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Tony Cantu: Excited to take on new challenge

By Abel E. Jimenez
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Beginning in the Fall 1999 semester, Fresno City College will undergo many changes in the staff and administrative department. The biggest change will be the seating of the Dean of Instruction on July 1 by a man whose already played an integral part at FCC: Anthony Cantu.

Cantu, called "Tony" by his friends and colleagues is currently the associate dean of instruction in the Humanities division, a position he has held since 1994, which contains the largest amount of courses in any division at FCC..... English,

Speech, Foreign Languages (Spanish, French), Philosophy, Theater Arts and Journalism (which includes overseeing the operation of the Rampage).

Succeeding outgoing dean Arthur Elish, Cantu will play a much larger role at FCC and will work closely with the President (Dr. Daniel Larios), the Dean of Students (Robert Fox) and the State Center Community College District (Chancellor to be named in July).

"It's exciting," Cantu said on taking the position on a personal and professional level. "It's something I prepared myself for and thought about for a long time. To see it come to fruition is really good for me per-



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sonally and professionally."

Cantu confirmed that he had given considerable thoughts to the awesome responsibilities that are associated with his new job and was ready to meet the challenges head on.

Cantu was pleased with his predecessor's duties for the last 26 years: "Some of the things that Dr. Elish has put into place has worked very well." While Cantu does not plan to institute any immediate changes once he assumes the position, he will be committed to reinforcing the policies and programs that have benefitted FCC and its

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It's a Mericle!

By Abel E. Jimenez
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The State Center Community College District approved the hiring of Dr. Margaret Mericle as the Associate Dean of Social Science at the Board of Trustees Meeting on May 4 in Fresno. Mericle, called "Peg" by her colleagues, succeeds Gerry Stokle, who is retiring after this semester.

Mericle is currently serving at Ashland Community College in Ashland, Kentucky as the director of Grants and Special Projects, she previously served as an associate professor of Social Science courses like Government & Politics, Psychology, Women's Studies, Political Propaganda among other

courses.

Mericle received various degrees in her field as well, she received a Bachelor Arts in Psychology at Ohio University from 1979-82. Mericle also received two degrees in Political Science, a Masters from State University in New York from 83-85 and a Ph.D. from NYSU from 82-85.

According to Dean of Instruction, Dr. Arthur Elish: "Dr. Mericle brought a lot of enthusiasm and energy to the screening committee, and she's very dynamic, articulate and very passionate about her work. I'm very delighted to have her here at FCC."

Her first day on the job is July 1, 1999.

Dean presents award to honors student

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This year's Dean's medallion award winner is Steven Wharton of Fresno. He will be presented with the award on

May 15 at the Fresno City College Honor's ceremony, to be held at the Tower Theatre at 5 p.m.

FCC President Dr. Daniel Larios will present the award along with a letter of congratulations.

Viva Las Vegas!

By Abel E. Jimenez
RAMPAGE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

First, Terrell Lyday signs to a university, now it's Mike Garrett's turn.

The All-Central Valley Conference player signed a letter of intent to play at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas (UNLV) on May 5 at FCC.

The Runnin' Rebels like Brigham Young (the college Lyday signed with) are part of the Western Athletic Conference (WAC). While a schedule has not been set, it's likely the two teams will meet each other this season.

"I felt comfortable with the coach (Ben Banno) and the players which was the most important thing and that alone helped in the decision," Garrett said on the reason he chose UNLV.

Garrett averaged 13.8 points per game in his two-year, 70-game career at FCC to with an average of 3.5 rebounds and 3.6 assists. Despite missing the Most Valuable Player honors by one point to DeeAndre Hulett of College of the Sequoias, Garrett was one of six play-

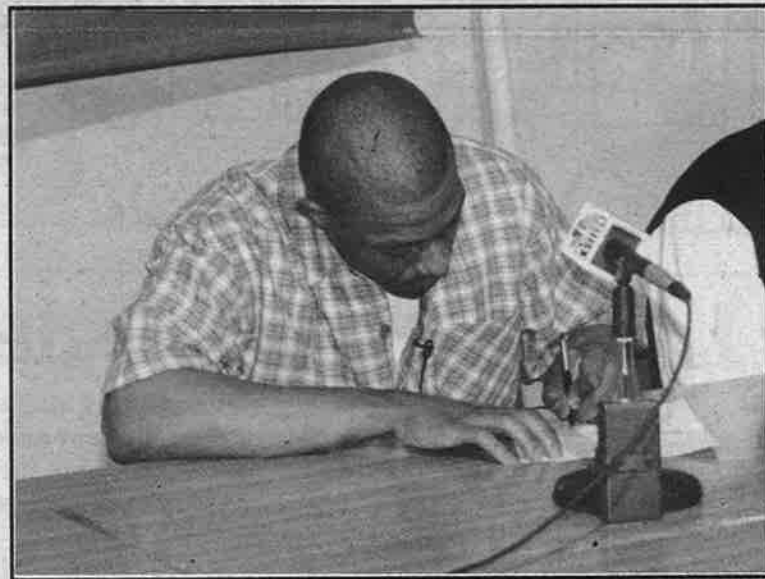


PHOTO BY ELEAZAR VALDEZ
Mike Garrett signs his letter of intent, the second FCC player to sign a letter of intent to a university.

ers selected for the All-Tournament team after an impressive run at the State Championships this season.

"He's a winner," replied assistant basketball coach Don Slade. "He was here two years ago and that team went 31-4. He played a lot of minutes at point guard when Rafer Alston was injured. This year we were 32-4. Mike is a proven leader and I'm sure he'll do great at UNLV.

On playing on television (ABC has the WAC television contract), Garrett states: "Television aside, the main thing is to stay focused and play basketball."

FCC News Brief

Outgoing chancellor Dr. Bill Stewart confirmed to the Rampage on May 4 that he will be working part-time at Fresno State. His title is yet to be finalized, although Stewart stated that he would do some part-time teaching and help recruit more FCC students to transfer to Fresno State.

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Cinco de Mayo recongized at FCC

By Maranda Brandt
RAMPAGE STAFF

Fresno City College celebrated Cinco de Mayo this month with activities on May 4 and 5. Activities included the Clovis High School Marimba Band performing in the FCC free speech area on the 4th, and continued on the 5th with Charro Unidos de Madera (horses with riders) and Mariachi Tenochtitlan.

Club Azteca joined in the celebration with folkloric dancing. This event included the history of Spanish ancestral dances and a performance by



PHOTO BY ELEAZAR VALDEZ

students in the program. The students, practicing the dances for many months, showed their hard work with a colorful performance. The audience was encouraged to join in some of the dances and learn the steps.

The celebration of Cinco de Mayo commemorates the battle at the city of Puebla on May 5, 1862 in which 4,000 unarmed Mexican peasants defeated the forces of 6,000 Frenchmen who had not suffered a defeat in half a century against Europe's troops. This battle was the beginning of Mexico's struggle to defend its independence.

Lemon Yellow Journalism

By Bruce Gates



(P.S.: THE NEW AREA CODE IS 559.)

Latino comedians deliver goods

By Joe Doyle
RAMPAGE ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

In honor of Cinco de Mayo, Fresno City College and The Alliance Entertainment Group put on the Latino Laugh Festival, Saturday May 8th in the FCC Theater. The two hour show, which highlighted Latino comedians, drew a nearly packed house.

The Latino Laugh Festival, showcased the talents of some up-and-coming comedians including Vic Dunlop, Fraunchi, Joey Diaz or Gilbert Esquivel, and Showtime veteran, Jeff Garcia. With material that was appropriately oriented toward the Latino crowd, Garcia brought the house down with almost a whole hour of nonstop laughs.

Garcia's material, as well as the material of the

other comics, was definitely college student material, and not suitable for children. Much the nights material came from poking fun at every class of society including the Mexicans, African-Americans, Caucasians, Asians, and even FCC's own campus police and Activities Director. Thankfully, everyone in the crowd endured a bit of lighthearted humor, whether it was at their own expense or the expense of others.

Topics of humor included among others, the racial tensions between Mexicans and African-Americans, African-Americans' love of Bar-B-Ques, and even a creative spin on Jeff Foxworthy's "You Might Be A Redneck" entitled "You Know You're a Mexican if...". The night's vulgar ma-

terial, although clever and funny, might be it's downfall if the material prevents another show. It is unknown at press time whether the Campus Activities Office knew of the content of the comedy before they made it an all ages show. Although parental guidance was advised, it should have been strongly suggested, as the material would earn an "R" rating on a movie scale.

FCC should be commended for putting on this show, because even if the material was inappropriate for younger audiences, the show went without a hitch, and the comedians were first rate, accomplished performers. The Latino Laugh Festival, was well advertised and well done, with an admission fee that was worth the evenings entertainment.

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Sports

Bill Wayte

By Eleazar Valdez

RAMPAGE STAFF

COMMENTARY

For eighteen years, the Fresno City College Tennis team has been among the elite teams to reckon with in the Central Valley Conference. Bill Wayte, the architect for the team's success, has led his squad to 18 CVC titles since 1982.

Wayte holds a Bachelor Arts degree in Physical Education from Fresno State and a Masters degree from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. As a CSUF student, Wayte played on the football team, and later joined the Canadian Football League for six years.

In 1968, en route to the sports program at FCC, he taught at Bullard High School for one year. At FCC, Wayte started as a physical education teacher before becoming football coach (He coached Track and Field, as

well). During his football coaching career, Wayte brought four state Championships to FCC in 1968, 69, 72 and 73.

In 1975, Wayte experimented a different sport, tennis. When Wayte was asked why the transition from football to Tennis he said, "I don't know, I just liked tennis." From 75-77, Wayte was coaching women's tennis in addition to football. In 1977 he took over the men's Tennis team with little success, by 1981 Wayte gave up coaching football to concentrate more on the men's tennis team.

In 1982 it would pay off as his team won its first Central Valley Championship, "It was a very good experience because I had been coaching tennis for five years. I also felt kind of spoiled because I already have four state championships in football." For the next 17 years, Wayte would

capture CVC championships year after year, with his last league loss in 1984 against Modesto Junior College.

Coach Wayte accomplished a successful and rewarding career and this is his last year at FCC. He gave so much to the sport of tennis. In 1994 Wayte was inducted into the football hall of fame and, this year he was inducted into the tennis hall of fame. He will miss the travelling he did with the tennis team, as well as interaction with the kids. As he prepares to leave, he states: "I am going to have fun. I don't like golf, but I learned to like it, I am also looking forward to attending the U.S. Open, or Wimbledon." Bill Wayte has left a legacy at FCC, which would be hard to forget.

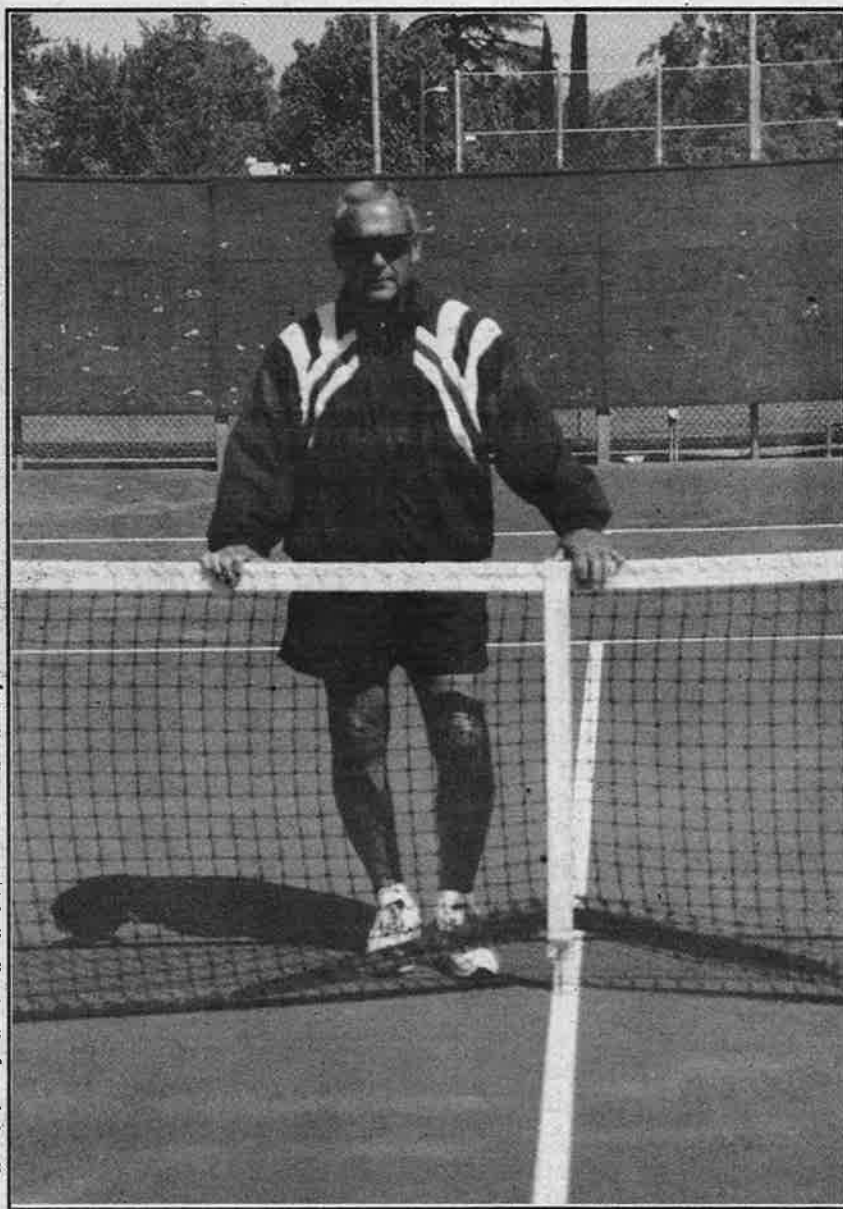


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SPORTS IN A NUTSHELL

Compiled by Joe Chacon, Abel E. Jimenez & Eleazar Valdez
RAMPAGE STAFF

Baseball

Curtis Diredo smacked two home runs in the last two games resulting in both victories for the Rams, 6-2 over Modesto on May 6 at Eules Park and 3-2 over College of the Sequoias in Visalia. The former Fresno High student said: "It felt sweet hitting the ball out of the park." Jaime Cerda and Michael Chavez each compiled victories for the Rams. At press time, the Rams were awaiting to see who they would play in the NORCAL playoffs.

Softball

Alexis Jennings and

Marisa Martinez ended their regular season on a high note as each belted a home run (Jennings a solo, Martinez a 3-run shot) as the Rams up-ended Taft 9-6 on May 4 at FCC Softball Field. This home run, Martinez's fourth for the season was particularly special because "I haven't hit a home run out of this park, including last year, and this was my last game." The Rams took the ninth seed and will play eighth-seeded Solano on May 14 at Saratoga in the NORCAL double-elimination tournament.

Tennis

The Fresno City College Lady Rams celebrated their first state championship with a 5-3 victory over

Southern California champion Grossmont on May 6 at Blackhawk Country Club in Danville. This marks the FCC women's second state title, the last title was in 1988 when the women's soccer team won it all. Despite setbacks for Suzi Riley and Lisa Alberta, victories by Clara Seefeldt, Christy Fiorentino, Angela Caglia and the FCC Doubles team sealed the title for tennis coach Mark Belman. The team finished 20-0 for the season.

Honors

Fresno City College and the Rampage congratulate the men's track and field on capturing their second

straight NORCAL title on May 8 in Modesto. Congratulations also to Michael Kasahun on winning the 5,000 meters race as he compiles another achievement at FCC. (Editor's note: The Rampage deeply apologizes for non-sports coverage of Track & Field).

Congratulations to Alexis Jennings on making the All-NORCAL team for FCC softball. In All-CVC softball, the FCC winners were 1st team: Jennings (utility), Jennifer Estrada (designated player), Angie Bustos (outfielder), and Natalie Driggers (catcher). 2nd team: Amy Padilla and Julie Shute (pitchers), and Marisa Martinez (infielder).

Setting the Record Straight

In the last issue of the Rampage, it was reported that Mike Lantis will succeed Bill Wayte as Men's Tennis coach next season. To this day, it has not been confirmed whether Lantis will actually succeed Wayte.

The Rampage deeply regrets any inconvenience this may have caused the parties involved.

PARKING PROBLEMS... AGAIN!

By David Bletz

RAMPAGE MANAGING EDITOR

OPINION

With the end of the semester approaching, a mild controversy has gripped the campus, following the closing of the "dirt" parking lot nearest the Child Development center and directly behind the Ratcliffe car dealership. The lot is closed until August for construction purposes and the controversy revolves around the fact that the "dirt" lot was one of the last safe havens for students against the "meter monsters" and their ticket happy attitude. Parking is already a major problem on campus and the students who formerly parked in the lot are now hard pressed to find parking spots somewhere else on campus. Some students have been forced to park in areas that require parking permits and a few have been caught and given parking violations. What is a student to do? With two weeks left in the semester are they suppose to fork out the money for a permit, when it expires in two weeks? That's not common sense.

The source of the problem was the poor notification by city officials. The city of Fresno gave the students a one week in advance notice. How characteristic of a city government to have such impeccable timing. A weeks notice is hardly enough time, especially with finals approaching. A student should be focusing on the finals and not worrying about whether or not he will have to drive around the campus for 20 minutes to find a parking spot.

In my attempts to investigate the problem I was unable to really get to the bottom of things. I ended up playing phone tag with school officials for the last few days leading up to the deadline for our final issue of the Rampage, so I will reserve my judgments on this controversy, except to say that if city officials had given students more advanced notice, this would not have been a problem. The students are the one's getting the bad end of this situation, especially the one's who have received parking violations. I only hope that the police dept. will take into consideration how unfair this has been for the students and show a kind heart to these individuals and waive the violations.

A Fallen Eucalyptus

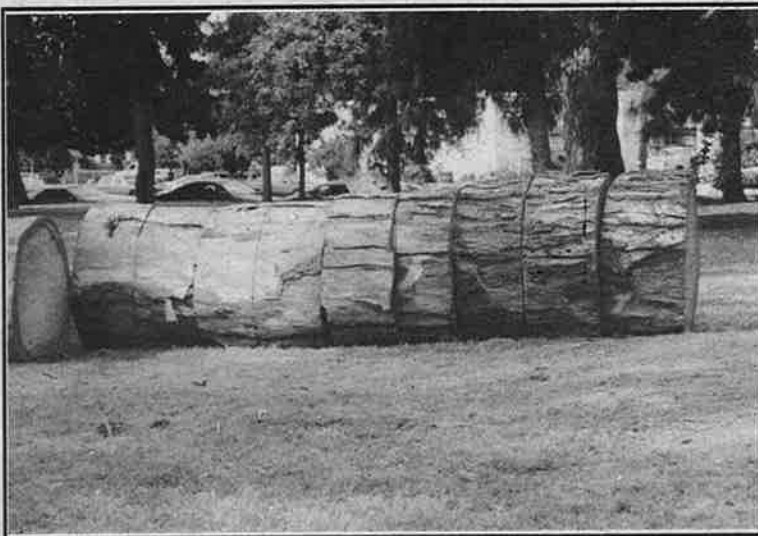


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A thought from the
RAMPAGE STAFF

In a culture so perceptibly devoted to celebrating the vivacity and similitude of youths and vibrancy, use of this infinitesimal space to solemnize the downing of a 75-year-old eucalyptus seems equally essential.

Nearly two weeks ago, this venerable and towering eucalyptus that had shaded thousands from the sweltering heat of Fresno, stood the test of time, and contributed to the beauty of our college community, was levelled because it posed an unpardonable threat through falling branches.

This final issue of the Rampage brings its avid readers photo-flash of the elegance of a beauty which once stood where roses now lay in memory of an illustrious giant become decrepit!!!!

In Remembrance



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Cantu:

Continued from front students for years.

Serving as a teacher and dean, Cantu explains the similarities and differences of holding both positions: "What these positions have in common, is doing something that benefits students. From the outlook of the teacher and dean, the students are always central. One of the differences of the transition is that the daily interaction with students are minimal, but you do work at a different level providing services for students."

While serving as Associate Dean of Instruction at both Reedley College and FCC, Cantu admits one of the benefits to his position is to interact with full-time and adjunct faculty members representing diversities of disciplines and interests.

Recounting his goals and achievements as the associate dean of Humanities, Cantu explains: "The faculties from our division have always done a wonderful job in the classroom. One of the more beneficial accomplishments in our division has been a larger presence on the campus, we have a lot of participation by the faculty and a lot of different committees on campus. We have faculty working on various projects that are benefitting students, like the Student Success program, the Honors program, and the London semester to name a few."

When asked about his chances of future promotion, the Dean was quick to say how satisfied he was with his current duties, add-

ing: "It wasn't until recently that I thought about promotion. It's hard to tell right now..... but I don't leave out any options."

Looking ahead to his new position, Cantu gave some thoughts on what he will miss about being associate dean of Humanities: "The interaction with the faculty and staff on a daily basis. I've been very fortunate to have an incredible office staff, Pearl (Supersad), Leticia (Murrietta), and Tamra (Miller) have done a wonderful job with the office and the four of us together work very well. (Cantu also credited the people who have worked with him in the office in the past.) I interacted with the students, which is almost on a daily basis on a wide range of things. Despite my new title, the interaction will not stop. My interaction with the faculty will continue, especially with the opportunity to meet with all faculty and all the different programs brought to me and that's exciting."

Cantu's words of advice to the new associate dean of Humanities to be named in July? "The broad advice I have is that it's a great place to be and the possibilities are wonderful, but, in all honesty the advice I can give depends on who merits the position and I will advise him/her on an individual basis."

Is Cantu ready for his new position? "Yes! If I didn't think I was ready, I wouldn't have put my hat in the ring."

Associated Student Government Election Results

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