

Robert Rogers, a computer student climbing his way to the library, is one of many handicapped students at FCC. Photo by Phuc Nguyen

## Handicapped students look for a helping hand

By Whitney Brown  
Rampage Reporter

Handicapped students are frequently overwhelmed by physical barriers others find routine.

What is FCC doing to help? Ramps are installed for those in wheelchairs and automatic buttons which open doors so that entry into buildings is less of a burden. But sometimes the buttons are positioned too high for students to reach and the ramps too steep to use.

Gregory Barfield, the campus Support Services Coordinator for the Enabler Program, said that the campus will provide more of these automatic door openers, but one at a time. His reasoning is, "The college is not required to go out and purchase them (automatic door openers) in bulk, nor will they. They'll do it on an individual basis when they get a chance to. They are trying to conform to the codes and standards but there are some problems because these devices aren't cheap."

Barfield stood in front of the elevator and inspected the buttons inside it and outside it asking, "Is this button placed too high for someone without full use of his limbs or

fingers? Should it be a face plate that need only be brushed with the tray of their chair or is a button better for them?"

"These are things you and I don't take into consideration on a daily basis," said Barfield, "but it can pose a real problem for those who are physically disabled."

Larry Miller, a student at FCC, was involved in an accident four years ago and is now quadraplegic. He uses both the ramps and the buttons which open doors on campus.

"Since I'm quadraplegic, I can't go up to one of those doors with a button and push it and expect it to open," explains Miller. "I don't have use of my fingers. I prefer the plates to the buttons because the plates protrude and with the button you have to push beyond the surface and that can be hard for me." Generally speaking, Miller thinks FCC does a great job providing accessible facilities for the handicapped. His only complaints are that in the elevators, the buttons are too high and some of the ramps are so steep that it's hard to remain in control as he travels down them.

"The ramps to the cafeteria and the

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## Freshman to lead protest of speaker Levin

By B.T. Wedemyer  
Rampage Reporter

A first-year FCC student ran into some roadblocks in his attempt to lead a protest of a controversial speaker scheduled April 4.

James Todd, 18, is asking students to confront Dr. Michael Levin, a philosopher from the City College of the City University of New York, who suggests that, on the average, people of African descent are genetically inferior to whites intellectually.

The subject of Levin's lecture, underwritten by FCC philosophy professor Dr. David Dye, deals with

the compatibility of equal opportunity and preferential treatment, a view opposing affirmative action.

As a former student of Dye, Todd learned of Levin's visit in class and he said he immediately took action in February. He also said he is confident the protest will be "peaceful."

"When students find out about the protest, I want them to realize what Dr. Levin is all about and why they are there," Todd said. "I don't want them to think of it as just something to do."

Todd said he posted about five flyers Feb. 14 asking students to join him outside of Forum Hall A

where Levin will be speaking.

The flyer is titled in large capital letters, "RACISM," and reads as follows:

"It's ugly and should be confronted wherever it appears. On Saturday April 4, 1992, Michael E. Levin is going to speak at FCC against affirmative action. Levin has asserted that the IQ of African-Americans is genetically inferior to whites. Under the guise of scientific objectivity, he plans to give his proof. Join your fellow students in a protest to be held from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. on April 4 in front of Forum Hall A."

Todd also left his name and tele-

phone number on the flyer to provide any other information.

On Feb. 15, Todd said he received a telephone call about 8:30 p.m. from Dye.

"He expressed his basic resentment of my flyer, and mentioned parts of it he felt were misleading," Todd said.

Dye later commented on the flyer.

"I've repeatedly said to my classes, and Mr. Todd was there to hear me say it, that the topic is whether preferential treatment and equal opportunity are compatible," Dye said. "Dr. Levin is not going to

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## Woman's Herstory

By J.L.Zewe  
Editor-In-Chief

Great women have stood behind great men throughout history. Only recently have they stepped out of the shadows and into the light of recognition.

March is National Women's Herstory (history) Month. A month to recognize and celebrate the triumphs and achievements of women through history.

To coin a phrase about women, "You've come a long way baby." But maybe not far enough. Although women have established a suitable place in society as workers and providers, they still seem to be looked down on.

Women continue to fight endless battles of sexism and prejudice.

What more do women have to do to prove that they are versatile and capable human beings?

Women have been to the moon on the Supreme Court, Olympic medalists, doctors, lawyers and mothers.

When people were asked who they thought was the most influ-

ential woman in history was, they answered with a lot of uhhs and ohhs. Even though there have been a number of powerful women in history, no one can seem to recall exactly who they were. Can you?

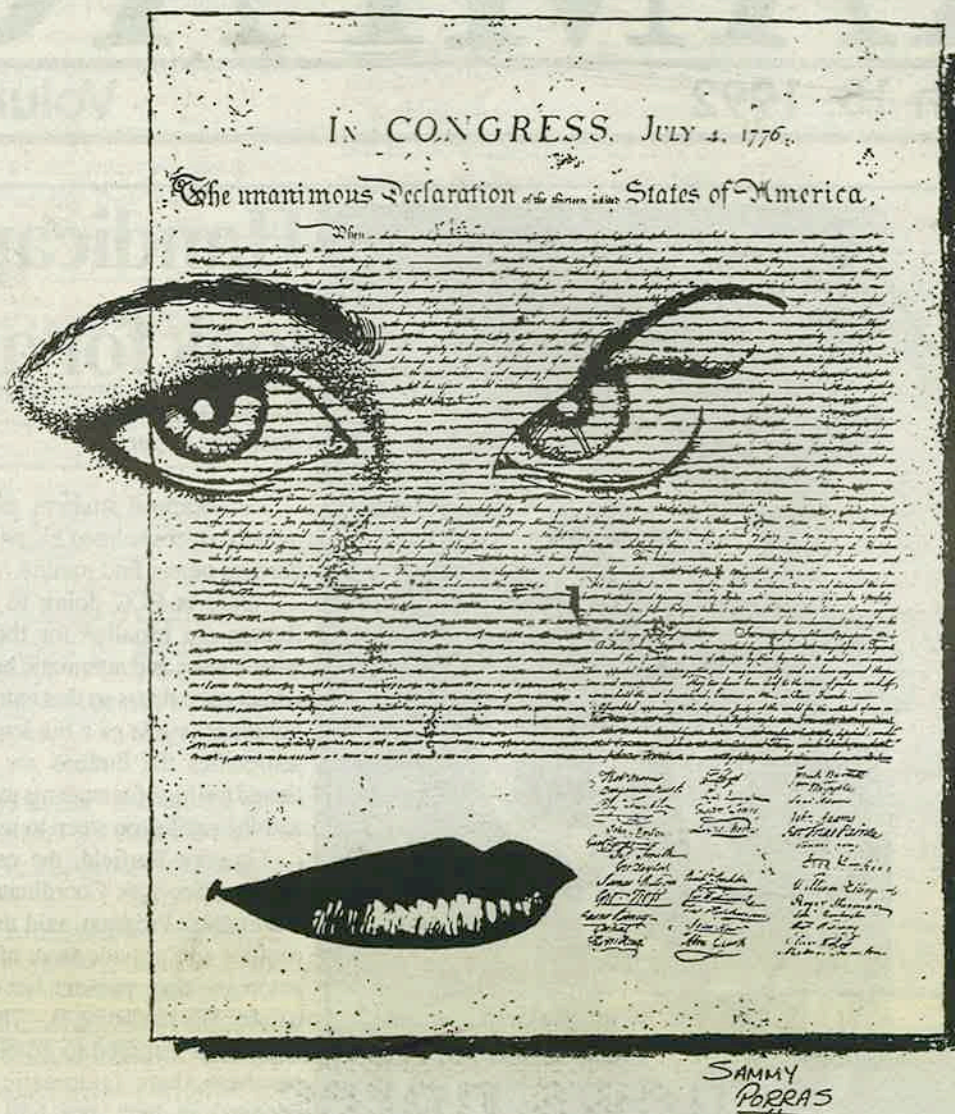
It's awfully disappointing to realize that Barbie is one of the major role models to the women of the future.

What can be done to help women overcome the barriers of stereotype that time has built? Stereotypes like, "A woman's place is in the home." "Women should be barefoot and pregnant in the kitchen."

Education is the key. If people take the time to learn about women's suffrage and equal rights they might appreciate women a little more.

People need to realize that a woman can do anything a man can do, maybe even better.

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## Club Week hits FCC

By Alexander Asher  
Rampage Reporter

FCC's first Club Awareness Week will occur throughout the mid-mornings and afternoons of next week.

"It's gonna be live, it's going to be pumped, it's going to be exciting," said Interclub Council chairperson Greg Simmons of the event.

Club Awareness Day was expanded to a week because of a need for student awareness and involvement with the clubs on campus, Simmons said.

"Clubs provide friendship and unity to hundreds of students on this campus," Simmons said. "They provide a network of students with similar likes and dislikes. Clubs also provide a network to instructors, businessmen, professionals, congressmen, and leaders of the community. It's not what you know anymore, it's who you know in a lot of cases."

Club Awareness Week will feature a different theme each day.

On Monday and Tuesday clubs will try to "awaken the student body to what's going on," said Simmons.

Representatives from different clubs will speak to classes and try to generate involvement among the student body. Unique foods will be sold at the fountain area to further stimulate student interest.

Wednesday is Club Awareness Day. Club competitions including the Most Spirited contest, which the M.A.S.S. club won on the last Club Awareness Day, will occur in the Free Speech Area. Wednesday will also include an international food fest, live music, and a disc jockey.

Thursday is dedicated to the more serious topic of religion. Representatives of different faiths will participate on this day and there will be a religious forum in the Student Lounge. Christian rock bands are also scheduled to perform on cam-

pus.

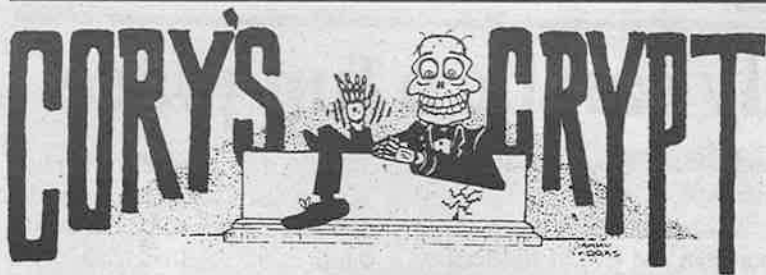
Friday is designated Beach Bum Day. Students will be able to play volleyball in the Free Speech Area while participating in a clam bake and fish fry. A screening of the Rocky Horror Picture Show is planned for that night in the FCC theatre.

The week ends on Saturday with a single-elimination softball tournament at the North Field. Ten to 16 teams will battle for softball supremacy.

About 25 clubs are expected to participate in this semester's Club Awareness Week. Clubs that are making first and second appearances this semester include FCC

Beach Bums, Secular Humanist Fellowship, Ski Club, Remnant Ministries, Teachers of Tomorrow, Mexican American Student Society, Geology Club, and the FCC Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Fellowship.





By Cory Stephn Tyler

So there you are, walking from one class to another, when all of a sudden...growl, your tummy's hungry.

What is one to do? Where is one to go? The cafeteria! (Now, if this were a horror movie, right now you would hear the blood-curdling screams.) Back to our story.

O.k. So you're standing in front of the cafeteria. Looks a little scary. Remember, you can't judge a book by its cover, or can you? Let's go inside.

Your first comment might be, "oohh, this place is pretty...NOT! Who originally designed this place? What else did they design? Army barracks?!

But let's imagine for a second that it's not the atmosphere that counts, but the food. Now there's a scary thought.

With the quality of the food, eat...no, no, you can't make me!!!

the price of the food and the oh-so-friendly service, it's no wonder that the fast food restaurants around the campus are so crowded during lunch.

The cafeteria does do one thing that no other place seems to do. They manage to serve food cold and hard. How do they do that? Do they have the world's first reversible microwave?

The one benefit of eating in the cafeteria is that if you get bored, all you have to do is look up and read one of the many posters hanging from the ceiling. Just think of the knowledge that you will receive. Why, you could learn all about the times of sporting events. It's a good thing that you're eating, because your brain is going to need a lot of energy.

And, speaking of energy, exactly how far do they expect you to walk to put your tray away? Is there a prize if you do it within a certain amount of time?

Speaking of time...time to

## ROVING REPORTER

### Does FCC have the right facilities to support handicapped students?

Photos by Michael Longenecker



Jill Korynasz; Photography

"Basically, yes, from what I can tell. Definitely not in the darkroom."



Steve Walker; Auto Mech.

"Some places, yes. Some places, no. I lived in Europe for two years and access is extremely limited there compared to here."



Donald Green; Recreation

"I've been to just about every building and they've modified for wheelchair access. But, there is one building, the library. We don't have access to books."



Brenda Estalilla; Computer Sci.

"From the ones that I've seen, yes. At least there are some facilities for the handicapped, like the elevators and the ramps."

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**CLUB AWARENESS DAY** is Wed., March 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Free Speech Area. There will be club booths, food and entertainment.

**ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY ELECTIONS** petitions will be available in the Student Affairs Office for you to sign in support of your favorite candidate. A candidate needs 150 signatures to be put on the ballot.

**TRANSFERRING TO FRESNO STATE ???** If you are thinking of transferring to a California State University you may want to attend a rally at FSU on March 18 protesting the 40 % fee hike proposed by Gov. Pete Wilson. Can you afford to pay \$2,000 a year for tuition and books? There will also be a trip to Sacramento for a protest on the Capitol steps on March 27. Call Dallas Blanchard 278-2656 for info.

**THE LA RAZA FACULTY AND STAFF ASSC.** challenges clubs MASS, MECHA, and AZTECA in raising \$39,000 towards a \$1 million FCC Endowment Campaign. The proceeds will generate \$3,000 in scholarships awarded yearly to Hispanic students (\$200 per student). A raffle will be held April 8. Tickets are \$1.00 each.

**FCC 'S LITERARY MAGAZINES** "Potporri" and "The City Essayist" is inviting students, staff and faculty to submit short stories and poetry for publication in their upcoming editions. For more information call 442-8281.

**FCC LUNCH -N- LEARN SERIES** is providing a lecture, "Say Goodbye to Math Anxiety", on March 19 at noon - 12:50 in room 202C of the Student Services Building. On March 26 the lecture will be "What Do I Do NOW for NEXT semester???". Lectures are each Thursday. For more info call 442-8484.

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### PROFESSOR MICHAEL LEVIN

Department of Philosophy City College and Graduate Center of the City University of New York will present his paper: "Are Equal Opportunity and Preferential Treatment Compatible?" at 7 PM on Saturday, April 4, in Forum Hall A on the Fresno City College Campus.

Dr. Levin's areas of specialization include logic, the philosophy of science, and the theory of knowledge. Among his published writings are *Metaphysics and the Mind-Body Problem* (Oxford University Press, 1979), *Feminism and Freedom* (Transaction, 1987), and numerous articles and reviews in *The Journal of Philosophy*, *Mind*, *Nous*, and *Kant-Studien*.

SEATING IS LIMITED AND THE DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM. For further information, contact Dr. David B. Dye at (209) 225-6838.

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Janis Coolon-Wooten as FCC student looks on.  
Photo By Theresa Dunn

## Fresno really can be a fun place

By Whitney Brown  
Rampage Reporter

What do FCC students do for fun? Although Fresno is a rapidly growing metropolis, many say it lacks the entertainment and cultural qualities of such cities as San Francisco or Los Angeles. Many complain that there is nothing for people to do, especially for those under the age of 21.

But necessity breeds ingenuity, as FCC students demonstrate.

Here on campus there are organized clubs to join and for those interested in art, the Art Space Gallery exhibits a variety of artistic mediums, from paintings to sculptures. Fresno also has museums and historic sites if you're willing to seek them out. The beautiful Pacific is a couple of hours west. People come from all over the world to see Fresno's infamous "backyard"—Yosemite, only a couple of hours east.

Living in Fresno can have its advantages. Traveling roughly three hours either north or south will land you in a bustling city full of tourists,

nightlife and people walking on the streets.

Nowadays, as a result of the boredom and lack of financial resources, many FCC students come up with activities to entertain themselves. Some legal, others not so legal.

"I do native bead work," said Pat Aubuchon, 31, a student at FCC. "I go to auctions, to the mountains, or I go fishing."

"I go to the movies," said Stephanie Cooper, 19, FCC student, "Or I cruise Blackstone. If I'm staying at home I talk on the phone, watch television, or listen to the radio."

Most of the students at FCC entertain themselves illegally and aren't afraid to admit it. Fake identification is easy to come by and a lot of students love to party and drink, whether they are of legal age or not.

"I just kick back," said St. Jorge, 19. "There's nothing to do in this city, there's nowhere to hang out. I like to go to parties in the Californian Apartments and get so plastered that I don't know the next day what I did the night before." When asked why, St. Jorge replied,

"It gives me a sense of accomplishment, when my friends tell me what

"I love reggae, so I go to reggae shows at the Cadillac Club," said Mel Collins, 18. "I like to go to parties and pick up on women. I like to go to sporting events. If we are really bored and low on money, we go and buy a carton of eggs and have 'egg feasts'. We egg pedestrians and people in cars and sometimes we get chased."

Felicia Thomas, 20, likes to go to parties and sometimes to Beethovens. "Most of my friends don't have a fake I.D. A lot of the time we go to parties we hear about from our friends. We get drunk and act stupid. We cruise around in the 'orange on wheels' (an old, orange Volkswagen Bug) and since it goes only 20 miles per hour, people pass us and laugh. It has no radio so we sing oldies. Some of my friends get up and dance on tables at parties. One of my friends lifted her shirt and flashed someone on Blackstone. If we stay home we put on some disco music and dance."

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## Saunders 'hits home' with bat

By B.T. Wedemyer  
Rampage Reporter

For such a quiet, easy-going guy, Fresno City College's starting third baseman makes a lot of noise with his bat. He's also keeping opposing pitchers quiet.

In 36 at-bats, sophomore Chris Saunders has 21 hits including three home runs, one triple and four doubles. He also has 18 runs batted in, has drawn 10 walks and stolen five bases.

This is from someone who missed a fair amount of playing time toward the end of his freshman season at the University of California-Berkeley. The lack of time on the field prompted Saunders' decision to return to his hometown for some exposure.

"I was originally starting for the team, but then it seemed like all of a sudden I was sitting on the bench, and I didn't know why," Saunders said. "I didn't feel they gave me a fair chance."

Rams' coach Ron Scott has Saunders batting third in the lineup and is delighted with

Saunders' production.

"We're all really happy with his performance," Scott said. "He's giving us the kind offense we need to win."

Saunders is one of the focal points of an early-season surge by the Rams. FCC is 12-1 overall and ranked fifth among California junior colleges. The Rams start Coast Valley Conference play this week.

**"We can't wait to get some revenge on that team," said Chris Saunders**

The team's only loss was a 12-inning affair against LA Harbor College.

"We can't wait to get some revenge on that team," Saunders said.

As a senior at Clovis High School, Saunders was a first-

team All-North Yosemite League selection with a .432 batting average.

This year, Saunders said some of his personal goals are to stay above .400 and reach double digits in the home run category.

But Saunders hasn't only helped the Rams with his offense. He has also been a solid defensive player, committing just one error in 37 chances.

"It's not as demanding for me to play third," Saunders said. "I'm able to concentrate more on my hitting."

Scott said Saunders also has been valuable to the team as a leader.

"Sometimes, something needs to be said, and the coaches don't seem to get through," Scott said. "Chris doesn't holler, but when he says something, the players listen."

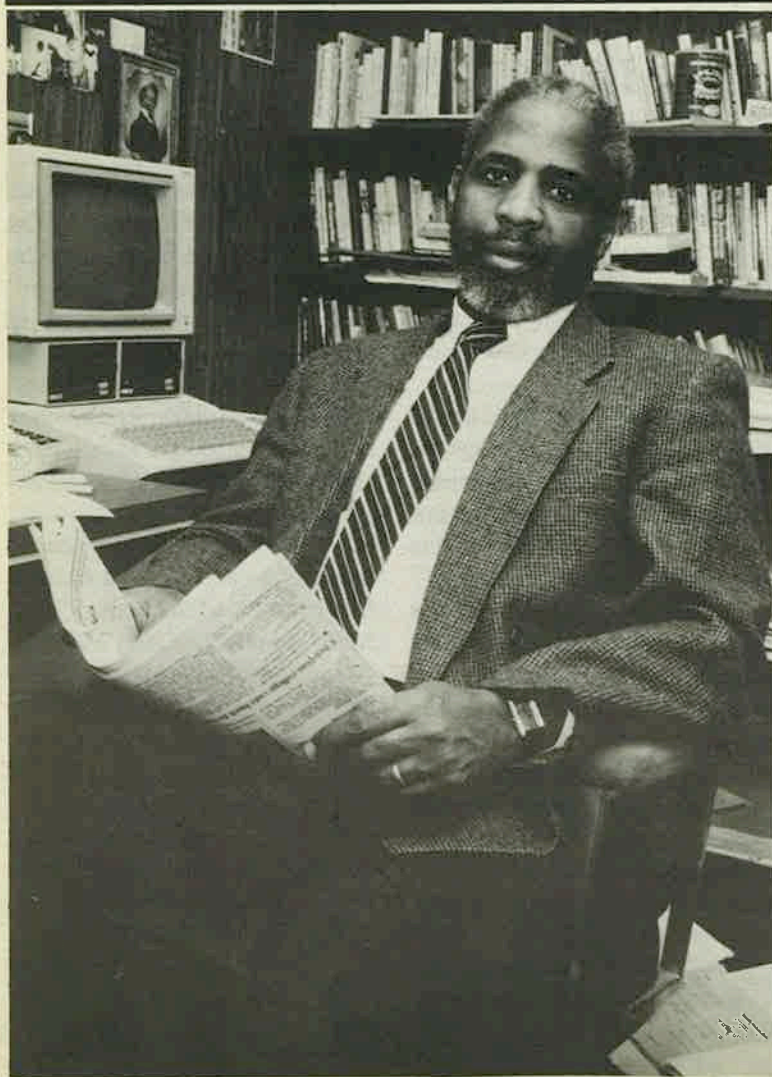
Saunders said he has no problem in a leadership role.

"If I think I can help a player, then I might tell him if it can improve this team," Saunders said. "But I don't force myself on anybody."



Chris Saunders is a standout hitter on the FCC baseball team.  
Photo By Phuc Nguyen





INSTRUCTOR W. RIDDLESPRIGGER IN HIS OFFICE.  
PHOTO By Phuc Nguyen

## Council faces deficit

By Dara Wright  
Rampage Reporter

Bill Riddlesprigger is a newly elected school board member that is being avalanched with decisions to make as the Fresno Unified School District faces a \$4.2 million deficit in the district's 1991-92 budget.

Riddlesprigger, an English teacher here at FCC, and Manuel Nunez were the only two board members to vote against laying off 258 classified employees, to account for an additional \$1.7 million deficit.

"I think it's unfair to try and balance the budgets on the backs of classified employees," Riddlesprigger said in explaining why he voted against the layoffs. "Out of all the employees in the district, they have the least to say about the financial situation of the district."

Superintendent Frank J. Abbott named Dr. Charles Hess as a temporary chief financial officer to oversee Fresno Unified's business and financial division. Hess will oversee the school district's business division previously managed by Chief Finan-

cial Officer Cathi Vogel.

Riddlesprigger, who has been on the board only three months, comments, "I haven't been on the board long enough to evaluate the chief financial officer's performance, so I don't want to get into the position of pointing blame at anyone individual."

"I think the budget problem that FUSD faces is probably a combination of various circumstances. I would hate to make Cathi Vogel a scapegoat for the budget of FUSD's financial problems."

Riddlesprigger assured the layoffs will have no direct correlation to FCC students' educational needs.

"But the cuts will have a bearing as far as the safety and health of students," explained Riddlesprigger.

"On one hand, it's sad that we don't have adequate funding for public education," Riddlesprigger said with a sigh, "and on the other hand we do not make the most efficient use of the funding that we have."

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## Intramural B-ball winners

By Alexander Asher  
Rampage Reporter

FCC's 3-on-3 intramural basketball team was the first ever community college team to make it to the finals of the Schick Superhoops 3-on-3 Basketball Regional Tournament, according to U.C. officials.

The team, made up of James McFadden, Jermaine McFadden and Tyrone Smith advanced to the finals after winning the 3-on-3 intramural basketball tournament at FCC on February 28.

The team went into the finals undefeated after beating Modesto Junior College, Sonoma State, University of Pacific, U.C. Davis, and U.C. Berkeley. The Fresno city team lost by two points to the consolation winner U.C. Davis (whom FCC had defeated earlier) as time ran out.

"We would've won but Tyrone missed a three-point NBA jump shot and that guy who Jordan dunked on in the "Come Fly With Me" video got on the court and ran our time out," said James McFadden.

## TB outbreak needs remedy

By Dara Wright  
Rampage Reporter

Many people were alarmed and concerned when Kings River Community College recently discovered that more Tuberculosis skin tests came up positive than expected on their campus.

FCC's nurse, Linda Albright, assures that the number of positive tests were nothing out of the ordinary, "TB is always around and some years there is more around then others."

Tuberculosis is a disease that has been around for a century, and in the late 1800's it was called "Consumption" because it completely consumes the body.

"It's a consuming illness that largely infects the chest and lung tissue," explained Albright.

Pat Brunetti another campus nurse, explained how Tuberculosis attacks the body, "It's usually breathed in because the people that have it are usually coughing."

She went on to explain that the bacteria settles mostly in the lungs where it burrows into the tissue and builds a hard shell around itself called

a spore. At this time it's dormant or inactive and is not contagious, but will come up positive if you take the test.

If you are under a lot of stress, ill, or if the bacteria decides that it wants to, will break out of it's shell and become active. This is when you will also become contagious to someone else.

At this point you would have to begin therapy. It's fairly simple with a daily dose of medication called INH or Rifampin for six months. After two to four weeks on this medication, the disease generally is no longer infectious and you could resume you normal life-style, according to a pamphlet put together by Brunetti.

Symptoms for Tuberculosis are: Persistent Cough (more than three weeks), Unexplained Weight Loss, Night Sweats, Weakness/Fatigue, Loss of Appetite, Spitting Up or Coughing Up Blood and Low-Grade Fever (usually in afternoons.)

If you experience these symptoms, you can go to the:

Fresno County Health Department - Chest Clinic  
1221 Fulton - Downtown Mall  
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"This is a test that you should have every two years. That way if you contract the disease you know in what period of time you got it, it will be easier to treat," explained Brunetti.

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## SCOTTY'S CORNER

Scott A. Mayes  
Sports Columnist



The power of life is remarkable. When a child is born, all those around are affected. It changes their lives. When there is a death, all are effected as well. The power of life can affect us, as human beings, like nothing else on this earth.

Just two years ago, on March 4, 1990, basketball star Hank Gathers collapsed during a game at his home court in Los Angeles, and died.

This "power of life" not only had a lasting effect on his family, but on the basketball world and the sports world as well.

This year, appropriately during the NCAA playoffs, a made-for-TV movie portraying the life of Hank Gathers will air nationwide. The story will not only portray the value of life but the robbery of one man's life. In addition, it is a story of heart.

This is the heart that helped Gathers claw his way out of a Philadelphia housing project to become one of America's premiere basketball standouts.

Victor Love portrays Hank Gathers. George Kennedy plays Father Dave, a priest. Nell Carter is Hank's

loving mother, Lucille, and Duane Davis rounds out the cast as Hank's long time friend and teammate, Bo Kimble. Life has many triumphs and deficiencies. The biggest deficiency of life is the inability of human beings to realize its value. Life and death situations fall in line with that old cliché: you never know what you've got until it's gone.

For the first time in my short life, I was forced to realize the value of life. On March 1, 1992, I was held up at gunpoint.

Many thoughts circulate through one's mind at this time. The most remembered are: "What if I had done this in life?"

All of us here at FCC are here for an education. We're trying to make something out of our lives. When it comes down to life or death, you don't have to be in the Army to "Be All You Can Be." You don't have to wear Nike to "Just Do It." Make something out of your life. Don't say "What if...?"

## FCC tennis teams, perfect match

By Dara Wright  
Rampage Reporter

For the last 10 straight years FCC's men's tennis team has won the league championship, and expects to win another one this season.

They have already demonstrated their ability to win, with a tournament championship at Modesto Junior College in the beginning of the season. There were 28 other schools competing.

"We won the tournament last year, also," explained Coach Bill Wayte, "It's the first time anybody has won the tournament back to back."

The doubles team of number one player, Neil Castro, and Number two player, Sloan Perry, won the doubles in the tournament. "And that's the fourth straight year that our doubles team has won," Wayte said.

In the tournament, number one singles player, Castro, won his flight. Number six singles player Steve Clark won the sixth flight. Perry, number two singles player, lost in the finals.

Castro and Perry are undefeated in doubles with a 10-0 record.

Castro is also undefeated in the singles with a 9-0 record.

Teams in FCC's league are: Allan Hancock, Kings River, College of the Sequoia, Porterville, and Columbia.

"Probably the toughest team to beat will be Allan Hancock," explained Wayte.

"We have a very good shot at winning the league again this year."

The FCC women's tennis team has started off on a better foot this year with a 4-0 record, compared to last years 4-9 overall record.

Coach Jesse Cota expects great things to happen this year for his team, "I feel that we have a good team this year, much stronger than last year's team."

Cota attributes his positive outlook to the team's unity, "They're a good group of girls that have been working hard together since fall."

"We do everything together," explained Cota. He believes that a close team will be a successful team, "The girls really care for one another."

Just as he was saying that some of the girls came running off the court, laughing because it had started

to rain. "They have a lot of fun together," Cota said as he looked over at them and smiled, then he laughed, "Sometimes too much fun."

Cota thinks the toughest team to beat in the conference will be Kings River Community College. "They were co-champions last year and expect that they'll have another strong team this year," Cota explained.

There are six members on the team and two alternates. At the number one spot is Kristen Barrera, then Maria Esquivel, Karen Mendrin, Araceli Guzman, Nikki Cambell, and Tina Boewer. The two alternates are Paula Harris and Vivian Victoria.

League started this week for FCC at Columbia on Tuesday.

FCC's in a strong conference this year with Kings River, Columbia, College of the Sequoia, Porterville, and Allan Hancock.

"We feel that we can compete with the best," Cota said with confidence.

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## Youth dominates FCC's Tennis Team

By Alexander Asher  
Rampage Reporter

FCC Track coach Gary Bluth hopes this season's youthful track team will dominate the league and place FCC in the top 10 at the NorCal championships.

"We have a very young team made up of, almost exclusively, freshmen. So we're not as strong as we were last year. But next year we should have an exceptional team," Bluth said.

The inexperience of the team may explain the men's loss to San Jose City College, February 28 at a four-way meet at Ratcliffe Stadium.

Despite this loss the men of the track team defeated the other two teams from the College of Sequoias and Kings River College. The team's domination in the field events led to their victory.

Robert House, one of the few sophomores on the team (and a possible candidate for the state meet), led the team to victory by placing

first in the long jump (21 ft. 2 in.) and the triple jump (46 ft. 7 in.). He tied with teammate Walker Vaughn for second place in the high jump (6 ft. 4 in.). House and Vaughn were denied first place by teammate David Bass.

In the pole vault, Robert Rusconi and Carlos DaSilva took first and second "vaulting" 14 ft. 9 in. and 14 ft., respectively.

Scott Curtis, a potential candidate for the state meet in the steeplechase, contributed in the distance races by placing third in the 1,500-meters and the two mile.

Weightman Zach Johnson placed second in the shot put (45 ft. 3 in.) and the javelin (160 ft. 7 in.). Israel Ramirez, Brian Gunn, and John Ceccarelli placed second, third and fourth in the hammer throw.

The women's team defeated San Jose City College at the same meet but were bested by the College of Sequoias.

Lateshka Simmons won both the 100-meters and the 200-meters, re-

maining undefeated in those races this season.

Multi-talented Theresa Garland placed third in the 100-meters and 400-meters and also took fourth in the high jump.

In the distance races, Mary Ann Alvarez placed in the top four in the 400-meters, 1,500-meters, and 3,000-meters, running her best times of the season in all three events.

The versatile Dara Wright led the ladies in the throwing events placing first in the shot put (38 ft. 9 in.) and the javelin (101 ft. 5 in.). Wright placed third in the discus, beaten by teammates Kris McKinnon and Stephanie Rhodes.

Based on their performance, Wright thinks the team will do well this year.

"I think we're going to be really good this year. As a team we're there for each other," Wright said. "Each of us is pushing each other to do better in practice and during the track meets."

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# Shamen Interview

By James Donnelly  
Contributing writer

For the last several years, a musical revolution has been generating in such varied metropolises as Chicago, London, New York and Los Angeles. The phenomenon, centered largely around relentlessly pounding dance beats and all-night parties, or raves, has for the most part remained out of the mainstream public eye, especially in America, and has been indulged in by its adherents solely through a system of high secrecy and on the tip word of mouth- a system affectionately known, to those in the know, as the Underground.

This, however, is beginning to change. With the spread of the rave scene to cities other than the super metropolises, in our case, Fresno, and with the growing popularity of techno/rave bands such as Quadrophonia and the Orb, the movement is threatening to go above ground, even as reports filter in that the original revelers on the scene, somewhat disillusioned, are moving on.

One group, perhaps more than any other, characterizes and clearly defines the insurgent popularity and mainstream potential of the rave/ techno/acid house youth culture. The Shamen. The following are excerpts from a conversation the Rampage had with The Shamen in December of last year.

**Jams:** I was reading about your traveling Synergy clubs last semester, and learned that some people- the authorities- are out to shut 'em down. Is that true?

**Colin Shamen:** Only the illegal ones, they get shut down. But Progeny, Synergy, has actually always been a legal club, so we've been able to get it off the ground. They still do try to hit the underground . . .

**Mr. C:** But that's not generally Synergy, that's other things that happen. I do a lot of illegal partyin' here myself in London, underground stuff, with five or six hundred people, and generally it's like you find a warehouse or premises that isn't licensed, doesn't have an arts and entertainment license, or doesn't have any type of license whatsoever, and you lease it and put on a party there. Basically, without a license, it's illegal. To make it legal you have to get a dance and enter-

tainment license, and that generally takes a long time, and a lot of places, and local councils will refuse the entertainment license for maybe noise pollution reasons or it could be any amount of reasons.

**Jams:** Do you expect to participate in any of those in the States?

**Mr. C:** Possibly (laugh). I think there's a couple of things, they call them after hours, over on the West Coast. When we were in L.A. the last time, I d.j.'d an illegal party called the List, which is really, really underground. Really good. That's probably the best thing I've seen since I've been in America, actually.

**Jams:** When did you first come into the band?

**Mr. C:** I first started working with Colin when we originally recorded Progen, and that was late '89. I'd known Colin for about a year from a lot of underground parties I used to D.J. in '88 and '89. Then I got involved as an M.C. for the original Progen and then joined the band as a full member back in May, when we were doing the shoot for the video of "Move Any Mountain". And I've been a full member ever since then.

**Jams:** Could you go into some of your influences? Musicallywise?

**Mr. C:** The influences draw from all the good musical aspects of a lot of black music, and from rock, reggae, house, hip hop, a lot of different things. You can definitely find some reggae, dub influences with the bassline, and, with the new album we're working on, one of the songs ["Coming On Strong"] actually has a reggae toasting kind of vocal to it.

**Jams:** Colin?

**Colin:** Unlike Mr. C, who's the soul boy, I've been into all sorts of rock over the years. I'm not into it now. I believe it's been dead for like the last couple years, really. But all the stuff from the 60's, pop and psychedelic acid music from the 60's, a lot of your West Coast stuff, 70's electronic and experimental stuff, bands from not so much the punk era but the post punk era, which is early Wire, early Cure, early Banshees, all that stuff. And the last few years I've been into hip hop, starting in '86, '87.

**Jams:** Are there any psychedelic groups you listen to now?

**Colin:** New psychedelic bands, no, and the reason is because I don't think they truly reflect psychedelic

culture, which has moved on, and now may be found in the world of house music and raves. And all those bands playing psychedelic stuff, they're really just recreating a musical style and fashion of an age that's, thankfully, long gone. But psychedelic is another thing. I really don't like using the word psychedelic because it's associated with that particular period of time.

**Jams:** Once again, you think that rock is dead?

**Colin:** Dead creatively, I mean. There is, I realize, a huge part of your record industry which is geared up to producing and selling rock music, and that, obviously, is an institution that will persist. But I think creatively rock music has been bankrupt for quite some time.

**Jams:** Do you feel that it may be able to revive some time in the future?

**Colin:** I think it must change in order for any kind of serious survival. It's got to incorporate elements of electronic music and technology. If not dance, at least the electronic side of it.

**Jams:** How would you classify your music?

**Colin:** I'm not sure. It's dance certainly. But it has elements of rock and house and industrial and techno- all sorts of things. Some kind of hybrid rock-dance outfit.

**Jams:** Are you taking any new directions on the new album [to be released this summer]?

**Colin:** Well, obviously we're working within the dance field, but there's a few different sounds and poeries to explore. I think the main difference of this next album is that,



aside from possibly being more polished in terms particularly of the dance production, a few of the tracks are going to feature a lot more vocals- from not only myself but my new singer, Cheryl, and rap from Mr. C. Some songs are going in a much more vocal direction, other ones are not. We are going to be exploring some new territory with a track I've been recording with the West Coast philosopher Terrence McKenna ["the most psychedelic man on the planet"], and that's turned out very different from anything we've ever done before. So there'll be a few surprises, a few different directions in store for the album.

**Jams:** How would you describe your live show? What goes on?

**Colin:** It's kind of a hybrid between a rave and a concert. The show is at least four hours long, and as much of that as possible we . . . generate live. We have D.J.'s spinning throughout the night between the acts, with rap from Mr. C, and a state of the art light show, atmospherics, visuals, projections, film loops, all that business.

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Enabler Office are too steep. It's not that hard to go up them but going back down them can be dangerous," said Miller.

"Everything else is pretty adequate for the handicapped at FCC," Miller maintains. "There is easy access to all of the ground level classes and the Adaptive Physical Education Program is great." Barfield is proud of the Adaptive P.E. Program too.

"Each student in the program is assigned a student assistant to work with and together they work toward specific goals on a daily or weekly basis. It could involve walking with a little less limp, or getting out of their wheelchair. We work on entire hemispheres of the body and not limited areas in order to achieve these goals," said Barfield.

## Mattox runs for state office

By Jeff Connelly  
Rampage Reporter

FCC Associated Student Body President Michael Mattox is working to unify students in California community colleges by incorporating the California Student Association of Community Colleges. Mattox hopes to be the first CALSAC president.

As it currently exists the association is nothing more than an advisory board with no real power, Mattox explained. It makes suggestions to the state but has no ability to see that they are followed through. To do this, he says, requires money.

The upcoming April election may produce the vote which will provide money needed to give the association power to become influential in state politics. The election referendum would provide for a \$1 representative fee per semester for both full and part time students.

If passed, \$30,000 will be added to the student body account.

Though Mattox realizes apathy will be an obstacle, he hopes the student body will recognize the money the fee provides will help give them a voice and improve the quality of the college.

The fee, according to Mattox, would keep the ASB from having to use student body money to pay for gas, food and hotel expenses associated with going to state conferences. In addition, the fee would contribute to the creation of a central office for CALSAC, helping to establish independence from the state.

The net effect, Mattox says, would

"We've got a couple of students with us who came in wheelchairs and left walking," continued Barfield. "We have one student who came to us in a chair, went from the chair to a cane and he keeps telling me that the cane's gonna go too by the end of the semester. I believe him."

"When you look around at all of the comprehensive programs we have here, we have the best program around," said Barfield. "In our Computer High-Tech Center, our counseling center, our Adaptive P.E. Program, our Workability Three Program, it's the people who make it such a success."

The Workability Three Program helps students who are disabled find both full and part time jobs. The Computer High-Tech Center has computer games and instructors who work with students and help them to

have fun while they're learning.

In the counseling department, students are advised as to which classes they need to take for their degree and also about whatever personal struggles they are experiencing.

"We're trying to work with students to help them get a sense of who they are, what they can do with the disability they have...and the talents they have," said Barfield.

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initiate a discussion of the IQ controversy and therefore, there is no chance what so ever, that the topic of his lecture is going to change between now and April 4.

"After the lecture is over, I have no doubt that some students and some faculty will wish to raise questions about his arguments," Dye continued. "I also have no doubt that some questions will be raised about his views on intelligence quotients."

Dye said he obtained the service of campus policemen for the lecture. He also produced his own flyer advertising the event.

"I will not allow this man's lecture to be disrupted. I'm not going to tolerate, for more than a few seconds, hecklers," Dye said. "Anyone who tries to conduct some kind of demonstration during the course of the lecture will be removed."

"Perhaps he is motivated by the

desire to swell the ranks of his protesters," Dye said. "But I find it rather odd that he should advance such a high-minded moral position, and then use as a means toward doing so, such blatant inaccuracies."

Todd disagreed with Dye's opinion of the original flyer stating, "I remembered he said in class that after Levin's speech, there was going to be an open forum for any questions," Todd said. "In that sense, what I said was true, because Levin will have to give his proof."

Todd said of his conversation with Dye, "I told him I'm sorry if he had a problem with somebody challenging his views, and it went back and forth some more."

"He ended the conversation by hanging up in my face," Todd added. "I was surprised he could get so immature and childish."

On February 17, a holiday, Todd said all of his flyers had been taken down. The next day, Todd dropped Dye's class, "Social and Political Philosophy," cutting his total units from 12 to nine.

Todd, who said he has been invited by some FCC instructors to speak to classes, gave his reasons for dropping Dye's course.

"I felt Dr. Dye had regressed to a personal level in the conflict, so I dropped the class," Todd said. "I

felt I was in danger of getting failing grade no matter what the quality of work was."

The Pan-African Student Union here has reversed a previous decision made at a Feb. 12 meeting support Todd's posting of the flyer, according to Homer Greene, PASU adviser.

"We said we would support him with the understanding it may have changed and that other organizations would also support him," Greene said.

Prior to the Feb. 19 meeting, Greene said the PASU's executive board agreed to veto that decision.

"They felt they wanted to make a decision on their own actions," Greene said.

Members present at the Feb. 19 meeting did not have the two-thirds vote needed to override PASU president Lynn Scott's veto.

"It's unfortunate, but it's not all catastrophic," Todd said. "There were just one avenue, and I plan on going to other clubs."

Todd said while he has experienced some setbacks, the interest he has received has been "substantial."

"We just want to show people that the beliefs this guy has used to be done under the cover of sheet," Todd said. "First you have to lift the rock to see what will crawl out."

be to grant power to students that would otherwise have no input.

Mattox intends to make sure these changes are made.

"After two years of fighting the system, I'm not going to give up now and say 'Okay, guys, you win,'" Mattox said. "If I have to spend 20 years fighting at the community college level, by God, I will."

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