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to be 100 years
old, may the last
voice you hear
be mine.

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Goodbye
Ol' blue eyes

Calworks offers Job training at FCC

Rampage News

Fresno City College has recently been awarded a grant from the Fresno Work force Development Board to assist eligible students and graduates in gaining employment from March 1 1998 through July 30, 1998. The grant dollars will be use specifically for skills training, job search activities, on the job training costs and vouchers for clothing, tools, and other work-related items.

If you are a Fresno Country resident and can answer yes to any of the questions below, you may be eligible for this special program:

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Have you recently been notified that you will be laid off your job?

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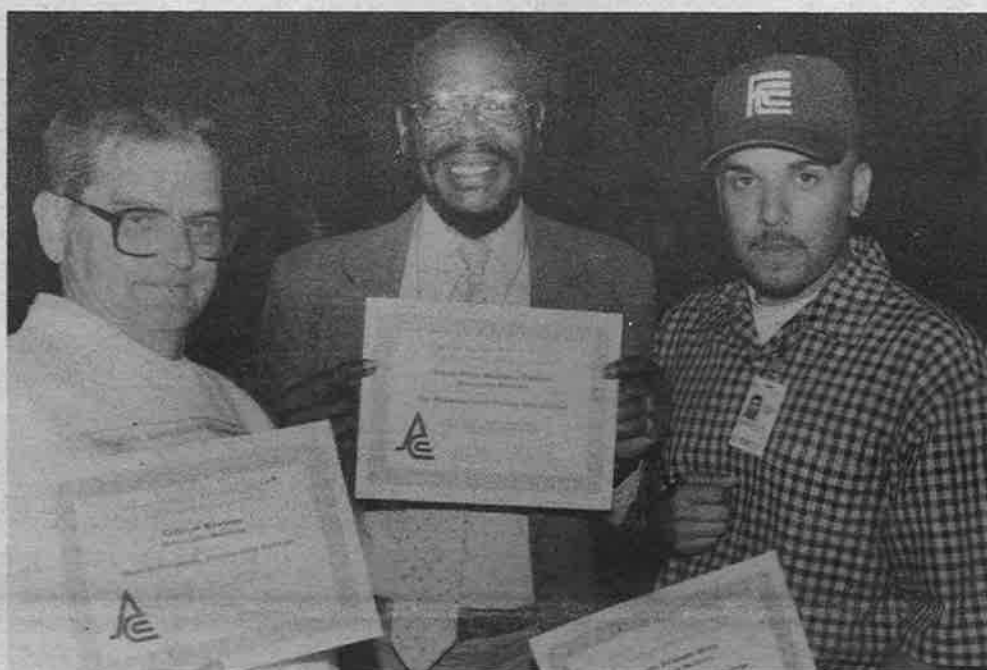
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If you think you qualify for this program, please call Gema or Sandy at the CalWorks' office 442-8287; or Dale at the Job placement Center 265-5727

Rampage honored at JACC



James Wilcox receiving honorable mention for critical review award to Alan DeCoronado, Luqman Haqq receiving front page design/layout for tabloid on behalf of Rampage staff and Eric Mendoza received his award for sports feature story.

photo by Samuel Yuk

James Wilcox
Staff Writer

More than 30 delegates, interested students, and advisors from community college newspapers throughout California and Arizona attended this year's Journalism Association of Community Colleges conference on the campus of California State University, Fresno on April 24, 25. Business Manager Samuel Yuk, Sports Editor Eric Mendoza, Entertainment Editor Scott Cropper, and Staff Writers Janetra Ann Johnson and James Wilcox accompanied Editor-in-Chief Luqman Haqq to represent Fresno City College's Rampage and to see who would be named the 'best of the best' in newspaper and magazine journalism.

Delegates began signing in at the Satellite Union lobby at 12 noon, then socialized with other college delegations or attended various seminars to improve their news-gathering or news-writing skills. The seminars concluded by 2 p.m. and all delegates returned to the Satellite Union for the first General meeting.

The keynote speaker at the meeting of the J.A.C.C. conference was Paul McMasters who serves as a First Amendment Ombudsman (political trouble-shooter) for the Freedom Forum based in Arlington, Virginia. McMasters' speech also served as the news, news photo, editorial, and editorial cartoon competitions of the conference.

The delegates attended the remaining seminars and news-gathering contests for the day, lazed around the lobby or outside, investigated the virtually deserted CSUF campus, or attended Don Ray's lecture on adding color to feature stories in the Satellite Union's hall.

Dinner was served at 6 p.m. in the Residence Hall Dining Room of CSUF were delegates enjoyed a buffet of thinly-sliced Tri-Tip, mixed Green salad, Rice pilaf, dinner rolls, and iced tea or coffee.

Colleges attending this year's conference had mailed-in published works from their school's newspaper or magazine 1997

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Wood resigns as basketball coach

After two successful seasons as Fresno City College's women's basketball coach, Karen Wood leaves for career in high school administration.

By Eric Mendoza

Rampage Sports Editor

The full-time years of teaching and counseling at local area high schools have all added up, and for 57 year old Karen Wood, the benefits for life after work need to be taken care of.

Citing financial reasons, Wood resigned on May 7 as Fresno City College women's head basketball coach and part-time physical education instructor — effective at semester's end. Just days after a routine meeting with the FCC Athletic Department, Wood, a central valley area coach for 33 years, stunned everyone close to the program, by stepping down after back-to-back Central Valley Conference championships — for an administrative consultant position at Caruthers High.

"It's purely, 100% economic reasons why I'm taking the job," Wood told *The Rampage*. "One thing that I've learned is that I can't live on retirement [benefits]. Last month I just came to realize my financial situation and I have to recoup my losses. I was really looking forward to next year [at FCC]. It was a hard decision, because I was born to be a teacher and a coach."

Wood inherited a Ram program that was at the bottom of the CVC in 1995-96, and promptly lead an all-freshman squad to a school-tying 26 wins in '96-97. In both of her seasons, the Rams reached the Northern California final eight.

"I'm real surprised," said FCC athletic director,



Photo courtesy P.I.O

Former FCC basketball coach
Karen Wood

Ron Scott. "At the end of the year evaluation, she gave no indication that she wasn't going to come back,...she loves basketball and she did a good job here. I'm disappointed to see her leave."

The 1997-98 team went an undefeated 12-0 through the CVC, including 14 straight victories, before a playoff loss to De Anza College — just one win away from the state

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FCC students and teachers travel to London

By Richell Horder
Contributing Writer

Picture this... a group of college students traveling overseas to a foreign country where they will be immersed in traditions and a culture different than their own.

A group of Fresno City College students will be doing just this. They will be going to Kingston-upon-Thames, England in the spring semester of 1999.

On the southeastern outskirts of London is a scene from the old world England long the River Thames. The Royal Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames is the most attractive of England's 32 boroughs. It is steeped in traditions and rich in the culture of centuries.

"Part of education is to see the world. Broaden that vision and enhance that vi-

sion," said Mary Arechiga, instructor at FCC.

The program is sponsored by FCC and State Center Community College District, which each year sends a group of 30 students and two instructors for the semester. They attend the classes they have chosen and for transferrable units. Students can choose from Creative Writing, Reading and Composition, or British Literature. Students live with a British family for the semester to learn more about the culture.

"I believe the strongest component of our program is that students live with British families," said Arechiga. "Some students become part of the family, they celebrate birthdays and holidays with them. There is a real bond that grows between the student and the family, some students keep in contact with their family and go back."

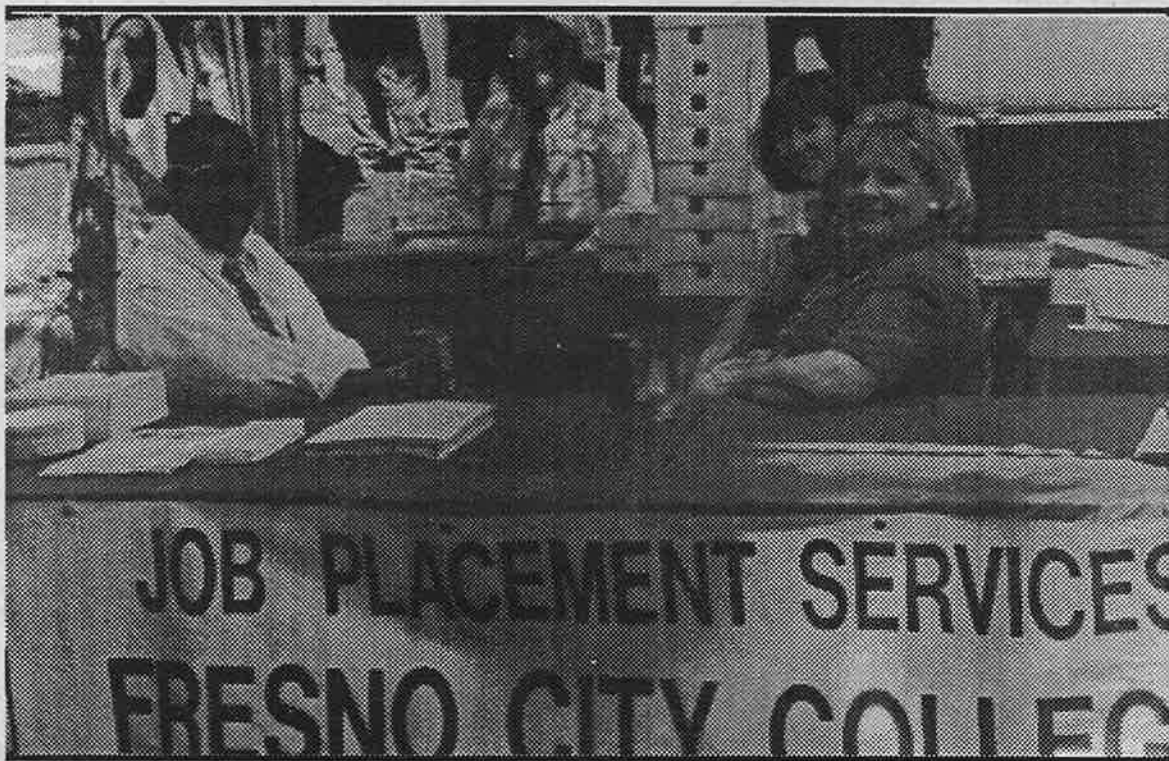
The program costs approximately \$5,100, includes round trip airfare from Fresno to

London, room and board for the entire stay, insurance and some field trips. During their stay, students will take field trips to art museums, cathedrals and the theatre, as well as Stonehenge, Bath, Avebury and Cambridge.

"Classes go from Monday through Thursday, making each weekend three days, allowing the students to travel through England," said Arechiga. "Some students have stayed longer than the semester. Once you're there, it's really easy to travel and cheap for the youth hotels cost about \$7.00 a night. We work with the students to help raise money for the trip, there are many ways to raise the money, it's a great experience."

Anyone who would like more information or has questions regarding the London Program may contact Mary Arechiga at 442-4600 ext. 8188 or Jerry Bill at ext. 8348.

Students get help finding jobs at the Job Fair



FCC Job Placement staff organized job fair.

By James Wilcox
Staff Writer

Why a job fair? What does it do for the students looking for that summertime job to help pay for the books to make going to school next semester easier? Does it help a graduate from Fresno City College get that all important first job?

Questions of the first magnitude these days and all were provided a positive response at the Job Fair. Entry-level jobs have become almost an anomaly with the advent

of the computer, rapidly advancing technology, and all too frequent employment declines that punish the unwary worker or student in the most hurtful of places; their wallets.

"Most schools have them to encourage students," Cary Boone Jones, Coordinator of Job Placement at FCC said. "To be able to connect with employ-

ers so that they will have an easier time at getting a job once they graduate or getting a job while they are going to school.

The weather was clear and the temperature outside approached 80 degrees, a dis-

comfort was felt even under the canopies of lush trees.

"We have not plotted the success rate," Jones said, "but we do find that the employers are extremely happy. They walk away with lots of applications at a store to fill future positions."

Students stop briefly at the booths, fill out work applications, or pocket them to fill out later and mail in. Some employers gave away small items that students could use in their classes: pencils, pens, a helpful refrigerator magnet with a calorie chart or a piece

or two of candy to sweeten the student's disposition. On both sides of the walkway from the University Mall to the Free Speech area were employers, all eager and ready to sign students up for new career opportunities. Taco Bell was looking for part-time employees as was a new employer called Chevys, based in Modesto, California.

"I'm not so sure," Jones said, "that they're just looking for part-time work from our job fair. A lot of these positions are offered for career positions."

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-Cary Boone Jones
FCC Job Placement Coordinator

Accounting and entrepreneurial careers were strongly represented, but a few new faces were seen on campus for the first time.

"Actually, they have increased and they have gotten better every year. We make sure that the ones that actually hire our students are the ones that are asked."

Classes were letting out for lunch and the student thronged around the booths, access to prospective employers became more difficult and time consuming for students.

Photo by Samuel Yuk

"We have one in the Fall," Jones said, "that I retail mainly for Christmas jobs and we have this one in the Spring that's our bigger one that we open up to all employers that would have jobs for students and graduates."

Some of the employers were packing-up, getting ready to leave as 3 P.M. approached. Their job for the day being completed. The daytime students were leaving for home, most were satisfied with the information and job possibilities they had just received.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for Fresno City College," Jones said, "To take advantage of these employers being right here, because they want to be here. They want to recruit our students."

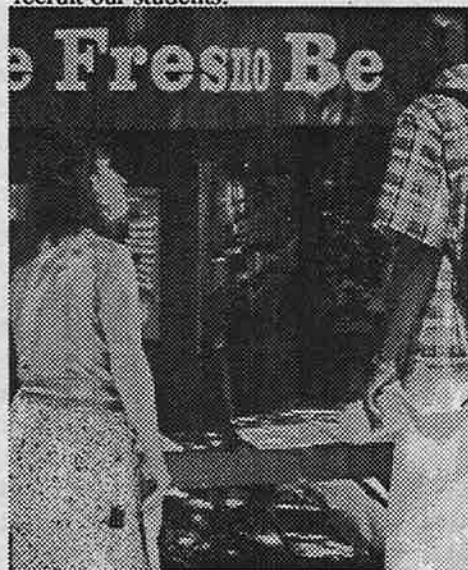


Photo by Samuel Yuk
Fresno Bee staff recruiting FCC student at recent job fair.

POLICE LOG



MAY 1998

■ May 8, 1998 (9:30 a.m.)—Police reported to the library where a student was asked to leave for being disruptive. A librarian reported that a student was cussing and being disruptive during a freshman orientation being held. The student was asked to leave without incident. Report taken.

■ May 7, 1998 (11:05 a.m.)—Police reported to the bookstore after a theft took place. A bookstore employee walked through the store when he heard sounds which he suspected was someone committing a theft. A black woman in her 40's apparently stuck a calculator into her bag, according to the employee. The woman had paced into the area several times. Police had no luck in finding the suspect who is still on the loose. Report taken.

■ May 5, 1998 (9:00 a.m.)—Police reported to the gymnasium to check on a disturbed female student who was attempting to kill herself. According to the report a woman was striking herself in the head with an umbrella she then followed by banging her fists on the pavement very hard. Then getting on her back and sliding backwards on the ground banging her head and body. The woman told the officers she wanted to die. The woman was studied by the psychological intern and taken to University Medical Center for Evaluation. Report taken.

Health Service First-Aid kits

Health Service is requesting any staff member having a first-aid kit belonging to Health Services to return it to our office for cleaning and restocking no later than May 21. We will notify you when your kit is ready to be picked up.

Congratulations Class of 98

Congratulations class of 98! You have made it to the top of the hills of the rough valleys by finishing Community College. Now you have to finish your goals by climbing the mountains meaning taking on the work force or going to Universities to further your education. Congratulations one more time on your achievements of finishing class at Fresno Community City College. Good luck on your future class of 98!

By a college Student

IMPRESSIONS FROM LIFE

By James Wilcox

Class of '98

Congratulations to the men and women who have made it through this final year of junior college. Maybe someone should change the 'junior' to blank spaces, leaving only the word college. It counts for two out of four or more years you'll be doing this and there's nothing really junior about that.

It takes care of most, if not all, of your lower-division general education requirements that most students believe are a waste of time anyway, but you knew that.

Time now for the last few classes, final exams, caps and gowns, cuddly teddy bears from your sweetheart, commencement practice in Selland Arena and, finally, the graduation ceremony itself on Friday, May 23.

The Rampage will sleep for a while during the summer, to buildup strength to charge into the next semester like the ram that it is.

Most of the students attending this semester will never finish their first year for a variety of reasons, but the option of returning in a later year is always there. Don't worry about what you failed to do this year. Come back later when you "feel the need" again to try to change your life for the better. College is always a change in

your life; good or bad.

It took me from Fall of 1965 to right now to graduate, but my graduation could have taken place back in 1984. I forgot or didn't know that you have to be evaluated by the administration before you can receive your A.A. or A.S. degree.

The cost is lower at a junior college. Hell, I remember when it used to be FREE.

It can't be free anymore with the changes in the economy, but to those who can't really afford it, Board of Governors waivers are always useful things to have.

By way of a reminder, if you used a B.O.G. for this semester you'll need to renew it for the Fall 1998 semester.

Sooo... What are you going to do this summer? Laze around on the beach at Millerton, the coast or a friends swimming pool? Go to Summer School (God! I thought you had enough of that) or work most of your summer away?

Whatever you do, do it safely, but even more importantly...enjoy it.

See you in the Fall.

With best regards,
Burt, Class of '98

College life

College is a place to learn and find new lovers and forge, life time friendships, also discover who we are, what we want to be, and many more aspects of life.

Everything we do and discover here in college is another step towards changing our world for the better.

Being in college gives everyone an equal opportunity to making a difference, no matter of sex, or race, or disability.

It's up to us to make choices in what we want to do. The teacher's are here to guide us through the path we choose. They help us learn and understand that we can do anything we put our mind to, they help us find our limitations and how to achieve our highest goals.

Being in college has giving us a chance to do what we never though possible. Everything we need is right here at our fingertips.

So lets take what is offered and shoot for the star's. Good luck with the path's you have chosen.

- By Shasha D Jones

Attention FCC Administration:

I have been a student here at FCC for a number of years. I have noticed that the wheelchair lift constantly breaks down and is unsafe. Speed the process of getting an elevator in the bookstore, and in the meantime, find alternative sites for the upper level offices in that building. The wheelchair lift just won't cut it. Disabled students, such as myself, are always at a crossroad whenever we need to use that life to go to one of these upper level offices because of the constant problems with that wheelchair lift. In fact, one student almost fell off of the lift and could of seriously gotten hurt or even killed when it made a sudden stop. This has happened to me, too. Lives are at stake here, people! Shouldn't that be reason enough?

LETTERS TO



THE EDITOR

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National debt as of 5/15/98 is:
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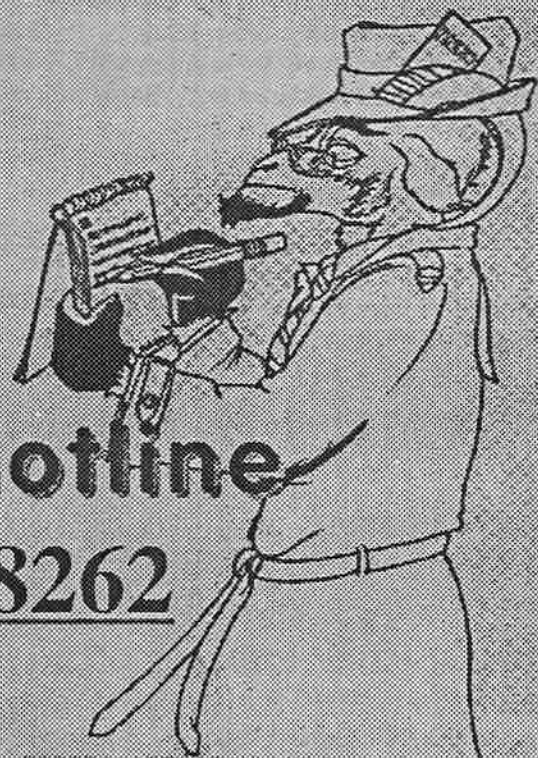
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FCC Instructor retires in Fall 1998

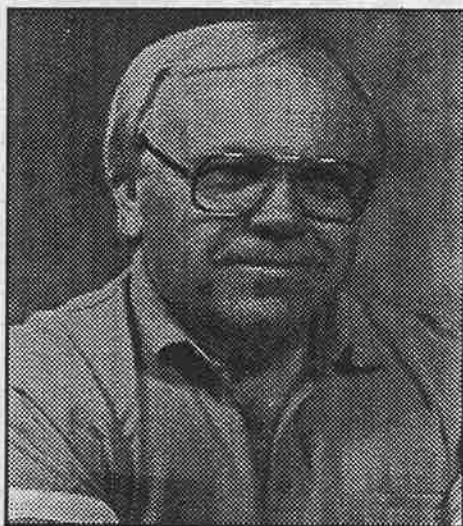


photo courtesy PIO

Allen M. Coleman
Staff Writer

Although he may have chosen a career in the U.S. Air Force Reserves flying Air to Ground Support Fighter Jets, the past 23 and a half years teaching geography at Fresno City College seems very memorable for Dr. William Templer.

Templer, a physical geography teacher and climatologist will teach his final classes at FCC in the fall of '98. Templer says encouraging students to be objective in learning environmental issues is very important, especially in the contemporary world, where these issues are critical.

A brief moment of silence fell over the empty laboratory where we both sat and briefly talked about his teaching career and life experiences in the Air Force Reserves.

"I would say the intellectual interaction with students is always fascinating and interesting," Templer said.

After all teaching appears to be no easy task, whether it be here on such a culturally diverse campus, or any other college campus in the world. Dr. Templer without a doubt would probably agree. For those students who know him, probably wouldn't hesitate to tell you that he often sheds new light on issues dealing with "Global Warming."

"The contemporary issue of 'Global Warming' is very interesting, even though a chore to keep up with. It is well worth the effort," he said.

Templer is a native of Iowa, and a graduate of Drake University in

Des Moines. He received his Masters of Arts Degree at San Francisco State University in 1970, and his Doctorate Degree in Physical Geography and climatology from Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana in 1974. His wife Anna is an elementary school teacher who spends much of her time shaping young minds. He also has two daughters, Andrea and Julie who are both currently enrolled in college.

After receiving his Doctorate from ISU, Templer stayed on at the university and taught physical geography for one year. He arrived at FCC in May of 1975.

"It was extremely difficult in achieving a Doctorate Degree, very stressful," said the Professor.

Templer has met many challenges in life. He is also a retired United States Air Force Reserves, Lieutenant Colonel (Senior Pilot), is very familiar with all types of aircraft, such as the F-86, F-89, F-102, and most notable, the F-100 with the Indiana Air National Guard, 181st Tactical Fighter Group. After graduating from the Air Force Aviation Academy in Del Rio, Texas, Templer was commissioned as a Lieutenant and received his flight wings in 1956.

I asked Templer about what he remembered the most about flying, at first he said, "I have great memories of flying, ... There are good memories with times of extreme panic."

Flying an aircraft seems exciting and stressful, and it probably is, but Templer met the challenge. As his retirement date approaches, he says he plans to take advantage of travel opportunities and see the world, and when asked about who or what inspired him to become a teacher.

Templer was surrounded by scholars during his eight year tour from 1954-1962. "My experiences in the service inspired me to become a teacher. I was influenced by educators, and I set my goals on school."

Templer can be best described as a high achiever and mild tempered teacher, who often spends extra time with students explaining issues about the earth surface, climate and the world we live in.

"My 23 and a half years teaching at FCC has been most enjoyable. I will have fond memories of these years," said Templer, as he smiled and prepared for his next class.

FCC Attends San Diego Model United Nations Conference

By Allen M. Coleman

On April 25, fifteen Nations assembled at the table during the California Model United Nations San Diego Conference, hoping to reach an agreement concerning the use of UN Peacekeeping Forces around the world, the patrolling of the corridor near Golan Heights between Syria and Israel, and expansion of a sixth permanent seat on the UN Security Council.

Nine Fresno City College students were among 140 students, 22 colleges, universities, and several high schools participating in the one day conference. Most notable universities attending the conference were: The University of Southern California, University of California Los Angeles, and Occidental University.

The conference was structured in three phases. The first phase consisted of the UN Security Council dealing with issues on Europe and Middle East affairs. Negotiations were brought to the table on whether or not heavily armed UN Peacekeeping Forces would be allowed to occupy the demilitarized zone along the border of Israel and Syria near the Golan Heights. FCC Russian representative, Bair Badmazhapov used his veto power in a diplomatic way when UN delegates would threaten to deploy peacekeeping forces to patrol the DMZ in the region, which is key observation terrain for artillery use against hostile forces.

FCC three delegates for The Organization of American States were Jeff Cory, Karla Vargas, a native of Nicaragua, and Alice Haver, a native of El Salvador.

Phase II of the conference dealt with future expansions to the permanently held five seats. FCC students, Che Johnson, a representative of Po-

land and recipient of the Distinguished Delegate Award, who didn't hold veto power, and Timur Khamnawev, a native of Russia who represented the Russian Federation assisted Johnson in the bargaining and drafting of revised existing Article 23 Charter of the UN. The new expansion of an additional sixth permanent seat would be based on the country's economic power and past financial aid to the UN.

The third and final phase involved key issues dealing with negotiations on the use of UN Peacekeeping Forces around the world. Serena Law, a FCC student, who represented the Russian Federation, also received the Distinguished Delegate Award by taking a firm stand in negotiating Russia's foreign policies. Both Law and Christy Brown extensively researched Russia's foreign policy prior to the conference. Brown successfully assisted the two distinguished delegate during the conference.

According to FCC political science instructor Chester Faller, the students hard work and preparation prior to the conference paid off.

"Students prepared by using the internet pro-quest system located in FCC library. I was also impressed by the students participation in a fund raiser prior to the trip to San Diego," Faller said.

"All eight of nine students from Fresno were attending the conference for the first time," he said.

Faller said Stepanov, Badmazhapov, Vargas, Chamnayeve are all students who acquired English as a second language.

"I think all the students participated quite well. I was impressed by the students ability to take an active role in negotiations, writing resolutions, and public debate," Faller said.

Proposition 227 targets Bilingual Education

By Monserrat Montiel
Contributing writer

On June 2, voters will be able to decide whether or not Bilingual Education will be eliminated by Proposition 227, also called the "English for the Children" measure.

Filed on May 9, 1997 by Ron Unz, Prop 227 plans to eliminate all bilingual education programs in California.

Robert Arroyo, Dean of Students and Director of Fresno City College EOP&S said, "Prop 227 is an initiative that targets elimination of bilingual education in California schools."

"Proposition 227 outlaws existing language programs that are proven successes and mandates a state-imposed 'one size fits all' method of teaching children. language skills," said La Raza Unida Caucus of CalSACC.

The Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) believes that after one year students behind their peers academically, are transferred to all English classrooms regardless of whether or not they have mastered English.

"The term 'bi' in bilingual means two; some people mistakenly think that bilingual education only teaches Spanish, but obviously it wouldn't be bilingual," Arroyo said.

A leaflet distributed by the San Joaquin

Valley Association supporting Prop. 227 defines bilingual education as monolingual in actual practice, SPANISH-ONLY instruction, with English being introduced to children only in later grades.

According to MALDEF, the Unz initiative would eliminate required organizations and other measures that provide parents of children with limited English proficiency an opportunity for meaningful involvement in their children's education.

Proposition 227 will not save the taxpayers for its funding allocates an additional \$50 million per year to train tutors according to MALDEF, in addition, remedial programs will have to be implemented to help those who fall behind. As a result, school districts will need to spend more money recruiting teachers while the state will spend more money defending the English-only program.

If Prop. 227 passes, schools in California will have sixty days to implement this new method. MALDEF believes even with the sixty-day delay, its still insufficient time to prevent the disruption of limited English proficiency students' educational progress.

Bilingual Education today needs improvement, but it's NOT a failure. In every system some people succeed and some fail. If Proposition 227 passes there will be more failures than successes in the Bilingual Education market.

TUTORIAL CENTER SUMMER HOURS AND SERVICES

Free tutoring will be available to all Fresno City College students during the summer sessions: from Monday, June 8 until Thursday, June 25, the center will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and during the six-week session, Monday, June 29 to Thursday, August 6, the center will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Limited service will be available from 9:30 to 10 a.m., Monday through Thursday.

Drop-in tutoring will be offered for most summer classes — no appointment is necessary. The math lab will be located in the Tutorial Center this summer. The Tutorial Center is located in the Media Center, LI-134. For more information call 442-8209.

Dear Jazz

Dear Jazz:

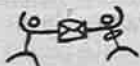
I am a 23 year old virgin. I have been on dates before and I haven't really found anyone I like enough to have sex with. Now, I may not be the most handsome man in the world but I have needs. I don't want to take this action lightly. I used to want to be married before I have sex, but now I am being ridiculed by others when the subject of sex comes up and I have nothing to add. I don't want to lie, but I don't want people to laugh at me either. There is this girl that has been kind of easy before, and I have had plenty of opportunities to sleep with her, but I just don't know what to do at this point. What should I do? I'm convinced that I want to sleep with someone, but I just don't quite know how to go about it. It just seems at times I am smart enough not to let myself get sucked in by the social pressures, but like I said, I have needs. Help!

signed, Virgin

Dear Virgin:

OK. I have carefully thought about your current problem and I have come up with some advice that you may not like. Sweetie, you do not need to alter your values based on what your "friends" say to you. If marriage is what you're waiting for then don't compromise your morals. It sounds

like you've been brought up well and you are a very respectable man. It's not too common that I hear of a 23 year old man who has not made love or at least had sex at least once in his life. You are rare and God has someone out there for you. You need not to worry about what they say they do. If you remember in grade-school many kids were saying what they did and with whom they did these things with; well the truth is most of those stories were false. And sorry to say, we have a lot of people who haven't quite grown out of that frame of thought. Not to say that your friends are lying to you, but just so you know, not everyone is doing it, so don't let that be the reason for you to start. Like I said, there is someone out there for you, and when you two find each other, you'll know it and you'll feel comfortable with her. Try not to look for her, let her find you. Sometimes it just works that way. Be patient and hang in there. Now, as for this easy girl you know, my suggestion for you is to try to convince her of the threat she is to herself and how she is being disrespected and devalued. If we didn't have such type females, then it would be a whole lot easier on the rest of us women who work so hard in being respected and still chosen by men.



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:

Dear Jazz
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Check-out Club Azteca



Courtesy of Curtis Gean

Top row Lt. to Rt.: Jose Iglesias, Yolanda, Leticia Canales (club advisor), Elvia, Leticia Moreno, Lissa Amavisca, Daniel Soto. Middle row Lt. to Rt.: Lola, Patty, Maria V., Esbadly, Esperanza, Ana V. Michel. Bottom row Lt. to Rt.: Carlos, Fernando Bernal, Armando H., Carolina Moreno, Della V., Luis.

In 1985, Club Azteca was founded by Jose Salazar, a former Fresno City College Counselor and a few students who wanted to organize a club that would provide an environment for first generation college students with an emphasis being on Mexican culture. Although, the primary language of these students is Spanish, the majority are bilingual. Currently, Leticia Canales is the Faculty Advisor to Club Azteca, she as continued with maintaining the emphasis on the exposure of Mexican culture as the goal of Club Azteca.

Club Azteca is an academic, social, and cultural club dedicated to students who wish to succeed while attending FCC. The meetings are held every Friday in the Senate Chambers from 12:00-1:30 p.m. The meetings are conducted in Spanish, in order to maintain and improve their native language. They welcome all FCC students who would like to join a club that has rich traditions and enjoys sharing those traditions with other groups. Membership is a \$3.00 per semester.

JACC

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ended no winners had been declared. Those winners will be announced in about two weeks.

Jim Wasserman, syndicated columnist for the Fresno Bee presented valuable information about writing opinion columns and George Flynn, Head of the Journalism Department at CSUF, taught

student journalists how to write headlines that grab and hold onto a readers attention.

Chicken Cordon Bleu, string succotash, and a mixture of wild and

domestic rice was served as the last meal of the conference.

The last assembly of the conference delegates took place at approximately 7 p.m., but the final event was not this year's scholarship/contest. A dance was scheduled to take place in the Satellite Union from 9:45 p.m. until midnight.

FCC won Honorable Mention in Front Page Design/Layout for tabloid, Allan Coleman FCC/CSUF won 4th for Sports Feature story, Honorable Mention, Alan DeCoronado for Critical Review, and Honorable Mention, Eric Mendoza for Sports Feature story.

Sife Win's Big

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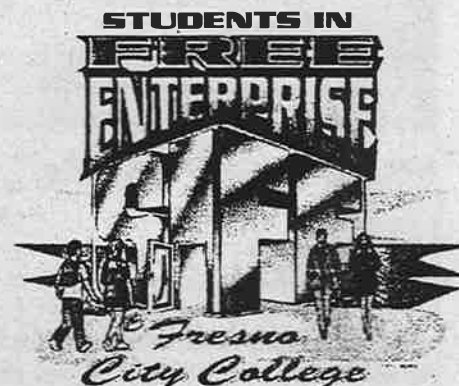
Scott Crooper
Staff Writer

Teaching concepts, skills, and the motivation of the business world is the first step, the second is to see how well they are used. Criterion #5 judges just that. SIFE have created opportunities to determine how much that student had learned. Students from ten classes in and around the Fresno area are now involved in the Reading Really Rewards (RRR) program. This six week project encourages students to "earn while they learn". Elementary students are rewarded with prizes such as pencils, books and a final pizza party for exceeding over 50 percent of their academic expectancy. Reaching over eight-hundred and eighty-eight students, parents and faculty, RRR had increased learning interests by forty percent. SIFE provided projects not only for elementary school students, but also for high school students. Their Job Shadow project have already allowed over fifty high school students to join with established business people and follow them around for a day. It provides students with hands on experience in the business of their choice.

Over forty projects are now and work and tens of thousands of dollars made from them, the judges maintained a specific criteria during the competition: How effectively did the students document their activities for their presentation, how effective their student documents were written for their annual report, How creative, innovative and effective were the students in teaching others of market economies, how well they taught others business operations (such as market need for a product and how to meet that need), how effective were their teachings of skills and motivation (like communication, technology and business ethics)

for the global market, if they were able to determine the results of each project and if they plan to continue those projects, and nally how successful the students were in utilizing their resources, which might by their Business Advisory Board or mass media, but not limited to those.

SIFE teams weren't just speaking out to the judges during the competition but also to the many businesses sponsoring them. Of-



fice Depots District Manager, Mark Sorum a new sponsor of SIFE was there to recruit future employees. He sees SIFE as an excellent tool for entering the business world. "It helps students to become strong academically, to be successful".

Some businesses have so much admiration for SIFE members that they will place them in higher priority for job placement. "We have set a long term goal at Radio Shack to fill all of our new management positions with Sife graduates. This is evidence of our belief that the leadership learned through SIFE is kind of leadership we want out executives to exercise," said Leonard H. Roberts, Tandy Corporation President, RadioShack.

The SIFE program is a continual learning experience for its members as well as those they teach. Third year member Ken Hockersmith feels that while teaching business to others he is also learning. "It's given me insight into the business world, and also gaining confidence in presenting to high powered people", said Hockersmith, now majoring in business at FCC.

A stroke of unseen luck came to the team when their visuals production ceased to work minutes before their presentation. Eliminated due to technical difficulties, FCC SIFE was still able to present themselves with confidence, accuracy and authority. It was their dedication and hard work that overall aided to their regional standing within the State Community College District. More than that, it was good business senses, not high tech convinces.

SIFE TEAM CAPTURES HONORS

Members fo the presentation team from Fresno City College/ Students In Free Enterprise won second runner-up honors in the division for 2-year college at the 1998 Hallmark. Cards/Students In

Free Enterprise (SIFE) International Exposition and Career Opportunity Fair held May 10-12 in Kansas City, Missouri. This places FCC among the top three colleges in the world. Teh team earned a trophy and \$3,000 in prize money.

African American Dance is for Every-One



African American Dance Troop

Photo by Samuel Yuk

Lugman Haqq
Editor-in-Chief

African American dancing is for everyone, it isn't limited to any one race. Many hear of this class and think that it is only for people of color, no that now the case in the class of Fresno city college dance instructor Dr. Nwanne Ontemenedt.

As I was visiting the theater art department at FCC, I was walking the halls looking for a news story for the Rampage. I wonder down to the base of that department and to my surprise there was my story.

The dancer of the African American dance class were rehearsing for there most recent production call 'Pedaling the Boat of Life.' as I walk in the class, what I saw was a Cultural Rainbow. Dr. Nwanne dancers is comprised of many ethnic groups.

I though this was a good thing because FCC is also a Culture Rainbow. I felt that this is a class that everyone should know about.

In talking to Dr. Nwanne he tales his

Rampage a little of his self he is from Nigeria North Africa he come to the U.S in 1952, he attend the Abada school of the arts in Nigeria. In 1977 he preformed for the World festival of the arts. "At that time I know by the incergent of my professors had given me that I would go out in the world and teach dance, so I come to Fresno in 1982 continuing my education at Fresno State after gaining a Master Degree in the field of education. At that time I started teaching at Fresno State in 1982." Dr.Nwanne said. His theses was on dance and self concepts. He received his Doctoral degree at San Francisco State, his studies there was on Multi-Cultural education.

When a person is in tune with the body he or she can do anytime, they can do math they can do English the can do all most any think when they our in touch with their body they our in touch with the mind dance builds self-esteem." said Dr.Nwanne.

FCC ASG 1998 Spring Leg Confab

Lugman Haqq
Editor-in-Chief

Recently in the beautiful city of San Diego California at the Hyatt Regency La Jolla. Members of Fresno City College

Association student Government (ASG) Clubs and Organization (ICC), representative's joined 1000's of student government members from around the Southern and Northern and Central Regions of

California, there are 10 Region representing now partaking in

CalSACC The California Student Association of Colleges (CalSACC) is the representative body and advocate for the 1.4 million students of California Community Colleges. It is the primary responsibility of the elected State policy Board to identify the needs and address the issues that affect the live's, said Pedro A. Chavez, outgoing State Treasurer, CalSACC.

Each year the 'California Student Association of Community Colleges', holds a Conference were 106 Community college come

together to produce this Conference that is design to promote awareness of issues students faces at there colleges and dealing with campus life.

This is a time where student share ideas on issues such as, being

a student Advocate, students Rights, there were workshop

representations, on Working with your Academic Senate, Political Empowerment of students, Working with your Student trustee, Welfare Reform, Caucus Meetings of many student Caucus, of which also meant on many issues.

As students of FCC board the school bus eager to arrive in San

Diego same students take along with then their homework, some had pillows and just sleep the hold trip. same tried to sing. And

this report talked with Sam, our bus diver.

Day one of the conference upon are arrival we got registered In by ASG advisors Craig Red and Gurdeep Sihoto our group was among on of the largest groups in attendance. After checking into are as-

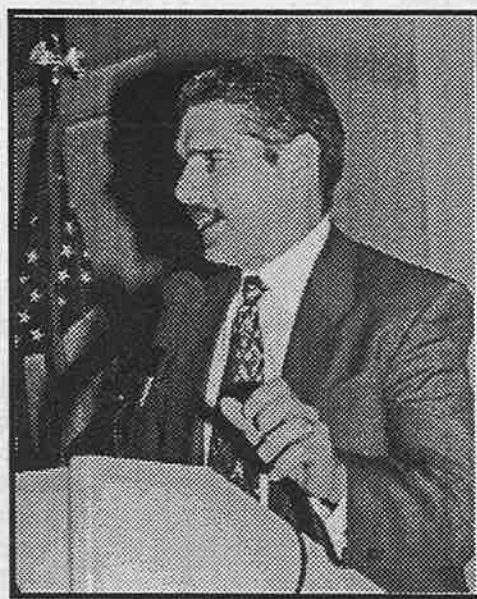


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signed rooms, some students got few hours rest and time to get ready for the moment many of us had longed for. The General Session Dinner were as the Keynote Speaker was Thomas J Nussbaum Chancellor of California Community Colleges Spoke to the attendees.

"It is a honor to be your Chancellor." said Nussbaum, in his

opening statement, as he put on his earring and put on his dark

sunshade he turned to audience and said "You are now looking at

the bomb". He said you have got to have an attitude in this

business there are three attitude needed: 1. Community Colleges

don't get no respect and we do all the work and get less funding:

2. Big College get lots of Funding and Press coverage. 3. The way students get treated in respect for government: A.

Trickle of

revenue: b. Student go to meeting and get discounted: C. Student

get ignored.

Nussbaum suggested that the Board of Governor's plain for the

year 2005 and that at the present time CalSACC needs Are: 1. A full time Executive Director: 2. Increase enrollment opportunities (state wide) 3. Increase funding we're below the national average. 4.

Need to put an index on fee entry. 5. Need to insure that colleges help students arrive at their goals. 6. Every student should be connected to the Internet. 7. Increase the number of transfer slots.

Wood

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"I'm super proud of our ['97-98] team for accomplishing tremendous goals," said Wood, who compiled a 48-17 record as FCC's coach. "I think the players all learned important lessons and a 14-game winning streak, and our biggest win, which was at American River, well...it's a real reward for them and I'm really proud of them all."

Wood, who currently carries three part-time jobs — as an FCC weight training instructor, a Fresno State tennis class instructor, and an administrator at Caruthers High School — says whoever the new coach is, will have a solid foundation. A 1998-99 schedule, including the annually tough pre-season tournaments, has already been finalized.

Three members of last year's

team have signed National Letters of Intent, including Aisha McGee (San Jose State), Nicole Cassapula (Menlo) and Jennifer Gray (University of New Orleans). Fresno State and Missouri State are two schools still recruiting Nika Holmes.

Only a few Ram freshmen have committed to return to FCC.

"I was real upset [after Wood resigned]," said freshmen center Katie Scott. "That was my coach. I told her that me and K.K. [Butler] would finish it out with her for one more year. I was real upset when I found out."

"I'll miss them a lot, said Wood about her former players. "I'll miss coaching."

"FCC is full of wonderful people. Everyone that works there is real helpful. I'm proud of FCC sports programs, they're incredible...women's softball, tennis, track. This has been a great year. All the sophomores earned degrees and that's really important to me."

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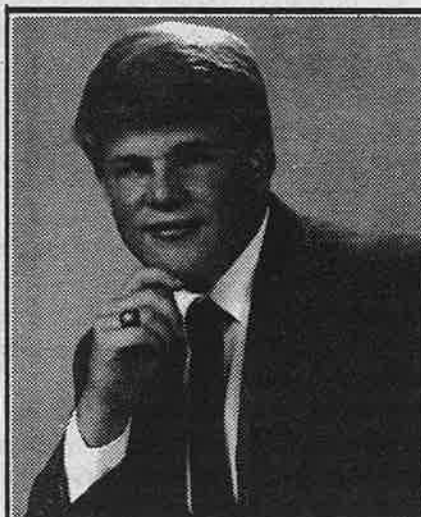
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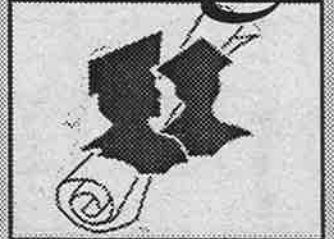
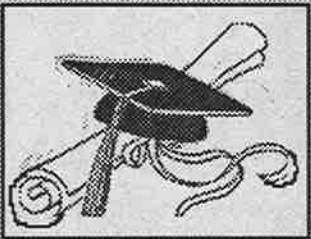
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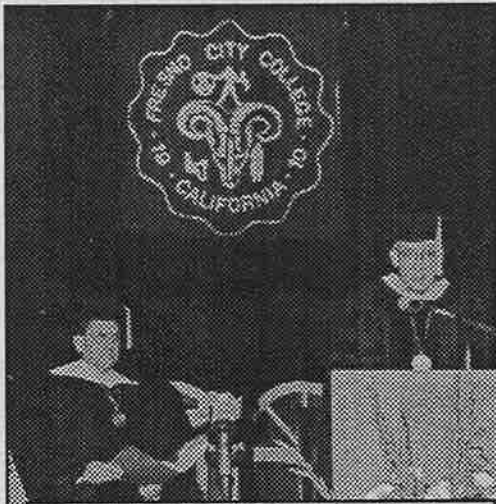
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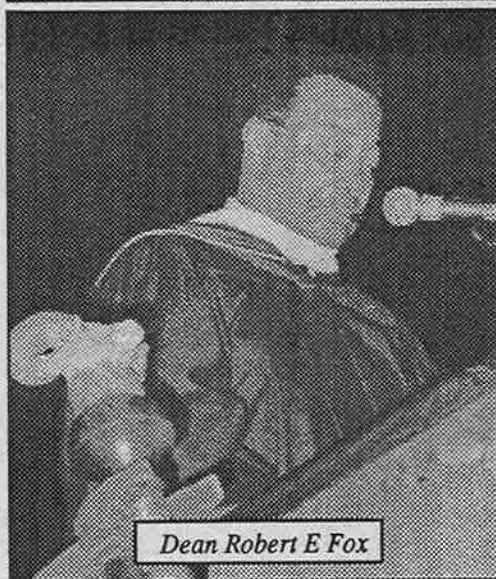
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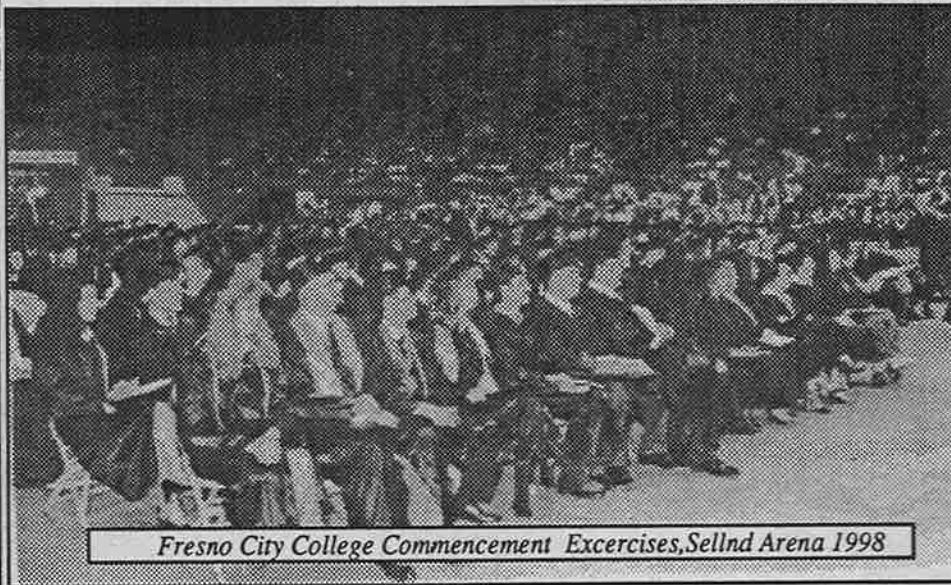
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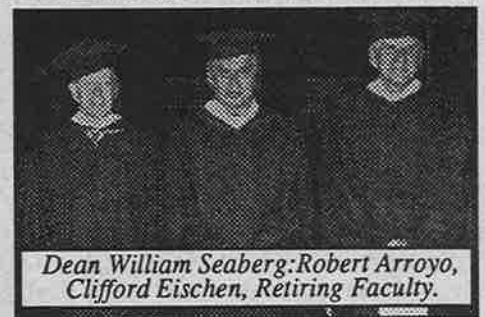
Kathleen Bonilla FCC Public information officer explains program to attendees



Dean Robert E. Fox



Fresno City College Commencement Exercises, Selland Arena 1998



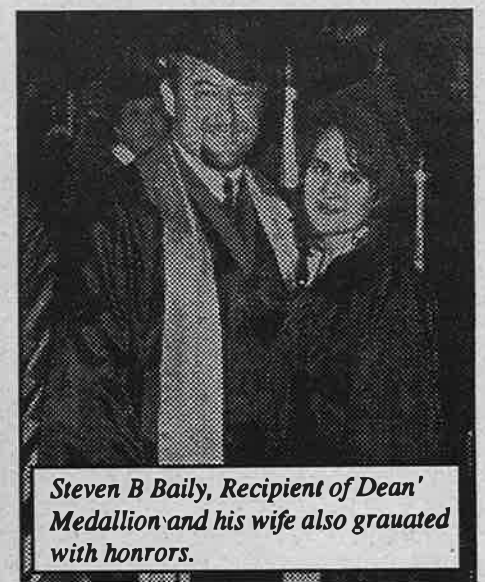
Dean William Seaberg, Robert Arroyo, Clifford Eischen, Retiring Faculty.



DP&S Student Janie Berard is able!



Pan-African Club president, Ali Shabazz



Steven B. Bailey, Recipient of Dean's Medallion and his wife also graduated with honors.



FCC Commencement Committee.

Rampage News

The Fresno City College 1998 Commencement Ceremony was held Friday, May 22, at 7:30 p.m. at Selland Arena.

The Commencement Speaker was Dr. Richard A. Kriegbaum, who is the Director Of Administration for the Fresno Leadership Foundation. Receiving the Distinguished Alumnus Award was Randy Rowe, the Principal of Buchanan High School in Clovis. Rowe received his AA degree from FCC in 1974 and was ASB President during the Spring semester of 1974.

About half of the 1,000 students receiving degrees participate in the graduation exercise. The degrees were presented by FCC President Dr. Daniel L. Laris. Congratulations were offered by Dorothy Smith, President of the State Center Community College Board Of Trustees, and fellow board member Phillip J. Forhan. Earl Myers, soloist song "Climb Every Mountain" and "The Star Spangled Banner" at the start of the ceremony. He also closed the ceremony with the College's "Alma Mater" and "Let Freedom Ring."

Robert Fox, Dean of Students, reading of the roll of Remembrance, honoring students and college staff personnel who have died during the past year, as a bagpiper played "Amazing Grace."

Six retired faculty members were selected to represent the emeritus faculty and they marched with the associate deans of each of the colleges divisions. The honorees were Len Bourdet, Health Sciences Divi-

sion; Russell Doyland, Business Division; Leland Edman, Technical and Industrial Division; Loren Gaither, Math, Science, and Engineering Division; Isaias Paz, Humanities Division; and Don Wren, Social Sciences Division.

Three current faculty members are retiring and were given Emeritus Faculty status conferred on them: They were William Seaberg, Associate Dean of Instruction, Robert Arroyo, Associate Dean of Students, Director, EOP&S since 1969; Clifford Eischen, Instructor

Dean's Medallions were worn by the outstanding graduates from each of the college's six divisions.

The following students are chosen by their Associate Dean to receive the Dean's Medallion of Excellence for 1998: Business Division, Saprina Abraham; Humanities Division, Steven B. Bailey; Math, Science and Engineering Division, Steven Friesen; Technical / Industrial Division, Tien Ha; Health Sciences Division, Kristine Hollquist; Social Sciences Division, Ramona F. Stocks.

Following the ceremony a reception for the graduates and their families and friends was held in the Exhibit Hall. Refreshments was served.



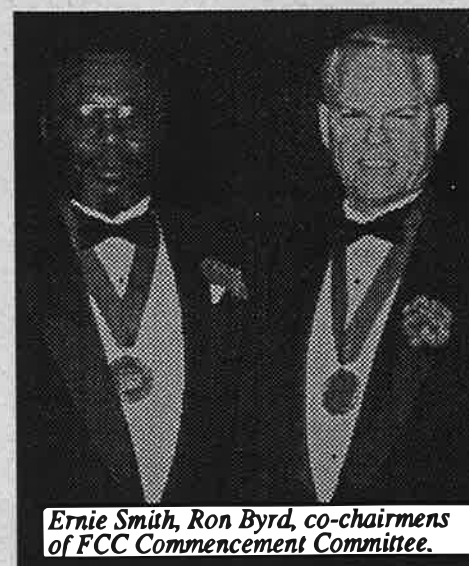
FCC Class of 1998 walking with pride.



FCC Class of 1998



Dean's Medallion Recipients 1997-98



Ernie Smith, Ron Byrd, co-chairmen of FCC Commencement Committee.

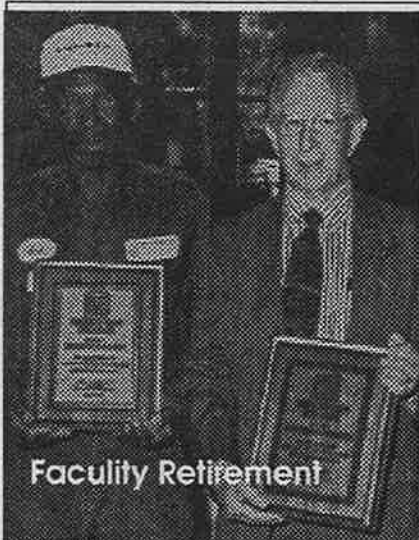


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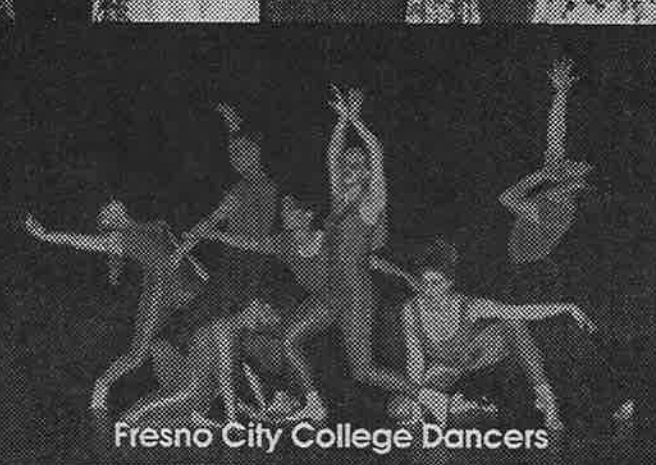
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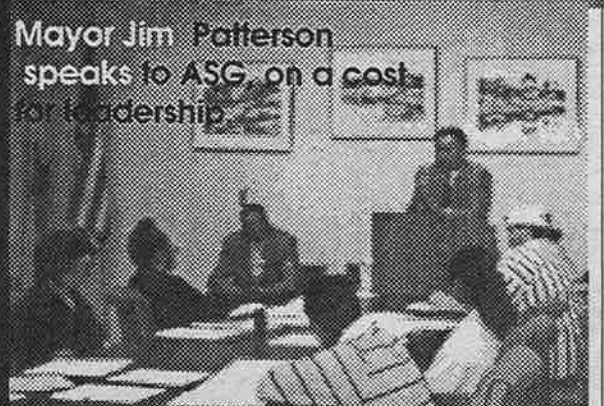
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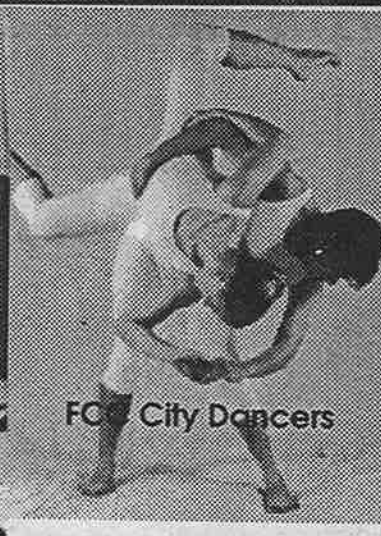
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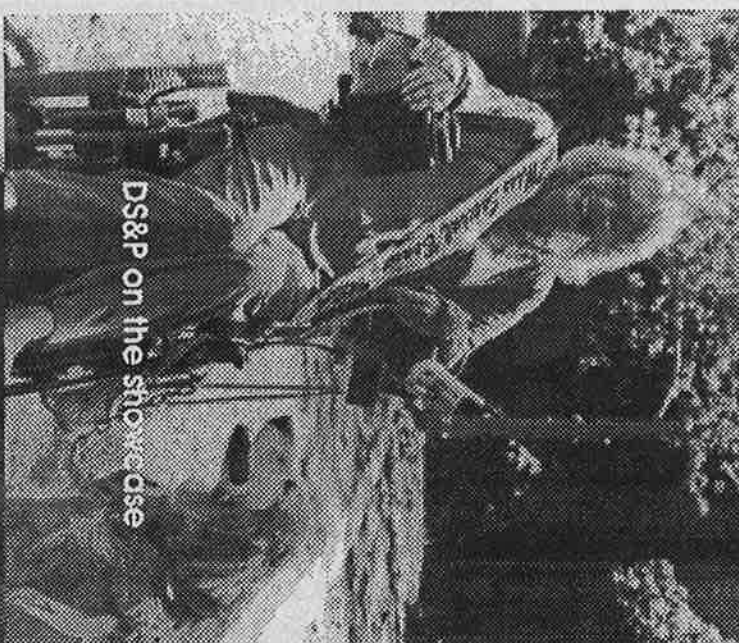
Cinco De Mayo Mariachi Band



DS&P on the showcase



Good-bye, Kathy

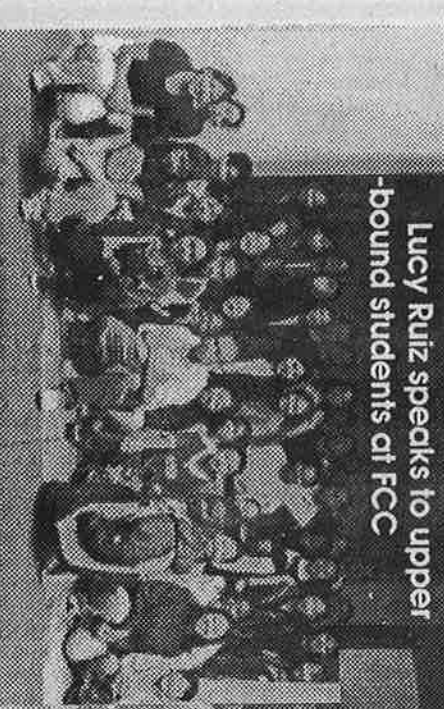


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Dean Robert Fox
Serving Ice cream
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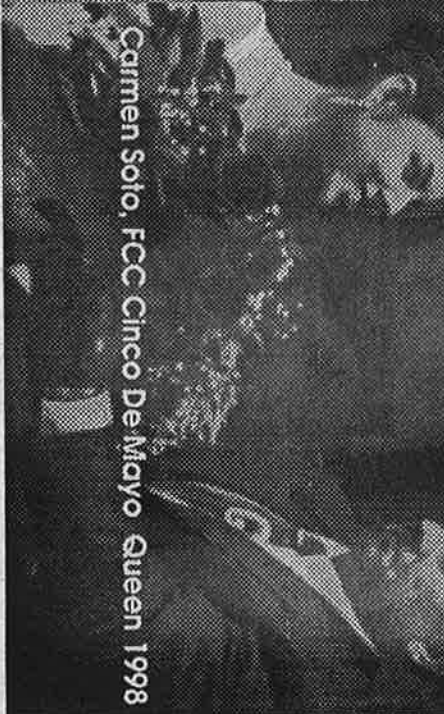
Paper Bear Blue's Band



Lucy Ruiz speaks to upper
-bound students at FCC



Club awareness day



Carmen Solo, FCC Cinco De Mayo Queen 1998

How ya' like me NOW?

□ After breaking the Central Valley Section high school hit-record at Dinuba and being drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 30th round of 1996's Amateur Draft, many think that Fresno City College freshman shortstop, Sam Lopez has played himself right into the top of the class.

By Eric Mendoza
Rampage Sports Editor

May 8 — While most of his college student peers are resting, or even fast asleep, from a long day spent at the job or studying for finals, Sam Lopez is wide awake with plenty more to do. All the more time to ponder on his near future.

It's 10:01 P.M., and on the eve of Fresno City College's opening round of the playoffs, the Central Valley Conference's Most Valuable Player is 35 miles away from Eulless Ball Park, beginning a one-hour interview holding his newborn son.

"I think it's the greatest feeling in the world, seeing your baby being born," said Lopez as he cradles little Samuel Jacob, at their home in Dinuba.

Moments later his fiance, Lorena, takes their six-week old child from his arms to be changed.

"At first I couldn't believe it,...he's really my child," said Lopez, who recalls the March 27 early morning when he cut his son's umbilical cord. "It's a great feeling. It's brought my fiance and I closer together. I think it's changed us. If I stay here at FCC for another year and don't sign [a Major League Baseball contract], we'll probably get married this summer."

Sources now say that Lopez could sneak into the top ten rounds of the June 2nd draft.

Battering-Ram

In reading FCC's 1998 baseball program, you'll notice that beside each player's photo is a small profile listing: name, hometown, high school, height, weight, etc. Eighteen Rams list their hobbies as: *fishing* or *hunting*. Sam Lopez's favorite hobbies? *Hitting* and *traveling*.

The Rams and pro scouts are happy that Lopez has taken the 40-minute school-drive each day, to post one of the most productive hitting seasons in FCC's rich-history.

"My first thought about Sammy, is that I'm really glad that he came to Fresno City College," said a smiling Rams coach, Ron Scott, whose team is (32-9, 20-4), winning its first CVC title since 1995.

To say that Lopez "shook off" the stigma that small town athletes can't handle the next level, would be an understatement. Try these numbers on for size: Lopez finished the regular season (against the toughest schedule in California, according to NorCal coaches), ranking first in CVC home runs (9), RBI (school-record 65), hits (76), at-bats (180), second in runs (46), and third in batting average (.422). If the Rams reach the state semifinals, Lopez could break FCC's season hit mark at 83, set by Chris Saunders in

1992. Saunders was drafted that year by the New York Mets, in the seventh round.

"I don't ever like to say, 'I-told-you-so,'" said Scott. "But before the season, I had a feeling that Sammy was going to break [the RBI mark], hit 10 to 15 home runs, and drive in 70 runs,...he and Saunders are the best hitters we've had here in my ten years. They're similar in many ways."

Not bad for a kid who hit just one homer and drove in 19 RBI during his senior year. But it was the 152-hit, Central Section season record that managed to gain the attention by his favorite team, the Los Angeles Dodgers, in the 30th round of 1996's draft.

"It's not what I wanted," said Lopez who believed that his nine-home runs — in four varsity years — was due to being pitched around in the Central Sequoia League.

"Everybody told me that I'd go in the top ten rounds. I think that my power numbers weren't good [enough]. I was like Barry Bonds," said the 20-year-old, laughing. "I was averaging two walks a game,... I had no one behind me."

But Lopez says (with another smile), that those problems quickly changed when he got plugged into the Rams potent offensive lineup.

"I got guys in front and behind me," he said. "Everybody has got the same caliber, the same potential. Everyone is equal, all the way around. [Teams] can't afford to [pitch around] anymore."

Everyone's close," he adds about his teammates. "I think that's why we're doing so good. Everyone responds to coach [Scott]. All of the coaches are great. All the guys...are a great bunch of guys. I've never been a selfish player. An 'I', or 'me' type of player. I'll give all [the personal records] up to win state if it was up to me."

Sam, I am

Sam Lopez's baseball career almost never started. His father, Sam Sr., wouldn't even let him play Little League, or any other organized sport.

"He didn't want me getting hurt," said Lopez, who said it was his mother who finally talked his father into it. "She was the one who helped me convince him."

And after Sr. saw his son play? "[My family's] looked forward to all my games."

Like many of his new Ram teammates, Lopez was a multi-talented high school athlete. When the bat was in the closet, Lopez was lettering in four years of both, football — earning first team all-league honors as a free safety — and in basketball — all-league as a shooting guard.

A baseball scholarship at Fresno State was waiting for Lopez this season, but with a 2.5 GPA and a long menu of test requirements still left to be taken, he felt no real urgency to apply yet. He also mentioned that FCC's tradition and coach (Scott) appealed to him and his family.

A self-described "clown", Lopez welcomes game pressure situations and wants his teammates to feel the same "kicked back" state of mind.

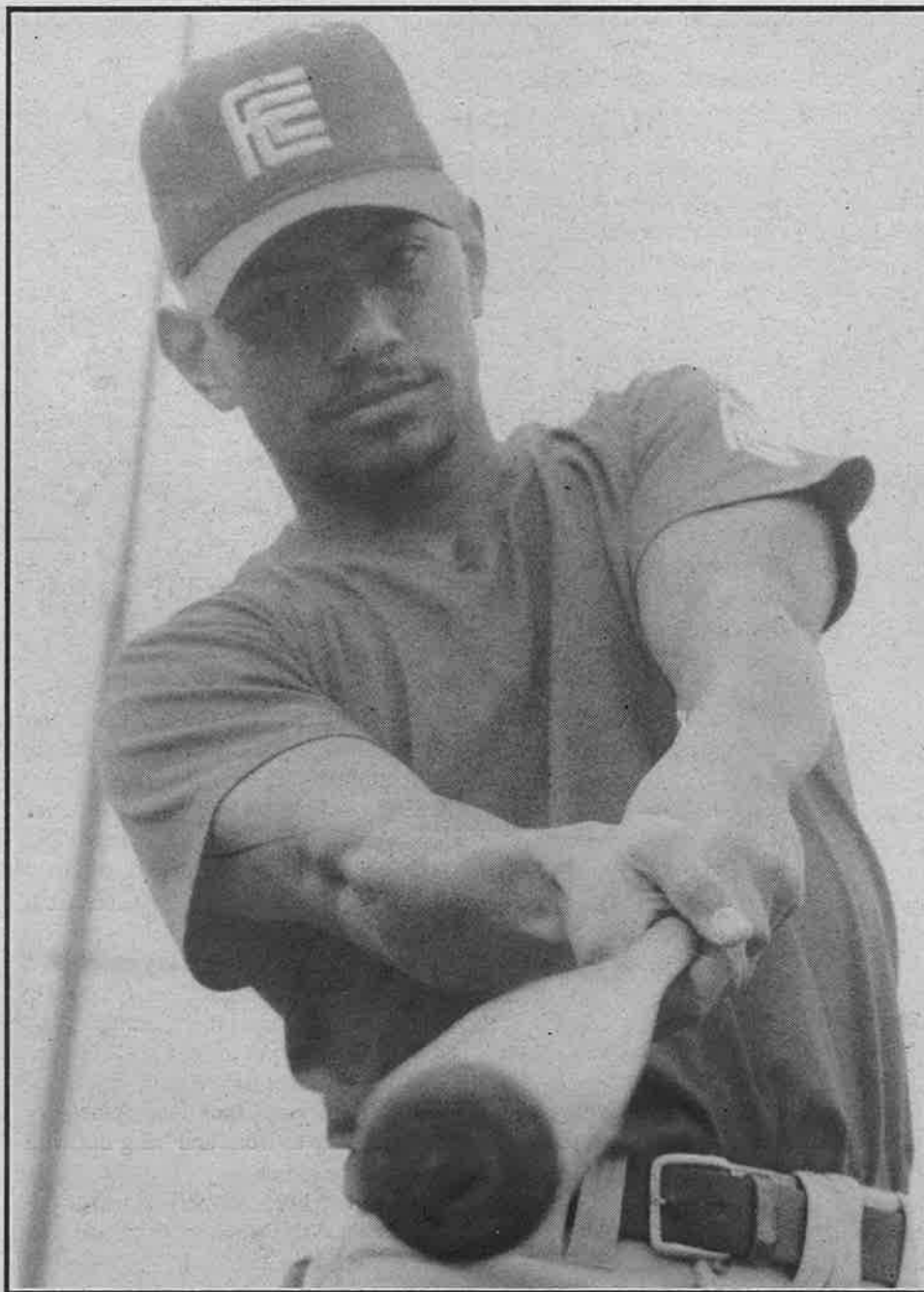


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King of Swing. Dinuba's own Sam Lopez has hit himself into the Fresno City College record books.

"It's rare that I'm quiet," he said. "I'm a funny kind of guy and I like to have fun. I don't ever let anything get me down."

"He brings a lot of energy to our team," said Scott.

Still, with all the records, and all the attention — the same kid who grew up idolizing Cal Ripken Jr.'s demeanor on and off the field, and the same kid who to this day, has never been inside of a major league stadium — he simply enjoys nine innings of fun. And whether it's at FCC or the minor leagues, Lopez says that he'll be playing next year without ever looking back.

"Sam has some decisions to make and we'll do all we can to help him," said Scott. "It'll affect his life. At his age, pro ball is pretty attractive to him right now."

Lopez is enrolled in summer school at FCC and also has dreams of one day earning his degree in education and becoming an athletic director, possibly in his hometown.

"My parents and fiance are behind me 100%," said Lopez. "They told me that if the [Major League] offer is too good to be true, then take it and don't worry about them. The pressure has never gotten to me."

The next evening — almost 24 hours to the day — at 10:41 P.M., Sam Lopez launched his 10th home run of the

season, enroute to a 4-hit performance, as the Rams scorched the Ohlone Renegades 25-1 in the first round of the playoffs.. With 5 hits in the two game series, Lopez's season hit total stood at 81 — with at least two games remaining.

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Q & A with "Ricki" and "Lexi"

By Abel E. Jimenez

In a word or phrase, describe Erica Vollweiler and Alexis Jennings is what *The Rampage* asked several players on the Fresno City College softball team.

On Erica, third baseman Amber Ott states: "Erica's a team leader," first baseman Brenda Lavell likes Erica for "Keeping the team spirit up and is always positive," while outfielder Julie Montague describes Erica as a "Cool cat who's essential to the team."

On Alexis, shortstop Karla Tovar sees her as someone who's "fun to be around with," pitcher Julie Shute calls her "a very consistent pitcher" and pitching coach Ralph Salazar describes Alexis as a "very competitive pitcher who expects a lot from herself." If softball were like professional baseball, sophomore Erica Vollweiler would be billed as the "Brett Butler" of softball, as she usually bunts her way into first base waiting for a power hitter to bring her home. Vollweiler finished the season as the CVC's Most Valuable Player, leading the conference with a .436 average. She also lead the team in hits (58), while scoring 27 runs and driving in 12. As a freshman, a 13-9 record and a 2.07 ERA earned Alexis Jennings the CVC's Most Valuable Pitcher. Not to mention driving in her share of runs this season as well, including a home run (those who say pitchers can't hit probably never seen Jennings play). Jennings pitched 142 1/3 innings and recorded 55 strikeouts to become the league's most proficient thrower. As the team prepares for the NorCal playoffs, the two "lady-like" individuals, known to their teammates as "Ricki" and "Lexi", sat down with the least inspiring reporter in the paper to discuss softball, the upcoming playoffs, and life in general. (This interview took place at the Rams softball field a day prior to the playoffs.)

Rampage: Congratulations to both of you on your individual and team achievements, how would you analyze yourselves as individuals and as a team as a whole?

EV: As a team, we came out strong wanting to win the CVC, as an individual, I did my hardest to help the team out and see what I could accomplish.

AJ: As a team, we knew we wanted (to win) the CVC, and everybody stuck together and helped each other out and picked each other up if we didn't play well, individually, I did pretty good, I had a good attitude this season, better than in the past.

Rampage: Describe this year's team from last year's team, Erica.

EV: Last year, we had a really good team, with this year's team, I believe our main goal was to beat what we did last year, make it to the state and I believe that we can do it, we're



Photo by Samuel Yuk

Teammates. Ram MVP's Erica Vollweiler (left) and Alexis Jennings, FCC's fearsome twosome.

more team unified, more unity this year.

Rampage: For being a rookie pitcher, you played like a seasoned veteran, how did the comfortability fit in with this team, Alexis.

AJ: I played with a lot of these girls ever since I was 12 years old on travel teams and I played against a lot of them in high school during league and it's a big change from high school to college, because it's a different level for the hitters are a lot better and a lot more powerful in college, so I had to work on my pitching and get stronger.

Rampage: When you're not playing softball, what do you like to do with your time?

EV: I'm a cheer coach for a local elementary school, so I try to work and hang out with friends and have fun.

AJ: I like to weight board and I like to go out with my friends and talk on the phone with my boyfriend who lives in San Luis Obispo and I also like to study and do my homework for I'm trying to go to Cal Poly (San Luis Obispo).

Rampage: Best game you played since playing for FCC.

EV: I honestly don't know, I can't remember. (Laughs)

AJ: Delta was good for the team, beating them in the doubleheader sweep was real uplifting, a confidence booster, and the game against Modesto, I thought I pitched a pretty good game, they didn't score any runs and the defense was wonderful as always.

Rampage: Toughest opponent you've faced?

EV: Delta was our toughest opponent, a lot of people think Sac (Sacramento) City is, but we just have a mental block with Sac City, we could beat them (Sac City).

AJ: I agree that Delta is our toughest opponent.

Rampage: The team that gives you fits.

Both: Sac City (Sacramento City)

Rampage: With the playoffs starting, what is your outlook?

EV: I think we can go pass Diablo Valley (their opening opponent in the playoffs) and Yuba, with Delta being the toughest, but we beat them (Delta) twice, so they have to mentally come out strong to beat us.

AJ: Delta's number two, we're number seven, so if we beat them, it will be a big upset, everybody believes they're the team the beat.

EV: We're the underdogs.

Rampage: If you two had a philosophy, what would it be?

EV: To give it your all, all the time and do what's best for the team, sacrifice (hit or bunt to get in a run) for the team.

AJ: You have to believe that you can do it and that you want to do it, you have to go there with a good attitude and know that you can do it if you're mentally prepared for it and you have to be focused.

Rampage: What does for the future hold for Erica Vollweiler?

EV: Hopefully, a ride somewhere, (Laughs) I'm interested in a couple of schools, UNLV, Sac State and UC Santa Barbara.

Rampage: What does the future hold for Alexis Jennings?

AJ: I'm interested in Cal Poly (San Luis Obispo), and San Diego State where I hope to go into teaching.

Spring brings more Ram success in 1998

Call it what you want, but the bottom line is: Fresno City College's athletic programs absolutely dominated the highly regarded Central Valley Conference in the Spring of 1998.

When all was said and done, the Rams had one of the most successful seasons in school history, claiming five CVC championships (baseball, men's & women's tennis, men's track and field, softball) and one second place finish (men's golf). All totaled, FCC held the No.1 spot for more weeks, than James Cameron's *Titanic*.

"We normally have a real successful Spring," said FCC athletic director Ron Scott. "I think we have good, hard working coaches at Fresno City College, because we have such a high metropolitan area, we should be able to attract quality athletes. I'd like to see us win championships in all sports one year... It's fun. We (Ram coaches) all pull for each other. We have good relationships with all the coaches. It's not like that at all other schools."

Post Season Honors

BASEBALL (CVC Champs 20-4; 34-9 overall*)

CVC Most Valuable Player: Sam Lopez, for.

CVC Most Valuable Pitcher: Jaime Cerda, fr.

CVC Coach of the Year: Ron Scott, 10th season

1st Team CVC:

Pitcher: David Campos, fr.

Catcher: Jose Cerda, so.

Infielder: Anthony Purkiss, fr.

Outfielders: Steve Woodward, so, Aaron Hoskins, so.

2nd Team CVC: P: Brian James, so, OF: Jason Papi, so, Utility: Lou Lamoure, so.

Honorable Mention: P: Trevor Gray, so, OF: Brent Gutierrez, so, 1B: Monte Prieto, fr.

SOFTBALL (CVC Champs 14-3; 30-14 overall*)

CVC Most Valuable Player: Erica Vollweiler, so.

CVC Co-Most Valuable Pitcher: Alexis Jennings, fr.

CVC Coach of the Year: Rhonda Williams, 4th season

1st Team CVC: IF: Karla Tovar, so, OF: Angie Bustos, fr.

2nd Team CVC: Jackie Reyna, so, IF: Marisa Martinez, fr.

Honorable Mention: P: Julie Shute, fr, Utility: Denine Jones, so.

National Fastpitch California Association Louisville Slugger Cal JC 1st Team All-American: Erica Vollweiler

MEN'S TENNIS (CVC Champs 8-0; 16-1 overall)

All-CVC Singles: Matt Kavanaugh, Heigo Karask, Mike Christensen, E t h a n E l i a s o n

Doubles: Kavanaugh/Christensen, Eliason/Jeff Lennon, Karask/Ben Keeler.

Calif. CC Men's Coach of the Year: Bill Wayne

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD (CVC Champs*)

NorCal Champions: Michael Kasahun (5,000 and 10,000m), Kedrail Terrance (100 m), E.J. Hill (Triple Jump), Team (1,600m relay)

*contests remaining at press time.

National Letters of Intent

Baseball: Steve Woodward (University of Texas)

Basketball: Aisha McGee (San Jose State), Nicole Cassapula (Menlo), Jennifer Gray (University of New Orleans)

— By Eric Mendoza
Rampage Sports Editor

Rams softball team ready for playoff run

By Abel E. Jimenez

May 7 — After a season plagued by El Nino, resulting in rainouts, the Fresno City College softball team stayed focused on their drive to capture the Central Valley Conference title. An eight-game winning streak included key wins over College of the Sequoias and Modesto Junior College, catapulted the Rams to a 30-14 record, clinching the title and earning a No. 7 seed ranking in the NorCal playoffs.

Coach Rhonda Williams is excited about the team's chances in the first round in Stockton.

"To win it all, we need to continue to play consistently like before, good defense, good pitching, good hitting, we just need to keep all those things going well all at the same time," said Williams.

With a team spearheaded by the CVC's

top batter Erica Vollweiler and pitching ace Alexis Jennings, the Rams will most likely be one of the teams to beat in this year's playoffs.

"Our goal is to make it to the final eight and most likely take home the championship," said Vollweiler. For Jennings, the key to winning the championship is "to continue to pitch very well and have a strong and steady defense ready to play, I'm really looking forward."

Other X- factors on the Rams' championship drive include pitcher Julie Shute, who recorded seven strikeouts in a 11-0 victory over Porterville to capture the title. Also, third baseman Angie Bustos, who as of late has come alive on her batting and speed to reach base — Amber Ott, Karla Tovar and recently revived Julie Montague will be key as they come off terrific regular

seasons into the playoffs. "We have a very talented team that could go very far this year," said Tovar.

In the last three games, the Rams gave up just two runs on eleven hits, and if the Porterville series is any indication, the teams in the NorCal regionals could be in for a dogfight with the Ram pitching staff and its defense.

Final Run

The Rams will start a four-team regional (double elimination) mini-tournament in Stockton against Diablo Valley and will play the winner of Delta and Yuba, if they advance. Eight teams (four from Norcal and four from the south) will advance to the California Community College State Championships on May 15-17 at Buchanan High School, hosted by FCC.

Summer Blockbusters to knock your block off

By Scott Cropper
Entertainment Editor

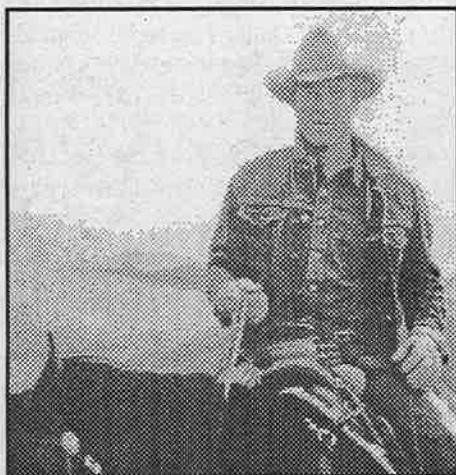


Photo courtesy Phil Bray
Robert Redford as Tom Booker

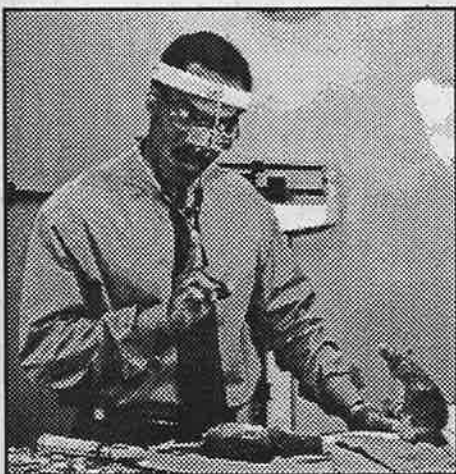


Photo courtesy Frank Masi
Eddie Murphy as Dr. Dolittle

Opening nationwide, Friday, May 15th, *Touchstone Pictures* presents, "The Horse Whisperer". Academy Award winner Robert Redford directs and stars in this romantic drama, along with Academy Award winner Dianne Wiest and Academy nominee Kristin Scott Thomas. A legend to cure troubled horses, Tom Booker (Robert Redford) is called on to restore a family emotionally and physically scarred by their own steeds.

Friday, May 20th, "Godzilla", the most hyped movie of the summer begins. Starring Matthew Broderick and Hank Azaria, *TriStar Pictures* brings this Japanese B rated cult flick again to the silver screen with the aid of computer animation.

Opening Friday, May 22, the self-loathed but highly recognizable 70's cult classic "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" will be gracing the big screen. Johnny Depp plays gonzo journalist Hunter S. Thompson along with his long time friend and attorney played by Benicio Del Toro go on a drug induced psychotic rampage through the city that never sleeps, in search for the "Death of the American Dream".

All your answers to "The X-Files" saga will be answered on Friday, June 19th. *Fox* presents David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson as FBI agents Fox Mulder and Dana Scully, uncovering hidden truths, while investigating a bombing in Dallas. Will this

conclude their five year search?

Digitally remastered for release, Clark Gable and Vivian Leigh star in "Gone With the Wind", America's tale of the Civil War will reenter the big screen on Friday, June 26th.

Released into theaters Friday, June 26, *Fox* presents a new twist on an old tale. Eddie Murphy is the amazing "Dr. Dolittle". The doctor, with the help of such stars as Norm MacDonald, Chris Rock, Garth Brooks and Jean Stapleton giving speech to the animals to find out what it means to be human.

On Friday, July 1st, the fate of the world will rest in the hands of Bruce Willis. *Touchstone Pictures* presents the action film, "Armageddon". Willis is Harry S. Stamper, the world's most foremost core oil-drill worker shot into space to destroy an asteroid on a crash course for Earth.

In the same vein as "Airplane" and "Naked Gun", director Jim Abrahams recreates what "The Godfather" could have been like with a comical-literary twist. Opening Friday, July 24th, *Touchstone Pictures* presents "Jane Austen's Mafia". Lloyd Bridges is the ruthless, sympathetic and world class klutz, mob boss/Godfather Vincenzo Cortino. In his remaining years he is torn with which son to pass his reign onto, the psychotic Joey (Billy Burke) or the war hero Anthony (Jay Mohr).



Photo courtesy Elliot Marks
Duchovny & Anderson as Mulder & Scully

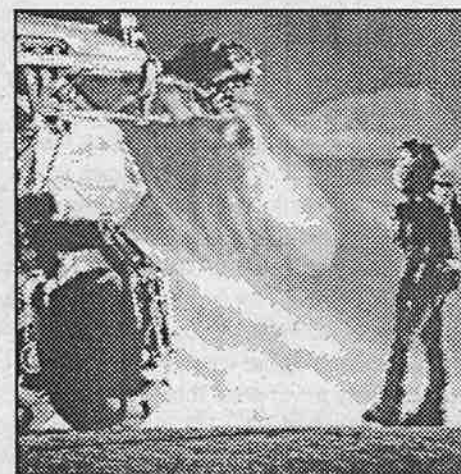


Photo courtesy Merrick Morton
Bruce Willis as Harry S. Stamper

WU TANG FOREVER: even solo

Wu Tang Productions & Razor Sharp Rec.

By Scott Cropper
Entertainment Editor

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Wu Tang Productions and *Razor Sharp Records* present for nineteen ninety-eight, Cappadonna, "The Pilgrage".

Counterpart to East Coast organization *Wu Tang Klan*, Cappadonna busts out in the same *Wu Tang* fashion, mid tempo beats and deep bass lines. Tracks "Slang Editorial" and "The Pilgrage", Cap brings to the mic a lyrical attack introducing himself, explaining his slang style vocals, track terrorism and givin' props to his *Wu Tang* affiliation, and the deadly "Killer Bees" sting.

Familiar more with the styles of West Coast rappers E-40 (The Click), Celli Cel and the late 2Pac whose styles change up tempos of both their beats as well as their lyrical delivery. Cap keeps a steady flow through out, but tends to stressed rhyming lyrics. This brings his vocals right in your face, but at the same time it tends to break up his flow and becomes more of a rhythmic spoken word instead of hard core hip-hop.

Being in with the *Klan* (Wu Tang Klan), they come to aid in this hip-hop

pilgrage. Keeping in the lyrical tempos and methods of Cappadonna, and true East Coast flava, Method Man and Raekwon throw down on "Dart throwing". Breaking the rhythm of the album *Rhyme Recca* appears to assist Cap on "Everything is Everything". This track is unlike the rest of the tracks. For one, the tempo is a bit more upbeat, not poppy, but faster beat overdubs its bass. Their lyrical presentation only matches it.

It's easy to get caught up in this tape. Though the majority of tracks aren't as creative as to what I've been exposed too, the steady flowing rhythm of beast and vocal styles keeps the listener in a constant groove. Unfortunately when breaking it down track to track, it becomes repetitive. A simple twist or two of a beat, the addition of a sample, or a looping horn is about the extent of adversity.

Cappadonna would be more for the East Coast enthusiast or for anyone that has every other *Wu Tang* production. The styles are virtually the same and *Wu Tang* slang much more diversity.

Fresno Art Museum

Calendar for May and June 1998
The Fresno Art Museum is located at 2233 North First Street, between Clinton and McKinley. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and noon to 5:00 p.m. on weekends. (209) 441-4220.

Opening Reception: Tuesday, June 30, 1998, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Dominic Di Mare:

A Retrospective. Jacquelyn McBain: Invocations. Olga Seem Apertures into Nature. Introductions: Fresno Artists, and Sculpture from the Permanent Collection. The reception is hosted by the women's League of the Fresno Art Museum. Summer Art Classes for Children: The Museum is offering excellent art classes for children June 16, - August 8, 1998. Call now for a schedule, 441-4221

Salon de' Refusee Misfortune

By Rampage News

I would like to thank you for participating in our new exhibition space. We feel that by offering a space devoted to College art students we are doing a worth while and valuable service in promoting the arts and creating an exciting venue for showcasing the talents of all participating artists.

This space is a non-profit establishment and will hopefully be a place where all students can feel welcome and enjoy the great atmosphere of the gallery. We are planning great things for the upcoming months and future. Plans are already being made for the next exhibition. Also we are hoping to have open studio sessions as well as classes to offer in a variety of media.

The opening reception was a great success. A quite large crowd of wonderful people showed up to inaugurate the new

exhibition space and enjoyed, socializing amidst food and drinks. This turnout highlighted the great support from the students and community. We feel we are pursuing a great vision in our efforts.

However, we have already suffered our first setback. During the morning of Saturday, April 25, the morning after the reception, we were the victims of robbery. Donation money was taken as well as our stereo, countless CD's and most devastating of all, 7 artworks from 4 artists. We are all in a state of shock as to this incident and are contemplating whether we should continue with our plans. The police were notified and a report was taken. A list of stolen items are being delivered to the investigators. New locks have already been installed. Artists whose work was taken are being notified. The residents of the neighborhood

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Bumper Stumpers

Last edition's question:

Before Leonardo DiCaprio in "Titanic", who shouted the words "I'm the king of the world" first? (B) Cassius Clay, who after his statement changed his name to Muhammad Ali. His full statement: I'm the king of the world, I'm pretty, I'm a bad man, I shook up the world.

This edition's question:

Which late Hall of Fame superstar crooned the lyrics: "I may be going to hell in a bucket, but at least I enjoyed the ride?"

- A. Jerry Garcia
- B. Jimi Hendrix
- C. John Lennon

Answer, next edition.

Nothing ever happens in FRESNO

In the Tower District:

The Tower District Marketing Committee is proud to announce the fifth annual **Fresh Cracked Crab Feast!** The event will take place **Sunday May 17** at GrandMarie's Chicken Pie Shop (861 E. Olive in the Tower District) with 5 Seating times: 12:30, 2:00, 3:30, 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. Tickets are sold by seating times. A \$20 ticket includes a full pound and a half of succulent, juicy, fresh-cracked dungeness crab, fresh-baked bread, crisp garden salad, home-made soup (beverages and gratuity not included). A no-host bar will also be available. There are only 650 tickets available, so get your tickets early, this event sells out quickly! For more information and where you can get Tickets call the TDMC at 497-8362

Good Company Players production, presents a theatrical production of Alfred Hitchcock's film "Dial M for Murder". Running Thurs. through Sun. until June 14th at the Second Space Theater, 2 P.M. Sun., 8 P.M. Thurs., and 8:30 P.M. Fri. and Sat. Tickets are \$10 and \$12. The Second Space Theater is located at 928 E. Olive Ave. 266-0660. All Ages.

SKA SKA SKA: The Skeptics, The Maroons, The Marvels and Los Hooligans will be performing Fri. May 15th at Buchanan High School, 7-11 P.M. \$5. in advance and \$6 day of show. 1506 N. Minnewawa. 298-3062. All Ages.

Fresno's Flipside and Rasta Led Zeppelin tribute band **Dread Zeppelin**. May 15th at Club Fred. 1426 N. Van Ness Ave. \$10 233-3733. 21 and over.

Mexican: **Ruben Y La Nueva Onda**. Lil' Texas Niteclub, 2250 N. Weber Ave. \$5. 485-4818. 21 and over.

Disco Inferno at Jax House. Thurs. 9 P.M. 1145 N. Fulton St. \$3. 264-7646. 21 and over.

Suds in the City. Central California MicroBrewery and Music Festival, Sat. May 16th from 4-10 P.M. Eaton Plaza at the Fresno Water Tower, downtown. \$15 in advance and \$20 day of event. Tickets, 264-5521, 224-5100 or 733-2967. Info, 490-9966.

THE SITTING RAM

By Eric Mendoza
Sports Editor

"HE GOT GAME"

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It's amazing what movie critics are giving "thumbs up" these days. I guess they're just desperate to see anything that doesn't involve an ocean or spacecrafts. And that goes to the paying public as well, those who have obviously been swept by the popularity of basketball, right into local theaters May 1 weekend and made **HE GOT GAME** filmmaker Spike Lee's first No. 1 film in terms of box office openings.

If **HE GOT GAME** is nominated for any Academy Awards in the acting or directing categories, then Isiah Thomas and Bill Walton are the best basketball analysts on TV.

As big a hoop fan as Lee is, you might think that his new sporty flick would actually include some — *I don't know...* basketball action? The little playground action that existed, was the best part of the movie — the interesting selection of music made for some memorable scenes (always the best part of Lee's work). But, not enough.

If you wanna see Spike's b-ball footage, check out the 30-second commercial. If you wanna see a NBA Generation X superstar attempt to share the big screen with one of Hollywood's best (which by

"He got game? Wait till they got video."

—The Sitting Ram

the way, is as painful as watching Dennis Rodman shoot free throws), then this is what you've been waiting for.

No disrespect to the Milwaukee Bucks' Ray Allen (who can hold his own on the court, playing Jesus Shuttlesworth), but this is Denzel Washington we're talking about here. Talk about your low-post mismatch!

Spike should've seen this one coming, like a Reggie Miller three-pointer.

There's a thought. If Spike is allowed to sit at Madison Square Garden courtside and heckle Reggie during an NBA playoff

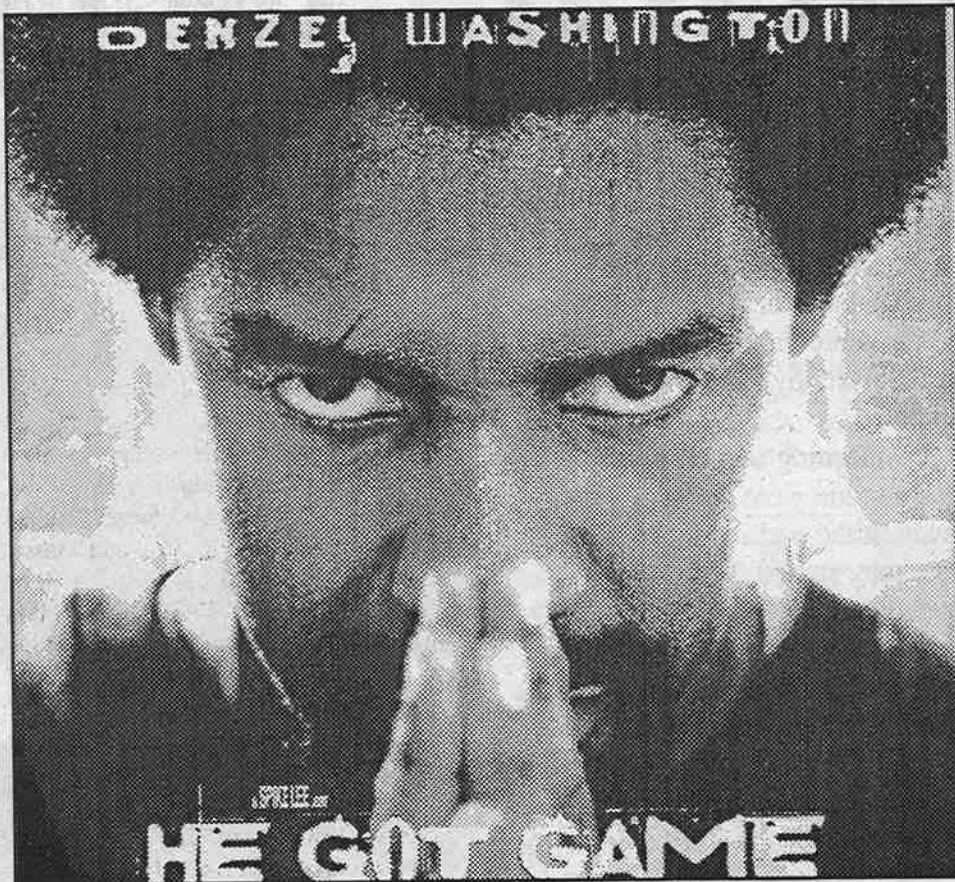


Photo courtesy of David Lee

Denzel Washington stars as Jake Shuttlesworth in *He Got Game*.

game, then in all fairness, Reggie should be able to yell at Spike during a movie shoot or at least be given the green light to throw popcorn at the screen — from the front row! I got free tickets to the screening, and I wanted \$7.50 back!

NO GAME

You may know the story by now: New York high school basketball star, from the Coney Island projects, is wanted by the best college programs; he's enticed by pro contracts; agent contracts; offered illegal money; free money; girls; fancy cars; more girls; more money; did I mention girls?; he's raising his younger sister; his mother is no longer around; and the father is temporarily let out of prison — for one reason: in exchange for an early exit from the "big house", he must convince his estranged son to sign a letter of intent with the governor's alma mater, the fictional "Big State".

With all that's going on during the two-hour snooze-a-thon, the viewer is able to see some of Spike's favorite actors (who by the way were great in everything else) play peculiar roles, and I think they may have done Spike one too many favors.

In full Spike Lee Fashion, we see too many characters and learn way too much about their overexaggerated greediness, when the main focus should be on the main subjects.

The best performance comes from young star Zelda Harris (*Crooklyn*), who plays the younger sibling, Mary, and for some

unknown reason, she isn't heard from during the second half of the film. Good for her!

Spike chooses to flex his "I-know-everybody-in-the-sports world-muscle" by having cameo appearances, to everyone from: Michael Jordan, Dean Smith, Dick Vitale (there's a winner!), Rick Fox, Shaq, Barkley, Pippen, and you guessed it...Bill Walton as himself (what a thrill!), and even Reggie Miller, just to name a few. I guess Jerry Tarkanian was busy.

Oh yeah, Denzel's character (Jake), who has to wear an ankle-pager-type-detector-thing-a-majig, even though he's being watched by NY detectives — well, he starts falling for this prostitute, and were not talking Julia Roberts or anything, so we won't go there.

Anyway, Spike decides that it would be nice for the convict to have, not a love interest, but I guess it's a "companion" interest. A "we're not 'together' together" type-of-thing. Oscar-caliber stuff, let me tell ya.

The characters are about as likable as elementary school cafeteria, manager's choice on the menu.

FOULED OUT

Ray Allen, don't quit your day job.

Denzel, you know better than that.

Spike,...well, you also made *Girl 6*.

Movie goers, if you wanna see Spike's best work, rent *Malcolm X*, *Get on the Bus*, *Jungle Fever*, and *Crooklyn*.

You know when people tell you, "buy the book?"

Well, "buy the soundtrack!"

Gallery Misfortune

Continued from page 12

borhood are also being asked for any information, "The Curator's" have been taken this lightly and feel very responsible for this incident. We had hoped for a very open door policy for students to visit and feel free to spent time and resource as a working studio/gallery. We now realize that a more secure environment will have to be

our main focus if we plan to continue. We have never intended to be a high status gallery and therefore never planned for an incident like this. We have no insurance to cover anything we own or that which is brought into the exhibition space. We are planning a city wide alert regarding this incident and hope for a recovery of artworks and justice to prevail.

We are at a loss for words to describe our

feelings. When one artist suffers, we all suffer. When one artist is violated, we are all violated. Even though it is hard to imagine, we hope for a positive outcome. Now more than ever we need your support to overcome this situation. We place our faith in the artists of the community and pray for the best.

Sincerely,

The Curator's Gallery

Partners in Pride being good neighbors

Luqman Haqq
Editor-in-Chief

As part of a spring clean up program the Fresno City College Partners in Pride joined their neighbors of the Heaton area community north of FCC. Also joined by Heaton elementary School.

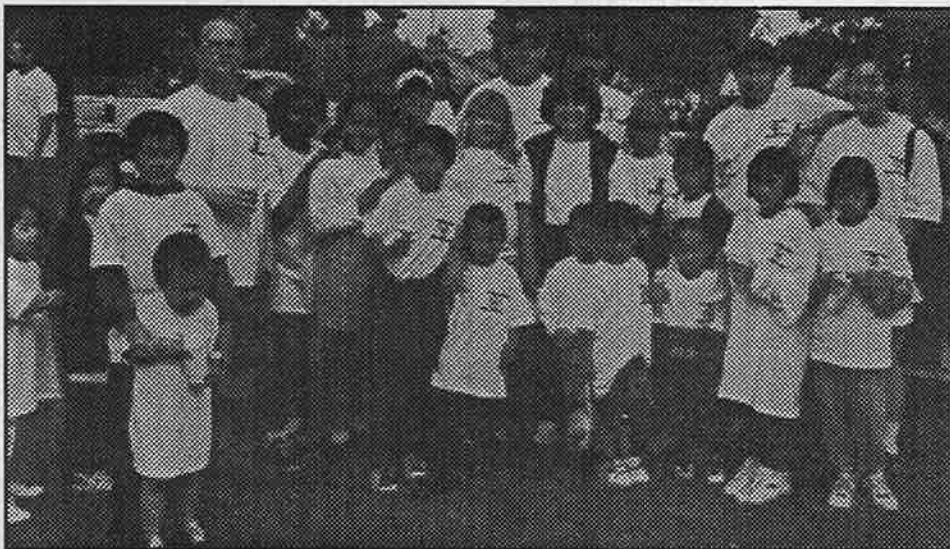
The morning began with a 7 am sign-up time were the participants meant in the parking lot of SCCC, where they started their day with Hot Coco, coffee, donuts. Served by Dr. Susan Speech

"This program was supported buy the Administers, staff, faculty, students , the U.S Marine Corp., SCCC Police dept., FCC Police Academy, FCC Public Information Office, Many of the FCC campus Cubs members, Fresno Police Dare team. City of Fresno street maintenance, the City Anti-graffiti tag removers units. The Fresno Local Conservation corp.

"We are working with our friends in the neighborhood and our FCC staff a student to clean up the neighborhood, we our working with the City to revitalize are neighborhood in going side-walk curb gutters and more lighting this is are second Partners in Pride cleanup and we plain to have many more," said Dr. Dan. L. Larios President of FCC.

"One of my reason for coming out is, as representative of the SCCC your walk has to match your talk. This is also a good time for the young people to learn to work together as a unit, that's why I brought my two girls. The kids have to start young in learning to keep their communities clean." Said, Dorothy Smith (Dottie), SCCC board President.

"I am pride to be hear today, the name Pride and appreciation speaks for its self, as we see this kid working to-



Heaton elementary school join in cleanup

photo by Samuel Yuk



FCC students and heaton area kids clean up crew

photo by Samuel Yuk



City of Fresno join in community clean up

photo by Samuel Yuk

gether to clean up their community we're all very proud of what we are accomplishing and we are doing it all together my student of Heaton Elementary school the parents the community and Fresno City College, said, Nancy Hinsal. Principal of Heaton Elementary

"This is one of the best and must supported programs of the year we have hundred of supporter here today and we have a clean neighborhood and campus," said Gerdeep Sihota FCC student activity assistant director.

"It started out a little wet here today but this has turn out beautiful day and with the great camaraderie and the spirit of voluntarism is alive and well the kids and the people have worked hard and have cleaned this neighborhood and campus up working together," said, SCCC Police Chief Reyes.

"Partners in Pride is a true sense of the college spirit, to work with its local community and bring our students, faculty, and administrator working together is a great thing. This an special opportunity, said, Dean Robert Fox.

'What Dr. Larios and Dr. Bill Steward have done here is created a opportunity where we can do more then talk, we can dig in and help. As we see here today Dr. Larios is over there flipping Burgers.' Said, AL Geller, who is a big supporter of FCC.



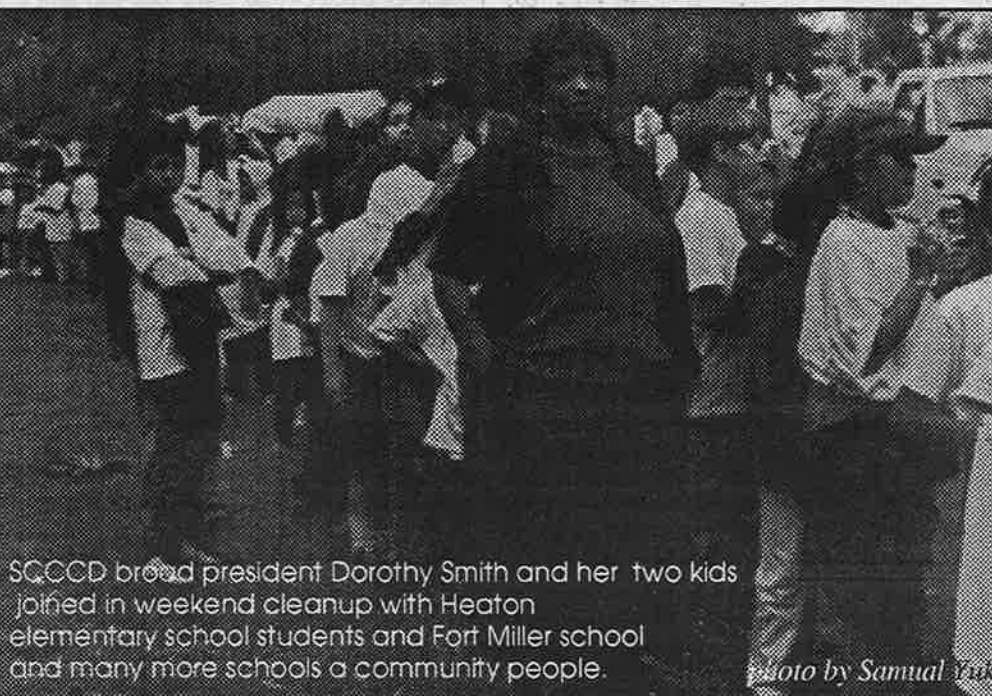
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Al Geller speaks



FCC Business Manager Michael can cook also.

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SCCC board president Dorothy Smith and her two kids joined in weekend cleanup with Heaton elementary school students and Fort Miller school and many more schools a community people.

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FCC Pres. Dr. Larios cooking is pretty good

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One on one with Bill Riddlesprigger

By Abel E. Jimenez

As an English instructor for 27 years, Bill Riddlesprigger remains one of Fresno City College's most respected teachers. A graduate of Fresno City College in 1969 and acquiring a Bachelors Arts degree in English at Fresno State in 71 as well as a Masters Arts in English at California State University Sacramento in 81, a possible motto for Riddlesprigger would be "Working for the cause of education" as he presently serves as President of the Fresno Unified School District's Board of Education, a position he's held since 91. Riddlesprigger, in addition served as President of the Fresno Branch NAACP. (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), from 86-92 and served as a Field Medic in the Vietnam War from 65-67. Now, Riddlesprigger is attempting to reach another plateau, as a candidate for Fresno City College District 3 (Edison High) presently held by Don Ronquillo, the primary election takes place on June 2. In a Q & A interview, Bill Riddlesprigger sat down with the Rampage at his office to speak about why he's running for District 3, his plans if elected and what the future holds for him as an instructor and as a person.

Rampage: Mr. Riddlesprigger, can you explain why you are running for District 3 of the Fresno City Council?

Riddlesprigger: I believe that the leadership of our city government has been clouded with scandals and change and I believe that we have to have leaders with proven leadership ability and someone with a vision for what Fresno should be and work towards those goals.

Rampage: On billboards across the city, you have the motto "Proven Leadership", can you define to our readers what that motto means to the city of Fresno?

Riddlesprigger: Seven years ago when I was elected to the school board, many of our schools were in desperate

need of repair. I led the school board to one of the largest school bonds (Measure A) that has been passed in the state of California and the conditions today speak for themselves for they have greatly improved since I've been on the school board.

Rampage: If elected, what goals do you have in mind for District 3 which is the Edison High area?

Riddlesprigger: District 3 (in addition to Edison High) covers West Fresno, the Tower District, and goes up to Shields west of Freeway 99, making it a very diverse district, but it's also a district that's plagued with a lot of blight, which also covers the Downtown area, the revitalization of Downtown, Chinatown and the continued improvements of the Tower District and the neighborhoods in District 3 are my major goals.

Rampage: Other candidates including incumbent Don Ronquillo have put the drug problem in the district first on their agenda, what's your comment and is the drug problem on your agenda as well?

Riddlesprigger: Anytime you have crime of any nature (drugs or gangs) will always be a priority for there's no way you could improve the neighborhood communities without improving the quality of life for the people who live in those neighborhoods.

Rampage: There's been talk of a possible shopping center in that district, if elected, will this be a reality or is this a developer smoke screen?

Riddlesprigger: There has been talk of a shopping center and I would support a shopping center in West

Fresno, but remember, there was talk of a shopping center for the last three

elections and it has yet to materialize. If I'm elected, I intend to make sure the shopping center is a reality.

Rampage: If elected, will you work with the city council including Mayor Jim Patterson in a conventional matter on attempting to agree on issues

without getting into major arguments with either the council or the Mayor as it has been shown on television?

Riddlesprigger: I see this as one of my strengths, I think what has happened in the past that various council members have allowed their egos to get involved and they have lost vision of what they should be doing as representative of the communities of Fresno. With my maturity, I can not only work with the Mayor, but as well as other council members once they realize it's to the city's benefit for all of us to work together.

Rampage: How will this affect your job as an instructor at FCC if you are elected?

Riddlesprigger: I would take a leave of absence or reduce the hours that I work, for I believe that a city councilman should be more accessible than in the past and I would actually be in City Hall for four to five hours a day, so I couldn't continue to teach a full

load here, but I would still teach part time and work full time for the citizens of Fresno.

Rampage: What new ideas or plans do you have for District 3, in addition to the plans you already laid out.

Riddlesprigger: I would like to get developers involved in filling in some of the spaces for we've had a lot of leapfrog development in Fresno.

Now, we must go back and make sure those spots that have been left vacant or blighted, improve the looks of our neighborhood. I would be very interested in talking about how we can make Downtown Fresno the cultural center of our city, the entertainment center, make sure that the baseball stadium stays on track, improve Chinatown as a place where people can dine and be entertained as well as continue the improvement of the Tower District, there are some good things happening in District 3, but I believe with good leadership, they can be improved upon.

Rampage: Would winning District 3 be the paramount for Bill Riddlesprigger or do you see a higher plateau in the years to come?

Riddlesprigger: If I could accomplish the goals (winning District 3) that I have, I believe in the next four years, it's about time for me to retire (Laughs).

Rampage: Do you have words of wisdom for the city of Fresno, the city college and your supporters?

Riddlesprigger: I hope City College plays an important role in Fresno's future, I know it played an important role in my future as a student here, but I believe there is educational institutions like Fresno City College, Fresno State that have a lot to offer in the development of the city and if we can form some type of collaborations between educational and government institutions, then I believe that our city would be on its way to becoming a city that we can all be proud of.



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The Gab Column

By Brenda Miller and Valerie Wells
Photos by Juana Echeveste

What are you planning on doing over your summer vacation?



Chris Vicarra— "I'm planning to work. Work on my art work and party."



Armando Silva— "I plan to work, attend more parties. I look forward to looking at the girls in the dizzy dukes."



Corina Edwards— "Fresno City Graduate, I will work for the summer."



Jama Liban— "I would like to spend time with my family."



Nam Horne— "I plan to take summer classes at FCC and work. I still plan on having fun by going on trips to San Diego, San Francisco and Chico."



Pablo Vasquez— "I'm planning on working to obtain more financial assets."

Newly Elected Associated Student Government members 1998-1999



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Raul Hernandez : Senator



Linda Leu : Legislative V.P.



David Shaw : Student Trustee

The Poet's Spot

'Twas The Night Before Finals

'Twas the night before finals
And I wasn't ready
I knew in my heart
My grades hadn't been steady

So what did I do?
So what would you guess
I had to do
To pass this last test

I got all my notes
I got all my books
I just had to take
A long hard look

I studied and studied
And studied some more
I studied so long
My eyes got sore

But that was the answer
To the question at hand
I know I can do it
I just know I can

The next day the test
I was ready as could be
And I passed the test
With not just a "B"

It was an "A"
I deserved no less
Because after all
I studied hard for this test

Ruth Brooks

Stolen Innocence

A woman turns to hug her son

He stands with her no more
Was he hiding just for fun,
deciding to explore?

She searches rather frantically
Where could her boy have gone?

Precious time is racing by
Police don't have too long

"Be calm" they say
"We'll find him soon"
Although early in the day
The sun would soon be moon

Night time came and went at will
the little boy still gone
Two parents feeling very ill
what in the world is wrong?

Authorities are worried now
No child can be found
"Adam, Adam," his mother calls
Still there is no sound

A picture of his smiling face
is posted all around
time just can't afford to waste...
the villain must be found

Weeks and months slowly pass
the circumstances grows dim
his whereabouts completely masked
what was done with him?

One day the news, his

parents heard
Oh! To shut out those awful words!

Some boys fishing in a ditch
had made a grizzly find
alarm rose up with amazing pitch
the Truth was quite unkind!

The head of a doll; they thought they saw
floating in the water
What resembled a doll, isn't at all
The tension grew much hotter!

Autopsy was done; results confirmed

A couple must face an awful dead

His parents hopes completely burned;
Their son Adam was dead

Outraged father John protests
"Something must be done!"
That's why today he is obsessed
catching criminals on the run

A big strange place, that innocent face
remember what I've said:
his memory lives by God's true grace
but Adam Walsh is still dead

To John and Reve' Walsh
in memory of their son
Adam Walsh
1976-1981

By Christina Shelley

MY PEOPLE, WHY ROCK COCAINE?

By Luqman Haqq

Cocaine, cocaine, brings my people to shame
As they think it's ending their pain

Those little white rocks
are driving my people insane
They will not come in out of the rain

Every day its the same old game
They don't eat, nor sleep
They just run the street
Looking for Rock Cocaine.

A near 500 years, since they have been unchained
But things still remain the same
With a mental chain

How long will they play this cocaine game
They're here today, dead tomorrow

Leaving their people in sorrow
They die, they get killed
Trying to make that Cocaine deal.

My people wake up
Let's get real
Life is too short to sell your souls
to the devil's gold
Wake up, my people, wake up

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The Rampage would like to express our thanks to the students who participated in the Poet Spot. We look forward to seeing your words next semester.

Fashion Corner

Tips for women

Ladies, if you have cottage cheese thighs, keep the daisies to a minimum. We know the weather is getting hotter and the need to dress accordingly is a must; but not when your thighs jiggle with the dents of overeating. If you have thighs like this, we don't mean to attack it so harshly, it's just that we want to keep you from being dogged by others around you. Try out the new sun-dresses or the loose fitting shorts. Get them to fit loosely and you should look great!

Tips for Men:

Fellas, I know it's the thing to do to take off your shirts, certainly not to show off your pecks, but please make sure your body isn't an eye sore. Pot bellies and bird chests need to just invest in an assortment of tank tops or a membership at Geroge Brown's Fitness. To all those guys who have buffed out bodies and washboard abs, make sure we can see you from the Rampage office window (located above the book store). Preferably participating in the intramural sports on the green!

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