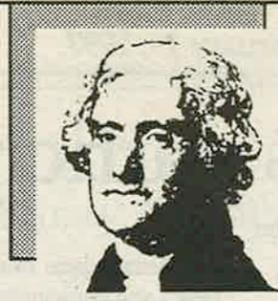




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Michael Garrett FCC's #10, takes advantage of a clear zone.

Photo by Don Davis

FCC basketball two wins away from CVC title

Teamwork is FCC's moto
By Mark Avila

If you look up team in the dictionary, no doubt you'll find the Fresno City College basketball team. As injuries keep players sidelined, others have stepped up their game to keep the state's No. 1 team in a one game lead over CVC rival Porterville going into tonight's game against Modesto.

"This is definitely not a one man team," coach Steve Cleveland said, "we have about seven or eight people contributing right now." Last Wednesday night was no different. With Rafer Alston nursing a sprained ankle, Ron Selleaze's 20 points, Cory Powell's 17, and Michael Garrett's 13 points and 11 assists lead City to a 91-60 victory over COS.

This past Saturday the Rams, down 39-37 at halftime to West Hills, came back behind Selleaze, Powell, and Darnell McCoy to win 78-63.

Powell finished with a game high 21 points and 10 rebounds with 14 of those points in the second half. McCoy,

who had 12 points in the second half, finished the night with 18 points and 10 rebounds. Selleaze and his clutch

shooting from the free throw line, had 20 points to help put West Hills away.

See FCC basketball Back Page

1040 EZ tax form now fileable over the internet

Parsons Technology launched its online application for completing 1040 EZ forms on the Internet. 1040 EZ Online provides a thorough, efficient and affordable alternative to filling out the 1040 EZ tax form. The web site provides a qualifier feature to determine whether the form is the appropriate document for users. Some of the qualifications users must meet include:

*being under the age of 65 on Jan. 1 1997.

*Having taxable income of less than \$50,000 from wages, tips, taxable scholarship or fellowship grants and unemployment compensation.

*Filing a single or married filing joint return only.

The program costs \$9.95 to use. California residents can also file short form state returns online for \$5. The company's Internet web site is: <http://1040online.parsonstech.com/qualifier/1040EZ.html>

CSU schools now accept applications online

New students can apply to CSU schools via computer

The California State University began using an online system for accepting applications for enrollment last November. Already there has been a tremendous response.

This is a "student friendly" service which includes the application form in Windows, Macintosh and

CSU online admissions and applications can be found at: <http://www.xapWWW/Calif/csu.html>.

DOS downloaded and online formats as well as the CSU preliminary Aid Information.

The Mentor Project online CSU admissions application and information Web site can be found at: <http://www.xapWWW/Calif/csu.html>. When students apply, the \$55 application fee needs to be mailed to the Chancellor's office in Long Beach. For help, call 1-800-GOTOXAP.

Burglaries drop 58 percent last year

Auto thefts, assaults drop more than 40 percent

Crime rate-drop can be attributed to new foot patrols
By Dan Martin

Burglaries decreased 58 percent last year, while auto thefts and assaults dropped more than 40 percent from the previous year, the State Center Community College District Police reported last week.

"The overall crime rate is dropping," Kenneth Shrum, district police chief said. "This can be attributed to the new foot patrols." Officers began patrolling the campus by foot about two years ago.

Shrum said the majority of

crimes are committed by non-students. "The foot patrols make it no longer a desirable place for non-students to hang out."

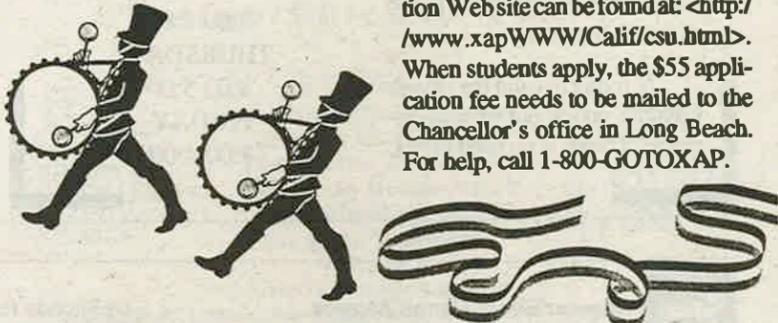
The police are not only deterring crime, they are stopping it in progress- with undercover officers.

Last October, an undercover officer stopped a vehicle theft in progress. A student who wanted to be known as "Nick" stepped out of class at 8:50 p.m. As he walked to his car, a flashing police car whirred by him. When he got to his car, district police were arresting two juveniles who attempted to steal the car. "They even had it running," Nick said.

Although the minors were not students, Shrum advised suspicion of students all the same. "We can't take for granted that someone is not a thief. It could be a student carrying books."

Shrum thinks the crime rate can drop more. "Students should be very observant. If they think a crime is being committed, call us immediately."

Not to worry if one is unsure about a possible crime in progress, Shrum said. "If they make a mistake, there's no harm done by asking us to check it out. That's the way we're going to stop crime on this campus."



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Students participate in Club Awareness Day

City College Mall packed with curious students

By Dwana Peoples

Fresno City College clubs participated in raising money during Club Awareness Day on Feb. 11. When asked what the purpose is in having Club Awareness Days, Oyazzat Tatabaev, a member of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Society said, "We are doing this is not so much to raise money (for ourselves) but for team work and also to help out for Aids Awareness

month."

Jena Adams from the Health Dept., also participating the events on campus said her reason for being there was to educate people to have safer sex.

The Pan-American Student Union was involved as well as representing their culture with displays of statues.

Many more clubs were involved, such as SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise), Remnant Ministries, the Latter Day Saints Student Association, MeCHA and others.



Photo by Thomas Soli

The Pan-African Student Union sets up for the afternoon ahead in hopes of luring members and selling its goods.

Debate team places first

Victory is gained at the hands of the University of the Pacific

By Leah Eddens

The Fresno City College Debate team achieved top honors at a recent forensics tournament held at Modesto Junior College. The Na-

tional Parliamentary Debate team consisting of students Cliff Rold and Mia Gonzalez took first place in the Junior Varsity Division after narrowly defeating the University of the Pacific in the final round on a 2-1 decision. Che Johnson, another member of the team, received the high honor of being named top speaker at the tournament.

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Riots occur at campus functions, local patrons

Students become irate over paying full prices

By Ryan LaMar

Fresno City College students stage riots all over the city in protest over paying full admissions at campus functions and complete prices at local patrons.

In justifying their actions, they claim they deserve to pay less than the average person because they are college students and the high expenses leave them less money to spend.

Said student Barry Chong, "Some heads are gonna roll, but not as many as I would prefer. I hardly have enough money left to keep on and support the riots."

Associate Student Government president Cary Catalino, upon hearing about the riots, rushed to the scene along with the Fresno Police Department in one of their helicopters.

In trying to calm the crowd, Catalino yelled out of a megaphone. "There is no need to riot.

you are eligible for price breaks from over a dozen local patrons and most FCC campus functions. Information bulletins are posted all over the campus on how to get an ID card."

With this the crowd dispersed, and a major calamity was prevented. And to prevent this from occurring again, Catalino would like to remind all FCC students with the following:

ID PICTURES ARE NOW BEING TAKEN UP IN THE ASG OFFICE LOCATED ABOVE THE BOOKSTORE. OFFICE HOURS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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TUESDAY

8:00-6:00

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THURSDAY

8:00-5:00

FRIDAY

8:00-4:00

This week in Rampage history...

Traveling salesman charged with shooting nightclub phonograph, then acquitted

A look back at Rampage news of the past

Compiled by Ryan LaMar

5 YEARS AGO as reported on February 14, 1992: Fresno City College philosophy professor David Dye causes a stir by announcing he has invited Dr. Michael Levin, a professor of the City College at the City University of New York, to speak April 17 at FCC in Forum Hall A. Dr. Levin is labeled by some as a racist because he believes persons of black descent are genetically inferior to whites on an intellectual basis, and he avidly promotes anti-affirmative action views.

20 YEARS AGO as reported on February 17, 1977: The Rampage enthusiastically announces that the popular rock band Queen will be appearing at Selland Arena on March 9.

Led Zeppelin receives good reviews with its latest release, the soundtrack to the film *The Song Remains the*

Same.
25 YEARS AGO as reported on February 17, 1972: FCC Students for McGovern will be holding a petition-signing party Tuesday at 10 p.m. in the home of Fred Wilson at 946 N. Safford. The purpose of the party, which will feature several W.C. Fields films, is to gather names to get Senator George McGovern on the ballot for the June 6 California primary.

Two San Francisco researchers have released what they believe to be "conclusive" evidence that hard rock music is deafening most of its performers. 41 out of 43 musicians who participated in the nine-month study have suffered permanent hearing loss.

A traveling salesman was charged recently with storming into a Brazilian nightclub a blasting a phonograph with a revolver because it was disturbing his sleep. A judge in acquitting the salesman said the man "did what a lot of us would like to do—destroy an infernal machine

whose sole function is to drive people crazy."

30 YEARS AGO as reported on February 16, 1967: About 15 FCC students were among the approximately 10,000 people marching on the Capitol in Sacramento Saturday to protest Governor Ronald Reagan's proposed cut in the University of California and state college budgets.

Five oil paintings valued at \$25,000 were stolen from an art exhibit on the second floor of the Administration Building on Feb. 7 at approximately 10:30 p.m. The paintings were the creations of students in Curt Draper's art classes.

Police Log

Feb. 10- An officer was dispatched to the Cafeteria in regards to two male students arguing over a Dominoes game. The students were contacted and sent on their way.

Feb. 10- An officer noticed a subject walking through campus that matched the description of a currency counterfeiter. When the subject was checked, it was found that he had two outstanding warrants for his arrest. He was arrested, and transported to the Fresno County Jail.

Feb. 10- With no reason other than to play, a juvenile rode a bike around campus, then unlawfully drove an FCC custodial cart. The juvenile was identified and released to his parents.

Feb. 12- A faculty member reported their issued faculty Grand Master key missing. This key opens everything on campus. There are no known suspects, and missing key has not been located.

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MEChA... 27 Years of Leadership

MEChA, the Movimiento Estudiantil de Aztlan, has existed for more than 25-years. It was created in the late 1960s with the evolution of other civil rights movements. The 60s was a time of change for many. A time when many groups took opposition to the "status quo" society.

MEChA is a product of the Chicano movement. It was organized by Latino students in Santa Barbara for the purpose of getting cultural and ethnic studies into the classrooms. In reality, MEChA encourages education, indigenous pride and self-determination, mainly in Mexican Americans and other Latinos.

The Mechistas at Fresno City College believe the movement exists today. That is why MEChA is alive

not only on campus, but in the minds of those who survived the struggles of 1960s. I say survived because many of the people who struggled to keep the movement going, sacrificed their life, family and goals to get us where we are today. Although we are far from the oppression that existed yesterday, we still have a long road ahead of us.

Mechistas here at home, encourage individuals who are proud of their heritage and want to utilize their skills to encourage their communities to get involved not only in MEChA, but in other organizations that are familiar to people's struggles, to be aware of the situations that affected Chicanos of the past, as well as future effects.

MEChA's goals are to continue educating our RAZA in classrooms and neighborhoods; to leave something for future Mechistas to grasp such as mentorship, scholarships and book loans; and to ensure the doors of opportunities at FCC remain open for the leaders of tomorrow.

MEChA isn't you, me, he or she, rather, it's what has lasted for 27-years, the legacy of leadership. Take a step, join MEChA every Friday at noon in the Senate Chambers, in the Student Lounge.

Marina Santos
President, MEChA

February Activities Calendar

Inter Club Council meetings, Thursdays 12:15 p.m.; Student Center

Associated Student Government meetings, Thursdays 1 p.m.; Student Center

Sierra Chamber Opera, Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m.; Recital Hall
Philosophy Lecture, Dr. Louis Pojman, "Merit: Why Do We Value

African-American History Month

Feb. 19- PASU Bake Sale 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Feb. 22- Run to Erase Racism Run/Walk 7:30 a.m.; Woodward Park

Feb. 25- Film Festival 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Student Lounge, T.V. Room

Feb. 26- Wall of Honor Dedicat-

tion 5 p.m.; African-American Museum

"Rites of Passage" Voices of the Brothers Forum 12p.m.; Forum Hall

Feb. 27- Speaker: Nikki Giovanni 7 p.m.; FSU Student Union

AGS Honor Society Recruiting New Members

The Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society is a club for people who like to make new friends, and provide services to the community. Meetings are held every Monday at 5:15 p.m. and Tuesday at 1:15 p.m. in the Senate Chamber located inside the Student Lounge. Membership applications will be available at either meeting, and will be accepted until March 25.

Qualifications for joining are: a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above with

at least 12 completed units, or lifetime CSF membership for incoming freshmen.

Requirements are:

- 1) attend at least six general meetings throughout the semester.
- 2) Four hours of volunteer work with AGS.
- 3) Four hours of fund raising with AGS.
- 4) two hours of volunteer service outside of AGS.

Graduation and Certificate Filing Deadline

The last day for students to request an Associate Degree or Certificate Evaluation for a May 1997 award is Friday Feb. 21.

Apply at counter "A" in the Student Services Building. Students with an active evaluation request on file need not re-apply.



- (1) Over 70% of the gangs in Fresno County are Chicanos/Latinos.
- (2) Over 63% of the teenage pregnancy cases in Fresno County are Chicanos/Latinos.
- (3) Over 80% of Chicano/Latino youth use alcohol as the NO. 1 drug of choice.
- (4) Over 27% of all AIDS cases in Fresno County are Chicanos/Latinos.
- (5) Over 80% of the youth in Juvenile Hall are Chicanos/Latinos.
- (6) Over 57.6% of the adult inmates in Fresno County jails are Chicanos/Latinos.
- (7) Over 90% of young Chicanos/Latinos have had their first sexual encounter while under the influence of alcohol.
- (8) Over 56% of Fresno County juvenile arrests are Chicano/Latino youth.
- (9) There has been a 50% increase in the "cause of death" for Chicano/Latino youth between 14 - 21 years that is attributed to homicide.
- (10) Over 44% of young low-income Chicano/Latino adults are more likely to be without health insurance coverage.

Our community needs to address, "WHY are so many of young Latino/Chicano youth falling into the cracks of this city and County?" It is time to speak up and be heard before your child becomes one of the above statistics.

PRESS CONFERENCE

Subject: ANTI-GANG INJUNCTIONS

CONTACT: Alfonso Hernandez 448-1212

Ben Benavidez 442-0380

A press conference will be held at Chicano Youth Center 50 Calaveras, Fresno, CA. to address some critical morbidity, mortality & social economic hardships that are being suffered by the Hispanic community in Fresno.

Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 9:15 p.m.

Fridays 7:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Saturdays 9 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

As a general rule, if there is no school, the library will be closed.

Fresno City Wide Raza Summit On Problems Effecting Latino/Chicano Youth



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**University of California, Riverside (UCR):
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Scholarships and Awards

Financial Aid Guide for Minority Undergrads

The 1996 edition of *Financial Aid Resources for U.S. Minority Undergraduate College Students* is available from the University of Southern California Civic and Community Relations (USC-CCR). Names of scholarships and foundations, terms of eligibility, contact persons and more are included in this list. To receive a copy, send three 32 cent stamps and a business-size, self-addressed envelope to "Financial Aid List" in care of USC-CCR. To order, contact USC-CCR at (213) 740-5480.

Scholarship Guide for Hispanics

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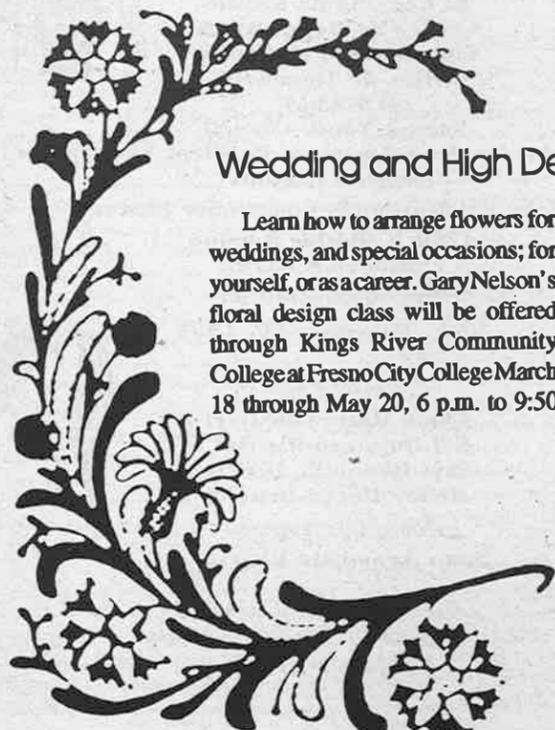


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Scholarships are available to each of The Fund's three seven-week programs; the Engalitcheff Institute on Comparative Political and Economic Systems, the Institute on Political Journalism, and the Bryce Harlow Institute on Business and Government Affairs. Each of the Institutes includes internships throughout the city, courses at Georgetown University taught by top notch faculty, and unique opportunities to meet and talk with national and international leaders at site briefings, lectures, and evening dialogues.

For brochures and applications, students should contact The Fund for American Studies at (800) 741-6964 or visit our web site at <http://www.dciinternships.org>.



Wedding and High Design Floral Class Offered

Learn how to arrange flowers for weddings, and special occasions; for yourself, or as a career. Gary Nelson's floral design class will be offered through Kings River Community College at Fresno City College March 18 through May 20, 6 p.m. to 9:50 p.m. in class # 1452. Each week you take home your floral designs. Gary Nelson who has taught other floral design classes on campus. For more information call Mr. Nelson at 276-5266.

CBEST Test Practice Seminar

Do you need to refine your English skills? Are you ready to take the English part of the CBEST? If you answered yes to one of those questions, a one-day English workshop will be offered for preparation for the CBEST Test or for general English improvement, on Saturday, March 8 at 8:30 a.m.- 3 p.m. in LA 126. This will definitely increase your chances of passing the

CBEST. Maria Provenio, Learning Skills Instructor will lead the class. There is no cost to attend. Bring any cliff notes, or other preparation materials with you. For more information call Brian Calhoun at 442-4600, Ext. 8625. All workshops are sponsored by Fresno City College, Teacher of Tomorrow.

*Langston Hughes
My Friend*

*Langston Hughes
a poet, a writer, a friend.
He would understand the words I write
for his words have no end.
His eyes saw hatred
while he wrote love for his race.
For every story he wrote
a chance for people to embrace.
A man of epic proportions
his words hold no bounds.
Ode to the blues and the words he wrote
to the Mississippi sounds.
If a man is judged by the things he's done
or the things he has said,
then Langston Hughes has passed on
to a better place
but he is not dead.
For young African American writers like myself
his spirit guides my pen.
Langston Hughes, the writer, the poet
and always my true friend.*

T.J.T.

This poem was written by T. Joseph Taylor, and is a preview of "Rites of Passage" the Voices of the Brothers' Forum. Wednesday Feb. 26 at 12 p.m. in the Senate Chambers.



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Ska Night Offers a Great Show to Fans of All Ages at FSU

Chico and the Hornets and others play to a packed house at the Pub.

By Amy Klassen-Cox

The FSU Pub was the place to be last Thursday night. Last Thursday night was ska night, and three bucks for three bands was not bad at all. Sharing the bill were Checkmate, The Titans, and Chico and the Hornets. The music was so great and the bands so popular that towards the end of the night, event coordinators had to turn away people at the door, as the place was packed to capacity. Another reason for the packed house may be that in a town that offers very little to those under 21, this show was all-ages.

The Titans got the night started and the house jumping. There was no lack of enthusiasm amongst the crowd for the opening band,

and the youthful make-up of the audience seemed to push the bands even further to put out a great performance. Checkmate followed and really tore into a jumping set that was well received by the audience. Last to take the stage was Chico and the Hornets, featuring FCC's own Traci Surabian. Having built their own following over the years, they pleased the audience with crowd favorites.

The FSU Pub will also be the place to be this Thursday, Feb. 20, when 406, Public Television, and Sexophone play. The cost for that show is \$4, or \$3 with a stuffed animal. It will also be a luau so everyone will get lei'd at the door. Once again, this show will be all ages. Show time is 8 p.m.



Checkmate slides through a high energy set at the FSU Pub last Thursday.



Chico and the Hornets deliver a flawless performance at Ska Night. Photos By Joe Sennewa

Radio Station Seeks Demos

Free Radio 104.5, in an effort to promote college bands and the local music scene, is accepting local demos to be played on the air. To have demos considered, drop them off at Rainbow Sound and Drum or Charlie Daniel's Music.

Free Publicity For College Bands

The Rampage Weekly is searching for college bands for an upcoming pull-out section packed with band bios and snapshots. The only requirement is that one band member be a student at FCC. The Rampage will also review the shows and demos of college bands. To have your band featured in the Rampage, contact the Entertainment Editor at 442-8263 or drop by the office above the bookstore.

Horny Toad! Invents Ska-Punk-Rasta-Funk Their Way

So. Cal's premier band shows what's so hot about snow boarders.

By Amy Klassen-Cox

One of the most intriguing bands to date has released their first album. Horny Toad! has put out *Thirteen* on Domo Records, and the sound is undeniably unique, being described as ska-punk-rasta-funk. While it was unclear whether these four genres could be combined and still produce a good sound, this band's stab at it seems to work. The band, hailing from the Venice/Santa Monica scene, somehow manages to draw on the best elements of all four styles and create their own style. The result is some wickedly crafty grooves and incredible beats that forces listeners off their duffs and onto the dance floor.

The reason that Horny Toad! works is because, with the exception of one or two songs, the band somehow manages to take four over-worked and over-played genres and combine them into something completely new and different. Although the bass player, Louichi Mayorga, once played with the Suicidal Tendencies, listeners do not get barraged with the poorly done music



Horny Toad! strikes a pose

Photo Courtesy of Domo Records

that merely mimics a band's influences that is so characteristic of the crap that is trying to be passed off as "the next big thing" in today's music scene. Together with Moises Casillas

on guitar and Kid Caviar on vocals, Mayorga delivers a breath of fresh air into the stagnant music climate that has currently settled upon hapless listeners. While a

well-versed individual may be able to pick out Horny Toad!'s influences, this band is anything but a no-talent bunch of pretty faces jumping on some band wagon to cash in on a newly opened genre. In fact, they have been together since 1988, long before ska, punk, rasta, or funk ever really broke out into the commercial mainstream.

While *Thirteen* is their first full-length commercial release, they have built a following amongst the skater and snowboarder crowds by touring extensively and playing virtually every skate and snow board convention. They have played every venue in Los Angeles and toured internationally through Japan, Thailand, and Mexico.

Their music is truly unique, and may not be what someone who is into the mainstream is looking for. Talented visionaries they are, but anyone used to the radio-regurgitated crap that is force fed to the public by corporate controlled stations may need to take some time to get used to Horny Toad! After all, they know what real music is all about.

Thirteen is currently available at all Best Buy locations.

Musician's Exchange

A new feature for this year's Rampage Weekly is the Musician's Exchange. This is a free service provided to allow musicians on campus to search for new band members and announce upcoming shows. This is not a service to list items for sale or trade. Those may be listed in the regular Rampage classified ads.

Bassist and Singer searching for other musicians. Infl.: Slapstick, Less Than Jake, Op Ivy, Madness, Minor Threat, No Doubt, etc. No prior band exp. nec. Must have own equipment and desire to play. Contact Donald at 683-2303 or Diva at 225-0341.

Vocalist looking for a band. Thrash metal, death metal, or doom metal preferred. Call Ryan at 263-3520

Tower District Gets Down for a Good Cause at Mardi Gras

Tree Fresno is the beneficiary of Mardi Gras '97.

By Amy Klassen-Cox

Tower Mardi Gras '97 offered a wide array of sights, sounds, and tastes. There was something for everyone at this year's Fat Tuesday celebration. Street performers and costumed revelers lined the streets to party down New Orleans style as parades marched past and the ale flowed. Music spilled out from every restaurant, cafe, and bar to offer a broad range of musical styles including ska, blues, jazz, zydeco, swing, R&B, swing, and Dixieland. For a truly authentic flavor, many local eateries offered special cajun dishes as nightly specials.

As for the music fest, Fresno's own Lets Go Bowling got the night started with their finally honed brand of ska music filling the Tower Theatre. Their quick beats and



A magician and his kitty smile pretty

Photo By Linda Burgin

polished horn section got more than a few people out of their seats as the band performed a high-energy set. Let's Go Bowling never fails to deliver a grand performance, and their show at this event was no exception. Next on the bill for the Tower Theatre was the legendary blues guitarist Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown. A Grammy winner and six-time

Grammy nominee, Brown wowed the audience with his ability to flawlessly combine the blues, country, soul, jazz, and R&B. Born in New Orleans and raised in Texas, Brown brought an undeniably authentic flavor to this year's celebration. His performance was highlighted by his ability to play several different instruments at a mastery level. Wrapping up the show at the Tower Theatre was the MoFo Party Band, who kept the spirit of the party going with their own hard-driving Chicago blues.

Not to be outdone, Roger Rocka's Music Hall was also the scene of a five hour music fest. The Blue Divas opened the show performing their own brand of blues along the Chicago, Delta, and Texas lines. Bad Boys Zydeco got the place jumping when they jammed out the zydeco, Cajun, and blues music that always makes them a crowd favorite. The show at Roger Rocka's Music Hall came to a close when the After Dinner Mints, featuring FCC's own Mike Dana, treated concert goers to an hour and a half of '40's style jump-blues-swing. All in all, both venues offered many talented performers for the \$20 ticket



Let's Go Bowling plays the Tower Theatre

Photo By Linda Burgin

price.

Throughout the Tower District local acts added to the ambiance. Java Cafe featured Steve Ono, playing original folk-jazz guitar with percussion provided by FCC student John Martin III. Virtually every single business offered some sort of free entertainment, and many of the over-21 establishments offered several drink specials in honor of the celebration.

As entertaining as the 20 musical acts were, the mardi gras revelers were just as amusing, is not more so. The event was a "people watchers" dream come true. While hundreds of people simply wore the sequined and feathered masks that have become a clearly identifiable element of mardi gras, many others put much more time and effort into

their costumes. The New Orleans tradition of dressing in bright clashing colors was not lost here in Fresno, but there were far more drag queens, vampires, and a general assortment of outlandish dressers to add to the lively variety of the street scene. The revelers costumes ranged from normal and boring to downright bizarre.

Those who partied and danced the night away did so for a good cause. The proceeds from poster and ticket sales help support Tree Fresno. The official amount raised to benefit the non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to environmental stewardship is not currently available, but judging by the number of revelers at the event, Tree Fresno should receive quite a fine contribution.



In the spirit of Mardi Gras this party goers make-up needs no mask.

Photo by Georgia Potter

Get Your Tickets

Roger Rocka's - presents "Oliver!"
Dinner from 5:45 p.m. on Wed. and Thurs. 6:00 pm. on Fri. and Sat., and 5 p.m. on Sun. Pre-show at 7:30 p.m. on Wed, and Thurs, 8 p.m. on Fri and Sat, and 7 p.m. on Sun. Show at 8 p.m. Wed and Thurs., 8:30 p.m. on Fri. and Sat, and 7:30 p.m. on Sun. Also on Sun.: Brunch from 11a.m Pre-show at 1 p.m. and show at 1:30 p.m. Ticket price with dinner: \$30 Fri. and Sat. \$20 on Wed., \$28 for students, \$25 for seniors, \$18 without dinner.

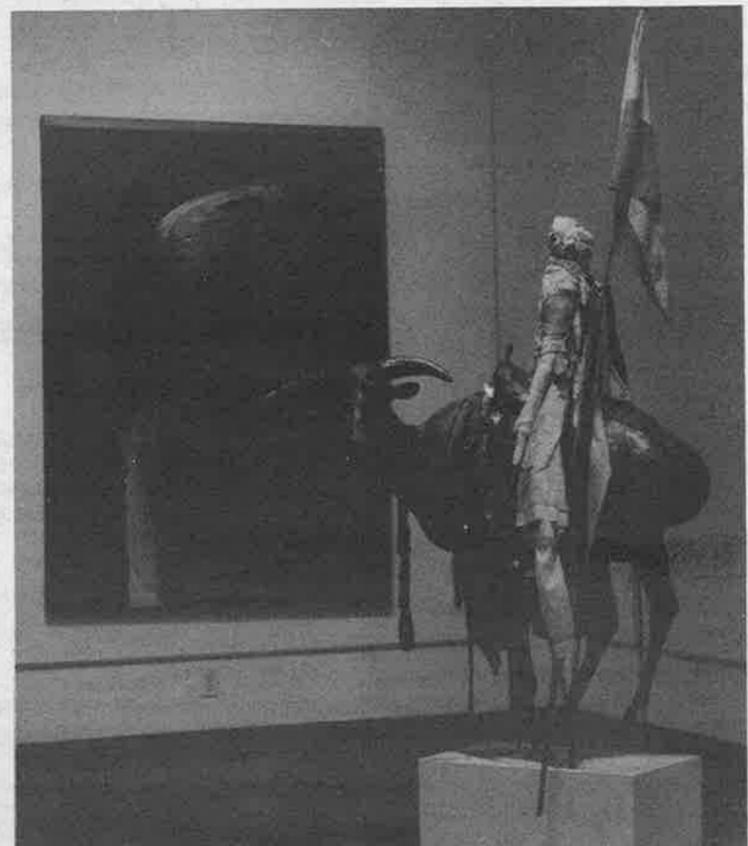
Second Space- presents "The Heiress" 8 p.m. curtain on Feb.20. 8:30 p.m. curtain on Feb.21, and a 2 p.m. curtain for the final performance on Feb. 23. Ticket price: \$10 Tues. and Sun. \$12 Fri. and Sat. \$9 for student and seniors.

Paradise the Focus of FCC Exhibit

Pippin's work explores the search for paradise.

By Charoletta Hister

From Leonardo, to Michael Angelo F.C.C. has a little art exhibition of their own. From Jan 23 through Feb. 23, F.C.C. presents Ron Pippin and "Paradise Regained." "Paradise Regained" represents exhibitions that have been evolved over a period of years. Most of the ideas of "Paradise Regained" came from dreams, addresses, integration of the animal, and last but not least, human and angelic realms. However, it also reflects on a wide variety of models of personal and collective transformations. In some cases, Ron Pippin says, "After all, aren't we all struggling to find meaning in an increasingly chaotic world?" In the society today, there is a Paradise Regained in everyone's lives. Is there a Paradise in yours?

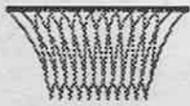
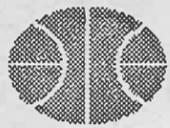


Pippin's use of multi media to search for paradise

Photo By Maria Betancourt

With Merced game still lingering, Rams rout Modesto and Porterville as the Playoffs Approach

■ Debro, Holmes bounce back; lead Rams



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

By Chad E. Rhyman

Domination is the word for today kids and that's what the women's basketball team did Saturday night to Porterville College. In fact P.C. will no longer stand for Porterville College it will now stand for POSITIVELY CRUSHED, and they were. The Pirates were simply outplayed. The Pirates turned the ball over 24 times, thanks to the Rams hard nose defense. The Pirates attempted a comeback towards the end of the first half, coming within 3 points but time ran out. The buzzer sounded Rams 27 Pirates 24 and that is as close as they would get in this contest.

"We need to convert their turnovers into points!" coach Wood said at half time, and as the



The number eight team in the state, FCC, locks up with C.O.S. earlier this season. The team is currently 24-3.

Photo by Ted Valverde

Rams took to the court she shouted "PUT THE BALL IN THE HOOP!"

Ask and you shall receive. The Rams took charge of the Pirates allowing them to score only 12 points the entire second half. #31 Shawanta Debro led the Rams with 23 points, 6 rebounds, 7 steals, and 3 assists. #22 Tanzenika "Nika" Holmes was no slouch either scoring 21 points, 10

rebounds, 4 assists, and 2 steals. After the game Debro stated "3 of our players were sick so I knew I had to step it up."

Rams 70 Pirates of Porterville 36. The women's team is currently 5th in Northern California and 8th in the state. Also, to all those concerned, all 5 Porterville fans made it home safely.

STATE BASKETBALL RANKINGS

AS OF 2/16/97

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL		MEN'S BASKETBALL	
1) VENTURA	27-1	1) FRESNO	23-3
2) CANYONS	24-4	2) ANTELOPE VALLEY	24-4
3) MERCED	25-4	3) VENTURA	21-6
4) SOLANO	25-5	4) L.A. CITY COLLEGE	21-4
5) BUTTE	24-4	5) SAN JOSE	23-4
6) DEANZA	26-5	6) CANADA	23-4
7) IRVINE VALLEY	18-6	7) CHABOT	21-4
8) FRESNO	22-3	8) SOUTHWESTERN	16-11
9) SAN JOSE	21-5	9) CUESTA	25-5
10) CUESTA	22-5	10) PORTERVILLE	21-5



TRACK AND FIELD

With a number of huge track meets coming up in the next four to eight weeks, The Rampage is taking this opportunity to reflect on last year's scores and how the Rams compared to the rest of The Central Valley Conference.

The FCC track team will look forward to competing in the Modesto Invitational, The Bob Mathias Fresno Relays, and The Jenner Games.

Looking further into the future, these meets will be followed by The conference and state championships. The state championships will be held in Fresno on May 16-17.

1996 team scores

Men--10-2 overall

4-0 in CVC

Women-8-4 overall

3-1 in CVC

Men-

Modesto Inv. 58pts., 5th
Jenner Games 19pts., 15th
Mathias Relays 163 pts., 1st
CVC Champ. 86 pts., 1st
Norcal Champ. 51 pts., 5th
State Champ. 14 pts., 22nd

Women-

Modesto Inv. 68 pts., 4th
Jenner Games 38 pts., 5th
Mathias Relays 101 pts., 2nd
CVC Champ. 106.5 pts., 1st
Norcal Champ. 48 pts., 5th
State Champ. 15 pts., 13th

Ram Week at-a-glance

MEN'S BASKETBALL	SUN. FEB. 23
WED. FEB. 19	HOME-VS. FRESNO STATE
AT MODESTO 7P.M.	J.V. 3P.M.
	BASEBALL
	FRI. FEB. 21
	HOME-VS. CHABOT 7P.M.
	SAT. FEB. 22
	HOME-VS. DEANZA 1P.M.
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	SUN. FEB. 23
SAT. FEB. 22	HOME-VS. CANADA 1P.M.
AT VISALIA	HOME-VS. HANCOCK 4P.M.
VS. C.O.S. 5P.M.	
MEN'S TENNIS	MEN'S GOLF
THURS. FEB. 20	FRI. FEB. 21
HOME-VS. SAN JOAQUIN	AT PASO ROBLES
DELTA 2P.M.	VS. ALLAN HANCOCK
	12 NOON
TUES. FEB. 25	TRACK
AT STOCKTON	SAT. FEB. 22
VS. SAN JOAQUIN	AT MERCED 12 NOON
DELTA 2P.M.	
WOMEN'S TENNIS	SOFTBALL
THURS. FEB. 20	SAT. FEB. 22
HOME-VS. MERCED 2P.M.	HOME-VS. ALLAN
	HANCOCK 11A.M.

ram scoreboard

men's tennis-	Santa Rosa 6, FCC 3	Wed. 2/12
	2nd place finish at Modesto Tournament	
	L.A. Pierce 37, FCC 35	Thurs.-Sat. 2/13-2/15
women's basketball-	FCC 66, Modesto 46	Wed. 2/12
	FCC 70, Porterville 36	Sat. 2/15
men's basketball-	FCC 91, C.O.S. 60	Wed. 2/12
	FCC 78, West Hills 63	Sat. 2/15
baseball-	Cypress 5, FCC 4	Wed. 2/12
	FCC 6, Solano 5	Fri. 2/14
	Ohlone 6, FCC 4	Sat. 2/15
	Marin 6, FCC 5	Sat. 2/15
	FCC 4, Mission	Sun. 2/16
softball-	Diablo Valley 8, FCC 7	Sat. 2/15
	San Jose 3, FCC 1	Sat. 2/15
track-	men- FCC 93, Diablo Valley 83, Merced 45,	
	Contra Costa 43, Consumnes River 18	
	women--Diablo Valley 127, FCC 36, Consumnes River 17,	
	Contra Costa 17, Merced 6	



Sophomore Daniel Viveros goes for broke in a tournament game at Euless Park. See details on page 9.

photo by Don Davis

RAMS 7-5 AFTER CUPID DELIVERS A SPLIT



BASEBALL

After a preseason number two ranking in the state of California, the FCC diamond sluggers have put together a 7-5 record after completing their third all-weekend tournament in a row. Coach and FCC Athletic Director, Ron Scott, has the Rams operating at a swift pace with a tough schedule. Last weekend saw

the Rams wrap-up Valentine's weekend with a split, the last game being a career milestone for Scott, his 300th victory.

See page 9 for full details as well as a special preview page looking at this year's team including a full roster.



6-0,170
FRESHMAN
HIGH SCHOOL:
SIERRA

MIKE ALVAREZ



6-0,185
SOPH
HIGH SCHOOL:
BUCHANAN

PAUL AVERY



5-10,155
FRESHMAN
HIGH SCHOOL:
KERMAN

DAVID CAMPOS



5-11,180
SOPH.
HIGH SCHOOL:
MADERA

MIKE COCHRAN



6-2,170
FRESHMAN
HIGH SCHOOL:
BULLARD

TREVOR GRAY



5-11,175
FRESHMAN
HIGH SCHOOL:
BULLARD

BRIAN JAMES



5-11,170
FRESHMAN
HIGH SCHOOL:
FRESNO

CHAD JOHNSON



6-2,180
FRESHMAN
HIGH SCHOOL:
HOOVER

LARRY LEEDS



6-1,170
FRESHMAN
HIGH SCHOOL:
CENTRAL

VICTOR MIRANDA



6-3,190
SOPH.
HIGH SCHOOL:
CLOVIS

JEFF MUNSTER



6-0,160
FRESHMAN
HIGH SCHOOL:
CHOWCHILLA

RIP ROGERS



6-1,185
SOPH.
HIGH SCHOOL:
DOWNEY

DANNY SCOTT



6-2,190
SOPH.
HIGH SCHOOL:
TULARE WESTERN

DANIEL VIVEROS

Scott brings home 300th victory; Rams work toward league play.....

With 7-5 record, Rams set to play last games before CVC action

By Allen M. Coleman

Before the lights were turned off at Eules Park on Sunday night, by the time the music had stopped, and after the home plate umpire shouted out the last strike in the final game, Coach Ron Scott had compiled win number "300" in his 9th season as Head Baseball Coach at FCC.

Community College Baseball was at it's best. Marin CC and Ohlone CC's game on Sunday afternoon ended in a 9-9 tie after 13 innings and more than 4 hours of play. The game was called due to a time restriction imposed. Both coaches agreed and called it a night. Ram players waited patiently for more than 2 hours to take the field against Mission CC in the final game of the 3 day tournament.

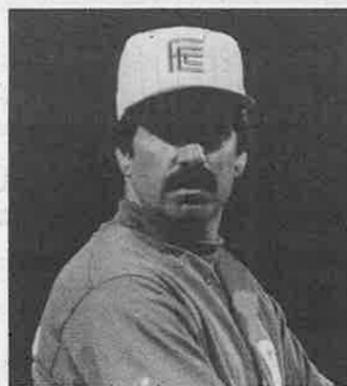
When FCC took the field, it was all business. Ram right-hander Daniel Viveros kept Mission hitters in check for 7 complete innings and allowed only 3 runs. Ram Ace left-hander Paul Avery smoked Mission hitters in the 8th and 9th inning. Avery fanned 6 batters in two innings to end the game for a 4-3 Ram victory.

Viveros who is now 1-2 was the winning pitcher. He struck out 5, gave up 4 hits and issued only 2 walks. Kyle Moore went 2-4 with a double and 2 RBIs and Kevin Patrick was 2-3 with a double and 2 runs scored. Avery earned the save.

A 5-4 Ram loss at Cypress on Thursday was a shocker. Sophomore 3rd baseman G.J. Raymundo featured a 3rd inning grand slam to left field that lit up the scoreboard for the visiting Rams. Unfortunately it was a game filled with miscues. "That was my first grand slam since little league, I put God before everything and so does my teammates," he said, although it was engraved in ink on the inside of his cap. Raymundo went 3-3 with 4 RBIs and Steve Woodward was 2-5. Daniel Viveros was the losing pitcher.

Other Highlights on the diamond included a Ram victory in the tournament opener over The Solano CC Falcons. The pressure was on and the Rams were down 3 runs in the bottom of the 7th inning until designated hitter Adam Calvert clobbered a 3-2 pitch that bounced off-the center field wall over 370 feet away. Two runs scored and the Rams went on to edge Mission 6-5.

"I feel relaxed at the plate, pitch-



FCC baseball coach Ron Scott

ers normally try to stay on the outside corner, I just hit the ball wherever it's pitched," said Calvert. Newcomer Chad Johnson recieved a no decision, Reliever Danny Scott picked up the win and lanky right-hander Trevor Gray got the save.

Marin beat FCC 6-5 on Saturday. Adam Calvert hit a towering 6th inning solo homer and went 3-4 with 2 RBIs and Jeff Munster who was 5-1 last season absorbed the loss.

FCC also lost to Ohlone 6-4 on Saturday. Ram top hitters were Steve Woodward who went 2-4 with 1 run scored, Brian Mattos was also 2-4 with 2 RBIs and a double. Right-hand reliever Rip Rogers took the loss. Tournament action is also scheduled for this week-end at John Eules Park. Game time on Friday Febuary 21 is 7 p.m., Saturday Febuary 22 1 p.m. and Sunday's games are scheduled for 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.



Assistant coach Jim Ferguson directs traffic last Sunday against Mission. The win was monumental, Ron Scott's 300th victory.

Photo by Don Davis

OUTFIELDERS



6-0,185
SOPH.
HIGH SCHOOL:
CLOVIS WEST



5-8,155
FRESHMAN
HIGH SCHOOL:
MCLANE



KYLE MOORE



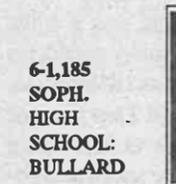
SCOTT ROBINSON



6-1,205
FRESHMAN
HIGH SCHOOL:
CLOVIS WEST

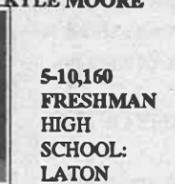


5-11,180
SOPH.
HIGH SCHOOL:
CLOVIS

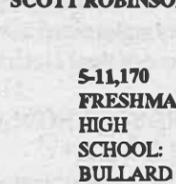


6-1,185
SOPH.
HIGH SCHOOL:
BULLARD

BRIAN MATTOS



STEVEN WOODWARD



STEVEN WOODWARD

CATCHERS

NOT PICTURED-BRIAN TEIGE; 5-10,180 FRESHMAN FROM BUCHANAN



ROB AVILA



5-11,185
FRESHMAN
HIGH SCHOOL:
HOOVER



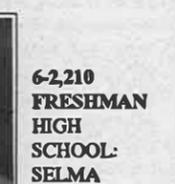
HENRY CAZARES



5-8,180
SOPH.
HIGH SCHOOL:
CLOVIS



JOSE CERDA JR.



6-2,210
FRESHMAN
HIGH SCHOOL:
SELMA



6-1,215
FRESHMAN
HIGH SCHOOL:
MCLANE

RYAN ACCARDO



5-8,170
SOPH.
HIGH SCHOOL:
SANGER

SCOTT BARR



6-5,260
FRESHMAN
HIGH SCHOOL:
DOS PALOS

ADAM CALVERT



6-0,225
SOPH.
HIGH SCHOOL:
PADUA

MARK FETHERS



6-1,185
SOPH.
HIGH SCHOOL:
HOOVER

JAMES HEINRICH



5-8,175
SOPH.
HIGH SCHOOL:
HOOVER

BRANDON HERZOG



5-11,170
FRESHMAN
HIGH SCHOOL:
BULLARD

LOUIS LAMOURE



5-10,185
FRESHMAN
HIGH SCHOOL:
BULLARD

STEVE MILTON



5-10,165
FRESHMAN
HIGH SCHOOL:
HOOVER

JASON PAPI



5-9,175
SOPH.
HIGH SCHOOL:
CLOVIS

KEVIN PATRICK



6-1,180
SOPH.
HIGH SCHOOL:
BUCHANAN

G.J. RAYMUNDO



6-2,185
FRESHMAN
HIGH SCHOOL:
CLOVIS WEST

CHAD ROCCO

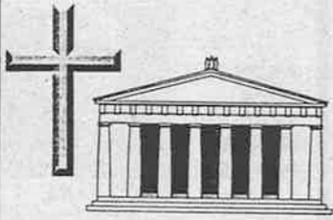


6-2,240
FRESHMAN
HIGH SCHOOL:
SIERRA

ROBERT SMITH

Editorial - Leah Eddens

Is there a separation of church and state



I can't count the times when, stating my point about a certain matter, I'm confronted with the argument that "there is a separation of church and state." Many people believe that arguments for and against abortion, euthanasia, prayer in schools, a simple article like this one and many more, get complicated by the matter of church and state separation. Perhaps some questions delve deeper into spiritual mysteries, but frankly, the constitution says absolutely nothing about a wall of separation between the church and the state.

The First amendment to the Constitution does say that Congress "shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Thomas Jefferson, later wrote in a letter to a clergyman who was worried about government intrusion into his religion, that this precept of the Constitution thus built a "wall of separation between church and state." This did not, as many would have us believe, refer to the exclusion of religion from government, but to the exclusion of government interference with religion.

As we just celebrated President's day, I think it would be good to look back at what some of our founding fathers of

America thought about religion. I am compelled, by their statements, to believe that if they were alive today and knew of the animosity toward religion in state affairs, they would perceive this nation as decaying rapidly beyond the point of no return.

John Adams, the second (recognized) President said: "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."--1798

Thomas Jefferson, the third President and one of the principle framers of the Constitution, wrote the words that now appear on his memorial in Washington D.C.: "Can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of people that these liberties are a gift of God?"--1781

Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people.

- Thomas Jefferson

Our sixth President John Quincy Adams said:

"Is it not that the Declaration of Independence first organized the social compact on the foundation of the Redeemer's mission upon earth? That it laid the cornerstone of human government upon the precepts of Christianity?"--1837

Abraham Lincoln stated:

"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power

as no other nation has grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our own hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us. It behooves us then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness."--1863

Theodore Roosevelt, America's 26th President wrote this:

"In this actual world, a churchless community, a community where man may have abandoned or scoffed at, or ignored their religious needs, is a community on the rapid downgrade."--1917

Ronald Reagan, the 40th President gave a speech in which he included this statement:

"The frustrating thing is that those who are attacking religion claim that they are doing it in the name of tolerance, freedom and open-mindedness. Question: Isn't the real truth that they are intolerant of religion? They refuse to tolerate its importance in our lives."--1984

To continue with quotes from past presidents would be to write an entire book. But we see, that our nation was not founded with the precept of a separation between church and state. So, the next time you want to give into the argument, or perhaps use it, think again. Constitutionally there is no such thing.



Student focuses in on tram traffic

Photo by Juana Echeverria

This letter was addressed to Brian Speece, director of maintenance

AS a student at FCC, I feel that the trams and maintenance vehicles here on campus should have designated speed limits, and signs should be posted at certain sections on campus to inform students where crossings will occur.

When walking to my classes I

notice that the students in front of the vehicles move toward one side, and other students complain to each other. I feel that the walkways were built for the students, and not for vehicles. Some of the drivers are leaving their vehicles in inappropriate places.

David M. Baltierra

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THE FAMILY

A PROCLAMATION TO THE WORLD

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY AND COUNCIL OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Submitted by Latter-Day Saints Student Association

WE, THE FIRST PRESIDENCY and the Council of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, solemnly proclaim that marriage between a man and a woman is ordained of God and that the family is central to the Creator's plan for the eternal destiny of His children.

ALL HUMAN BEINGS—male and female—are created in the image of God. Each is a beloved spirit son or daughter of heavenly parents, and, as such, each has a divine nature and destiny. Gender is an essential characteristic of individual premortal, mortal, and eternal identity and purpose.

IN THE PREMORTAL REALM, spirit sons and daughters knew and worshiped God as their Eternal Father and accepted His plan by which His children could obtain a physical body and gain earthly experience to progress toward perfection and ultimately realize his or her divine destiny as an heir of eternal life. The divine plan of happiness enables family relationships to be perpetuated beyond the grave. Sacred ordinances and covenants available in holy temples make it possible for individuals to return to the presence of God and for families to be united eternally.

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT that God gave to Adam and Eve pertained to their potential for parenthood as husband and wife. We declare that God's commandment for His children to multiply and replenish the earth remains in force. We further declare that God has commanded that the sacred powers of procreation are to be employed only between man and woman, lawfully wedded as husband and wife.

WE DECLARE the means by which mortal life is created to be divinely appointed. We affirm the sanctity of life and of its importance in God's eternal plan.

HUSBAND AND WIFE have a solemn responsibility to love and care for each other and for their children. "Children are an heritage of the Lord"

(Psalms 127:3). Parents have a sacred duty to rear their children in love and righteousness, to provide for their physical and spiritual needs, to teach them to love and serve one another, to observe the commandments of God and to be law-abiding citizens wherever they live. Husbands and wives—mothers and fathers—will be held accountable before God for the discharge of these obligations.

THE FAMILY is ordained of God. Marriage between man and woman is essential to His eternal plan. Children are entitled to birth within the bonds of matrimony, and to be reared by a father and a mother who honor marital vows with complete fidelity. Happiness in family life is most likely to be achieved when founded upon the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. Successful marriages and families are established and maintained on principles of faith, prayer, repentance, forgiveness, respect, love, compassion, work, and wholesome recreational activities. By divine design, fathers are to preside over their families in love and righteousness and are responsible to provide the necessities of life and protection for their families. Mothers are primarily responsible for the nurture of their children. In these sacred responsibilities, fathers and mothers are obligated to help one another as equal partners. Disability, death, or other circumstances may necessitate individual adaptation. Extended families should lend support when needed.

WE WARN that individuals who violate covenants of chastity, who abuse spouse or offspring, or who fail to fulfill family responsibilities will one day stand accountable before God. Further, we warn that the disintegration of the family will bring upon individuals, communities, and nations the calamities foretold by ancient and modern prophets.

WE CALL UPON responsible citizens and officers of government everywhere to promote those measures designed to maintain and strengthen the family as the fundamental unit of society.

Presidential insights that may surprise you

If presidential trivia sounds interesting to you, read on for little known facts
By Ryan LaMar

Every February most people of the nation get a day off to commemorate the former presidents who have so ardently served the people, and even the ones who did poorly or were ridden with scandal. Through our many years of education we have learned a vast amount of facts and the basic truths about our former leaders; but a remedy has arrived in a list of facts reduced to being footnotes in history and omitted from most books because of their esoteric or zany nature.

DID YOU KNOW ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?

-George Washington was not the first president. The first president was John Hanson. On November 5, 1781 he was elected by the Continental Congress and served one year.

-Grover Cleveland is the only United States president to have been married in the White House.

-The teddy bear is named after Theodore Roosevelt. Roosevelt, when presented with a koala bear he highly praised it. A copy of it was made for children and was called a "teddy bear" in his honor.

-Woodrow Wilson's wife grazed sheep on the front lawn of the White House during World War I.

-Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and James Monroe all died on the fourth of July. Jefferson and Adams died at practically the same minute the same day.

-Andrew Jackson received more popular votes and more electoral votes than John Quincy Adams in the election of 1824, but still lost the election. Neither had a majority of the electoral votes, so the decision went to the House of Representatives, which elected Adams.

-Abraham Lincoln was a white supremacist, as were many presidents before him. As late as 1858 he said, "I will say, then, that I am not, nor ever have been, in favor of bringing about in any way the social and political equality of the white and black races; [and] there must be a position of superior and inferior; and I as much as any other man am in favor of having the superior position assigned to the white race."

-Herbert Hoover turned over each of his Federal salary checks to charity for his entire forty-seven years in government.

-During the election of 1920, Socialist Eugene Debs received 920,000 votes for president, yet he ran his

entire campaign while in jail.

-Theodore Roosevelt was Eleanor Roosevelt's uncle.

-John Tyler had fifteen children.

-Theodore Roosevelt's wife and mother both died on the same day.

-James Buchanan was the only president to never marry.

-David Rice Atchison was president for one day and didn't know it. According to nineteenth-century law if neither the president nor the vice president was in office, the president pro tem of the Senate became chief executive. On March 4, 1849, President James K. Polk's term had elapsed and the newly elected Zachary Taylor could not be sworn in because it was a Sunday.

-Ulysses S. Grant was arrested while in office. He was convicted of exceeding the Washington speed limit on his horse and was fined \$20.

-Robert Todd Lincoln, son of Abraham Lincoln, was present at the assassinations of three presidents: his father's, James Garfield, and William McKinley.

-Thomas Jefferson invented the calendar clock.

-Franklin Pierce was arrested while in office for running over a woman with his horse, but wasn't convicted.

Your Finances

Looking at Student Loans

One of the most important aspects of your college career, is financial planning. Usually the last resort in the search for financial aid is a student loan. Here are some facts regarding student loans that might make the hunt a bit easier.

All loans are *not* alike. Although the Federal Government sets the interest rates and terms for all Federal loans, many private lenders offer various benefits, including discounts for making monthly payments on time. These discounts come in the form of interest rate reductions, and credits on loan fees. Ask your lender what kinds of benefits are available. Some can save hundreds and even thousands of dollars in loan costs.

Paying off your loan early can save you money, but it's not easy to do. One of the easiest ways to reduce the cost of a student loan is to sign up for electronic loan payments which are automatically deducted from your savings or checking ac-

count. Many lenders offer a wide range of flexible repayment alternatives, loan servicers should be available to answer questions 24-hours a day.

Federal loans are not the only source available for financing a student's education. Most students are eligible for supplemental student loans in addition to federal loans. There are strict borrowing limits through federal loan programs, ranging from \$2,625 for most freshmen to \$5,500 for the majority of juniors and seniors. These borrowing caps often create the need for additional sources of funds for college. If you need additional financing, be sure to compare the interest rates and other loan features of various supplemental loan programs because each program is different.

The best way to obtain free information about student loans is to access the Internet, or call College Answer at 1-800-891-4599 to discuss college costs with experts from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. ET, Monday-Friday.

Source: Sallie Mae Loan Agency

FAFSA ALERT!

Remember, March second is the deadline for turning in Your Free Application For Federal Student Aid.

Money Saving Strategies for students

1. **Look at big ticket items:** Determine what things you can do for yourself. Try coupons and hand washing versus dry cleaning.

2. **Use the telephone:** Call around for the best deal instead of driving to stores to compare prices.

3. **Comparison shop:** Try thrift stores.

4. **Check quality:** The cheapest may end up costing you more in the long run.

5. **Cook for yourself:** It's less expensive, and much healthier.

6. **Conserve energy:** Try an energy audit, this will help you know where to cut back.

7. **Keep housing costs low:** A smaller apartment or a roommate will save.

8. **Paying cash:** Will save on interest you would pay on a credit card. It will definitely cut spending what you don't have.

9. **Notice what you spend on fun:** There are many free things that are fun: exercising, reading, going to the park, etc.

10. **Postpone purchases:** Do you have to have it now? Some things can wait.

11. **Creating a budget:** Will help you monitor your spending.

12. **Leave cash in the bank:** If you have it in your possession, you will spend it.

Source: CSU, Fresno Science Career Opportunity Program

Counselor's Corner

ABC daily to-do list

A typical day in the life of a student is full of separate, often unrelated tasks—reading, attending lectures, studying, working at a job, writing, doing special projects, research, errands, and family. It's easy to forget an important job during a busy day. One of the most effective ways to stay on track and actually get things done is to use a daily to-do list of specific things you need to do within 24 hours. The advantage of keeping a daily list is that you don't have to remember what needs to be done next; it's written down.

It's best to write out a list the night before (this may also help you sleep better). Write everything you want to accomplish on a sheet of paper, a daily planning calendar, or a three by five card. Cards work well because you can slip them into your pocket. Next, rate each task by priority. One way to do this is to label each task A, B, and C.

A's on your list are those things that need to be done immediately. A priorities also include those things which directly lead to long-, mid-, or short-term goals.

B tasks are a bit less important than A's, they are not urgent, and can be postponed if necessary.

C's do not require immediate attention. C items include things like "shop for a new pair of jeans." C priorities are often small, easy jobs.

Once you've labeled all the tasks on your list, schedule time for all of the A's. The B's and C's can be done in odd moments during the day when you are between tasks, and don't have time to start the next "A."

When you are using the ABC priority method, you might discover a condition common to students: C fever. This is the uncontrollable urge to drop that "A" task and begin crossing C's off the list. If your History paper is due tomorrow, you might feel compelled to vacuum the rug, call your third cousin in Tulsa, and make a trip to the store for shoe laces. The reason for C fever is that a task may be difficult or lengthy, and the risk of failure is higher. Because they are the most important to us A's can be threatening. If you notice symptoms of C fever, ask: Does this job really need to be done now? Do I really need to alphabetize my tape collection? (*editor's note: a symptom of anal retentiveness*), or might I better use this time to study for tomorrow's exam?

Source: CSU Fresno Science Career Opportunity Program

Introducing the Rampage Staff



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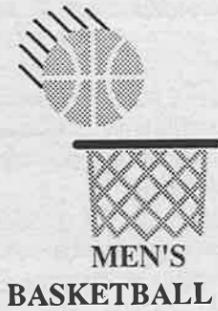
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8. Hillary
7. Iran contra
6. Partial birth abortion ban veto
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4. Leaving Saddam Hussein alive
3. IRS
2. Social Security and Medicare not yet fixed
1. Government Shutdown



FCC Basketball from Front Page

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