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## Shelton brothers, Volek sign with CSUF

by **Alisa Scott**  
Sports Editor

A bold, red and white Fresno City College banner filled the backdrop of the small room inside the field house. In four chairs football players sat and signed letters of intent for their futures.

Football sensation Daimon "Roc" Shelton and brother Johnnie committed their football destinies to the hometown Fresno State Bulldogs.

Circumstances kept the brothers from Duarte, California from signing previously. But nothing could stop the All American combination from finding the dotted line this time.

Johnnie, 6 feet tall and 250 pounds, held the title of California Community Colleges Football Coaches Association first team All American and was co-defensive player of the year. John led the Rams team with six sacks for minus 31 yards, totaled 18 solo tackles, assisted on 49, caused three tumbled fumbles, recovered one and racked up two interceptions.

Roc, 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighing 240 pounds, led

the team with 27 rushing touchdowns. He also racked and stacked 2,186 yards rushing, surpassing Kieth Fields' ten year old record of 1,971 yards. Roc also broke Milliard Hamptons record of 25 touchdowns in the 1952-53 season with 27 touchdowns.

"I'm happy to be continuing my football career with my brother. Hopefully we'll be successful once again as teammates," commented Johnnie. "I enjoyed my football career here at FCC. It was a learning experience for me. I also appreciate the great coaching staff.

"I'm excited to be going to FSU. I see it as a good career move as far as academics and athletics are concerned," stated Roc. In the Running back position on the team Roc hopes to endure all he can in all areas. "I want to be able to contribute as much as I can to the program at FSU," he concluded.

Also signing with the Bulldogs was Bill Volek. Bill is the son of the Rams' head football coach John Volek. Bill held a starting position as quarterback at Clovis West last season.

The Fresno State Bulldogs signed 20 junior college athletes and eight high school

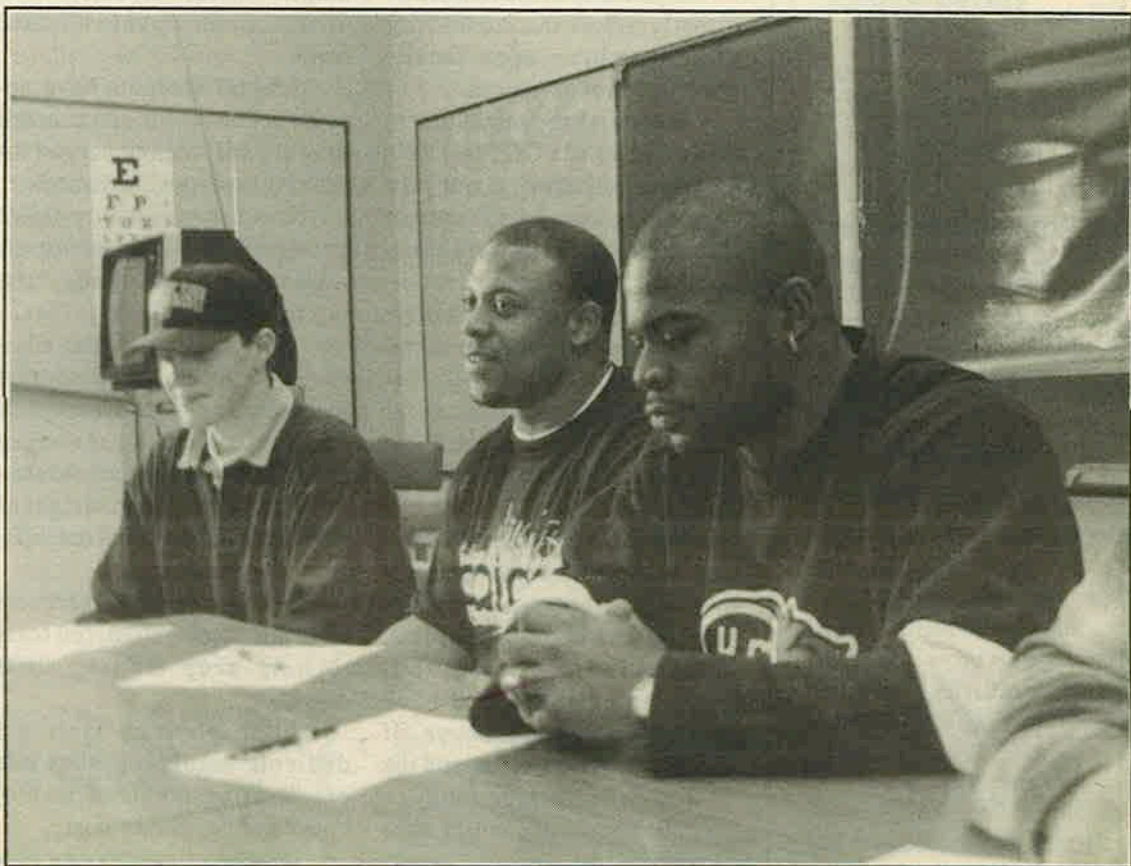


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Fresno City College students and Rams football stars Bill Volek, left, Johnnie Shelton, middle, and Daimon Shelton sign letters of intent to play football for California State University, Fresno, during a signing ceremony at FCC.

players. 15 of those signees received All-American mention of some kind.

Offensive lineman Doug Peterson also joined in the signing party. Doug will attend Ft.

Lewis College in Colorado.

Other superstar recruits included offensive lineman Jamie Armstrong to FSU, Aaron Grinstead and Scott Murphy to North Texas, line-

backer Sammy Lawanson to "the weather's always great" San Diego State, and FCC quarterback Josh Bravo, who will go to Chapman, in Southern California.

## FCC students get a taste of British education

by **Ricki Crawford**  
Rampage Reporter

Excited Fresno City College students recently left Fresno Air Terminal for the long flight to England that would begin their 1995 semester.

"We hope to get a little exercise walking up and down the airport," said FCC English instructor Pam Thomas. "Ten and a half hours in the in the airplane going to London is a long time."

Thomas, along with her husband and fellow FCC instructor, James Ruston co-organized the trip and will teach the students while in London. The semester in London is a program in which students can earn up to 18 units of transferable credit while living and studying in England.

Students spent the first four weeks of the semester at FCC.

The last 14 weeks will be spent in the London suburb of Kingston-upon-Thames. While in England, students will attend humanities courses such as art and music appreciation, critical thinking, and English. They also have opportunities to visit art galleries, museums, and theaters.

The cost of the trip is \$4,500. This covers transportation to and from England, and a travel card for bus and rail trips. It also covers room and board at the home of a host family, two meals a day at the home (breakfast and dinner), and the cost of various scheduled field trips throughout England.

In addition to the \$4,500 fee, students must pay class registration fees, buy their books and provide money for any extra activities they engage in or purchases they wish to make during their stay. Stu-

dents must also pay for their daily lunch. On past trips, some students have spent \$1,500 to \$2,000 in addition to the fee.

England based, The Centre for Academic Programmes Abroad (CAPA) chooses and screens host families for the program. Students fill out questionnaires to match the students with compatible families.

Thomas and Ruston will stay in a house in close proximity to the students.

Lack of student recruitment stopped the program for a couple of years. Efforts to promote the trip include going to classes on campus and going to local area high schools to recruit students. As the plane takes off for this year's semester, recruitment begins for next year's trip.

Most students paid for the

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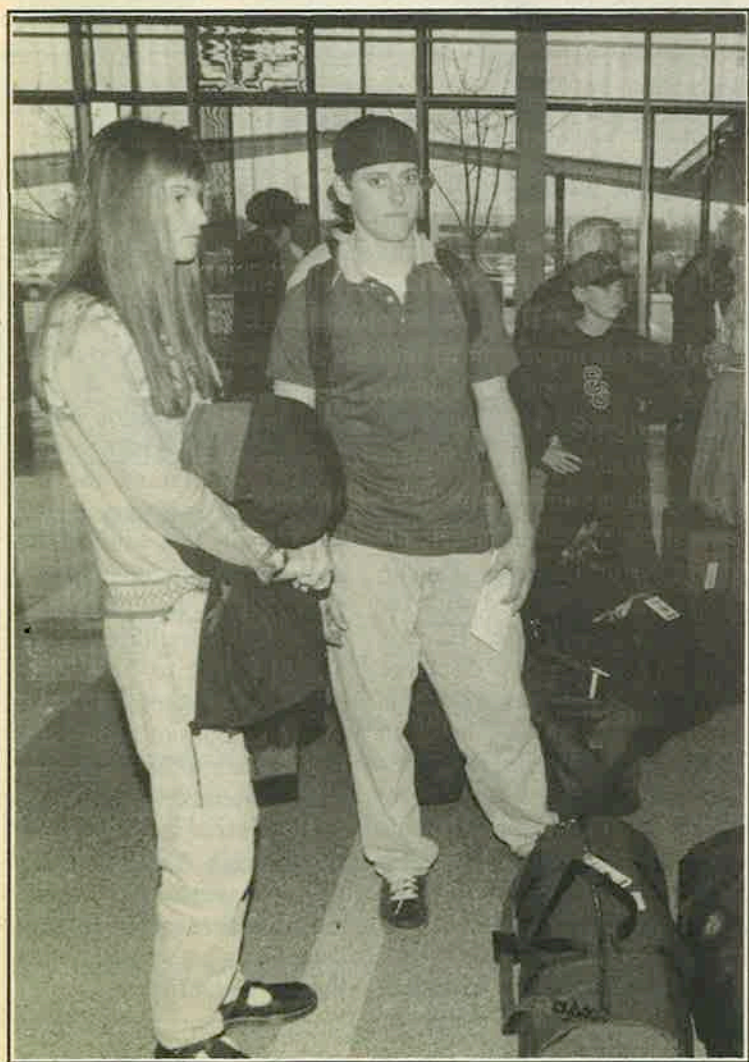


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FCC students check their luggage at the Fresno Air Terminal as they prepare for their semester in England.



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## Bookstore Advisory Committee could increase student involvement in bookstore operations

by Kurt Gripenstraw  
ASB Senator

It is a fact that our campus has a superior bookstore.

However, there are still several areas that could stand some improvement.

Especially those that either directly affect the students or those that draw upon faculty bookstore involvement.

We the Associated Student Body (ASB) of FCC feel that a bookstore advisory committee is of the utmost importance to the students for several reasons.

As a standing committee, it would greatly enhance student involvement the bookstore's net of operations and would act as the facilitator between students, faculty and the bookstore staff.

The ASB also feel that several pertinent issues need addressing as soon as possible; such as text book prices, lack of books in stock, resale ability, shipping costs, used book availability, the practice of shrink wrapping books, and the bookstore renovation fund.

The committee could have other potential applications that would allow for discussion of areas concerning faculty matters.

Policies of early book ordering information, late orders, and running out of stock could be addressed while students might voice their concerns about text switching, the number of books on book lists, and the actual amount that books are used in class.

Although text book prices always have and always will be a point of contempt, there is

still room for improvement.

Due to the fact that Governor Wilson is planning to assess California community college students with a two dollar per unit raise in tuition, students will become unwilling to pay for that which they deem unfair. That is why all factions of FCC must provide a united front.

Several students have approached the ASB and asked if they are still being charged for current facility renovations.

Another commonly asked question is whether or not the ASB can do anything about rising text book prices.

The creation of the advisory committee could address these issues and accomplish results by recommending which book publishers are chosen and also provide insight as to which books are cost efficient for faculty use.

Several faculty members have adopted customized texts to help keep student costs down.

Although such texts are difficult to obtain, they are excellent examples of faculty concern over rising costs.

Instead of purchasing new editions every semester, the faculty approaches publishers and asks them to "cut and paste" areas of several texts without violating copyright.

The majority of publishers that sell to FCC are against the concept of used books.

They profit only from new units sold and attempt to profit more by constantly releasing new editions.

The ASB feels the bookstore is not on campus to make publishers money, but to help

provide an affordable quality education.

That is why another possible responsibility of the committee could be informing the administration, faculty, and student body which editions have been discontinued and make recommendations based upon this information.

Another area of concern is shipping costs.

Bookstore manager Mike Guerra said, "The bookstore is a business."

It has costs and profits just as any other business."

When a person orders a book from outside sources such as Barnes and Noble, Waldenbooks or B. Dalton the shipping costs are paid for by the businesses themselves.

The committee could provide creative solutions to offset shipping costs.

A policy that most students find outrageous is "shrinkwrapping" textbooks.

There are currently 87 different textbooks on the bookstore shelves sold in this fashion.

The bookstore's policy dictates that once a shrinkwrapped book is opened, it can't be returned for any reason including class cancellation.

Students are forced to purchase whatever package the publisher creates in order to obtain the desired text.

For example, last semester a biology book package contained the text, a workbook, and a book containing pictures found in the other two books.

With all due respect to the faculty in ordering the text, the instructor was ill-informed about the shrinkwrap proce-

dure.

This 'mistake' can be avoided in the future with the creation of the advisory committee.

Guerra said the matter of shrinkwrapped books was out of his hands and that books could not be returned to the publishers without their original wrap.

The ASB researched the matter at hand and discovered Visalia's College of the Sequoia's charges students one dollar to re-wrap books.

That must mean the bookstore manager misled the ASB on shrinkwrap procedures of FCC should begin using the same publishers as COS does.

Personally, I am irate at some of the practices that fall under "academic freedoms".

It is true that it is very important for teachers to be free to educate.

However, it is even more important that students right to learn be protected.

I feel that this is not taking place on campus.

Several times I have purchased and read required text weeks in advance and at exorbitant costs, only to go to class and be informed by instructor that the book will be used sparingly.

Large lists of books required also could be deemed unnecessary through the implementation of handouts, per approval of the Academic Senate.

In summary, the creation of the Bookstore Advisory Committee could ensure an affordable education by keeping all parties informed of the most cost efficient practices.

## Deadbeat brother deserves the boot

**DEAR TERRY:** I am in my third semester here at Fresno City [College] and I have a younger brother who just started coming here. I maintain a 3.35 GPA, work part-time at a law firm, and intend to pursue a career in divorce law after I finish college. I try to set a good example for my younger brother but all he seems interested in is partying, hanging out on campus, and having fun. He barely graduated from high school last year and it's been like pulling teeth to get him into City. Now that he's here, he rarely, if ever, goes to his classes, he doesn't have a job, in effect he is just a bum who's future looks very bleak if this is how he continues to live his life. Both my mom and my stepdad have tried to talk some sense into him, as have I, but he just nods his head like he understands and then

continues the same detrimental behavior. What can I do to make him understand that he has to start taking charge of his life and being a responsible adult? COLLEGIATE IN CRISIS.

**DEAR COLLEGIATE:** I am sorry to say this but it sounds as if there is little more that you can do. If you and the other members of your family have already tried to talk to your brother and he refuses to listen, then any more talk would be just a waste of breath. He has reached adulthood and will make his own choices, decisions, and mistakes. Eventually your brother will come to the realization that the road he is presently on leads nowhere. Until that moment you should try to encourage him by showing him the rewards that can be obtained through hard work and responsibility.

**DEAR TERRY:** My best friend has always had a real problem as far as men are concerned. She seems to pick guys to go out with who are total jerks. She just can't seem to see through these dogs and every time I try to point out their faults she turns a deaf ear to me.

I have pretty much gotten used to her poor taste in men, but this new guy that she has become involved with really takes the cake. He has made passes at me on three different occasions when she wasn't around and I have no doubt that he is seeing other women as well. I really care about my friend and I don't want to see her get hurt again, but if I tell her the truth about her new beau I'm afraid that she'll ignore me or even worse, become offended by my accusations. How do I help my friend without jeopardizing our relationship? FRUSTRATED IN FRESNO, CA.

**DEAR FRUSTRATED:** I can feel your pain. It can be a difficult and trying decision to tell a friend something that they may not want to hear. But who is your friend, him or her? By not telling your friend you would be doing her a great disservice. I understand the dilemma that you face. But if you do not tell your friend the truth about this "jerk", you will be condoning his behavior. It would be in your best interest to break the news to her as gently as possible, in hopes of preserving what seems to be an already fragile friendship. You must realize however that your friend may have to learn through these bad experiences before she can find someone who will make her happy. Good luck!

"Dear Terry" appears bi-monthly. You may write to Terry at the FCC Rampage, 1101 E. University Ave., Fresno, CA 93721



# Night classes serve variety of students

**Robert Stiftinger**  
Managing Editor

When the sun sets on Fresno City College, the campus takes on a whole new identity. Day students disappear and night students converge on FCC from different directions and all walks of life.

The typical day student is in their late teens or early twenties. Most day students are fresh out of high school. Night students are usually older than their daytime counterparts. However, their ages range from teens to retirees.

A lot of students can only attend night classes due to job constraints, while others simply return to school for personal enrichment.

Bookkeepers, clerks, mothers, even grandmothers attend night classes. Some students take night classes for the convenience they offer. "I work during the day and I can only come [to school] at night,"

said Business major Tracie Holt, 33. "I'm only here two nights a week and have no idea what this place is like during the daytime and I really don't care."

Holt said due to limited class offerings at night, she will eventually have to cut back her full-time work hours to take classes offered only during the day.

Other students don't notice any real difference in the transition from daytime to night.

Sophomore Jennifer Barnes, 20 said, "I've had people my own age in most of my classes and I've had people my mother's age in classes too. It's kind of fun, you can get a different perspective in class from someone older than you are who has had more life experiences."

Barnes said she has observed the difference in age and attitudes of both day and night

students and concluded it really doesn't bother her.

In the ever advancing world of technology it's important for people to learn new skills.

Gloria Johnson, 45 decided to attend FCC to learn computer technology.

After working all day as a bookkeeper, Johnson attends night classes twice weekly.

"I feel kind of strange sitting in a classroom with students my daughters age," Johnson said. "I'm a grandmother of three and being around these students helps keep me young."

There is a downside to attending FCC at night.

Night students who need access to the computer lab will have to look elsewhere for their word processing needs. The latest the lab is open is 3:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday and only until noon on Friday.

All services in the student

center cease when they shut their doors at 6:45 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and at 5 p.m. on Friday. That means no counseling, financial aid, health, job placement, and transfer services are available to night students.

To compensate for the loss of services, some students balance their schedules with a combination of day and night classes.

"I take both day and night classes to break up the monotony of my schedule," said Psychology major Michelle Hayden, 23. "I don't think I could handle going to school all day long, plus it gives me something to do a couple of nights a week."

Attending FCC at night can be quite an enlightening experience. You may just sit next to your best friend or you may wind up with a 78-year-old grandmother of six as a lab partner.

## FCC athletes honored for academic achievement

**by Alisa Scott**  
Sports Editor

Though to some, sports is the most important thing in college, for six FCC student athletes, academics are important as well.

The students were named to the Central Valley Conference All-American team for their respective fall sports of 1994. The reception of the award required students to maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or higher while maintaining a minimum of 12 units.

The men and woman's cross country team posted the most recipients with five. Salome Murray and Denise Ellis were selected for the women's team. Murray's GPA numbers read 3.75 while Ellis maintained a 3.18 GPA.

Steve Ganzenhuber and Mike Arrigale were chosen for their studious activities on the men's team. Ganzenhuber posted numbers of 3.67 and Arrigale came across the finish line with 3.18. Shawn Young (men's cross country) had the highest GPA of all members with a perfect 4.0, a perfection that lasted all four of his semesters at FCC. He was awarded the California Community College Scholar Athlete of the year for 1993-94. Young, a mathematics major, is now enrolled at California University at Davis, where he kept his marks high maintaining another perfect 4.0 for the fall semester.

"The combined grade point average of both teams was 3.1 in all units. They took their books on road trips and read them, so there's some outstanding students among our runners," stated cross country coach Gary Bluth in a press release.

Derek Hubbard, former tight end for the Rams' football team was the fifth athlete recognized. Hubbard obtained a 3.28 GPA before transferring to Stanford University on a football scholarship. Hubbard also received JC Grid Wire Academic All-American honorable mention and was named to the Student Sports All-State team.

"I think Derek fit in the mold of Ryan Wetnight and David Sloan (Two recent FCC tight ends who transferred to Stanford and University New Mexico)," stated FCC football coach John Volek. "Derek has potential to help Stanford reclaim a PAC-10 championship."

## GMA weatherman visits FCC

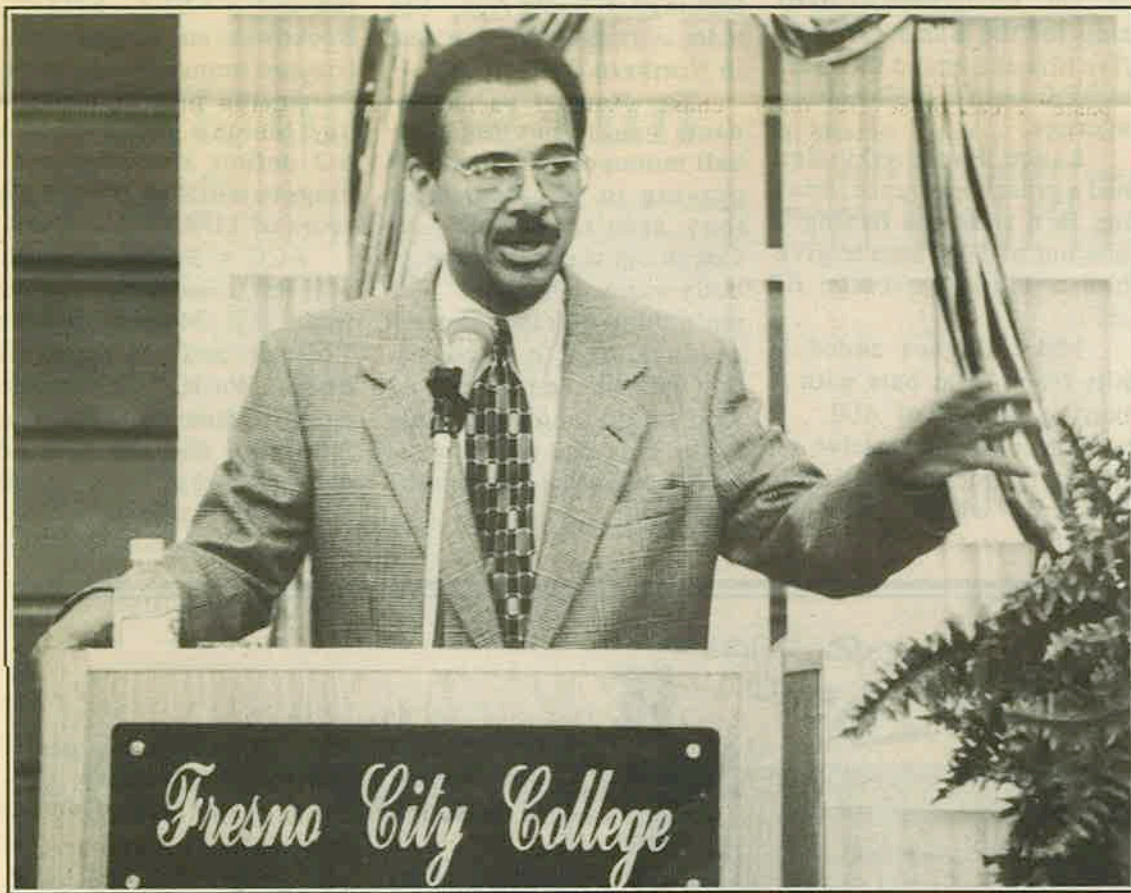


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Good Morning America weatherman Spencer Christian pictured speaking at FCC Gym on March 3

On Friday March 3, Good Morning America weatherman Spencer Christian came to Fresno City College to speak on multiculturalism as part of the Eisenhower Leadership Program. Christian spent seven years as a sportscaster before becoming a weatherman.

Christian cites his parents as the reason for his success. "It was my parents. They made the greatest impression upon me. They were a great inspiration to me when I was a youngster.

I mean they didn't sit down and say 'you're going to be a leader.' It wasn't literal like that, but they gave this belief that I could be anything that I wanted to be and do anything that I wanted to do, and they made me understand that nothing comes easily in life, that you have to work hard, you have to make sacrifices, you have to take a serious attitude towards setting goals, and working towards those goals. But they just gave me this positive feeling that I could achieve anything."

Christian says that his parents taught him the strong moral values that have helped him to succeed as an individual. Among the things they stressed he learned were integrity, honesty, and living up to one's word, treating people the way you want to be treated and Christian maintains that these values are essential to learning good leadership skills.

According to Christian, 'multiculturalism' is an ambiguous term. "Multiculturalism has almost become a cliché today because

of the way the term is used. I think it means essentially is that people from diverse ethnic, racial, religious and cultural backgrounds are living in one society, and in order for that society to survive people need to learn to respect and understand each other's cultural differences, but at the same time there needs to be a national identity. We live in a multicultural society but we tend to separate ourselves into a bunch of little individual subcultures. The society can't survive that way. So you have to achieve a balance between respecting and appreciating your own heritage but at the same time realizing that you are part of a larger society that includes other cultures and other ethnic backgrounds. The focus has to be a national goal, one that serves everyone's interests, not one that serves a group of individuals.

"So I think that the problem with the way multiculturalism has become a cliché is that many times members of various different groups get locked into this narrow definition of themselves and they can't see beyond their own subculture to the purposes of the larger society. So it's a delicate balance, you don't want to lose your own identity completely but at the same time it's not the only identity that you have."

Christian intends to leave GMA in a few years and pursue a literary career.



## Rams basketball upsets San Jose to make Final Eight

by Ernest Shelton  
and Tiffany Pereira

The Fresno City College Rams Basketball team has made it to the Final Eight of the Russell/Mikasa California Community College State Championships after a 25 year drought. The last time Fresno City made the final eight was in the 1968-69 season. They finished sixth that year under Coach John Toomasian.

In 1987, the Rams lost to Columbia with a score of 72-66, missing the final eight. It was Coach John Toomasian's last game as the FCC men's basketball coach. Three years later, the same thing happened to them when they lost to Chabot 82-75. The only difference was that the loss was Dr. Emory Luck's final game as head coach.

But this year history would not repeat itself.

The Rams defeated every opponent they faced in the playoffs to get to the Final Eight even though they only played at home once. With only one home game out of the three playoff games, the chances for the Rams looked slim. The Rams came from behind in their first game to defeat San Francisco Community College. After that game, they had to play two tough road games against teams that had better records than them during the regular season. Their first game on the road ended with an all-star defensive effort that gave the Rams a 64-60 win against Diablo Valley. L. Westberry led the attack with 19 points and 4 rebounds. T.J. Adkins followed with 16 points, 2 rebounds, and 5 assists. But Mike Chapman led the

team in rebounds with 12 and added 11 points.

The Rams have a very shaky history when it comes down to the last game of the playoffs. They have, in the past, lost the big game. On Saturday, all that changed when they defeated San Jose Community College by a score of 72-61. Westberry and Adkins were also playmakers in the San Jose game with 12 points apiece. Westberry also had five rebounds. Teammate Kerry Baker accumulated 19 points and 5 rebounds while Mike Chapman ended the game with 14 points and led the team again in rebounds with eight. The win against San Jose gave FCC fifth-year head coach, Steve Cleveland, a 105-61 record and evened his post-season record to 4-4.

The finals this year are to be held at The Bren Event Center in UC-Irvine March 9-11. The Rams are 26-10 on the year and ranked No. 4 in Northern California. Their first game is on Thursday, March 9 against No. 1 ranked Ventura College, who has been sitting pretty at the top with a 34-1 record. But Ventura's or Fresno City's record, or anybody else's for that matter, doesn't count in the playoffs. The slate has, as how most coaches put it, been wiped clean and everybody is on a level playing field.

All tickets will be sold at the box office an hour before the scheduled tip-off of each day's first game. General admission tickets are \$6.50. Tickets for identified college students, senior citizens and children under the age of 12 years old are \$4.50.

## FCC Rams streak to top

by Tiffany Pereira  
Rampage Reporter

On the first baseball weekend of the year the Fresno City College Baseball team picked up where they left off last season, continuing a winning streak.

On February 4 and 5, the Fresno City/Kings River Pre-season Baseball Tournament was held at Eulless Park and Reedley. The FCC Rams swept the tournament, winning all four of their games. On Saturday, the Rams beat Diablo Valley by a score of 16-8 and just edged past Merced for a 5-4 win. On Sunday, they wrapped up first place in the tournament with wins against Santa Rosa and Gavilan.

Ron Scott, head coach of the Rams and FCC's athletics director, said of his teams victory, "I thought we played really well. We got off to a great start."

Four FCC players stood out in the tournament and were the driving force of the Rams' victories.

Brian McCall was "excellent" on defense as short stop for the Rams. He had five hits and ended the tournament with a .357 batting average.

Lance Backowski also had a great appearance, driving in 6 runs and having 7 hits out of 17 at bats to give him a batting average of .411.

Mike Hughes added 6 hits from 15 at bats with a batting average of .400.

The most impressive of the four, though, was Jason DeCanio, who contributed

an amazing 12 hits out of 17 at bats and drove in 6 runs leaving him with a batting average of .705 for the weekend.

"I look for all of those four guys to have a great year," Coach Scott said. McCall, Backowski, and DeCanio are all sophomores and returning players. Hughes is a freshman.

The Rams also got a boost from All-American pitcher Kurt Takahashi. He went four scoreless innings for a save.

This year the Rams expect to continue their success in the Central Valley Conference. They have been in first place in the CVC for the past five years and have no reason not to be this year. Their goal this year is to not only be first in the CVC but to be State Champions, which they previously achieved in 1992. Coach Scott is confident that they will be on top again. The hitting, pitching and catching Rams checked in on the Top 20 baseball list at number two. The number one spot was stolen by Rancho Santiago in Santa Ana. The team is ranked number one in Northern California.

The Rams CVC opponents want to put this baseball monopoly to an end by proving to the Rams that they aren't perfect. As Coach Scott put it, "Everybody wants to beat us." The main thing he says his team needs to do is to be consistent with their emotion. "As a coach it's hard to explain to the kids that this game is as important as any other," said Scott.

The Rams may be a better team but if their opponents have more emotion and give the game their maximum effort, the result may be a loss for FCC. Scott doesn't see this to be any real problem though. As long as they have consistent success with their 3, 4 and 5 hitters, Scott says they won't have any trouble this year. Incidentally, his 3, 4, and 5 hitters are Backowski, DeCanio and Hughes, whose combined statistics were 25 for 49 with 14 RBI's and 10 runs scored.

Coach Scott's formula for success is working. Since the Fresno City/Kings River Preseason Baseball Tournament, the Rams have participated in two tournaments and games against Monterey Peninsula, Cypress, College of the Sequoias, and Porterville Colleges, leading to a 13-4 record.

The Rams defeated the Sequoias by a 5-2 score on Thursday, March 2. Scott's Rams were led by Shannon, Decanio, Backowski and Fethers, who had one home run and 2 RBI's. Fethers, Backowski and Hughes contributed tremendously in the Porterville game on Saturday, March 4 to rally from a 6-2 deficit after three innings to win the game with a score of 11-9.

FCC's Baseball team will be tested again this week by Modesto Junior College and Merced at Eulless Park. The game against Modesto will be at 2:30 p.m. and the Merced game will be at 7 p.m. Good luck to all the players.

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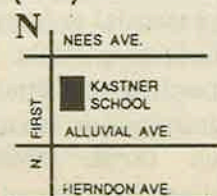
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# Spring sports schedule

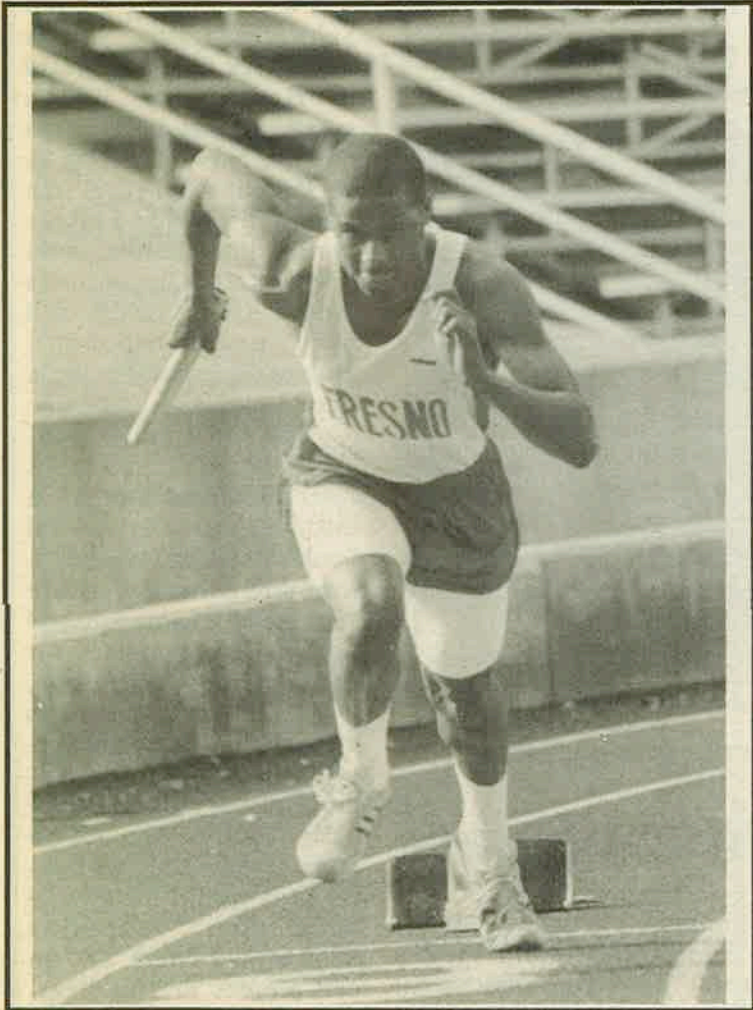


Photo by Blaine McArthur  
Kay Scott, a computer major at FCC, blasts out of the blocks to start the men's 400 meter relay.

## Track on the run

by Alisa Scott  
Sports Editor

The track team is off and running towards another title. The team competed in their first meet last Friday.

Teams from American River, Antelope Valley and Bakersfield came to Ratcliffe Stadium to run with the Rams.

FCC finished in 2nd place

with the womens team scoring 50 points and the men had half a point more with 50.5 points.

The track teams are coached by Gary Bluth (men's) and Ken Dose (women's). Bluth is in his fourth year and holds a record of 26-7. Dose is in his 18th year with a record of 89-50 and three duals.

### Baseball

March 4 FCC vs. Porterville at Porterville 2 p.m.

March 7 FCC vs. Modesto Junior at Modesto 2 p.m.

March 9 FCC vs. Merced at Fresno 7 p.m.

March 11 FCC vs. Kings River at Reedley 6 p.m.

March 14 FCC vs. College of the Sequoias at Fresno 7 p.m.

March 16 FCC vs. Modesto at Modesto 2:30 p.m.

March 18 FCC vs. Porterville at Fresno 1 p.m.

March 21 FCC vs. Kings River at Fresno 6 p.m.

### Softball

March 9 FCC vs. Porterville at Fresno 2 p.m.

March 11-12 CCC Classic at Clovis TBA

March 16 FCC vs. Merced at Merced 7 p.m.

March 18-19 Ohlone Tournament at Fremont TBA

March 21 FCC vs. Kings

River at Fresno 2 p.m.

Modesto, Consumnes River, Sierra and Sacramento at Modesto 2 p.m.

March 18 Beaver Relays at Sacramento 10 a.m.

### Basketball (men's)

March 4 Regional Play-offs TBA

March 9-11 State Tournament TBA

### Basketball (women's)

March 2-4 State Championships at Costa Mesa TBA

### Tennis (men's)

March 7 FCC vs. Merced at Fresno 2 p.m.

March 14 FCC vs. College of Sequoias at Visalia 2 p.m.

March 16 FCC vs. Modesto at Modesto 2 p.m.

March 21 FCC vs. Kings River at Fresno 2 p.m.

### Golf

March 7 CVC MINI at Fresno 12 p.m.

March 14 FCC vs. Modesto at Merced 1 p.m.

March 21 CVC MINI at Columbia 12 p.m.

### Tennis (women's)

March 7 FCC vs. Merced at Merced 2 p.m.

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St. Bacchus guildmembers scout out the area surrounding Cafe Intermezzo, a favorite meeting place.

## Renaissance Festival brings back days of yore

by Darren Angelos  
Rampage photographer

It is time once again to usher in the spring with the annual Renaissance festival here at Fresno City College.

Tents, carnivals, food and fun will encompass the campus on the green near the old administration building for a full

weekend of entertainment beginning on the 11th of March and continuing on Sunday the 12th.

This marks the first statewide fair bringing with it over 20 guilds that participate and make up its structure, some including 100's of members all with various themes and varieties of crafts.

The St. Bacchus guild is

just one of the many which originate from the Valley and tour with other guilds across the Northern and Southern California Renaissance meets.

"The fairs offer the public a chance to break away from the present 'time' and simply escape to this lost era and lifestyle for an entire weekend of excitement", explains Gregg

Simmons, President of the 'St. Bacchus' guild. "It is a total period re-enactment through costume, food and entertainment".

There will be several guilds displaying their talents during this event, spread out in different areas of the FCC lawn, each with their own style of dress and crafts to offer.

"We are like a big

family", said Seth Schwartz, Bacchus' newest member. "I have been involved with the Renaissance fairs for five years now", explains Schwartz. "I first joined the 'Black Griffins' guild in Huntington Beach where I lived prior to Fresno. Now, I belong to St. Bacchus and I feel like I am part of even a larger family than before", said Schwartz. "Our guild's motto is 'rivalry and wine', a combination that always finds me having a good time".

The local guilds contain many FCC students as their members and most meet regularly at several locations in the Tower district including the 'Cafe Intermezzo' to prepare and assign new members for the upcoming fair season.

"When you walk onto the campus during the fair, you will actually be stepping into a village of the early 1500's. We try to make everything authentic as it would have been back then", explains Schwartz. "There are no cell phones or complexities of today, just people having a good time".

So visit FCC on the weekend of the 11th and 12th and turn back the clock to an era of time the present day might have forgotten about. The Renaissance, re-lived once again...

## St. Patrick's Day Run for a good cause

by Alisa Scott  
Sports Editor

For those who want to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a little exercise there's a way to huff and puff for a good cause. Priority Health Services and ValuCare present the 10th anniversary edition of the St. Paddy's Day run.

On Saturday March 18, runners and walkers can exert a little energy for the sake of charity. All proceeds go to the American Lung Association of Central California.

The dash, which drew over 600 runners and walkers last year is the first major points event for the Runner of the year series.

The dash awards 30 points towards the title.

The start and finish site is the Herndon Business Park located at

Herndon and Marks, the River Bluff area.

"The only water the runners will see this year is from the river," stated Director of Marketing at the American Lung Association Ole Mathiasen.

The Leprechaun Run (children 9 and under) starts at 7:30 a.m., the Three Mile Run and the Walkabout at 7:45 a.m., and the Six Mile Run at 8 a.m.

Kids choosing to run the Leprechaun Run will be awarded at the end of the race with a "Pot O' Gold" that is filled with candy.

The race is expected to draw an estimated 600 people.

"The key to our success is good weather. We're providing a beautiful course that compliments the participating runners," said Mathiasen.

"We're in the final stretch of the entries. After two weeks we should have a lot of entries."

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# Review

## FCC art instructor's surrealistic work makes a splash in the Tower

by Tiffany Schulteis  
Features Editor

FCC art instructor Patrick Snowden is finally getting the recognition he deserves with the first ever showing of some of his works at The Java Cafe.

Six of Snowden's charcoal etchings - The Angel, Balloon Ride, The Mermaid, Sea Nap, Skyfish and Thieves are on display through Feb. 28 at the popular Tower District coffee house.

Snowden's works are highly detailed surreal visual fantasies that at times appear to be photographs instead of drawings.

Observers at the exhibit's opening were overheard commenting on what appeared to be a favorite piece.

The drawing was an underwater etching of a graceful mermaid napping on the ocean floor.

Snowden managed to perfectly emulate the ocean current making the scene appear completely natural.

The drawings are for sale at prices from \$200 to \$700 each. Students who are on a budget and can't afford to own one of these fine etchings can at least relax and enjoy their favorite cup of coffee and surround themselves with great art.

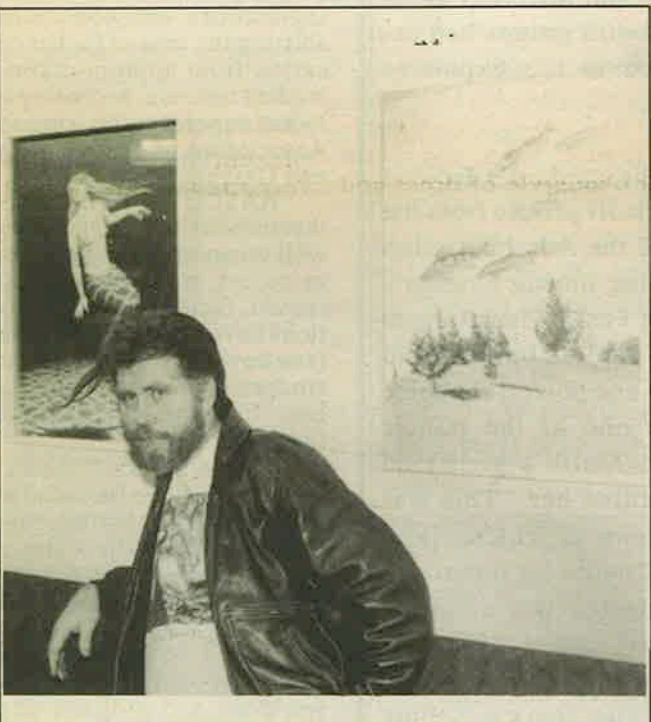


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Fresno City College art instructor Patrick Snowden displays his art at the Java Cafe on Olive Avenue in Fresno's Tower District.

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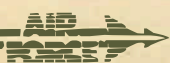
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## T'was Beauty killed the Beast

Darren Angelos  
Rampage Photographer

Alas, a classic fairy-tale is retold and brought to life on center stage at Fresno City College with the production of 'Beauty and the Beast', scheduled to open in March.

Based on the film by Cocteau, and written and directed by Linda Dryden, this version of the age-long tale will have a touch of European flair to it in design as well as theatrics. The sets are intangible and dreamy-like, giving it a more 'fairy-tale' or 'storybook' appearance that sets it apart from any other previous production or musical done before at FCC.

The complexity of detail in designing for the play posed an artistic challenge to Dan Wheeler, Fresno City College's new Theatre Arts Designer and Head of the scene and lighting department. "Beauty and the Beast is a large scale production", says Wheeler. "Trying to create an environment that takes place in a number of places and that allows for the imagination to fill in the void is perhaps the most challenging of all." Wheeler, who has directed and designed for nearly 100 productions to date, constantly strives for excellence. "I try to use different techniques toward designing to create new ideas or a new look for each play I do. In that way



photo by Darren Angelos

Dan Wheeler applies finishing touches to the mask of the 'Beast.'





of thinking, I am always learning something new and my students learn right along with me. It is the whole process of seeing an image, a vision, or

even a dream of how something should look like and working with the students to turn that dream into reality"

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students could take advantage of it. For those who are able to use either financial aid or have the wherewithal to it's a marvelous experience," said Dr. William Stewart, Chancellor of the State Center Community College District.

Chancellor Stewart promoted international education programs in the district for ten years. he has not only been involved in the program as an administrator, he has also been involved on a personal level. Two of Stewart's daughters have participated in the program.

Nikki Sorensen, Chancellor Stewart's daughter who went on this year's trip, found out about the program when she visited her sister six years ago during a semester in England.

"Our best promoters are students who have gone on previous trips," said Tom Crow, Vice Chancellor for Internal Operations at the Clovis Center.

Crow's involvement with

the International Education Program includes the Semester in London and a summer program to Mexico. He arranges the trips and prepares the students for them. Many students plan to do extra traveling in Europe after the semester. "I am staying two months afterwards, and I am going to Italy, France and Greece." Said Darla Bartell FCC student.

Other students have work or school schedules that do not allow them to stay after the semester. FCC English major Myke Brewington said, "I have a girlfriend here and I want to come back and see her plus I have to work."

Charles Lynes and Judy Ryan will lead next years trip. For more information contact Lynes at 442-4600 extension 8184 or Vice Chancellor Crow's office at 323-4595.

## In the Mouth of Madness, meal or morsel?

by Kellye Galbraith  
News Editor

Director John Carpenter's latest film, "In The Mouth of Madness," is an outrageous psychological horror-thriller, whose plot twists and turns leaves the audience asking, what is reality?

Fans of Carpenter's usual horror movie style of direction won't be disappointed in his 16th outing behind the camera.

Sutter Cane (Jurgen Prochnow), is a widely read author who mysteriously disappears weeks before his new horror novel is to be published.

Cane's publisher (Charlton Heston) hires insurance investigator John Trent (Sam Neill)

to find and bring back both Cane and the novel.

Trent is skeptical about Cane's disappearance, and thinks it is a publicity stunt.

Cane's editor, Linda Styles (Julie Carmen), is enlisted by Trent to help locate Cane.

Styles and Trent journey to Cane's supposedly fictional novel town of Hobbs End.

The only way into Hobbs End is a sort of time warp which takes them to the town, and through an endless series of nightmares.

"Reality is not what it used to be," a resident of Hobbs End tells Styles and Trent.

I was expecting to see a psychological thriller after seeing the trailers for this film.

This, however, was not the case. Although "Madness" had some mind warping moments, the movie, in typical Carpenter style eventually relied heavily on gore value to shock the audience.

The special effects were of particular interest made by the Academy-Award winning teams at Industrial Light and Magic and KNB EFX Group.

"In the Mouth of Madness" is generally a good horror film and a great thriller. If, however, you do not like films which end leaving the audience wanting more, avoid seeing this movie.

The ending was rather disappointing, but overall I still give this film a B.

## Disgruntled Student Saws Off Desk

National Student News Service

A disgruntled University of Washington law student last week sawed off part of her classroom desk with a power tool to publicize a perceived access problem for disabled students at the university law school.

The student, Brigid McGuire, "remodeled her desk with a circular saw," according to Roger Howard, associate dean of students.

"She cut away a portion of her desk so she could roll her wheelchair into that area, rather than have it at the front or back of the class," Howard said. "She wanted to have her wheelchair in line with a row of students, rather than stay three- to four-feet in front of them."

McGuire admitted that she had sawed off the desk, adding that the action garnered tremendous attention, including a report by the Associated Press.

The case has been referred to the Dean of Students office for an internal review of the compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, according to law school dean Daniel Bernstine.

"Our position is that we're in full compliance with ADA requirements," Bernstine said.

## Singleton's *Higher Learning* highlights racial tensions on college campus

by Tiffany Pereira  
Rampage Reporter

*Higher Learning* is not one of your typical, everyday, run-of-the-mill movies. There is nothing typical about it, beginning with it's director John Singleton. Singleton has a definite style that is all his own. His first movie in which he made his directing debut was the 1991 film *Boys in the Hood*, a phenomenal success for a film of its substance.

*Higher Learning* is his third movie and like the previous two, is a brilliant piece of work.

Singleton sticks to his reality-based style with the subject content of his latest movie. Spotlighting the racial tension that is present on most college campuses, Singleton raises the ugly question of the unity among the races slowly but consistently being destroyed. And he makes this point very clear.

"Higher Learning" begins like most other college-based movies do with the freshman class on their first day of school on the campus of Columbus University. Three of the freshmen are immediately sucked into the limelight taking their positions as the main characters in which the movie revolves around. Kristen is the first of these three to be characterized. She comes to Columbus from L.A. Her

parents had paid in full for her tuition but, unfortunately, her father lost his job. Malik is a student of Columbus University on a partial track scholarship (although he thinks he is on a full scholarship). He is a black star athlete who wants to get an education. Malik also wants to fit in with his "own kind" so gets his priorities a little mixed up during the movie. Raimie, now he's another story. Throughout Malik and Kirsten's spotlights, Raimie could be seen hanging around trying to fit in. Only, he didn't fit in anywhere. He's from Boise, Idaho. Give him a break. So, somebody did. It was the leader of the skinheads who gave Raimie a home and a new family. Incidentally, after Kristen was raped, she joined a non-sexist group for women from which she became a bisexual.

After the three become incorporated into the right college life for themselves, their paths seem to cross more and more as the movie progresses. One of these paths comes through a political science professor who is portrayed by Lawrence Fishburne. His character adds a little more power to the message of the movie. He keeps Malik and Kristen's mind on their education for most of the movie. Fishburne's character also kept both of his students from going overboard in their want to advocate their

particular special interests. But, by the end of the movie, the tension between the different races and social groups had escalated to it's explosive point.

The skinheads decided to pick off people from the top of the Administration building during Kristen's Peace Fest. Their targets were random but they did make one powerful choice when one of the bullets found Malik's girlfriend and killed her. This was the point at which Malik and Kristen sat down and said enough is enough. At the very end of the movie, both of them met and told each other that everything was out of hand and needed to be controlled. They shook hands and went their separate ways.

Singleton took the racial tension, which also includes the struggle between the classes and special interest groups like the gay/lesbian/bisexual rights groups, and portrayed what he saw happening on college campuses. As a student of Fresno City College, I agree with Singleton in his motives for making the movie. Most everybody I've talked to see and feel the racial tension on this campus and agree that this movie is true to life. I encourage everyone to watch this film. It is one of the best of the year.

## Education costs rise

National Student News Service

Despite an improved economic picture in most states, legislations are consciously shifting the cost of higher education from appropriations to student tuitions, according to a recent report by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

AASCU officials reported that universities have not done well competing for state funds in recent years, and for this reason, faculty and staff positions have been cut, tuition and fees have increased, and more students have been denied access because of enrollment limitations.

"The deliberate choice of states to shift the financial burdens of public higher education away from the states and onto the individual has exacerbated problems of affordability and access-the very concerns that have fueled criticisms about accountability, faculty workload and program duplication," said John Hammang, AASCU director of state and campus relations.

AASCU's annual *Report of the States* explained that "public higher education has learned to live in a climate of decreasing support and has weathered a fiscal storm" since 1990.

Although burdened by shrinking state support, colleges and universities have streamlined and restructured, according to the report.

"Over a 10-year period, state and local support for public higher education has fallen from the 7.6 percent of state and local tax revenues to 6.2 percent," Hammang said.

The report showed that the average cost of higher education increased 113 percent between 1980 and 1990, while aggregate state grants increased 921 percent and federal Pell grants increased 39.6 percent.

AASCU officials also reported that undergraduate tuition and fees increased 7.6 percent last year, from \$2,352 to \$2,531.