

First lady enjoys warm Fresno welcome from dignitaries and drums

by Darrel-Arthur McCulley
Amid the usual cheers from the crowd, brass bands, and press conferences, the second member of the Carter Family in less than four months campaigned in Fresno when Rosalyn Carter addresses the California Farm Bureau Convention on February 8th.

Greeted by the Civil Air Patrol, a junior high marching band from Madera, and several dignitaries, Mrs. Carter shook hands with the crowd and then answered questions from the press before departing to the Fresno Hilton for lunch and a private reception.

When asked how she would react if her daughter Amy were old enough to register for the draft, she said that she would have her register although, "I am not in favor of drafting anybody."

She did say, however, that the "Selective Service system (draft) has been allowed to decay" to the point of danger, so that if we did have to call up the registrars for service it would be so long getting them mobilized that they might not be effective.

Of the Iranian crisis, now well past a hundred days old, she said, "Nobody wishes more than I do, more than the President does, to have the Iranian Crisis resolved." She added that she always tries to be optimistic about the situation.

At one point, a question was asked concerning why there has been no further action taken by the President concerning some President's campaign manager



Under the gaze of the local media, "co-President" Rosalyn Carter speaks to the airport crowd.

At the reception at the Hilton, there were Secret Service personnel in abundance. More so, according to one Secret Service man, than there were when the President's son Chip visited the Central Valley in October. He gave the reason for this as being that Mrs. Carter is closer to the President than Chip is.

"She's kind of a co-President,"

commented Mayor Daniel K. Whitehurst, who has met with several members of the Carter family, including Jimmy. Other notables in attendance were: the Robert Strauss; Congressman Tony Coelho, former Mayor Ted Wills, and Assemblyman Jim Costa.

Although the public seemed to be familiar with most of the

dignitaries, there were those that were so concerned with their job of hosting the entourage that they sometimes couldn't keep the celebrities and the spectators apart. Mayor Whitehurst discovered this when one of the waitresses at the Hilton mistook him for a member of the Farm Bureau and asked him, "Are you a livestock person?"

First Lady, Rosalyn Carter, campaigns for Jimmy during her brief visit to Fresno.

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Jarvis doomsday tax cut looms overhead

by Louise Schneider

A "Doomsday Budget" being put together by the Brown Administration contains contingency plans for coping with the dramatically reduced budget facing the state if the voters approve Jarvis II (Prop. 9) in June.

Scheduled to be ready for the legislature by mid-March, "Plan B," as Governor Brown has named it, reflects a 25%-30% loss of revenue to the state treasury, a figure many experts and officials predict will occur, if the tax cut initiative is passed.

Tuition soon may be the name of the game for students in California's public colleges and universities, even if the Jarvis Constitutional Amendment is not approved by the voters on June 3.

A recent commentary by Peter Schrag in the Fresno Bee points out that the California Postsecondary Education Commission has published a report on the "effects of various possible tuition and fee increases." Several "options" were discussed including tuition for full-time students, ranging from \$100 up to \$286 per year.

Because the study "began well before Jarvis II became a real possibility," it does not state that, at this later date, fees being contemplated as a result of Jarvis II range from "\$250 a year for full-time students in community colleges — to increases of roughly \$700 per year in state colleges — and \$1000 a year for full-time students at the various campuses of the University of California."

A report on the implications of Jarvis II by Senator Albert S. Rodda, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and provided by Senator Ken Maddy, discloses that out of the taxes collected by the state, about one-fifth of the total State Budget is spent on traditional state ex-

penditures such as the governor's office, the legislature, tax collection agencies, the University and State College systems, prisons, mental hospitals, and a few others. Approximately four-fifths of the State Budget is state money administered at the local level to support education, health and welfare services and property tax relief. Over half of the total State Budget is spent on education.

According to Senator Rodda's report, during the current Fiscal Year (1979-80) about \$4 billion will be spent on traditional "state services," while "state payments to local governments and

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property tax relief will total \$14.7 billion, of which \$4.8 billion — is being allocated to government, including the schools, to replace revenues deprived them by Proposition 13. These data indicate that if all state employees whose services were financed from the General Fund were fired, and the universities, state colleges, prisons, mental hospitals, etc., were closed, the expenditure savings (about \$4 billion) would not be sufficient to offset the revenue loss from Jarvis II.

"Of particular importance is the fact that of the 25% of the total General fund allocated to 'bail out' local government, three-fourths was distributed to the schools, K-14; one-fourth to other agencies of local government, which — are now almost fully financed by the local property tax and are almost fiscally independent of the State."

General Fund expenditures, 1979-80 Budget, by percentage (Rodda's calculations):

Education, 51.7%; Health & Welfare, (includes alcohol and drug programs, Health & Mental services and Social Services) 31.7%; property tax relief, 5.5%; Correctional programs, 2.8%; Capital outlay, 1.2%; all others (includes Legislative, Judicial, Executive, Resources, Debt service) 7.1%.

In Rodda's opinion, there will be no trimming of the fat if Proposition 9 passes. He maintains that the "Bail out" of local governments has drained the surplus and there is none left, and that the cuts will reach the "sinew" immediately. He says "It will be an incredibly difficult task for the Legislature and will be impossible to accomplish in a way which will reflect careful and constructive implementation of priorities — and the 'meat cleaver' approach will take precedence over that of the 'scalpel.'"

In a story to the Bee, Lee Femstad reports that Senator William Campbell, R-Hacienda Heights, a Prop. 9 supporter, says "The people in Sacramento — the bureaucrats, are not at anytime going to be in favor of cutting taxes. — Now, the people who are up here spending those tax dollars believe they need those tax dollars to survive, also, so they are going to paint the worst possible picture."

"So, what I see happenign and what I see you (in the press) all supporting — you print that and you never question are those figures accurate."

"It's the same thing that happened in Prop. 13 —. The same press releases you were given in Prop. 13 are the press releases you are being given today."

Legislative Analyst, William G. Hamm, has prepared a chart showing the distribution of tax relief by income groups for both single and joint returns. His analysis shows that on single

returns, "taxpayers with incomes between \$10,000 and \$50,000 would bear approximately the same share of the total tax burden, both under current law and Jarvis. However, individuals with incomes greater than \$50,000 would experience an increase in their share — (from 16.0 percent to 18.6 percent) — offset by a decrease in the share of tax assessed again individuals with incomes of less than \$10,000. The majority of tax savings — would go to individuals with incomes less than \$20,000."

For joint returns, "Taxpayers with incomes of more than \$50,000 would pay a larger share — taxpayers with income of less than \$50,000 would experience a reduction in their share — the majority of the total tax savings for joint return filers would go to taxpayers with income higher than \$30,000 a year." Proposition 9 reduces the income tax rate by 50 percent, but does not specify any reduction in tax credits or preference tax.

The state legislature is now studying the implications of Proposition 9 and contemplating ways of resolving issues related to a budget so drastically reduced, in the event that Jarvis II passes.

And, around the state, city and county officials are preparing alternate plans so that they can respond to a reduced Budget if that becomes necessary. However, there is one thing they all share, that is the uncertainty of how much, where, or what programs will be cut, until June 3 and the State Legislature acts on Governor Brown's "Plan B."

"I don't know what the effects of Prop. 9 will be if it passes," said Mr. Don Watson, Director of Financial Aids. "Right now, FCC has about 400 students attending under Cal Grant B (College Opportunity Grant), and 40-50 in

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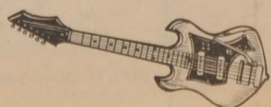
Goodwill Ambassadors — The Fresno City College "City Singers" recently were presented a proclamation from the mayor of Fresno declaring the group the "official goodwill ambassadors to the citizens of Romania and Bulgaria." The "City Singers" will be traveling to these two countries on May 26 for a three-week singing tour. The group will represent Fresno and the United States. Presenting the proclamation to Dr. Le Grand Andersen (at right), "City Singers" adviser, is Mayor Daniel Whitehurst.

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Help protect the environment

by Tani Mayeda

What will the future hold in store for our environment? Will our oceans and rivers become so polluted that we will be unable to use them for anything except for a dumping place? Will our skies turn black with pollution making it impossible to see the sun or stars? These are questions that will be answered in the immediate future.

There is something you can do to help prevent such tragic outcomes. You can sign a petition to put "The Environmental Bill of Rights" Initiative on the November ballot. (See page for details on the Initiative). Signing this petition, you will make it possible for the public to vote and decide for themselves if they want a "healthful and productive environment."

Think about generations to come; about your children and grandchildren. Give them the right to see wildlife in the natural environment, to play on the beaches, to visit the forests, and to breathe clean air. Pollution is already reducing our wildlife population, making the sky gray and ugly, and cluttering up our beaches. In the generations to come, the only thing we may leave behind (besides all of the pollution) will be

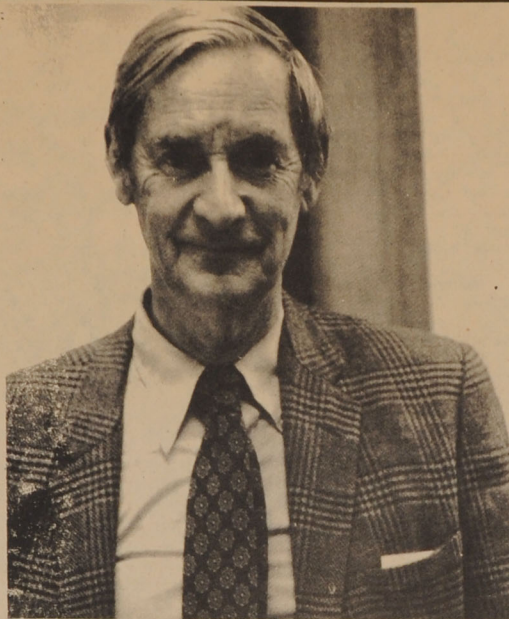
pictures of the beauty they will miss.

If we are not willing to stand up and protect the environment, we will be forfeiting the beauty of nature. We will also be closing channels that could lead to more efficient fuel, more food, and better living conditions. Can you picture what life would be like if we ignore our present situation? Maybe we would all have to wear gas masks, or spacesuits, to keep the toxic chemicals from reaching our bodies. Chemicals that were put in the air by ourselves.

We have only ourselves to blame if we abuse our environment to the extent

that is irreversible. What kind of recreation could be enjoyed if the air was so polluted that you couldn't see the sky? Imagine what would happen to the snow if the deadly chemicals in the air melted snowflakes before they hit the ground. There wouldn't be many ski resorts around. It would be a health hazard to go jogging, to play tennis, to just go for a walk. And where would you swim?

Let's return the environment to its natural state. Leave some of the beauty you have to the generations to come. Let's not abuse our environment anymore, but work in harmony with it.



California State Assemblyman Peter Behr, a proponent of the Environmental Bill of Rights at FCC last week

You can create a 'nice environment'

Pollution is causing grave problems for all living things. It is reducing the productivity of our agriculture, our commercial fisheries, and our wildlife populations; it may in time, if not brought under control, cause mankind itself to become an endangered species.

The "Environmental Bill of Rights" Initiative would add to the California Constitution the inalienable right of the people to "a healthful and productive environment." This right includes their right to clean air, adequate amounts of unpolluted water, and freedom from involuntary exposure to toxic substance hazardous to their health, the air, water and soil must not be used for a dumping ground for toxic agents and wastes.

The Initiative also concerns itself with the urban and rural environment, where people live

and work. This includes the right of the people to "productive employment, affordable housing, efficient transportation, and freedom from excessive noise."

Some politicians argue that we must choose between a healthful environment or a productive one; between the benefits we receive from fossil fuels, plastics, pesticides, insulation, and other useful products, or their total elimination; that even the beginning of a long-range, continuous and selective campaign to restore the health of the environment will lead to widespread unemployment and the end of our hard-won standard of living.

However, the facts do not support these myths. They support the idea that a healthy and productive environment must go hand in hand.

The Meux home - Fresno history is recalled

by Yoko Koike

Do you remember the picture on the cover page of Fresno-Clovis telephone book in 1978? That is the Meux home — one of the historic houses in Fresno county.

The Meux home was built in 1889, during the tremendous land boom, by Dr. Thomas Richard Meux, for his wife and three children. It was owned by the family until 1970. After the last resident, Anne Prenetta Meux, died, this house was bought by the city of Fresno to be restored to its original condition.

Most of the wall and ceiling paper and carpet were replaced, but their colors and design are almost the same as the original ones. The outside wall is painted in a combination of pale gray

and aquamarine. It looks good with Fresno's blue sky.

Beyond the front door, with bright stained glass, there is a fantastic world which takes us back to the late 19th century.

"When it was built, this house was at the edge of Fresno. And there were horse-drawn street cars on Tulare Street," explained Donna Kretsch, curator/manager of the Meux home. "Because of Mrs. Meux's health problem, they moved to Fresno from Tennessee where yellow fever was prevalent at that time. But the first summer for them in Fresno was the hottest in the record," she said.

The Meuxs were a rich family, as the long curtain and the ginger bread trim, which are Victorian status symbols, show.

The dining room is gorgeous. The original carpet has remained in the dining room. The back room and the kitchen are relatively simple because those are for house workers. The members of this family never worked in the kitchen.

They enjoyed cylindrical records, those being played for visitors now.

The architectural design is mostly Victorian Gothic, but precisely speaking, the tower and the columns on the porch are Queen Anne and French Renaissance, respectively.

Most of the furniture was donated by the city and citizens, except the small rocking chair in the library room and two stoves in the kitchen.

Each bedroom shows their personalities. John's room is simple. Some paintings on the wall tell us that he liked fishing. Mary was very feminine. Her room is arranged in mellow color, and she had a drawer made of golden oak which every girl was eager for.

The younger sister, Anne, is one who had lived in this house longer than any member of the family. She is also recognized as the longest individual resident in Fresno. She never married and she spent her life placidly in this house.

The Meux home is located on 1007 R Street. It is open for the public Thursday through Sunday from 12:00 to 4:00 P.M. It costs one dollar and fifty cents for adults.

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the occupational training programs called Cal Grant C (Occupational Education and Training Grant). "I don't really know what could happen and I don't know how much of a reduction may occur, if any."

Mr. Watson explained that an official in Sacramento submits a letter and makes his recommendations for the community colleges. "If a 25%-30% reduction is recommended for us, I don't know how the reduction would be made; it could be in the number of students, or in the amount of money, or other programs."

Student Aid programs are Federally funded. If tuition becomes fact, it will mean additional applicants for grants. If they cut California Grants 30%, students not getting as much as before will probably apply for Federal Grants as well as the Cal grants.

The Federal Grant money FCC receives each year is based on the prior year's utilization of those funds, and it would take a minimum of one year to build up an increased record of utilization. So, after a record of one year of increased requests, FCC would be eligible for additional funds to try to satisfy the

shift in demand to Federal Grants.

Mr. Watson added that "One predictable effect of Prop. 9 will be pay incentive for teachers. More and more good teachers are leaving the teaching profession." This loss is ultimately the students' loss.

Assemblyman Jim Costa stated that passage of Prop. 9 will mean one-fourth of the state revenue is lost and without it the state is no longer able to assist local and county governments.

It will mean a great reduction in services.

"Legislators are working now on alternate budgets reflecting 25%-30% cuts to be submitted for the final state Budget to be used if Prop. 9 is passed by the voters in June. This will mean an immediate 25%-30% cut in personnel and services which will result in a very low degree of employment in the public sector. This same percentage of cut will be occurring a short time later on the local level.

"Our ability or inability to match Federal funds will create a loss there also.

"In the area of health care, the reduction in funds for Medical, In-home care systems, and related services will be a severe loss to the poor and disadvantaged.

"People will have to determine if they are comfortable with the lowered level of services."

In the area of education, State college tuition is expected to approximately double.

Public Relations Director for Fresno County Free Library, Alan Carlson, explained that the public library is formulating plans as much as possible, "We know there will be a cut if Prop. 9 is approved by the voters, but no one knows how much that cut will be, or where they will be

applied. When Prop. 13 was passed, the "bail out" money from the State, which was administered by the county, allowed us to continue with a reduced number of hours daily and reduced number of days per week."

If the cuts are significant, the library will make necessary reductions to stay within the new budget. This could be done by reducing the number of films, reducing hours and days even further, or personal, or books that are bought, or an entire program could be eliminated, for example, films.

According to Sam Wheeler, FCC Vice Chancellor, State colleges will be hit much harder than community colleges on tuition. "Community colleges cannot now collect tuition because the State law does not allow it. The State Legislature would have to make a law allowing us to do so."

"Prior to Prop. 13," he said, "local and state agencies made statements that services could be cut. But, the state bailed them out with money from their surplus. Prop. 9 would have made more sense to have come before Prop. 13.

"The impact of Prop. 9 will be very real and felt by all of us. "In the absence of Jarvis II, community colleges were to receive a 7% increase. Passage of Prop. 9 (Jarvis II) will amount to about a 15% cut in funds that community colleges were expecting, when you take the expected 7% increase into consideration. But, even the 7% increase wouldn't have kept us up with inflation.

In the 1950's, the average age of the students was 19-20. Now the average is 27.

Tuition would have a heavy impact on students. Community colleges are used by people for

retraining when their old jobs become obsolete because of changing technology. Women use the community college in preparation of returning to the work force or for training for their first job after the kids are grown, or after the death of a husband. The cost to some of these people to pay tuition may make it difficult or even out of the question for them to prepare for jobs to be as productive as they could be and as self supporting as they could be.

"Our loss will be approximately 3.5 million dollars," says Mr. Wheeler. "If Jarvis II passes. How do you translate that into program cuts? I don't know what will be cut if Jarvis II passes!"

Translating those figures into the human equation is a concern of Dennis Shine, Economics instructor for FCC, who believes that the passage of Jarvis II would mean a great reduction in

the number of students at Fresno City College.

"The counseling center's figure on earnings and taxes show that each college graduate more than pays for his own education in the taxes paid to the State and Federal governments. And that's just in taxes alone."

Mr. Shine described a term in economics that he called a "spillover benefit" which refers to the benefits to a third party not involved with party one or two. The general public benefits from the education of others. It should be considered as an investment in our future, according to Mr. Shine, not as an expense. It's an investment because the return is so great; tangible returns according to democratic principles of society which produces a better educated people, who then make better decisions and the system works more efficiently.

"And the intangibles — art,

"Many just could not afford to go to school," says Mr. Shine. "We may find a shift in tax burden from the more affluent to the less affluent."

music, drama — how do you determine the value of these to society and the individual? How do you quantify or place a value on these?"

"Then you'll hear some people say, 'Why should I pay taxes?' I don't have kids in school." But, the benefits of the education system comes back to them. From an economic point of view, an educated public is a more productive and effective public.

"Even the U. S. Army knows this now. Education is the key to our productivity force."

According to Mr. Shine, educated people are less likely to be a burden on society. Educated people are less likely to commit crime and become involved with law enforcement, the courts, or go to prison.

"Education is not an expense, it's an investment," Mr. Shine points out, and he indicated a small poster on the wall. It was a quote by a former Secretary of Commerce, Luther Hodges.

It read "If ignorance paid dividends, most Americans could make a fortune out of what they don't know about economics."

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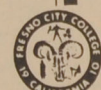
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Subtractions bring punk rock to FCC

by Steve Mercado

Friday, Feb. 8, FCC PLAYED HOST TO TWO LOCAL BANDS IN THE STUDENT LOUNGE. First on the hill was Wendy and the Twitch, the band that almost broke up before their debut. The band was somewhat encouraged by the response they received, and since the personnel line-up is definite, the band has decided to learn more songs and clean up their act, which they could certainly use. Probably the most musical highlight of the afternoon came when Wendy West encoored with an acapella version of Elvis Costello's song "Alison," definitely the most compelling version of the song I've heard yet.

Headlining the show were The Subtractions, Fresno's only punk rock band currently playing around town. They played hard, fast, and exhibited much of the high energy that has already become their trademark. The Subtractions played almost all original songs with an occasional lggy pop song. I must admit that their own songs stand up quite well in comparison to their two

covers. They also played their song "Fresno's Dead," definitely an anthem for those of us who feel in a rut.

The band proved themselves to be competent musicians, and were tight and professional as a group. Oddly enough, however, there are no on-stage ego clashes or grandstanding by the members, rather they play together with an almost single-minded fervor, with an intensity not usually seen in local musicians.

On Valentines Day there was a show at the Star Palace that was billed as a "new wave" show, however I did not see much of it that night.

The first band to perform were the Vibra Champs. They played a set consisting entirely of what some people call "oldies". Their first song was "Satisfaction" and was an almost flawless

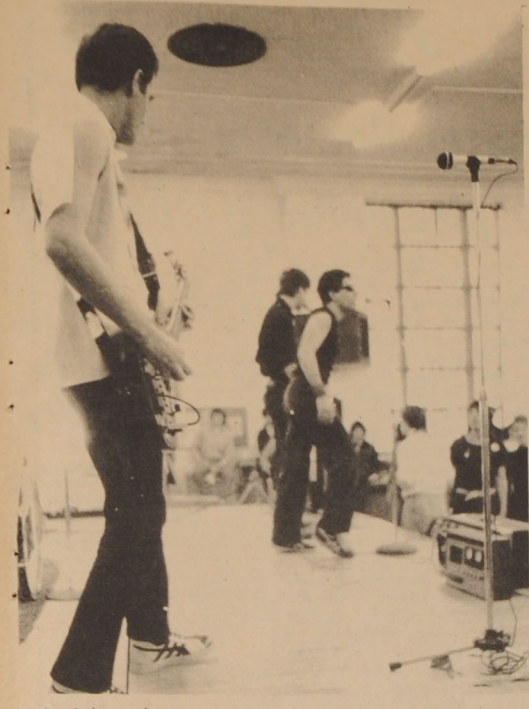
reproduction. the rest of their show was pretty much the same; going up and back through the years picking radio hits that typified those years. They were probably the tightest performing unit there that night, and their drummer was an exceptionally energetic musician, that I probably enjoyed watching more than anyone else I saw that night.

The next band up that night was Hot Action, a local band that does all original material. Since these songs were new to me it was difficult to react to them immediately. Most of their set lacked the main ingredient to a new wave show; namely, fun. Yet, their letter-perfect cover of "Too Fat Polka" was a real kick, and definitely the most original idea I saw the entire evening.

Last came the Clams, who were the most polished and

professional band of the evening; they should be, they've been playing together for years. This band is obviously trying to cash in on the current trend towards new wave that many of us have been expecting all along. The only way this band can get away with an attitude like this is that they copy songs off the latest hit new wave albums. This contrived presentation is aimed at only the most naive and inexperienced newcomers to the scene that this band presumes to appeal to.

This show was definitely a step in the right direction towards the "back to basics" ideal that is coming on strong for the eighties, yet Fresno has a long way to go to capture the energy and excitement that typifies these shows in the larger cities, such as Los Angeles and San Francisco.



The Subtractions.

Album Review

Punk band XTC is fearful of drugs

by Brad Bartram

TC's new album shows a band with a real flair for melody, who use lyrics which are dry, cheeky, and funny, and who are some of the sharpest instrumentalists around. XTC could concoct perfect formula pop, but instead are compelled to trick up everything they do with percussive, jaggedly dissonant instrumental chording and detail.

Most pop tunes are designed to pull the listener happily and irresistibly toward the song's finale, but XTC insists on constantly testing the momentum of their songs with static passages and even atonality. It may not sound like it, but this music really works.

XTC used keyboardist Barry Andrews on their first 2 albums, and he gave the band some of the most dense, dissonant

keyboard chording ever recorded. The band dumped him and all the keyboards, making this record simpler and more palatable. It also explains the title of the record with its more basic approach.

Their jerky, futuristic music alternately abuses and embraces pop, and their songs seem to revolve around the impact of technology upon a number being trapped & titillated by the modern world in which we live.

XTC writes peculiar messages into their songs, which deal with such things as our fanatic addiction to the auto ("Roads Girdle the Globe") Electronic snoop surveillance ("Real by Reel") fatalism ("Complicated Game") and the neo-romantic ("When You're Near Me I Have Difficulty").

Formed in London, circa 1977, XTC's witty, intricate songs are a

far cry from the slash and burn sound of the new wave punksters.

If anyone enjoys the Talking Heads, get them this record. Like the T.H.'s, XTC makes a game of stalemating complicated pop progressions with immobile arrangements, but when the Heads achieve this thru repetition, TC is committed to always making a motion forward.

Call KKDJ and make a request for an XTC song (You'll love "Making Plans for Nigel") and you can hear the noise of the future. ("Noise is for Heroe's, Music's for Zeroes" the Damned). Head song-writer Andy Partridge explains that "We're not ravers. I have a terrible fear of drugs." Remember these words, all you victims of drug-addled minds. Remember these words.

Former student writes guitar book

If you're itching to get your hands on an acoustic guitar and let your fingers and your imagination run wild, then take some advice from Sam Williams, author of a recently published book entitled "The Homegrown Guitarist."

Williams' musical career started in 1964 at the height of the British musical invasion. He performed four years in local rock and roll bands, and studied music theory in college.

He is a past member of the Fresno Folklore Center, and he also held a teaching position as

fold guitar instructor at U.C. Davis.

Besides these credits, he has toured many, many miles on the road, performing at west coast colleges. Mr. Williams has currently settled in Fresno with family and friends.

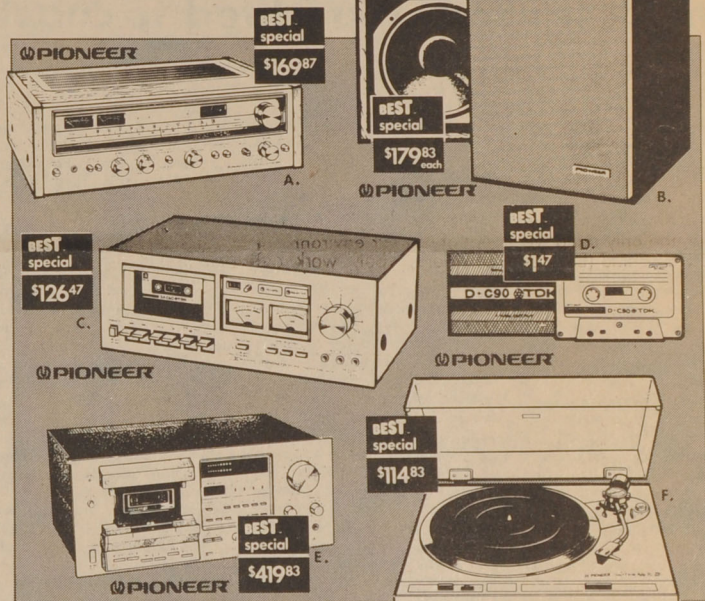
Williams' book, "The Homegrown Guitarist," is a book about some basic guitar techniques and the background information necessary to understand these techniques.

Quite simply, the book puts the beginner at ease with his guitar and takes him through the basic

steps of understanding the music he is learning to play.

The handbook is written in very plain casual language that is almost funny at times. Williams wove into the book just the right combination of music theory and basic rules, exercises and lessons to follow while learning to play the guitar.

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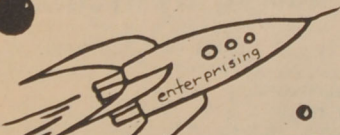
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Rene Scott, anchor of the FCC 400 meter relay team.

Track season off on the right foot

Depth played an important role in FCC's stunning victory over tough Bakersfield JC.

With the Rams scoring well in the sprinting events, FCC came away with a 76-68 well-earned win over the Renegades, with Ozell Thompson, Keith Moore, and Rene Scott sweeping the 100 meter dash and dept that enabled them to come away with the win.

The women breezed away with a 77-31 romp of the BC WOMEN AIDED BY Frankie Sconiers' school-record high

jump (5-2). The women's depth also showed that the Ram squad will be tough to beat.

The 400 meter relay team won in a respectable 42 seconds flat. Thompson, Moore, and Scott teamed with Alan Williams to win. Thompson's 11 flat 100 meters just barely beat Moore and Scott, who timed in at 11.1 to take second and third.

Doug Anderson went 6-6 and Dan Baker and Ken Bass all went 6-4 to seep the high jump. Mona Yates won the 110 meters, won the 200 meters and anchored the 400 meter relay team.

Grappler John Bufford brings home state honors

Ram grappler John Bufford was the only wrestler from F.C.C.'s 10-man wrestling team who placed at the State Junior College Wrestling Tournament Feb. 9 at Hayward.

Bufford, a McLane High graduate, qualified as an alternate the day before the tourney, placed fifth at 167 pounds.

Bufford had to work for his medal, being pressed into overtime to win it. Ted Martinez

of Orange Coast escaped with just 18 seconds left in their bout to tie the count 11-10 and send it into OT.

Bufford then scored a first-period escape, a second-period take-down, and then won a penalty point at the last for a 4-0 win.

Athletic Supporter

Winter Games go on despite Political troubles

by Henry Gutierrez

With the opening of the 13th Winter Olympic Games the world is seeing the finest of all the winter athletes the world has to offer. The disappointing injury to the skating team of Babilonio and Gardner really dampened the US team. The Hockey team is in real good shape for a medal, with an unbelievable win over the tough Czech squad.

With all that splendor and fun that the world is having it would seem a shame to let the Summer Games fall by the wayside. The fact that they may, seems to be a little distressing.

Only the US would make artificial snow for the Olympics. And have you seen how many things are the official this and that of the 1980 Winter Olympics? You could drink the official beer, take pictures with the official camera, with the official film, drive your official car, and watch the official TV set. Boy what a life. Only America would do such a thing.

Didja see the one where FSU, CSUF, or whatever, is planning that new sports stadium, yeah, youno the one without the track. And you wonder why we are so far behind the Europeans in track and field. But FCC did go away with a convincing win over Bakersfield College last week.

I only hope that one day we, America, will come and see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Wining season accredited to coach

by Laura Lang

The rain pounded its fury on the roof above their heads, but the torrents outside were of little concern to the dedicated and hard working athletes of the Fresno City College Women's Basketball Team as they worked to sharpen their skills to a peak the night before the big game against COS.

It was February 19, the day our town experienced the howl of a tornado, but despite the gloom outside, the girls thundering up and down the wooden court were full of good spirits and high expectations.

At 5 p.m. the practice ended, but instead of heading immediately for the showers the girls, led by their coach Chuck Stark, joined hands in a ring and shouted out the overwhelming theme of the team, "together." This final moment together means a great deal to the girls and has become a habitual end to each practice session.

"Ever since the first day of practice we have made the 'together' cry our motto. It is the slogan we play by," explained Kathi Morse, forward and head rebounder for the Rams. "It gives the members of the team a boost to know that after all the trials and tribulations of the day's practice have ended we are still a team."

Kathi Morse, a returning sophomore to the team, takes a relaxed yet serious attitude towards the sport of basketball. "During the games I am usually relaxed. I can tell by the way we practice before a game just how well we will perform and judging by today's practice we should really clean up tomorrow."

With the Ram record currently 18-1 the last two games of the season loom over their heads and victory will put them just in reach of clasp the league title. The team is tied for first place with the team from American River and the two

victories are needed to advance into the State Competitive bracket.

"Last year our record for the season play was 6-6. There have been many factors contributing to our success, the main ones being the coach and the new breed of incoming players," Kathi suggests.

"We have lots of good returnees this year, plus a larger team than before. With this combination we boast a super starting line up, as well as a strong bench. No one is really better than anyone else because all have special attributes that we can contribute to the team," stated Kathi, who is an all-league rebounder.

"Our coach is also a key asset to the team," she continued. "He really knows how to coach a team well, but beyond that he is a great person. He is really concerned for each one of us and besides his duties as our coach he is our counselor and our friend."

"He is a super coach," agreed team mate Carrie Johans, sharp shooter for the women's team. "Before each game he talks to the team. He tells us what to expect out there and what he expects of us, and then the team prays together."

Carrie has played with FCC for three years and shares the honor of team captain with forward Kathi Morse. "We are a close team. We have disagreements sometimes but we always try to iron them out as quickly as possible and we certainly never let our hostilities affect the way we play," Carrie stated.

"The incoming players this year are of a higher caliber than before, and since we know more about the sport, Coach Stark could do more with the team."

Before the first jump Carrie feels excited and a bit nervous. "Thoughts start to run through my head on new plays or successful practice sessions, but once that ball is tipped I know just what to

do. All the anxiety disappears," Carrie admitted.

Both Carrie and Kathi would like to continue playing college ball, but basketball scholarships for women seem to be scarce. "So many other good competitors are seeking scholarships that one really has to shine to even be considered," Kathi pointed out. "Coach Stark is really helping Carrie and me in that area. He send out letters of inquiry to colleges with teams for positions will be vacated next season. If one of us fits their bill he sends the information on us and if they are interested they send 'spotters' to our games to watch us play. It is really difficult knowing where to start. There are so many good players out for the same spot."

Even if the two are experiencing setbacks trying to get their heads above the crowd, Coach Chuck Stark points them out as top Ram players and super people, the Ram team is experiencing a boost anyway both in morale and in talent because of their presence.

After the interview with the girls had concluded, (and I felt I'd taken up enough of their time after the three-hour practice) I thought they would for sure take a slow and sore walk to the women's gym to change clothes and go home. Not these two. They headed back on to the floor to practice their shooting and individual game skills with an after-practice dedication and sincerity which demonstrated the truth of all they had told me.



Six spirited swim team members (left to right: Joe Vega, Kulleen McGraft, Mike Hampy, Nynette Jura, Dorian Williamson, and Mike Mosher.) gather in the poster room to make banners for last Saturday's meet at Diablo Valley.

CC swimmers shoot for number one

Many clubs find the poster room above the bookstore useful for making posters to announce special activities.

This week, six members of the swim team were busy making posters to display their team spirit.

They were all psyched up for the first swim meet at Diablo Valley which was held this past Saturday.

Dorian Williamson, captain of the spirited team, stated: "We are shooting for number one this season."

Although they were going to give other teams their best, the members were sad, going to Diablo Valley; short one swimmer, Ron Vogel. The team usually always does things together and were up enjoying a weekend of skiing at Badger where Ron dislocated his shoulder. "He will be out for the rest of the season and probably the next few years," said Dorian. Nevertheless the team hopes

to capture the number one spot and will continue to do things as a team.

Despite the poor pool conditions, the team goes full capacity at their practices. As it stands they are still weak in diving, because of lack of divers as well as a broken board.

We really haven't had a decent workout for the past two weeks," begins Mike Mosher. "The pool is either too cold or too hot and sometimes the blocks aren't present."

The team, however, will always have spirit. "Today," said one member, "we are going to have a meet here against Merced and they're gonna wish they never came."

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Last Thursday, Fresno City College's team traveled to Santa Cruz to have their first match against Cabrillo College.

The team played on the Delavega golf course. "Due to the rainy conditions, the teams had to stop playing after nine holes," commented Coach Weidenhoffer. Fresno City won by two strokes, 206 out of 208 strokes.

"Our low man was Jeff Lang, who shot 40," said Coach Weidenhoffer. Alex Walker, Greg Pinasco, and Bob Renberg all shot 41. Ray Hodel shot 43. Riley Schlueter shot 45.

Coach Weidenhoffer said "We

threw out Riley Schlueter's score because we have to throw one score out."

"Tuesday the 19th, we were supposed to travel to Monterey but due to the weather it was cancelled. We will travel to Monterey next Tuesday the 26th weather permitting," he stated.

Today the team will go to Taft for the Taft Invitational Golf Tournament, if the weather permits.

Scott Hill, who is returning from last year, Tim Fore, and the other team members mentioned above are playing very well. Coach Weidenhoffer said, "The team practices very hard when it is not raining."

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