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FCC's Theus bound for Oregon State

FCC's Robert Theus becomes second Ram this year to accept Division I football scholarship

By Eric Mendoza
Sports Editor

When Robert Theus was in high school, his varsity coach gathered the team during practice and told them, "Look around. Only three of you guys will ever go on to play football at a four-year college." Robert looked around at his friends and teammates and wondered if he would be "one of the lucky ones." He knew that he'd have to work that much harder and vowed from that day to put in the effort.

On Feb. 4, two days before his 20th birthday, The Fresno City College sophomore line-man signed his letter of intent to attend the Pac-10's Oregon State University.

"[Theus] was one of the first players to be recruited and we're happy to sign him," said OSU's offensive line coach and recruiter Jim Gilstrap. "Robert's a fine athlete, as well as a fine person and we're really looking forward to having him."

With his 4.9 (40-yard) speed, National Football League scouts will be watching the 6'4", 270 pounder, running downfield, pulling on end-arounds and leading blocks downfield for the next two seasons.

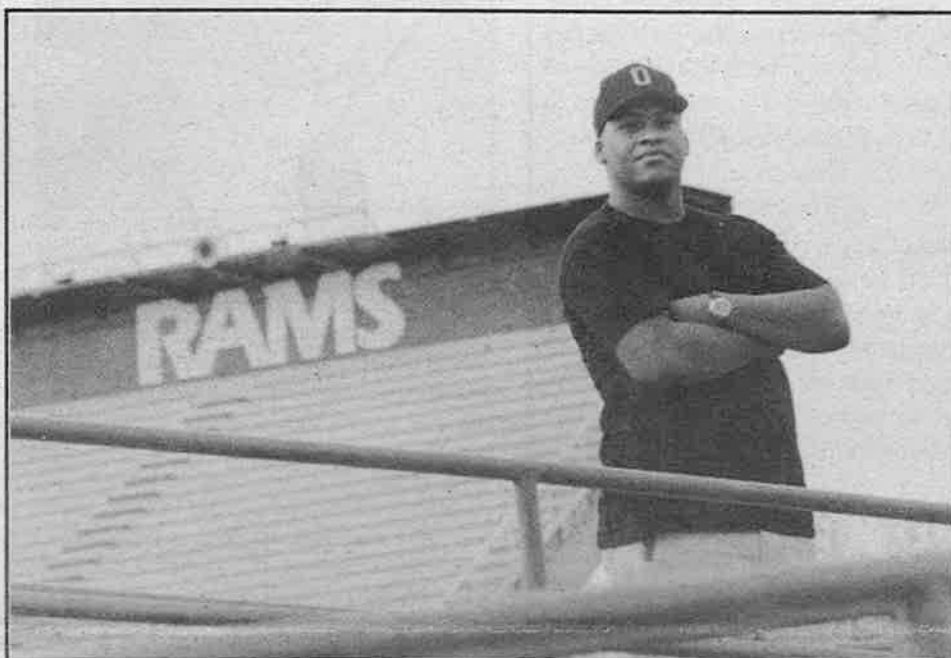
"I'm excited," said Theus, who will major in communications. "When I get there I expect to be ready. I'm real appreciative about everything... things have been going so good for me, it's truly been overwhelming. Sometimes I just sit down and cry to myself. It's truly a blessing from God."

Makin' moves

As a child, Theus and younger sister Christy grew up in a single-parent household, living in a crime-plagued area of East Fresno. He admits that not having his father around much made him envious of his friends and classmates who shared dad-son relationships.

To stop Theus from getting in to trouble, his mother bussed him across town to Ahwahnee Middle School, hoping the change would do him some good. After-school athletics gave him the opportunity to be around male role models.

After a year of quarterbacking Hoover High School's freshman football team, upper-division coaches told Theus to be ready to call signals for the varsity squad as a back-up. But as a sophomore, coaches changed their minds and thought he would serve the team better as a tight-end. Although Theus' receiving duties were a plus, all eyes were on him as a big blocker. As a junior and senior, Theus earned NYL All-League honors and was selected to play in Fresno's Annual City-County All-Star Game.



Standing Tall. FCC's Robert Theus OSU-bound

Photo courtesy Rebekka Mitchell

More moves

Low grades kept Theus from attending universities such as UCLA, Arizona, and Missouri, so he tried to catch on at FCC.

The Division I interest gave him a goal to shoot for, but to find himself third on the depth chart at a junior college was, according to Theus, a little discouraging.

The overload bumped Theus to the Rams offensive line. From drag patterns and seem routes, to blue-collar exertion they call "the trenches," he never complained.

Theus went on and quietly had a solid freshman year, earning 2nd Team All-Central Valley Conference. The following spring he even made the Rams' track & field team, making the school record books in the javelin throw.

Please see **Theus**, Back Page

New SCCCED police chief honored



David Shaw, ASG President, presents Marvin Reyes an outstanding service award.

Photo by Luqman Haqq

Marvin Reyes appointed new SCCCED Chief of Police

By Luqman Haqq
Editor-in-Chief

The State Center Community College District appointed Marvin Reyes as new Chief of Police on Dec. 15, 1997.

Reyes, who is married and is the father of three boys, did a tour while in the United States Air Force prior to earning his Bachelors Arts degree in Social Sciences.

After graduating from Fresno State, he was hired by the Fresno Police Department where he served his department and the community for 21 years.

In a recent Associate Student Government (ASG) meeting in the Senate room, The Student Body Government presented Chief Reyes with an award of appreciation for his outstanding service at Fresno City College.

Reyes expressed his honor in receiving this recognition from the ASG.

Chief Reyes will now be in charge of the FCC campus and all other campuses in the SCCCED.

He is replacing Kenneth Shrum, who served as Chief of Police at SCCCED for 26 years.

DSP&S Administrator receives doctoral degree

By Luqman Haqq
Editor-in-Chief

Janice M. Emerzian, Administrator of the Disabled Students Program and Services at Fresno City College, recently gained her Doctoral Degree from the University of La Verne.

On Feb. 6, 1998 colleagues, administrators, students and friends of Dr. Emerzian gave her a surprise reception at FCC's Developmental Services Computer Lab. Those in attendance enjoyed a variety of finger foods and a cake of congratulations.

In January, Dr. Emerzian was part of a program where she presented an oral defense of her dissertation in the FCC Board Room. Her dissertation was an identification of the key factors that contribute to and interfere with the inclusion of students with disabilities in the School-To-Work programs.

According to Emerzian, she continues to seek effective ways in which to include students with disabilities, stressing that there must first be a commitment from support services for students with disabilities. She states, "Adults with disabilities have responsibilities as well as the right to go to school."

No proposed fee increases

In a proposed 1998-1999 State Budget, announced Jan. 9, Governor Pete Wilson calls for a drop in unit fees from \$13 to \$12 per unit this fall. In addition, California community colleges will receive \$89.6 million to fund 45,000 new students.

Reflections from the Editor



Luqman Haqq
Editor-in-Chief

Greetings to the Fresno City College community. I take great pride in this opportunity to serve as Editor-in-Chief of the *Rampage*. My office is open to the college community and those willing to give their contributions.

We have a new staff as of the beginning of this semester. As student journalists we will learn this semester how to improve on the newspaper and it's process. In addition, we will show our readers that we have learned the step-by-step process of putting an effective and outstanding student newspaper together.

The *Rampage* is under the advisement of Mr. Ray Nash, who has worked for many years in the newspaper world.

We owe a word of thanks to the many concerned individuals who realize the need for a credible, official campus newspaper and have made valiant efforts to support us.

Special thanks to journalism instructor Dr. Harry Kennedy, who has taught many of our reporters the styles and techniques of writing for a newspaper.

A final thanks to you, our readers, who have given continuous support to the 50-year journey of the *Rampage*. You are our top priority and we in turn look forward to continuing to serve you as your official student newspaper. Thank you.

POLICE LOG



FEBRUARY 1998

■ Officer was dispatched to racquetball courts for a report of three subjects smoking marijuana. Subjects were contacted, arrested and transported back to Fresno High School and Continuation.

■ Officer was dispatched to Forum Hall to assist nurse with a sick student. Student was transported to the nurse's office and turned over to nurse.

■ Officer took a report from student of stolen jacket outside Art-Home Economic Building. Suspects unknown.

■ A suspected arrest on 02-05-98 was seen in the Student Lounge after being told not to return to campus. He was arrested, cited and released.

Inspirational speaker opens eyes, ears of FCC community

By Eric Mendoza
Sports Editor

□ Famous mother of late basketball-star speaks at FCC.



Photo courtesy PIO

Dr. Lonise Bias does not need a microphone to get her message across.

The motivational speaker's visit to the Fresno City College theater on Feb. 4 made a lasting impression on the student-body, faculty and guests that attended her powerful speech.

In 1986 Lonise Bias watched her son Len graduate from their home state's University of Maryland and exit the National Basketball Association draft as the Boston Celtics #1 selection.

Len never played a minute in the Boston Garden. Before donning the famous kelly-green and white Celtic uniform, Len died from an irregular heartbeat due to a drug overdose.

Four years later, Dr. Bias tragically lost another son, Jay, who was killed during a drive-by shooting.

Dr. Bias choose not to speak about either loss, but instead told the capacity crowd, "I come to challenge you today!"

Her speech entitled "Young People of America," was highlighted by four different points: to love everyone, to build a bigger and better nation, offend no man and their own religion, race, color, or background, and found her first applause as she exclaimed, "I care nothing about what you all think of me."

Bias stated that the losses in her life have taught her valuable lessons and that she is happy to have the opportunity to speak, especially during African-American History Month. "I love my people," said Bias. "We have been through some hard times, but we're going to come up and do better."

Bias went on to tell the crowd, "You're not prepared to write the year 2000 yet. Get used to hard times and difficulty. It only builds you up... I chose hard and painful challenges to maximize my potential and learn about life. Get over it!.. I've been to hell and back and I am 25 times the woman I thought I was."

Bias — who received an Honorary Doctorate of Education from Anna Maria College in Paxton, Massachusetts — has spent the past 11 years traveling with her husband, speaking to a wide variety of groups.

FCC's African-American Studies professor Kehinde Solwazi was one of the many impressed with Dr. Bias' speech. "I wish that we had [speaker forums] every week, mandatory," said Solwazi. "In five years the city of Fresno would be transformed."

Financial Aid

By Janetra Johnson
Staff Writer

Attention all F.C.C. Students. If you are needing Financial Aid, it is crucial you apply as soon as possible. Pick up your 1998-1999 "Free Application for Federal Student Aid" in the Financial Aid Office. It is not too late to be considered for a Cal Grant. You must complete the Financial Aid Application and it must be postmarked no later than Monday, March 2, 1998. For Scholarship Applications the deadline is also on Monday, March 2, 1998.

Financial Aid Applications will be accepted from January 1, 1998 through June 30, 1998. Every application will be awarded on a first-come first-served basis and subject to availability.

- Continuation of \$44 million (or \$49 per FTE) for instructional equipment and library materials replacement. (this is in addition to the one-time money)
- 2.2 percent increase (or 68.3 million) increase for the Cost-of-Living Adjustment
- \$3.9 million for districts (distributed by the chancellor) for development of Internet and Web courses.
- \$10 million increase (from \$18 million to \$28 million) for telecommunications / technology infrastructure (staff development, digital satellites)
- \$5.2 million for staff development
- Continuation of the \$500,000 for part time faculty health insurance and the \$2 million for part-time faculty office hours

Statistics from the FACC news letter on January 21, 1998

FCC's Club Awareness Day once again a success

By Luqman Haqq
Editor-in-Chief

Recently the Associate Student Government and the Inter-Club council, held a day long Club Awareness gathering in the free speech area of the campus. In spite of a very heavily over cast of clouds this program was well attended.

The purpose of Club Awareness Day is for the various clubs to come together and network with each other and a time for recruiting new members. This was also a time for the many diverse cultures to share some of their native foods. This day brought students together in untidy on the campus. Some of the many clubs that partake in this event to name a few were The London Club, (bust) who were selling used books, Cakes and pies as a fund raiser to support a study abroad semester in London. For the Spring semester of 1998, 30 students will be studying in London. The Filipino Club who sold very tasty Egg Rolls and Chow Mien. the new Pan African club headed by Acting President Ali Shabazz, who says, "The purpose of this club is to bring a sense of unity and information to the African American students at this campus. offering tutorial help to our members." Including other clubs, there was the Phi-theta-Kappa, and Alpha gamma Sigma; also present was SIFE's (Student's in Free Enterprise) a Non-profit Organization. (SIFE is for the community college and Universities for student learning, teaching and practicing free enterprise.)



Students support Club Awareness Day activities.

Photo by Luqman Haqq

There was the Colors Club, (M.A.C.C.A.), who are now in the process of electing all new governing body. The Psychology club, is in the process of taking orders for their newly designed sweatshirt. Campus Crusade for Christ, club Aztec, the Associate Student Government and The Republican Club who were offering their views of the Republican Party and The Native American Inter-Tribal Students Association (N.A.I.S.A.) "Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect." says Tribal Chief Seattle. For the musical entertainment there was DJ, Finger Flores, mixing the beats.

In a student poll of Club Awareness Day, student Robert Plumer, says "I just returned to this campus after 12 years and I think this is a very good idea to bring the students together."

Another student Sophia says "this is a good idea for the students." Others all said it was a great idea for the FCC community. Nona adds that she feels this program should be by the water fountain, many of the students don't come to this area of the campus.

For those of you who did not have a chance to participate. In the future there will be more such programs during the semester. You may check at the ASG office for date and time of this event.

"Should President Clinton be Impeached?"

FCC Students Speak Out — A *Rampage* Survey

By Abel E. Jimenez and
Janetra Johnson
Staff Writers

On Jan. 22, *Newsweek* magazine reported that the independent counsel spearheaded by Kenneth Starr is investigating President Bill Clinton on the grounds of possible obstruction of justice proceeding to a case of sexual misconduct with then 21-year old White House intern Monica Lewinsky. If Starr finds evidence that the President indeed asked Lewinsky and fellow White House staff members to commit perjury, it is grounds for possible impeachment.

The *Rampage* tackled the issue by surveying 100 Fresno City College students and asking them: "If the allegations are true that President Clinton obstructed justice, should he be impeached?" 36 out of 100 students who participated said yes, while 64 students disagreed.

"President Clinton has been accused throughout his presidency of wrongdoings," states one FCC student who chose to remain anonymous, "yet no solid evi-

dence has been brought against him." The majority of Democrats polled see this as nothing more than a "façade," a "conspiracy" and consider it "none of our business." One student blames the media for this situation, stating "The press has made our country the laughing stock of the world. With patriots like them, who needs enemies?"

On the pro-impeachment side, many Republican students polled feel this is the continuing saga of the President's inability to tell the truth. "If he used his power to persuade sexual favor, then he should be punished," claimed one FCC student. Another student stated he should be impeached "Because he allegedly done something wrong and is demising America and the foundations and the principles it was built upon." Other students feel that despite the allegations, he is guilty. The majority of students polled felt he is guilty, but will not be punished for his actions.

Clinton just a clown for White House media circus

By James Wilcox
Staff Writer

Clinton will probably still be in office and the scandals will still be front page news when you read this in the fifth week of this semester. Republicans in Congress on a rampage, possibly.

Comparisons between Nixon and Clinton resemble each other only in the activity level of the press. Allegations are never proofs — if they were over half of the world would be in prison. Saber-rattling in Iraq and the United States is more likely continuing leaving the UN no closer to the solution regarding weapons of mass destruction now residing in the hands of an untrustworthy sovereign.

The only thing that Clinton has done wrong was to allow this circus to continue its parade through our minds. We have better things to worry about, such as getting better

grades, or whether our money will last long enough to get that degree which will allow us to get on with our lives.

Politics can be policy-making with a flair if law-makers really listened to what people are saying.

The scandal embroiling our current president is the reason for the *Rampage* Opinion Poll. Most assuredly our leaders should be lambs without blemish, but politics is a dirty game in the real world. We can wish for Caesar and his wife to be honest and just, but we trust to providence to get the leaders our country needs.

If you didn't get a chance to express your opinion, I'm sorry you missed it. But odds are that this and other Clinton "misdeeds" will follow us into the next millennium — get your pencils ready.

Impressions

By James Wilcox

Yoshino's Restaurant below the *Rampage* office has the best chicken combination dinner I have ever tasted.

Except for the fact that *Rampage* Business Manager Sam Yuk asked me if I wanted the rest of his lunch the other day. I would have never made this statement.

To my way of thinking there is nothing worse than eating under-done chicken, but Yoshino's chicken is superbly done.

Food is of an intense interest in my life. I have worked in a variety of food establishments from McDonalds to Klein's Truck Stop in the Fresno area. Restaurants such as Smokey's on Parkway Drive, Shalimar at First and McKinley and Herb's Joint at Fresno and Shaw Avenues no longer exist, but the wealth of experience gleaned from working in those places I still use.

I cried a little when I read in the *Fresno Bee* that Old Fresno Hofbrau was closing its doors, possibly forever. It irks me that good places to sit down and eat something are getting harder to find. Cooking professionally has been reduced to opening packages, mixing in a prescribed amount of water and heating the food on a stove or in a microwave. Most of the creativity has been removed from the job.

Fast food has become all the rage as Fresno expands to the northeast and northwest. It's much easier to call out for a delivery of pizza or Chinese and watch a movie on your TV than it is to pack up the wife and kids and take them out to dinner and a movie.

STARVING STUDENTS RICE-A-RONI

- A good handful of spaghetti, or about -4 oz. angle hair pasta
- 2 cups long grain white rice
- 1 cube butter or margarine
- Whatever left-overs you have — half of a chicken or some cubed roast beef
- Any vegetable, but potatoes are mandatory
- 4 cups beef or chicken soup stock
- 1 medium diced yellow onion
- 1 medium green bell-pepper

Lightly brown broken-up pasta in a large cast iron skillet in the butter or margarine. Pour in the rice and stir until all the rice has been browned. Turn the heat down on the stove to medium. Add left-overs, vegetables and meat (leave out if you are a vegetarian). Add soup stock and stir. Taste the liquid portion and add seasonings as needed to suit your taste. Cover and simmer for 20 minutes or place mixture in microwavable container and cook at a medium-high setting for 40 minutes. Serves about 6 people (if they're not too hungry).

"Ticket Mania"

I remember my traffic tickets of 20 years ago. I remember vividly the minor details, like the stop sign I saw behind unattended bushes, or the blond cop from Palo Alto who wore a black uniform. I remember attending the various traffic schools, or paying the \$45.00 fines. Wouldn't it be nice to know some friends in the right places who will pull some strings?

Will someone please wake me up from this traffic ticket mania?

— Sal Polanco

LETTERS TO



THE EDITOR

Editorial Policy

Letters to the Editor are part of the public forum available to all students at Fresno City College. All letters must be signed and are subject to editing for clarity and brevity. Letters will be published on the basis of space available.

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"I'll have a double cheeseburger, easy on the mad-cow disease."

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Memo from the Editor

The *Rampage* is the official Fresno City College newspaper and has been for over 50 years. Our publications are produced by a group of FCC journalists. We do not publish any other publications carrying the *Rampage* title.

It has been brought to our attention that someone has been distributing the *Rampage* slogan illegally — a private publication of the *Rampage* has been circulating. The *Rampage* official newspaper and its current staff have no part in the production of these pirate newspapers.

We ask that you be aware of the illegal publications and we urge you to turn in any or all of these unauthorized publications to the *Rampage* office located above the student bookstore in room SC-211.

Dallas Black Dance Theatre performs at FCC



FCC soars with the Dallas Black Dance Theater

By Iesha C. Mayes
Staff Writer

Within the Fresno City College theater, lights were dimmed to complete darkness. Many people waited anxiously in their seats for the performance to unfold.

A spotlight in shades of evening hue misted the stage, marking the commencement of the Dallas Black Dance Theatre performance in honor of African-American History Month. The light brought in focus a faceless dancer posed, showing off his powerfully radiant physique. With each delicate movement, his hard work and dedication

shined through. Every muscle he used reflected a well oiled machine.

Gradually, each performer promenaded onto the stage where they merged into a harmonized dance — each face expressionless and each body well-toned. With soul-strengthening grace, beautiful transitions moved the crowd.

Each scene in the production was filled with dramatic passion, colorful energy and majestic unity. As the entertainment came to a close, each performer was dressed in colors of the motherland and the zeal of their performance was explosive and uplifting. "None Like These," a poem written by Jesse

Scott, was recited and then developed into the high-spirited grand finale.

Chantel Marrow, one of 11 talented performers in the Dallas Black Dance Theatre Company, was born in New York and has been dancing for over 20 years. She has been with Dallas Black Dance Theatre for seven months. "It's good to get a pay-check for doing something I love," said Marrow.

Another gifted dancer, by the name of Nellesa Walthour, was born in Georgia, but later resided in Boston. "I never thought of dancing as a profession — dancing was always a fantasy," she admitted. "Being a dancer takes hard work and true dedication."

Other members of the Dallas Black Dance Theatre company include: Katherine Biggs, Deena Chavoya, LaWonda Hunter, Bernard J. Jackson, Erin Melissa Printy, Armando Silva, Ivan Andre Torres, DeMarcus Williams and Melissa M. Young.

Founder and artistic director Dr. Ann Williams received her M.A. degree in dance and related arts from Texas Women's University. Under her direction, the Dallas Black Dance Theatre has evolved from a community-based organization to a full professional dance company.

Sponsors for this event were the Eisenhower Student Leadership Program, Fresno Links Inc., MEDIA ONE, Pacific Bell, P.G.&E, the State Center Community College Foundation, F.C.C.'s Associated Student Leadership Program, Black Faculty and Staff, Activities Office, and Pan-African Student Union.

Photo by
Samuel Yuk

FCC salutes African-American History Month

By Luqman Haqq
Editor-in-Chief

African American people should hear the truth of their ancestral roots. To know the truth of your past history would be more rewarding than the information that has been passed out to you by the same people that have stolen much of the true fact from the history of the African people.

There were many great events and speakers here at FCC and the community celebrating African American History month.

The month began with an opening ceremony Feb. 2, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. in the FCC

theater. Many of the instructors allowed their students to attend this great event during class time. Dr. Isaac Okim, an instructor of African History, opened the program with an electrifying talk on Ancestral Libations. Dr. Okim pointed out many of the true facts of the hidden history of African ancestral past. He also explained many of the hardships that the ancestors encountered and over which made it possible for African people to be here today with a such rich history.

As the program continued the FCC Gospel Choir lead those attending in the traditional Black National Anthem (Lift Every Voice and Sing), and that's what they did. This was a very

soul-stirring moment in the program.

The next speaker was Kehinde Solwazi who is also a very knowledgeable instructor in the studies of African history. Many students at FCC see Kehinde as the cornerstone of African history. Kehinde's talk was on the true meaning of African American History, pointing out that African History month is a good thing but this should be a daily awareness and should not become "commercial exploitation of the real cause." Next on the program was FCC President Dr. Dan Larios who said he also understands the struggle of minority and indigent people. Seeing how his father was treated because of his dark skin was a childhood experience which has embedded itself in his memory. Dr. Larios commended the many great African-American Leaders that have struggled and given their lives to keep their ancestral pride alive. Dr. Larios' remarks received a cheerful response with thundering applause.

Next was Mrs. Lucille Rash. She presented a beautiful rendition of African storytelling, which is a tradition in Africa. The people of the villages would gather in a circle and tell stories that retold to the Ancestral past.

A musical selection by Jack Kelley was followed with a poetry reading by Carvell Rice and a traditional African Dance.

On Feb. 12, Ashra Kwesi was a guest speaker at the Health Science building talking about the theft of African history and its spiritual concepts. "For the past 19 years of my life I have returned to the Africa's Nile Valley where I talked to the people in the areas of Egypt and Ethiopia, doing research to bring our story alive," said Ashra Kwesi. "My job is like a Griot, an African title meaning one who keeps the history alive."

The month long African-American History Celebration continued with Mohammad Shareef as a guest speaker in SO-104 (the Social Science building) at 12:00 noon, and it concludes with the SCCC's "Wall of Honor" on Feb. 26 at the African-American Museum at 5:00 PM and the Brothers Speak Forum at AH-106 (The Art and Home Economics building) at 2:00 AM. These events will culminate the month-long African American History celebration.

Meet the Press

By Brenda Miller
Asst. Managing Editor

With the new semester at Fresno City College upon us, the *Rampage* also has a whole new class of fresh, talented writers ready to show our campus their writing skills.

Our new Editor-in-chief, Mr. Luqman Haqq, has worked on many different college and professional papers. He describes himself as a self-taught journalist who decided to get more formal education by coming back to school. "As Editor-in-chief it is my goal to improve on the effort. My office is open to the college community and those willing to give their input on improvement," said Mr. Haqq.

Along with Mr. Haqq we have several page editors who lead our staff in different teams. They are: Managing Editor—Rene Alan DeCoronado, Assistant Managing Editor—Brenda Miller, Business Manager—Samuel Yuk, Entertainment Editor—Scott Cropper, Sports Editor—Eric Mendoza, Assistant Business Manager and Advertising Manager—Monica Osuna.

Your 1998 *Rampage* reporters are: Allen Coleman, Abel Jimenez, Janetra Johnson, Iesha Mayes, Valerie Wells, James Wilcox and Juana Echeveste, also a photographer.

We are also lucky to be working with Mr. Ray Nash as our advisor. Mr. Nash has been associated with different papers for over 30 years. He has worked with the *Rampage* and FCC for 3 years.

"Our goal for this semester is to inform our readers about the events, the competitions and the everyday affairs of students who attend Fresno City college," said Mr. Nash. "We will do this in a fair, balanced, informative way. We also hope to entertain our readers when appropriate."

Campus involvement is of utmost importance to us. If you have any ideas, comments or suggestions, feel free to contact us at:

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FCC Inductees to the Wall of Honor

By Rampage News

☐ Faculty Past and Present to be recognized at the African American Historical and Cultural Museum

Lucille Rash, Rod Perry and Ernie Shelton will all be placed on the Wall of Honor in Downtown Fresno. 12 others will be inducted Thursday Feb 26 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 1857 Fulton Street.

Rash, is an instructor in the business division here at FCC, and a Faculty member since 1970.

Perry is a former Ram defensive back for the football team, later played in the NFL before coaching in the 1980's.

Shelton is a former Ram Assistant basketball coach and a founder and director of the FCC Combined Black Gospel Choir.

This years inductees will join the 11 others that are already placed on the wall of fame.

The others are Charles Craig, Bill Day, Ervin J. Hunt, Cal Johnson, Cora "Mother" Johnson, Dr. Edward Mosley, Dorothy Smith, William J. Smith, Abel Sykes, and Joe Williams.

Not one, but two solutions for struggling students

By James Wilcox
Staff Writer

The student rushed through the rain, clutching the only enemy for the moment closely and hoping that help and understanding could be found in the warmth and dryness of the Fresno City College Tutorial Center.

Your entry into the world where the college tutor lives may not be this dramatic, but the cost to you in using this service is free and can be found in room LI-134 of the Library Annex.

Socrates, a famous scholar and tutor, taught one on one — up close and personal, making certain that his student grasped every important point of the subject being taught. Even on this campus today, the student walks away from a tutoring session with a clearer understanding of the problem or subject and the tutor gets rewarded in knowing another person a little better.

It's easy to engage a tutor. Just walk into the Tutoring Center and pick up a Request for Tutoring form from the cheerful person behind the counter. Fill in the questions concerning yourself and then take this form

to your instructor or counselor for his approval. Take the completed form back to the center, show your library card and schedule your first appointments.

Tutors are also students and their hours may vary according to their course load, but you schedule up to three appointments a week.

But tutoring is more than problems, papers and pencils these days. Computers have now entered the tutoring picture in a big way. Computers can now be found in almost every home and school.

Computers are not the horrifying monsters depicted in science-fiction movies whose sole purpose is to enslave mankind. Computers serve mankind by helping him to resolve problems faster and easier.

Greg Jamison, Director of the computer lab located in S-20 of the Math and Science building of Fresno City College, teaches classes in the proper usage of these sometimes intimidating machines. In the area of improving a student's grades, he states that computers are "one more way of access [and they offer] more than one way of looking at problems."

THE SITTING RAM

☆☆ (Just for effort) / ☆☆☆ for die-hard Spice Girls fans

By Abel E. Jimenez
Staff Writer

What do *Smokey and the Bandit* and *Tommy Boy* have in common? They were comedies that allowed intelligence and logic to take a back seat to stupidity and went on to make millions of dollars. Established film critics refer to this trend as "the dumbing down of American movies." The latest movie to cash in on the "non-intelligent genre" is *SpiceWorld* starring those five imports from England: the **Spice Girls** — five feisty females from London who march to the beat of their own drum and signify their names by the personalities they represent.

The girls consist of **Posh Spice** (Victoria Adams), who is known for her low-cut Gucci dresses and ladylike persona, **Ginger Spice** (Geri Halliwell), known for her acid-tongue candor and sensual personality, **Scary Spice** (Melanie Brown), known for her pierced tongue and freak-of-nature personality, **Sporty Spice** (Melanie Chisholm), known for her tomboyish antics and her fascination with soccer, and **Baby Spice** (Emma Bunton), the youngest member and the only blonde of the group. Their motto is "Girl Power" which stands for the freedom and liberation of women to believe in themselves, be proud of who they are, never allow a man to make you feel beneath them and that true friendship never dies.

The basis of the film deals with the "Fab Five" (did I actually print that?) touring around the world performing their hits like "Wannabe" and "Spice Up Your Life." This catches the eye of a Hollywood producer (George Wendt)



SpiceWorld has

vanished from

Fresno

theaters, but

worth a peek

on video.

painted on it, which contains a dressing room for the girls and a secret room run by the band's overprotective manager (Richard E. Grant).

As for the film's wisecracks, try this: When **Posh** can't decide what dress to wear for the next engagement, **Sporty** taunts her by stating "What you can't decide on is whether you're choosing to wear the little Gucci dress, the little Gucci dress, or the little Gucci dress." "Exactly!" replies **Posh**. **Baby** intercedes by stating "I think you should wear the little

who wants to make a movie about them. "It doesn't make a difference whether they can act or not, just as long as they look good," states the producer. This opens the basis for the film's plotline, which is NOT INTENDED FOR CLOSE SCRUTINY!

When the girls are not touring, they spend their time on a giant double-decker tour bus with a British flag

Gucci dress."

Some of the film's funnier moments take place in their "Flash Forwards" (as opposed to flashbacks). For example, what would happen if the **Spice Girls** became mothers, why **Baby Spice** is always treated like a baby, and what would happen if a court injunction kept them from recording any more songs (which features an amusing cameo by Stephen Fry as the judge). Other amusing moments include a photo shoot which features the girls imitating one another and a military dance scene that spoofs *Full Metal Jacket* and *M*A*S*H*. Listen to the girls as they perform a self-indulgent cheer that parades "Girl Power" and a Wonderbra.

If *SpiceWorld* has any intangibles, it's largely due to the film's non-credible villain (Mark McKinney), who's more of a foaming spitter than a deranged psychopath. As stated before, this is a movie with a plot NOT INTENDED FOR CLOSE SCRUTINY!

Throughout the movie, the girls' acting is basically one-note. Their characters are about as fleshed-out as the Monkees. **Posh** is prissy, **Ginger** is outspoken, **Scary** is inquisitive, **Sporty** is a tomboy and **Baby** is a child.

The supporting cast includes **Alan Cumming**, **Meat Loaf** and **Roger Moore** and cameos by British imports **Elton John**, **Bob Geldof**, **Bob Hoskins** and **Elvis Costello**.

SpiceWorld has about as much class and subtlety as a Rocky and Bullwinkle cartoon and it's uneven but never boring. There's enough zip in this movie to satisfy fans who believe the **Spice Girls** are the best actresses since Bacall, Hepburn, Hayworth, Streep and Goldberg. For others, it's an OK 90-minute time filler. As previously stated, this is a movie with a plot NOT INTENDED FOR CLOSE SCRUTINY!

For those still loyal to "death metal," you will find the glorious fury of earaches, **Napalm Death**, applying their whirlwind drums, brutal guitars, and harsh vocals to "Nazi Punks" If that doesn't fulfill your needs, **Brazilian band Sepultura** apply their raging power of voice and music to "Drug Me." **Neurosis** covers "Saturday Night Holocaust," which is filled with terrorized vocals and the slow tempoed, melodic grinding that fans would expect from them.

If you're looking to something besides the loud, fast and furious, this compilation provides you with two almost drunk rockabilly/honky tonk-style tracks. **Evan Jones** and his **H Bomb** covers "Too Drunk" and the wild **Mojo Nixon** and the **Toadliquors** giving their talents to "Winnebago Warriors." Both are energetic, but unless you're already fans of them or interested in hearing them, you could easily skip them both. **Nixon** adds a lot more humor to it, throwing in a few of his own verses in like, "Looking for John Wayne for sure."

Most of the groups keep the songs in original form using the basic guitars, bass, drums and vocals. Others decided to take a more experimental format. One such song (and what I feel to be the high point of the album) is **NomeansNo: All Boys Choir** doing a wonderful rendition of "Forward to Death." What makes this stand out is the "barber shop" quartet fashion this is done in. Another bizarre turn is **Wayne Kramer** covering "Insight." Instead of the high-pitched vocals of **Dead Kennedys Jello Biafra**, **Kramer**

takes a more solemn approach using low, soft vocals while incorporating orchestrated music, the original lyrics and recorded bits of conversations about someone's favorite music. Or the lyrical onslaught of "Socio-Aware" rappers, **The Despicable Heroes of Hipocrisy**, revising "California Uber Alles," which can also be found on their album, *Hypocrisy is the Greatest Luxury*. (Who would have expected to hear a DK song with turntable scratching and a bass line?)

Other groups on the album are the **Didjits**, **Alice Donut**, **Faith No More**, **Steel Pole Bath tub**, **Lets Thugs**, **Victims Family**, **L7**, and **Sister Double Happiness**.

While not capturing the true feeling of the **Dead Kennedys**, this album does show the great effects of the doors they opened. This is definitely a **Virus** worth catching.

Virus 100th

Alternative Tentacles

★★★★★

Various

By Scott Cropper
Entertainment Editor

In 1992, the Alternative Tentacles record label celebrated their independence in the music industry.

To celebrate Alternative Tentacles 100th record release founders **Greg Giegicki**, **John Yates** and **Otto Furbain**, along with bands and friends of the AT label, created the *Virus 100th* compilation album.

By the looks of the album you would think that it is a tribute to the defunct Bay Area punk icons the **Dead Kennedys**, mainly because all the covers are of **Dead Kennedys** songs. **Giegicki**, **Yates** and **Furbain** think differently. "It's a tribute to music born in the spirit of independence. We feel these 16 artists on this compilation, as well as the **Dead Kennedys**, have made original music without compromising to the latest trends or economic goals of the music industry around them."

Being a long time fan of the **Dead Kennedys**, I was skeptical about who could do these songs as well as them. While listening to it, I found out that it's not the song itself that makes this album, but rather the style each band gave them.

Gospels ring through FCC auditorium

By Scott Cropper
Entertainment Editor

Gospels giving thanks and praise to Jesus Christ rang through the auditorium at Fresno City College on Feb. 6.

Voices rose in shouts of "amen" and "all right" as **Luciel Rash**, the hostess of the evening, began her tale about a man that possessed no wealth or social prestige, fed thousands, and healed the sick. This night was dedicated to "lift up the name of the Lord," exclaimed **Rash**.

The **TNT** and **Pasture Choir** opened the entertainment portion with "Silver and Gold," a harmony about taking in the Lord over material and superficial belongings. This choir consisted of children ranging from approximately six to 13 years of age, and one of the younger vocalists named them "living

in God." Following this soft, melodic number, their coordinator picked up the pace with her solo performance. It was very upbeat, with a blues rhythm to it. She humbly accepted the cheers of the enthusiastic crowd before making her exit.

Proceeding the youngsters, a duo came out to perform. **Mr. and Mrs. Kelly** performed a piece written by **Walter Hawkins** entitled "Thank You." Just the mention of the song was automatically accepted by the audience with an overwhelming round of applause.

This being my first Gospel experience, I wasn't sure what to expect. Maybe a preacher backed up by his choir or an all-out Rock n' Roll experience, such as in the **Steve Martin** movie *Leap of Faith*. It was actually a bit of both. I found the music very emotional and enthusiastic, in a way I had never heard. The audience went crazy over it.

Two prime examples were the **Mount Pleasant Choir** performance of "There's a Praise Ringing in My Soul." The entire auditorium sang out. "You Can't Find a Better Prayer," performed by the **Mount Pleasant Travelers**, certainly giving a hand-clapping, toe-tapping performance.

The grand finale was a performance by the choir of the **Saint Joseph Baptist Church**. Every note carried through the crowd, clear to the roof. Hands stretched to the heavens and the people rose and moved to the rhythm, shouting

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Fresno City College choir

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Musick leaves record of excellence

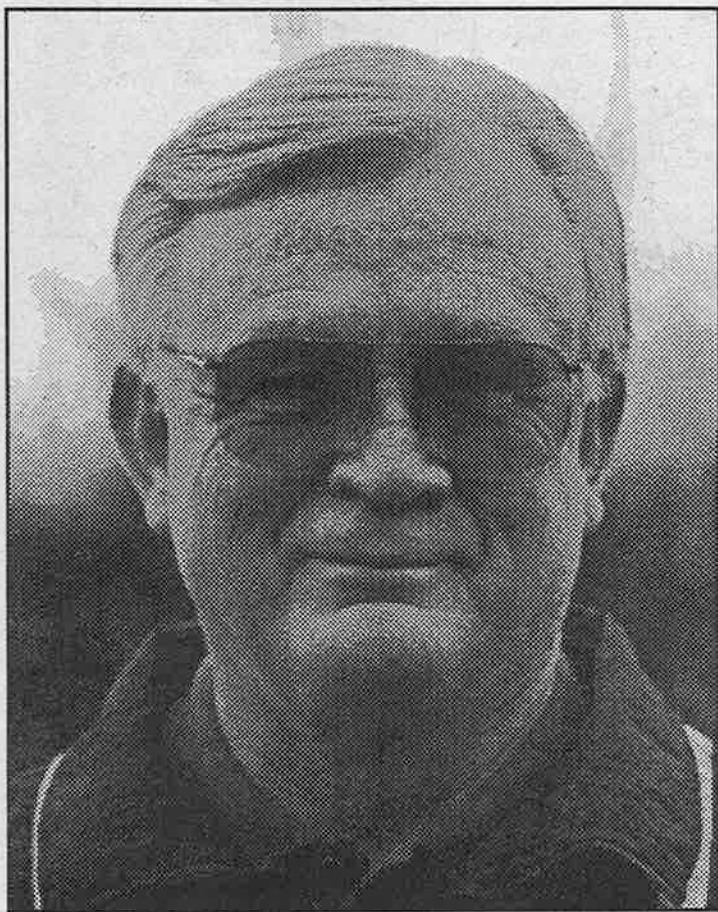


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□ Fresno City College wrestling coach Bill Musick steps down from a winning program, but looks forward to change of pace

By Eric Mendoza
Rampage Sports Editor

In 1966, FCC football assistant Bill Musick accepted the position as the Rams head wrestling coach with the intention of filling in for one year, as the school searched for a qualified candidate to replace the successful Hans Wiedenhofer. Thirty-two years and 247

wins later, Musick leaves behind a solid foundation and even bigger shoes to fill.

On Jan. 22, FCC Athletic Director Ron Scott and administrative officials joined Musick during a school press conference to inform the media that the long time coach was resigning — although the decision was being made over the course of the 1997 season, traveling with the team.

Musick will continue to teach classes in the physical education department and will still carry

an important role with the wrestling program.

The Madera native wants to experience life away from the everyday rigors and demands that come with maintaining the high-levels of competition.

"I thought about it over the past couple of years," said Musick, a graduate and former football player at Fresno State. "Things you think about when you're driving at 2 AM, in the fog, coming home [from tournaments]. I was 12 years old, last time I was able to do anything in the fall. Now I have some grandchildren to spend time with and enjoy."

During his tenure with the Rams, Musick won 17 team conference titles, 12 Northern California championships, four state titles, while compiling a winning percentage of .832, (247-50-5).

Praise, from his friends and colleagues, is a subject not hard to find.

"When you think of wrestling, you think of coach Musick," said Scott. "He's a credit to the coaching profession."

FCC's Dr. Daniel Larios considers Musick "the best wrestling coach in California."

Besides the great team success, Musick has helped 25 individuals win state titles in their respective weight divisions and many have found similar success at Division I schools.

For the first time in school history, 1997 saw four City wrestlers bring home individual state championships: two-time winner Paris Ruiz, Tom Gohde, William Brown, and Jonte Davis, all sophomores and ready to enter four-year universities.

Former Ram state champion and City assistant coach Robert Arballo is an expected candidate for the vacant head coaching position — which is to be made open publicly before March. Musick will be on the selection committee to hire his successor. Applicants for the opening are expected to be ranging from a local to national interest level, once the job is offered for full-time status.

"Who ever takes over the job...the house is not going to be empty," said Musick.

"There's a lot of people on this campus and everybody's important. From the secretary in admissions, to the sports equipment manager, to the dean, everybody's important. I love this school...It's a great school to work at."

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Rampage Sports

□ Women keep rollin', Men staying close, as basketball post-season play nears.

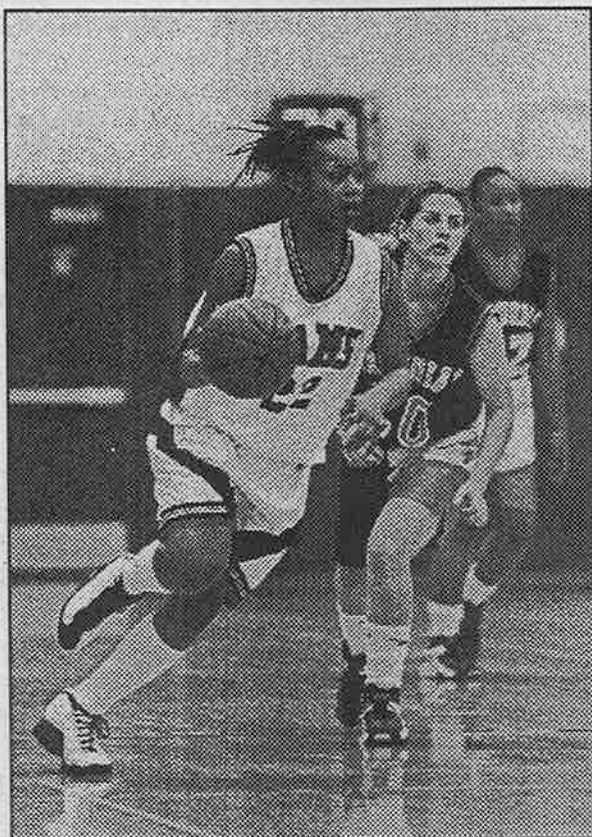


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Out in front. Sophomore 'Nika Holmes.

Women clinch CVC!

Coach Karen Wood's talented squad is having a second season they hope will carry them deep into the state playoffs. After a slow start, losing 7 of their first 10 games against tough tournament competition, the Lady Rams have caught on fire against the rest of the Central Valley Conference.

FCC, the defending conference champion, rides a perfect 11-0 CVC record into the last week of the regular season — which ends on February 21, at College of the Sequoias.

The Rams rank first in team offense, averaging 72.4 points per game; and second in team defense — giving up just 51.9 points per contest.

Sophomore center Jennifer Gray continues to rank among the conference leaders in points scored (14.4) and rebounds per game (8.6) as of Feb. 7.

But the hottest player on the Rams, and maybe the valley, is sophomore forward 'Nika Holmes. The 1996-97 1st Team All-CVC Selection is averaging 18 points per game, over the last five games, and leads the club in 3-pointers made (28).

Out of the top six scorers in the league (avg.), FCC places three of them: Gray, Holmes, and sophomore guard Nicole Cassapula. Sophomore forward Aisha Mcgee is also among the top on the CVC rebounding list.

Freshman point guard K.K. Butler has done well while taking over the point duties; Ventura-transfer Summer Sawtelle and sophomore Miriam Sanchez have also rotated important minutes during the winning streak; 6'3 freshman center and crowd-favorite, Katie Scott is improving, with time coming off the bench.

The Rams final regular-season home game is Wednesday, February 18, against Merced College.

The Women's Regional Tournament opens play March 3 — the Rams are expected to be seeded, around the middle of the pack.

Still in it!

Coach Denny Aye's first year with the Rams, and back in the CVC, has gone about the way most had expected. His men's team (10-3 before Feb. 19) has run into George Nessman's freight train at Porterville College. Two of City's losses have come against P.C., who front a 10-2 CVC record with two games to play.

But, the Rams finish with three of their last four games at home, and a clean sweep will land them back into the Regional Tourney (Feb. 28).

WINTER/SPRING '98 SPORTS GUIDE

Events through March 4

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Sat. Feb. 21 — *Kings River — 7:00 pm
Sat. Feb. 28 — Regional Playoffs — TBA

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Sat. Feb. 21 — *COS — 5:00 pm
Mar. 3-5 — Regionals — TBA

BASEBALL

Fri. Feb. 20 — CHABOT — 7:00 pm
Sat. Feb. 21 — DeANZA — 1:00 pm
Sun. Feb. 22 — CANADA — 1:00 pm
Sun. Feb. 22 — HANCOCK — 4:00 pm
Thu. Feb. 26 — *KRCC — 2:30 pm
Sat. Feb. 28 — *Merced — 1:00 pm
Tue. Mar. 3 — *MODESTO — 2:30 pm

MEN'S GOLF

Thu. Feb. 19 — Hancock — 12:00 pm
Thu. Feb. 26 — FRESNO — 12:00 pm
— (Mini Tournament)
Tue. Mar. 3 — COS (MT) — 12:00 pm

SOFTBALL

Sat. Feb. 21 — West Valley — 1:00 pm
— (Stockton Tournament)
Sat. Feb. 21 — SJ Delta — 3:00 pm
— (Stockton Tournament)
Feb. 27—Mar. 1 — Bakersfield — TBA

TRACK & FIELD

Sat. Feb. 21 — *CVC Meet — 12:00 pm
— (Ratcliffe)
Fri. Feb. 27 — *Dual Meets — 2:00 pm
— (Modesto)

MEN'S TENNIS

Thu. Feb. 19 — SJ Delta — 2:00 pm
— (Stockton)
Tue. Feb. 24 — Kings River — 2:00 pm
— (Reedley)
Thu. Feb. 26 — Chabot — 2:00 pm
— (Hayward)
Fri. Feb. 27 — Alameda — 1:00 pm
Tue. Mar. 3 — *C.O.S. — 2:00 pm

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Thu. Feb. 19 — *MERCED — 2:00 pm
Feb. 20—21 — Napa Tourn. — All Day
Tue. Feb. 24 — *KRCC — 2:00 pm
Tue. Mar. 3 — C.O.S. — 2:00 pm
— (Visalia)

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HOME GAMES in CAPITALS

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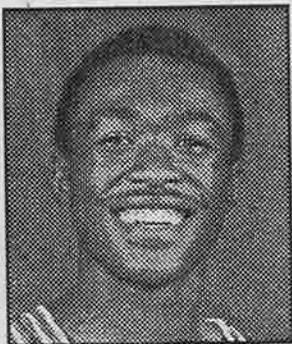
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Men's Basketball: Rams Aiming High In '98



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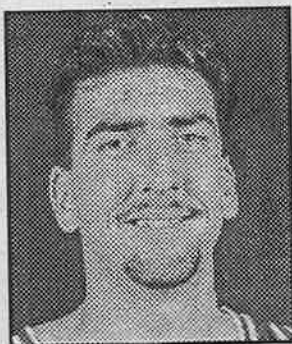
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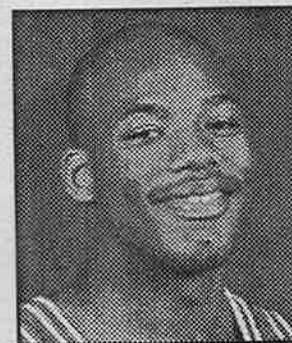
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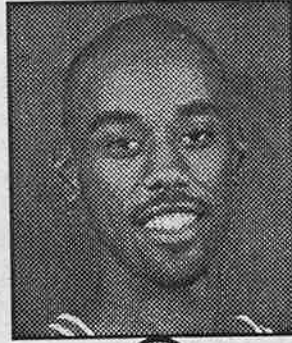
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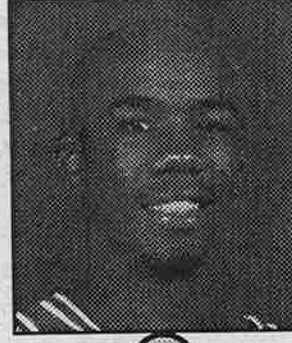
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By Allen M. Coleman
Staff Writer

This year's Fresno City College Rams basketball team under new head coach Denny Aye brings a new crop of freshman recruits. "We have a good group of young men," coach Aye said.

The Rams are currently sporting a 23-7 record with a 9-3 record in conference play. With the Rams aggressive offensive and defensive "attack," the team certainly appears to have plenty of depth. "I tell my players don't get hung up on whether you start or not, I'm proud of how well the guys have adjusted on what I am asking them to do," Aye said.

GUARDS: #24, Terrell Lyday, a 6'3" freshman, is a solid and talented athlete who's averaging over 16 points a game. #3, Tyson Aye, a 6'3" sophomore, is a savvy and consistent player who sees the floor well. #10, Bobby Gilbert, a 6'1" freshman, is a good over-all player who can shoot the 3-pointer. #15, Brian Wilson, a 6'3" freshman, is a good athlete with a lot of

potential. #23, Cory Law, 6'3" sophomore small forward, is a good defensive player who executes offense well. #34, Jovan Joe, a 6'5" freshman, is a quick and tenacious defender who possesses good work ethics and rebounding ability. #32, Edwyn Malone, a 6'0" sophomore, has lots of talent and plays hard. #5, Chris Natsues, a 5'8" freshman, is an aggressive defensive player who really works hard.

FORWARDS: #22, Daymian Turner, a 6'6" freshman, is a solid athlete and a hard worker. #42, Reji Wallace, is a 6'4" freshman who's averaging over 6 rebounds per game and is a very physical player under the basket. #41, Russell Robbins, a 6'6" freshman, is considered the best post player on offense.

CENTERS: #50, Tim Hurt, a 6'7" sophomore who bounced back after suffering a back injury, can set screens well, is a good rebounder and a perfect role player who can also score, and #44, Harry Hofmann, a 6'10" sophomore is averaging over 6 rebounds per game on the season.

THE WIN COLUMN: For the serious sports fan

Okay, here we go. Everything you've wanted to know about in the world of sports this month, but were too afraid to ask.

A: Amen for schools like the University of South Carolina and Oregon State University for scooping up talented student-athletes, such as former Ram tight-end James Levandusky (Gamecocks) and lineman Robert Theus (Beavers).

B: "Bring on Ventura JC," say FCC's women's hoopsters, who are now reaching the expectations most have hoped for all season. A perfect CVC record is the product of unselfish play and the All-Conference performances by Gray, McGee and Holmes, as well as the rest of the bunch. You don't want to play the Rams right now.

C: City College Baseball & Softball. The boys and girls of summer are back already and destined for supremacy in the Valley once again. You gotta come watch these kids!

D: Davis. Terrell, that is.

E: Everyone is invited to the Florida Marlins spring training camp this season. And bring your glove, they've got a spot for you.

F: FCC Sports. 'nuff said.

G: Gold medals for Marianne Timmer and Eric Bergoust. Who?

H: How about those Packers? No truth to the rumor that next year's Green Bay fans will switch from the big block of cheese headwear to cottage cheese.

I: Ice skating and Ice dancing fever. Ahh, catch it!

J: John Elway is old.

K: K's galore this year for freshman phenom, left-hander Jaime Cerda (FCC Baseball).

L: Love those Bulldogs. (It's a joke.)

M: "Mo' money": words heard in the Dana Stubblefield household.

N: North Carolina Tarheels. Now that's a program, baby!

O: Oh, that was the Winter Olympics? I thought it was the X-games.

P: Pat Hill gets the big thumbs down from Siskel & Ebert on recruiting, or lack of it, when it comes to FCC and other community colleges.

Q: Quiet please, Tiger Woods is attempting a four-foot putt, which will give him the win and another paycheck the size of two NFL television deals.

R: Ralfer Alston, the former Ram point guard, goes from Queens, to FCC, to Fresno State, to the NBA Draft in four short years — I'm still working on my AA.

S: Shaq vs. Longley, Kobe vs. Jordan, Jones vs. Pippen. Hang another banner in the Forum.

T: Too bad nobody wants to fight Felix Trinidad. No, Oscar De La Hoya wouldn't dare.

U: Unabombers: FCC's 'Nika Holmes and Terrell Lyday will carry both Rams squads deep into the playoffs.

V: Van Gogh couldn't paint David Stern into a corner any better.

W: Was that the team destined for the Final Four? Huh, Red Wavers?

Y: You can always count on three things: death, taxes and FCC's staff of coaches.

Z: Zzz. The Professional Golf Association needs bumper cars or bñch—clearing brawls.

The Gab Column

By Brenda Miller and
Valerie Wells

"Do you think President Clinton's personal life is
any of our business?"



Tommy Baker — "No, because until his personal life interferes with his job, or the function of our country, then he should be treated like every other Joe Schmoe."



Rob Givens — "No, it's none of my business because my personal life is none of his business."



Eddie Gonzales — "I don't think it's anyone's business, but just as long as it does not get in his way of work. If it causes a problem, then he should quit."



Jaime Alvarado — "I think what the President is doing in his personal life [is not wrong] as long as it doesn't affect our nation."



Jennifer Bowen — "I think our media has gone too far with this sensationalism in this matter — our country has far more important things to deal with."



Ashley Yarbrough — "I think it is our business because he runs our country and he is supposed to be a role model... It's important for us to know [he's also] imperfect."

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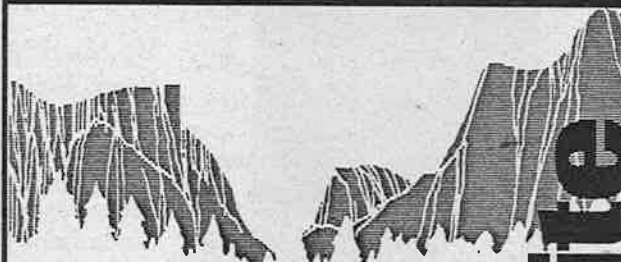
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Constructive Criticism by Sassy and Styles

What's up with that hair, man? How about those pants? And who told you your makeup was flawless, girlfriend? If any of these questions have got you thinking, then have we got some helpful info for you!

First of all, we're not here to bash anyone. We like all styles, and we stress creativity, but we'd also like to suggest ways to keep you up to date

and lookin' good. As well as give advice and constructive criticism, we will also accept it.

O.K., now we know all you guys are sitting there saying "We can not afford a whole new look," but we can help turn your outdated rags into bomb-azz threads. So look for our column in the next edition of the *Rampage* to help you on your way to a fashionable future.

Dear Jazz, What should I do?

Hey, what's up Fresno City College students! It's a new semester and it's time for some new things. We will be starting a new column for the newspaper coming up next issue called **Chatter box with Jazz**. Its main purpose is to help students with any problem they might be struggling with.

We will be dealing with serious as well as light-hearted issues. We promise to

give both reasonable and non biased responses and if we cannot help you, we will refer you to someone who can.

So please, if you need any advice, find one of our confidentiality boxes located in the main entrance of the library, student lounge or in the Rampage office which is located in the room SC-211 above the school bookstore. You can also find our box in other multiple locations around campus.

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Theus: FCC lineman heading for Pac-10

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"My first year in college — that was when football became my first love," said Theus. "I knew I wanted to go to the NFL."

Comfortable? Not yet.

...and more moves

The lack of able bodies in '97 called for Theus to shift his big frame to another spot, this time on the defensive line. Settled in? Hardly.

The '97 Ram team was putting up inconsistent performances. Position switches, players quitting and key injuries led to a disappointing 3-7 finish, where Theus thought he was lost in the middle of the shuffle. "One day I was getting so frustrated I thought about red-shirting," said Theus.

After two years of playing three positions and special teams, Theus had to reinvent himself in the eyes of college recruiters who now not only didn't know "what he was," but "where he was."

"I sold myself," said Theus. "I called all of the [once interested] schools and told them 'My name is Robert Theus, my number is 92, and I'm still here.'"

As a defensive end/tackle he started to gain interest from Arizona State, Utah, Pittsburgh, and South Carolina. But the Oregon State Beavers wanted Theus to fill in a need on the offensive line and after a recruiting trip with McLane's Marcellus Armstrong (Fresno State) to the campus in Corvallis, Theus had made up his mind.

Movin' north

Theus will be the first member in his family to attend a four-year school. He's had his own apartment since age 18 and is ready to make yet another move.

"This is for myself," said Theus after making his latest commitment on what is known as "National Signing Day" for high school and junior college football players around America. "I've always wanted to play in the Pac-10."

Ram head coach Vance Stanley is not surprised by Theus' maturity level and success. "Robert's a really good athlete," said Stanley. "He's a wonderful team player. He was one of our captains... He has a great attitude and really good work habits."

Theus attributes much of his success to Stanley and the coaching staff.

"The coaches at FCC showed confidence in me," said Theus. "They trusted my judgment and that built my confidence. It was a very positive experience to come here."

Lately, it's been all work and no play for Theus. Carrying 16 units this semester, all of his time is spent studying and with his girlfriend, Jennifer Gray.

Gray is a talented athlete herself. The sophomore center leads the FCC women's basketball team in points and rebounds per game. Gray is planning to take her skills to the next level as well, following Theus at OSU.

"I'm very proud of Robert," said Gray. "My goal is to be there and play by his side. He deserves something good. He's worked so hard for this."

After May finals, Theus will report to Oregon State, enrolling in summer school and beginning practice to learn a whole new system.

"God gave me the talent to make it," said Theus. "People said I couldn't make it to Division I and I proved them wrong. If I don't make it [to the NFL], then at least I'll have a college degree and that's all a man could ask for."