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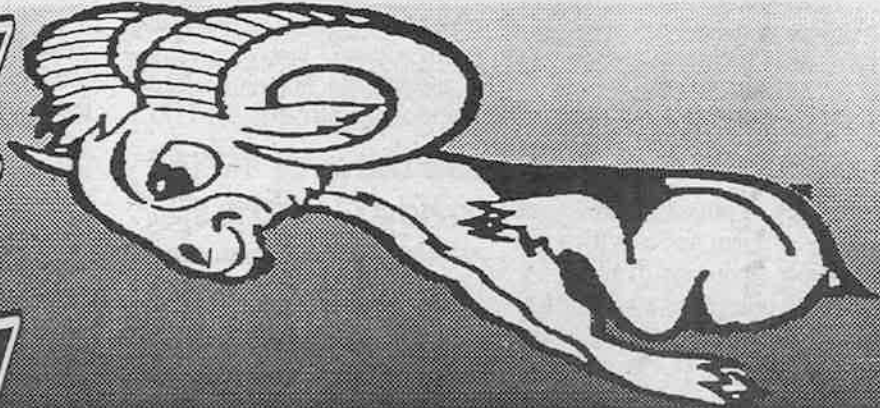
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## American Flag Burned

### American Legion Clovis Post did the honors at recent flag burning

By Debbie Irwin

In the early morning hours of May 1, FCC retired an American Flag that had outlived its usefulness. The ceremonial burning of the stars and stripes took place in front of the campus Veterans' War Memorial and was conducted by the Cecil Cox Clovis Post 147 of the American Legion.

Adrian Acosta, FCC Chairman of the Veterans' War Memorial had sent requests to local area military orders to officiate the retirement, and Post 147 gave an answer. Junior Vice Commander Robert L. Linden, from the Military Order of the Purple Heart, also responded and his group came to witness the event.

Upon hearing about burning flags, thoughts of anti-war protests come to mind—and so does the idea that it's illegal.

However, this version is sanctioned by U.S. Code. Previously only the military had a set of regula-

tions pertaining to flag handling and etiquette. In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed U.S. Code Title 26, Patriotic Societies and Observances. Under § 176, item K, it states: "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

Gordon Pickett, member of the post explained that the flag is "a living thing, this [ceremony] is like a funeral, we lay it to rest by burning purification."

Dan Hernandez, commander of the post said "the flag is a symbol of our country, and should be respected as such." The Activities Department promoted a pancake breakfast for the occasion. All items on the menu were donated by area merchants. Two hundred and fifty dollars were raised, with the proceeds going toward the Memorial's fund for general upkeep.

Hernandez said the post has been involved with the campus before, he and his men presented a flag for "massing of the colors." The post is interested in continuing to assist the campus with any needs in this area.



Photo by Ted Valverde

The crowd looked on with respect as the flag was burned with dignity.

### Semester review in short

#### Student Issues

The computer lab is now open four nights per week instead of two.

Next semester, the cafeteria will offer student incentives and benefits for those frequenting the dining area.

The Student Vendor Program proposal is pending acceptance and will be discussed in detail.

The campus access way proposal has been indefinitely postponed due to pending discussion with the Historical Society.

Final discussion on proposed fee hikes will take place in the June administration meeting.

The policy of extenuating circumstances will be re-evaluated in a discussion between administrative officials.

Rampage Trash lady was never seen or heard from again

To our knowledge Steven Diddy is still under medical care at a north Fresno Mental Hospital

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### - Election Results -

Measure / Position	Total Votes
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Measure A Student Representation Fee

Yes 171 - No 29

Measure B Constitutional Amendment

Yes 148 - No 47

Student Trustee - Ilene Martinez

167 Votes

President - David Shaw

155 Votes

Legislative Vice President - Frank Foforti

144 Votes

Executive Vice President - Pauline Bieniek

144 Votes

President Pro Tempore - Martha Patrick

6 - Votes write

Senator at Large - Max Amara

128 Votes

Senator at Large - Tuwanda Hill

122 Votes

Senator at Large - Pamela Morris

102 Votes



## Community Announcements

### Important dates to remember

**May 17** Certificate Ceremony  
1:00 p.m. at Tower Theatre.  
**May 17** Honors Ceremony  
5:00 p.m. at Tower Theatre  
**May 22** Graduation Practice  
4:00 p.m. at Selland Arena.  
**May 23** Graduation 7:30p.m.  
at Selland Arena.  
**May 12-16** Dead Week.  
**May 19-23** Finals

### Spanish courses off'd in Costa Rica

FCC is offering a three-week study program in Costa Rica this summer, from June 20 to July 14. Courses offered include Spanish 1-6 and 51 (Spanish for Teachers) and Special Studies 47. Five units can be earned. All students will stay with a Costa Rican family so they can practice their newly-acquired skills in Spanish. For more information call 442-4600 ext. 8126.

### Ballet Folklorico Quetzallui de Veracruz

Ballet Folklorico "Quetzalli" de Veracruz is a colorful fiesta of traditional dances and music of old Mexico. The performance will be on May 11 at 7:00 p.m. at CSU Fresno, Satellite Student Union. Advance tickets are available at University Student Union Information Center, BASS Ticket Outlets, and the door (\$2 more). Admission price for Fresno State Students w/ ID is \$5 and general is \$10.

### Police officer Recruit

The City of Fresno is looking for police officer recruit applicants. To qualify, an applicant must meet the following requirements: Graduated from P.O.S.T., have a valid California driver's license at time of appointment, be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident alien who is eligible and has applied for citizenship, and be at least 21 years of age at time of appointment. For more information to apply call (209) 498-1575.

### Leo Lucas of TRELIO to host Grand Buffet

Executive Chef / Instructor Leo Lucas of TRELIO is pleased to host the Grand Buffet for the Quantity Foods Class. The buffet will be held at TRELIO 438 Clovis Ave. #4 on May 12, 1997 from 6:00-8:00p.m. The cost is \$13 per person. RSVP by May 8, 1997. Call 297-0783.

### MET hosts Scott Shaver, photos of San Joaquin River

The Met is pleased to present an exhibition of photographic prints of the San Joaquin River made during the past 16 months by photographer Scott Shaver. The exhibition runs from Thursday, April 17 through Sunday, June 8, 1997.

The Met is open Tuesday through Sunday from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Admission to the Museum is \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, students and children 3-12. Children two and under are admitted free. If you have any questions regarding this event, please call (209) 441-1444.

### Corporate Power and the American Dream

Corporate Power and the American Dream is an educational program designed for unions, community groups, and school seminars around the country.

This is not a lecture! It's a small group, activity-based, interactive workshop led by worker-trainers

Some of the topics covered include: Why is there so much job insecurity?

There will be no charge for this event on Sat., May 10 at Fresno City College 8:30- 4:30. To register call 226-2078.

### Export Center News

California State Controller Kathleen Connell announced at a news conference yesterday, that FCC has been selected as a pilot school to develop and enhance the export program.

FCC was one of five California community colleges to participate in this program. Each college will focus on a different industrial aspect.

Among the five along with FCC are San Francisco CC, concentrating on fashion design, Santa Monica CC on entertainment, San Diego CC on biological sciences, and Mission College CC on high tech. industry.

The purpose of the program is to help FCC develop a two-year degree program in conjunction with the current University export center.

## FCC Obituaries

The Rampage staff offers its condolences to family and friends of those passed in the '96-'97 academic year.

**David Dye** - Philosophy/English instructor. August 12, 1996.

**Jay Hill** - T & I Division Institute. April 29, 1997.

**Patricia Padden** - Wife of Hank Padden, Vice Chancellor of Personnel, district office. Died, April 24, 1997

**Ruth E. Pruett** - FCC "Wrinkles" performing group. April 4, 1997.

**Santiago (Jim) Escobedo** - Radiological Technology instructor. Carla Riba - Police academy coordinator. August 29, 1996.

**Scott Randall Faurie**, age 2. Student. March 14, 1997.

**Richard Rios Vasquez**, age 1. Student. March 8, 1997.

**Kevin Robert Badner**, age 19. Student. Feb. 1, 1997.

**Aaron Lloyd Margolin**, age 1. Student. August 6, 1996.

**Sandra Lee Shupe Hall**, age 2. Former Student. August 7, 1996.

**Suanna Johnson**, age 3. Former student. October 28, 1996.

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## This week in Rampage history.....

### Students attend experimental college

#### A look at Rampage news of the past

Compiled by Ryan LaMar

**25 YEARS AGO** as reported on May 11, 1972: Results from an autopsy indicate that FCC student Sherri Ann Roberts, 19, died of an overdose of medication, said the coroner's office. Miss Roberts collapsed and died April 6 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar S. Hernandez, where she had been living. The coroner's office declined to specify over the telephone the type of medication that caused Miss Roberts' death.

**30 YEARS AGO** as reported on May 11, 1967: San Jose State's Spartan Daily said that an experimental college, organized and directed by the students on campus,

was a success. Students can organize a class on any topic they choose, with no grades or tests and in informal gatherings while sitting on the floors and smoking.

**45 YEARS AGO** as reported on May 10, 1962: The Rampage reports that Albert Einstein once said that the next world war would be fought with sticks and stones. If such a war would take place, would we win? Would we be strong enough to whip nations like Russia or Red China in hand-to-hand combat? Most Americans would say yes. But physical fitness tests show that 58 percent of the America youth are not meeting minimal requirements, while only 9 percent of Europeans failed. The most embarrassing factor is that British girls out did American boys in some cases.

**55 YEARS AGO** as reported on May 8, 1952: The annual Rambler's Day will be held one week from tomorrow. The event requires students to first purchase a pocket flask (used to carry water in your water pistol), then report to each class at the beginning of the hour, and classes will continue as usual. You might be detained by kindly sheriffs who will put you in jail for your own protection. Other activities planned are the pie-throwing contest and beard growing contest. Failure to effectively participate is punishable by a fine or jail time. To top off this happy day, a subdued stomp will grind down your last bit of energy. Informal attire is recommended for the affair that will bring good humor over the campus throughout the entire day.

### Police Log

#### Circle-K the place to be

A crowd of about 60 loiterers gathered in the Circle-K parking lot on the corner of Blackstone and McKinley this weekend.

Officers tried to disperse the crowd, but they refused to budge. The Fresno Police Department was called and the crowd was dispersed

#### Nude News

Pirated copies of a pornographic Rampage were fabricated and distributed earlier this week.

The origin of the fake issue is unknown. The issue libeled and maligned campus police staff, administrative officials, and several Rampage staff members.

This is not a freedom of the press issue. It is a criminal act punishable by incarceration.

### Debt Watch

As of Tuesday, May 6th, at 2:48 p.m. the national debt was \$5,406,891,926,473.4. Each citizen's share was \$20,232.67. The debt is growing by \$722 million per day.

Debt Watch is contributed by Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE)

### Setting it straight

The staff of the Rampage Weekly would like to express sincere apologies to the FCC students who submitted the Band Portfolios in an attempt to be included in a pull out section that was advertised earlier in the Arts and Entertainment section. We have accomplished many things this semester in improving this paper but due to staff changes in that department we have not been able to pursue that feature at this time. Please watch for this request again during the Fall.

The Rampage Weekly policy is to correct mistakes. Errors that significantly affect a story may be reported by calling or faxing ext. 8263

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Photo by Linda Burgin

Traditional Mexican dances were part of the Cinco de Mayo celebrations in the Free Speech Area at FCC Monday.

## Ace your final, raise your grade

■ Beat the procrastination trap

By Dan Martin

At last, the painful semester is ending. For a lot of us, there's little more remaining than an intimidating final exam to come.

The other day, I was wondering what steps can be taken to boost my score for this dreaded test. So I did some research, and now I'm passing it on to you.

Without a doubt, delaying your studying has to be the largest cause of all-night cramming sessions and low scores. Oh, how horrifying it is when you've procrastinated until the end and you're studying at 4:00 a.m.—to soon feel the no-sleep burden. The first thing you'll want to do is not let yourself get sucked into the procrastination trap (yes, it's easier said than—you know).

Instead, get an early start. Ask your instructor questions about the test so you know what to expect. What topics will it cover? History? What period in history? Will it concentrate on a short period of history, or a long period? Will it ask you to recall facts or interpret facts?

What kind of test will it be, anyway? Multiple choice? Completion

questions? Essay questions? Know your test as well as you can beforehand.

Lisa Brandis, an FCC counselor, recommends that you form a study group with your classmates, or find one that already exists. In these groups, each student studies different material, and then they all get together and talk about what they read. I heard of this happening in my judicial reasoning class last semester, but the procrastination trap got me before I could go.

"I think the study group idea is outstanding," says Dr. Harry Kennedy, an FCC instructor. And his other suggestion is this: break up your studying into segments over a one-week time to make it a breeze. "One of the things you don't want to do is an all-nighter."

If you end up doing that, you'll be dead during the test, and that won't be good. Incidentally, if this happens, stay away from stimulants like coffee—these can make you so wide-awake that you miss the point of most questions.

Having said that, it's time for the most hackneyed and overheard suggestion of all time: you need to get eight hours of sleep. And you will—unless you procrastinate.

## Meaning of Cinco de Mayo lost

■ Mexican celebration of victory over French

By Linda Orosco

Fresno City College celebrated Cinco de Mayo under the theme "El Porvenir Nace de la Herencia"—"Our heritage, Our Future." Many celebrate and enjoy the festivities that accompany this holiday with food, dancing, and music. Cinco de Mayo gives people of Mexican heritage the chance to be proud of their culture and of their past. Yet, it seems that the true meaning of this holiday has been distorted and lost.

Considering the large percentage of Mexicanos/Chicanos that live in the valley, one would expect them to understand the meaning behind Cinco de Mayo more than anyone. Due to the current anti-ethnic studies being taught at most primary and secondary schools, the truth behind Cinco de Mayo and other holidays, such as Thanksgiving, have been inaccurate and misguided. Informa-

tion about a peoples' history and culture have been edited and constructed to fit the notion that American History is the story of superhuman white men and spectacular wars to tame uncivilized people, from sea to shining sea.

Cinco de Mayo continues, however, despite the fact that most people haven't a clue why it is celebrated. It seems to be a contradiction that Cinco de Mayo is celebrated in this country, being that it is a holiday in what we have been taught to be a foreign land.

The truth behind Cinco de Mayo has to do with French occupation on Mexican land. The French had claims against Mexico, as did the British and the Spanish. The French ultimately had notions of conquest to occupy lost territory in North America. To their surprise, European occupation on Mexican land by 4,500 French troops would ignite a flame underneath the Mexican army that would be one of the greatest

battles ever to be celebrated. The battle at Puebla was the beginning of the end of French occupation in Mexico. It would show the heaviest resistance against the foreign opponents who would try to colonize Mexico once again.

May 5, 1862, would come to symbolize that Mexico would no longer allow European occupation and colonization of their land. May 5, Cinco de Mayo, would be added to the national calendar of holidays in honor of the Mexican victory.

The battle of Puebla should be considered a victory of self-determination and a victory over foreign occupation and oppression. Cinco de Mayo meant that the Mexican people would fight back and remain on their land. They would retain the land they had left, after more than half of it was stolen by the United States.

Cinco de Mayo is one reminder of how the struggles of a people can be victorious despite all odds.

## Lao Student Association plans party



■ Laos students active at FCC

By Contributing Writer  
Phonmany Phengkaen

The Laos Student Association of Fresno City College has been working vigorously throughout the semester. Its officers and members have successfully sold food during every campus club awareness day. They are famous for their barbecues, egg rolls, and fried rice. Recently, the club performed fashion shows and traditional dances, in an effort to inform students of the many diverse cultures in Southeast Asia. LSA has also held a DJ party which was held at Ringside Youth Center. As the semester comes to an end, LSA is planning to throw another DJ party to be able to go on a year-end trip. Each meeting is held in the Senate Chamber at 1:00 PM on Fridays. Please attend, and watch for flyers for the DJ party!

Photo by Ceri Xaypagna

Laotian high school students performed traditional dances at FCC on South East Asian Cultural Day.

## WAVE program provides intense vocational training

■ WAVE gives disabled students opportunities

By Contributing Writer  
Jean Lee

As we know, finding a job today can be very trying for many people. Stiff competition, lack of current skills, downsizing, and closing of companies have given people a sense of insecurity about their future. The inability to acquire and maintain competitive employment services is a reality in today's job market.

People with disabilities are faced with those same issues along with other obstacles that inhibit them from working in the job market. Because of the lack of appropriate job training and employment services, disabled people continually face an uphill battle when searching for suitable employment.

The Fresno City College Dis-

abled Students Program and Services (DSP&S) has been acutely aware of this problem for a number of years. In 1985, the Workability III job placement services became available at FCC to help people with disabilities find appropriate work. In 1992, the Workability Vocational Education (WAVE) job training program was developed by Brooke Sample-Lometti.

The WAVE program provides intense vocational training designed for transition students with disabilities on a gradual basis through classroom vocational training, consistent training and, ultimately, employment. The programs are jointly funded by the Department of Rehabilitation and FCC. The program is meeting the needs of the disabled students and benefiting the community as well. Many people who may have become discouraged are receiving an oppor-

tunity that could change their lives and their attitudes.

Students are placed in on-campus work experience sites in which they receive on-the-job training for up to 4 1/2 hours a day. The students receive their training from the WAVE coordinator, Job Coaches, and Work Experience Supervisors. The students work all over the campus such as the cafeteria, associated student body office, the bookstore, the child development center, custodial, grounds, and fleet areas. The dedicated Job Coaches and WAVE Coordinator evaluate their work performance on a weekly basis. The evaluation is shared with each student in order to improve work skills.

The programs have proven to be very successful. Dawn Flores, a spring graduate of the WAVE program who was placed through the

Workability III job placement program, has been working for Payless Drug Store as a store assistant and cashier for eight months. Her store manager, Tom Thatcher, says, "Dawn is doing a very good job."

Another success, David Rocha, also a WAVE graduate, is employed full-time as a kitchen assistant and dishwasher at the Kitty Hawk Restaurant at the Fresno Airport. Because of his training received through the WAVE program and the opportunity to work, David has been able to live on his own and become financially independent from government services. Imagine how the quality of life for so many students can be improved. His manager reported that David is doing well. He attributes his success to the programs at FCC.

Many people who have disabilities have a high motivation to suc-

ceed. Because of their obstacles, work is an opportunity which is not taken for granted. They are hard working, extremely loyal, and competent employees. There are many more stories in the making and the determination and dedication by the WAVE coordinator and job coaches will continue to give many students an opportunity they will not forget. On Wednesday, May 14, 1997, WAVE students that have graduated to employment will be receiving their certificates of completion. We are very fortunate to have this program on our campus at FCC. We look forward to more success for these students in the future.

For additional information please contact WAVE Instructor/Coordinator Brooke Sample-Lometti at 442-4600, ext. 8174.





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Julie Montague-OF



Denine Jones-IF



Karla Tovar-IF



Amber Ott-OF



Christy Anderson-P

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# FCC takes first place in Central Valley Conference

## Rams on their way to playoffs

By Chad Rhyman



SOFTBALL

The FCC Ram's softball team is on their way to the Nor-Cal playoffs. Tuesday the Rams had to sweep West Hills College to clinch the Central Valley Conference title and that's just what they did. Winning game one 3-0, and game two 9-1.

Erica Vollweiler was solid at the plate going 6 for 8 on the day with two doubles, two RBIs, and would cross the plate twice herself. Jackie Renya went 4 for 7 with 5 RBIs, Melinda Arbalo would add 4 hits on the day. Christy Anderson was the winning pitcher of game one allowing only two hits. In game two Aaryn Biggs took the win, also allowing only two hits.

The Rams finished the C.V.C. with a 15-2 record and the 1st place title, an overall record of 38-15. Of-

fensively Erica Vollweiler lead the team with a .455 batting average on the season with 76 hits and 22 stolen bases. Jackie Renya batted a .331 with 5 homeruns and 40 RBIs. Shannon Rhames batted .328 with 42 hits, 15 of them were doubles. Lolie Wisener pounded 44 hits batting .326. Karla Tovar batted .305, Melinda Arballo .300, Julie Montague .290, and Amber Ott batted a .284.

"When we hit the ball well we win ball games, when are bats are dead we are dead," stated coach Williams.

From the pitching circle Christy Anderson was the ace pitching 170.1 innings on the season with 147 strikeouts and an earned run average of 1.73. Aaryn Biggs had a 2.08 E.R.A and Sara Pinkerton threw for a 2.67 E.R.A.

"Christy came on strong for us, pitching well and consistent," Williams said.

Overall the Rams posted a .401 conference batting average a .550 slugging percentage. The Rams out scored their opponents 165-68.

## CVC ALL-CONFERENCE SOFTBALL TEAM

### FCC HONORS

FIRST TEAM  
CHRISTY ANDERSON  
KARLA TOVAR  
LOLIE WISENER  
SHANNON RHAMES  
ERICA VOLLWEILER

SECOND TEAM  
JULIE MONTAGUE

COACH OF THE YEAR  
RHONDA WILLIAMS

Adding to a great season coach Rhonda Williams was voted Central Valley Conference's Coach of the Year. This was coach Williams third season with the Rams squad and her first title. Also Christy Anderson, Karla Tovar, Lolie Wisener, Shannon Rhames, and Erica Vollweiler were all voted to the All-Central Valley Conference 1st team. Julie Montague was voted to the 2nd team.

The Rams are seeded 6th in the Nor-Cal regionals and will take on Solano in their first game of the play-off.



Annete Cervantes-Asst. Coach



Al Doux-Trainer



Rhonda Williams-Head Coach



Gina LoPiccolo-Asst. Coach



Kelly McClintock-IF



Meredith Mach-C/OF



Justina Garcia-P



Shannon Rhames-SS



Kelly McClintock-IF



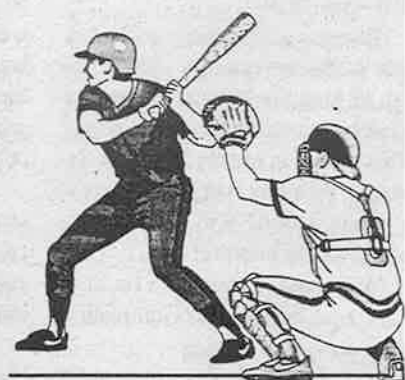
Sara Pinkerton-P



Erica Vollweiler-OF



Lolie Wisener-1B



## Semester Wrap-up

FROM THE DESK OF  
SCOTT A. MAYES.....  
SPORTS EDITOR

It seems like only yesterday that our basketball teams were lacing up their sneakers for the very first time. As we look back on a busy semester, we have a lot to be thankful for and a mountain of success to be proud of.

As January got started, the sports world of Fresno City College was quiet. Basketball was alive and well while all other spring sports were still in their infancy.

Basketball was the focal point of the sports campus as the men's team received the state's number 1 ranking. The women's team meanwhile

swallowed up the number 8 ranking. Both men and women won their conference championships. The women made it to the final 16 before losing at DeAnza. The men's team made it to the state's final four before bowing out at the state tournament in San Jose.

The tournament was highlighted by the departure of head coach Steve Cleveland. Cleveland accepted the head job at Brigham Young University just days before the tournament began. Rampage photographer Don Davis talked with the team and operated from San Jose as the news broke and as questions were asked. This was significant to our campus as The Rampage went on traveling assignment for the tournament which is not a regularity.

The feat of winning conference championships with both men and

women was then repeated by our tennis program. The men's tennis team won their sixteenth consecutive conference championship while the women won the CVC title after an 0-14 performance the season before.

On the women's side, new coaches Karen Wood (basketball) and Mark Belman (tennis) had similar seasons. The basketball team fought against history to win the CVC with an all-freshman team. The tennis team fought history and a recruiting battle putting a 46 and a 34 year-old on the court to educate the younger ladies around the CVC.

At the diamond, FCC won a conference title in softball while the men's baseball team finished in second, one game behind COS. The Rams baseball team buried the C.O.S. Giants 14-3 in the season finale yet

still finished one game behind.

Softball coach Rhonda Williams took home honors as Coach of the Year in the Central Valley Conference. From the Baseball team, third baseman G.J. Raymundo was named MVP of the league.

The FCC track team placed second in the men's competition and third in the women's standings at the CVC championships. The men's golf team, under the direction of Emory Luck, finished fourth at their conference tournament.

In other news, the annual Producer's Dairy Bowl was cancelled and the search continues for a new basketball coach. The finalists were at one point narrowed to six candidates: Vance Walberg, Al Biancalana, Larry Hauser, Denny Aye, Fred Langley, and Mike Miller. Since that time, Biancalana has

dropped out of the running accepting a Chicago City high school job that will appoint him basketball coach and athletic director.

As I try on my cap and gown and prepare for the graduation ceremony, I must take this time to thank those who made this job just a little easier. First and foremost, the sports writers of the Rampage made this semester not only possible, but bearable. Mar Avila, Allen Coleman and Chad Rhyman: thanks for the dedication and hard work.

Secondly, I would like to thank the coaches and administrators who took time from their teams and schedules to meet with myself, Rampage reporters and photographers. Lastly, I would like to offer a special thank to Ron Scott and Susan Yates for their support of the Rampage sports department.



FCC Baseball Finishes Regular Season On High Note

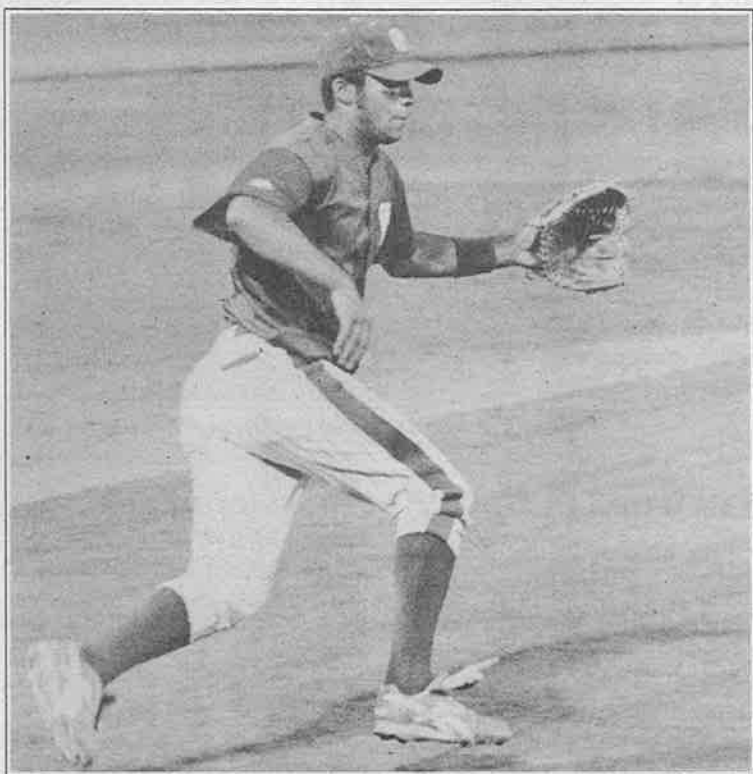
Track season winds down

■ '97 All Central Valley Conference Team Announced.  
By Allen M. Coleman

An impressive 14-3 victory in a Ram quick and deadly 16 hit "attack", silenced the dug-out and home fans of the 1997 CVC Champions COS Giants last Thursday afternoon at Visalia, in the final game of the regular season.

A total of nine Ram players were selected to the '97 All-Central Valley Conference Baseball Team. The Rams were (20-4) in league play earning them a second place spot in the CVC and a (30-13) over-all record thus far in the season, surpassing last years third place conference finish. Baseball at City College is not taken lightly, and it seems as if this years team is peaking late down the final stretch with the help of some good pitching, solid

hitting, and stingy defense. Another bid for the California State First Round Playoffs? Yes, the Rams are in the middle of the action again as they play host this weekend in a best of three series at Euless Park, Friday May 9, 2:00 pm. and Saturday May 10. Most notable is a string of league championships, six consecutive years, 1990 thru 1995, and a 1992 state championship, were all under head coach Ron Scott. Ram coaches seem to be very proud of this years team which consists mostly of a bunch of hard-nose and aggressive freshman players to include; CVC most valuable player, sophomore third baseman G. J. Raymundo who lead the Rams with five triples on the season and six home runs, center fielder and switch-hitter Steve "hum woody" Woodward, the CVC batting champion, and first baseman Ryan Accardo who tied a single season school record with 20 doubles.



All-Central Valley MVP G.J. Raymundo. Don Davis

■ State Championships Approaching  
By Mark Avila



TRACK AND FIELD

As the school year winds down, so is the season of the Ram track team. With many stellar performances this year, it's hard to pick out just one of the many athletes who's contributions were a huge part of the success of this years team.

The NorCal trial, which were held on Friday May 2 in San Francisco, will continue this Friday in Stockton. Although the results were unavailable at press time, there's no doubt that on May 16 and 17 when the state meet returns to Ratcliffe Stadium, we'll be seeing top thrower Bobby Majors and runner Melissa Flynn.

The California Community College State Championships will begin at 4:00 p.m. and will include all the top athletes from around state. Expect school, state, and possibly national records to fall as competition will be at it's finest.

1997 ALL-CENTRAL VALLEY CONFERENCE TEAM (FRESNO ELECTEES)		RAM S 1997 SEASON STATISTICS (LEADERS)									
FIRST TEAM:		HITTING:	AVG.	AB	H	HR	RBI	BB	SLUG%	OB%	
CATCHER: Rob Avila, Fr.,		Woodward, S.	.424	144	61	4	28	14	.590	.469	
FIRST BASE: Ryan Accardo, Fr.,		Raymundo, G.J.	.407	145	59	6	40	18	.710	.506	
INFIELD: Kevin Patrick, So.,		Accardo, Ryan	.390	141	55	5	47	8	.638	.416	
OUTFIELD: Steve Woodward, Fr.,		Mattos, B.	.373	67	25	1	17	6	.493	.432	
PITCHERS: Paul Avery(L), Fr.,		Heinrich, J.	.344	64	22	0	9	8	.469	.432	
Rip Rogers(R), Fr.		Patrick, K.	.336	137	46	0	18	16	.394	.400	
SECOND TEAM:		PITCHING:	W	L	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
OUTFIELD: Jason Papi, Fr.		Rogers, Rip	8	1	2.08	56	42	17	13	22	67
PITCHER Daniel Viveros(R), So.		Avery, P.	3	3	2.84	88	77	46	28	27	109
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:		Johnson, C.	3	0	3.63	39	40	24	16	22	32
G. J. RAYMUNDO, SO.3B		Viveros, D.	8	4	3.76	76	69	40	32	32	60
		Scott, D	2	0	5.28	15	14	9	9	10	12
		Munster, J.	2	3	5.40	48	56	41	29	26	51

Water polo referee heads to New York

■ Heads To Olympic Training Center.

By Leah Eddens

Fresno City College student Jeff Davis was one of 10 officials from the West Coast, chosen to referee the Masters Nationals Water Polo tournament here in Fresno, and now he's on to Lake Placid, New York to officiate at the Jr. Nationals Selection Camp, World University Games at the U.S. Olympic training Center May 21 through 26.

The teams consist of nationally recognized players (ages 19 and younger), from ten zones in the U.S. The top 13 players of 130 will go to the World Championships in Cuba, and may be selected to play on the United States Olympic team.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Davis said.

Davis played Water Polo for College of the Sequoias for two years, and has officiated for five. Last year, Davis was selected to ref. the Jr. Olympics in which he called a gold

medal game. "Officiating these games is the key to being noticed by coaches and to gain the respect of the players for calling a good game," Davis said.

Davis owes much of his success to Brent Barrick, a nationally rated Water Polo official from Merced. "He is a consummate professional, I model myself after him....I owe him a lot, and I'm definitely much better because of his help."

One better thing Davis tries to do is set a good example. "I try to be fair, approachable and have respect for the coaches, that's very noticeable when you're an official."

Dale Hammel has also influenced Davis' life, not only as "The Godfather of Water Polo," (he's been a referee for 23 years), but also as an educator, which is Davis' next goal in life.

"I've always wanted to teach." Davis explained, detailing his FCC experience and expectations. One of those expectations is to get straight A's this semester, which can't be done if he can't take his finals which

coincide with the dates of his New York trip. But, like Davis said, "It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."



Photo by Linda Burglin  
FCC student and water polo referee Jeff Davis.

Meet the Women's Team

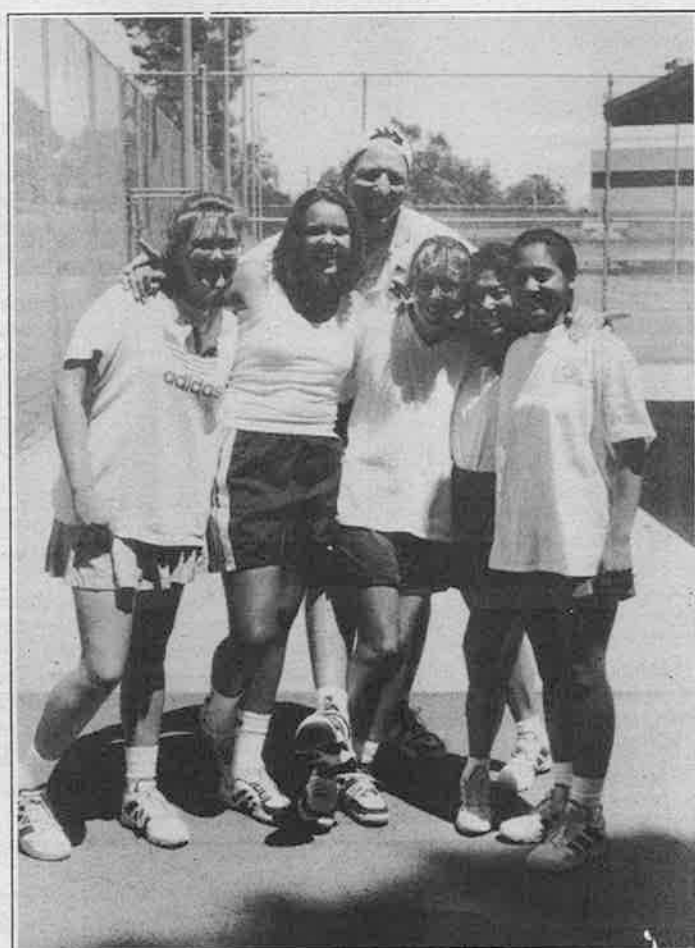


Photo by Thomas Soliz

A lucky Rampage Weekly photographer was able to catch our fantastic women's tennis team on the court and smiling. From the left; Kim Hanner, Kelly Gonzales, Sarah Massis, Lien Heller, Maribeth Gomez, and the proud man in the back is Coach Mark Belmar. Thanks team for your outstanding season.

Scoreboard & Calendar of Events

BASEBALL

5/1 FCC 14, COS 3

THIS WEEK

5/9-5/10 STATE PLAYOFFS

AT FRESNO

MEN'S GOLF

THIS WEEK

5/12 STATE

CHAMPIONSHIPS

AT OROVILLE

SOFTBALL

4/29 FCC 3, WEST HILLS 0

4/29 FCC 9, WEST HILLS 1

THIS WEEK

5/9-5/10 NORCAL REGIONAL

MEN'S TENNIS

THIS WEEK

5/9-5/10 STATE TOURN.

AT FRESNO

WOMEN'S TENNIS

NORCAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

FCC 5, DIABLO VALLEY 3

CHABOT 5, FCC 0

THIS WEEK

5/8-5/10 STATE CHAMPIO

SHIPS AT FRESNO

TRACK

THIS WEEK

5/10 NORCAL FINALS

AT STOCKTON

5/16-5/17

STATE CHAMPION-

SHIPS AT FRESNO



## Notes from the Music &amp; Theatre departments

## End of the semester is proving to be very entertaining

By Debbie Irwin

While some departments are winding down, music and theater seem to be gathering steam toward a grand finale. Several nights per week until the semester's end, either Recital Hall, or the Main Theatre will be alive and jumping. This group of tidbits is a mere scratch on the surface of the events that have been happening. If we have succeeded in piquing your interest in this type of entertainment, check out the events calendar on this page and enjoy.

## The band played on

In a concert dedicated to retiring FCC Instructor Eiji Maruko, conductor Gary Deeter spoke of Maruko's superb musical talents. The concert definitely reverberated those thoughts.

The band played superbly, the only item that missed a beat, was the gun that failed to fire during a civil war piece titled; *Gettysburg: The Third Day* by Jay Dawson. Deeter stated, "the piece ends with the sounds of sacrifice and heroism exhibited at Gettysburg." Even with the misfire one could almost smell the gunpowder.

Melody Parker, winner of the Dean's Medal, graced the stage with two solos. Her last piece, *Habanera* from *Carmen* by Georges Bizet, was livened with gestures made toward one of the backup singers, to the delight of the crowd.

Recent award winner, pianist Jennifer Jackson, completed the evening

by accompanying the orchestra band in *Piano Concerto #2 III. Allegro Scherzando* by *Serge Rachmaninoff*. She performed flawlessly and was rewarded by the crowd with a standing ovation.



Your the Top by Cole Porter. Photo by Don Davis

## Portraits of Porter

The Musical Theater show this semester was *Portraits of Porter*, a musical medley featuring different performers for each song. Under direction of Rebecca Sarkisian, the cast gave a thoroughly energetic and entertaining performance. The presentation was both sophisticated and whimsical, much like Porter's own personality.

The audience connected to the performers' antics, laughing and applauding throughout. Pianist, Alan Rea, played pieces reminiscent of the thirties. Periodically the director gave a monologue background of Porter's life, while the audience viewed a pictorial montage of him, and other performers such as Bob Hope and Ethel Merman. This helped the audience remember the elegant days of yesteryear.

One number, *In the Still of the Night* was a lovely ballad sung by Don Gaede, to which Sheila O'Connor and Thomas FitzGerald beautifully danced ballroom style.

The cast finished with a selection of songs from the Broadway hit *Kiss me Kate*. These, like the rest of the show allowed the crowd to look forward to their next performance.

## City Sings

FCC City Singers, directed by LeGrand Andersen offered something for all music lovers. They started with a selection of operatic songs from around the world, two of which were so intense, the piano accompaniment needed four hands. The balance were sung in perfect acappella. Andersen, explained that this has been easy for the group this year because they have been blessed with Jerimaine Hankerson who has the ability of a human pitch pipe.

A smooth transition to Jazz and Pop was then made. Rocking the audience they added in a little scat to the performance. The crowd was satisfied finishing the evening off with an animated rendition of *Chattanooga Choo Choo*.

## Music club award

Jim Kim, FCC piano student recently won 2nd place in the Fresno Musical Club, Bille T. Ritchie Awards. Scholarships are awarded to career minded music majors including graduate degree candidates. The \$500 award is used for further study. Kim plans to pursue a degree in piano pedagogy, the highest degree one can receive in Piano.

## Campus Entertainment Calendar

Art Space Gallery Exhibition  
5: FCC Art and Photography Student Annual Juried Competition  
April 24 - May 18 Tues., Wed. and Thurs. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Fri. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Sun. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
Evenings: Wed. and Thurs. 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Closed Monday, Saturday, and school holidays.

Actors' Showcase, May 7, 8, 9: 7:30 p.m. at the FCC Lab Theatre TA-105

FCC Woodwind Choir, Thursday, May 8: 7:30 p.m. at the Recital hall MS-132

FCC Piano Recital, Sunday, May 11: 2 p.m. at the Recital Hall MS-132

FCC Choir, Monday, May 12: 7:30 p.m. at the Recital Hall MS-132

FCC Student Composition Recital, Thursday, May 15, 1 p.m. at MS-135

FCC Student Guitar Ensemble, Friday, May 16: 1 p.m. at the Recital hall MS-132

FCC Student Honors Recital, Tues., May 20, 7:30 p.m. at Recital Hall MS-132

New Wrinkles (Senior Citizen Showcase), May 23, 24, 29, 30, 31: 7:30 p.m. May 24, 25, 26, 30, 31: 2 p.m. at the Theatre Main Stage  
(All titles and times are subject to change without notice)

## The Blonde leading the Blonde

## Lisa Kudrow and Mira Sorvino star in Romy and Michele's High School Reunion

By Genevieve Hinson

Warning: This movie is not for the serious minded. If any type of detailed and intellectual plot is expected then another movie for viewing is required. Now for all of those who are still interested for one of the funniest laugh-out-loud comedy adventures ever filmed *Romy and Michele's High School Reunion* is for you.

Romy and Michele live a self-observed glamorous life in L.A. It's not until their ten year reunion that they reevaluate their standards. Until this time Romy's (a cashier) and Michele's (unemployed and both single) lives seemed happening; after all, Michele sewed their personally designed clothes and they always looked great. In desperation the girls search for boy-friends and a job for Michele. "Our cut off age is 25, try VH-1," Romy was informed by an interviewer from *Singled Out* on MTV. Their efforts failed to produce any positive results but more zany plans were on the horizon.

The movie never slows down on the laughs. Romy and Michele are great characters that keep the right mix of comedy and take the high school reunion jitters to the bizarre.

## Bring on the blockbusters: a summer movie guide

Once again science-fiction will dominate at the box office this summer with no fewer than six films slated for release highlighted by *The Fifth Element* and the action/comedy *Men In Black*. Also be ready for some high-powered sequels such as *The Lost World: Jurassic Park* and *Batman & Robin*. Below is the list of this summer's expected moneymakers.

## MAY 9

## FATHERS DAY

STUDIO: WARNER BROS.  
STARRING: Robin Williams, Billy Crystal

PLOT: First onscreen teamup of Williams and Crystal who have good chemistry. Story involves two men searching for the same son, of whom both claim to be the father.  
OUTLOOK: Could be hilarious. Quality of script and story will determine outcome.

## THE FIFTH ELEMENT

STUDIO: COLUMBIA  
STARRING: Bruce Willis, Gary Oldman, Luke Perry  
PLOT: Who knows? The story has been as mysterious as AREA 51. The trailers look great though.

OUTLOOK: Possible darkhorse of the summer. Loaded with breathtaking set designs and special effects.

## MAY 23

## THE LOST WORLD

STUDIO: UNIVERSAL  
STARRING: Jeff Goldblum, Julianne Moore

PLOT: The same old story: foolish man thinks he's king of the jungle. Angry dinosaurs eats man. Man learns lesson.

OUTLOOK: Can we say...mega-blockbuster? Theatre owners will

have to add a cooling system to their ticket machines.

## June 6

## CON AIR

STUDIO: BUENA VISTA  
STARRING: Nicholas Cage, John Cusack

PLOT: Cage plays Cameron Poe, a paroled convict who becomes the middleman between life and death when a prison transport plane is hijacked.

OUTLOOK: Decent, but audiences might be tiring of the mindless, ear-shattering, high octane action flick. From the same producer of *The Rock*.

## JUNE 20

## BATMAN AND ROBIN

STUDIO: WARNER BROS.  
STARRING: Arnold Schwarzenegger, George Clooney, Chris O'Donnell

PLOT: Mr. Freeze and sultry Poison Ivy menace downtown Gotham City until the dynamic duo save the day.

OUTLOOK: This is a no-brainer. The appeal of Arnold as a bad guy adds an extra incentive.

## JUNE 27

## HERCULES

STUDIO: WALT DISNEY  
STARRING: Voices of: Danny DeVito, Tate Donovan, James Woods

PLOT: The man of strength must defeat Hades, the god of the underworld, to save Mt. Olympus.

OUTLOOK: Disney's annual cartoon extravaganza. Should do well as usual.

## JULY 2

## MEN IN BLACK

STUDIO: COLUMBIA  
STARRING: Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith

PLOT: Latest Sci-Fi about the mysterious govt. agents (Smith and Jones) who act as immigration for illegal aliens and I'm not talking about the kind from Mexico.

OUTLOOK: Very good. Great response to the trailers. Might be the biggest moneymaker next to *Jurassic Park 2*.

## SPEED 2: CRUISE CONTROL

STUDIO: 20TH CENTURY FOX  
STARRING: Sandra Bullock, Jason Patric

PLOT: This time it's the Love Boat speeding out of control. Maybe we'll get lucky and Gavin McCloud will make a guest cameo?!

OUTLOOK: High. Trailers have been questionable. Success will be determined in opening weekend as it faces stiff competition with *"Face Off"* and *"Men In Black"*.

## FACE/OFF

STUDIO: PARAMOUNT  
STARRING: John Travolta, Nicholas Cage

PLOT: In this action thriller from director John Woo an FBI agent and a terrorist trade identities.

OUTLOOK: ? Has an interesting story and good cast. Second film for Cage this summer.

## TITANIC

STUDIO: PARAMOUNT  
STARRING: Bill Paxton, Leonardo DiCaprio

PLOT: Director John Cameron, using stunning special effects, recreates the tragic 1912 disaster. With an all-star cast.

OUTLOOK: Rumor has it, because of post-production problems and because of the high volume of movies being released in July, *Titanic* might get pushed back to a November release. Either way, due to the great buzz this movie is generating, it will have a big opening weekend.

## JULY 11

## CONTACT

STUDIO: WARNER BROS.  
STARRING: Jodie Foster, Mathew McConaughey

PLOT: An astronomer discovers alien radio signals being transmitted to earth.

OUTLOOK: Second film for hot

## AUGUST 1

## COPLAND

STUDIO: MIRAMAX  
STARRING: Sylvester Stallone, Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta

PLOT: A small town cop gets involved with big time crime.

OUTLOOK: Has an all-star cast. First dramatic role for Stallone in a long time (mindless action movies excluded).

## AUGUST (Date Tentative)

## EVENT HORIZON

STUDIO: PARAMOUNT  
STARRING: Laurence Fishburne, Sam Neill

PLOT: Science-fiction thriller that takes place in 2046



McConaughey. Could be an over-achiever.

## JULY 25

## AIR FORCE ONE

STUDIO: COLUMBIA  
STARRING: Harrison Ford, Gary Oldman, Glenn Close

PLOT: Air Force One is hijacked with the President and his family on board.

OUTLOOK: Looks promising. Hey, it's Harrison Ford.

## THE CONSPIRACY THEORY

STUDIO: WARNER BROS.  
STARRING: Mel Gibson, Julia Roberts, Patrick Stewart

PLOT: A paranoid taxi driver finds out his conspiracy fantasy is true.

OUTLOOK: Promises to be a unique action/suspense thriller. Gibson and Roberts sounds like good chemistry.

## THE TRUMAN SHOW

STUDIO: PARAMOUNT  
STARRING: Jim Carrey, Dennis Hopper

PLOT: A family man discovers his whole life has been a game show.

OUTLOOK: Next Jim Carrey vehicle. Carrey will be hot off his *Liar Liar* smash.

and arescue team that discovers a secret recently found space ship proto type that was missing for seven years.

OUTLOOK: If the sci-fi genre continues to do well at the box office, this will be a hit.



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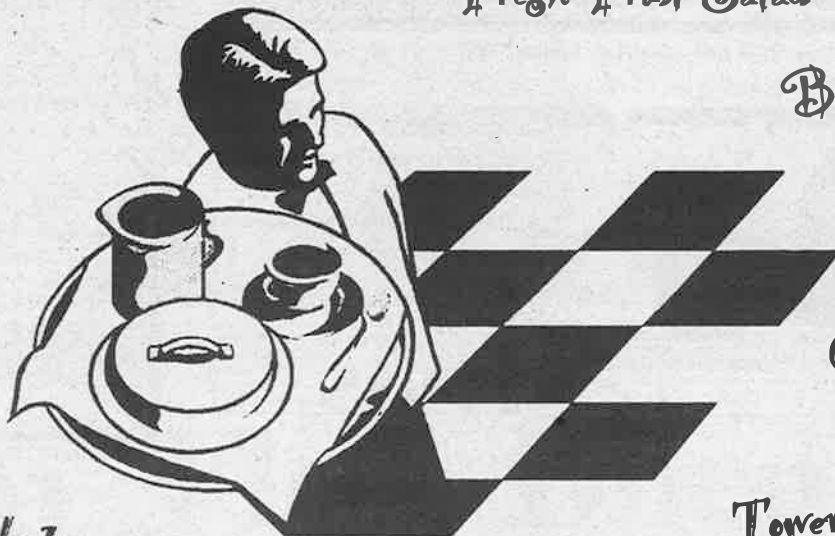
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7. Bring your own putter and ball to Blackbeards
6. Throw a party at a rich persons house while their on vacation
5. Remove the Speed Bump warning sign in your neigh borhood
4. Go to a fast food restaurant , during rush hour, order alot of food, then say" I'm sorry I don't have enough money- can I just have a water instead?
3. Fart in your bathtub and pre tend its a jacuzzi at a resort
2. Camp at Fresno Beach
1. Rock climb on City Hall

## FCC Student Band Info

### ■ Cajun Mary

One of the most distinguished bands that is represented here on campus is Cajun Mary. Fronted by FCC's own Kathryn Robertson, this band has built a name for themselves up and down the entire San Joaquin Valley.

Their talent and dedication have advanced them to the semi-finals in Fresno's Battle of the Bands for three years running. They have recently released a self-titled demo in both three and five song formats.

### ■ Dyagnosis

One of the more cynical bands that is proud to have a member attending our institution is Dyagnosis. Their sound is unique to Fresno, mixing a broad range of influences from orchestrated heavy metal to Chuck Berry. Ryan Nyar, FCC's own resident cynic, adds his touch on bass, vocals, and keyboards. What a treat.

### ■ Fireside Chat

One of the more spiritual acts featured here on campus is Fireside Chat. Like their name suggests, they are more laid back than your typical "college band". They have already been to the studio to record, and can be seen about town in the finer establishments.

### ■ Wack M.C.'s

One of the busier bands in town, the Wack M.C.'s have been extremely visible lately. Featuring our own David Bryant on guitar, they have been seen creating quite a lively atmosphere at the FSU Pub and elsewhere.

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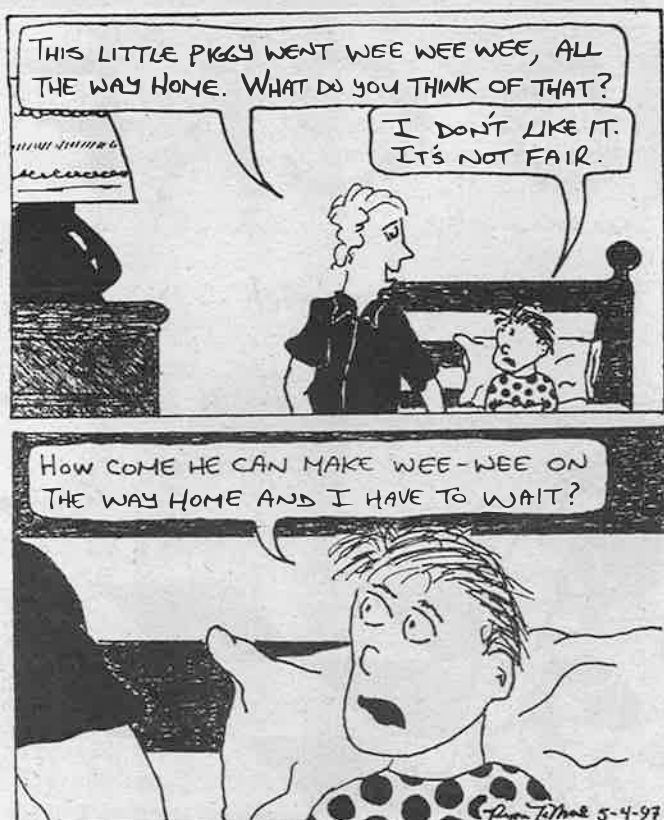
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