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Tuition arouses minority people

by Mark Taylor

A nontuition rally was held in the student lounge on Tuesday, March 1, with speakers stressing the fact that tuition will hit the minority people of FCC the hardest.

Duane Johnson, vice president of the Pan-African Students Union, felt that most of the minorities attending FCC come from lower-income brackets and that a lot of them will be unable to attend school if they have to

pay the possible tuition fee.

He added it will be an unfair decision by the state legislature because the people weren't allowed to vote on it.

The president of MECHA at FCC, Larry "Bear" Rivera, agreed that the impact of tuition will be detrimental to students.

"Community Colleges were formed for disadvantaged students," he said, "students that can't afford school."

Rivera was disappointed at the attendance of the meeting. There were approximately 20 to 30 people attending the rally and the majority of them were either black or hispanic.

"We've got to work with the working class white people," said Kehinde Solwazi, "They're under the illusion that somehow or another you don't get some-thing for nothing." He also added, "Education is a right, not a privilege.

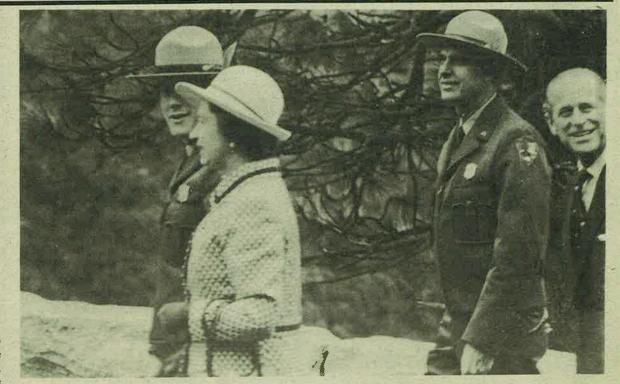
Solwazi also was unhappy at the attendance of the rally.

"It's a start, but this won't go," He added, "We've got to get the brothers sleeping on the lawn. We also need to awaken the working class white people to the idea that we're in the same boat. Let's not get divided over superficial issues; tuition is going to affect everyone."
Tom Tyner was a speaker

representing himself, although he said the majority of the Federation of Teachers Association are against tuition.

'Anything that hurts the community college system will hurt the beauty of helping disadvantaged students achieve their goals and find a good job."

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Queer, Enzabeth and Prince Philip arrive at Yosemite National Park.

"Delighted to be here"

Royalty in Yosemite

by Denise Bartlett

"There's a place I can get to, far away from the city blues, and it's peaceful, and it's quiet, ! only problem was I had to buy it ...

Steven Stills, "Johnny's Garden"

Last Saturday, the Queen of England continued her historic visit to America by being the first English monarch to visit Yosemite National Park.

As rain weeped softly over the collection of more than 200 journalists and photographers awaiting the arrival of the queen's motorcade, many comments could be heard from first time visitors to Yosemite.

"It's absolutely awesome," said a photographer who was on assignment from a Danish magazine. "I've never seen any-thing like it."

The motorcade was running late, with many getting tired of waiting in the cold and damp. Suddenly, news came that the car traveling ahead of the motorcade carrying three American secret service agents that crashed, killing them instantly.

Journalists scrambled to find anyone who could verify the rumors that began circulating around the press corps. Finally, a British press agent told the crowd they would be given more details at a press conference following the photo

There then came a flurry of activity from behind the small press stand.

At the cost of millions of dollars and three lives, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the roadway. Even the His Royal Highness Prince Philip arrived at Inspiration

As the queen stepped out of the limousine she was riding, tension seemed to enshroud her. Her shoulders, usually erect and proud, were hunched and drawn. The polite but warm smile with which she usually graces a crowd was replaced by a serious, saddened look.

The queen looked over the valley with Yosemite National Park Superintendant Robert O. Binnewies. Binnewies later quoted the queen as saying, "A wonderful change...delighted to be here."

After the queen and Prince Philip had surveyed the beauty, they returned to their limousine, rushing away with their 18 car motorcade of secret service and park officials.

"Thank God that's over!" said one photographer. "I thought she'd never get here."

"...And I'll do anything I have to do, cut my hair and shine my shoes, keep on singin' the blues, if I can stay here ...

Preparations for the queen's visit had gone on for a long time. Several employees of Curry Company, the concessionaire that runs the Curry park's restaurants and hotels. said there had been a lot of work done to get the park "spruced up" for the royal visit.

Fresh coats of paint adorned many buildings in sight from meadows surrounding Ahwahnee Hotel and the Yosemite Lodge seemed to be unusually well-groomed. On the day of the royal visit, the employees were instructed to look their best.

"My manager told me that she wanted me to iron my skirts, curl my hair and put on makeup today," said Laurie Lovejoy, the transportation agent who dispatched the press busses. In general, the park employees were told to "look

One employee was not impressed with royalty.

"I wouldn't walk across the street to see the queen, she doesn't do anything for me. But give me Jimmy Carter. Now if I knew that he was here, I'd beat down every door in Yosemite Valley to see him. He's my

After the motorcade had departed, many people walked around the valley seeing the sights. A car passed with two young men waving an English Union Jack flag out the window.

One of the enthusiasts was Poul Bligard, an 18-year-old foreign exchange student from Denmark. Poul said he had seen the queen while she was in San Francisco earlier that week.

"The Queen of Denmark is more open," he said. "I heard that they cleared the hotel here for her. They don't do that in Denmark."

See Queen, pages 4 and 5

Pinuelas reprimanded

by Levi Pagsuberon

The Fresno City College Associated Student Body Senate, during its session March 3, voted to reprimand student body president David Pinuelas.

The ASB senate attempted to impeach Pinuelas last January 27, but failed to obtain the three-quarters vote required in the ASB constitution in an impeachment proceeding. The move to oust Pinuelas was

spurred on by charges that he made "numerous unauthorized expenditures and a oor rep sentation of student body

Last Thursday's motion to reprimand Pinuelas was filed by Steve Stuart and seconded by Mark Riley. Using the open ballot, six voted in favor of the motion to reprimand, none against, and three abstained.

The Stuart motion as approved calls for:

-A letter of reprimand addressed to Pinuelas and signed by the Legislative Vice President (Karen Tengstedt):

-Loss of check writing privileges (by Pinuelas);

--Handwritten apology by Pinuelas to each member of the ASB senate to be complied within 14 days;

--Submission of a written report by Pinuelas following every student government oriented meeting he attends subject to verification by the Recording Secre-

-- Restriction of the use (by Pinuelas) of the ASB credit card.

The motion provided that should Pinuelas fail to comply with the provisions of the motion to reprimand, the ASB senate may take further steps for his removal from office.

According to Jackie Meador, ASB senate secretary, Pinuelas was present during the meeting and has agreed to comply with the ASB senate's action.

-Inside-Rampage

Losing isn't the end of the world for the Ram basketball team.....page 7. Going to see the Queen in Yosemitepage 8.

Parking problems puzzle students

by Timo Tuovinen

The rope around the students' neck has been tightened again. Fresno City Council's decision to prohibit parking on the streets around Fresno City College seems hastily made. The situation was bad before. Now it will be almost impossible to find

Since the city council made its decision the student senators have offered several solutions, each of which has its problems.

Bike riding has gained popularity among students, but the college has not been very cooperative. There is a shortage of bike racks on campus and bikes can be seen locked to trees and fences.

The last straw was the decision to ban riding bikes on campus. This can be justified on the basis of safety, but alternative solutions should have been sought. A network of bike lanes on campus is a necessity.

The public transportation is a natural answer when there are difficulties in the use of private vehicles. During the daytime the Fresno Transit does a decent job. The bus lines cover most Fresno and for 80 cents a day one can free himself from parking problems.

The day students, that is.

Before 7 p.m. the service is out and the busses are in the garage. Fresno Transit, what are the students attending night classes supposed to do? Walk?

Car pooling is a noble idea, but it has proved to attract little attention. People seem to have difficulties in sharing their cars with others. But as car pooling becomes a must, the students have

Therefore, I publicly suggest that the student body officials do what they can do to alleviate the parking problem and organize a working car pooling system at FCC.

Everything should be done to increase the number of parking spaces on and near campus. The dirt lot on the east side of the Santa Fe railroad tracks should be developed into a parking lot as soon as possible. The college will need the help of the community to finance the project. This is the least that can be done for the students after they are chased off the streets.

Everyone has the right for education. A vital part of that right

is accessibility of the school, no matter what form of transporta-

There is no use for educational facility if the students cannot

Child care needed now

Dear Editor:

The February 18 issue of the RAMPAGE mentioned the possibility of a day care center in the near future. I think this should have been done years ago.

I have two school age children and I have had to drop from a full time status to a part time one, because I cannot afford to put my kids in a day care center.

I know I am not alone. I have talked to many women in my classes and they have the same problem.

I am willing to volunteer some of my time to the day care center or pay a reduced rate as a Fresno City College student for the use of the center. This would enable me to attend college as a full-time

I hope the day care center on campus becomes a reality

Kaye Oland

Editor's note:

Unfortunately, the RAM-PAGE gave its readers the impression that the day care center would become a reality in a few weeks.

According to Dennis Balakian, ASB Vice-President, the center should become reality in a few months.

The RAMPAGE regrets the

Letters to the editor

Answer for Walt Reimers

Dear Editor:

I want to take issue with Walt Reimers' letter to the editor appearing in the March 4 issue of the RAMPAGE.

In his letter he tells us that his God did not intend for gay men and women to exist. He goes on to tell us that gay men and women were not imbued with the ability to reproduce. Where did poor Walt catch his hemophobia?

More importantly, where did Walt take his biology classes?

I know that intelligent people are aware that we gay people exist now just as we have through all history. I know that intelligent people are aware that the act of reproducing offspring is a biological function of the body and has nothing to do with being gay or not, as thousands of gays can attest to. As far as God goes, I am very suspicious of people who use words like God and Bible to justify hate.

Walt says that the new gay club on campus is an immoral organization. He likens it to a swingers club. Personally, I think at best it is Walt Reimers' own private fantasy. I was embarrassed for Walt Reimers and his letter to the editor.

Since Fresno has a large and growing gay community and we pay taxes and contribute to our community, gay people have the right to form a club on our

I think a gay organization on FCC campus is way over due. Gay people have money and substantial political clout and gaining. We will continue to force change on the rest of our society. We will even try to help the Walt Reimers of the world. Sincerely,

Doug Williams, Jr.

SIR not a sex club

I'd like to respond to the comments of Mr. Walt Reimers in his letter to the editor (March 4) about myself and the newly formed gay student organization, Students for Individual Rights.

First, my picture failed to appear next to my response to the roving reporter through no fault of my own. Twice the photographer failed to appear at the place and time agreed upon, and, on a third occasion, was out of film. I assure you, I have no reason to be embarrassed to show my face.

Second, in approving the formation of this organization the school neither condones nor condemns our goals or ideals. It merely affirms the right in a democratic society individuals to meet and strive in a lawful manner to educate themselves and others and shape themselves into proud and productive citizens in ways not properly dealt with in the typical academic environment. In truth, the school is doing only what it can considering we have conformed to all the guidelines for establishing a student organ-

Third, there are currently five existing gay organizations in the Fresno area. However, there are certain unique problems and issue for gay and lesbian students that cannot be handled adequately by these off-campus organizations. I would also like to point out that this organization is not solely for gay and lesbian students. At this time we have six non-gay members. We also seek to provide information and education for any individual, group or class who seeks it. Input from our organization has already been solicited by one instructor at the Police Academy for their train-

ing.
Mr. Reimers apparently feels
he is the only student contributing ASB fees. What about the 300-400 gay and lesbian students on campus? We subsidize MEChA, P.A.S.U., the Ski Club, student athletics and other activities. There has not been a gay organization on campus to represent our interests since the fall of 1973. Quite frankly, it's about time.

As for SIR being compared to a swingers' or married swingers' club, that is an unfair comparison. Ours is NOT a sex club. I don't know about you Mr. Reimers, but neither my life nor my lifestyle centers around sex.

Finally, I take exception to being referred to as disgusting or immoral. Morality extends beyond the bedroom to how you conduct your entire life, especially how you treat others. Disgusting is an appropriate term for people who attempt to force everyone into a narrow little mold without appreciating the diversity of mankind. You did not give humans their free agency, Mr. Reimers, what gives you the right to try to take it away? As far as the remark about the ability to reproduce, if you had accused us of recruiting and sang a bar or two of "Battle Hymn of the Republic" I would have sworn you were Anita Bryant in butch drag.

Jay Bradshaw

Reason for student fees

Dear Editor:

I would like to reply to Mr. Williams' letters in a recent edition of your paper. I think it is unfortunate that Mr. Williams' letter took the tack it did because it would tend to create some false cause and effect assumptions in the minds of those students reading it. Mr. Williams' letter would lead the reader to assume that the cause of fees for classes is raises for faculty. While I know Mr. Williams knows better than that, some of your readers may

In 1978 the voters of this state passed Proposition 13, which effectively cut property taxes by some 57%. Property taxes are the major source of revenue for local governments, and education is the major expense for local governments.

Since the local government's major source of revenue was reduced by 57%, it faced two

choices: It could cut service including education, or it cou get money from either the st or national government. T state government agreed to "bout" the local government sin it had a budget surplus in 19'

Since that time the state California has been the ma source of revenue to run t college. Between 1978 and no the state has not only increas its expenditures, but has o creased its revenue.

This decrease in revenue the state level has been due the voter initiatives to abol the state inheritance tax a index the state income tax, well as the loss of revenue from sales tax due to the recession. addition to these problems t state is now getting less reven sharing funds from the nation government. Therefore, so dents are being charged fees Ten years ago Californ ranked thirteenth in the nation

in the proportion of person income spent on education. the present time California is forty-eighth place, and has t highest pupil-to-teacher ratio this country. What impact you think those changes w have on the quality of educati received by students in California

If Mr. Williams is serious attempting to enlighten the readers of his newspaper, suggest he look logically at the suggestion of the suggestio real cause and effect relationsh at work here. The voters of the state have decided that the would prefer tax cuts to high quality education. If continueconomic growth is desired Californians, the state must i sure adequate investment public education.

I would suggest that yo newspaper and Mr. Williams to convince the voters of t SCCCD and the state of Ca fornia, to provide more mon for those investments in educ tion and perhaps student fewould not be needed.

G. Dennis Shine **Economics Instructor**

Alarm for attention?

Dear Editor:

At last week's tuition rally president of MEChA said rally organizers had planned pulling all the fire alarms campus in order to get stude outside and draw a crowd.

When the rally was mov inside due to the rain, their p was wasted.

I thought this was a popu student cause. I thought th were the true representatives the students. Then why did or a handful of people show up the rally?

I think the idea of pulling f alarms in order to get support illegal, immoral, dishone dangerous, costly and ill a vised. It is no wonder of student leaders and student ganizations (ASB, MECh PASU) have so little stude support if this is an example their leadership. Personally, don't want to hear another wo they have to say.

Sign me--A disbeliever Sally Deupree

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COUNSELING QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What is probation?

Probation is a status which is applied to certain students by the institution to make clear that their educational progress is imperiled.

Is this status the result of low grades?

Yes and no. There are two kinds of probation here at City. First, there is academic probation, a condition where a student's semester and/or overall grade point average is below 2.0. Additionally, there is progress probation, a condition where a student records W, and/or I, and/or NC in more than 50% of his grade when compared to his total accumulated units.

Is this something to be ashamed of and does it mean that I've failed?

There are many reasons for the lack of academic success. Certainly the person who is doing poorly must take the responsibility for his/her lack of success. Yet many times poor academic progress comes as the result of poor planning, misguidance, the lack of good time management and little or no study skills. Additionally, many students do poorly because of emotional kinds of problems - problems that everyone seems to experience from time to time. Some of these are: low self regard, the lack of confidence, fear of failure, moodiness and even depression.

Finally, a person who is on probation hasn't failed. Still, they should take stock of their efforts and goals and with the help of their counselor develop precise improvement strategies.

Tuition, continued from front page

Tyner also said that a tax increase was essential because the legislature is trying to raise money from people with the weakest financial background, mainly students. He believed that a higher taxation should be imposed on those with better monetary statuses.

Rivera said before the rally, "If there is a tuition, this will make the situation worse for poor Mexicans, because it will lessen the chance for them to achieve anything in a white man's society.'

He felt that black and Mexican people have been oppressed for 200 years and that tuition is just going to make the situation

Walter Brookes, a counselor at FCC, was speaking for him-self and the Black American Affairs Association, an association consisting of black administrators and instructors who are taking the position against tui-

tion.

"The net affect of the imposition of tuition," said Brookes,
"will result in a loss of higher
tional opportunities for educational opportunities for blacks in this state.'

"It's asinine to say that blacks could afford tuition if they didn't buy their \$40 tennis shoes or their \$600 music boxes. We're not talking about them. The main issue is that thousands of students would lose the oppor-tunity available to them if tuition is imposed.

Area residents run for Ratcliffe

by Mike Bledsoe

Fresno City College area residents may be running in a jog-a-thon for the Rally for

Mary La Follette, director of the Rally for Ratcliffe, said that a meeting will be held with local track and jogging clubs and the campus student body to discuss the run, which is tentatively scheduled April 23.

The jog-a-thon is the first community involvement project for the Ratcliffe Rally. Community volunteers will comb the area, hoping to boost the current \$80,000 to the projected \$950,000 that is needed to complete the stadium improve-

La Follette concluded that she is "looking forward to getting out into the community" for the

For more information on the Rally for Ratcliffe, call 442-8234

Brookes said the legislature was in a bind and that the more conservative members, including the governor, always go to the poor and silent group.

"Blacks, Chicanos, and poor folks in general," said Brookes, "will experience the greatest impact of tuition.

There are conservative, reactionary whigs in the legislature that have been fed Superman and John Wayne movies, the kind where Wayne rounds up all the Indians back on the reservation, and believe it's their responsibility to maintain that whites have the upper hand. What we need are the more far thinking, white members of the state and federal legislature to

become spokesmen of the truth.

This Week On Campus

Friday, March 11 Aerobies Tennis (m) FCC/Kings River 2:00 p.m. Tennis (w) FCC/Kings River Fresno Judo Club

Saturday, March 12

Pacific Seminar Traffic Safety Pacific Seminar Traffic Safety Tennis (m) Fig Garden Swim & Racquet Club FCC Music Dept. Baseball—FCC/KRCC

Monday, March 14

Campus Ambassadors Aerobics Aerobics Advanced Arnis Basic Navigation Shotokan Karate Club **EMT** Refresher

Tuesday, March 15

Student opposing Tuition 1-2 p.m. ASB Armenian Dance MEChA Hatha Yoga Phi Beta Lamb day (officers) Aerobics Adult Physical Fitness Kwon Bup Karate Club Filipino Fencing

Wednesday, March 16

Eishen's Class Eishen's Class PASU Learn to Sail Campus Ambassadors Inter Club Council Ballroom Dancing Aerobics Aerobies Advanced Arnis

Harris Method Dysemenorrhea Fresno Judo Club Shotokan Karate Club Real Estate Fundamentals Personal use microcomputer

Thursday, March 17

Faculty Fellowship Greek Dance MEChA Inter Varsity
Baseball—FCC/West Hills Real Estate Phi Beta Lamb da Arabic for beginners Adult Physical Fitness Filipino Fencing Badminton Kwon Bup Karate Club Microcomputer Use EMT Class

Friday, March 18

F.C.A. Ski Club Aerobics Special Olympics Tennis (m) FCC/Cos Tennis (w) FCC/Cos Fresno Judo Club 6:05-7:05 a.m. G-103

tn-cts G-107 2:00 p.m. 7:30-9 p.m.

8 a.m. - 4 p.m. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. LA-126 LA-120 tn-cts SM-135 9:30 a.m. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Euless 1 p.m.

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Police Log

2/18/83-2/22/83

A tape recorder and a calculator were reported to be removed from a locker in the Home Economics Building. Property is valued at \$125.00.

2/24/83 11:15 AM A male non-student, and female student were in a heated argument in the Library. The case was referred to the District

2/24/83 3:15 PM A fourteen year old non-student was arrested while attempting to strip a bicycle.

3/1/83 11:00-11:45 AM A Kraco Equalizer and stock AM/FM Cassette Stereo were removed from an unlocked vehicle which was being worked on in the shop. Estimated value of the property is \$350.00.

1. What is the symbol in Roman numerals for the

Do you

know?

number 100? 2. How many phonetic symbols are there in the Inter-

national Phonetic Alphabet? 3. What is dry ice?

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Fresno? 7. What does 'jeg elsker deg'

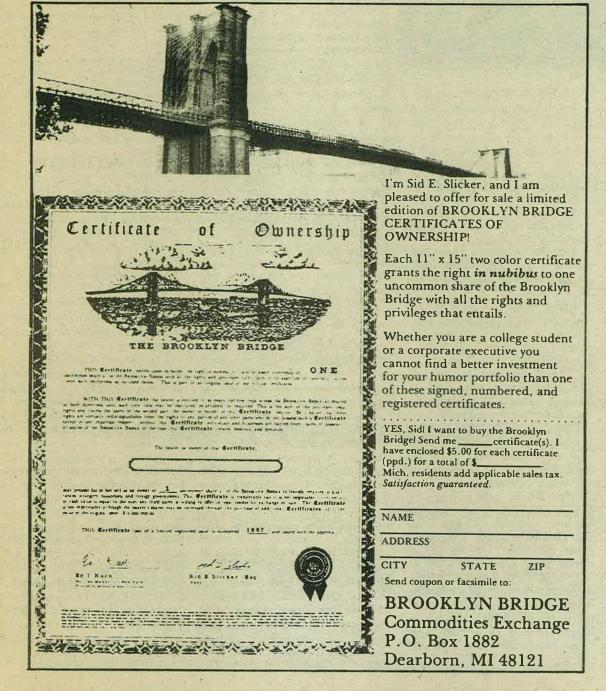
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necessary for a fire to start?

9. What musical group won seven Grammy's two weeks

ago?
10. Where is the town of 'Truth or Consequences' located?

answers on page 4,



Answers

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- 2. 51 3. Carbon dioxide that has been solidified under pres-
- John Wayne
- 250,000 people
- I love you in Norwegian
- heat, oxygen, and fuel
- Toto
- 0. In New Mexico

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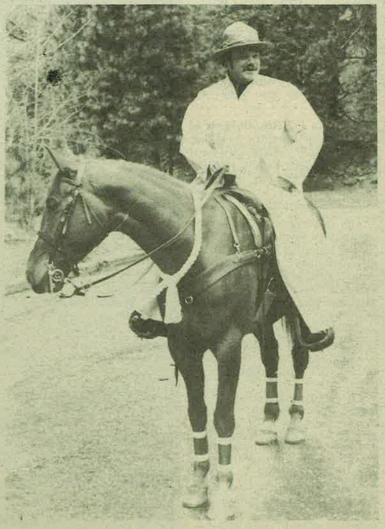
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Do you have adrinking problem?

Alcoholies Anonymous have meetings every Thursday noon at Fresno City College Cafeteria, conference room A. The meetings are open to the public.



you need?



"It's a great honor to guard someone as famous as the Queen," said Tom Schiffler, patrol ranger.



Performing in the Free Speech Area on a sunny afternoon are 3 members of the group "New Moon:" (left to right) Jim Bisgaard, Brian Meitzenheimer, and Brian Clay

New moon' impressed FCC

by Trudi W. Lohne

The rain broke and clear skies prevailed over Fresno City College for the second outdoor concert of the spring semester.

It was a perfect day for the Associated Student Body sponsored concert. As the group 'New Moon" set up their equipment, students found their seats and soaked up the sunshine.

"New Moon" is a jazz ensemble which combines the sounds of a saxophone, two guitars, drums, two keyboards, and a horn to produce a heavy jazz style music.

The band played the music of Herbie Hancock, Yellow Jacket, The Crusaders, and other jazz groups. After each song there was a hearty round of applause.

Lead guitarist Jim Bisgaard and drummer Wayne Porter kept the beat of the music going while keyboardists Galen Clay and Jim Downing added their

Horn player Phil Porter and sax player Brian Meitzenheimer excited the audience with their solo ability.

The song with the most response was "100 Ways" with Brian Clay, the bass player doing the vocals.

Demi DeSoto, who is the manager for the group said: "There is a surge in the jazz market right now. We have a busy schedule ahead of us.

This is the best group that I've ever heard here on the campus," said a FCC instructor who was in the audience.

The concert which was held in correlation with the ASB book sale went over well with the audience. Everybody seemed to enjoy the jazz music.

"New Moon" will be back on March 16th to play another outdoor concert in the Free Speech area at noon. A video for cable television will be filmed during their concert.

Everybody is invited to the concert, but in case of a schedule conflict, the group will be playing at the Wild Blue Yonder on March 13 and 14 and at West Coast Images on March 20 and



Queen, continued from the front page

He told of how his father had stayed in the sam hotel as the Danish queen. "There was almost no security there...they didn't need it."

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Joe Goodrich, also 18, is a "keep this whole thing part of the family sponsoring

"It was a fluke that we ended up here at the same time," said Yosemite, expressed her en

Joe was in high spirits and proudly displayed the Union nice to provide her (the que Jack T-shirt he was wearing. Joe said that seeing the queen was great, but "royalty has back from Inspiration P no place in this country . . . it after wouldn't fit here." He also "I complained of all the security her." measures being taken.

"There's too much security for up here (Yosemite) . . . it spoils everyone else's time."

And there definitely was throughout the valley. The security.

Early Saturday morning, military helicopter blades whirred throughout the valley providing aerial security. At 11 a.m. all traffic was banned from the roads. Secret service agents were everywhere.

'They have stationed sharpshooters all around the valley on the walls," said Laurie as a Physical Education tead Lovejoy

None of the park service officials or secret service men Bakersfield. wanted to comment on just how many people were stationed up there.

However, four armed men crawled up the hillside above the tunnel where the queen the gold country recreation entered the valley, quickly becoming part of the scenery.

Lodge, two ladies in their mid-60's relaxed and waited to go home. One sat back, feet propped up on the couch, as she tried patiently to wait.

'We might as well relax," she said. "It's going to be a while before they're going to let us out the country . . . I'm not f of here.

The gray-haired grand-mothers said they had come with a church group from Los Gatos. One woman had been to Yosemite many times. The other was on her first visit. Both expressed concern over who was many parks and areas w financing the queen's visit.

"With times as tight as are now, I just don't see they think we taxpayers afford all of this extravagan perspective . . . we have a p dent who needs respect too.

Teri Grosse, a ranger siasm for the queen's visit.
"We're all delighted . . .

with a place to rest and rel she said as she rode the press after the queen's arrival.

"It's a great honor to se

Rangers patrolling horseback were statio sorrel colored horses w handsome with their unif green saddle blankets leggings.

Tim Mestaz and T Schiffler were two member the special Horse Patrol I Ranger team assigned to pro the queen. Mestaz works on team part-time. His usual jo for fourth, fifth and s graders at Bearsly School

"It is a great honor," Schiffler a full-time mem 'to guard someone as famou the queen.

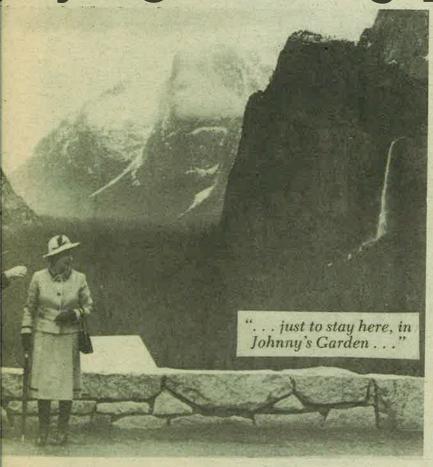
Rix Callaway, a ranger f of Wiskeytown, was surpr by the sudden appearance In the lobby of the Yosemite the queen's motorcade.

"I didn't even know that was coming this way," Callaway after the cars passed by on a bike path the Ahwahnee late on Satur

"I'm not used to this are here," said a flustered Ca

Chuck Scott, from Channel Islands off the coa California, said he was part "special events team." Acc ing to Scott, the team trave extra protection is needed.

edyreigned during queen's visit-----







Above: An international assortment of 200 journalists wait for a four minute glance of the queen.

Left: The Ahwahnee Hotel, where the queen stayed, was surrounded by rope, signs and rangers.

Rampage/Timo Tuovinea

"I'm real excited about this. It's a good duty . . . you get to see a lot of places," said Scott.

Aside from the tragic deaths of the three secret servicemen, the queen's visit appeared to be a relaxing one for her. The weather even co-operated on Sunday, being an unusually warm and beautiful day.

On Sunday the queen went to church in the Yosemite Chapel and received gifts from well wishers, including an Ansel Adams print and an Indian basket hand woven for the queen by a Yosemite resident.

Now the queen is gone.

As one young man who works at the valley gas station put it, "Come Monday, she'll be gone, and everything can finally get back to normal here . . . Thank God!"

Moliere's "Imaginary Invalid" **Premieres**

The classic French comedy 'The Imaginary Invalid" will be performed in the Fresno City College Theatre from March 17-26. The play will begin each evening at 8:15 p.m., with a special 2 p.m. matinee performance set for March 24. Tickets for the classic Moliere comedy are only \$3 for general admission and \$2 for students and senior citizens. You won't want to miss this classic play, so make plans now to attend. Additional information is available by calling the theatre box office at 442-8221

Foreigners find Fresno friendly

by Levi Pagsuberon

Norhayati Abdul Rahman is 18 and a native of Kuala Lumpur, West Malaysia, a country that is famous worldwide for the towering Moslem mosques that dominate its

skyline.

Majoring in mathematics, Norhayati is a government scholar. She and four others were sent by the Malaysian government to enroll at Fresno City College with her government footing the bill which included all fees and a \$450.00 monthly allowance.

Norhayati said she had been to a number of cities in California but likes Fresno best because of its 'relaxed" atmosphere.
"People here are very friendly,"

she says.

When asked about her impressions of FCC, Norhayati said the facilities here are excellent and the method of instruction "very easy on the student.

"Our schools in Malaysia are greatly influenced by the British educational system which is very rigid and demanding. I have not encountered any difficulty here."

Norhayati plans to teach mathematics at the Mara Junior Science College at Kuala Lumpur upon graduation.

Another foreign student, twenty year old Djaja Santoso, came from an affluent family in Surabaya,

He learned English by enrolling at the American High School in Singapore, anticipating on coming to the United States to pursue higher education.

Djaja is a business administration major student and shares an apartment with friends.

"My father wants me to take over our hotel business in Surabaya when the time comes," he

Asked how he came to choose FCC, Djaja revealed that the choice was made by an Indonesian

travel agency.
"Our local travel agencies have a list of schools accepting foreign students. We just paid the fees and they made all the arrangements.

Djaja finds his training at FCC adequate and the student population warm and friendly.

"This is my first semester, and I plan to finish my course at FCC. I am happy here," Djaja said with a wide grin.

For some students at FCC, the transition to life in the United States has not been easy.

"There are memories I would like to forget," said 20 year old Khang Vang.

A native of Xieng Khuang, Laos, Khang's father was a batallion commander in the U.S. backed Hmong army fighting the Vietnamese communists.

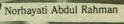
When the Saigon government collapsed in 1975, the Vang family fled by boat to Thailand where they lived in a refugee camp for five years.

"My father hired an American to tutor me in English so that the transition would be easier for me when we reached America," Khang told the Rampage.

Khang is taking up computer science under the sponsorship of the Fresno Employment Training Commission.

My hopes and aspirations still go back to my native land. With the knowledge and skill I shall have acquired here, it is still my dream to go back and serve my people," Khang said.







Djaja Santoso

Foreign student statistics

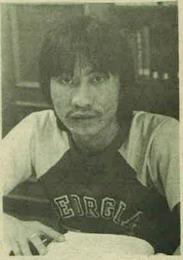
Topping the list of foreign students are Indonesia with 30 students, Iran, 25, West Malaysia, 24, Nigeria, 22, Japan, Lebanon and Saudi Arabia with 11 each with Hong Kong and Jordan contribut-

ing eight students each.

"It is always a wholesome and enriching experience to have foreign students in the campus," commented Dr. Lasher. "Exposure to different customs and cultures broadens the knowledge and per-spective of our students, and in some measure, sow the seeds of better understanding between peoples."

Coming from 40 different countries, 189 foreign students have enrolled at Fresno City College this spring semester, according to Dr. Ivan W. Lasher, Associate Dean of Students.





Khang Vang

Existing policies allow 30 students from any country to enroll at FCC, Dr. Lasher told the Rampage. Foreign students have to pay the prevailing school fees in addition to charge of \$75 per unit.

Apparently high in the preference of foreign students are courses in the Math, Science and Engineering division and in the Business field.

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FCC track team successful

by Mike Bledsoe

The sky was overcast, but the track was hot for the Fresno City College track teams as they competed in the Central Valley Conference relays Saturday afternoon at Merced College.

The Ram men took first place over Merced, Modesto Junior College, College of the Sequoias, West Hills College, Porterville College, and Kings River Community College. The Ram women grabbed second place in the meet.

The male tracksters running the 440 relay gave FCC its initial first place with a 42.1 second time. In the 3,000 meter steeplechase, Adam Barron took second with a 10:44 time, while Bruce Donley came in third with a 11:11.5 time. The Rams seized second in the sprint medley relay

with a 3:42.1 time. Carl Johansson ran and leaped to a fifth place in the 110 high hurdles with a time of 15.9 seconds. The team of Armando Ruiz, Cary Hayward, Rod Marvin and Leroy Rivera took second place in the distance medley with a 10:45.4 time. The Rams snared the top spot in the two mile relay with a clocking of

Competing in the shuttle hurdle relay, the Fresno City College team took a third place with a 60.5 second time. The Rams won in the 880 relay, with a 1:29.5 time. Two Ram men also captured third and fourth places in the two mile run.

The Fresno tracksters lagged behind in the one mile relay, coming in sixth. The Rams came in third in the day's last event, the weight man relay.

Fresno City College also did well in the field events. Carl Johansson threw the javelin 184 feet, four inches for first place in the event. The Rams came across with first, third and sixth places in the long jump, with respective leaps of 21 feet, 9 inches, 21 feet, 3 inches, and 20 feet, 6 inches.

Competitors in the high jump saw the Rams grasp second place. First, second, fourth, and fifth places were taken by Fresno City College in the triple jump. The distances ranged from 42 feet, 11 inches to 45 feet, six inches.

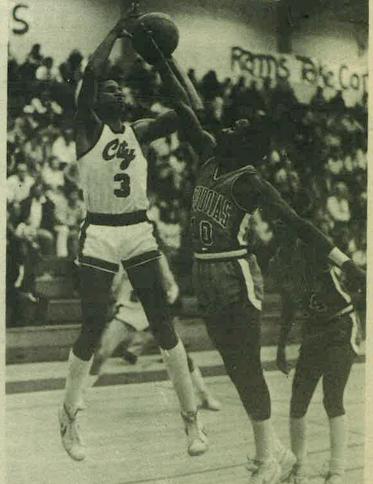
The Rams also took first place in the shot put with a 53 foot, 1 inch put. Fresno City College also took first, second and fourth in the discus, with hurls of 130 feet, 10 inches, 133 feet, two inches, and 146 feet.

The Fresno City College women's squad started off the day's track events with a second place in the 440 relay, with a time of 51.2 seconds. The women settled for sixth place in the 1,500 meters, with a 6:36.7 time. They hustled for second place, with a 1:58 time, in the sprint medley relay.

Loretta Aragon sprinted to second place in the 100 yard dash. Her time was 12.6 seconds. The Rams also took fourth in the 100 meter low hurdles, with a 17.4 second time.

Fresno City College took second place in both the 880 yard and one mile relays. The respective clockings were 2:04.3 and 4:17.

The Ram women were outstanding in the field events. Lynn Graham took second place in the shot put. Sharon Pierson hurled the shot 43 feet to capture third place. Pierson went on to steal away with first place in both the discus and javelin. Her respective throws were 124 feet, 10 inches and 113 feet, three inches. Fresno City College also took fourth in the javelin with a 100 foot, one inch fling.



Jeff Stallings shoots from his favorite part of the court against COS.

Rampage/Terry Pierson

Rams rack Pirate pitchers

by Tom Ferrall

Last week's rainy weather made practicing on the field of John Euless ball park impos- where the Rams had to come sible so the batting cage is from behind. The Pirates sible, so the batting cage is where the majority of the Rams practices took place. The extra time in the cage payed off, as the team pounded out 12 hits en route to defeating Porterville 9-5, in their Central Valley Conference opener last Thurs- give the Pirates a 5-1 advantage. day (March 3)

Ram second baseman Joe Slaven led the offensive attack. The freshman from Woodland had a single, double and four RBI's on the day. Also adding some offensive power was right fielder Chris McGrady, who had three hits and two RBI's against Pirate pitchers. His first hit was a solo home run that just stayed fair of the left field foul pole, hit, a two run, two-out double. and tied the game at 1-1.

Slaven and McGrady were

game with batting averages of 102 and .167 respectively.

Once again, it was a game jumped on starter Mark Gardner for four consecutive hits in the fourth inning. The big blast came from Porterville shortstop Todd Mumma, who stroked a three run homer to

But all the batting practice done during the week payed off in the home half of the fourth inning, which saw the Rams rough up Porterville reliever Brett Kindig for five runs. Rams collecting base hits in the frame were David Green, Derrick Hardamon, Mike Ramierz, and McGrady. Slaven had the big

After surviving the fourth, unlikely candidates to be hitting Gardner settled down to pitch stars, as the two entered the his following three innings of work impressively. Gardner picked up the win, boosting his record to 1-2. He pitched seven innings, giving up five runs on eight hits and striking out five.

Ram reliever Mike Daniels picked up his second save of the season, by shutting down the Pirates in the final two frames. Daniels only allowed one hit, and struck out four.

Coach Len Bourdet believed the key to the Ram victory was to Slaven who had two big hits for us in two out situations.

Game time is 1:00 p.m.

Ram backcourt beats COS Pirates

by Kim Short

The Fresno City College could contend with. Men's basketball team advanced to the state regional playoffs,

time, Cye Adams and Darryl Morgan kicked the Rams' offense into high gear. Adams and Ram lead to four points with ju Morgan repeatedly drove to the a little over three minutes basket, forcing the COS players good defense, and the key hits to foul them as they shot. This from Slaven. "Any time you play put the Rams at the free throw errorless ball, you're going to do line 42 times, in which they well. The credit offensively goes converted on 27, for a percentage of 64.2%.

r us in two out situations." The Rams' backcourt of Tomorrow the Rams will take Adams and Morgan totally outon Kings River Community Col- played the COS guards, out- scoring by hitting 24 point lege at John Euless ball park. scoring them 41 to 7. This added Tom Alfaro added 19, And

soft touch from the outsid proved to be more than CC

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COS fought back to cut the play. But as the COS playe started fouling out of gam their reserves just could not kee up the pace set by the Ran explosive fast break. This a lowed the Rams to end the gan with some flashy slam dunks Cye Adams led the Rams

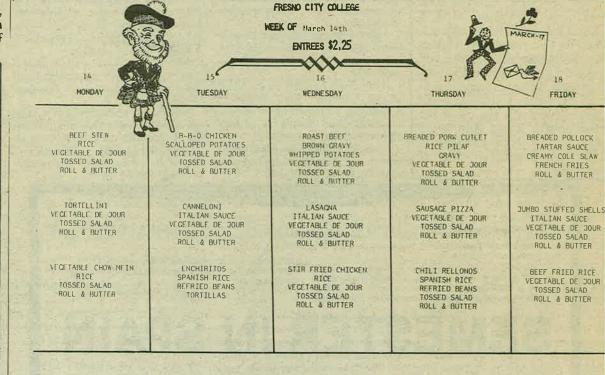
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Fresno City College 1983 Women's Softball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION ·	TIME
March 15	Kings River Com. Coll.	Reedley	3:00 p.m
March 18	Taft*	Fresno	3:00 p.m
March 22	CSUF	CSUF	1:00 p.m
March 28-29	COS Easter Tournament	Visalia (Plaza)	All Day
April 1	Delta College*	Fresno	2:00 p.m
April 8**	Modesto Junior College*	Fresno	2:00 p.m
April 12**	Merced College*	Fresno	2:00 p.m
April 15**	College of the Sequoias	Visalia	1:00 p.m
April 19**	Kings River Com. Coll.	Reedley	3:00 p.m
April 26**	Modesto Junior College	Modesto	5:00 p.m
April 29**	Merced College	Merced	5:00 p.m
May 3**	College of the Sequoias*	Fresno	2:00 p.m
May 6**	Kings River Com. Coll.*	Fresno	2:00 p.m
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Cye Adams scores two against Sacramento.

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SCC downs Rams in regional playoffs

by Tom Ferrall

SACRAMENTO--Last Friday night, the best Ram basketball season in 14 years came to an end. The ninth-ranked Panthers of Sacramento City College upset coach Gary Hulst's third ranked Rams 68-66, in a state regional playoff game before a capacity crowd in the Sacramento CC gym.

The difference in the game was turnovers. The pesky high pressure defense of Sacramento was partly the cause of 28 Ram turnovers, 15 of which came in the second half. Many of the turnovers however, were caused by nothing more than just plain lousy passing.

chances to win the game, but But Morgan's pass (like most of they just couldn't capitalize on the Rams passes during the these chances. The Rams made game) was off target and a only five of ten free throws in Sacramento player recovered it. the second half. With the score Two seconds later the buzzer 66-64 in favor of Sacramento sounded off the end of the Rams with 1:48 remaining, the Rams season. had a chance to tie it when Cye Adams went to the line to shoot

could only sink one of the pair. With the score now 66-65, the Rams received another opportunity. Panther Nate Davis committed an offensive foul with 1:15 remaining, giving the Rams possession and a chance to take the But again the Rams couldn't capitalize. Adams missed a shot and Andre Patterson missed on two follow-up

Panther Lynard Golden then hit on a five footer, which gave Sacramento a 68-65 advantage with only 21 seconds remaining.

As the Rams brought the ball down court, they committed yet another turnover on a bad pass. But the FCC squad got a lucky break when Panther Walter Ward fouled Patterson while attempting a slam dunk. With the score 68-65 and ten seconds left, Patterson went to the line in a bonus situation.

Patterson made the first shot and intentionally missed the second one, hoping a teammate would grab the rebound. But it was Sacramento's Donnie Hillery who came down with the ball, and was immediately fouled by Adams with seven seconds left.

Hillery missed his free throw in the bonus situation and The Rams certainly had their keeping the Ram's hopes alive.

Andre Patterson was the only two. But the sophomore guard Ram who really played well.

The 6-8 forward scored 19 points to lead all scorers, and grabbed 15 rebounds. Other scorers for the Rams were, Adams with 14, Tom Alfaro with 13, Morgan with 12, Stallings with 4 and Glen Townsend with 4.

> It was a frustrating loss for coach Hulst. "Offensively, we stunk. I didn't think Sacramento played that well defensively, we just continually made bad passes. This was a pretty good season. We didn't do a lot of little things, and that's what killed us in the end."

women fall early in playoffs

by Mike Bledsoe

The Fresno City College women's basketball team ended their winningest season March 3 with a heartbreak loss to American River Junior College in the first round of the Converse Community College Northern California Tournament.

The women ended their magnificent season of play with a 25-

The Rams were ahead 30-29 at the end of the first half, after being as much as seven points ahead of the American River Beavers. The Ram women moved to a five point lead near the midpoint of the second half, but the Beavers brought in Arlene Ramsey. She scored 10 points to move her team to a five point lead.

Fresno City College moved to a 52-51 lead with five minutes left in the game. The teams kept their scores close throughout the

rest of the game.

It looked as if the Rams were going to take the game after a Tammy Thomason field goal with 30 seconds left in the game, moving the Fresno women ahead 58-57. But the Beavers' Janet Ellis sank a 15-foot jumper with 13 seconds left in the game to capture the win. The game ended American River 59, Fresno City College 58.

Overall statistics show Fresno City College outshooting the Beavers from the field. The Rams dropped 28 of 74 shots through the hoop (47.8 percent), while American River bucketed 24 of 68 shots (35.3 percent). From the charity stripe, the Beavers sank 11 of 24 attempts, for 45.8 percent accuracy. Fresno City College's accuracy from the line was 28.5 percent,

making two of seven shots.

Tammy Thomason was the Rams' high scorer with 20 points. Brenda Frazier shot for 16 points, while Yvonne and Yvette Shoals each put 10 points through the hoop. Berlynda Haslip also added two points to

the Rams score.

Ram netters whip Pirates

The Fresno City College men's tennis team dominated play last Friday in Porterville, sweeping all nine of their matches against the Pirates. In six singles matches, the men only lost three games.

Collecting wins in singles play were George DeFries, Mike Lantis, Alan Guthrie, Matt Carlson, Ernie Garcia, and Chris Quinn.

In doubles matches, teams of Guthrie and Lantis, DeFries and Carlson, and Garcia and Quinn all posted victories to complete the match sweep. The men improved their record to 3-0.



by Tom Ferrall

The sign of a team with class is a team that can be a good loser. Like the old saying goes, it's easy to be a good winner, but it's not so easy to be a good loser. The FCC Ram basketball team proved they were a bunch of classy guys following their defeat to Sacramento last Friday night.

The team didn't play very well against the Panthers, and they were the first to admit it. Nobody on the long bus ride home blamed the officials, and nobody tried to point the blame at anybody else. They humbly accepted their defeat, and the fact that their season was over

Another thing that impressed me was that even though their season had just come to an heartbreaking end, the team didn't let it get them down too much.

And why should it? This team had a very good season, and they should be proud of it. They finished with a record of 28-5, the fourth most wins in a Ram season in school history. There hasn't been a basketball team at FCC in many years that caused as much excitement as this year's squad ignited.

After the game, the bus was relatively quiet. Enter Andre Patterson, one of the most likeable guys you'll ever meet. The 6-8 forward provided some comic relief in a tense atmosphere. He plugged a microphone into a portable stereo box one of his friends had brought for the trip.

"I would like to thank all the fans on the bus who came along to cheer us on. (There was about eight older people on the bus.) It was nice playing for Fresno, but now it's time to move on," said Patterson.

The way he said these words was funny. The people on the bus applauded following his brief speech. Some of his teammates also applauded, others just said a few choice words to him, which were also humorous. Too humorous to print.

A minute later, Patterson led the team in one final cheer. After Andre had counted to three, the team harmoniously yelled RAMS. It wasn't up to Patterson's standards though, which prompted him to say, "Man, you guys don't got any spirit."
Chuckles could be heard throughout the bus.

Being able to bring people up, and out of the dumps, seemed to be a characteristic of Andre's personality. "It hurts, (the loss to Sacramento) but we have to hold our

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heads up high. We had a good season. We didn't have a real 'big man' on the floor, we just had a good team. I haven't decided where I'm going to play ball next season, hopefully some place close to coach

"I love it here in Fresno, I know a lot of good people and friends here. Now I'm just going to look for a job, and get ready to become a father. I'm going to be a dad in May,'

said Andre.

All the players I talked with thought that coach Gary Hulst was a good coach and they all respected him. Patterson even suggested that I run a big headline in the Rampage stating: MAN OF THE YEAR—CARY HULST. Sophomore Tom Alfaro commented, "After coaching this team, he can coach any team."

Alfaro, at this time, says he is strongly considering playing at Penn State next season. "Penn State is number one on my list right now. I'm also considering West Texas, Hawaii, and Cal State Fuller-

Wherever he does go, Tom's sure to be a big asset offensively defensively. Alfaro was undoubtedly the best pure shooter on this year's squad.

Alfaro was not exactly thrilled by the way the team played against Sacramento. "This was a good season, but this game was the most embarrassing game I've ever played in. I'm glad nobody I knew was here to see it.

Following the game, fresh-man Darryl Morgan had one of the more humorous lines of the night. After telling one of his teammates that the seat next to him was reserved for his girlfriend, Morgan said, "we lost the game, but sex goes on." Quite a change from the old saying "life goes on."

Losing didn't seem to hurt Morgan's appetite. At McDonald's the freshman from New York ordered a Big Mac, two hamburgers, an order of large fries, chicken McNuggets, a large soda, cookies, and an apple pie. Incredibly, he was still alive when we got back to Fresno, although I haven't heard from him lately.

Morgan and freshman teammate Glenn Townsend both feel next year's team has a good chance of going as far as this year's team did, and maybe even farther. Town-send, who plays good hard defense, and contributed a lot to this year's team said, "1 think we're going to be a real good team next year. We're going to be better defensive-



Organization meeting held

The members of the reinstated horticulture club at Fresno City College had their first meeting on March 1 in the museum.

The top priority was the election of officers. Elected for president was Ray Stoll, Secretary/Treasurer; Susan Smith, and Vice-President, Margaret Brittain.

Another of the top priorities was the Arbor day tree planting at Hyland Convalescent Hospital which took place on Arbor day, March 7, at 10 a.m. The club purchased a Taiwan Flowering Cherry tree for the event.

Future activity of the club is guest speaker Carl H. Pherson, which the club is sponsoring. Pherson's topic is: Micro-computers in agri-business. He will be on campus in the staff dining room on March 24 at 9 a.m.

The club is having a plant sale on May 4 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The next meeting of the horticulture club will be on March 22, at 9:30 a.m. in the Museum.

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UnFinnish Business

Thanks for the treat, Liz

by Timo Tuovinen

Queen Elizabeth's visit may have been a monotonous routine for the majority of the journalists continously tailgating her.

For the three journalism students from Fresno City College, the queen's visit to Yosemite National Park was more than just another assignment. It was an opportunity to peek into the "real world" of the press.

I was one of those students.

Our arrangements began in early February. We sent our names to the Department of Interior in Washington D.C. for security clearance. A few phone calls more and we were

We arrived in the press lounge early Saturday morning, well before the other members of the press. This was the moment of truth. Would they honor our Rampage press passes? After a quick check we were told: our names were not on the list of reserved press passes.

I was determined that we would see the queen. However, I didn't have to rely on heavier tactics, because one of the previous phone contacts proved to be fruitful. The public relations woman remembered talking to us some weeks earlier.

In a few minutes we had on a shiny metal chain white passes hanging around our necks

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Those white passes were clear in their message: now we were official members of the group of privileged people who were assigned to cover the queen's visit. And we were damn proud ones, I assure you.

During that morning, as the omnious clouds gathered around the valley top, the media people gradually arrived. They came in vans bearing their news station logos, unloaded their cameras and recorders, and prepared for the photo session.

In the press lounge we watched the reporters unfold their portable video display terminals, make phone calls and smoke tremendous amounts of cigarettes.

A photographer from United Press International was yelling at a public relations woman, requesting back his five rooms that CBS had taken. The photographer, with bloodshot eyes and messy hair, eventually dashed out from the lounge. We didn't hear if he got his rooms back.

We were to meet the queen at the scenic Inspiration Point at 1 p.m. The road there was closed to the public hours before the queen was to arrive. The media people were taken there with charter busses.

When we arrived at Inspiration Point, the extensive security measures were obvious.

There was a small helicopter hovering in the valley; a police dog was sniffing the press stand for bombs and the entire Inspiration Point was surrounded by police officers and park rangers. Throughout the photo session the security personnel were observing us with binoculars.

After a secret service agent had searched our bags and cameras, we rushed to the press stand, elbowed our way as close to the front row as possible and waited in the light rain.

There were already over one hundred people on the stand when the British media people arrived. BBC, among the others, squeezed into the already tight crowd of journalists. The Brits shouted out accented remarks about the weather, security and other journalists.

"Get that bloody umbrella out of my way," said a man with a moustache and glasses.

"Good God, this rain is awful. I hope she (the queen) is not wearing that dreadful green raincoat of hers." another Brit said.

Perhaps the British journalists felt that since it is their queen, it is their tea party.

Approximately ten minutes before the queen arrived, a walkie-talkie belonging to a man behind me crackled.

"Turn the volume up and put the radio against your ear," I heard the voice in the radio say. The man listened for a while. The expression on his face froze. Finally he said to the crowd: "There's been an accident. Three secret service agents are dead."

Immediately, the reporters surrounded the chief of secret service and bombarded him with questions. I could almost see how the reporters were forming the stories in their mind.

Even though the accident definitely was an important news item, the writers seemed genuinely concerned.

"Five minutes more until the queen arrives," the secret service agent announced. The photographers made final checks on their equipment. It rained heavier and we waited patiently.

Finally. the queen's motorcade arrived. The official greeters leaned forward slightly as the Queen of England stepped out from the black limousine.



The photographers started shooting pictures of the Queen and Prince Philip. The sound of camera shutters opening never stopped as long as the royal couple was at Inspiration Point. The sound only grew louder every time the queen turned her head.

In less than ten minutes the session was over. The queen's entourage boarded the limousines and sped away. The journalists gathered their belongings and headed towards the busses. Another assignment was ready to be written, another load of film was ready to be developed.

For us, the queen gave more than only photographs and memories. Her visit gave us a chance to see professional journalists at work, to get a true feel for covering an event.

In the afternoon, when other reporters were writing or "releasing tensions" in the bar, we walked to the Ahwahnee Hotel, where the queen was staying. It was raining again, but we felt obliged to get everything out of her stay in the Yosemite

I'm glad we did, because just as we were getting ready to go back to the Visitor Center, we got to witness something no other reporters

The queen's motorcade cruised on the walkway towards us. She was returning from an unscheduled tour in the park. Stepping aside from the road we watched the cars drive by.

There were no passengers in the big black limousine. But following it, sitting beside her husband in the backseat of a white Ford station wagon was the Queen of England.

I could almost swear she waved to us.

BUMMER OF THE WEEK

The city of Fresno and FCC neighborhood residents are apparently waiting for a miracle. How else could they expect the parking problem to vanish by prohibiting parking on the streets? Wrong solutions breed only more problems.

BLISS OF THE WEEK

The Board of Trustees' unanimous decision to have summer school this year was pleasant news for the students who have received one set back after another so far.