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FCC Iraqi student depicts life under Hussein's regime

Steve Carr
Editor

***Hussein's government operates
under a network of informers.**

***Sami's family is currently living
less than 100 miles from Baghdad**

While issues about the American-led Desert Storm war continue to be debated, the Arab point of view in Iraq and throughout much of the Middle East remains steadfast. Arabs despise Israel, and for the most part, support Saddam Hussein.

Sami (not his real name) is a 28-year-old Fresno City College engineering student from Karbala, Iraq, which is less than 100 miles from Baghdad.

"I grew up being taught that Israel is our number one enemy," explained Sami. "Our geography books and history books said Israel took away the Arabs' (Palestinian) home land, and one day Arabs will retake it from Israel."

"There are a lot of Arab leaders who say they are for the Palestinians," said Sami. "But the people support Hussein because he is willing to go all the way to stop Israel."

"Now the people see who is the real true Arab because he will take on Israel."

These same history books revealed very little to Sami of the mass murders of six million Jews at the hands of Adolf Hitler and the Nazi's

"We basically were taught about

Hitler's military mistakes of taking on Russia at the same time he took on the African front and the western front," explained Sami. "The death camps weren't mentioned very much."

Sami moved to America in 1980 to attend school. His father, mother,

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**-Sami
FCC student from Iraq**

sister and brother now live in Baghdad.

"I last talked to my family on January 12," said Sami. "I told them to make their way to Karbala because it is a holy city and the allies won't bomb it."

With most communications wiped out by allied bombing raids, it is unlikely Sami will be able to speak to his family anytime soon. He is now caught in the same waiting game that families of American service people are.

"I can only wait and hope," replied Sami. "I feel the Gulf War is a political game, and not just about oil. I think very few people in this country care about the Kuwaitis."

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Many westerners have difficulty understanding Hussein's cult following in the Arab world.

"The Arabs have a history in this

century they would rather not remember, but cannot forget, a common heritage of defeat and humiliation," wrote Christopher Dickey, Newsweek, August 29, 1990.

Nowhere are his supporters more fervent than among the Palestinians, who have no land to call their own. They are scattered throughout the Arab world often on the bottom of the economic ladder and without much political clout.

"He makes life easier for Arabs not born in Iraq but who still live there," said Sami. "If a Palestinian or Jordanian living in Iraq wants to import or export goods to or from the country, they will pay a much cheaper tax than an Iraqi national."

Hussein's reasoning is that "We are all Arabs" and as foreigners, these people don't have the family financial support in Iraq to afford the high tariffs, according to Sami.

Hussein has consistently used violent means to maintain his power.

In 1968 the Ba'ath party, of which Hussein is a member, seized control of the government in a coup. He had established himself within the party by trying to assassinate government officials and creating a pervasive internal-security apparatus.

"To get to the top, Hussein turned against a cousin, former Iraqi President and Ba'ath Party leader Ahmad Hassan al-Bakr, who had helped him accumulate power,"

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P.A.S.U. takes steps towards campus unity



Tash Stubblefield/ Rampage

**La Brent Chappell shares a moment with his aunt
Marci Lee during the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
celebration in the student lounge this week.**

**David Walker
Contributing Writer**

The Pan African Student Union (PASU) was formed in order to unite all African American students on campus. The club as a base to promote unity within the African American community and the recruitment of African American high school and junior high students.

PASU membership has declined steadily over the years and active student participation among exist-

ing members is almost non-existent.

"The African American student suffers from narcissism. They only want to participate in events that will benefit their individual needs," said PASU President Bill Owens. "I see a lot of black students on campus at the beginning of each semester, however, at the end of each semester I only see a few. They become discouraged because they feel that no one on campus wants to help them so they drop

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Fall grades finally mailed out



Tash Stubblefield/ Rampage

**My mom won't go for the computer screw-up excuse
again this semester. I used that one last time.**

**Celéste Cox
Managing editor**

After a month and a half delay, the grades for the fall 1990 semester have been mailed out. The delay, according to Dr. Ward Lasher, dean of admissions and records, was caused by a switch in computer systems by the Fresno City College Administration.

The Administration changed computer systems from Honeywell to DEC, because the Honeywell

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Editorial- "Crisis in the Valley"

Celeste Cox
Managing editor

Recycling is now intergrated into our society. While it is good that people are finally accepting a little responsibility for the environment, it is bad that society in general waited this long.

It is a sad thing that the U.S. had to wait until landfills were virtually full to wake up and realize that something needed to be done.

Now, another environmental problem is escalating on the horizon. This problem is the water shortage.

Fresno can't afford to make the same mistake with water as it did with the trash factor.

Since Fresnoans haven't yet been hit with a hard blow, now is the time to take precautions. To wait any longer could be a mistake that Fresno will regret for a while to come.

Last November, there was a measure on the ballot to prevent water meters from being installed in private residences. It failed.

Cutting through all the legal jargon and initiative propaganda that was dished out at the time, this meant that Fresnoans wanted water meters on their homes.

While there should be action taken to prevent Fresno from falling victim to the drought, this is not the answer. Water meters on houses would make no difference in the amount of water each household uses daily. If the city were to charge water bills on the amount used, residents would just pay more money and ignore the meters.

In effect, the only thing water meters would be good for is to create a new profession. Water Meter Radiology... the wave of the future.

What Fresno needs is a real solution. The city needs to crack down on residents who wash their cars twice a week, water their lawns every

day and let water run into the gutters.

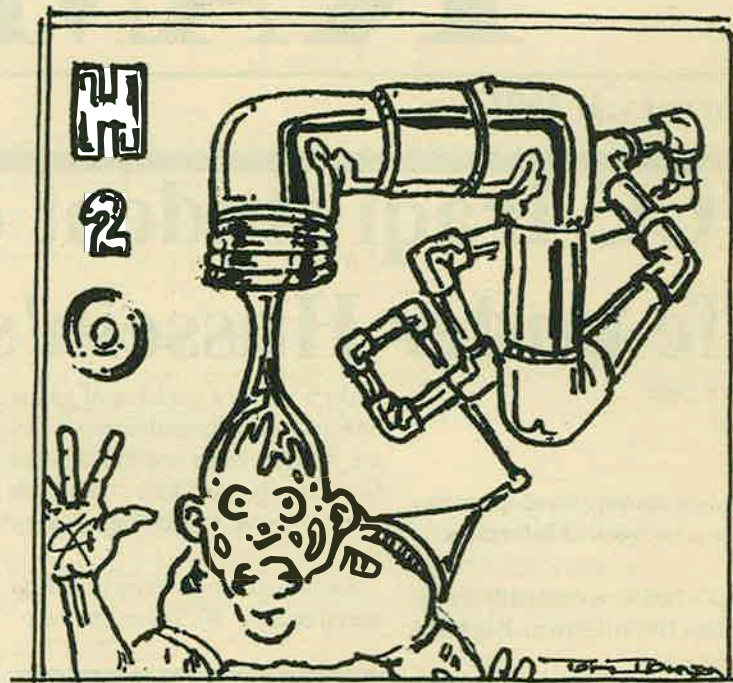
If this means that the Fresno Police Department has to start writing citations to those who waste water, so be it.

It is far better that people pay severe fines they feel are unnecessary than to see water go to waste. It is our most precious resource, and should be treated as such.

During the summer, residents are plagued with various reminders to not waste water. For example, the guy who is somewhere between Bart Simpson and Howdy Doody pointing to his left and right to the sound of "Odd, even. Odd, even," reminding residents when they can and cannot water their lawn.

However, this publicity has been lost during the winter. If the city is going to make a true effort to save water, it can't be a seasonal thing. It has to be an all-year effort.

Start saving water today so we can have it to use tomorrow.



Artwork by Tom Johnson/Rampage

Even drinking water can no longer be taken for granted. Water levels are moving to a dangerously low level.

Nothing compares 2 Sinead's shenanigans

Steve Diddy
Contributing writer

Some of the best popular music in recent years has come out of Ireland and Sinead O'Connor is definitely no exception.

She is an artist that is relatively new on the popular music scene and will have many musical years ahead of her-if she follows a few simple guidelines:

1) You have a great voice, but please use it for singing and try to keep it shut otherwise.
2) Be a little less hypocritical. You say you are boycotting the Grammy's because you believe the awards are a farce and serve no purpose beyond furthering musicians careers and drawing unwanted attention to them.

A woman who shaves her head bald has a lot of guts, but put things into perspective-you must have realized that you would be a magnet for attention by doing this.

3) Take all the money that you save on hair-care products and start your own awards program that does not draw attention to people. You protest but give no alternatives.

4) You claim to be a spokesman (or is the status quo spokesperson) for women everywhere, but you are a lousy role model for them. By shaving your hair you say you are expressing your true self. Grow up! Would you really be a different person if you had hair. You ex-

press yourself best with your music, it's what comes from the heart that counts.

5) Never go to Prince's house again, that was a bad public relations move.
6) Never go into the public relations field.

7) Speaking of public. You've been seen hanging out with Flavor Flav of Public Enemy in Rolling Stone. Let him influence you a little more, it'll do you some good. I can foresee your next hit now-"Fear of a Bald Planet."
8) I'm sure you take criticism about your activism and haircut in stride by saying that you don't care what people think about you, but there is a fine line between doing what you want regardless of what others think and being a bumbling fool.

There are a lot of bad musicians that seep through the cracks and make it in the pop music world. Award programs attempt to distinguish between the bad and the good.

Of course choosing the best is never an exact science and everyone won't be pleased when the winners are read on Grammy night.

But just as there are those bad ones there are those who can compare 2 U and can steal the spotlight from you. As long as you keep that military shave and continue your boycott campaigns people will ask, "Where is Sinead, what is she doing now." As long as you continue to make good music people will buy it. You didn't ask for it, but you got it. So deal with it like an adult.

Time to reclaim African-American self-esteem

David Walker
Contributing Writer

The problem with Black History is that the term leads one to associate with a race of people. There is no such race as being "black" in color that is, for all people of color are various shades of brown.

The only history that can be derived from black history is the word black itself which has been stereotyped and stigmatized as being evil and unclean.

Take for example the terms black market, blackball, blackmail, and blackout and you can easily see that all these terms have been used to debase and degrade the object to which they are referring.

The term "Black Man" can easily be placed into this category of contempt and defamation. European philosophy and religion have always reinforced the belief that everything evil is black and everything white is good.

This idea is rooted in Western civilization and is practiced to this very day. Indeed it is time for people of color to disassociate themselves from the term black.

There are no "Yellow History Month," no "Brown History Month," or "Red History Month." People cannot trace their heritage unless they have a definite culture. Black people aren't black, they are brown. All brown skinned people

are descendants of Africa which was the birthplace of Adam and Eve, or shall I say man and civilization as we now know it.

There is no black history unless you are referring to the history of the word black itself. African American History is the only term that can connect people with their history and the land from which they were stolen.

African American History Month should celebrate not only our history here in America but our history in Africa as well.

Some may say that the term is not that important, yet they are mistaken. The proper name commands respect. No one respects nigger, colored, or a Negro for all these terms were created by the white man in order to elevate himself above all people of color.

Indeed it is time to reclaim Africa and all that it embodies from the Zulu Nation of Chaka to Egyptian civilization under the rule of the Queen Cleopatra. All that is African should be glorified and cherished, for we are its children.

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Letters to the editor

(Letters are edited for space purposes)

Dear Editor:

The other day I was walking by the administrative building. I noticed a group of handicapped workers cleaning the windows and sweeping the sidewalks. It made me proud to know that my school supports handicapped workers. It's great to see that times are changing, and special people like these are able to work on campus. They must feel very good about themselves, knowing they have "real" jobs. I take my hat off to these workers, and say "more power to them!"

Susan Doolittle

Dear Editor:

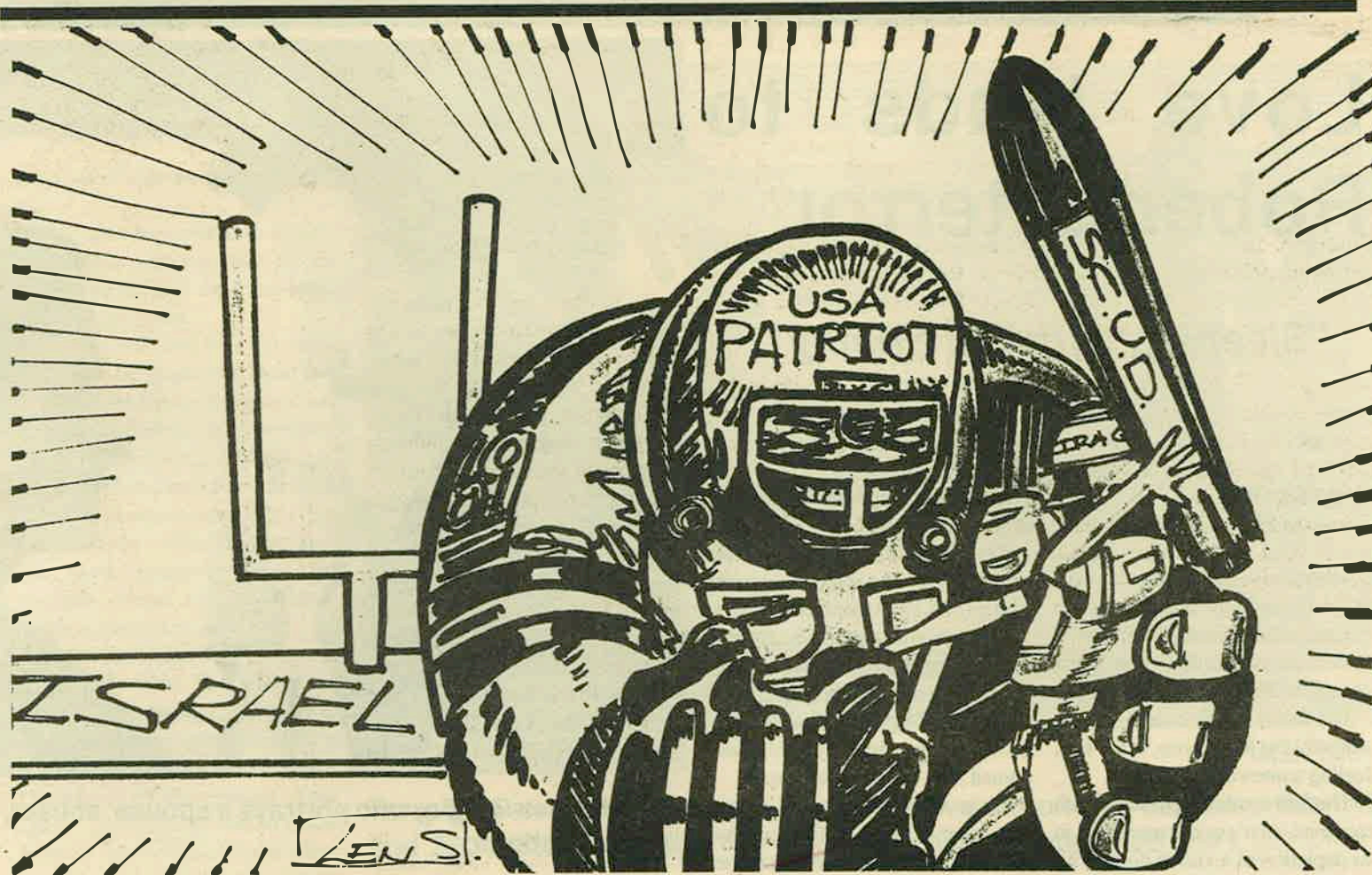
Mr. Starks' face still stings from the slapping, while our Kuwaiti hearts and souls will never cease bleeding for the suffering of our women, children, and elderly. Mr. Starks' propaganda has no place in an informed society.

I will attempt to inform the American public as much and as efficiently as possible about the Middle East in regards to culture, values, politics, and religion. I leave the judgment to those worthy of making it.

Mr. "Disinformed" Starks addresses the issue of religious tolerance: "My gov't is asking me and you... to defend countries... that don't allow freedom to worship Our God."

For everybody's information, especially Mr. Starks, the God we worship is the same God worshiped by Christians and Jews.

God almighty doesn't belong to anyone, he isn't ours, yours, or anybody else's. Again on the issue of religious tolerance, Kuwait has more than forty-five Christian churches that are fully allowed the freedom to practice their beliefs.



Artwork by Lenny Sherman/Rampage

As for Jews, that is a different issue. The Israeli-Palestinian problem has lead to an Arab boycott of Israeli products. Thus no sign of Jewish religion or influence is eminent in the Arab countries.

As for the various other religions of the world, all Mr. "Disinformed" Starks needs to do is to take one trip to downtown Kuwait to realize the diversity of cultures and religions that exist in the Arab world.

On the issue of women's rights, Mr. Starks stirs up emotions by purporting that these rights cease to exist in the Middle East.

The main difference between an American working woman and an Arab working woman is their attire.

The Islamic religion requires a woman to cover every region of her body except the face, hands, and feet. This is because the woman is

treated as a jewel that needs protection from the eyes of evil doers and sick perverted personalities. Here again, Mr. Starks told about women being viewed as sex objects, LOOK WHO'S TALKING!!!

Maybe Mr. Starks has a temporary case of amnesia where he seems to have forgotten all about "Playboy," "Penthouse," and pornographic movies.

At least in the Arab world, these materials are banned by law. Mr. Starks, no offense, but wake up and smell the coffee! One look from the window of a New York apartment and you'll form a new view on real life in the U. S.

Maybe Mr. Starks has forgotten all about teenage pregnancy, rape, white supremacy, and imperialism! Better yet, perchance he's never heard of the KKK (Ku Klux Klan)?

So if Mr. Starks has any more bright ideas to stir disunity among proponents of the crisis in the gulf, please step forward.

A critic should always look in the mirror before he opens his mouth to release unpleasant remarks.

I think that I have served my purpose of revealing Mr. Starks' exploitation of society's ignorance, regarding issues in the Middle East, to convey his ill-willed message.

Ali "D"

Dear Editor,

I saw in the latest ABC poll that three out of every four Americans approve of the U.S. going to war with Iraq. I would like to appeal to anyone in this majority, to shed

some light into my humble intellect. Can you please show me the logic, and not the ambiguity of achieving peace by war?

Would you tell me that if Kuwait's main export were carrots, we'd be risking American lives?

If anyone thinks the U.S. is intervening in the Middle East out of a moral obligation, should ask themselves why we did nothing when Russia invaded Afghanistan.

Or why we sit idly by while apartheid continues in South Africa?

Are Kuwaiti lives placed at a higher value than Afghani or South African lives? No, but is oil worth more than sand?

Danen Mankini

Roving Reporter:



by Jira Parakul

What affect would a \$5 or \$6 increase per unit have on you attending Fresno City College next semester?



"It would make it very difficult for me to attend."

Emory Ellis
Communication Arts



"For me, it would mean nothing."

Alex Gomez
Respiration Prac.



"I can't afford it. I wouldn't be able to get any financial aid."

Troy Perriman
General Ed.



"It wouldn't affect me at all."

Lisa Aten
Physical Ed.

Entertainment

Love leads to Roberts' terror

"Sleeping with the Enemy"

Ann Ridolfi
Rampage Staff

There are at least three moments in "Sleeping With the Enemy" when the audience screams in unison—almost as they might on a roller coaster at Magic Mountain.

For the rest, the movie is suspenseful but leaves you, in the end, feeling somewhat cheated.

The film combines suspense with romance, so it's not as merciless in its depiction of a victim dogged by someone else's obsession as "Fatal Attraction" was.

Here, the victim is Laura (Julia Roberts) while the driven persecutor is her husband Martin (Patrick Bergin).

After three years, desperate Laura finds an escape from her marriage to a well-off financier who might strike her one minute and kiss her the next.

His abuse comes without warning.

Although Laura's exciting escape at sea during a storm could not have been staged, we learn through flashbacks that she had secretly pre-

pared herself, waiting for the day she could flee.

She takes swimming lessons while leaving the impression with Martin that she still can't swim.

Laura begins a new life, changing her identity and moving in with her mother in an Iowa town.

She has the good fortune to have a warm and friendly neighbor named Ben (Kevin Anderson).

Their mutual attraction grows along with her trust and their sunny romance is a relief in an otherwise somber depiction of wife abuse.

But in straying so soon from the scene of her tormentor, played with menace by Bergin, we're not able to feel that we really know Laura or Martin well enough—that they're fully rounded characters.

Instead, there's Martin's mute sadism with violence as a prelude to sex.

Add to that his compulsive neatness (soup cans and such must be stacked just so in the cupboard and towels perfectly aligned in the bathroom).

But we know nothing of his work life where he succeeds in spite of



Actor Patrick Bergin, who portrays a spouse abuser, frightens his wife, played by Julia Roberts.

his frenzied state through much of the film.

As for Laura, we know a little more of her past.

She confides to her Greyhound bus seatmate: "I had a husband and he hurt me. I'm afraid of never getting my life back together."

Once the hunt for Laura begins and Martin moves in closer to his prey, suspense mounts.

Lurking in the halls of the nursing home, dressed in a flowing black coat, Martin resembles a cross between Dracula and Darth Vader—

he is the personification of evil.

But here again we are deprived of an exciting cat and mouse game and the resolution comes too soon.

As it turns out, the romance between Laura and Ben is too prolonged and detracts from the movie's focus as a tale of terror.

For instance, we could have done without Laura's playful change of costumes in the drama department—reminiscent of her Rodeo Drive shopping spree in "Pretty Woman," although "Sleeping with the Enemy" was made first.

Roberts is, as usual, appealing with her flash-of-sunlight smile and full mouth. She is vulnerable and there really is a look of pain and fear in her dark eyes.

Kevin Anderson is winning as the rescuer with his boyish looks and sense of fun, a contrast with Bergin's dark handsomeness.

Director Joseph Ruben, who also directed "The Stepfather" and "True Believer," has created a suspenseful tale, a reverse "Fatal Attraction" that falls somewhat short. But it has its moments.

Tower Beat

Live Entertainment

Friday Feb. 15 - Local Boys (Wild Blue)

Friday Feb. 15 - Confirmation Jazz Quartet (Butterfield's)

Saturday Feb. 16 - Bimbo Walker and the Mighty Shuffleos (Wild Blue)

Saturday Feb. 16 - Confirmation Jazz Quartet (Butterfield's)

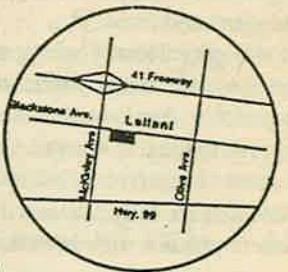
Wednesday Feb. 20 - Jazz Jam (Butterfield's)

Thursday Feb. 21 - Roger Perry (Butterfield's)

Friday Feb. 22 - Marvelettes (Wild Blue)

Friday Feb. 22 - Confirmation Jazz Quartet (Butterfield's)

Saturday Feb. 23 - Confirmation Jazz Quartet (Butterfield's)



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Sports

Men's track dashes towards spring season

Steven Fisher
Rampage staff

Fresno City College men's track will be very deep in the speed department this season. FCC Coach Bob Fries remarked, "It's exciting when you get a bunch of sprinters together". Fresno in fact, is lucky this year to have enough sprinters to field two solid relay teams.

Fresno's sprinters are led by sophomores Terry Bowen, Keshon Johnson, Larry Douglas and Keith Johnson.

In their first meet, Terry Bowen won both the 100 meters with a time of 10.62 sec., and the 200 meters with a time of 22.05 sec. FCC also captured the 1600 meter relay.

Aside from the sprinting talent, the Rams are also proficient at the long jump. Key jumpers include sophomores Keshon Johnson (defending state champion) and Larry Douglas, who won the

long jump with an effort of 23'9 1/2".

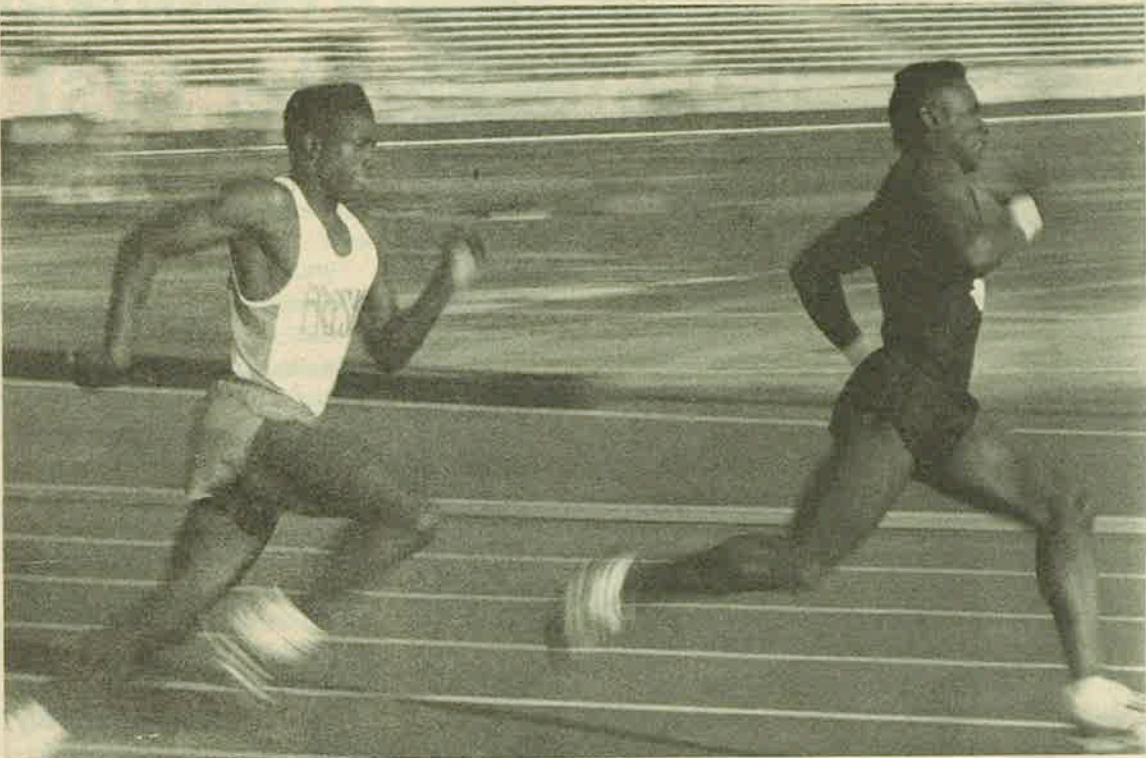
FCC also has freshman Robert House who will not only do the long jump but also the triple jump and the high jump.

Hurdles will also be a top event with Dan Bingham and Dean Alderman. Freshman Bingham has already equaled his high school best on the higher college hurdles.

The team is experienced in most areas but could use more help at the long distance events. Another area that needs improvement is the strength events shotput, discus, hammer throw and javelin.

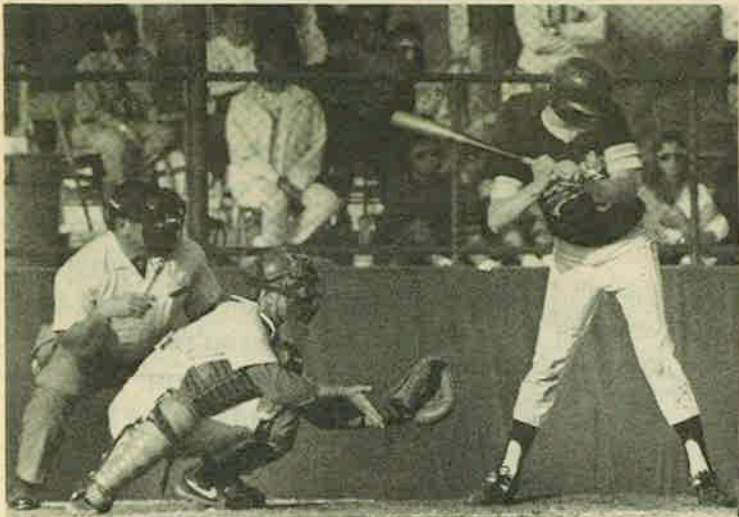
Coach Fries has led the FCC track squad since 1964. This will be his last season coaching. Coach remarked, "I'd like to travel and if my golf game comes around, maybe I'll try out for the Seniors' Tour again." Last year he missed qualifying by two-strokes. He also plans to aid in fundraising for the team.

In his many years at Fresno he even coached sprinter Keshon Johnson's father, Lorenzo Johnson.



D. Fultz/P.I.O

Terry Bowen in high gear during 1990 competition. He captured the 100 and 200 meter events in the FCC meet on Saturday, February 9.



Angel DeJesus/Rampage

FCC catcher Ken Bliss in action against Cabrillo.

Hurlers are key to this year's diamond success

Steve Fisher
Rampage staff

The Fresno City College baseball team has great potential for strength in its pitching staff according to Coach Ron Scott.

Key pitchers this year include sophomores Richie Juarez, Shad Williams, Brian Fontes, and Jeff Johnson. All four were drafted by major league clubs last year but turned down the offers.

Freshman Joey Jacobson, Ismeal Castaneda (currently finishing the FCC basketball season), Tony Chavira and Eric Guerrero, will also see action.

Crucial to success this season is mounting an offensive attack. Returning veterans include first baseman Dino Downum, third baseman-

designated hitter Noel Almaguer, and in the outfield Scott Fleming, Vince Bowen, Chad Stark and also Richie Juarez.

The Rams opened the season going 3-0-1 in the Fresno City College-Kings River Community College Tournament. FCC defeated Golden West 4-0 and 4-3. FCC also King River 2-0 and tied Canada 2-2. The Canada game was decided in favor of the Rams. The judgement was reached after the thirteenth inning base on which team had the least walks.

Fresno played in the FCC baseball tournament the following week. Fresno lost the opener to Delta College 5-4. The Rams stayed alive by pummeling Bakersfield CC 13-0 and sliding by Cabrillo 3-2. FCC was eliminated by San Mateo 7-5, bringing its overall record to 5-2-1.

February Sports

Men's Athletics

Date	Opponent	Location	Sport	Time
Fri.-Sun. Feb. 15-17	Casey Stengle Tourn.	Santa Ana	Baseball	T.B.A.
Sat. Feb. 16	American River/ Bakersfield	Fresno	Track	12noon
Sat. Feb. 16	Kings River	Reedley	Basketball	7pm
Sat. Feb. 16	Modesto Tourn.	Modesto	Tennis	All Day
Tues. Feb. 19	Merced/Monterey	Monterey	Golf	1pm
Wed. Feb. 20	Hartnell	Salinas	Tennis	1:30pm
Fri.-Sun. Feb. 22-24	San Joaquin Delta Tourn.	Stockton	Baseball	T.B.A.
Fri. Feb. 22	U.O.P JV's	Fresno	Tennis	2 pm
Fri. Feb. 22	DeAnza/Hartnell	Cupertino	Track	2:15pm
Sat. Feb. 23	First Rnd. Playoffs	T.B.A.	Basketball	T.B.A.
Tues. Feb. 26	Delta/Modesto	Oakdale GC	Golf	1pm
Weds. Feb. 27	Cuesta	San Luis Obispo	Tennis	2pm
Thurs. Feb. 28 2:15pm	Glenndale/ Scottsdale/ South Mountain	Glenndale, AZ	Track	
Thurs. Feb. 28	Kings River	Reedley	Baseball	2:30pm

Women's Athletics

Date	Opponent	Location	Sport	Time
Sat. Feb. 16	Napa Valley	Fresno	Basketball	5pm
Sat. Feb. 16	American River/ Bakersfield	Fresno	Track	12noon
Tues. Feb. 19	San Joaquin Delta	Stockton	Tennis	2pm
Weds. Feb. 20	NorCal Regionals	T.B.A.	Basketball	T.B.A.
Fri. Feb. 22	DeAnza/ Hartnell	Cupertino	Track	2:15pm
Fri. Feb. 22	Modesto/ American River	Modesto	Tennis	All Day
Tues. Feb. 26	Hartnell	Salinas	Tennis	2pm
Thurs. Feb. 28	Glenndale/ Scottsdale/South Mountain	Glenndale, AZ	Track	2:15pm

Campus

Moving on to a university? See the Transfer Center first

Ann Ridolfi
Rampage staff

Fresno City College students planning to earn a bachelor's degree may find pitfalls along the way.

"John," for instance, thought he'd taken required courses in his journalism major that could be transferred to Fresno State University.

Jill Harmon, Transfer Center Coordinator, says, "Our articulation between FCC and four-year colleges is better than ever. One, because we have a very competent articulation officer named Mary Alice Easton.

"Second, we have a Transfer Center that focuses on developing a stronger relationship with the CSU system and the University of California system."

The Center hosts visitations from colleges including private ones, conducts workshops, and develops stronger links with services such as housing. The Transfer Center, located in the Student Services building, has existed at FCC since 1985. It began as a pilot program but is now a permanent one.

Articulation, the determination of how courses taken at FCC can be used in a four-year program, is a function of transfer.

Easton works on course-to-course articulation with FCC and various colleges and then dissemination that information to counselors.

Since courses at other institutions often have different titles and numbers, articulation agreements must be made between schools to qualify certain courses for transferable units.

For instance, FCC Psychology 7

would get credit for Psych 7 at Fresno State. Courses are never identical, but it must be determined which courses are roughly equivalent to each other, says Harmon.

The student must be aware of which courses will satisfy his or her major requirement at another institution.

**-Jill Harmon
Transfer Center
Coordinator**

"Each institution is very protective of their course being unique and special," she says.

It's a time-consuming process. It sometimes takes a long time to make a decision that a course is basically the same as one given at FCC.

When new courses are introduced here, there's communication with other colleges about its match-up with one of their courses.

FCC has strong articulation with FSU since so many students transfer there. Usually a series of courses is submitted at the same time to other colleges for the purpose of drawing up articulation agreements which are actual contracts.

It's a never ending process, since even standing courses undergo change at times and must be re-evaluated for their transferability to a particular institution.

Although the office with its 10 counselors is busy, it welcomes and

encourages students to use its services to spare themselves trouble later.

"What we have now is a standardized general education pattern for CSU.

"As long as an FCC student completes a CSU GE pattern, the community college need only certify that the GE requirement has been fulfilled," says Harmon.

"That is why students need to see a counselor. My question to John would be, 'Have you seen a counselor?' Very likely students have not. They just listen to their friends or pick and choose classes.

"Our FCC catalogue specifically outlines courses that are transferable. But students don't see a catalogue as something useful. Most students haven't read page 43 of their catalogue (where transferable courses are listed.)"

The Counseling Center provides sheets that can tell a student the major pre-requisite courses, but also which GE pattern to follow. Although GE patterns are similar for all majors, they vary for a few such as engineering and mathematics.

It also has copies of catalogues of state colleges and universities; the Career Center has them on microfiche, to further aid the student.

Transfer to an out-of-state campus means that the student will have to do a little more work with a counselor.

"We do the very best to help students work with us so that they don't spend any more time here than they have to, and that they take the right classes," says Harmon.

The student must be aware of which courses will satisfy his or her major requirement at another insti-



Jira Parakul/Rampage

Jill Harmon advises a student.

tion. Most FCC students satisfy their GE or major pre-requisites while here, says Harmon.

Full time FCC students are now required to participate in a Student Education Plan (SEP) when they first register. They do their initial plan with educational advisors. Then, before they can register for the second semester, they must see a counselor to set up a four-year semester plan. This used to be voluntary, but has been mandatory for the past two years.

"Our students are getting more and better information so we don't have them spinning in circles," says Harmon.

If a student changes majors or drops out of school for a while, Harmon recommends seeing a counselor again. "A non-transfer student might become a transfer student if somebody gave them a spark of understanding or showed them the way," says Harmon.

"You might take their initial goal

and take it further. 'You mean I could take this and do that?' they might say. It opens up new choices," says Harmon. In fact, she said, the transfer rate has been rising for the past few years.

Recommendations to students to avoid transfer problems:

***See a counselor; don't wait until registration time.**

***Visit your counselor throughout the semester, whether you're a full or part-time student.**

***Take advantage of programs presented by the Transfer Center.**

Fresno City College boasts unique Language Lab

Kacy Kiggins
Rampage Staff



Jira Parakul/Rampage

Students hear tapes in Language Lab.

Many students on campus know that FCC has an audio/visual language laboratory. What is less widely known is that the language lab is one of the two best in the state of California.

It is comparable only to that of the University of California, Santa Barbara, according to Isaias Paz, the chairperson of the foreign language department.

Approximately four years ago the foreign language department was faced with replacing outdated lab equipment.

The department sent a committee of staff members to different colleges in California in search of a more modern system.

The committee was impressed with the language lab at UC Santa Barbara.

The total cost of modeling the new lab after UCSB's system was between \$60,000 and \$70,000, about \$30,000 more than was originally planned.

"Dr. Leach (FCC's former president and on loan to the state of California as the vice chancellor, of economic development and vocational education for the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office in Sacramento) was instrumental in helping us with finding additional money," stated Paz.

"He and the other department members wanted the latest equipment that would interface with video and computers, which is important."

Each of the 36 individual stations is equipped with a tape recorder and earphones which can either be controlled by the student or by the main computer terminal.

This makes it possible for more

than one student to listen to the same tape at the same time.

It also allows a student to have an instructional tape played from the main computer terminal, using his own terminal to record his own responses.

Another feature the lab offers is the ability to mix audio and visual learning for certain students without disturbing the other occupants.

This is possible because of the two television screens whose sound can be hooked up to one or many of the student terminals.

"We predict that enrollment in foreign language classes will increase, therefore necessitating a larger lab," explained Paz.

"The current lab has the capability of being expanded."

According to Paz, FCC can look forward to many productive years with this new language laboratory.

-----FCC News-----

The Health Center has a cure

Sonny Starks
Rampage staff

"If you treat a sick child like an adult and a sick adult like a child, everything usually works out pretty well."

Ruth Carlisle
Readers' Digest, 1989

The Fresno County Health Department has designated the FCC Health Center as an alternate test site for free, anonymous, walk-in testing for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) antibodies in one's system. (A positive test shows the individual has been exposed to the HIV virus. It does not mean the individual has AIDS.)

Voluntary testings for any member of the staff, student body or general public, will be on Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

This testing is only one of the many functions of the campus health center," says Pat Brunetti, FCC Public Health Nurse.

"This center is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. offering everything from basic first aid to immunizations to psychological services."

There are no direct costs for the services as they are covered in the \$7.50 health fee charged students during the initial class registration process.

"This fee covers the student with emergency accident insurance for any incident occurring in a classroom or during school-sponsored activities," Brunetti said.

"We also give out information on a low-cost supplemental plan that covers students both on and off the campus."

Brunetti and her staff encourage students to purchase this extra insurance because of the limited nature of the clinic and over-the-counter medications available here. It is not always possible to treat a non-accident problem as thoroughly

as it should be.

"Say a student comes in with an infected burn or blister," explains Brunetti. "We'll give them what treatment we can in the way of a topical solution, bandages or temporary pain relief. But if the need is more serious, they may have to see a doctor."

"It's best to have insurance to cover that kind of expense."

The health center's staff contributes to the initial crisis team that responds to any campus emergency. They all wear beepers and will usually be the second party arriving on the scene.

"The first to arrive are usually the campus police," Brunetti explains, "because they are the only ones authorized to drive vehicles on the campus."

"Of the four officers on their staff, at least one, if not more, is a trained Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)."

The campus police will take whatever emergency action is necessary with the assistance and under the medical advice of the center's nursing staff.

When the absolute immediate emergency needs have been addressed, the police will then concentrate on summoning an ambulance and controlling crowds.

The nurses tend the patient until the paramedics arrive.

Fortunately, life at the health center isn't that exciting all the time. When not responding to emergencies, the nurses and staff are actively involved in clinical duties and outreach programs.

"We also do health counseling and education, screening tests (blood pressure, hearing and vision), assisting students with insurance paperwork and giving limited immunizations," Brunetti said.

"Unfortunately, we are not authorized to give tetanus shots because of the limited serum available and expenses involved. How-

ever, we do provide TB skin tests for all prospective school employees, students and those who would like to work in our food service facilities."

Brunetti explained that her office also acts as a referral service to other county or state agencies in the event of rape, incest, child or spouse abuse problems or problems with drugs and alcohol.

"We sponsor and assist in any way possible all the 12-step programs, such as Alcoholics Anonymous, as well as act as campus coordinators for the Student Assistance Program (SAP) and the Student Outreach for Students (SOS)," she says.

"We're here to help the student in any way we can to stay in school and succeed in their respective educational goals."

And, we're always open to new ideas. If a student knows of a way to make our services better, by all means, give us a call," Brunetti said.

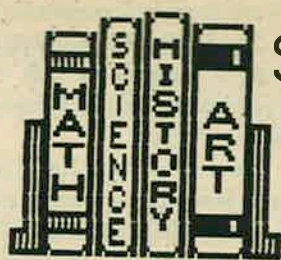
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Public Health Nurse Pat Brunetti and student Tracy Garcy demonstrate proper bandaging.

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computers "were outdated," said Lasher.

The delayed grades caused many problems for students and faculty. Some students needed their grades on time for insurance reasons, to transfer to four-year universities and other reasons.

At the end of last semester, Lasher gave a memo to each instructor to inform the students that if they needed their grades on time, they could give Lasher a written request. Lasher said his secretary has "worked for three weekends in a row" to keep up with the requests.

Lasher did not mind having to work overtime for the students. "I understand," he said. "When you need it, you need it."

The faculty offices were subject to a "large amount" of phone calls concerning the grades. The calls were "a natural thing," said Lasher. "If I were a student, I'd call, too."

The majority of the grades were mailed on Feb. 9, while the remainder were mailed on Feb. 11 and 12.

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out."

The problem stems from a lack of unity among African American students. These students rarely support the PASU or each other academically by forming study groups or tutoring on an individual basis. The PASU is suppose to be the base for all support yet it fails to do this because the students do not actively support the PASU.

"Today, African American student's feel that they can accomplish their goals on their own," said Owens. "In reality they need the help and support of other African Americans," said Owens.

"There is a lot of talk about unity among African American students on campus but its saddening to me because no one is working together to get things accomplished. America promotes the idea of Individualism and when African Americans approach the system as individuals the majority of them fail. The system was created for them to fail."

According to Owens, Fresno City College is part of the system that promotes the failure of African American students due to the administrations policy on dealing with student complaints.

"I went to the Dean of Student Affairs office to complain about a teacher I had a problem with and they gave me the run around," said Owens. "I was told to file my complaint from one office to another. I feel that the chain of command that I went through were steps taken to discourage or silence student complaints."

African American History Month is a time for celebration, recollection of past events, and the unification of all people of African American descent, and the present PASU officers are using this time to unite and organize all African American students in order to effectively bring about change that will breakdown the bureaucratic barriers that prohibit students from improving themselves on campus and throughout the community.

All students on campus are encouraged to attend PASU meetings held in the student lounge every Friday at 11:00 am.

News notes

The Native American Indian Students Association is sponsoring a Valentine's Day Dance to benefit the March of Dimes on Friday February 15 from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. in the FCC Cafeteria. Admission is \$7.50 in advance and \$10.50 at the door. More information is available Friday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Room SO-110.

Yosemite Park and Curry is offering recruitment for summer employment on February 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the north side of the Central Fountain. There are many positions available, such as Room Keeper and Desk Clerk, at a pay rate from \$4.25-\$4.60 an hour. For more information, call 442-8294.

Jobs are available for FCC students, ranging from Sales Clerk to Child Care to restaurant work. Salaries range from \$4.25 to \$22 an hour. Additional information is posted on the Job Placement boards in the Student Services Building.

The FCC Rainforest Club has merged with the Campus Ecology Club. Members are actively planning fund raisers and ways to help international environmental problems. New members are welcome. Contact Brian at 683-2496 for more information. The Rainforest club recently donated \$1,142 to the Rainforest Action Network,

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wrote Louise Lief, U.S. News & World Report, September 10, 1990.

"In 1979, Hussein engineered Bakr's resignation and became President, immediately launching a bloody purge.

"In 1983, when Hussein's war with Iran was going badly and there were rumblings about bringing back Bakr, Hussein's old mentor suddenly died. He was said to have been poisoned or killed in a car crash.

"He has arrested his brothers and killed his cousins to make sure no one forgets who's in charge."

Hussein's government operates under a mass network of informers who are drilled to report any act of disloyalty, be it friends, relations,

or even parents, according to The Economist, September 29, 1990.

"There was a beggar who lived on the streets of Baghdad for years," explained Sami. "As time went on, people began disappearing."

"I found out the beggar was working for Hussein's secret police as an informer. When citizens found out about it, the beggar was killed."

Hussein now seems content to let his nation be systematically destroyed by multi-national bombing raids. This appears to be another puzzling aspect to the equation, unless you ask Sami.

"When he came to power he said if he is going to leave, the whole region has to go also," said Sami. "I don't know how he is going to get out of it. This guy is going to fight to the last man."

"The only thing I'm concerned about is a lot of people are going to die. In the Iraqi army they don't care if they die, it's really sad."

Not only has this man attempted to reach back into the past to motivate his very religious people, also controls virtually every aspect of the present to eliminate any internal opposition.

Although Arabs might not support his means of control, he is still an Arab who fights for their beliefs.

"If I have to choose between democracy in Iraq and allowing foreign powers to dominate our lives," said Moness Razzaz, a Jordanian writer, "I will back Iraq and Saddam 100 percent."

Sami just wants his family to be safe.



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Is that a candybar floating in the fountain, or...?

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