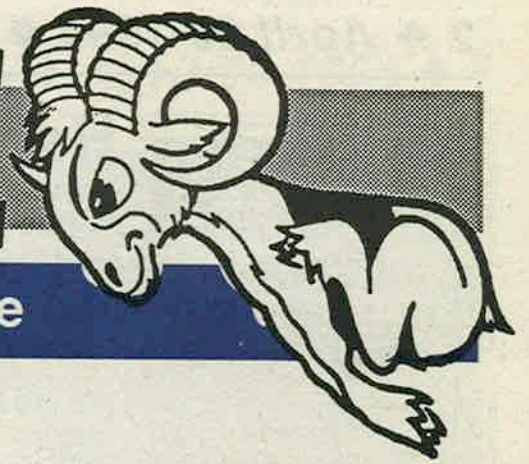


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## Inside preview

**Electronic mail,** what is it and how does it work. *See story on page 3, column 4*

**FCC Job Placement** will hold its annual **Job Fair April 27** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the campus mall. For more information call 265-5727.

**Kemi Sowalsi.** The 54-year-old FCC track star is breaking new ground in running. *See story on page 4, column 1.*

**The Rampage** wins front page layout award for the second straight year. *See story on page 5, column 1.*

**Kings X,** a review of the hot new band some believe is nothing but loud noise. *See story on page 7, column 1.*

**Graduation ceremony date** has been changed to Friday, May 20, 7:30 p.m. at Selland Arena in Fresno.

**Brass Bash,** FCC musicians rock the night away. *See story on page 7, column 1.*

The tenth annual **"Adelante, Mujer Hispana"** conference will be held Saturday April 30 from 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. at the FCC cafeteria. For more information call Carlotta DeLeon Curti at 431-1343.

The Native American Indian Student Association will sponsor their annual **POW WOW** at Ratcliff Stadium on April 23 and 24. For more information call Andrew Victor at 299-7646

**A.S. elections** for next years student government will take place on April 27 to 29. *See page 4 for a sneak preview of this years canidates.*

**For Quakes Sake** fundraiser will take place in the Free Speech area the afternoon of May 3.

## Peralta squabble drags on

by Steven Sauer  
*Rampage Reporter*

Controversy over the proposed closing of a short section of Peralta Avenue near the Fresno City College campus has brewed for weeks while the City Council has postponed making a decision.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Institute of Religion and a majority of the residents living on the nearby section of Peralta Avenue support the closure.

The Fresno City College administration opposes it.

"[The closure] will certainly make access [to the FCC parking lots] from the west and north more difficult," said FCC *see Peralta, back page, column 2*

## Forensics team battles Baltimore

by Robert Stftinger  
*Rampage Reporter*

Fresh off their first place triumph at the California Community College State Championship Tournament, six members of FCC's Forensics team recently travelled to Towson State in Baltimore, Maryland to compete in the national tournament.

Making the trip *see Forensics, page 3, column 4*

## Muscles in motion



FCC long jumper leaps in the air at recent inter college track meet.

*photo by Don Griffith*

## Cousteau's crusade

by Jennie Fitzhugh  
*Managing Editor*

Despite spills of toxic waste spills and exploitation of natural resources the death of planet earth may be further off than previously expected according to an official from the Cousteau Society.

Peter Burtchell of the Cousteau Society was optimistic as he spoke to concerned students and staff about the destruction of the environment last Tuesday.

"The Cousteau Society is very worried about the trans-

portation of toxic and hazardous materials in the high seas," Burtchell began.

Burtchell spoke about the dangers of supertankers or petroleum tankers which are called floating egg shells by members of the Cousteau Society.

"Some of these vessels are as much as a quarter mile long and on the average their hulls or shells are only about one inch thick," Burtchell said, "They are then filled with as much as 150 million gallons *see Cousteau, page 3, column 1*

## Kindness for credit

by Carol Buchanan  
*Rampage Reporter*

For three units of credit, FCC is making a community that cares. Helping out the Poverello House or other community service will be part of the Fall semester Volunteerism course.

Students of the volunteerism course that will be held on Thursday evenings this fall can earn up to 3 units of credit thanks to an Eisenhower grant. FCC is one of only two colleges in the

United States to recieve the grant.

This semester the Kellogg part of the grant was academic. It studies leadership models.

Judy Ryan, FCC English instructor, will be one of the volunteerism course teachers this fall.

She said, "What was missing is having people out in the community." Students will have 6 hours a week of community service in the volunteerism course.

*see Class, back page, column 1-*



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## Heroic escort service on campus

by Jennie Fitzhugh  
Managing Editor

Violent crime and fear lurks around every corner, still around the shadows of destruction is the FCC escort program making a difference.



The eight members of the program are willing to stick out their neck and make their college campus a little safer.

The statistics are staggering, students are fearing for their safety as they walk across the dimly lit campus. Fears worsen as dusk sets in.

In the past week two men have exposed themselves to a total of five female students. At least 21 vehicles have been stolen this semester alone. Another 40 have been burglarized. One student was viciously attacked by a dog.

In an attempt to warn students of the unpublicized dangers around them the Rampage began running a sampling of the campus police logs this semester. But a sampling is all it is. What appears in print is only the tip of the iceberg.

In order to print the whole of reported crimes on campus an entire issue of the Rampage would have to be devoted to this horrendous problem. Still, even the police log itself does not give a clear picture of just how violent a campus FCC is.

The police logs themselves illustrate the numbers of people too afraid at the time of the crime to go on record. There are the late reports of a hit and run that an anonymous caller witnessed on March 24. There was yet another another late report of an on campus rape that occurred little over a year ago. Female students are especially at risk.

On March 16, as students were registering for their classes a gun went off in Student Services. Miraculously the bullet landed in a nearby desk and not a fellow student. On February 28 there was a report of a vehicle on campus driving through the parking lots. A man inside was brandishing a gun.

Years ago it may have been reasonable to depend on campus police for protection. Those days have long since past. Even campus staff has been victimized. On January 12, a female janitor was assaulted with a deadly weapon according to the campus po-

lice logs. In addition there have been numerous assaults on campus peace officers. Campus police seem to have their hands full.

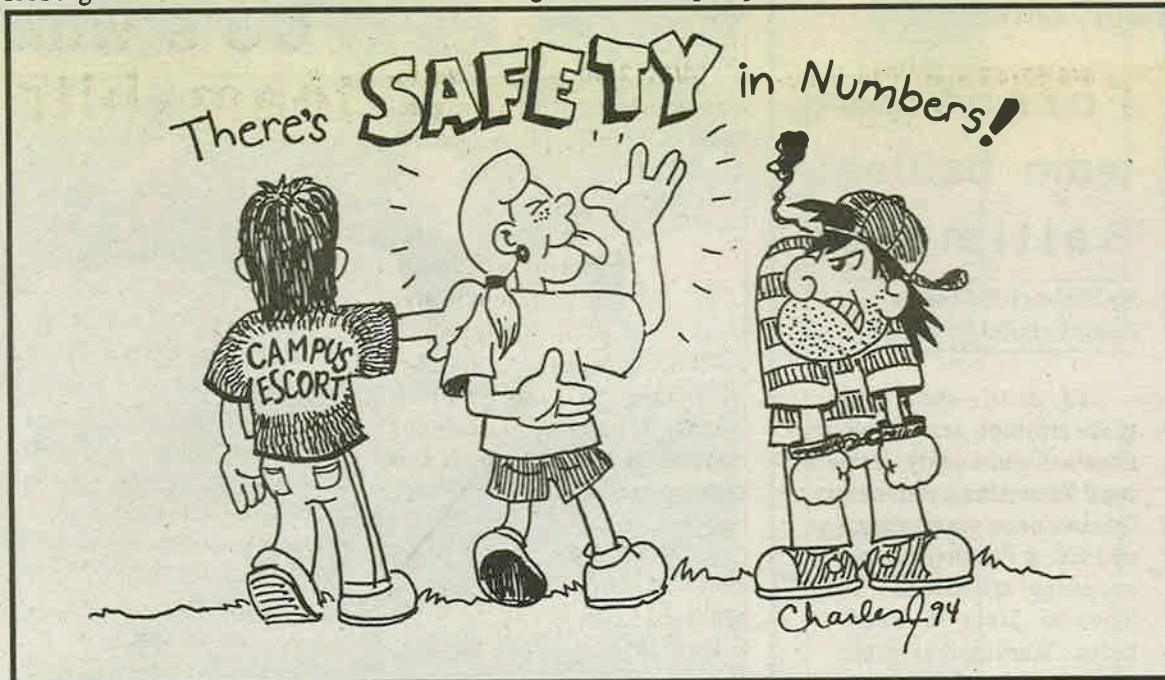
Escort recruits heard the complaints and fears. Rather than sit idly by and hope that someday someone would do something, They took matters into their own hands. Reyna began recruiting students.

Together with campus police the recruits help relieve some of the anxiety faced by students who feel their safety is at risk. On average two students volunteer a night but still more are needed.

Interested volunteers will receive a background check and an hour of training in the use of hand-held radios.

Any student in need of assistance can call campus police who will then contact the student volunteers. The service is provided Monday through Thursday from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. For more information or to volunteer students are advised to contact the Associated Students at 442-8275.

Students need to take a stand and protect themselves. Tom Reyna, who founded the program, and his recruits are to be commended for doing just that.



## Confronting hurts less than running

By Greg Ahlstrand  
Editor-in-Chief

Fear is an illusion. This cliché will usually inspire a person in fear to say, "Yeah, well, it looks pretty real to me."

And when you're in the middle of something that looks and sounds and feels a whole lot bigger than you, it's hard to realize that, most of the time, it isn't.

Human nature is based on an instinct to survive. Sometimes that instinct goes out of control and causes people to act inappro-

priately in relation to their fellow human beings.

A person may carve out a niche in which he or she feels safe, and spend most of his or her life protecting that niche no matter what the cost to others or to the individual doing the protecting.

Another symptom of the survival instinct gone berserk is when a person avoids anything that seems the least bit threatening. The perceived threat goes far beyond the the bounds of the physical and encroaches into every aspect of the person's life.

This has insidious effects and destroys a person from within.

Whatever imagined horrors you are running from, the pain of knowing you can't hold your head up because you

won't confront something you know is wrong is infinitely worse than anything you might experience by facing it.

Unwillingness to confront can also cause you to act inappropriately yourself. You end up failing in your own responsibilities, and feel even worse about yourself. It's a downward spiral that can kill you.

The answer, then, is clear. If you are going to die if you don't act, you might as well act and become a whole human being in the process.

To do so creates an indescribable feeling of freedom, and you usually discover that the boulders you think are being thrown at you are as insubstantial as the ones Captain Kirk used to throw around on the old Star Trek series.

## Cinco de Mayo events

**Monday May 2 in Free Speech Area.**

**10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
Food booths

**10 a.m.** Dancin' in the City and Marc Anthony

**10:30 a.m.** Mariachi

**11 a.m.** Presentation of Mexican Flag from the Main Fountain to Free Speech area.

**11:30 a.m.** Pinata event

**12 noon** Reina de Cinco de Mayo Crown-ing of the Queen

**Tuesday May 3 in TA-105**

**10:30 a.m.** FCC Theatre Arts Group "My Visit With MGM"

**11 a.m.** Theatre Workshop Edit Villarreal, "My Visit with MGM"

**12 noon** Mariachi at the Vocational Training Center

**Wednesday May 4 Free Speech Area**

**10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
Food booths

**10 a.m.** Dancin' in the City and Marc Anthony

**11 a.m.** Aztec Dancers

**12 noon** Roosevelt Mariachi

**1 p.m.** Speaker Andres Segura "Idigenous Culture and Philosophy" Staff Dining Room

**Thursday May 5 Free Speech Area**

**10 a.m.** Food booths

**11 a.m.** Speaker Venancio Gaona "Significance of Cinco de Mayo"

**11:15 a.m.** Mexican Folklore Dancers

**11:30 a.m.** Pinata Event

**12 noon** Mariachi De La Tierra

**7 p.m.** Speaker Luis Valdez FCC Main Gym



## The fate of planet earth

*Cousteau from page 1*

much as 150 million gallons of a toxic substance commonly called crude oil."

Burtchell said that for the past 25 years environmental groups have been proposing legislature to congress that would require double hulled Petroleum tankers.

The proposed tankers would have an inner and outer hull with an air space of about 10 feet in between.

Burtchell proposes that with this type of a structure even if the outer hull is damaged, the inner hull could remain unscathed.

After 25 years of battling the American Petroleum Institute, Burtchell said that last year congress began to increase safety standards of vessels carrying toxic cargo.

In 1993 congress passed legislature stating that by the year 2015 all petroleum tankers operating in U.S. waters must be double hulled. The cost of the new supertankers are expected to cost the petro-

leum industry \$100 million a piece.

Burtchell also spoke of the polluted waters from which Americans drink.

"Every year in the United States we dump 3.2 trillion gallons of sewage into our streams and rivers," Burtchell said, "We dump another 5.2 trillion gallons of hazardous waste into our waterways."

Burtchell cited an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) report which concludes 47 percent of pollution in the United States comes from Industry.

According to the EPA report the remaining 53 percent of environmental pollution in the United States comes from consumers.

Burtchell pointed out dumps, fertilizers, pesticides, oil and gasoline leaking from vehicles, paints and paint thinners thrown out during Spring cleaning and the industrial strength cleansers flowing from bathroom and kitchen sinks as contributing to the environmental crisis at hand.



Peter Burtchell of the Cousteau Society.  
photo by Don Griffith

## Information-Highway leaves FCC in the dust

by Steven Sauer  
Rampage Reporter

Many people have heard of the Information Super Highway, but few are familiar with the foundation of the Information Super Highway, electronic mail.

Electronic mail, or E-mail as it is often called, is a broad term for communication through computers.

This is usually done either through a modem, which broadcasts information over the telephone lines, or through a direct connection, known as networking.

One of the most common uses of E-mail is the electronic bulletin board, where many people connect to a single computer, where they can leave messages and read the messages of others.

An electronic bulletin board, or BBS, is usually owned and operated by a single person, although

there are some that are run by an organization, such as those that are on company or school computers.

E-mail can also be sent on an individual basis, from one computer to another, usually using a modem, but this requires that both of the computers be turned on at the same time, and both must have a modem and the appropriate software programs.

While most large schools have mainframe computers, huge computers that can process and incredible amount of information every second and are connected to numerous terminals, where a user can access the information on the mainframe, Fresno City College does not.

It is for this reason that E-mail is not used on the FCC campus. Without a central computer for individual computers to connect to, E-mail on a large scale is impossible.

## FCC Campus Crime Log

3/23 2:10 Petty Theft. A gum vending machine was found in the flowerbed near the student lounge patio. It had been removed from the stand, money and gum had been taken.

2/23 7:19 p.m. Subject's license plate was taken from vehicle.

3/24 12:05 p.m. Hit and run. Telephonic report from anonymous witness of hit and run that occurred on campus parking lot earlier in the day.

3/25 Battery on a peace officer. Officer observed argument between male student and female student employed in Library. While responding officer attempted to question subjects, male student hit student employee and officer. Subject booked into Fresno County Jail.

3/28 3:33 p.m. Hmong male telephoned to say brother was "jumped" near gym at a Hmong-sponsored event. Victim was at hospital and brother was advised to have victim contact campus police for further information.

3/28 2 p.m. Vehicle stolen while in parking lot S.

3/30 2:59 a.m. Cobwebs and black widows found under outside tables of cafeteria. Maintenance service request written to have spiders and webs removed.

4/4 12:00 p.m. Faculty office burglarized and televi-

sion stolen. Signs of forcible entry.

4/4 12:45 p.m. Clock stolen from Humanities division. No sign of forcible entry

4/5 2:21 p.m. Faculty office burglarized over Spring break. Unknown suspect(s) took several calculators. No signs of forced entry.

4/5 6:31 p.m. Occupants of Technical and Industrial building room #200 reported smell of smoke after overhead lights in classroom surged very brightly. Area checked, no smoke or flames were seen.

4/6 3:26 p.m. Flowers were dug out of the ground and stolen from the breezeway at the GAIN bungalow.

4/7 8:30 a.m. License plate stolen off vehicle while it was parked in lot G.

4/7 5:37 p.m. Student tried to turn in late work in Child Development Center but work not accepted. Subject became angry and refused to leave. When officer arrived student was waiting outside the center.

4/7 8:30 a.m. License plate stolen off vehicle while it was parked in Lot G.

4/8 6:38 p.m. Unlawful sexual activity. Two teenage subjects were found having consensual sexual intercourse on campus.

4/11 9:20 a.m. Indecent exposure. Unknown suspect exposed himself to four female

students near Ratcliffe stadium.

4/11 2:00 p.m. Two instructors had a heated disagreement. The Division Dean is aware of the situation, under investigation.

4/12 9:50 a.m. A male student carrying a wooden sign advertising his desire for a girlfriend. Student was turned over to Dean of Students for disciplinary action due to his being warned in the past about this type of behavior.

4/13 4:01 p.m. Indecent exposure. Female student reported male subject masturbating in one of the parking lots.

**Editors note:**  
*This is in no way a complete list but only a sampling of those crimes which are officially reported to campus police. In order to give a complete listing of campus crime an entire issue of the Rampage would have to be devoted to this ongoing problem. Still even more crimes goes unreported every day and never end up on the pages on the campus police logs.*

**Semester Totals:**  
bomb threats: 1  
cafeteria theft: 1  
eating out of trash: 2  
marijuana possession: 3  
parking permit theft: 34  
petty theft: 38  
sexual assault: 1  
vandalism/graffiti: 37  
vehicle burglary: 40  
vehicles stolen: 21  
indecent exposure: 4

## FCC's winning Debate team hits nationals

*Forensics, from page 1*

were team captain Sandy Parker, her debate partner, Tom Lindstrom as well as other team members Jefferson Kyle, Brian Plummer, Eva Russell and Scott Wright.

Parker received a prestigious honor at the tournament. She was named to the sixteen member All-American team. Of the sixteen named, only two community college students are named to the team. A special plaque will be presented to her in a campus ceremony honoring her accomplishment.

The tournament consisted of 64 college debate teams from all across the nation competing for the national championship. Kyle, Lindstrom, Parker and Plummer competed in the junior varsity division. Russell and Wright competed in the novice division.

For their efforts, FCC won two individual speaker awards at the tournament. Jefferson Kyle finished eighth in the junior varsity division. Eva Russell took ninth place in the novice division.

"I was very proud of the teams performance, FCC Forensics coach and speech teacher Mark Woolsey said. "I would have liked to have done better but I'm pleased with our results."

The team of Jefferson Kyle and Brian Plummer beat William and Mary College in the the final round to advance to the quarter finals where they faced and lost to long-time nemesis San Francisco State, who finished in third place. The tournament championship went to the Air Force Academy.

The topic of debate at the tournament has been the same at every tournament all year; U.S. Military intervention to foster a democratic government is appropriate in a post-cold war world.

Lindstrom said, "We were surprised at the style and manner that our competition went about debating this topic."

Every team member who attended the national tournament won't be back next semester Woolsey said. They are either graduating or transferring to other schools. Most of the rest of the team is doing the same.

Scholarships are available to students interested in Forensics.

Woolsey added he'll rebuild the team by recruiting from the local area high schools. He also receives a lot of support from the faculty who frequently inform him of students who might be possible debate team candidates.



# Bionic woman leads

by Stefanie Hard  
Rampage Reporter

She's faster than a speeding bullet. She can leap tall buildings in a single bound.

Well... maybe not. But people who have seen Kemisole Solwazi in action would probably say that she is a real-life superwoman.

Kemi (pronounced Kimmy) is not your ordinary athlete. After only one and a half years of training, she has become one of the top prospects of the FCC track team.

She can competitively run any distance from the 100 meter dash to longer distance races such as the 1,500 meter run, which is a little short of a mile.

I almost forgot to mention one last thing about her. She is 54 years old.

Solwazi was born in 1939 and grew up just outside of St. Louis, Missouri. She first realized she could run when she was a teenager and she and the other neighborhood kids used to run against dogs for fun.

"They didn't have tracks open a lot for black people," Solwazi explained. So instead the local children decided to race their pet canines.

The race consisted of a 60-70 yard dash to a light post or corner against a German Sheppard that was, as Solwazi put it, "crazy about you."

"The faster you are, the [sooner] they let the dog go," she said. "I learned how to run real fast trying to outrun that dog."

But Solwazi did not pursue running. Instead she got married, went to college, and eventually received a master's degree in art and art teaching credentials from Fresno State University. Her family came to the area in 1969 when her husband was offered a job teaching ethnic studies at FCC.

It was at the local YMCA that Solwazi's athletic talent was discovered by four-time Olympic Trial long jump competitor, Gwen Loud.

Loud was training for the 1992 Olympics when she and Solwazi began talking in the locker room after their workouts.

According to Loud, one day after training, Solwazi commented that she needed a challenge. Loud then suggested that she give running a try.

"She just caught my eye

because she was very disciplined, very focused," Loud said. "She's just awesome. She's a genetic athlete."

Loud then connected Solwazi with her coach, Randy Huntington, who recruited Solwazi for the Kaiser Olympic Team for the Master's division.

Huntington trained Solwazi to run sprints, but at an open track meet at Fresno State University she ran the 1,500 meter run.

It was here that she met Gary Bluth, FCC track and cross-country coach.

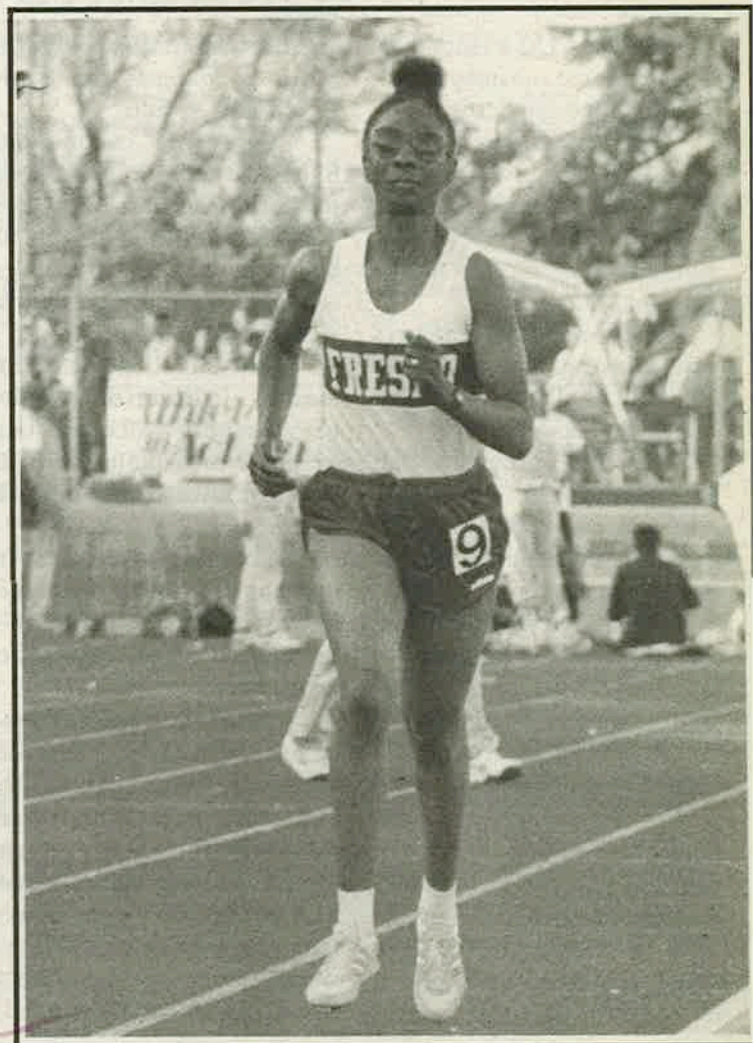
Bluth gave Solwazi some tips on long distance running and convinced her to train to run long distance.

"She's above average for a college athlete and potentially a world-class age group athlete," Bluth said.

According to Solwazi, she did not have much difficulty with the transition between sprints and distance runs.

"It wasn't a discomfort to me," she said. "It looked like I

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column 2



Kimi Solwazi running the 800 meter event at the Fresno Relays.

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## Rampage wins award

For the second year in a row, the FCC Rampage student newspaper staff won an honorable mention for front page layout at the Journalism Association of Community Colleges (JACC) state-wide competition.

The JACC, which includes all of the journalism programs in California as well as some in Arizona, held its yearly conference at Fresno State on April 8 and 9.

More than 60 colleges in JACC participate in the competition. The award places the Rampage in the top six entries in the category.

Also at the JACC conference, Rampage managing editor Jennie Fitzhugh was elected as one of two northern California (NorCal) representatives for JACC.

## Kemi, from page 4

could run both of them."

Solwazi then wanted to be on the FCC cross-country team last fall, but was unable to because of the expenses involved.

Since Solwazi already has a Bachelor's degree, it would cost her \$50 a unit to enroll at FCC. In order to compete in sports, she would have to carry a minimum of 12 units. This means she would have to pay \$600 for a single semester.

Solwazi attempted to get a fee waiver in Fall 93' and was denied, so she practiced with the cross-country team but did not compete.

But this semester she proved she could not pay the money and obtained a fee waiver. So she is able to compete this track season.

So far this season, Solwazi has run the 100 meter dash, 200 meters, 400 meters, 800 meters, and is a member of both the sprint and mile relay teams.

Her times this season are very competitive, particularly in the 200 meters and the 400 meters. Solwazi's best times of the season so far are 14.29 seconds in the 100 meter dash, 29.1 seconds in the 200 meters, 66.73 seconds in the 400 meter run and 2:44.78 minutes in the 800 meters.

Her best split in the mile relay is 65.9 seconds for the 400 meter segment and 2:38 for the 800 meter in the distance medley relay.

Solwazi sees some familiar faces on the track, including that of the woman who discovered her, Loud, who also happens to be a second year track coach at FCC.

Loud commented admiringly about her friend. "I feel honored to have seen her take her desire to want a challenge to this level."

"She's a role model for me as a woman," Loud said. "She had a little spark and went with

it. She hasn't backed down from the challenge."

"My motto is I want to be just like Kemi when I grow up," Loud concluded.

For now, Solwazi will continue her workouts with the FCC track team and will train for the National Championships this summer.

"My family thinks it's amazing because my husband nor my son realized I could do this," Solwazi said. "They were surprised and I was surprised too."

And what are her future plans for running?

"I'm going to have fun with it," Solwazi said. "It keeps me in good shape and I like doing it."

She continued, "It's a part of me I hadn't totally explored or developed yet... and I think I'm blessed to have the kind of physical strength I have at my age. The only person I can thank is God."

## Information booth

Many students on campus are not aware that FCC has its own information booth.

It is located in the fountain area by the Language Arts building and is often mistaken for a kiosk to post papers on.

The booth is used by campus clubs and organizations to give information to interested people and promote their activities. But so far, the booth has not been used much.

Clubs interested in using the facility need to go to the student lounge and ask Gurdeep Sihota for the key to the booth.

If you would like to know more about the information booth, call College Activities at 442-5711.

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## Presidential candidates

### Jeff Little

Expanding services for FCC's physically challenged, expanding the availability of on-campus childcare, bringing voting booths to FCC and increasing ASB card discounts are the focus of Jeff Little's campaign.

Little says his desire to become ASB President stems from his ability to "build a repartee" between students, senators and faculty.

"I have a lot of people skills," said Little of his personal qualifications for ASB President.

Little has served as a student senator for the past year and chairs the committee working to improve the Student Lounge.

Little is also responsible for bringing actor Edward James Olmos to speak at FCC last semester.

### Mark Green

"FCC at this time has a reputation of being nothing more than an extension of highschool," says candidate Mark Green.

Helping the student body become stronger is one contribution Green says he will make if elected ASB President.

Green says he would like to help different ethnic groups form a club or program and empower the clubs that are already in existence.

Green says he has had experience in Student Government at different schools in the past. He is currently involved with the PanAfrican Student Union and volunteers at Martin Luther King elementary school with the club.

### Sunnie Duepre

Sunnie Dupree, a first-year student at FCC, is seeking the Associated Students Senate presidency.

Dupree said she is running because "As a senator I was exposed to how things operated."

"The next president should be someone who operates in an expedient, efficient manner. I believe I'm that someone," she said.

Dupree said she thought she had served as a senator the entire Fall, 1993 semester, but sources at the Associated Students Office said that the Senate had removed her for lack of attendance.

Dupree said if elected, she plans to help campus clubs obtain more money.

## Executive Vice-President candidates

### Greg Lobowski

Lobowski is running because "I want to help persuade the [Associated Students] Senate to change its position on implementing a student representative fee."

Lobowski said if implemented, the fee would automatically be charged to students when they register. In order to avoid paying the fee, students would have to indicate their desire not to pay on their registration form.

"The Senate has been considering implementing the fee this semester. I oppose it," he said.

Lobowski joined the Associated Students as a senator earlier this semester. He said he became involved because "I didn't like how our money was being spent."

### Mike Brown

Brown, a second semester student at FCC, served as a student senator last semester and part of the current semester. The student senate removed him from the senate earlier this semester as a result of not meeting attendance requirements for the weekly senate meetings.

"I got fed up with the bureaucratic B.S.," said Brown, "I was able to accomplish more not being a senator."

Brown said he wants to be an executive officer in order to unite people and get more accomplished.

If elected Brown says he will address the issue of parking. "The college could purchase nearby property to use for parking and charge a lower fee," Brown said.

## Legislative Vice-President candidates

### John Roberts

Second term senator John Roberts is running for the position of legislative vice president.

If elected, Roberts said he plans to continue his active involvement in student government by listening to the needs of the students he represents, and implementing programs to meet those needs.

Roberts said that he would use his executive position to set an exemplary example for other members of the Associated Students Senate.

Roberts also chairs the Programs and Activities committee for the A.S.

### Mike Flores

Mike Flores chairs the Merchant Sponsor Program for A.S. card sales and is an A.S. Senator. As part of his committee Flores works to increase the benefits to students who hold an A.S. card. Flores has been active in campus clubs and is a member of the La Raza Caucas.

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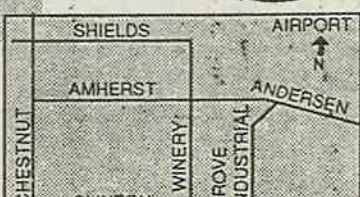
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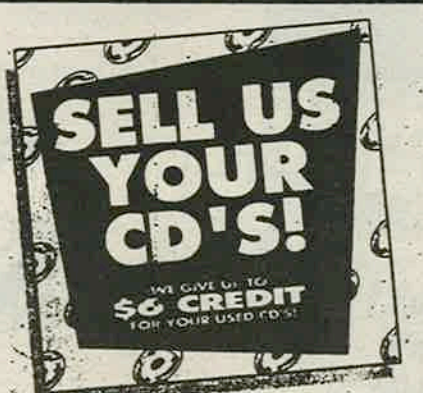
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## Kings X needs work

by Steven Sauer  
Rampage Reporter

While watching King's X, the group that opened for the Scorpions earlier this Spring at Selland Arena, a line from the movie *Eddie and the Cruisers 2* came to mind: more intense does not necessarily mean louder.

The trio started loud, stayed loud, and ended loud.

They were so loud, in fact, that the melody and lyrics were often lost in the cacaphony of sound.

This is a shame, because King's X has some definite musical ability, as they demonstrated on two of their songs during the concert which were a little softer (but still loud enough to shake the seats).

What they really need is a little more confidence, and a little more intensity.

The lead singer/bass player, who has a gangly look reminiscent of Jack Skellington from *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, has a wide vocal range, and works well with the harmonics from the other two

members of the band.

However, he has an untutored voice, occasionally wavering from a solid tone.

The lead guitarist, who sang one of the two exceptional songs that were played, has less of a range, but a more melodic voice.

His real strongpoint, however, is in his guitar playing, which at times showed the promise of a future virtuoso. At some points he seemed to make his instrument sing, while at others it just cried out in pain.

The thing that King's X really lacks is experience.

Time will teach them that their more popular songs are those that don't assault the listener, but draw him in. Radio play is already proving this point.

Time will also give them the confidence they need to dominate the stage, rather than having the stage dominate them.

As for the Scorpions, they once again showed why they are considered to be one of the premiere hard rock groups in the world.



King's X.

photo by Don Griffith

## Brass Bash rocks FCC

by Carol Buchanan  
Rampage Reporter

Surrounded in non-electric stereo the audience captured some of the 17th century at the Brass Bash XI, wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the FCC theater.

Robert Nielsen, FCC music instructor, conducted the FCC ensemble of trumpets, trombones, baritones, and a special guest playing a euphonium.

He told the audience, "We are glad you are here, we are having as much fun as you are." Then he set the scene and told of a few french brass players.

Morning music from the 17th century, brass players would go into the towers early in the morning and play their horns for hours for the town to hear, went from a slow beat to a fast beat.

With the brass players feet keeping the beat and one player's foot wrapped around their leg keeping the beat the concert flowed.

Ritchie Clendenin, Professor of Music at FSU, conducted the British Brass Band of FSU for 5 songs.

Students from bullard high and a boy from a middle school played among the older stu-



FSU British Brass Band.

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## Volunteerism course offered

Class, from page 1-

Students will be able to pick from a myriad of programs. Ryan recommends the students choose the volunteerism program that meshes with the major they want to pursue.

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Students in the volunteerism have an opportunity to attend state and city government meetings.

Ryan says when you go out into the community to volunteer it's a need for the individual.

Students can participate in the Volunteerism course by contacting College Activities for the specific course number. The class will meet four times throughout the semester on Thursday evenings.

## Peralta, from page 1

President Dr. Brice Harris.

"I'm also concerned about the precedent that [the closure] could set for other residential streets in the area," said Harris.

But Garth Rasmussen, the director of the Institute of Religion, disagrees.

"For [the college administration] to squack and squeal [about the closure] is interesting to me because Fresno City College has closed more streets than anyone else in the neighborhood," said Rasmussen. "Peralta used to go through all the way to Blackstone before the college closed it to make their parking lot."

Rasmussen cited a number of reasons to support the closure of Peralta.

"Peralta is a residential street. Residential streets have an allowable amount of traffic, and the traffic on Peralta

exceeds this," said Rasmussen.

According to Rasmussen, a 24-hour study conducted on a school day showed that about 1,500 vehicles used the small section of the street during the 24-hour period.

Carl Kassabian, the City Design Engineer for the City of Fresno, said that the street was never intended to support that kind of traffic flow. Vehicles are meant to use McKinley to get from Wishon to Van Ness.

The FCC administration has said that it is concerned about traffic flow problems because there is no turn signal at McKinley and Van Ness, and traffic would back up as cars waited to turn.

But according to Rasmussen, the reason there is no turn signal there is that there is a minimum number of vehicles per hour that must use an intersection before a signal is installed, and the intersection of McKinley and Van Ness is 24 cars per hour short of

that.

Rasmussen said that if traffic is diverted from Peralta to McKinley, the required number of vehicles will easily be met, and a turn signal will be installed.

According to Kassabian, this signal, should the closure of Peralta be approved, would be placed on the budget for fiscal year 1995.

Rasmussen said that this is not the first time the traffic question on Peralta has come up.

According to Peralta Avenue resident Careyn Armatige, the residents in the area have long been concerned about the excessive traffic but they had no ideas of how to solve the problem.

"I want the street closed," said Armatige, "and quite honestly everyone I've talked to on this block wants it closed. This block is used as a driveway into City College."

According to both Armatige and Rasmussen, the

residents on Peralta between Wishon and Maroa are united in their desire to close the street, and the majority of those living on Peralta west of Wishon either want it closed or are undecided.

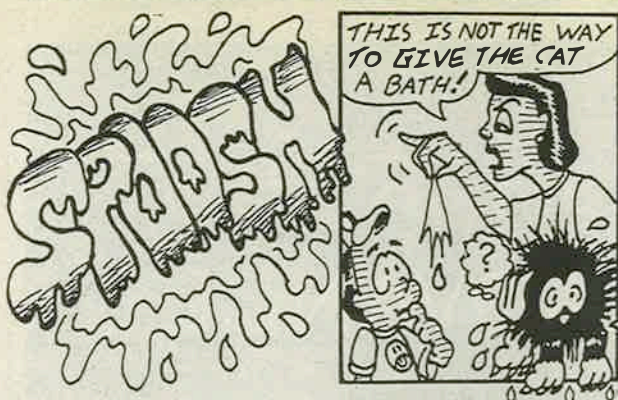
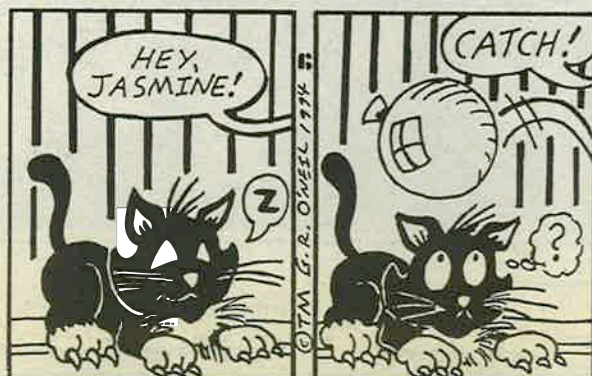
Armatige said that very few of them strongly want it open. "Maybe three or four want it open," she said.

Rasmussen and Armatige both cited traffic safety as another reason to close the street.

Both men said that there are families on the street that have small children, and excessive usage by vehicular traffic poses a safety problem when the children are playing in the yards.

"I'm surprised there haven't been more accidents," said Armatige.

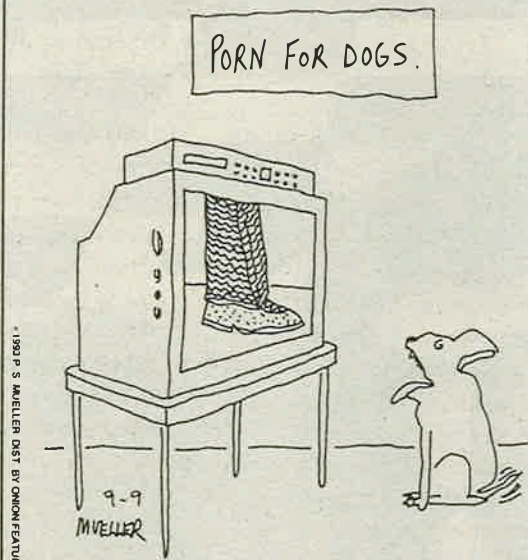
"When students are late to class, they tend to drive through very quickly, and they cut the corner at Wishon. I've had to stop [before the intersection] a few times to keep from getting hit."



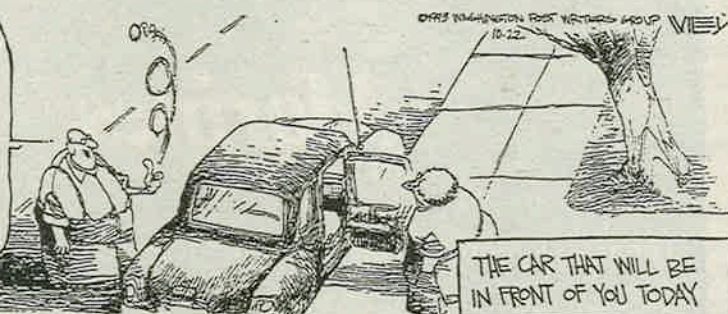
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