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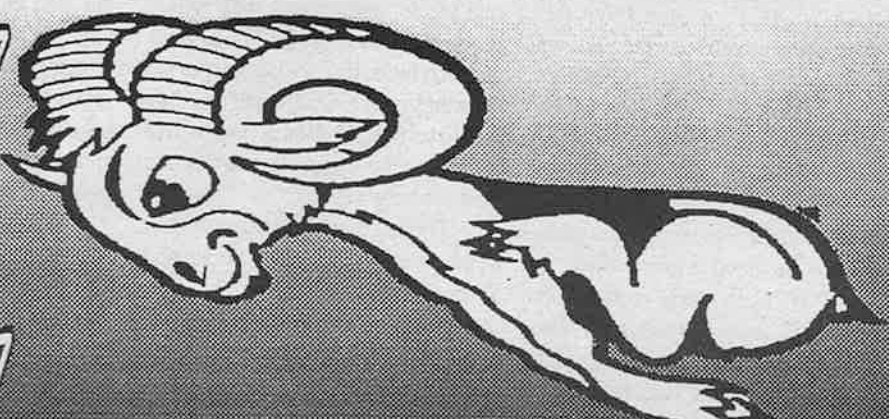
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Diddy not capable of murder say students, faculty

■ Diddy has voluntarily checked into mental hospital
By Dan Martin



When Steve Diddy confessed to the murder of a 2-year-old boy last October, people talked. And when the murder charge against Diddy was dropped last week, people talked

again, making Diddy's name commonplace.

But Dr. Harry Kennedy, a City College instructor, remembers a different time when Steve Diddy was an everyday name: fall 1990. Diddy was the editor of the Rampage. A former Rampage advisor, Kennedy recalls working with Diddy when he was the Rampage editor-in-chief.

The Rampage office is much the same today. Kennedy pointed to a chair in the office near a computer. "Steve Diddy would sit right there," he reflected. "Steve Diddy was a very capable and very hard-working editor."

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Diddy released, cleared of murder charges Wednesday

■ Diddy has voluntarily checked into mental hospital
By Dan Martin

Former Rampage editor Steve Diddy was cleared of a murder charge in a court hearing last Wednesday, after being ordered to stand trial in November, 1996.

Prosecutors did not challenge a defense motion to drop the charge, which was based on Diddy's mental incompetence during his preliminary hearing last year.

Diddy was charged with the death of 2-year-old Matthew Moorby,

whose body was found afloat in Woodward Park lake on Feb. 8, 1996.

Moorby disappeared two days earlier from his mother's north Fresno apartment.

Eight months later, Steve Diddy went to Fresno police and claimed responsibility for Moorby's death.

But Diddy's confession was caused by a mental illness, said Rick Berman, Diddy's attorney.

Diddy voluntarily checked into a north Fresno mental hospital after his release. From there, Berman said, Diddy and his family have a long road ahead of them.

Public taken to another era in sixth annual FCC Renaissance Festival



Four fine fellows entertained at 6th annual Renaissance Fair at FCC.

Photo By Linda Burgin

■ Coronation of Queen Elizabeth celebrated
By Amy Klassen-Cox

Revelers from around the state converged upon the FCC west lawn on March 8 and 9 to celebrate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth. The western border of the campus was transformed into an English shire for

the occasion, complete with royalty, nobility, merchants, soldiers, and peasantry. All of the social classes celebrated the Crown Princess' ascension to the throne at the sixth annual Fresno City College Renaissance Festival.

Participants from numerous guilds donned period costumes and even adopted the appropriate accents

for the parts they were playing at this year's event. Belly dancers from the Ottoman Traders entertained the crowd with their performance of Turkish dancing while jugglers from Out of Control and Saint Murphey's impressed the crowd with their outstanding abilities. Many merchants

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Rampage trashed due to alleged discrimination

■ An unknown party replaced the campus newspaper with Metro News
By Leah Eddens and Doug Howell

"Because of racism in the Ram top 10, I have put the Rampage where it belongs, in the trash." This was the note found in Rampage newspaper stands last Wednesday along with copies of the Metro News in place of the Rampage. It was the illegal action taken by one Rampage reader, in

order to express an opinion.

Rampage business manager Samuel Yuk reported the incidents to campus police stating that a female had gone up to the Rampage office, loudly complaining that material in the Ram Top 10 was racist. She was advised to direct her comments in a letter, to the editor, but no letters have yet been received. Yuk and other Rampage staff members speculate that the female who created the raucous in the news room is the same one who trashed the papers and left the note.

Depending on the monetary value of the newspapers taken and disposed of, this action can be either an infraction or a misdemeanor, punishable by incarceration not to exceed six months, or a fine, not to exceed \$1,000, Police Chief Kenneth P. Shrum said. Shrum has placed the case under investigation.

When asked what was thought of the student's actions, other FCC students readily responded. "The bundles were not her property to just

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Rampage urges the return of T.W.I.R.P. week

■ TWIRP week outdated, but can be updated for the 90's
By Ryan LaMar

Every year around this time high schools hold an evening dance on campus called the "Sadie Hawkins Dance." What's unique about this dance is the women ask the men out and pay for the total date, which includes tickets to the dance, dinner, and outfits—because the couples are encouraged to dress as pairs.

As late as the 1950s, FCC participated in the Sadie Hawkins tradition, but included it as the finale to their T.W.I.R.P. week celebration. T.W.I.R.P. is an acronym for The Woman Is Requested to Pay, and it consisted of several elements sponsored by the freshman class that made for an exciting week.

The week kicked off with a

slave sale, in which women would be auctioned off to the highest bidders either as volunteers or draftees, and would have to succumb to the owner's desires as long as they were in good taste.

Next came the beard growing contest. Contestants were notified two weeks beforehand they would be given that amount of time to grow as much facial hair as possible, in the style they chose. On the last day they would be judged, thus giving them a chance to be clean-shaven for the next evening's dance.

The last day brought the climax of the week with the Box Social and Sadie Hawkins Dance. The Box Social was held in the early evening, around dinner-time, and the women brought out prettily disguised box dinners to be auctioned off. A couple of hours after each was auctioned off

and ingested came the dance, finishing off T.W.I.R.P. week.

Although T.W.I.R.P. week is moderately outdated and geared almost exclusively toward men's amusement, it can be modified to appeal equally to women and meet today's societal standards. Already the Box Social has been replaced with the woman taking the man to dinner before the dance. The beard-growing contest can be mirrored with a women's leg hair-growing contest and the slave sale can include men being auctioned.

If this sounds interesting to you and you would like to see T.W.I.R.P. week return, the Rampage urges you to voice your opinion with the student government (office located above the bookstore) and to try to turn it into a campaign issue in the upcoming elections.

FCC Fitness Faire

The Fitness Faire will be held Wednesday, March 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the freespeech area. There will be exhibits regarding nutrition, and weight loss, blood pressure screening, and body fat calculation assessments. Gold's Gym will conduct a weight lifting competition.

Debt Watch

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Fill out a drop form in the Admissions and Records office, downstairs in the Student Services Building.

ASB Ram Doggie Round-up

It's time for the Associated Students Biannual Barbecue. This semester hot dogs will be served, hence the name. It will be held Wednesday March 19 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Free Speech area.

Served will be two hot dogs per plate, drinks, chips and dessert. This function is held as a "Thank You" to all the students who have an Associated Student body card.

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Rampage rated the best in valley

■ A look back at Rampage news of the past
Compiled by Ryan LaMar

5 YEARS AGO as reported on March 13, 1992: Fresno really can be a fun place. Many students at FCC find activities on campus, around the city, or make their own. There are museums and historical sites, along with concert halls and movie theatres. The preference of most FCC students is to create their own activities. Some have fake ID's and party while others buy eggs to throw at pedestrians and vehicles. Those who don't have much money prefer to stay home and watch television, listen to the radio, or just act goofy.

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 than others."

25 YEARS AGO as reported on March 16, 1972: Rules governing the distribution of literature on campus are likely to be more, rather than less strict as a result of the new California law which was passed last October. Dean of Students Merle Martin revealed that, although FCC has not revised its distribution policy as of yet, several other community colleges had and the trend seemed to be towards more rigid codes.

30 YEARS AGO as reported on March 16, 1967: The Rampage has been rated as the best junior

college newspaper in the valley. The staff received a trophy at the San Joaquin Valley Scholastic Press Association conference Saturday at Fresno State College. Also, in six out of seven events, Rampage writers took home first place certificates.

40 YEARS AGO as reported on March 14, 1957: In the March 11 edition of the Collegian, the Fresno State College newspaper brought to light the parking situation and litterbug problem on the combined FSC-FJC University Ave. campus. The Rampage feels the Collegian is incorrect in stating that there was no problem with parking and litter until the FJC students moved in, and because of the FJC students the parking lots have become "paint-scraping and fender-smashing driver playgrounds."

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Police Log

March 3 While a police officer was talking to two students involved in a traffic accident in lot G, a staff member backed a vehicle into the parked patrol car. There were no injuries.

March 5 A student reported his car vandalized by a known subject. A note was attached to the car, threatening the victim and his family.

March 5 A group of six Asian males, dressed all in black, confronted a group of African-American students at the patio area near the cafeteria. A verbal disturbance took

place, and was brought under control by campus police. Only one of the Asian males was a student.

March 6 The Business Office reported a student trying to get change for a counterfeit five-dollar bill. The suspect was questioned and the Secret Service was notified and requested a report only. The suspect was released.

March 6 A student reported a verbal disturbance on campus with another FCC student. The argument escalated, and threats were made on the victims's life.

Ren. Faire continued from front page

lined the walkways hawking many wonderful treasures that harken back to by gone days. The Queen herself did a walk-through through the shire to be worshipped and adored by the many participants that bowed in reverence when she and her procession passed.

The only tense moments came when the Scottish clans banded together to stir up some commotion at the front gate. The only wounds were on egos, and the Scots went back to enjoying themselves at Faire.

As an observer, it is easy to get lost in the magic of it all. The costumes are so authentic and the accents so convincing, that the admission paying public feels whisked away to another time. One common mistake that many make is using modern day standards in assessing the way certain participants dress or behave. Before any of the magic happens, most participants get a crash course in history. Not only are the costumes and accents to be correct, but characters are given a social sta-

tion and are expected to stay in it. It is not considered demeaning when a peasant grovels at the feet of royalty. That is what would have been done in those times, so it is re-created at Faire. The way women dressed and what kind of messages they sent out was also vastly different than what is the norm today. The revealing bodices with a full bosom was in that time considered a display of motherhood, purity, nurturing, etc. Many non-participants mistake this as a sign of poor virtue, which insults the women who must endure such ignorance and the remarks that result. In that era, a woman of ill repute would reveal her bosom, as well as her wrists, shoulders, and ankles, which were considered to be the most feminine aspects of a woman's body.

The many artists, actors, and merchants did a great job of educating the public on more than just dates and times. With their performances, the public was given a first hand look at Renaissance life.

the CULTURAL IDIOCY QUIZ

by Rich Dalton and Dan Vebber

Bad Movie Bonanza

1. Dustin Hoffman
2. Billy Crystal
3. Shirley MacLaine
4. Kevin Costner
5. Faye Dunaway
6. Meryl Streep
7. Meg Ryan
8. Arnold Schwarzenegger
9. Denzel Washington
10. Michael Caine
11. Cher
12. Robert De Niro
13. Jack Nicholson
14. Michelle Pfeiffer
15. Tom Hanks
16. Sean Connery
17. Danny De Vito
18. Angelica Huston
19. Anthony Hopkins
20. Clint Eastwood
21. Al Pacino
22. Tom Cruise
23. Donald Sutherland
24. Gene Hackman
25. James Stewart

DIRECTIONS: Match the actors with the Bad Movies in which they appeared.



- A. B.A.D. Cats
- B. Going Ape
- C. She-Devil
- D. He Knows You're Alone
- E. Francis In the Navy
- F. Meteor
- G. The Magic of Lassie
- H. Amityville 3-D
- I. Doctors' Wives
- J. Sizzle Beach U.S.A.
- K. Supergirl
- L. Blushy Mama
- M. Cannonball Run II
- N. The Ice Pirates
- O. Cruising
- P. Audrey Rose
- Q. The Hand
- R. Dr. Terror's House of Horrors
- S. Hell's Angels on Wheels
- T. Carbon Copy
- U. Ishm
- V. Will on the Beach
- W. Lom' It
- X. Rabbit Test
- Y. Hercules Goes Bananas

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RAMS among elite 8

■ FCC takes care of Hartnell, Foothill; State Champion to be decided this week in San Jose

By Chad Rhyman



MEN'S BASKETBALL

Two more teams came to take down the Rams basketball team. Neither would prevail. The mens basketball team had a huge week on the hard court slapping Hartnell 96-84 and were simply too much for Foothill beating them 107-78. The Rams advance to the final eight, the Runn' in Rams are San Jose bound.

Wednesday night the Rams battled with the Panthers of Hartnell who came ranked 15th and ready to spoil the Rams trip to the state finals.

Hartnell seemed to have the Rams in a pinch in the first half. In fact the Panthers were ahead at half time 44-41. Hartnell would have only a twenty minute taste of glory. Once again the Rams came back in the second half a totally different squad.

Ron Selleaze got it started with 6 quick points then Rafer Alston sank a three pointer. Larry Abney stuffed one in the hoop and Alston sank another 3. Selleaze hit a jumper from about ten feet out. Hartnell called a timeout, the momentum changed.

Before the Panthers knew it 13 points had been scored. The Panthers might as well packed it up, got on the bus and went home early before the Monterey fog rolled into Salinas. Hartnell would score only 4 baskets in the first sixteen minutes of the second half. The Rams defense stifled Hartnell. The Rams forced turnover after turnover. Mike Garrett led the Rams with 19 points, and Larry Abney and Darnell McCoy each had 15. Alston added 17 points and 13 assists, and Selleaze was good for 14 points.

Coach Heath Schroyer stated after the game, "We played a pathetic first half. These teams come here to play and we are always the team to beat".

"We got together and had a team meeting at halftime and got focused," Ron Selleaze said after the game.

"I played an average game, I was off," Rafer Alston said with 15 seconds remaining in the game.

Rafer, 17 points, 14 assists average?

Saturday night Foothill came to town or at least twelve guys wearing Foothill uniforms. The Rams gave out a beating Foothill will never forget. 107-78 was the final score. Cory Powell led the Rams offense with 24 points. Alston contributed 20 points and 13 assists. The Rams topped the 100 point mark for the ninth time this season. The 10th ranked Owl's offense was kept to a minimum by the hard nose man to man defense. They blocked shots and dove for loose balls. The Owls were so flustered they couldn't make the easiest of layups. The Owls were an easy match for the Rams. The Rams knew the Owls game plan better than they did. The Owls coach even made the comment to coach Cleveland that, "you

know our stuff better than we do."

"This was a big game for us probably the biggest of the season and coach says we will play the next game just as any other game.", Mike Garrett said after the game.

"We played great tonight I am real proud of all the guys." coach

Heath Schroyer stated.

The Rams will open the final eight with Cuesta College from San Luis Obispo. Casey Cleveland said after the game, "It's great (going to the state finals. About four years ago I watched my dad coach the team and now I'll be playing for him."

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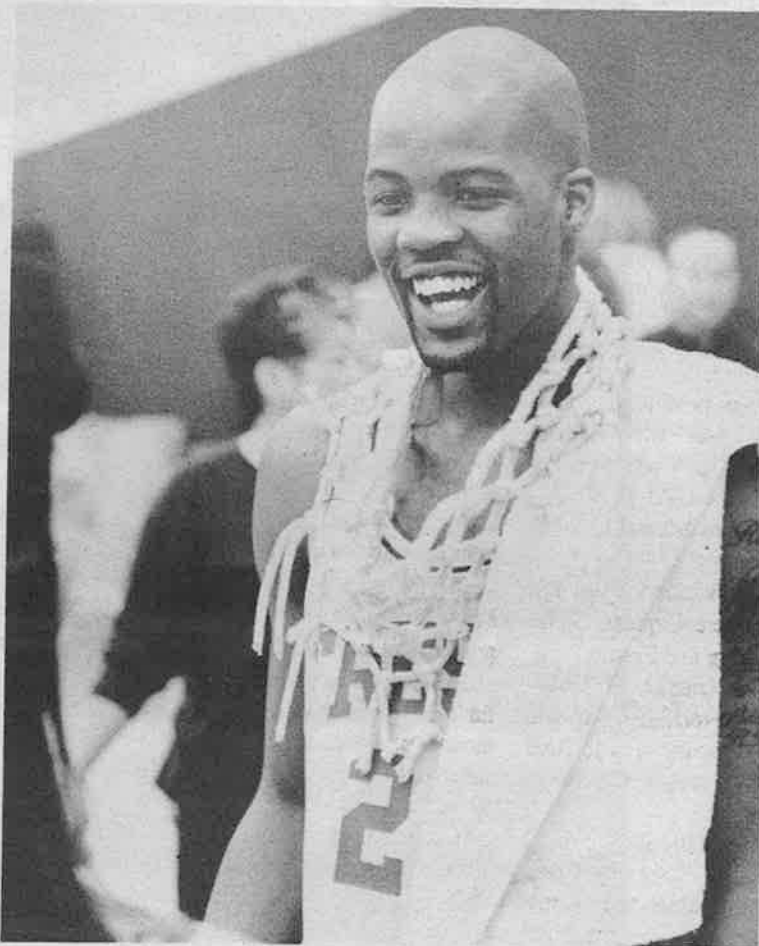
WOMEN

VENTURA VS. DEANZA

CUESTA VS. SOLANO

CANYONS VS. BUTTE

MOORPARK VS. MERCED



Cory Powell wears his smile in fashion as he models the freshly cut fcc net following Saturday night's victory.

Photo By Don Davis

TARKANIAN VISITS FRESNO CITY COLLEGE AS RAMS DOMINATE

■ Fresno State to host Nevada tonight; Tark spends free time scoping out Rams

By Scott A. Mayes

Along week for Jerry Tarkanian and The Fresno State basketball program ended in a trip to Fresno City College.

After losing in the Western Athletic Conference quarterfinals to Texas Christian University amidst point shaving allegations, "Tark" was spotted and greatly acknowledged at Fresno City's third round playoff game against Foothill. He has stated publicly that if the allegations are proven true, he will resign as the coach at Fresno State.

The Foothill game, which FCC won in dominating fashion, showcased two of Tarkanian's 1997 team members: center Larry Abney and guard Rafer Alston.

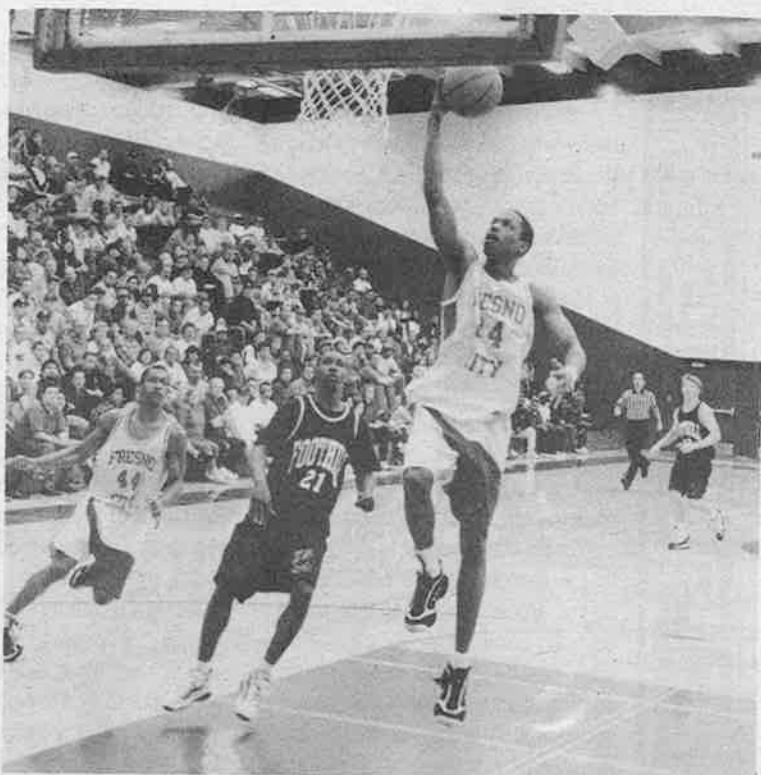
Fresno State was left out of the



Tark taking a break from the other side of the bench.

NCAA tournament selection the following day and will join the NIT for the third consecutive year and the second in a row under Tarkanian. The Bulldogs will host Nevada tonight at Selland Arena with a 7p.m. tip off time.

The WAC placed three teams in the NCAA tournament (Utah, New Mexico, and Tulsa). In addition, four teams were selected for the NIT (Fresno, Texas Christian, Hawaii and UNLV).



Rafer Alston lays in 2 of his 20 points against Foothill

Photo by Don Davis

SWEET 16 leaves sour aftertaste

■ Rams season ends as DeAnza routs Fresno

By Allen M. Coleman and Scott Mayes



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

A smooth and graceful pre-game dance shuffle, a halo, and miracle hands were all the FCC Women's Basketball Team needed Wednesday night in a brilliant 79-70 comeback victory over the Foothill CC "Owls" in the 2nd round of the Northern California playoffs.

A close Owl zone defense kept the Ram's leading scorers and top rebounders out of the paint.

A Ram halftime 16 point deficit seemed unreal. "I told the team, when we go back out, we can just as easily be up 16," said Coach Wood. "A two-week lay-off hurt us, our 6-2 center was sick all week and missed practice, which made a difference. "They played a big post on us."

In the second half, guard Shawnta Debro had the hot hand, firing off two quick 3-pointers which sent a strong message to the Owls' bench. Ram forward Tanzenika Holmes,

made the first six points of the game, and had some good shots in the second half.

The Owls were up 53-52, when Miriam Sanchez's jump shot put the Rams up by one. "I've been feeling sick all week, and I guess God got me up for the game; I prayed," said Sanchez, who seemed breathless after the game. Sanchez's shot clipped the Owls' wings and the Rams held on to their lead for the remainder of the game.

Ram top scorers were Debro, who poured in 28 points, Holmes with 20 points, and Aisha McGee and Jeanette Powell with 12 points each.

After Wednesday's effort, the Rams took to the road Saturday to play DeAnza for a trip to the final 8 and a chance to play for the state championship.

DeAnza (30-6) proved to be too much for FCC in a 76-48 rout.

For first year coach Karen Wood and her all-freshman team the future is bright. "The gang" will all be back next season from this year's team which tied a school record with 26 wins, a record which may not be safe next season."



All-CVC performer Shawnta Debro takes Foothill to school

Photo By Cert Xaypangna

Rams Solid in 'Bash at Buchanan'; fall at semi-finals

■ Lolie Weisner picks up honors as most valuable offensive player

By Scott A. Mayes



SOFTBALL

The 2nd Annual "Bash at Buchanan" was far from its title as the first day's activities came to a close. If it was necessary to label it a "bash", Fresno was on the right side of the fence.

In the first day of competition FCC outscored their opponents 14-1 including an 8-0 bombing of Orange Coast in the opening game.

In the second and final day, March 9, FCC lost in the semi-final game to Consumnes River 7-3. Fresno gave up 3 runs in the first four games before giving up seven in the fifth game. Cypress beat Delta in the other semi-final game and went on to win the championship of the tournament over Consumnes River 5-3.

Fresno's Lolie Weisner was the tournament's Most Valuable Offensive Player.

In Saturday's action Fresno beat



Starter Christy Anderson completes her follow through in a game against Delta

Photo By Joe Senneway

Orange Coast 8-0, Delta 2-0 and Cuesta 4-1. Aaryn Biggs, Christy Anderson and Sara Pinkerton got the respective wins.

In day 2, Christy Anderson

pitched both games, a 4-2 victory over Moorpark and the 7-3 loss to Consumnes River.

The 24 team field was broken down into brackets of 8 following the first day of play. The top eight seeds were placed in the Gold bracket, 9-16 in the silver bracket and 17-24 in the Bronze bracket.

Quarterfinal winners from the Gold bracket were Cypress, Delta, Consumnes River and Fresno.

In the Silver bracket, Utah Valley, American River, Santa Barbara, and C.O.S. won the quarterfinal games. C.O.S. beat American River for the single bracket title.

Lastly, in the Bronze division, Cuesta, Kings River, Orange Coast and West Hills move on to the semi-final round. Cuesta beat Kings River for the Bronze division championship 2-1.

Other tournament awards went to Michelle Bailon (MVP-Cypress); Jaime Wilkes (Most Valuable Pitcher-Cypress); and Marcia Hoaglen (Best Defensive Player-Consumnes River).

The Rams will be on the road this Thursday at Modesto.



Leadoff hitter Erica Vollweiler protects the plate in a 2-0 victory for the Rams

Photo By Joe Senneway

FLYNN DOMINATES; men remain undefeated

■ Team travels to Sacramento for Beaver Relays

By Mark Avila



TRACK AND FIELD

Leaving the pack behind by the first lap, Melissa Flynn, with no one to challenge her, improved her Central Valley Conference leading time by 4 seconds, winning the 1500 meter run in 4 minutes 52.8 seconds in a meet this past weekend.

Flynn, who still holds four best

times in four events, came back about an hour and a half later to easily win the 3000 meters with no contest. Flynn still holds the best time in the event but will not run it again.

"I plan on competing in the 1500 and 800 in the championships," said Flynn, "I'll do the 400 once in awhile, but only for speed."

The 1500 and 800 are the only events of the four allowed to compete in the championships.

In the 5000 meters, Tori Beebe won with a time of 20 minutes 43.95 seconds. Laura Ledaev (discus) and Aurora Mena (shot put, hammer) were also winners to help out-manned FCC to a second place finish in the four team meet.

The men's team remained undefeated this year by having seven of their athlete's win events.

Taj House (triple jump), Bobby Majors (discus, hammer), and Matt McElbenie (javelin) lead the way in the field events.

On the track, Larry Leach won the 800 meters in 1 minute and 58.16 seconds and was virtually unchallenged in the last 200 meters.

"In up coming meets", said an exhausted Leach, "there will be stiffer competition that will push me at the end."

That's only bad news for the rest of the CVC being that he already has the best time in the event.

Travis Mitchell (110 hurdles), Jesus Aguirre (400 hurdles), and Samuel Morales (5000) were also winners on the track.

FCC travels to Sacramento this Saturday to compete in the Beaver Relays.

The FCC Ram Pitching staff

■ An in-depth look at Eric Solberg and the 1997 pitching staff

By Allen M. Coleman



Photo courtesy of Sports Information Office

Ram pitching coach Eric Solberg

If the Rams' bullpen pan out this season it may very well be "The Year Of The Ram", as they once again vie for this season's CVC Championship Flag. Let's just wait and see. This year's pitching staff has some savvy and plenty of young arms—13 to be exact, which consist of 10 righthanders and 3 lefthanders.

In regards to their pitching depth, the Rams carry more pitchers than most teams, but ninth-year pitching coach Eric Solberg feels throwing strikes and minimizing walks is more important. "The games we lost this year were due to walks," said Solberg. He also believes good pitching out-weighs depth. Most coaches would agree, for many championship teams cannot peak during a season without the help of a solid mound crew.

Sophomore lefthander Paul Avery who has some good heat and righthander Daniel Viveros who has a wicked fast-ball, and sharp curve head the Ram's pitching rotation. Avery and Viveros will probably get the starting nod regularly this season.

"We are still looking for a number three man," Solberg said, "and Trevor Gray may get a shot." Make no mistake, Avery and Viveros are the nucleus of the Rams pitching staff, although Avery's 1-0 record so far this season does not match his mound performance. Viveros is a clever righthander who always seems to get the job done. Viveros is currently leading the staff with 3 wins. "Danny's ball moves a lot," Solberg said. Hard-throwing tall righthander Jeff Munster who came off of a good season last year is still sleep-walking. Munster is trying very hard to find home plate. Solberg mentioned that Munster is having problems with his release point. "He releases the ball too early which causes a problem in hitting the strike zone," explained the veteran coach.

"I would like to see him relieve to get his confidence back," he said. Thus far, the Rams hitting doesn't seem to be a problem. The line-up is stacked with plenty of punch.

Solberg still feels things can not be rushed. "We will have to go one game at a time [and] we have some tough teams to face—College of Sequoias, Merced, and Modesto that will test our pitching and we also play a short schedule, and it is hard to play catch-up once you get behind in this league," he explained.

Some other Ram pitchers who will see mound duty, include third-year sophomore Danny Scott who was red-shirted his freshman year. Scott will probably be used as a middle reliever and setup man for Ram closers. Freshman righthander Rip Rogers has proved he can also hit the strike zone. Rogers is considered by coaches a strong closer. We will see Rogers often this year if he gets the green light from the Rams bullpen. Newcomer David Campos, a boyish looking lefty from Kerman might also see some action on the mound.

Other faces you might see down in the Rams bullpen are all newcomers. They include righthander Chad Johnson, righthander Brian James, righthander Mike Alvarez, righthander Victor Miranda, righthander Mike Cochran, and lefthander Larry Leeds. "The best pitching staff will determine the league championship, I just hope it is our pitching staff," said Solberg.

RAM Scoreboard and Calendar of Events

BASEBALL-3/4 C.O.S. 7, FCC 4
3/6 FCC 8, TAFT 3
3/8 FCC 4, MODESTO 1
THIS WEEK-3/13 AT PORTERVILLE 2:30 PM
3/15 AT WEST HILLS 1 PM
MEN'S BASKETBALL-3/5 FCC 96, HARTNELL 84
3/8 FCC 107, FOOTHILL 78
THIS WEEK-STATE CHAMP. TOURN AT SAN JOSE
3/13-3/15
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL-3/5 FCC 79,
FOOTHILL 73
3/8- DEANZA 76, FCC 48
MEN'S GOLF-3/6 MODESTO 372, C.O.S. 377,
KINGS RIVER 392, FCC 408,
COLUMBIA 410
THIS WEEK-3/11 AT KINGS RIVER 1 PM
3/13 AT MODESTO 1 PM
SOFTBALL-3/8-3/9 (4-1) AT BUCHANAN
TOURNEY
THIS WEEK-3/13 AT MODESTO 3 PM
MEN'S TENNIS-3/4 FCC 9, C.O.S. 0
3/6 FCC 9, PORTERVILLE 0
THIS WEEK-3/11 AT MODESTO 2 PM
3/13 AT BAKERSFIELD 2 PM
WOMEN'S TENNIS-3/4 FCC 5, C.O.S. 4
3/6 FCC 7, PORTERVILLE 2
THIS WEEK-3/11 VS. MODESTO 2 PM
TRACK-
THIS WEEK-3/15 AT SACRAMENTO 10 AM

Letters to the Editor

Former L.A. resident offended by Ram Top 10

I have been a Los Angeles resident for most of my life and I take offense to your top ten list in the Rampage Weekly of Feb. 26. Granted there are a lot of pigeons in the city areas, but can you honestly tell me that by living in Fresno you are in no danger of being flooded out or burning to death? How about being shot in this city, which is one of the few cities in the U.S. that has several violent crime suppression units running around at night. It's always nice to be out for a walk at night and see police officers with machine guns running around. Reasons two, five and six make you and your staff sound like egotistical racists. By the way did you know that FRESNO is in the TOP TEN (per capita) crime ridden cities in the nation.

I have to believe that you have never been to the city of Los Angeles or taken part in any of the wonderful festivals which show the incredible cultural diversity of the area. Most of the people in L.A. are hard working. They are the type of people who will help each other without question whether a disaster strikes or not. Can you honestly tell me that folks in Fresno would be as kind? The citizens of Los Angeles don't need your type of noise.

Before you or your staff judge an area, I strongly suggest that you get your facts straight.

P.S. I do expect to read an apology for this slander in your next issue.

Kevin Michael Beggs

Editorial response....

The Rampage in no way intended to offend any person, race, or cultural area with its Top 10 printed Feb. 26. However, allegations of slander and racism are completely without basis.

The Ram Top Ten never has been, and never will be, something to take with complete seriousness. It is comedy, perhaps at its worst, but comedy nonetheless. One of the primary components of comedy is HYPERBOLE. The descriptions of L.A. were obviously exaggerated and anyone who could not realize that should not attempt to entertain themselves with comedy because inevitably, someone will be offended.

One of the worst things about telling a joke is having to explain the punch line. Let me do just that. How often do you hear Fresno being praised? We could have much more easily written a Top Ten list of why L.A. is better than Fresno, but why? It's been

done. To lift Fresno out of the quagmire of negativity was quite an accomplishment, and I commend the writer for doing so.

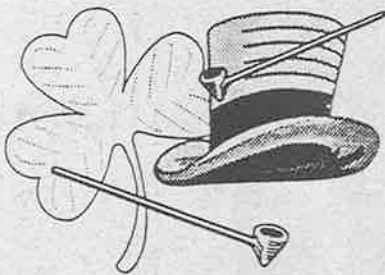
In answer to the several questions and accusations directed to me, the editor: 1) No, I cannot say that Fresno will not be affected by natural disaster. 2) No, I can't guarantee no one will be shot. 3) Yes, I do know that Fresno is one of the top ten crime-ridden cities in the U.S. 4) I have been to L.A. and 5) Yes, I can honestly say that I believe in the community spirit of Fresno enough to put trust and faith in the helping hand of my neighbors.

My suggestion to readers who had a problem with the Top Ten is: Don't take it to heart. It was not aimed at maligning, or degrading, anyone. Read between the lines and maybe, just maybe you'll find a bit of humor.

P.S. I got the Top Ten joke, and found it quite funny. It was supposed to be a joke, wasn't it?

The Story of Saint Patrick's Day: From Slave to Patron Saint

■ The lure of the Emerald Isle found in the soul of the Galic people
By Debbie Irwin



To many, Saint Patrick's Day is a chance to wear green, pinch those who don't and maybe wash a corned beef and cabbage meal down with green beer. Sure there are a few parades, and Hallmark insists we acknowledge the holiday; but to the people living in Ireland, it is truly a religious day of remembrance and a national holiday. Saint Patrick is the beloved patron saint of Ireland and he is loved as much now as he was when he lived.

The Saint Patrick's story starts many years ago, somewhere between 385-460 A.D., though no one knows for sure exactly when. The only written account of his life was penned by himself in the *Confession* which was written in his later years and reflects many of his thoughts and feelings. Because of this, more is known about him than any other saint of the period.

Patrick grew up on his father's farm under the Roman Empire in an area now known as Scotland. There, he was abducted by Irish raiders when he was 16 years old. Patrick's captors were sent by an Irish chieftain named Naill (now O'Neil). He was taken to an area in northern Ireland now known as Ulster, and there sold to another chieftain named Miliuc.

Most of his life in Ireland consisted of tending his master's sheep on the slopes of Slemmish Mountain. This afforded him plenty of time to reflect on his life. His family was Roman Catholic; he, however, did not feel that he had since honored his religion, so he felt that his enslavement was deserved punishment. During this time he prayed hundreds of prayers, and six years later he finally heard God's voice telling him

"Thy ship has come for thee."

Patrick decided to flee two hundred miles toward the coast to freedom. There, a ship was ready to set sail. He begged his way aboard and after many interruptions, including brief enslavement again, he finally made it back to western Europe.

Once free, he devoted his life to God. He studied religion in Europe for several years before going home for a short visit. While home, he again heard a voice that, this time encouraged him to return to Ireland. He felt he was being called to convert the pagans (Christian name given to any non-Christian) to Christianity. After many years and disappointments he reached the status of bishop. It was then that the Pope sent him to represent the Catholic Church in Ireland.

Patrick was quickly embraced by the people who once enslaved him. He traveled to many tribes and encouraged their chieftains to be baptized. Once he could win the leader over, the rest of the tribe followed. An even better accomplishment was converting a Druid, the pagan priests who served as teachers, judges and magicians for the tribe.

Opening up a new world to the Irish people, he taught them to read through teaching the Bible. This led to the art of writing and recording. Until this time, Ireland's history had only been kept by Irish bards in the form of poetry. At the monasteries, built by Patrick and his successors, the monks recorded this history on fine parchment and decorated the pages with silver and gold. One artifact to emerge from this period is the famous *Book of Kells*; the intricate designs make this not only a literary piece but truly a work of art.

Patrick taught the people about God through the shape of the shamrock which grew wild on Ireland's hillsides. The three segments illustrated the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

At the site of the mountain Croagh, Patrick is said to have driven the snakes from Ireland by ordering them to leave. He also is said to have spent the forty days of Lent fasting and praying there. Legend or not, the Irish people still go on a pilgrimage

to Croagh Patrick every July, and there are no snakes in Ireland.

Currently, the social-political climate is changing many views on how people feel about once revered historical figures. Many people are aware of and have shown distaste for missionaries trying to civilize the so-called heathens through destruction and murder, in the name of God. Unlike those missionaries, however, St. Patrick used love, kindness and education to further his goal of saving the Irish people. Their never-faltering love for him is evident enough that he always had their best interests at heart. It has been said that on Judgement Day, all Irish people will be judged by St. Patrick, thus improving their chances of entering Heaven.

Ireland has experienced many upheavals over time, and there are actually more people of Irish descent living outside of the country than in Ireland. Through famine and war over politics and religion, the Irish have been scattered to the four corners of the Earth. St. Patrick's day gives the people a universal time to be together again and celebrate all things that are Irish.

Writers sought for Rampage Weekly

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Roving Reporter....

"What do you think about girls asking out guys?"



Ishiah Brink - I think the girls should finally start asking the guys out, it takes some of the pressure off of us.



Brad Olson - It's good because it shows girls have the initiative, they are not just sitting around waiting, sometimes guys are shy to ask girls out.



Ruby Munoz - Well, it's the 90's and women are more forward now, so I think it's good.



Mandy Ornales - It doesn't matter it's the same thing as if boys asked out girls



Brandon Delao - I think guys should ask women out that's the way it should be.

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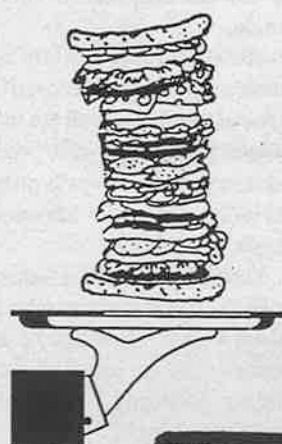
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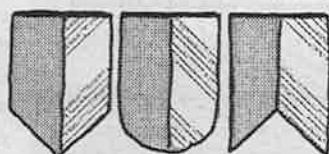


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- RAM Top 10 -

Top ten reasons why the Rampage Could not be discriminatory

10. A reporter is gay.
9. Editor is multiracial (along with most everyone else).
8. Native Korean Business Manager is married to a native German woman.
7. Writer of last top ten was an L.A. street survivalist/ "okie"
6. Editor is enamorous of venice beach muscle freaks.
5. A photographer is a "real" okie (from Oklahoma).
4. Staff member has a "Fresno- see it like a native" shirt (with picture of revolver pointing at you).
3. Staff member has a bumper sticker reading: Nuke a godless, communist, gay baby seal for Christ.
2. Most Rampage staff members agree that Chowchilla is better than Fresno and L.A.
1. All staff members, despite their ancestral origin are either native (born in U.S.) Americans, naturalized Americans or aliens

Some headlines you may have missed

Safety experts say school bus passengers should be belted

Milk drinkers are turning to powder

Quarter of a million Chinese live on water

Farmer Bill dies in house

Iraqi head seeks arms

Queen Mary having bottom scraped

Eye drops off shelf

Diddy continued from front page

The news of Diddy's confession stunned Kennedy. "I was just mystified. It didn't make sense at all—he's not that kind of guy."

After Diddy left the Rampage in 1990, he contributed news and opinion stories. One such story expressed his views about the then-conflict with Iraq.

In the Jan. 14, 1991 edition of the Rampage, Diddy said: "It seems the Bush administration has shifted from the position that we must fight for our oil rights and the freedom of Kuwait, both unpopular among the American people, to something more like this: we must fight because we promised we would."

Diddy seemed unhappy that the nation was heading toward war with Iraq, which would sacrifice American troops for oil. "How many bodies will we have to see on the evening news until we are sick and don't want our men to fight any longer? And will we have won the war at that point? And what will we have won?"

Steve Carr, the editor-in chief after Diddy, remembers getting contributions from Diddy. "He would write a few things here and there. I remember early on, if I needed any help, he would come in."

Like Kennedy, Carr did not think Diddy was capable of murder. "Steve's just a nice guy. This situation shocked me. I can't see him doing this."

Carr went on to praise Diddy's

newspaper-production skills. "He did good work, very diligent, thorough, very knowledgeable how to lay out a paper. Personally, I don't think my overall paper is as solid as his."

For example, Carr recalled the allegation of racism Diddy wrote when he was the Rampage editor. "There was a rape on campus. A man wrote a letter to the editor saying 'Why don't you write about a white rapist when they commit a rape on campus?!'"

Carr liked how Diddy responded. "He said 'If there was a rape on campus by a white person, I would print that story, too. I handled it very professionally.'"

Not only was Diddy professional, according to Carr, he had a sense of humor. In a Feb. 1, 1991 article, Diddy suggested guidelines for artist Sinéad O'Connor. "Low for a long career in music, she did not support the Grammy awards."

His style spoke directly to a female musician with a shaved head. "[Guideline] 3) Take all the time that you save on hair-care products and start your own awards party that does not draw attention to people."

That sense of humor—his personality—has left those who knew him. "Diddy is a doubtful he is responsible for the death of a person," said Carr. "He's a good guy," said Carr. "He liked Steve a lot."

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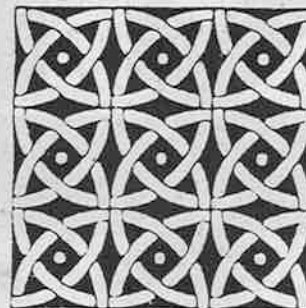
just throw away," said Fernando Hurtado, a clerk for the college bookstore, "If she had a problem with the paper she should have just thrown her own paper away."

Josh Spooner, also from the bookstore stated, "It's good to have your own opinion but everyone will have a slightly different opinion. Having the First Amendment and freedom of speech gives all of us the

right to have an opinion, but I think she should have just thrown her own opinion and paper in the trash."

Some said she should have taken it up with the Rampage staff, while others think it was just an act of immaturity.

One letter was addressed to the editor regarding the Top 10, and it has been appropriately addressed.



Pieces of Life

By Ryan Lam

