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# Free the Planet

Janetra A. Johnson  
Staff Writer

F.C.C. student Erik Spiller started a new club titled **Free the Planet (FTP)**. The club held its first meeting on March 26th, in the library conference room. The meeting began with everyone getting acquainted, each was asked to introduce himself along with their favorite movie. "Here at Fresno City College the objective of **Free the Planet** is to start with the campus, local residents and then going state wide," said Spiller. "We want our voices heard from California to Washington and in between." "One of the goals of **FTP** is to empower students to carry on the environmental movement. If I could give someone else just a little bit and they grow. They can show others that's how the spiral of growth in **Free the Planet** will spread." Lee Herrick an English teacher at F.C.C. attended the meeting he commented "it's a good thing, I'm glad to be a part of it." Ahmed Soliman, a representative of the Ecosystem Club at Fresno State University who confessed "I admit to being a litter bug. Now they call me a tree hugger. I'm a nature freak." In the future Spiller plans

to join with the neighborhooding Fresno High School. He strongly urges students to take action and get involved.

## FTP's First Concern

Off the coast of Hawaii whales and other marine mammals are in great danger. The United States is planning to deploy a high tech submarine that will fill the ocean with unbearable loud sounds threatening the life of marine mammals. If you would like to unite with **FTP** in the fight to save the whales, please attend the next meeting.

## Here's Some History

**Free the Planet** has achieved more than they have primarily set out to do. Eighteen hundred people gathered in 1995 in Philadelphia fighting for environmental rights. Six months later members of **FTP** had gathered one million signatures demanding environmental rights and stronger environmental protections. Originally **Free the Planet** is a campaign to prevent congress from destroying the environmental protections that activists fought so hard to pass 25 years. Today **FTP** is a network of hundreds of schools working together on national and local issues.

## PARTNERS IN PRIDE

Neighborhood



Revitalization

## Campus Clean-up

Rampage News

May 2 will be the next Partners in Pride neighborhood clean-up, and that will also be a campus clean-up day. Students, classified staff, and administration have all been involved. The faculty are noticeable in their absence. The neighborhood is working at getting sidewalks, paved streets, better street lights, recreation opportunities for their children, and greater police presence for some time.

Since the college and district got involved, the city has moved that neighborhood up several years on the priority list. They are pleased with our help, and some leaders from the area are on the steering committee. The faculty are encouraged to help with various tasks. To get more information, see Roberta Baber, Sherian Eckenrod, Susan Speece or the Fresno City College Public Information office.

## POLICE LOG



April 1998

■ April 13, 1998 — Officers were dispatched to Health Science building for a report of a stolen wallet. Property was removed approximately between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. from owner's purse. Suspects unknown, Report taken

■ April 16, 1998 — Officer observed a vehicle blocking a driveway on College and Yale. Upon checking the license plate the vehicles' registration was found to be expired over two years and false tags on the vehicle. The vehicle was towed and the owner arrested, cited and released.

■ April 16, 1998 — A vehicle was observed driving recklessly on College and Weldon. Upon attempting to stop the vehicle, the driver took off at a high rate of speed. The area was checked with negative results. Report taken.

■ April 16, 1998 — Officer was dispatched to the cafeteria regarding a counterfeit \$5.00 bill received from student. Student was unaware that the bill was counterfeit. The bill was confiscated and the student released. Report taken.

## Applying for a student loan? Read the fine print first

James Wilcox  
Staff Writer

A student loan should come with the warning *caveat emptor...buyer beware*. In 1997, the number of bankruptcies topped the one million mark and this last year the number was 1.4 million. Student loans may or may not be included in this total.

"Surely," you might ask, "you're not talking about me? I have every intention of paying back what I owe." Set-backs in life after your schooling do occur and you can easily run out of unemployment and deferment options quicker than you think.

With student loans, there are no other options other than default when you have continued unemployment and have maxed-out the unemployment deferrals and forbearance options. Your loan(s) will find their way to the Franchise Tax Board of the State of California and sit there as an active collec-

tion item against you until hell freezes over or you pay it off.

You can always go back to school and retrain with the hope of earning a better living than you have now, but if your intention is to get a forbearance for continuing education on a defaulted loan...forget it.

Your going back to school could very well heighten any collection efforts against you if the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) believes that you are earning close to the national income standard. They would be well within their rights to *insist* that you make re-payment to them.

In spite of what President Clinton said in his State of the Union Address and what Congress or the Federal Reserve have insinuated about the strength of our economy, things are not that rosy.

Businesses are closing in record numbers. Large plants and factories employing hundreds of workers close monthly placing more

and more Americans on unemployment or on welfare.

The Federal Minimum wage has been increased twice in the space of about nine months from \$5.25 to \$5.75. The *slave* wage increase will benefit John Q. Worker for a month at most then the prices for most goods and services used will again go out of his comfortable reach.

One benefit on a defaulted loan is your ability to request a hearing with CSAC. The best thing you could achieve would be to set-up a fair re-payment plan and possibly gain for yourself an ability to receive partial federal aid (i.e. a Pell Grant or eligibility for scholarships) to help you get through the years needed for your retraining.

## Nutrition Services available to students

Rampage News

Carol Kinnersley, M.S., R.D., nutritionalist, is available to students, faculty and staff for nutrition counseling, group presentations and nutritional resources. You are encouraged to come and discuss any nutritional issues that you personally may have. In addition, if the courses you teach has a nutritional component, Carol may be available to present the information for you. Carol is on campus Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Call 442-8268 for an appointment.

## In a time of need

Iesha Mayes  
Staff Writer

Trying times are everywhere and certainly hits everyone at some point in their lives. Misfortune hits randomly and is definitely blinded when it comes to choosing one's fate. On March 8th, Kathy Lewis, a Social Science instructor teaching on a one semester contract, has earned the underprivilege of being homeless. Due to faulty wiring, Lewis' 90 year old home in Tollhouse burned to the ground. With herself, her 10 year old daughter, and very little belongings saved in just enough time, they stood by and said farewell to everything they owned. Thank God, no one was hurt, physically. Although their lives were spared, tangible possessions were lost leaving the two with no home and no insurance to rebuild with. Remembering to never forget your own, I am challenging all whose eyes meet this page to give what you can. Lewis is a Fresno City College graduate and has returned to reach the intellect of those in Social Science; even if it is as a substitute for

one semester. This incident had been, undeniably, a terrible way to realize the importance of insurance and a prime example of knowing that it can happen to anyone. If you can give, do so. Clothing, linens, kitchens utensils, furniture, books, whatever you can spare would be greatly appreciated.

You may reach Lewis at 442-4600, extension 8344 to put forth words of encouragement, get proper clothing sizes for her and her daughter, to make sure she has enough bedding materials, and whatever else you see fit. If a cash donation is what you choose to contribute, make checks payable to the Kathy Lewis Trust Account. You may send the donations to

Kathy Lewis Trust Account  
Clovis Community Bank-Foothill Branch  
PO Box 445-Prather, CA. 93651  
or deliver all donations to the Social Science division office.

## FRESNO CITY COLLEGE

## Cheerleading Try-outs

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1998

### Try-out Workshops:

(to be held in the "Dance Studio" at Fresno City College)

Tuesday, April 21	7 p.m.
Thursday, April 23	7 p.m.
Saturday, April 25	9 a.m.
Tuesday, April 28	7 p.m.
Thursday, April 30	7 p.m.
Saturday, May 2	9 a.m.
Tuesday, May 5	7 p.m.
Thursday, May 7	7 p.m.
Saturday, May 9	9 a.m.
Tuesday, May 12	7 p.m.
Thursday, May 14	7 p.m.

### Requirements:

1. Must be registered at FCC for Fall '98 & Spring '99
2. Must maintain a 2.0 g.p.a.
3. Must be committed to practices, games, & fund-raising

Any questions? Call Cheer Advisor, Chelsi Fortenberry, at her office (209) 434-4746



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Photo by Samuel Yuk

Fresno City College Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSP&S) recently held an Awareness Fair at FCC where many vendors displayed information of the services and products that they provide.

## ACADEMIC SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Fresno City College has a very physically diverse student body, and Fresno City College is required to provide classroom seating for this diverse student population, and the standard classroom furniture is designed to accommodate only a range of average body sizes and conditions.

Fresno City College should provide a classroom environment that meets the physical needs of all students.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED  
BY THE ACADEMIC SENATE  
OF FRESNO CITY COLLEGE  
THAT

Every classroom at Fresno City College be furnished with a limited number of adaptive seats and tables that will accommodate the physical diversity of our student population and that these items be appropriately and permanently labeled.

Adopted: 4-23-98

## Celebrating 50 Years

From the sincerity of one of 5 children, the announcement of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wrzalinski's 50th anniversary has been requested. Mr. Wrzalinski is an instructor of the Hazmat program, here on Fresno City College campus. Congratulations from your children and all of us at FCC. Here's to 50 more years.

## FREE AND ANONYMOUS HIV (AIDS) TESTING

When: Wednesday 4:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Where: Student Health Services Office, room ST-112 Students Services Building

Who: Students, Faculty, Staff and General public are welcome

For more information call: Fresno County Health Services at 445-3434

## Students' view on violence

Rampage News

This week, the third anniversaries of the Oklahoma City bombing and Waco confrontation were remembered.

Fresno is not immune from acts of crime, as the jury "gets" the Ewell trial for their deliberation. It would seem that crime and violence are more than just merely on the rise; they are on the verge to conquer all of Humankind totally.

A month ago, two sixth-grade youngsters gunned-down their schoolmates enjoying their recess in a peaceful school yard in the town of Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Harry Kennedy, instructor of journalism at Fresno City College, gave his class an assignment to go out into their immediate school community and take the pulse of student opinion on this one matter of juvenile murder.

"I can't even imagine something like that happening when I was in junior high school six years ago," said Monica Garcia, a part time student. "The sheer terror those students in Jonesboro must have gone through is just not right." Eliss Kirkpatrick's interview with Garcia led to this observation, "I think that students in the sixth grade and above should have to pass through metal detectors," said Garcia.

In a similar interview, Jennifer Fisher told Richell Horder, "I don't know if there is a way to protect them," Fisher said. "Society is different now and produces different kinds of people. But I do think that the (Jonesboro) school needed to find out where these boys were."

The conclusion brought to bear in this interview states that the children should be prosecuted as adults since a capital crime was involved, but their parents should also be compelled to answer for contributing to their children's delinquency.

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# Red Lobster: Delight or Disgusting

Valerie Wells  
Staff Writer

As my companion and I set out for the evening (late as usual), we were faced with the always annoying and tedious question of "Where should we eat?" As it was late in the evening, we needed to decide quickly, for if we did not, we would inevitably be left with the unappetizing choice of Denny's. As we hungered for something that was properly cooked and a waitress with no facial hair, we decided quickly. Red Lobster was brought up by my companion. I liked the sound of it, but as I am familiar with several in Denver, I was hesitant.

In Denver, many of the Red Lobsters have become run down, the food is often served cold, and the overall management of the place is not up to snuff. I however, decided to try Fresno's Red Lobster, as I am inclined to a bit of adventure every now and then.

As we entered through the heavy oak doors of Red Lobster around 10:30 in Friday night, we were confronted with the trademark fishing paraphernalia, as well as live lobsters in a fish tank. The hostess looked up at us with disinterest, and mumbled that she would be right with us. This first impression did not please me, for when I go out to eat somewhere that costs more than average, I expect only the best and most polite service possible. However, not long after she said this, a young man came from out of the back and ushered us to several booths of our choice.

Shortly after we were seated, our waitress appeared at our table with greetings and took our drink orders. I opted for the iced tea, while my companion settled for a Budweiser.

As we settled back into our booth, we took notice of the many pictures of fisherman wharf scenes, noting which ones we particularly liked. We also glanced at the menus, in complete indecision of what we

wanted.

Our drinks came not five minutes after we had ordered them, and our waitress wondered if we were ready to order. We were not.

We had a vague idea of what we wanted, but as there were so many choices we were undecided for several minutes. My eyes caught a special featuring a lobster tail for \$7.99. That sounded wonderful to me, for I did not feel like eating any of the extras required with ordering a whole meal. To my dismay, the special was only possible if I ordered a regular meal. I looked over to see how much it would be normally if I wanted it, and it was \$22! No way!

Our waitress had been regularly checking to see if we were ready to order, so as soon as we decided, she popped up to take our orders. After much thought, my companion and I decided to try the special that featured your choice of two entrees. I chose Shrimp Scampi and Crab Fettuccini, while he chose Shrimp Scampi and Butterfly Shrimp. Our meals came with a choice of soup or salad, bread, and a choice of rice, potatoes or several other side dishes.

Several minutes after our waitress disappeared, our salads were on the table, looking delicious. The lettuce was fresh, and the dressing creamy, not watered down like you often see in other places.

Not long after we finished our salads and found ourselves immersed in a deep conversation, our meals were brought out to us. The temperature was perfect, and they both looked very appetizing and delightful to the eye. However, my choice of rice as my side dish looked overcooked and slightly pitiful. It's taste was very neutral, and did not contain many of the characteristics of what it claimed to be, Rice Pilaf.

My Shrimp Scampi was delicious, it was seasoned perfectly and was the correct texture of Scampi as compared to what you see in classier seafood restaurants. However, my fettuccini was a little on the bland side, well, on the very bland side. The noodles tasted and

had the texture as if they had been cooked too long, and the crab tasted like the generic canned variety. I opted to eat just the crab out of the dish.

My companion enjoyed his meal very much, and did not complain about a thing. He commented on how much he liked the promptness of the service, but also on the bill.

For two meals, three beers and an ice tea, our total came to \$47. \$47! I am not a snob or anything, but when you pay almost \$50 for two people in a restaurant, all of your food should be good. Not just some of it. Given, seafood is their specialty, but it is priced so high, and paired with such tasteless side dishes, one has to wonder how an even better seafood company has not driven out this tired old timer.

I must however, comment that the service was excellent. That must be their secret.

The Red Lobster I dined at is located at 1460 East Shaw Avenue. Their hours of business are from 11am to 10pm Monday thru Thursday and from 11am to 11pm on weekends. They do have a very entertaining kids menu, which does contain several non-seafood items.

## U.S. National Debt Clock

The Outstanding Public Debt as of 4/15/98 at 4:26:05 p.m. PDT is \$5,546,792,913,998.87

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## P.A.S.U

The Pan African Student Union report

The meeting was conducted by the club's president Ali Shabazz. Highlights of the meeting were:

—an evaluation of this semester's progress in respect to the food sale that was put on earlier in the year.

The feeling was that in spite of the rain that put a damper on the event, the response was good. The event might just become an annual event for the P.S.A.U., which has been around since the mid-60's.

—there was a discussion on a P.S.A.U. logo. Hopefully a logo would help in club recognition as well as make club T-shirts appealing to the Black students who would help with club sales and advertisement.

—there was talk of the club's membership drive and student outreach. In anticipation of the next semester, the P.S.A.U. plans to have representatives on-hand to welcome the new Black students to the campus in hopes that they will be aware of the club's presents.

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## Just my Opinion

I am a student here at FCC. I just came back after being gone for two years. When I left FCC, they had just started building the assessment center, and remodeling the Library. Now that I am back, I have a few things to get off my chest. First of all just let me say that the new assessment center looks great, and the Library is so big. I love that I don't have to climb the stairs to get to the books anymore. but now I have a few complaints. Number one, just out of curiosity why is the old brick building still just standing there empty, and why didn't we remodel that building? Then there is the beautiful cafeteria that I really hate, we used to be able to go to the cafeteria and have just about anything that we wanted, if we could not find it then we could order it. As a vegetarian I could go in the cafeteria and have a salad, Jell-O pudding, apple sauce, fresh cut fruit, cereal, and let's not forget the school's famous BananaNut bread. Well now all they have to offer is Taco Bell, Fresh sandwiches, Round Table Pizza, and a T.C.B.Y. machine that almost never works. O.K. let's not forget Yoshino's which by the way is a wonderful place to eat. The service and the food are wonderful, but even that can become tiring. I'm at school five days a week and this is all FCC has to offer. Oh yeah I almost forgot there is the Patio Cafe, what kind of a joke is that? I ate there once, first of all it is just a

little higher priced that I can afford every day, and second I don't have the time to spend in a restaurant. It took 10 minutes just for them to take my money. While I am gripping about the cafeteria let's talk about the new lighting, it is awful, they're not quite strong enough to read under, unless you want to strain your eyes. And what about the Gym? Let's talk about the women's gym, since that is the only one I have seen, there is no ventilation whatsoever, most of the showers don't work and the few that do only put out scalding hot water. The water fountains taste old and nasty, and would it hurt for the Pepsi Co. to put bottled water in the Pepsi machine in the gym? I did notice however that the day I was going to turn this into the "Rampage" I walked into the gym and I could see that they had been painting, and that is great, but what about fixing the leak in the ceiling before painting. O.K. now the Library, it looks wonderful but what about all the computers? What about the room that had the computers for the periodicals. I used to be able to go in the middle room and find just about anything that I needed, now it is a microfiche room, and the few computers that are in the library don't have as much to offer as they did. I know it sounds like I hate FCC but on the contrary, I love going to school here, I like my instructors and I like the people here. I just had a few complaints that I needed to voice, thanks for the listening.

Written by Terry Pierson



# Impressions

By James Wilcox

Some people will tell you that luck doesn't have anything to do with what happens in their lives.

I can think of one person, recently, who would disagree with that line of thinking. He or she was just announced as being a California State lottery winner. The only two things that we really know about this person is that they are from Fresno and their winning ticket was purchased somewhere in the southeast part of town.

I can remember two times where I unexpectedly received a money windfall. I went to Lake Tahoe on New Year's Eve, 1979, with about \$100 and came home with \$850. I played the hell out of a Quarter Slot machine and I was rewarded for my trouble. The other time was just 10 years ago when someone left money in the back seat of my taxicab totaling close to that same amount. What a feeling. Too bad that life can't be this way more often, but the reality check always follows when the easy dollars run out.

Money doesn't seem to stay around me for too long and I was always left with the feeling that I could have put those money gifts to better use. I don't want to believe this about my life, that it is a chance occurrence. Life is not a set of unrelated happenings to a corporal life form. Nor is the meaning of life the answer Rico gave the Warden of Aspen Penal Colony in the movie "Judge Dredd", "It ends."

Life is not like a movie that let's us choose our own ending. Sorry Kermit, the Frog. If it were, Doctor Kevorkian would be out of a job.

Life is not ours to take or throw away meaninglessly. We do have a duty to live each day as it comes to its fullest extent. No steak and lobster everyday, but we do eat something, sometimes.

I have known some people who lived exactly in that way [steak and lobster everyday], but that was many years ago when restaurant food prices were lower.

Life is planning and preparation to a greater extent in these days where a wrong choice can cost you more than a dollar loss. I don't know of anyone who plans to fail in life deliberately, but little disruptions and detours do happen. We should enjoy the ride of life and not worry too much about what has or could happen to ourselves

along the way.

Every human I've met seems to follow a definitive pattern in personal problem solving.

Circumstances in another person's life might appear to be different on first look, but closer inspection usually shows a similarity of circumstance such as a person needs someone or something to make life more tolerable. The solution or pathway taken by a person to solve their problems tells you a lot more about that person than their words ever could.

"There are 10 million stories in the Naked City. Tonight's story has been one of them."

God! I miss that TV program.

Life isn't a television drama or sit-com either. A lot of people live very drab and uninteresting lifestyles, but who's the Judge?

Love, hate, richness, poorness, successful and failure ridden. Life is all of these things and much more.

Life is a continuous and contiguous history lesson where we learn from doing, but it is also a "Star Trek".

Humanity is a quest for the ultimate truth, occasionally found.

For students, now is one of those times we have to exercise some control over our personal futures.

Class registration for the Fall and Summer is here. A course correction to change where we want to go with our lives. Choose carefully and don't forget the obvious choices already demonstrated in your own life.

For myself, I'll be back with the Rampage in the Fall.

I originally wanted to enter Printing Technology for a second career, but my detour expressed itself in a need to find another way to write a story. Science Fiction is currently one of the most difficult areas of the writing genre to enter for a freelance writer and that won't change in the foreseeable future.

I still carry my class in Introduction to Printing, but my original intentions have changed. I plan on taking the next class along a pathway leading to a new newspaper in Fresno.

Whoa...what an ambitious task, but someone said once that it pays to advertise. With that said, I close this sermon for this time. Good luck to all students.

## What is this campus coming to?

To whom it concerns,

I pay for a seat in a class, I pay for a spot to park my car. So why do I need to drive in the parking lot for over an hour and then need to park in a red zone so that I may get to the class I have reserved a seat in?

Why are others taking the spots in the parking lot allotted to the students who have reserved them for the classes they have paid to attend?

Why do other students attend classes on a drop in basis? To see who does not show up on the first day of class? When this happens, the student is automatically dropped. This makes room for the students of whom are taking up the parking spot of the students who was supposed to be in class.

Where is the logic to this?

Why is it not possible for the Professors and the school to not accept add-ins until the second week of class? Most classes don't do much in the form of instruction the first week anyways! Even this, why is it not possible for students who want to add, to contact the instructors during off peak hours, (during the afternoon) or contact them by phone? this would keep the parking problem at a minimum.

The Campus Police have informed me that my car is not insured while on the campus. Is this true? If so I have been misinformed about the need to park on campus for safety reasons for some time. If I park off campus, I know for sure that there is no security to watch out for the thieves and the like who would steal my vehicle, for what I have worked for. So, am I covered or not? I was also told that "If the students would get together and car-pool, there would not be as many cars in the parking lot." I don't know about others,

but I do not feel safe with strangers. And most of the early students have jobs that they go to after school. This means that somebody will either be late for work or someone will need to find a ride home. This is still an inconvenience for someone.

What else have we been told in the past that has changed without our knowledge? What should we be informed of to protect us? Who should we be questioning concerning the campus?

Information required. Truth be known.

Vicki Cisneros,  
Student

## LETTERS TO



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"Stand for Something or Fall for Anything"

Author: Unknown

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## CAL SACC Spring Legislative Conference review

coming next edition



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## Dear Jazz

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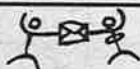
I am having some trouble with my family. My mother has stopped paying attention to me (as of a few years back) and just when I thought things were going to be OK between us, she got herself a new man - not long after she got rid of her old man - and now she is a damn slave to him! He and I don't get along and because we don't, she doesn't include me in on family activities and hardly ever calls me. I've talked with her, I have spoken with him, I have even tried seeking advice from my aunts. My mother and her overbearing boy-toy seem to really be bothered by how I feel. My aunts doesn't really want to get involved. I really miss the companionship of my mother, but she isn't here for me. What can I do to get her back?

Signed, Motherless

Dear Motherless:

You are dealing with a situation quite similar to my own. First of all, I am sincerely sympathetic to your family status, but it is time to grow up. Please, don't take this advice the wrong way.

What you are dealing with is a harsh reality that everyone, at some point in their life, must face. Your mother needs some time to be who she wants to be. You are now an adult in college, as am I. I understand the importance of finding someone else to be close to, when your mother can't be there. At first it seems hard and mean and maybe even unrealistic, but it's all a part of growing up.



Having a problem with that special someone, or just can't find that special someone? Are you just feeling down and don't know why? Write to Jazz and get the friendly advice you need. Address your letters to:

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## Moms can work and do school



Mother and daughter, Anna Stone (left), Ashley Sierra (right)

By Eliss Kirkpatrick  
Contributing writer

Imagine being a full time student, as many people at Fresno City College are, but also an employee at two different jobs, and to top it off, a mother of a two-year old toddler. With responsibilities like these, it would be difficult to find a moment of relaxation, as FCC student Anna Lee Stone has recently discovered.

Stone began attending FCC in 1994 when she was a junior in high school to get extra credits. She is now a full-time student, but she finds it much more complicated now that she has a new daughter named Ashley Serria.

"I go to school all morning, work during the afternoons, and spend time with Ashley in the evenings," said Stone. "I have to wait until she's asleep till I begin my homework at night and I often get to bed really late."

On top of working as a hostess at Yoshino's restaurant, Stone is also a FCC tutor for biology and psychology. Because of her busy schedule, Stone sometimes finds herself up until 5 a.m., trying to get ready for the following day.

"I've been living on my own since I was 14, so I'm used to having to work to support myself," said Stone. "But now that I have a daughter, I have to work twice as hard in order to give us both what we need."

Being a single working mom creates many financial problems Stone has to deal with on her own. With no involvement or support from her own parents, she hopes to be a better role model and provider for Ashley.

"I want Ashley to be able to have anything she wants in life," said Stone. "And although it's a lot of stress and I don't get much sleep, it's worth the sacrifice."

Having to juggle so many responsibilities at such a young age has forced Stone to grow up faster than the average 19 year old. she wishes she had a little more free time to spend with her daughter and friends.

"I have been living this life style since Ashley was born, when I was only 17 years old," said Stone. "And although I am fully content with my life, I wish I could wake up one morning and have nothing to do the whole entire day."

Stone finds herself taking on tasks that she would've never imagined dealing with in the past. Ashley's father gets to see her everyday from 3 to 7 pm, but this was decided after a strenuous battle in court.

"In order to get full custody, I had to go to court and represent myself," said Stone. "And I won!"

According to Stone, all this time and effort she is putting in will eventually pay off. She is majoring in Biology and wants to transfer to the University of Washington to become a teacher at a junior level college.

"I think it would be nice for my daughter to grow up in a green environment like Washington," said Stone. "It is a beautiful, kick back state and I think that both Ashley and I will benefit from it."

When questioned what Stone and her daughter will be doing about ten years from now, she said, "As long as we are together and happy, we can make it through anything."

## Spring Fashion Review



Models from Barbizon presented "Spring Review" a fashion show. The fashion show was presented by ASG which was held in Student Activities. Models included Patrice Keith and Cruzanne Mahony.



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# FCC's annual Juried Art Exhibition. And the Winners Are...

James Wilcox  
Staff Writer

Photos by Autumn Lencioni



Caleb Duarte (right) accepting the President's award from Dr. Arthur Ellish (left).



Mieko Suzuki, standing next to her art which won the Faculty award.

Abelino Bautista, Curator of the Art Space Gallery, bids you to sign-in and enter the 1998 Student Art Exhibition on the evening of April 16 as part of Showcase Week. Showcase Week is F.C.C.'s version of open house held yearly much as public schools open their doors to the parents of elementary students and the general public.

Arthur Ellish, Dean of Instruction, and Anthony Cantu, Associate Dean of Instruction-Humanities, attended this year's opening of the exhibition to the public. The pieces are imposing and somewhat 'spooky' to the great unwashed, the meaning in the portrayals elusive to the untrained eye, yet all who enter are welcomed with the same feelings of graciousness and appreciation by the gallery's staff and other patrons.

Novice and seasoned supporter rub elbows and banter remarks as they help themselves at the hors d'oeuvre table. The guests wander the confined space of the gallery, talking with their friends, gesturing at the products of different artistic approaches, and eating from the small paper plates carried in a free hand. Occasionally, a brilliant flash of light around the corners of the gallery indicates that at least one of tonight's moments has just been saved for history.

The chaos of noisy conversations is shattered by the rudeness of a shrill, discordant note. Somebody had whistled for attention. Anne Scheid, F.C.C. Art department head,

welcomed patrons and briefly described the process involved in judging this art exhibition. "I give you a challenge for next year," Scheid said, "send us better."

The student's body of work consisted of 300 entries at the start of judging which a faculty adjudication team whittled down to less than 100.

Early in the month of April, ten entries made it to the final hours of judgement: The President's Award was given to Caleb Duarte whose paintings of his brother, his aunt and a portrayal of a table and chair are wonders of reality to see.

The Dean's Award was given to Terry Arnaz for mixed media drawings illustrating another view of plant life.

The Director's Award went to Randy Bricco whose duck-tape duck shows all that any idea can be made to fly.

The Faculty Award was given to Mieko Suzuki whose work reminds us that the outdoor beauty of Nature is still in abundance for us to enjoy.

Awards of Merit were given to the runners-up for their offerings that need to be seen in order to be fully appreciated.

Parts of three entries have already been sold by their artists to gallery patrons, but the entire collection remains on display until May 10. The Art Space Gallery is located just northeast of the fountain on Campus Mall. Gallery days and hours are:

Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Sunday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.



Terry Aranza standing with her art that won her the Deans award.



Randy Bricco standing next to his art: The ducktape duck, which he won the Directors award for.



Photo by Luqman Haqq

ASG President David Shaw presented Dr. Daniel Larios President of FCC with an 'Outstanding Service Award.' "I am honored to receive this award. I am here for the students," said Dr. Larios.

## Media

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manymore. Also in attendance were FCC Administration, Associate Deans of Instruction, Associate Deans of Students, Program Directors and Coordinators.

The program started with an introduction presented by Public Information Officer Kathleen Bonilla, continued by a "Welcome" presented by FCC President Dr. Daniel Larios.

As the Luncheon continued, the Associated Student Government President David Shaw addressed the attendants giving them a brief overview of the activities of the ASG.

Our next treat was a video presentation entitled Seniors, introducing High School Seniors to the campus of FCC.

Ken Chavez made a presentation telling of the FCC "Registration to Go", a program where the student can enroll at FCC on the site of their school without having to come to FCC. This is done by a method of using a Cell Phone that links with the FCC Registration Office when the student comes to this campus, he or she is ready for class.

John Ouring, Executive Director of FCC Training Institute spoke on FCC efforts to play an active roll in the new Welfare Reform process. Ouring points out the fact that Dr. Larios has been preparing for this for some time, and FCC already has a near 3000 students that are currently affected by the new Welfare Reform Law.

The program concluded with the giving of a door prize, and the media attendees were invited to tour the FCC campus as a prelude to the Annual Showcase program, where the campus has a form of Open-House for High School Seniors.

## Fashion Corner

by Sassy and Styles

Tips for women and men:

This week we are concentrating on the sunglasses. People, I believe in being different and the usual attempt to look good and still manage to stray away from the norm, but note the key phrase here; "still look good"! First of all make sure that if you sport a lot of gold jewelry and accessories that you don't get shades with silver all through the frame. Next, make sure they fit your face. Not everyone can wear the slim-look shades. Ladies and gentlemen, shop around until you find the shades that help make you look cool. Try to stay away from the shades for \$1. They look cheap, feel cheap and they are cheap!

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## NBA superstar: Ray Allen plays for keeps

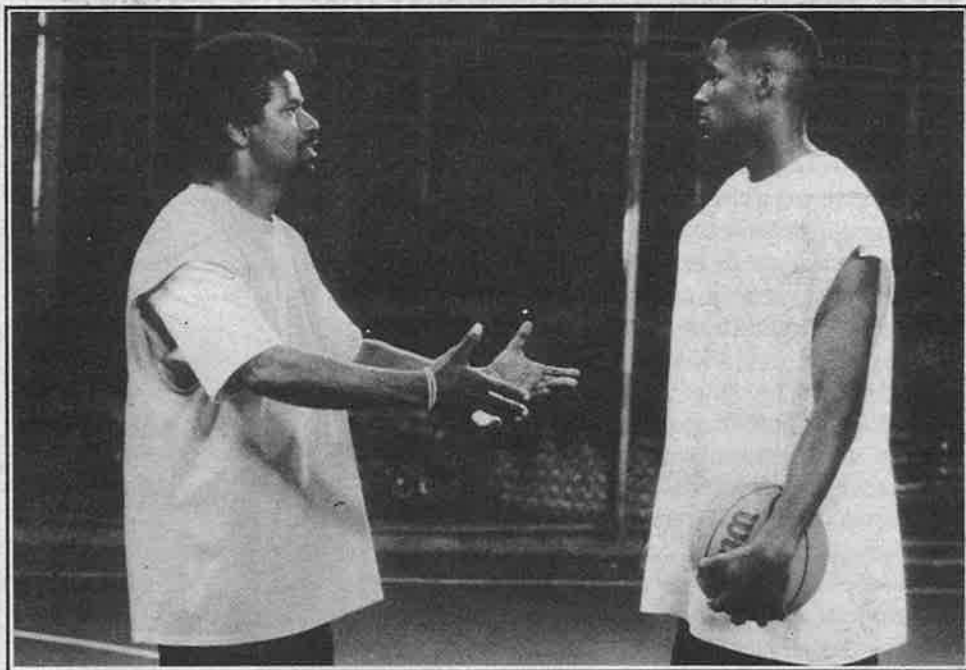


Photo courtesy David Lee

Denzel Washington (left) stars as a temporarily paroled prisoner trying to convince his son (Ray Allen, right) to play for the Governor's alma mater.

By Scott Cropper  
Entertainment Editor

Coming to the silver screen Friday May 1st, *Touchstone Pictures* presents "He Got Game", a *Spike Lee* joint. A drama, written and directed by Lee, stars Denzel Washington and Milwaukee Bucks superstar Ray Allen, making his feature film debut.

Washington is Jake Shuttlesworth, a prisoner suddenly finding himself paroled with a promise by the State's Governor to have his sentenced commuted. This sounds like a streak of good luck, but there is a catch. To convince his son Jesus (Allen), the number one high school basketball player in America, to sign with Big State, the Governor's alma mater.

With his mother passed on and his father in jail, Jesus was forced to take charge

of his life as well as his younger sister, relying on himself, not his parents for guidance. What will he do now? Will he be seduced by the fame and fortune of the NBA, or accept one of the hundreds of scholarships offered to him by just as many colleges? Because of his absence, Shuttlesworth must reconcile with his son as he faces the week deadline for one of the most important decisions of his life as well as his fathers.

Directed by an Academy Award winner (Lee), starring an Academy Award winner (Washington), co-starring a national athlete (Allen), and boasting a soundtrack featuring music from Public Enemy, "He Got Game" just might be a surprise contender for next years Academy.

## Taking the new with the old

Lookout Records

★★★★★

Filth/Blatz

Scott Cropper  
Entertainment Editor

A must get for any punk/hard-core music collector, Lookout Records has re released one of the most sought after splits to date. Lookout number 58, the *Filth/Blatz S#@% Split*.

The first half brings out American punk icons *Filth*, lead by the chaotic vocals of Jake, backed by the distorted and extremely aggressive guitar works of both Jim and Len ripping through each track like buzz saws. Screaming and spewing fourth hard-core in such a beautiful manner, unleashing their hatred towards the society that surrounded them. The first issue of this split (Lookout #43) offers the bands *Destroy Everything E.P.* including songs like "The List" and "Banned from the Pubs". When this was first obtained I thought that it couldn't get better, until I found this new release. Not only does it include *Destroy*, but also gives a look into the bands previous efforts such as the *Live the Chaos 7in*, their half of the *Submachine* split, and even the track from the "If you can't see it, it ain't coffee" compilation. Compared to the full, heavy sounds of *Destroy E.P.* the rest of *Filth's* efforts are more raw, higher pitched and Jakes vocals tend to become a bit nasally.

The second half of the split is devoted to the East Bay (Berkeley/Oakland area), X in-

spired works of *Blatz*. Praised and ridiculed for their efforts, often seen as drunk and disorderly (for which is part of their unfortunate demise) *Blatz* offers nothing less then extraordinary listening, taking on a more snotty and crude attitude then those whom the share the split with. The vocals rage from serenading to high pitched shrills offered by both Anna Joy and Annie, while the music is very catchy and intense at times, provides insight into their lives, using music as their outlet. Native to the East Bay *Blatz* ridicules those in the Bay Area still caught up in the drug induced "Hippie Age" and those who think that all they need to do to start a band is to live in that area. Possibly selfish, they show their regrets towards the state of their hometown on the Track "Berkeley is my baby". For those familiar with this track, the obvious would be that this CD includes the *Touch of Blatz* half to the original comp. Such as with *Filth*, their past efforts are chronicled by the *Cheaper than Beer 7in*, demos, "Learning How to Smile" from the Lookout *Can of...* compilation, as well as their last efforts on the split with *Tribe 8*.

Nearly ten years later, this compilation became a testament to two of the most unique bands to grace the shelves of any record store. Obnoxious, chaotic and at times graceful melodies fill the *Filth/Blatz S#@% Split*, offering old and new listeners what nonstop IN YOUR FACE hard-core is all about.

## Grupo Anahuac de Fresno City College

Rampage News

Fresno City College is proud to present the *Grupo Anahuac* annual spring show "Arriba Norte!" *Grupo Anahuac* brings a unique show that incorporates live music and singing with the most beautiful traditional dances of Northern Mexico. This event will be held in the FCC Theatre on Saturday, May 2nd at 7:30 p.m.

Advanced tickets are available at the Theatre Box Office which is open Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Advanced tickets are \$5 for students/seniors and \$8 general admission.

Tickets at the door will be \$7 and \$10 respectively.

For more information contact Julio Bustos at 253-1718 or Peter Fernandez at 292-4006.

## Cinco De Mayo Queen Contest

Rampage News

Fresno City College is planning it's annual Cinco De Mayo Queen competition and would like to see you participate.

Tickets will be distributed from the College Center Student Lounge. All tickets and money must be turned in to the Student Lounge on or before May 4. You have until 5:00 p.m. The Queen will be crowned on May 5, at 12 noon in the Free Speech Area

### To Qualify

1. You must be a FCC student
2. Must be enrolled in at least 6 units.
3. 2.0 cumulative grade point average.

## FCC Musical Notes

Rampage News

The Fresno City College Woodwind Choir will present its spring concert at 7:30 pm Tuesday, April 28, in the FCC Recital Hall, MS-132. The unique ensemble make up of flutes, clarinets, and bassoons will be playing the music of Mozart, Ravel, Schubert, and other composers. The arrangements of Russel S. Howland will be featured. There is no admission charge.

Under the direction of Jeffrey T. Sandersier, The Fresno City College Community Orchestra will perform at 7:30 pm Wednesday, April 29, in the FCC Theater. Bryce Holmes, clarinetist, will play Carl Maria Von Weber's Clarinet Concerto No. 2 in E flat major. Call the FCC Theater Box Office, 442-8221, for tickets, which cost \$2.

At 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, on the Theatre Main Stage, the Brass Ensemble, under the direction of Robert Nielsen, and the percussion ensembles, directed by Gary Deeter, will perform. There is no charge for this concert.

The Fresno City College Concert Band will be playing a concerto program at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6 on the Theatre Main Stage. Tickets cost \$2 and are available at the FCC Theatre Box Office.

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## Bumper Stumpers

### Last edition's question:

What group did Cuba Gooding Jr's father sing in?

A. The Main Ingredient

### This edition's question:

In the movie "Titanic", Leonardo DiCaprio's character Jack Dawson while standing on the front end of the ship, shouts "I'm the king of the world." However, a famous athlete who won a championship uttered those famous words first. Who said it?

- A. Terry Bradshaw
- B. Cassius Clay
- C. Michael Jordan

Answer, next edition.

## Folklore exposes Mexico's roots

Montserrat Montiel  
Contributing writer

Julio Bustos, Mexican folkloric dance instructor at FCC, finds an opportunity to bring one of the top three Mexican Folkloric groups from Mexico to Fresno on April 1.

Bustos, who is an instructor at FCC since 1989, said, "Anytime that we have a group from Mexico we try to expose our students to it only because of their benefit to them." According to Bustos, students had the opportunity to see a professional group such as the ballet Folklorice de Hidalgo "Students are learning it here, but what a better experience than to get it from the people that are living it in Mexico, and that are close to their roots."

The Ballet Folklorico de Hidalgo was founded in 1976. Since then they have had several presentations in Mexico, South America, Puerto Rico, Panama and the United States.

FCC Folkloric group Teocalli has its own presentation every semester. "Unfortunately because we change from semester to semester we only put on one major production at the end of every semester," said Bustos. This semester the presentation of "Arriba Norte" will be held on May 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the FCC Theater.

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## THE SITTING RAM

## "THE OBJECT OF MY AFFECTION"

By Abel E. Jimenez

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The Rampage is surveying 100 single women and asking them: "If you were in love with a male roommate who you know is gay, would you try to date him anyway?" The actual number of single women who admit they would date the gay roommate is \_\_\_\_\_. Hold on! This is a movie review, not a survey. The movie is "The Object of My Affection" and this film attempts to answer the question on whether a single, but pregnant woman would fall in love with a gay roommate.

The film stars Jennifer Aniston as Nina, a counselor for young girls who are having trouble with their love lives, and Paul Rudd (Clueless) as George, an aspiring director of children's plays who is very open about his lifestyle. The film opens with inter-cutting scenes between what Nina does and what George does. Shot in New York, the film follows Nina and George separately before their chance encounter at a social gathering honoring George's play. George agrees to move in with Nina after being dumped by his lover Robert (Tim Daly), who falls for a much younger student.

Nina, who knows George is gay, admits that she personally wouldn't mind him bringing in other men, for she is seeing another man, a likable louse named Vince (John Pankow of Mad About You). When Nina later learns she is pregnant with Vince's child, she talks to George about possibly having an abortion for Vince "believes in a woman's right to choose, as long as he does the choosing." After careful consideration, Nina decides to have the baby and asks George to be the baby's surrogate father. George declines at first, for fear of his orientation, but after seeing that Vince and Nina together is like gasoline and a match, he decides to be the baby's surrogate father.

As time moves along, Nina and George not only become good friends but good roommates, both go tango dancing together, out to the amusement park together and speak their minds to one another, leading to an almost romantic lovemaking between Nina and George, until George gets a phone call from Robert, who got dumped by the young male student. Robert asks for George to take him back and George accepts. George and Robert take a trip to upstate New York where they meet a gay but fatherly like professor (Nigel Hawthorne) and his companion Paul (Amo Gulinello). This leads to a "tumultuous" relationship between Paul and George that doesn't sit well with Nina who wants to have Paul for herself.

Later at a wedding that involves George's brother, Nina admits she wants George all to herself, putting George in a tough spot where

he must decide what's best for himself and for the soon-to-be conceived baby, leading to a finale that, while amusing, falls short of true satisfaction.

"The Object of My Affection" takes an honest approach at looking for love in all

"The film pulls no rabbit punches and tackles the issues headstrong, while putting comedy in the forefront and the acting in first rate."

- The Sitting Ram

shapes and sizes. The film pulls no rabbit punches and tackles the issues headstrong, while putting comedy in the forefront and



Roomates: Jennifer Aniston and Paul Rudd share a tender moment in The Object of My Affection

Photo by Barry Weicher

the acting is first-rate. Aniston gets away from her boring, ditsy role of Rachel Green on "Friends" to play a more strong-willed character in Nina (This could lead to more film roles for this young star). Rudd is excellent as the man in question in this movie (Look for more roles for this young man), and the rest of the cast is attractive including Alan Alda (M\*A\*S\*H) as a hilarious agent named Sidney and Allison Jenney as Constance, Nina's meddling stepsister who is also Sidney's wife and Kevin Carroll as Louis, a cop who plays an impact in Nina's life. Tony Award winner (And Fresno's own) Audra McDonald has a small role as a wedding singer. The screenplay is by Wendy Wasserstein (The Heidi Chronicles) and is directed by Nicholas Hytner, who directed "The Madness of King George" which featured Hawthorne in the title role.

Some movies take a sensitive issue like homosexuality and when it has nowhere to go they contrive the story to make the film move. "The Object of My Affection" goes the "Chasing Amy" route and takes a frank, direct approach at the subject, this film will not please everyone but it should earn points for succeeding as both a tract and entertainment.

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# Fresno's frenzy over Grizzlies

□ The City of Fresno welcomed back professional baseball this month, for the first time since the late 1980's—when Class A teams played at Fresno City College's John Eulless Ball Park.

By Eric Mendoza  
Rampage Sports Editor

Everywhere you look nowadays it's "Fresno Grizzlies" this or "Fresno Grizzlies" that.

Evidence from the huge advertisement billboards around town, to high ticket sales and the sold out team baseball caps in sporting good stores, shows that Fresno is roaring to back up the hype, despite the political madness behind the downtown stadium issues.

On April 7, the Pacific Coast League launched its youngest member into their Triple A family, when the new San Francisco affiliate, Fresno Grizzlies hosted the Calgary Cannons at a sold-out Pete Beiden Field, on the campus of Fresno State.

The Grizzlies won opening night 4-3 and split four games of their inaugural series, but as team general manager and president of The Diamond Group, John Carbray hears the cracking sound of ash wood, watches the smiling faces of a younger generation, and the glitz and flashes of fireworks and a sparkling scoreboard—he's yet to enjoy the moments like he wants to.

The fan inside of him is honored to greet and shake the hands of happy customers, as he did last week in his rented stadium.

But the businessman side of him offers The Rampage a glimpse of his yellow legal pad full of penciled notes that he's been scribbling since the first fan entered the turnstile.

"These are all notes for improvements," said Carbray holding up his notepad during the first inning of the teams second game. "But I'm proud of the people [fans] and the

media. It's something for the people in town to feel good about."

Yesteryear

For those who are old enough to remember, Fresno City College was once a landlord to San Francisco farm clubs not too long ago. The Fresno Giants and the Fresno Suns leased John Eulless Ball Park from FCC during the 1980's.

Carbray says that The Diamond Group surveyed Fresno City for another Class A site back in 1992, but the opportunity of bringing a Triple A team arouse and the rest is history.

"We encouraged the consideration [of playing at Eulless], until Beiden Field," said Carbray who was in the minor league soccer profession (on the east coast) during the 1980's. "Fresno City College has a great reputation. We studied the history and it's a great location. [FCC athletic director and baseball coach] Ron Scott has really fixed [Eulless] up nicely. It worked before, but the City [of Fresno] failed, not [FCC]."

Before the Scott Era, and in 1984, Eulless' capacity was at 2,600 to accommodate the Fresno Giants, compared to today's 500 bleacher spots.

Scott said that the Grizzlies' chance of survival called for a facility holding 6,000-10,000 people.

"They needed their own park and the City support," said Scott. "It's good for Fresno."

FSU's Beiden Field seats just over 6,500, even with the new additions along the left and right field lines—ranking them 13th out of the 14 teams in PCL capacity.

Stepping Stone

FCC Sports Publicist Woody Wilk not only remembers the Class A teams at Eulless, he was also a part of Fresno's growing history in baseball. As the Fresno Giants' public address announcer from 1984-87, Wilk introduced major league superstars such as, Will Clark, Robby Thompson, Charlie Hayes, John Burkett, Dennis Cook, Mike Aldrete and visiting Modesto A's sluggers Mark McGwire and Jose Canseco.

"Attendance was pretty good when they

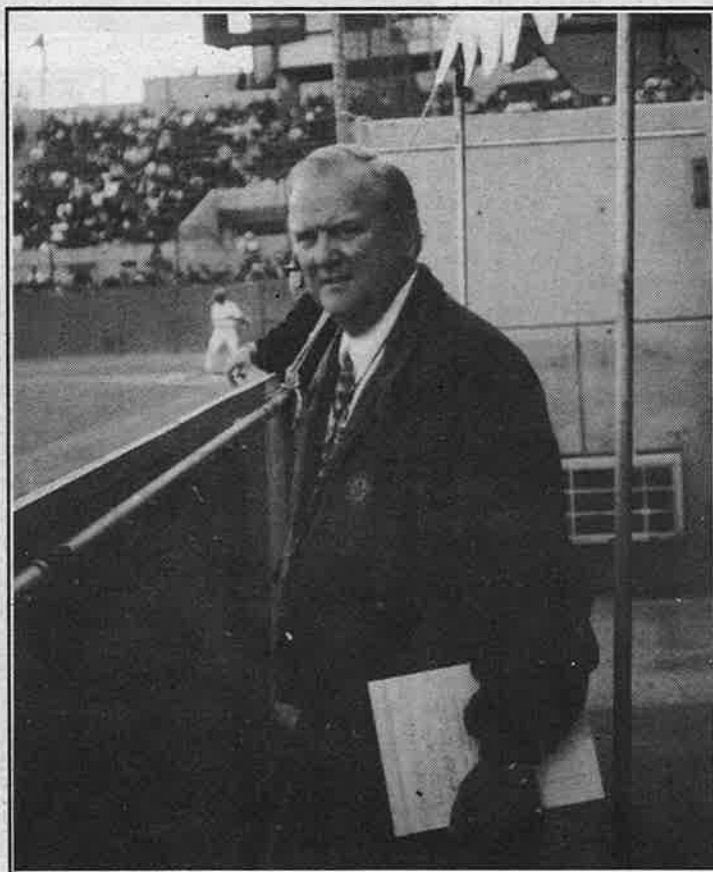


Photo courtesy Tommy Mendoza

Taking notes. Fresno Grizzlies GM John Carbray looks on during the teams first series.

won [California League] in '85 and in '87," said Wilk who was hired by FCC, also in 1984.

Wilk says the fan base wasn't as knowledgeable as today.

"It wasn't a big deal, but this is Triple A," Wilk said. "People have to realize that they are professional ball players and they've signed professional contracts."

The one-year lackluster performance at the gates in 1988 by the Fresno Suns, an Independent club, called for the bulldozers to roll the Eulless grandstands and FCC had to start all over from scratch.

Today, Eulless is considered one of California's premiere sports facilities and as

a result has been the front-runner as a permanent site of the community college baseball state championships. This year the Rams will host the tournament on May 23rd weekend.

Future Bears?

The Fresno City Council recently approved a privately owned downtown stadium, but the remaining funds and the political curveballs still need to be pounded out before summer—if the city wants it built by the year 2000.

Carbray, Scott and the rest of Fresno seem to be excited about the future connection between the Grizzlies, the Fresno State and Fresno City programs.

Who will be the first to play for all three local teams?

"Ron Scott and [Bulldog coach] Bob Bennett would agree that their kids [student-athletes] playing are going to come out here to watch the ballgames," said Carbray. "It's a great incentive for recruiting, having a Triple A ball park in town."

Scott, who has been invited to throw batting practice for the Grizzlies after the Rams season, says that the attention and excitement gives more reasons that the city is qualified for profession baseball.

"It proves that Fresno is a baseball town," said Scott. "It's a baseball Mecca here in California. It only enhances [FCC's] situation and creates more interest in the community."

## Volek, Wetnight head 1998 Wall of Fame

□ Fresno City College's Ram Huddle Club inducts a "special" class at its 10th annual football Wall of Fame awards banquet.

By Eric Mendoza  
Rampage Sports Editor

It takes ten years of dedication and contribution, whether it be in a red and white Fresno City College Ram uniform or not—in some fashion or form, your qualifications for Wall of Fame honors must include "making a difference" or "touching the lives" of Ram student-athletes and its tradition-rich football history. The "Wall", placed at

Ratcliffe Stadium's fieldhouse, is an impressive list of community leaders and National Football League greats.

On April 17, at Pardini's Banquet Room, the Ram Huddle Club inducted six former players and one former coach to the "Wall", all whom credit FCC as a springboard for the success they

Steve Natsues (wide receiver, 1967-68), Vince Borjas (defensive back, 1973-74), Don Chuhlantseff (defensive lineman, 1986-87), Mark Crawford (defensive back, 1986-87), Ryan Wetnight (tight end, 1989-90), and cornerstone inductee John Volek (head coach, 1988-94).

Volek, current head coach at California State University, Sacramento, transferred many players to major four-year programs and the NFL, during his tenure with the Rams. He also helped establish the "Wall" to what it's become today.

"Without John, we probably would not be here tonight," said current Ram head coach Vance Stanley, former Volek assistant, who introduced his friend. "He was instrumental in starting the whole thing."

Much of Volek's 22-minute acceptance speech was filled with words of gratification towards the community college he calls "the greatest in the nation."

"My blood is still in this town," Volek told the capacity crowd. "Sacramento State needs what FCC has, tradition! [FCC] it the best, it is the Notre Dame,....it is the best."

Volek later stated, "It's an honor for me to know that after seven years, to come back and see that [former Ram players and coaches] are holding down leadership roles in the community."

Wetnight, Volek's most famous Ram student-athlete, transferred to Stanford where he earned Academic All-American honors before signing as an undrafted free agent by the Chicago Bears. The Hoover High School graduate was recently awarded Chicago's Brian Piccolo Award for the team's most inspirational player, after most of his fifth season with the club spent rehabilitating a knee injury.

"I'm honored to be here tonight, and to be honored on the same night as coach Volek," Wetnight said after a stand ovation led him to the podium. "I've played for some great coaches. Bill Walsh, Dennis Green, Ron Turner, Dave Wanstadt...but John Volek made me believe in myself and that's the sign of a great coach. He helped me make the transition from high school, to college and from college, to the professionals."

Matt Merzoian, in his fourth year as Rams Huddle Club president, said the dinner/dance event is one of a kind.

"It can be contributed all back to coach Volek for instilling the family sense," said Merzoian. "Thanks to John Volek, people come, and it means a lot. It's been 10 years and there's nothing like [the Wall of Fame awards] in the nation, in a formal setting, and we keep getting the support. This is the best turnout we've had in five years."



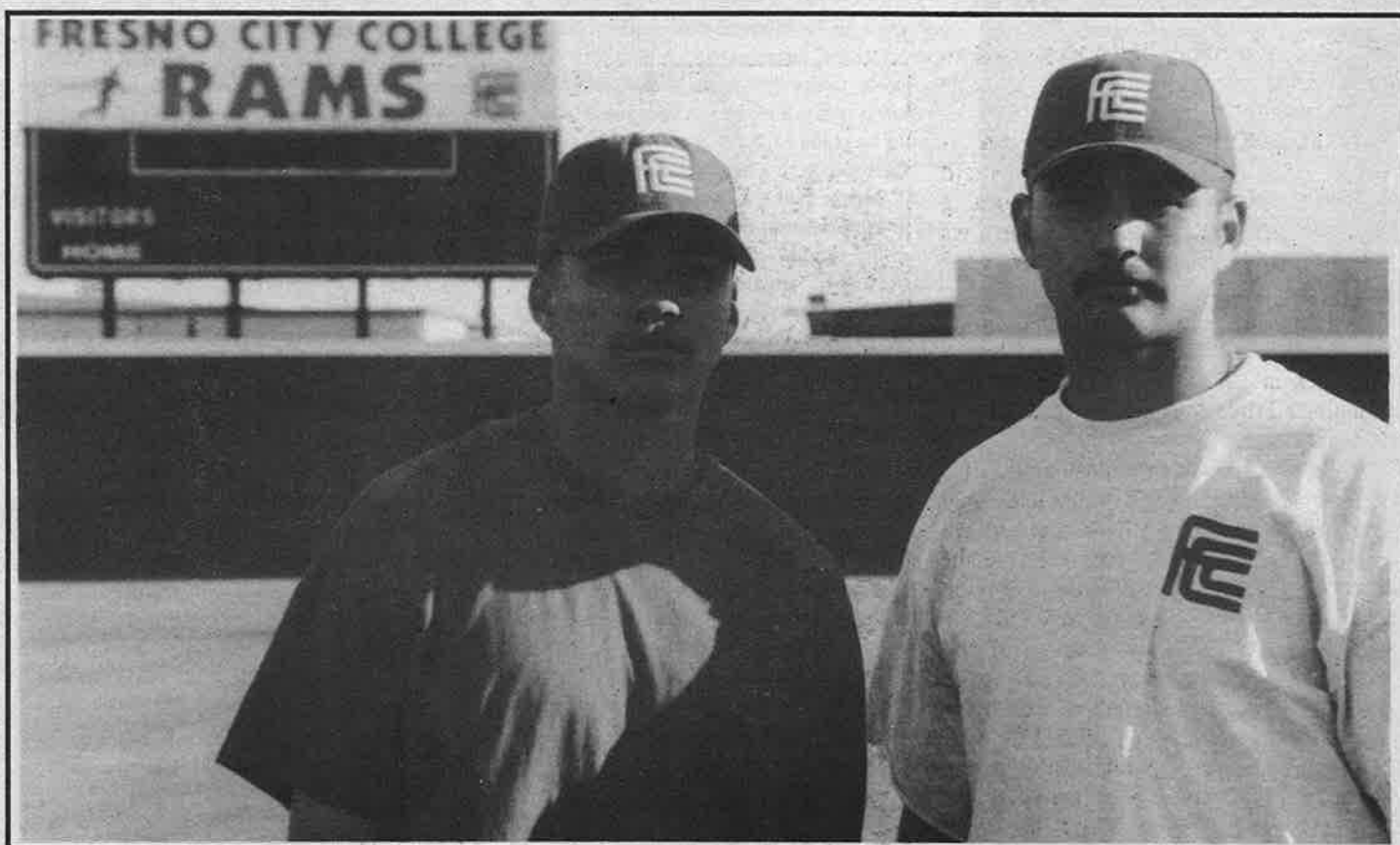
In the spotlight. Former Ram Ryan Wetnight is interviewed by local media.

Photo courtesy PIO  
experience today.

In order of the 1998 induction's were: Joe Williams (FCC offensive end in 1959-60),



# Cerda-fied Bond



**Brotherhood battery.** The Cerda's, Jamie (left) and Jose make FCC baseball a family affair.

Photo by Samuel Yuk

By Eric Mendoza  
Rampage Sports Editor

Baseball purists love the game played in its simplest form. A one on one mental and physical battle between pitcher and batter. With his own abilities, the pitcher relies on eight other gloves for support and the *team* aspect comes into play.

But, over 75% of America's Pastime is spent with the silent communication and the actual throwing between the pitcher his catcher.

The relationship that connects the Fresno City College Rams battery gets no closer when their ace left-hander Jaime Cerda glares down to the target held by his older brother, Jose.

The Cerda brothers, graduates from their hometown's Selma High School, are two big reasons why the Rams (15-4) are contending for the 1998 Central Valley Conference pennant and another trip to the state championships in May.

Jaime, a 19 year-old freshman, is (7-2) and among the top pitchers in all the CVC major categories. Many expect Jaime to be drafted at the end of the season by a major league ballclub and be offered a pro contract.

A 20 year-old red-shirt sophomore, Jose has taken over the catching duties, handling the Rams pitching staff, as well as being equally impressive at the plate. His ninth inning three-run homer which beat College of the Sequoias 4-3, on April 16, helped his younger brother earn his seventh win, and more importantly pulled the team a game behind the Giants.

Jose hopes that his tools will help him land a scholarship at a west coast university.

The road to success and bright futures, for both Jaime and Jose, has been attributed to their tight-knit family and the high expectations that they carry for each other.

"Both kids are extremely hard workers," said Rams coach Ron Scott. "Jose is the best catcher in the conference and Jaime at times, is the best pitcher in the state."

## Small town, Big dreams

The Cerda brothers smile when they talk about sharing space in the same room since youngsters. Growing up in the small town of Selma gave the two a chance to play t-ball, Babe Ruth, and high school on the same teams.

The earliest memories of playing "serious catch" was when Jose was 10-years-old and Jaime was just nine.

Their father, a native of Mexico and

mother, from Texas, raised their five children (three sisters) in a three bedroom house.

Both parents work seasonal jobs, but the brothers can't remember them missing a single ball game. "Our No. 1 fans," said Jaime.

If not pro careers, both brothers will take their 3.0 GPA's and major in the criminology field, hoping to one day counsel inner-city youth.

According to *Selma Enterprise* Sports Editor Will Goldbeck, also a Selma little league administrator and coach who has followed the Cerda's careers, Jaime has a good opportunity to be the first player in 30 years to make it "big" from the small town.

"I've always thought that Jaime would have the best chance to turn pro, that we've had in a while," said Goldbeck.

Not since Atlanta Braves manager Bobby Cox, has a Selma native played at the major league level. Cox last played for the New York Yankees in 1969.

## Two of a Kind

Jose admits that his college career has been one of ups and downs, having to wait his turn behind a cast of other talented catchers.

"Jose struggled when he first got here," said Scott, who praises Jose's leadership qualities and mechanics behind the plate. "He got the chance to play and he's taken full advantage. Jose has done a real solid job for us."

A three-sport high school athlete, Jose earned all-league honors as a wide receiver and strong safety for Selma's football team, during his sophomore, junior, and senior years.

John Volek, former FCC Ram football coach, currently at California State University, Sacramento, recruited Jose as a strong safety, but at the time, the school was without scholarship offers, so he declined for financial reasons.

Despite batting .486 in his senior year at Selma, Jose thought by not playing catcher as a junior (third base), his shot at being touted may have slipped by the scouts.

"I figure that [FCC] was my best chance," said Jose. "I thought I should concentrate on baseball and see how far that will take me."

Jose spends any free time working out for the conditioning his position requires. He says the only sport that he enjoys watching on TV is basketball. Baseball, well, he'd rather be playing. He doesn't have any pro idols — instead calls his parents his "heroes."

"I just work hard and don't worry about who I play like," said Jose. "Coach Scott told me, 'If you get a hit every game, you'll be all conference [hit .300]. I say, 'I want two hits a game'."

Jaime literally is a young man with two hats. You can spot Jaime with his teammates and friends around the campus fountain and walking into class with his latest pro cap turned backwards.

A new breed of Generation X athlete, his 130-plus music CD collection is mostly made up of rap tunes, and he watches any and all games on the tube when he can, looking for his favorite star Ken Griffey Jr.

But he's all business on the hill. Unassuming and the quiet confidence suggesting, "hit this 90 mph four seamer, if you can", with the team-popular, red socks showing up to the knees.

On off days, he's routing, the furthest out of the Ram dugout, eye-black in place, and the first one out to high-five his teammates after the side's retired.

On March 10, Jaime had a no-hitter broken up off a Porterville bunt with one out in the ninth. It would've been his first ever and the first at Eulless Ball Park in over 20 years.

"I actually didn't know until the last inning," admitted Jose, who was catching. "I was wondering why [Jaime] was still in, we usually have somebody come in, and coach [Eric Solberg] said, 'We're trying to get the no-hitter.'"

Jaime knew, but showed no emotion after the single.

"Everyone else was [upset], but it was no big deal," said Jaime. "It would've been nice, to get my name in the program [record sheet]. But I just concentrate on getting outs and winning, big stats don't matter."

A lefty with a high speed fastball, curve, slider and change-up is the "in" package for major league contracts these days. But Jaime insists that he's in no hurry to sign away just yet, not until he knows that he's ready.

"Jaime has been inconsistent," said Scott, who all but guarantees Jaime will be highly sought after by Major League Baseball. "We're hoping that he comes back for another year, it'll set him apart from all the other pitchers."

Jose is also realistic about his brother's chances and hopes the right decisions will be made.

"I don't get the looks that he does," said Jose about the baseball scouts. "It's going to be hard for me [not playing with Jaime], I consider myself his biggest fan. I want to see him do good and I want to see him go further."

## 1998 SPRING SPORTS GUIDE

Events through April 30

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### MEN'S GOLF

Thu. Apr. 23 — Columbia — TBA  
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Thu. Apr. 23 — \*West Hills (DH) — 2:00 pm  
Tue. Apr. 28 — \*MODESTO — 3:00 pm

### TRACK & FIELD

Thu. Apr. 23 — CVC Champ. — 4:00 pm  
(Merced)

### MEN'S TENNIS

Thu-Sat. Apr. 23-25 — Ojai Tour — all day  
(Ventura)  
Wed. Apr. 29 — Final Dual Team — 2:00 pm  
(Modesto)

### WOMEN'S TENNIS

Wed. Apr. 29 — Dual Finals — TBA

\*denotes Central Valley Conference contest

### HOME GAMES in CAPITALS

## Ram Notes

**Baseball.....**FCC (15-4) crawled back into first place after two huge wins last week against College of the Sequoias. Jaime Cerda (7-2) and Trevor Gray (3-1) picked up th victories. The Rams have five games remaining and held just a one game lead over C.O.S. and Merced before April 21. The first round of playoffs begin Fri., May 8th & 9th. Sam Lopez continues his hot hitting, leading the conference in hits (59), home runs (8), and RBI (54), he also leads the team in avg. (.393), as of April 21.

**Women's Tennis.....**Freshman Emel Ramadan defeated teammate Sarah Brock to win the Central Valley Conference women's singles title on Sat. April 18. Ramadan also teamed with partner Marilyn Watts to grab the doubles title.

**Wrestling.....**As expected, former Ram wrestler and assistant Robert Arballo was hired to succeed Bill Musick as FCC's coach. Musick will still carry an active role in the program.

**Women's Basketball.....**Ram forward Aisha McGee (Edison H.S.) signed earlier this month to attend San Jose State.

**Softball.....**Coach Rhonda Williams and her squad (9-3) swept a double-header against C.O.S. on April 21. Angie Bustos and Jackie Reyna both hit triples to help Alexis Jennings win the first game 2-1. In the second game, the Rams crushed the Giants 10-2 behind pitcher Julie Shute, as Karla Tovar, and Marisa Martinez drove home two runs apiece. Jennings homered and scored twice.



# The Gab Column

By Brenda Miller and Valerie Wells  
Photos by Juana Echeveste

Would you consider a student taking two newspapers instead of one out of *The Fresno Bee* vending machine a threat to the student body when the student only paid for one. Why or why not?



**Wang Yang**— "Yeah, I think so because it's hella cruel. An individual should get what he/she pays for."



**Joy Putnam**— "No. How in the world could taking more than one paper be a threat to me? If I really wanted one, there is obviously more than one place to get it."



**Officer Redelfs**— "Yes, its petty theft and eventually it's going to raise the cost for the whole student body."



**Gabriel Solorio**— "I don't think there's anything wrong with someone taking two extra newspapers. They're probably worse crimes going on."



**Mara Hughes**— "This is ludicrous! If the police have nothing better to do than arrest a student because of taking two papers instead of one then our criminal justice system is designed to fail!"



**Maria Zamora**— "No, I don't consider that a threat to the student body. Why should it be just a newspaper? A threat is getting hurt or a crime. The police should be worried about something important."



## Bill Seaberg Retirement

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## The Poet's Spot

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in painUncontroll-able  
tears fromabove  
A meaningless world is  
evolving emotion no  
longer needed  
Those who dare speak out  
Bright flashes in throne the  
sky Loud screams burst  
into thenight air  
caution rises  
"I wamed you" he cried  
All hell has broken loose  
No survivors  
No words  
No love  
No tears  
None needed  
Never have`  
Never will

By Heather Ramos

### TRY POETRY

It's how you listen to the birds  
at twilight and the sun has set  
It's the way you feel in the  
moming  
after the rest you almost re-  
gret

It's piercing the heart  
of someone you love  
With the painful confession  
to the lord up above

It's allowing your thoughts  
and your pen to connect  
only to create what your mind  
has set

Gather your feelings you've  
cast aside  
and take your readers on a  
mystical ride

The words may not appear  
quickly for some  
But when they come to a halt  
don't drop your pen and run

Just tuck the pen snugly be-  
hind your ear for in the back  
of your mind is a notion and in  
the mind the Lord will retrieve  
an intellectual lyrical potion

Bylesha C. Mayes

### Crowns

Well the funny thing is  
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world  
she spins  
and my mind shimmys to  
other tomorrows  
benefit of sorrows but left  
are the more splendid  
versions  
of everyday living things  
I tell you now that I am  
alive and can't tell you  
any other things  
She breathes this life  
and she sings a swinging  
tune  
that no other can hear  
she is near  
I am here

By Christopher Estep



Continued from front page

said, "that at a crossroad in decision making it's well to remember the two rules that are involved. First of all know where you want to go, but even more important to understand and appreciate the obstacles that stand in your way."

Meese delineated three issues; where our country is today, how we got here and where we should be going.

"Last month in a nationally syndicated column," Meese said, "a former Assistant Secretary to the Treasury, Paul Craig Roberts, talked about the unique climate for good decision making that we Americans have today. We have the rare opportunity to deal with major problems before they deal with us. Real political leadership would seize this moment of opportunity."

The United States is in an excellent economic position. Business has responded to the incentives that President Reagan put into the economy and the re-structuring have restored U.S. productivity and competitiveness in world markets.

"Inflation is low, employment is high, exports are up, the budget is balanced and we have a few years of breathing room." Meese commented from the report, "breathing room to make the necessary changes to produce a better decade in the future."

For over 50 years, from the end of World War II, the world itself had moved in the direction of more powerful government, greater intrusion by government in the lives of citizens and there was a trend toward Socialism in economic affairs that permeated virtually every continent of the world.

Meese refereed to a new book, *Commanding Heights*, named after a 1922 speech by Lenin in which he told his Communist comrades that the new Soviet state would have to control the most important components of the economy, which he called the *Commanding Heights*. The philosophy was adopted in various forms throughout the world for the next 50 years.

In the United States increasing government regulation began in the 1930's with the Depression, followed by World War II and Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal. It continued even down to Richard Nixon's experiments with Wage and Price controls in the early 70's.

In Britain and Europe, nationalized companies and state planning were key elements of the political and economic landscape until, at least, into the 1980's.

Likewise in Asia, particularly with Japan, state-centered mercantilism in which the government made industrial decisions and pushed their exports has only recently begun to subside in that country.

"Political leaders, until fairly recently," Meese said, "were obsessed with using government as the primary element in terms of determining how the economy operates with very little attention or opportunity given to private enterprise and to freedom of economic markets."

20 years ago, toward the end of the 1970's, you could find Republicans and Democrats, Conservatives and Liberals, many pundits were writing books and magazine articles agreed that Socialism was the wave of the future. Democracy and peace were on a down-hill course.

"In the United States," Meese said, "we were at a time of crises in terms of our economic situation, in terms of national security and in terms of our position in the world. Within our country we had the worst economic chaos that we had seen since the Great Depression of the 1930's."

In 1980 interest rates were at 21 percent or more. Inflation was at 12.5 percent and unemployment was at 10 percent. The Arab oil cartel imposed an embargo which led to gasoline rationing, last used during World War II, but for altogether different reasons.

"Our Armed Forces," Meese said, "had deteriorated during the 1970's to a dangerous point where our ability to defend the country was in jeopardy."

50 percent of the so called 'all voluntary' military had or were using illicit drugs. The quality of recruits was distressingly low. The Soviet Union took advantage of our situation by marching into Afghanistan and subverted the governments of Angola, Croatia and El Salvador using mercenaries. Iran captured the US Embassy and held Americans as hostages for a long, intolerable time. The United States launched a rescue which ended badly and served to intensify Iranian demands for reparations caused by the American supported Shah of Iran.

"In terms of the economy," Meese said, "by reducing tax rates across the board 25 percent over a three year period."

Unemployment was reduced and family income was increased. Trading on the stock exchange increased.

President Reagan increased our military capabilities and strengthened our prestige in the world. Nuclear defense initiatives were put in place and our fear of nuclear holocaust all but vanished. Soviet aggression was halted.

"And so the question is," Meese said, "how do we build on this foundation and how do we use this opportunity to solve some of the major problems that plague our society?"

At the beginning of this country, most of governing was given to the states. That power drifted to the federal government since that time for various causes and reasons. President Reagan set in motion plans to reverse this trend.

"Let's look at some of our programs," Meese said, "in this country. What we might call the obstacles going back to our original story and how we can choose solutions that avoid the pitfalls of bigger government and less freedom. Obviously I believe that tax reform should be a priority target. Certainly this is something that I think to those of you who are students will become very relevant in just a few years when you join the work force. Today federal taxes as a percentage of our gross domestic revenue is some 13 percent higher in the budget that's now before Congress, the budget for the next fiscal year, than they were just seven years ago in 1992. Today a \$200 median income pays more in federal, state and local taxes than they spend on food, clothing, transportation and shelter combined. That's why it's often the case that one earner is really just earning the money to pay the taxes and the other is having to earn the money to support the family."

The tax system that collects the taxes is outmoded, unfair and unduly complex. An article from *Fortune Magazine* stated that the IRS over-bills taxpayers \$5 billion each year. What is worse is \$8 billion spent by taxpayers for professional help when filing. Before 1913, there were no income taxes or forms to file. The first tax package consisted of one form and the income tax law was 14 pages.

There are 9,421 pages in the current tax law and the total number of forms in use is 230.

In the 1970's, former President Carter called the IRS a disgrace to the Human race.

"What we need is tax reduction across the board," Meese said, "Not tax reduction that says we're going to give a little bit for this purpose or a little bit for that purpose, but across the board tax reductions. So that the over-all tax rate will be less. The interesting thing is that when that was done in the 1980's, the actual tax revenues doubled in a period of six years, because as people no longer had to conform their spending decisions and their investment decisions to what the tax code required, but could make their decisions on their own as to what was most economically viable; they did better because they earned more money and as a result the tax revenues at lower rates were actually higher than they had been before."

In 1980 we needed a larger Army because of the 'Cold War'. After the Berlin Wall fell, that need vanished, troop reductions and base closures followed.

"And yet I believe we've gone too far in reducing our defensive capabilities," Meese said. "Defense spending as a percentage of our gross domestic product has been reduced to 44 percent since 1991 and is now at the lowest level it's been since 1940."

"...because of the demands that are made on them today," Meese said, "and the lack of resources to do their job. We're dangerously close to returning to what was called a passive military force during the 1970's."

The United States has military forces on station in 100 countries, mostly there for humanitarian purposes.

Meese said that if two percent of the gross national product were placed in private investments and the current practice of paying out benefits for supplemental support were reduced, Social Security could be placed back on track where it belongs as a help for people who have retired from life's work.

"Many of our young people," Meese said, "don't believe that Social Security will be there when they reach the age of 65."