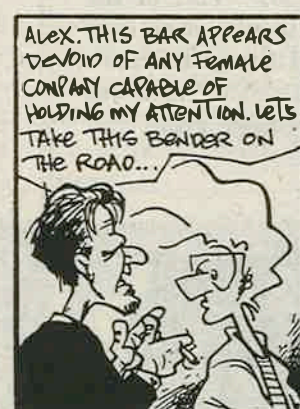
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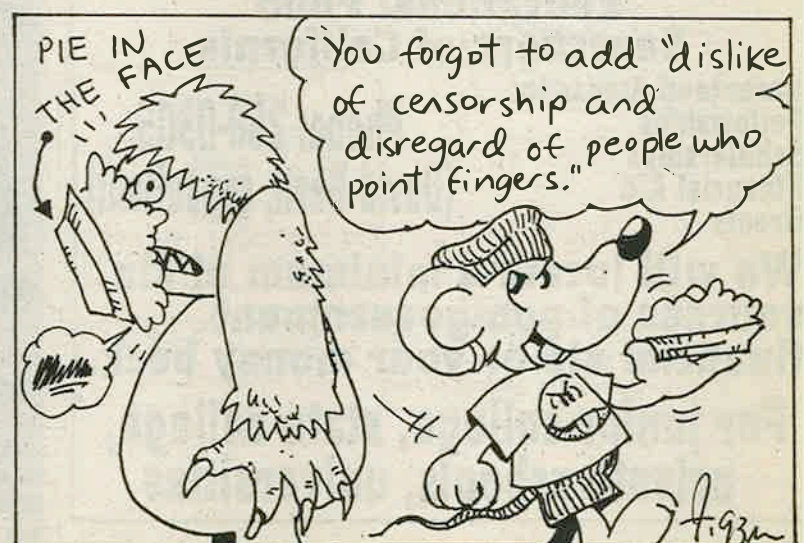
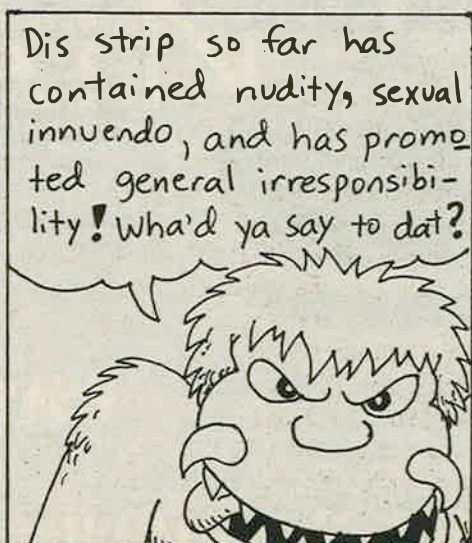
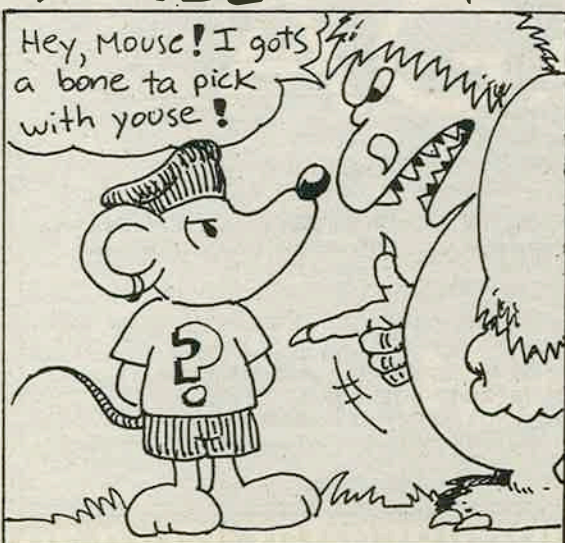
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"All I ever want is a little more than I'll ever get."

by David White
Contributing Sports Writer

For those who knew Ronald "Ronnie" M. Ott, you could probably picture him saying this, smiling away, talking you into something. It's even written on his key chain, one his father, James Ott, now carries in his pocket, along with the memories of his only son.

Ronnie was a red shirt freshman outfielder on the FCC varsity baseball team. He graduated out of Selma High School in 1991. On February 9, Ott and two FCC teammates, Adam Bourbon and J.R. Ziegelmann, were involved in a two-car accident near Millerton Lake late that night. The vehicle was, according to a CHP spokesman, driving too fast for the wet conditions. It cost the 20 year old Ott his life and left his family, teammates and many friends to grieve their loss.

"When I heard it, I just couldn't believe it, it was like a bad dream or something," recalled his father.

An overflow crowd of 1,300 people gathered that following Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Selma to remember Ronnie. According to his family, it has been this strong showing of support that has been priceless.

"When 1,300 people come out like that it's just unbelievable," said James, who estimated the number of sympathy cards received at over 300. "Every night there's always someone coming to visit. His friends and relatives support has really helped out a great deal for us."

Of course it hasn't been an easy ordeal for James and his wife, Sandra, and daughter, Jamie. "We've had our ups and downs, but when it's hard is when there's nobody around."

In the Ott's house stands a

large, wooden oak trophy case, filled with dozens of trophies that their son had amassed in athletics. From his playing days in Little League, through Babe Ruth, junior high, high school and eventually here at FCC, Ronnie continually excelled at baseball, though he was also active in basketball and football, lettering in all three sports. In all-CSL selection his junior year at Selma High, his graduating class honored him in the yearbook as their top athlete.

You could say that baseball was in his blood. His mother is first cousin to Bobby Cox, manager of the Atlanta Braves.

His dream was to get into the major leagues," said James. "That's what he wanted to do, play baseball with the pros."

FCC Baseball Coach Scott could account for that as well. "He loves baseball. He'd do anything we asked him to do."

Scott has had to wrestle not only the loss of one of his players, but he also has to help his young team cope with the loss of a teammate and friend.

"It's really, really sad, like an empty feeling inside," said Scott of Ott's death. "You get real close to the kid's being with them everyday. I remember a lot of private conversations we had in my office about problems, and not necessarily about baseball."

The team, currently ranked #1 in the state, showed the emotional effects that weekend. As a sign of unity, they traveled to the funeral services together before hosting a tournament that day, one in which they lost twice.

"There have been several players who were real close to Ronnie that are having a hard time coping with it," according to Scott.

Perhaps the most troubling thing to those that followed him in



Ronald Ott 1972-1993

baseball was that he had only begun to tap in on his potential.

"Ironically," said the coach, still in disbelief, "the weekend we would have played the most was the weekend they buried him."

There was at least one baseball scout who saw something special in Ronnie. According to James, a scout for the California Angels drove from Los Angeles to attend the funeral. "When he and his colleagues would see Ronnie play, they'd talk quit a bit. He really thought a lot of Ronnie."

Scott thought Ronnie had really turned things around.

The last couple of month's, he was growing up a lot. He seemed to have a fresh leap on life."

When asked, people would describe Ronnie as free-spirited, and always on the go. His mom even described his personality as "chillin'". But there was one thing about him: he'd always get his

way.

"You could try to say no to him," said James, "but you'd still end up giving in. He'd tell me, 'naw, dad, don't worry about it, think of it as an investment'."

The word investment was one he liked to use. In fact he was always willing to gamble on other people. Like Sandra said smiling a bit, "He'd always see the good side in people. Sometimes he'd hang out with people who ran into trouble in the past and we'd tell him maybe it wasn't a good idea, but he'd always say something like we don't really know the guy or that he's really not like that."

His funeral said best how unprejudiced Ronnie was toward other people. "The funeral was like a cultural summit," said Jamie. Indeed, it seemed as if people of every creed or race were there.

"Ronnie was one of the least racist guys I've ever met," remem-

bered Scott.

Scott thought of the summer after Ronnie graduated and he came out to FCC.

"He came up to me and said, Coach, I want to play baseball for FCC', and we had known he had been having academic problems. But that summer, he put on a show, he made all the plays. He played as good as anyone who had ever played for us."

The Ott family is planning on setting up a scholarship fund in Ronnie's memory. "It will benefit the high school kids going to college," said Jamie. Anyone wanting to mail a donation to help establish the fund can send it to James and Sandra Ott at 3729 Allan St., Selma, CA 93662.

"He touched a lot of people," Sandra reflected. "He told me 'Mom, someday they're going to ask me for my autograph,'" as the tears came down her face.

Lady Rams go to State Playoffs

by Tony Downs
Rampage Reporter

The Fresno City College women's basketball team defeated the College of Sequoias 83-68 at Visalia to earn a spot in the state playoffs.

The victory gave FCC its first appearance in the state playoffs in 12 years.

First year coach Art Williams gave a lot of credit to his players.

"We made something good out of something bad," said Williams, speaking to the play of his team without point-guard Datri Elliot, the teams second leading scorer.

Elliot was serving a one game suspension for her involvement in a fight during FCC's 87-80 road

victory over Sacramento Feb. 24.

The Rams set a new record for most victories in a season, improving their record to 26-9.

The visiting Rams were led by sophomore Angela Whitfield's 24 points and 15 rebounds.

Tracy Stepp scored 19 for FCC. Mona Moreno, filling in for Elliot, scored 18 and Dara Wright added 14 for the Rams.

The team will take it's winning ways on the road either Thursday or Saturday to take part in the eight team state playoffs in Ventura.

"The kids played great- but we got to take it one game at a time," said Williams when asked about the opportunity to capture the state title.

record to 12-4 over the weekend.

This comes on the heels of coach Ron Scott's picking up his 150th victory of his career. This occurred when FCC defeated Merced College 11-3 on Wednesday Feb. 24.

The Rams are the defending state champions from 1992.

FCC inducts seven into Wall of Fame

by Tony Downs
Rampage Reporter

Six former FCC football players and one former football coach will be inducted at the fifth annual FCC Wall of Fame dinner/dance at 6:30 pm Friday at TorNino's.

The inductees will be Bill Wayte, Navo Arax, Chuck Davidan, Curtis Wright, Dan Poladian, Doug Gaynor and the late Bob Williams.

University of California football coach Keith Gilbert will be the guest speaker and Fresno Bee sports columnist Bill McEwen will be the master of ceremonies.

Wayte played football at FCC, Fresno State and the Canadian Football League. He became an assistant coach in 1968 and was associated with four FCC state titles in 1968, 1969, 1972 and 1973. Wayte stopped coaching football and began coaching tennis in 1982.

As FCC's very first quarterback, Arax led the team to the 1948

Olive Bowl.

Davidan played for FCC in 1968 and 1969, both state championship teams. He still holds FCC records for career yardage (1,658) and receiving touchdowns (15).

Wright helped FCC to a state title as an all-state linebacker as a sophomore in 1972. He also won the Most Valuable Player award in the championship game.

Rams beat Skyline 71-68

by Tony Downs
Rampage Reporter

The FCC Rams men's basketball team pulled off the seasons biggest comeback to upset the Skyline Trojans at San Bruno, Saturday Feb. 27.

The 18th seeded Rams were down by 11 points with under 10 minutes remaining against the 25th seeded Trojans.

Lawrence Scott hit a 3-pointer with 1:02 left to give FCC a 67-65

Poladian played defensive end for FCC in 1970 and 1972 and earned All-Valley Conference honors.

Gaynor was FCC's quarterback in 1981-2, and finished his career with 5,048 total yards and holds five FCC records.

The late Williams was a running back at FCC in 1951-52. He passed away in 1990.

lead.

A Mike Ainger dunk and Antoine Lewis's two clutch free-throws gave the Rams the victory.

FCC scoring was led by Lewis (15) and Scott (14).

The victory puts the Rams into the second round of the Northern California playoffs and only one step away from state playoffs.

FCC will travel to Walnut Creek on March 3, to face second seeded Diablo Valley College.

Rams baseball ranks first in state

by Tony Downs
Rampage Reporter

The Fresno City College Rams baseball team is ranked first in the state of California by the Junior College Coaches Association poll.

The Rams improved their

Homeless, from page 1

"With the recession, we're seeing less money and donations of food and clothing this year," explained Reed.

With the shelters full or closing down all over Fresno, the homeless resort to occupying abandoned houses or living under bridges to stay dry and warm.

"There are no other places to go," said Mitch Helson, who now lives in a shack made of cardboard boxes under the overpass at Ashlan and Highway 99.

Mitch stays there because it is isolated and away from public activity. He and other transients often leave each other small packages to help the next resident out.

"When I came here," said Helson, "there was a blanket and

some worn gloves."

Without some kind of governmental security plan, there will soon be an even greater number of people living one paycheck away from being homeless. Many more Americans will fall prey to this social epidemic in the 90s. With the cuts in California's state budget, and the suffering economy, more and more shelters will have to close their doors at a time when they are most needed.

Anyone wishing to volunteer or make a contribution or donation of food, clothing or facility, can contact The Fresno Rescue Mission, 310 G Street, Fresno, Ca. 93706, 268-0839. Or contact the Poverello House, 412 F. Street, Fresno, Ca. 93706, 485-8002.

Franco elected student trustee

by Mary Sorensen-Hays
Rampage Reporter

FCC students elected Efrain Franco as student trustee with 204 of 428 votes, officials announced Monday.

Will Lambert had 150 votes, and Jody McDevitt had 74.

The election was held February 25 and 26 in the fountain area.

Franco is a business major in his fourth semester at FCC. He is a member of Mexican American Student Society where he served as treasurer for two semesters. He also belongs to Alpha Gamma Sigma and La Raza Student Coalition on campus.

Off campus, he is a licensed real estate agent and is a member of Concerned Citizens for Representative Government.

Franco's main concern on campus is fee increases. He would also like to work toward extending



Photo by Joe Sanchez
Student trustee Efrain Franco

the hours of the cafeteria and Computer Center. He wants to find ways to prevent the high drop-out rates at FCC.

Franco said, "I will actively make it a point to be involved and voice your opinions or suggestions."

Shabazz, from page 1

She also quoted her father on the matter, taking his position of preference for the term "independence" to "separation". "If you cannot separate, you are not independent," she pointed out, to an enthusiastic audience response.

Some of her most profound statements, however, were against what she called, "...the international white power structure..." "...do not adapt, kneel, or sell out to it," she urged.

Shabazz said she felt the policies of the international white power structure have conspired throughout history to perpetuate racism and division among the various ethnic and social classes by creating an environment of total dependence on them for survival. "I would rather live for myself and act for myself. I will defend myself if they try to stop me."

Ultimately, Shabazz proposed the need for a revolution against this power structure through education.

"Revolution does not mean violence or bloodshed, just a complete change in a new direction," she emphasized.

"Multicultural education would allow for the dismissal of racism. Today's education will not contribute to the development of a greater society. Outright slavery still exists. Ignorance, too, is oppression," said Shabazz.

The question and answer portion of the evening touched on a few broader topics, including her opinions of timely news



Photo by Marc Amini

Malikah S. Shabazz answers questions from the audience following her lecture stressing the idea that "We are all students and the world is our university."

topics such as Bosnia, the World Trade Center bombing, and the Rodney King controversy.

"The fact that it happened shows you how far we have come," she commented on the beating of Rodney King.

A couple of audience members asked questions regarding her Muslim faith and her opinion of the Nation of Islam. She replied by saying her faith is what makes her strong.

"I would never be anything else," she explained, "although I am not a member of the Nation. My opinion [of the Nation] is not important. Everyone has to learn on their own what they want to choose to believe in."

One of her most controversial comments regarded A.I.D.S. and

its racial ramifications. Shabazz referred to information she had attained that seemed to imply that A.I.D.S. is in fact a man-made disease that was, and perhaps still is, systematically introduced into the African and African-American population by the World Health Organization. This was greeted by more than a few gasps from the audience.

As the speech wound down, Shabazz offered information regarding her National Organization of African Students in America, an organization committed to financing and assisting in education worldwide. For those interested in more information, they can be contacted at P.O. Box 285, Mt. Vernon, NY, 10553.

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WANTED: WHITEWATER RIVER GUIDES

Kings River Expeditions is looking for people interested in becoming professional whitewater river guides. Prerequisites include a positive personality and the ability to work hard and maintain a good attitude around guests and fellow staff.

Applicants interview for acceptance into our 1993 Whitewater Guide School, which will be conducted March 27-28. Guide School candidates will be trained to river guide and handle river-related emergencies. All meals, instructional materials and equipment are provided during the school at no charge. Full-time summer guide positions will be selected on April 12 from those who have successfully completed the course.

First-year guides earn approximately \$55 a day. Daily wages can be increased if a person has: a Class B driver's license, musical/theatrical ability, an emergency medical technician certificate or experience as a photographer. Room and board are provided for all staff for the length of the season (tent camping and excellent meals).

Interviews for river guide positions will be conducted on campus **March 9-12 only**. You must submit an application prior to your interview.

We also have several driver and auxiliary camp and office positions available. Interviews for auxiliary positions will be conducted after April 1.

For specific job information and to schedule an interview, call Janice at (209) 233-48 or pick-up an application at the FCC Job Placement Center.

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