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Ram football

In a league by itself

Steve Carr
Contributing writer

Fresno City College is looking into the option of having its football program operate as an independent rather than entering the newly formed NorCal conference.

An independent program is one that is not in any particular conference, and is therefore free to schedule games against desired competition.

The NorCal conference consists of College of Sequoias, possibly Fresno City, and former Camino Norte schools Merced, Sacramento, American River, Santa Rosa, and Taft, the thorn in FCC's side.

The reason FCC is looking into operating an independent football program "is the college's inability to find one conference for all of its

17 different sports," states FCC president Dr. Earnest Leach.

Athletic Director Emory Luck says, "a football-only conference would not be beneficial to FCC's program."

Another reason FCC doesn't wish to compete in the NorCal conference is the presence of Taft Junior College.

"Taft can recruit 45 out of state football players compared to only eight for FCC," states Luck. This rule is because FCC has a greater number of local high schools to draw athletes from. Taft has only two.

Taft competes in about half as many sports as FCC. This allows Taft to funnel more money, time, and other resources into developing the best possible teams in the sports it competes in.

Dr. Leach wants "FCC to com-

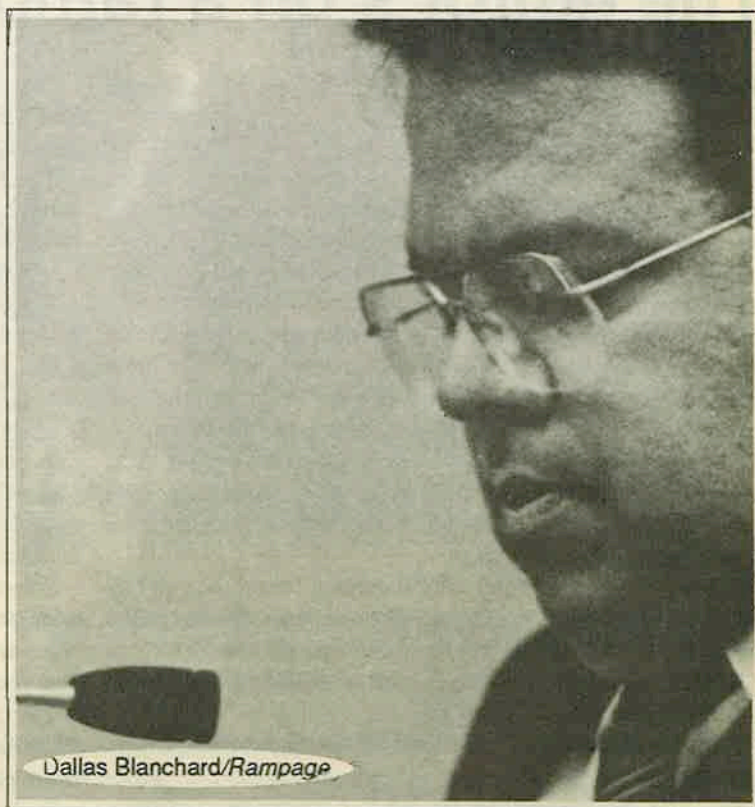
pete in a conference with schools of the same or similar athletic philosophy."

The Commission on Athletics, the board governing California junior college sports, has recently curtailed some of Taft's questionable practices.

"We are presently talking to representatives of Merced, Santa Rosa, COS, and a few other schools to confirm a solid schedule before we make our commitment to an independent football program for the fall of 1990," says Leach.

Dr. Leach stated that a decision on the football program's status will be forthcoming after the administration considers all of its possibilities.

Other FCC sports teams will compete in their current conferences until or if they can enter one conference for all sports.



Oscar Segura took his case to the Board of Trustees, Tuesday. Next he'll get a hearing from the Appeals Committee as to whether his impeachment by the AS senate was constitutional.

Trip to Mexico for credit

Jams Donnelly
Staff writer

Imagine gazing at the towering pyramids of Teotihuacan deep in the lush foliage of the Mexican jungle. This is just one of the many rewards for those who enroll in the Spanish Language Program sponsored by the State Center Community College District.

The three-week program consists of intensive language classes at the International Center of Spanish and Mexican Culture. Students attend classes for four hours a day, Monday through Friday, and live in Mexican homes.

Leisure activities include the trip to the great pyramids, visits to the Ballet Folklorico and the Museum of Anthropology in Mexico City, and a tour of the beautiful city of Cuernavaca.

One of the oldest towns in North America, Cuernavaca sits 75 kilometers south of Mexico City. Well-

known for its picturesque streets and beautiful climate, it's nicknamed "land of eternal spring".

"The key to the program is what the student gets out of it," said Carmen Elgoriagga, the FCC instructor in charge of the program. "The enhancement of language education by total immersion into the culture is undeniable."

Blessed with an international student body and gifted instructors, a student can earn a semester's worth of units.

This is possible because students are in the environment where they need to know the language to communicate even at home.

Students leave for Mexico June 30 and return to Fresno July 21. The cost, including round trip airfare from Fresno, room, board and tuition, is \$1,355. A \$100 deposit is required to enroll in the program.

For information call Carmen Elgoriagga, at 442-8182, or Dr. Rose Marie Joyce, at 226-0720.

Patricia P. Tsai
Contributing Editor

SB-507 guarantees CC transfers

In hopes of securing transfer opportunities for community college students, the Guarantee Transfer Bill, passed by the California state senate, is currently on the agenda of the assembly.

According to AS president Patti Anderson, the bill, labeled SB-507, would "force articulation agreements" between the community colleges and four-year colleges and universities.

"It (the bill) can't guarantee community college students will get in, but they will be given priority," said Anderson.

At present, some schools have been giving transfer students from community colleges priority admissions consideration under the reasoning that such students have no other higher educational opportunities.

After 60 units, community college students are "stuck" because that's all they can transfer, explained Anderson.

In contrast, if a student from a California State University campus (such as Fresno State) who wished transfer to a University of California campus is denied, he/she already has a place in a four-year school.

"Without this bill," said Anderson, "there is no guarantee that community college transfer students are given priority admissions."

Debate team goes to nationals

Steve Carr
Contributing writer

Fresno City College's debate team ranks higher than such big name universities as: UC San Diego, UC Irvine, Nevada-Las Vegas, and even Fresno State. It is ranked tenth in the nation among junior colleges, and 23rd among all colleges in the southwest section of the United States. It has qualified for the National Debate Competition in Baltimore, Maryland March 14-18.

First year coach Mark Woolsey is taking his top two debaters, Rebecca Boyd and Robert Martell, to the nationals. This will be the first time they will face many of these schools, because most of their competition is western and mid-western schools.

In debate a team is given a case (subject to be debated) and a side to take on the case, either for it or against. They are given preparation time to build their arguments. They present their side and the opposing team, taking the other side, refutes their arguments. Debates usually last for and hour and fifteen minutes.

"Communicating to the judges is the key," said Boyd.

"It's persuasion, backed by analysis," stated Martell.

Rebecca Boyd is president of the Debate club. She has moved to Fresno from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania in the last year. A general education student, she is taking debate to enhance her organizational skills, learn discipline, and build confidence.

Robert Martell went to Fresno High school. "I don't take the debating seriously at all," he said. "I've seen too

many people get ulcers, or stress related problems from worrying. It's just not worth it to me." What Martell gets out of debating, is an awareness of political issues.

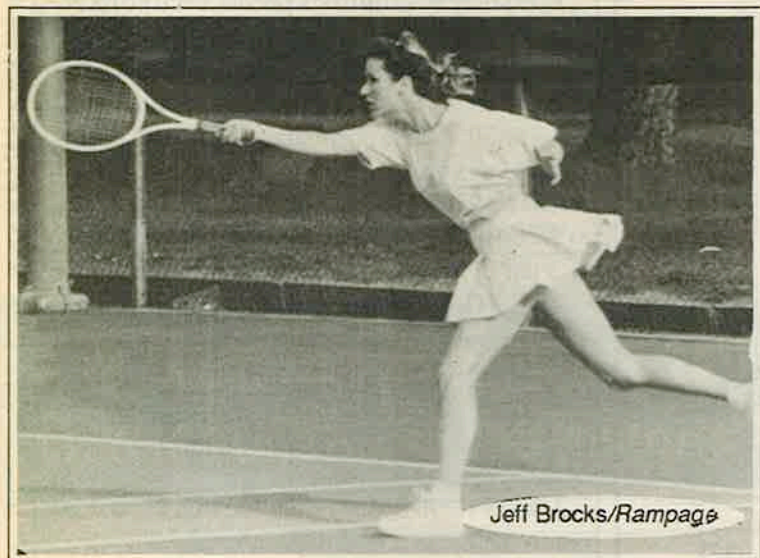
Most of the work for a debate takes place well before the actual event. The debaters are told the areas that will be covered in the debate, so researching into those areas is what makes you confident in your persuasion.

"You form an outline in your head," stated Martell. "You are allowed to keep note cards for reference. However, you go by mostly what you've read and how well you present it."

Debate falls under the umbrella of Forensics. The national ranking FCC has received is also credited to the Forensic's overall scores at previous events. Forensics covers many more areas in speech than just debate. However, this particular tournament is a debate only competition.

Mr. Woolsey is hoping this attention on the debate team will encourage more students to get involved with debate. "A lot of students simply do not realize we have a debate team until it's too late to join," stated Woolsey.

Mr. Woolsey, who earned his masters degree and coached debate at California State Northridge, wanted special attention given to the former FCC debate coach Jim O'Banion who set the foundation for this year's success. Mrs. Woolsey, the assistant coach, has been a huge help to the program.



Laura Thornton reaches to make a shot for Coach Jesse Cota's FCC women's tennis team which plays Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2 p.m.

OPINION

Fair warning: The editor's on a rampage!

John R Graham
Editor-in-chief

There are times when the gathering of news, writing of stories and putting it all together in a newspaper is a lot of fun. There are other times when it's just a lot of stress and bother.

One of the most annoying things about reporting is the uncooperative news source. The worst of these are the ones who happen to be the head (Navy definition) of their departments and are so autocratic that nobody in the department dares to talk to the press until the boss has. Worse yet, they are so "busy" that the first available appointment to interview them is a week or two away.

Another kind of person we can do without is the one who sets an appointment that forces the reporter to arrive hours early, miss a class or stay at FCC hours longer than they would have and then, ha-ha, the source doesn't show.

Even worse are the people who attempt to censor the news by not allowing reporters to view public documents, closing public meetings or otherwise limiting the paper's access to information.

Information is what news is all about. Without it all we can print is opinion, rumor and comics.

People who limit the *Rampage's* access to information are robbing the readers of their right to know.

On a more personal level, sources who consistently irritate reporters are not likely to ever get good press.

Less annoying are people who expect free advertising every time they submit a press release no matter how poorly written or how little the event affects FCC students.

The *Rampage* does try to cover the clubs and activities on campus and appreciates receiving press releases about upcoming events. However, there is never a guarantee that any particular subject or event will be covered.

The only way to have a guarantee that a something will be covered to your satisfaction is to write it up yourself and buy an ad.

News is covered as it happens and appears in the *Rampage* according to editorial decisions of importance, timeliness, space, interest and blind chance.

Considerations such as whether there is a photograph to illustrate the story and how well it's written are also weighed during the final production of the paper.

Sometimes a poorly written story will get in because its content is important and timely. Sometimes an important story will be delayed or not run at all because it's just not written well enough or important information is lacking.

That's understandable with a staff of trainees. What's not understandable or forgivable is the way some administrators and faculty treat the *Rampage* reporters.

Such people can expect bad press. They asked for it — they deserve it -- they'll get it!

Happenings

March 30 is the deadline for submitting written declarations to the Constitutional Appeal Committee of the Associated Students regarding Oscar Segura's impeachment.

Declarations must be turned in to the Student Affairs office, room SC 204 above the bookstore, and have a verifying signature from Mr. Farley's office.

For more information contact Student Affairs.

Author Nien Cheng, survivor of more than six years of imprisonment and torture during China's Cultural Revolution, will speak Wednesday, March 21 at 10:30 am in the William Saroyan Theater.

Cheng's best selling autobiography, *Life and Death in Shanghai*, recounting her prison experiences is the basis of her talk, "The Road from Shanghai."

Cheng comes to Fresno as part of the lecture series sponsored by the San Joaquin Valley Town Hall, Inc. Students may attend any lecture for 50 cents.

The series will conclude with Cokie and Steve Roberts, awards-winning correspondents for National Public Radio and U.S. News and World Report on April 18.

CSUF Library Privileges

Trying to write a major term paper but can't find all the information you need at the FCC library? Do you spend several dollars copying references at Fresno State? Do you long for a CSUF library card?

Officially, only students in FCC's honors program can get cards. However, library privileges are given to members of the CSUF Alumni Association.

Although the membership fee is regularly \$25, students can pay a reduced fee of five dollars. All you need is proof of registration or an AS card.

For more information call the Alumni Office at 278-2586.

National Poison Prevention Week

March 18-24 marks the observance of National Poison Prevention Week through out the United States. Many groups in the San Joaquin Valley are sponsoring events to increase the awareness of poison prevention.

Attention student poets! The American Poetry Association is sponsoring a contest awarding \$11,000 to 152 poets including a \$1,000 grand prize.

"Students have written some of our finest winning poems," said Robert Nelson, publisher for the association. "They are just the kind of undiscovered poets we are looking for, so we can give them the recognition they deserve."

Poets may send up to six poems, each no more than 20 lines, name and address on each page, to American Poetry Association, Dept. CO-40, 250-A Potero St., P.O. Box 1803, Santa Cruz, CA 95061. Poems postmarked by March 31 are eligible to win.

Mixed Media will discuss "What Happened to Andy Rooney and Why" Tuesday, March 20, at 2 pm in room 211 above the bookstore.

Artist Co-op Organization is sponsoring a trip to San Francisco to visit the De Young and Legion of Honor museums on Friday, March 23. The cost of the trip is \$15 and includes lunch. All monies must be in by March 21, payable at the business office.

Jazz Fest '90 opens Friday, March 23, at 7:30 pm in the theatre. Admission is \$2.

Student for Peace and Justice will be showing films dealing with environmental and human rights issues on alternate Tuesdays at 7 pm in the student lounge.

FCC to "wimp out" of league? Who's afraid of big bad Taft?

John R Graham
Editor-in-chief

There was an interesting barroom discussion at a Fresno motel the other night between a man from Bakersfield, who had played for Bakersfield College "back in the days of the dinosaurs" and a man from Taft who claimed to be related to one of Taft College's sports honchos.

The subject they were heatedly discussing was the fairness of Taft's recruiting methods.

"I met a guy from Iowa," said the guy from Bakersfield, "who played for Taft. He said that before he came they told him Taft was a coastal college."

"Well, it's near the coast," said the guy from Taft.

"Sure it is." General laughter sounded around the bar.

"The thing is, this guy had a job provided by the college," said the guy from Bakersfield. "He got five bucks an hour for turning on the sprinklers once a day and turning them off again. He was guaranteed an eight hour day even if it only took him an hour. Is that fair?"

There's been a lot of debate over Taft's recruiting techniques and is likely to be a lot more. Most of the community colleges in the state don't want to be in a conference with Taft.

Fresno City College is considering going independent rather than join the newly formed NorCal Conference because the coaches and athletic director don't want to be in the same conference as Taft.

Such wimpiness could be expected from a badminton or tiddlywinks team. Football players, coaches and athletic directors are supposed to be macho.

Look at the advantages the NorCal Conference would provide the Rams.

With Taft, Bakersfield, COS, FCC and Sacramento it would be the toughest conference in the state. There would more prestige in finishing fourth in such a conference than winning some of the wimpy excuses for football leagues on the coast.

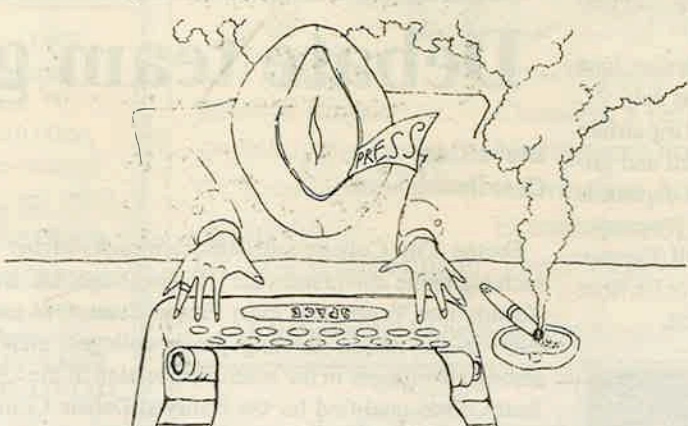
Players and coaches would have to "rise to the challenge" knowing that Taft and COS will be on the schedule twice a year every year.

Strength is built by tough competition. In the long run it would make the football program stronger as it toughens up to meet its challenges.

Consider the old Oakland Raiders and their drive for success. They started in a division dominated by the Denver Broncos and the San Diego Chargers. Raiders owner Al Davis decided that the only way to get to the playoffs was to build a team that could beat the Chargers and Broncos consistently. He didn't try to wimp out and leave the division. He built a dynasty.

That's the way to build a sports program. Get in there with the big boys and play as hard as you can. Play against the best and soon you may become the best. Learn to beat Taft and teams will be trying to avoid playing the Rams.

But don't become known as "the team that Taft scared independent." There's no glory in that.



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SPORTS

"A very, very gutsy performance"

Rams runners-up in tourney

Dan Andre
Sports editor

Sacramento City College's error was the best thing that could have happened to them as they upended Fresno City College 3-2 in the championship game of the FCC—California Community College Classic softball tournament.

FCC was the host of the 12-team, double elimination tournament which was played on March 10-11.

With the Rams trailing 3-2 in the top of the seventh, Leslie Rodriguez led off with a single to right. Ram centerfielder Cheryl Jackson then tried to sacrifice Rodriguez to second but beat the throw to first for a bunt single.

After Christi Aten sacrificed the runners to second and third, Diana Land hit a groundball to short.

The error came when Sacramento's shortstop caught Rodriguez off third and tried to get her going back to the bag but threw the ball low past third.

Rodriguez got up and took off toward home to try to tie the game but the third baseman retrieved the ball and fired a strike to the plate to

nail Rodriguez. Rodriguez never had much of a chance of scoring as a much bigger catcher had the plate blocked off.

That left a runner on third with two outs. Pitcher Julie Borquez then grounded out to end the game.

The Rams had tied the score in the sixth on an RBI single by Sheila Roberts and a groundout by Jenny Lueck.

"The girls gave a very, very gutsy performance. Being the host team, they had to take care of the field between games so they never had a chance to rest," said coach Steve Uyeda. "They were at the field 13 hours a day. They just did a real good job."

Earlier in the tournament, FCC beat Cuesta 4-0, Consumnes River 2-0, defending champs San Mateo 9-7 and Merced 3-1.

The Rams lost a semifinal game to Sacramento City in the winners bracket. They would have had to beat Sacramento twice in the championship round to win the tourney.

FCC's Julie Borquez, Cheryl Jackson, Dena O'Daniel and Jenny Lueck made the All-tournament team.

Ram baseball leads CVC

Dan Andre
Sports editor

A victory over Hancock last Saturday stretched the FCC baseball team's winning streak to six games but the Kings River Tigers snapped the streak on Tuesday, March 13.

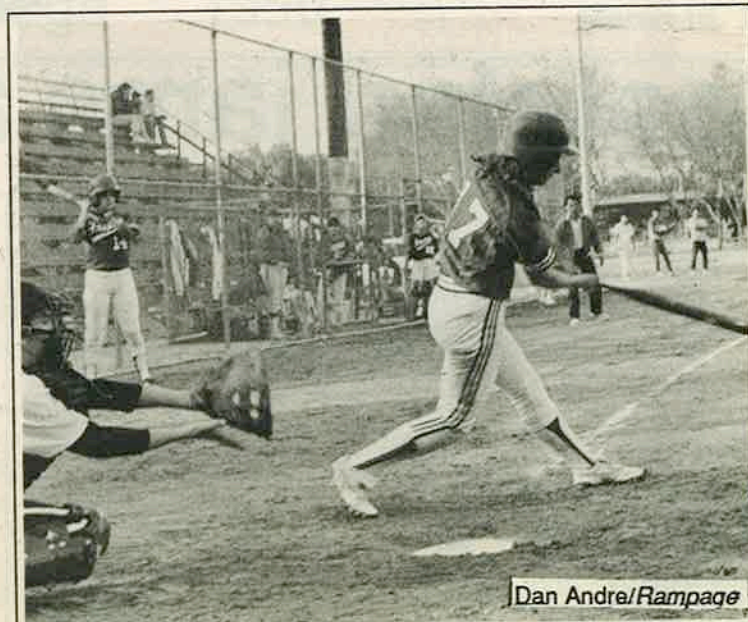
FCC extended their winning streak with a lopsided 15-3 victory over Hancock last Saturday in Santa Maria.

Chad Stark was the star for the Rams with two singles and a double and six RBI's while Noel Almaguer had three hits in the game to pace the Rams 15 hit attack.

Freshman pitcher Richie Juarez got the win for the Rams. Juarez scattered seven hits while striking out two and didn't walk a batter in seven innings of work.

The Rams winning streak snapped on March 13 as they were beaten by the Kings River Tigers 8-4 at Eulless Park.

The Tigers got to Ram pitchers for 16 hits while scoring four times in the second, two times in the third and two times in the sixth innings.

Sheila Roberts singles to right
as Rachel Cantu waits on deck

Dan Andre/Rampage

Basketball players get honors

Dan Andre
Sports editor

The season may be over for the men's and women's basketball teams here at FCC, but both teams have a lot to be proud of.

The Lady Rams finished the season in third place in the Coast Valley Conference and went to the regional playoffs but American River ended their season with a 65-44 first round victory.

The Rams would have liked to have gone further, but the team had some post-season honors that took some of the sting off an early exit from the tournament.

LaSonia Cole was named to the 1989-90 California Community College Women's All-State basketball team.

The sophomore forward averaged 16.2 points, 8.6 rebounds and 6.8 steals per game.

Some other Rams also received post-season accolades as well. Sophomore guard Dena O'Daniel and freshman center Mary Hall were chosen for the All-CVC team as was Cole.

The men also had a season to be proud of.

The men may have finished fifth in the CVC, but they definitely made their presence felt in the NorCal tournament.

After upsetting Butte College in the first round, the Rams traveled to Visalia to meet league rival College of the Sequoias.

COS was heavily favored but the Rams played one of their best games of the season defeating COS 76-72.

FCC was only one win away from advancing to the state tournament but was defeated 82-75 by Chabot College.

Sophomore forward Terrence Morris and freshman center Eric Little both made the All-CVC team.

Freshman guard Steve Rankin set a new FCC single-season record by dishing out 284 assists. The previous record of 269 stood for 22 years.

The Rams ended the year 21-14.

FRESNO CITY COLLEGE
1990 SPRING INTRAMURAL
SPORTS

March 23:	12-3 p.m.
3 on 3 Basketball (M & W)	Gym
March 30:	1-5 p.m.
Table Tennis Tournament	Student Lounge
April 6:	9-11 a.m.
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Racketball Courts	11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Tug-of-War	
Free Speech Area	12 - 2 p.m.
Showcase Run	
Campus Course	12 - 5 p.m.
Volleyball Tournament	
Gym	
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FEATURES

Rastafari jams at the Paradise Cove



Ras Michael jams at the Paradise Cove, embodying the first order of rastafari . . . majesty.

Jams Donnelly
Staff writer

Graced with the rhythms and arrangements of reggae, the Paradise Cove, a local club here in Fresno, was magically transformed into a temple of Rastafari, Saturday night, February 24.

Delivering the message of peace, love and equality were two very influential reggae bands-- *The Itals* and *Ras Michael and the Sons of Negos*.

Instantly establishing a loving relationship with the audience, *The Itals* opened the show with a flawless set. The crowd, initially unaccustomed to the atmosphere of live reggae, gradually began filling the dance floor as *The Itals* jammed.

The Itals, with Ronnie Davis, Keith Porter and Lloyd Ricketts sharing vocals, kept the house rocking for nearly two hours with material from their albums, including their latest album *Cool and Dread*.

During the intermission, the crowd, awaiting Ras Michael, mingled amongst each other inside and outside the house. Their diversity was a very unusual sight. Wendy Russell, the promoter, was very pleased.

"This is great, isn't it?!" she smiled. "We lost our alcohol-drinking audience but who cares? It's great to see all the kids here. People are still coming in and the show is fabulous!"

Russell echoed the sentiments of many in attendance. There were people of all ages enjoying the show, a rare occurrence in Fresno, where the 21 or over limit is in effect at most nightclubs.

In any event, the crowd was ready for Ras Michael when intermission concluded. The dance floor was filled, and tables were being cleared to add more space.

Backstage, Ras Michael and the rest of the band were getting ready to go on. Rick Acosta and Shane Markham, FCC students, huddled around Ras Michael, absorbing all they could from the reggae legend. Then, offering a prayer to Jah, the band hit the stage. Jah! Rastafari!

Embodying the first order of Rastafari . . . majesty, Ras Michael did everything but disappoint. Backed by a ten-man band including *The Itals*, seated with his nyabingi drums between his legs, Ras Michael was enthusiastically greeted by the crowd.

Playing songs covering the full range of his career, which began with opening slots for Bob Marley and the Wailers, Ras Michael provided the audience with a truly unique musical experience.

At one point, he stood and enjoined the audience in a sort of evocation to Jah. Soon the whole place was standing and chanting in unison . . . Jah! Rastafari!

There was little doubt when the show ended a few minutes later that reggae had hit Fresno with a bang. Thanks to Paradise Cove, to *The Itals* and *Ras Michael and the Sons of Negos*, and, especially to Jah, all present had a killer time.

Perhaps no one can explain it better than Acosta and Markham. After the show, both could describe their experience in only one word- awesome!

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