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FCC and news media join together for luncheon

By Abel E. Jimenez

RAMPAGE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Over the years, a number of events have taken place at Fresno City College such as the Speakers' Forum, theatre presentations and the upcoming Showcase open house.

During these events, print and electronic journalists cover the happenings by providing its audience with details. For the second year in a row, FCC joined with the local media for a get together luncheon held on April 14 at the Staff Dining Room.

Staff members from The Fresno Bee and various television and radio stations participating were presented with an FCC tote bag with various FCC items and treated to the main course: Terriyaki Chicken, Rice and Tossed Salad. Coffee and Tea were available for beverages and door prizes were awarded to the attendees carrying winning tickets.

"The media luncheon was born out of an idea of how to celebrate Community College Month, we at-

tempted it a few years ago when a major news story forced us to cancel it. Last year, we decided to try it again and it was successful," said Public Information Officer Kathleen Bonilla.

Bonilla expressed delight about the turnout at this year's luncheon: "We (FCC) found that it's been wonderful to create and develop our relationships with the news media in Fresno, resulting in increasing news coverage since."

The luncheon included speeches by Bonilla, FCC President Dr. Daniel Larios and FCC Theater Arts instructor Debra Shapazian who informed the media about the continuing progression of students joining the Theatre Arts unit: "Currently we have between 2,500 to 3,000 students enrolled in Arts alone. It's an incredible group of kids, they're very energetic and so happy that they can finally take art classes without their parents yelling at them to take something else." Shapazian humorously replied.

The luncheon marks the final time for some outgoing FCC and State Center Community College District staff in their current posi-



PHOTO COURTESY OF DON GRIFFITH, PIO

Outgoing Chancellor Bill Stewart shares a moment with the Fresno Bee's John Taylor.

tions. Chancellor Bill Stewart sees the luncheon as a "very good project for FCC." "This luncheon is just another way of taking the college to the people through the media, I'm just sorry I can't be here for any more, but maybe they will invite me back," said Stewart.

On the flip side, outgoing Dean

of Instructors Dr. Arthur Ellish admits: "I won't honestly miss the luncheons, but I will definitely miss the gatherings with the important people we can relate to like the media. Having the media (TV and radio) present benefits our students and that's why I think this luncheon is important for FCC."

Native-American high school students visit FCC campus

By Adrian Rodriguez

RAMPAGE STAFF

"Aho."

Native-American high school students from throughout the valley gathered on the FCC campus to attend workshops and to get a taste of the campus on Friday, April 16.

The event, called "Showing Respect to our Relations Through Education", culminated in a series of workshops designed to show Native-American students the variety in courses that FCC offers.

"It's cool here, and the people are nice," Adrian Pellum, 15, said. "I accidentally went swimming in one of the fountains."

Tribal Elder Virginia Grieco dreamed up the event, which is in its first year at FCC. After working with Dean Robert Fox, the event gained momentum. Students from as far as Porterville—and as close as Roosevelt

High—were given a package of school supplies, FCC registration books and free T-shirts to commemorate the event. The event is planned to take place every semester at FCC.

"This trip is pretty cool," said Ruben Walker, 13. "We made these little print things too."

The workshops, featuring lessons about computers, health, and craftwork, gave visiting students a chance to have fun while learning. The workshops, held throughout the campus, afforded them a chance to create their own webpages, as well as print Styrofoam artwork.

The day ended with a lunch held in the Staff Dining Room, where Grieco blessed the meal and offered a plate to the spirits. After lunch, the students participated in the 'Friendship Dance' while the Spirit Ground Drummers played.

FCC instructor declares candidacy

By David Bletz

RAMPAGE MANAGING EDITOR

Fresno City College instructor Brian Calhoun has declared his intention to vie for the city councilman position for District Two. The announcement came on April 5 amid speculation that Chris Mathys, the current District Two councilman was ready to compete in pending mayoral elections.

Dr. Calhoun joined FCC eleven years ago since 1988 as Executive Director of the Economic Development Training Institute. He now serves as the Principal Teacher Education Instructor as well as the Board of Director for the watchdog group, Citizens for Integrity in Government.

Holder of Masters and

doctorate degrees from the Universities of Syracuse and Wisconsin respectively. Before arriving in Fresno, Calhoun served on the Board of Supervisors in Racine County, Wisconsin.

--In recently announcing his political intention, Calhoun noted that his platform will be called, *Fres yes!* an acronym for:

Financial security for families
Respect for the community
Education excellency for youths
Safe community for our citizens.

The up-and-coming council contender observed that while it's too



PHOTO COURTESY OF BRIAN CALHOUN

early to comment on the issues Fresno faces, including the construction of a stadium, he plans to speak on those issues at an appropriate time; Adding, "I'm going to take a very positive, a very constructive approach to the challenges facing Fresno."

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Philosophy professor speaks on FCC campus

By Maranda Brandt
RAMPAGE STAFF

University of Mississippi philosophy professor Dr. William Lawhead spoke on April 16 at the Fresno City College Forum Hall on the social construction of reality. Presenting beliefs of realists and anti-realists, Lawhead discussed how opinions differentiate when it comes to society's views of reality. "Language influences our experiences and thoughts about the world," said Lawhead.

Realists, according to Lawhead, believe "reality exists independently of our language and conceptual schemes."

Lawhead said the anti-realists believe talking about things helps us to understand what we have experienced. It is hard for people to grasp certain concepts if they do not possess the words to describe them.

Recognizing that language has an influence on what is reality, Lawhead agrees with the view that we



PHOTO BY FRANKIE LEON
Dr. William Lawhead addresses his Forum Hall audience.

give meaning to our words and socially construct reality. However, Lawhead criticized the anti-realists because he believes thoughts and feelings without language are possible, even without words to describe them.

Partners In Pride

Fresno City College makes a difference for the community at Weldon and Glenn on April 17.



Volunteers at work.

PHOTO BY ELEAZAR VALDEZ



PHOTO BY FRANKIE LEON
Public Information Officer Julia Gonzales hands out tickets for prizes to students from Heaton Elementary.

LeMelle discusses ten reasons to eliminate the death penalty

By Vongsavanh Mouanoutoua
RAMPAGE STAFF

Gerald LeMelle, the final speaker of this year's Fresno City College Speakers' Forum, held on April 5, spoke on Eliminating the Death Penalty. Mr. LeMelle is the Deputy Director for Amnesty International and co-author of legislation to eliminate the death penalty.

In his introduction of the speaker, FCC Political Science Instructor Don Larson stated: "If the death penalty is a punishment that is approved by the public, then

why don't we let the public be executioners of the felon on death row? We should have a public drawing before each scheduled execution and that lucky individual would be the executioner."

Speaking about "man's inhumanity to man", LeMelle graphically explained the archaic, barbaric, and inhuman qualities of the death penalty. With vivid accounts and credible statistics, LeMelle calmly addressed the ten reasons why Amnesty International is against the death penalty.

Gerald LeMelle's 10 reasons why the United States needs to eliminate the death penalty are as follows:

1. It is a violation of basic human rights.
2. It will be a foundation to follow international law.
3. It is not a deterrence.
4. The death penalty is performed on juveniles.
5. Innocent people have been executed.
6. The entire procedure is extremely costly.
7. There are widely differing sentences.
8. There is racial prejudice.
9. Mentally retarded or ill are executed.
10. The US is 'running against the grain' on the death penalty issue.

Fresno City College Showcase '99

Fresno City College presents *Showcase '99*. Thursday April 22 starting at 9:00 a.m. at the College Relations Booth at the Main Fountain.

Showcase '99, FCC's twelfth annual open house is a special day of food, fun and activities to introduce high school students to exciting careers and futures.

All day events start from 9:00 a.m. and finish at 1:00 p.m. Competition events, Career Skills Olympics, food booths and information booth will be available along with a tour of the respective divisions on campus.

Showcase '99 features Disability Awareness Day featuring Break the Barriers, Handicapable Square-Dancers and a Wheelchair Wash. See the displays on University Mall.

Prizes will be awarded at the Awards Ceremony in the FCC Gymnasium starting at 12:30 p.m. Prizes include a CD-Boom Box, Music CD's and tapes and Edwards Cinema Tickets among other prizes.

Everyone is welcome, for more information, contact College Activities Director Gurdeep Sihota at 442-4600 ext. 5711.

FCC debate team finishes year with high honors

By Vongsavanh Mouanoutoua
RAMPAGE STAFF

The Fresno City College Forensics team received high recognition among the nation's junior and four-year colleges which participated in the National Parliamentary Debate tournament held on March 26-28 in Point Loma, California.

The Forensics team finished Third in the nation amongst two-year colleges and second overall, the team accumulated a total of 61 points over the season finishing in third place, only three points behind the

number one Longview Community College from Missouri.

After the debate, Forensics coach Mark Woolsey said: "This was a great accomplishment for our team considering we had only one returning member from last year's National Championship team. I could not be happier at the performance of our squad. They all did an excellent job."

Team members advancing into award rounds were triple-octafinalists Thomas McLaughlin and Justin Vinnard.

Attention transfer students
applying to Fresno State for Fall
1999 admissions!!

Fresno State on-site admissions
program for fall 1999 will be on:

Wednesday, April 28

Thursday, April 29

In

FCC Library

Conference Room

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

By Appointment Only!!

Appointments are made in the Transfer Center 2nd Floor, Student Services Building or call 442-8290

The Kosovo crisis: What it is and why it should matter to you

By Abel E. Jimenez

RAMPAGE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

By the time that this article is read, the United States and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) will be in the 30th day of battle over Kosovo, Yugoslavia. A situation that's likely to worsen before a solution is found.

The question most Americans are asking is: "Why are we involved in this mess and what do we hope to accomplish?" While not an expert on warfare, I can only reply: Because nobody else will do it. I don't completely agree with the timing of the crisis, but when a madman such as Slobidan Milosevic goes about killing refugees (his people) for personal gain while his neighboring countries sit back and do nothing, you know something's not right.

Generally, most Fresno City College students rarely think about the situation either because of their involvement with academic (homework) or pleasurable activities (watching television or listening to the radio), but as the crisis continues to unfold, the words of the Rampage's advisor certainly seem to hit the nail on the head when he observed: "This is *your* war!"

His statement: wars have been in existence since the beginning of time with our family members living through the trials and tribulations of war in their time. Our grand and great-grandparents experienced crises through World

War I and World War II. Our parents experienced Vietnam and now we are experiencing the current crisis in Kosovo (Desert Storm in Iraq doesn't count for our goal was to liberate Kuwait, not create war in Iraq.)

The crisis in Kosovo gives new meaning to the phrase "As the World Turns" for everyday there's a new situation unfolding. Both sides pointing fingers at one another for something someone did, on TV or in the newspapers, a columnist putting his/her two cents worth on the crisis and the American public giving their opinion on whether to bomb Milosevic or fall back.

For those who still do not understand what all the fuss is about, here's how it all began. In 1989, Yugoslavia was a whole nation which stood for ultra communism, until the Croats wanted to declare independence from their homeland. Two years later, the Serbians, loyalists to their homeland, began attacking and butchering the Croats. A year later, the Bosnians (from Bosnia-Herzegovina) declared independence and for the last ten years, there has been bloodshed over the now former Yugoslavia leading to the current situation were dealing with.

Where does Russia stand? According to many reports, Russia appears to be the random element in the equation. What I think? Russia over the last ten years has sat back and watch the whole situation unfold, without lifting a finger at Milosevic. However, they (Russians) want the

United States to back off from this situation. Wake up, Boris Yeltsin! Where has your brain flourished? Speculation is, Yeltsin is likely to point the finger where he believes it should be: at the United States. Final analysis? Russia will be the random element in this crisis, once Yeltsin sends his troops to attack the United States for violation of the Prime Directive. (*Star Trek* talk.)

This summer, while you're out basking in the hot sun, either swimming or playing beach ball with your friends. Give these statements some pure thought:

What does this crisis have to do with me?

When will the crisis end?

Is there a chance that a family member or friend of mine will be sent to Kosovo?

What is the plight for the three American soldiers held in Yugoslavia?

Is this the beginning of World War III?

By the time school returns, will our troops still be fighting in Kosovo?

Will there ever be peace in the former Yugoslavia?

Will someone finally get to Milosevic?

Statements to think about while you attempt to enjoy your summer vacation, because, believe it or not, the possibility of another world war just might involve you, the FCC student. Once again, heeding the words of our Rampage advisor: "This is *your* war!"

Science - Fiction

By Roy Matheson

RAMPAGE STAFF

Volunteer Mary drove the bulldozer along the top of the dike. "Those Kosovar children must have a place to live," she thought.

Mary finished leveling the road along the top of the dike. She moved back to her resting station. The next dump truck dumped its load of dirt and rocks. The dump truck went back to the hill for another load. Mary leveled the road again.

Each truck made the dike a little longer. After a few weeks, the dike stretched across the bay. NATO sent huge pumps, to pump the bay dry.

Earth-moving equipment continued to cut down the surrounding hills, to create new land for the refugees from Kosovo.

Soon there were 'schools' and thousands of tents. Within months, there were new businesses. Many international corporations set up factories, and began hiring the refugees from Kosovo.

Around the world, new dikes reclaimed 'new land' from the ocean. Some dikes were 150 feet high, to ensure that no tidal wave could endanger the children.

Will the above always be 'science fiction'?

Where is volunteer Mary?

Attention FCC Students!

Any student who has a friend or relative in the Kosovo conflict, or wishes to express their feelings concerning the Kosovo conflict, please contact Editor-In-Chief Abel E. Jimenez or Managing Editor David Bletz by April 30, 1999. Please call:

442-8263

Wanted

Student Writers

Do you want your opinion to be in the Rampage?

The Rampage needs opinion stories from FCC students. An opinion essay about any subject that represents campus life or attitudes of FCC is welcome.

Please bring contributions to the Rampage business office in Bungalow-5 at the northwest corner of campus near Maroa and Weldon.

Office hours: M, W -- 12-5:00 p.m.
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Or, call the Rampage office and ask Opinion Editor Maranda Brandt for more information:

442-8262

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Opinion

Are you an open or private person?

By Maranda Brandt

RAMPAGE OPINION EDITOR

I got really bored one day and decided to do something that I only do when I am really bored. I started thinking. Don't worry, I did not really hurt myself too much, but after the smoke cleared and the gears stopped turning, I had a slight headache. Maybe I should have stopped before things got out of hand, with the deep thoughts and all, but I could not help it.

I started to have a really good idea. Yes, amazingly enough, I thought of something good to write about. Well, not really really good, but hey, it was at least an idea. Well, maybe it wasn't really even an idea, just something to write about so I wouldn't have to subject you to a bunch of blank space to look at in issue six. Anyway, I forgot what it was already, so here's something else, not nearly as exciting and intellectually stimulating, to occupy your mind with while you are on the way to your next class.

I decided to go out and ask a bunch of random acquaintances, questions about things I have always wondered about. I guess I wanted to find out how much I have in common with the people I know, so I did a kind of senseless survey, like the ones they show at the movie theater before the movie starts.

For example, are you ever tempted to cover the peephole when you knock on someone's door? Think about it: wouldn't it be kind of fun to do this because it makes the person on the other side of the door kind of wonder? The person doesn't know exactly who is at the door. For all he/she knows, it could either be you at the door or some axe murderer. It seems kind of fun to surprise someone in this way. Well, maybe this shouldn't be considered *fun*, but at least entertaining.

Does this sound bizarre to anyone else? It sure does to me, but I also like ideas like this. These are things I think about when I get really bored.

Now, I had many interesting responses to this question when I gave the survey to 10 people I know. Guess I must be some kind of weirdo, because most people said they wouldn't or have never considered covering peepholes and surprising people when they answer the door.

My friend Amy Cline

says she would much rather make goofy faces into the peephole than cover it up to surprise someone. I guess I would probably do this too, but I know that a person's head already looks distorted through a peephole. I wouldn't want to make mine worse than it already does.

Charles Flores is one of the only people that shares my view about the peephole thing. He says he usually does cover the peephole because he doesn't want people to see him.

The basic idea of my survey was to find out how private people are. Like, would they prefer people know little about them and keep people wondering, or are they willing to reveal a lot about themselves to anyone, even people they don't really know very well?

I know that sometimes when people ask me a lot of questions about myself, even if they are just making small talk, it makes me edgy. I guess I am pretty private, because I don't like revealing information about myself to people, unless I feel like I want to. Sometimes when someone asks me a question, I omit parts I don't want them to know. People I talked to say they don't worry about nosy questions, because they know they only have to reveal as much as they want to. I believe that I don't have to tell anyone about myself if I don't want to, but somehow I feel like I am being put on the spot.

Jason Beach said he doesn't take people's questions too seriously, because he likes talking to anyone just to kill time. He finds people's prying questions entertaining and says that he chooses to mix up what he says to them so they are left in "utter confusion". Now that is something I can really relate to. It's this kind of amusing pastime that keeps people wondering.

Jason also described himself in

the survey as exotic and mysterious, as well as Charles. Most other people I talked to say they are outgoing and open without many secrets. I think most people would describe themselves as outgoing and open. Maybe I am not exotic or mysterious, but I am not really outgoing either. I like to keep to myself and I think people who are getting to know me realize that they have to dig a little deeper to find the real me.

Both the people that said they were outgoing and the people that said they were private said they want to stand out from their peers. I guess standing out and being noticed doesn't always have to do with how talkative and open you are. You can stand out in a crowd and be noticed for personality as well as other things.

Charles, as well as most of the other people who took the survey, said that appearance and they way someone dresses will get someone to be noticed.

Most everyone said they want to be viewed as outgoing, bold and talkative, even the ones who think they are more withdrawn and private. Only two people said they wish to remain mysterious to their friends and peers.

By doing this survey I basically found out something I already knew anyway. People still confuse me. I have trouble figuring out if you have to be like everyone else to fit in these days, or if you have to stand out and be noticed in order to fit in.

POLICE LOG

March 30-11:07 a.m.- Officer contacted two suspicious subjects on campus near the railroad tracks. One was found to be in the possession of a butterfly knife. Subject was arrested, cited and released. Knife confiscated.

March 28- 12:15 p.m.- Student came into headquarters to report witnessing two subjects exchanging money and a small brown bag on the Weldon railroad tracks. District Service Officer followed one subject walking on campus towards McKinley Ave. Dispatch contacted Fresno Police to assist. F.P.D. questioned and released subject.

March 25- 10:26 a.m.- Officer initiated investigative stop on suspicious vehicle. The odor of marijuana was detected. Passenger was found to have marijuana in his possession. Passenger arrested, cited and released.

March 24- 11:55 a.m.- District Service Officer was dispatched to the Administration Building for a report of the petty theft of a candy bar box from the Public Information Office. Suspects unknown.

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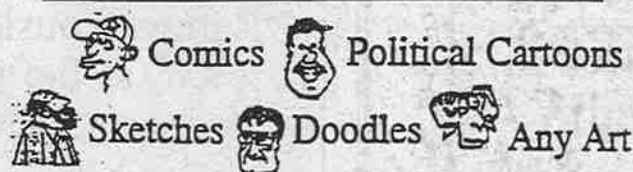
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That Represents the Campus Life and Attitudes of FCC

Drop them off at the Rampage Office, temporarily located in Bungalow #5 at the northwest corner of campus near Maroa and Weldon. Office hours are M-F, 12-4 P.M. For more information, contact Cartoonist Bruce Gates at 442-8262.



LIFE

By Joe Doyle

RAMPAGE ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Life is supposed to be a wonderful thing, but not when 60 years of it are spent in a segregated prison. *LIFE* portrays racism as a crime against humanity, but just as the film begins to have meaning, it gets lost among quick comedic detours. Using racial slurs as a springboard to get laughs, *LIFE* never quite follows its heart.

In debt to a local nightclub owner Spanky (Rick Jones), two distinct opposites Rey (Eddie Murphy) and Claude (Martin Lawrence) venture to Mississippi to purchase bootlegged liquor for distribution back at Spanky's. While gambling away their gas money, they are framed for a murder committed by a white Sheriff. A victim of racism in the deep south, the pair is sentenced to life in prison.

Constantly blaming each other for their misfortune, they run schemes to escape their prison known as "Camp Eight". This prison seems more like plush day care than a correctional facility. Prisoners are allowed conjugal visits, daily baseball games, and barbecues. This unrealistic contrast prevents the film from truly finding a direction.

Growing old, they receive a transfer from "Camp Eight" to the prison superintendent's house. Rey continues his service clothed in prison uniforms, completing the day-to-day manual labor, while Claude takes on the role of caretaker, similar to the chauffeur Hoke in *Driving Miss Daisy*. Their lives are shaken up when a new superintendent arrives for duty. Hostility arises when the incoming superintendent turns out to be the corrupt sheriff who framed them 40 years earlier.

Eddie Murphy's appeal has grown old very quickly. With recent offerings based solely around flatulence, *LIFE* lets Murphy attempt to freshen his image. Mixing his humor with a dose of sensitivity, *LIFE* is reminiscent of his earlier work, but still isn't worthy of being mentioned in the

same sentence as *The Golden Child* or *Coming to America*.

Martin Lawrence, long removed from any truly intriguing performance, comes closest to matching the wit of his role in *A Thin Line Between Love and Hate*. His bitter, pessimistic portrayal of Claude fits in well against the overly pleasant surroundings of "Camp Eight".

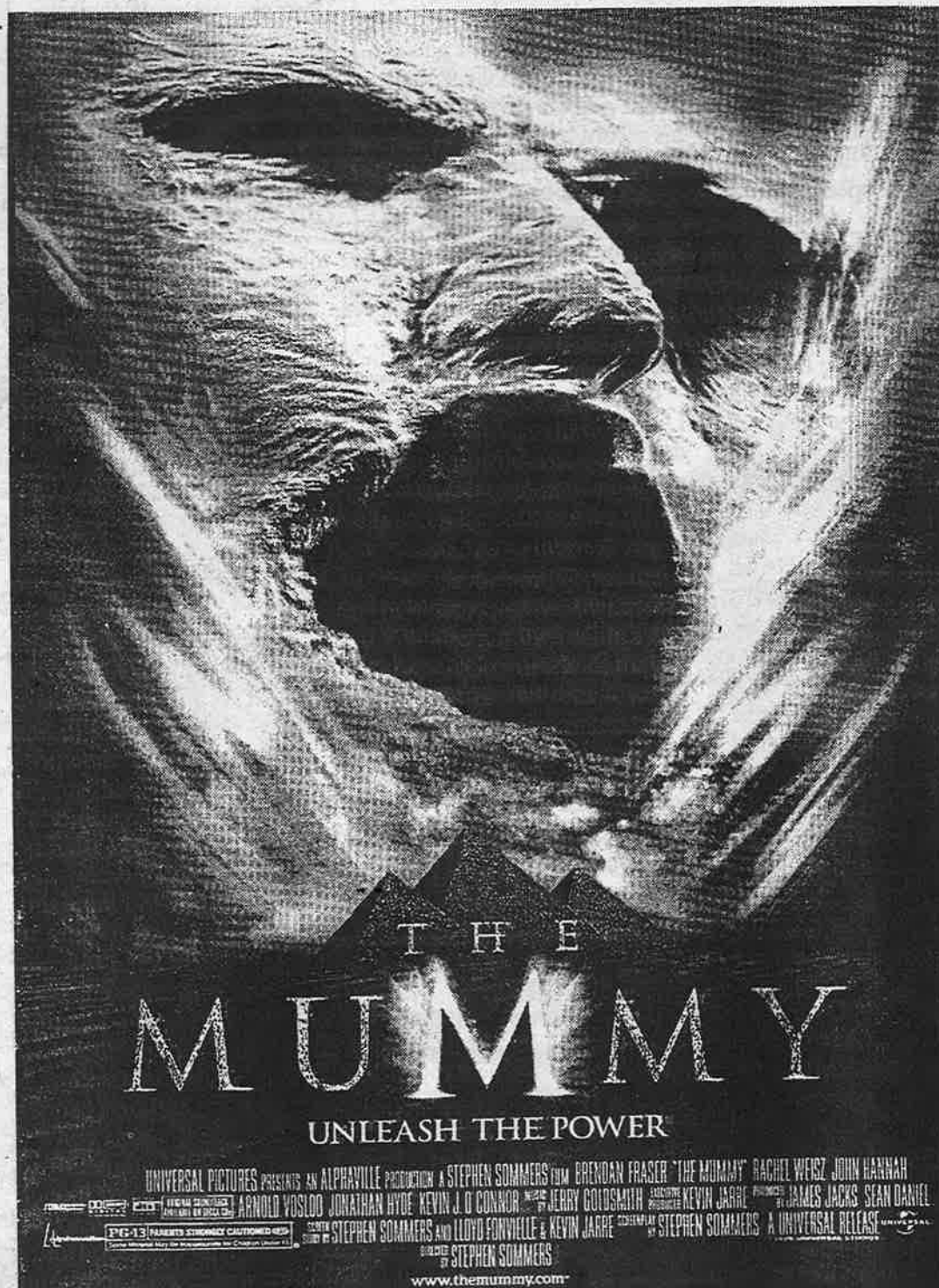
Much of the plot development is lost in scenes where the film treads water. Murphy and Lawrence playing a comedic version of tag is funny, and often over the top, but prevents the film from gaining ground and direction.

LIFE is a step in the right direction for Murphy and Lawrence, two comics looking to get their careers back on track. A solid direction would have benefited the film greatly. Director Tom Demme seems unsure whether he wants a comedic-drama, or another rental-only dark comedy. If you already have a life, I wouldn't bother paying \$7.50 for this one.



PHOTO BY BRUCE MCBROOM/UNIVERSAL

Eddie Murphy and Martin Lawrence share a laugh in *LIFE*.



FCC Students: Stop by the Rampage Office after 12:00 noon today and pick up your free advance screening movie pass (good for two) and other prizes. *Come to our new, temporary location in Bungalow #5 at the northwest corner of campus near Maroa and Weldon.

The MUMMY opens nationwide on Friday, May 7th.

(*Prizes are limited, first come first served)

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Sports

Rams continue dominating CVC play, particularly on the road

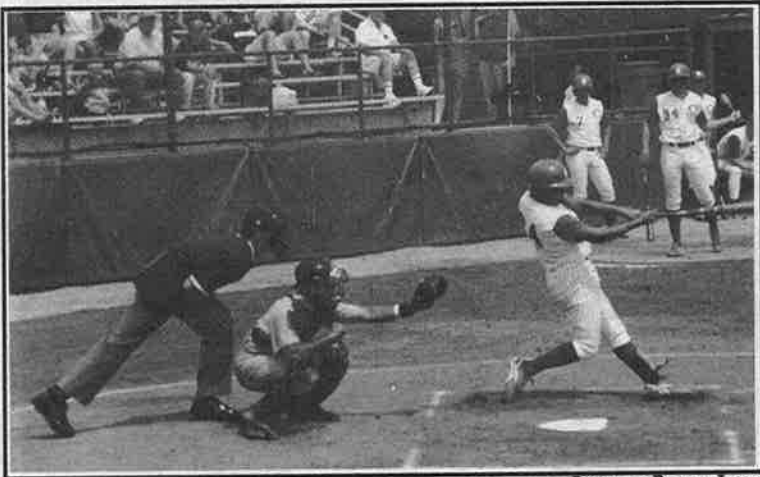


PHOTO BY FRANKIE LEON

SAWWING! Sam Lopez takes a swing in a game against Porterville.

By Joe Chacon

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

After a stormy Thursday canceled the April 8 Fresno City College baseball game, Selma native Jamie Cerda comes back a day later and throws a one-hitter striking out 11 batters bringing his record to 7-1 for the season, but the Rams 6-1 beating of the Merced Blue Devils was no easy task.

The Rams were trailing into the seventh inning with Merced pitcher Joe

Robinson keeping the Rams scoreless most of the game. At the plate Sam Lopez rallies off with a single down the centerfield. Another single by Robert Smith kept the Ram rally alive. Next, Curtis Diredo bunted to the Blue Devil third baseman fielding the ball, but making a bad throw brought home Lopez for the tying run 1-1.

After a Carson White walk and a Monte Prieto popout. The Rams took the lead 2-1 when Blue Devil catcher Darin Nanini interfered with Scott Robinson's swing, allowing Smith to score.

The Rams secured the lead for good, when with two outs, Lou Lamoure drove in three runs with a triple into left field to improve the Rams conference record to 11-0 and giving FCC coach Ron Scott his 200th conference victory.

The rematch in Merced on April 10 would end the Rams

16-game winning streak with the Blue Devils handing the Rams its first conference loss. Coach Scott was not at all upset with their first loss. He credits Merced pitcher J.J. Durmanichi four hitter and catcher Nanini for the win. The only saving grace for the Rams came on a two-run homer by Smith.

After an impressive 9-3 victory at Taft on April 13, the Rams continued their road dominance with a 15-1 pounding of the Porterville Pirates. Cerda gets the win improving his record to 8-1. The game came alive in the third inning when Lopez hit a home run to break the game wide open. In the same inning Lopez gets hit by pitch but stays in the game. Lopez says "I felt great after I got hit and everyone played a good game".

In the fourth inning, Lee Lambert hits his first home run deep into the leftfield with Prieto and Grant Oltjenbruns on base. Lambert says "It felt great hitting my first home run". Later, Smith hit a double and a home run. He states: "Coming in the clutch situation if one guy doesn't come through, someone else will cover. The team unity is outstanding."

After the game, coach Scott replied: "This was a typical game played during our winning streak. Timely hitting, fielding, good pitching and no errors".

Lady Rams split with Modesto; five games off the CVC pace

By Abel E. Jimenez

RAMPAGE SOFTBALL BEAT

After a two-game split against the lowly Taft Cougars on April 15 in Bakersfield, Fresno City College Rams softball coach Rhonda Williams gave a pep talk to her team on how "every game counts", as she addressed the team's need to improve their game that extra notch.

If the pep talk was any indication of the Rams match-up with Modesto, the word "gut check" needs to be implanted in the team's brain.

In the first game, the Pirates handed the Rams their first Central Valley Conference home loss in two years with a 5-1 victory. Pitcher Amy Van Huss, despite three strikeouts, gave up four hits and five runs (three earned). Their one run came courtesy of Angie Bustos stealing home on a pass ball in the first inning, following which, nobody else was able to get to Pirate pitcher Callie Brown.

In the second game, the



PHOTO BY FRANKIE LEON

THE PITCH ON THE WAY! Amy Van Huss awaits the result of her pitch.

Rams style of play wasn't any prettier, but the team did come out on top 2-1. Bustos again was the catalyst in the Rams victory. She walked in the first inning before being driven home on a sacrifice by Natalie Driggers.

In the eighth inning with the game tied at 1, and Driggers at the plate, Bustos for the second time stole home on a pass ball to seal the victory. After the game, Bustos explains: "After I walked, I knew I had to get on to third and wait for somebody to score me. I got lucky and score on a pass ball," said Bustos.

Despite the split, Coach Williams was not particularly

pleased with her team's overall performance, stating that the team is much better than the way it performed in the last number of games: "This isn't a good time of the year to lose to teams we shouldn't be losing to, I told my team every game we play from here on in is going to be a battle. We can hopefully rebound and get back to form."

With a 10-5 conference record (23-11 overall) and five games out of first, the Rams will travel to Coalinga on Thursday to play the West Hills Falcons, then return home on the 27th for a crucial two-game series with the first place Merced Blue Devils.

Come be a part of the fun, the excitement and the friendships ...

Fresno City College

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Riley wins CVC; Eliason falls short

By Eleazar Valdez
RAMPAGE STAFF

There's an old saying that the first time is a mistake, the second time is a habit. What about the third time?



Suzi Riley

PHOTO BY ELEAZAR VALDEZ

Fresno City College's Suzi Riley won the Central Valley Conference tennis championship Saturday with a 7-6, 6-4 victory over Michelle Hammond of College of the Sequoias for Riley's third

consecutive victory over the highly-ranked Hammond.

Riley was on top of her game as she made Hammond run all over the court hitting powerful forehands and a number of successful dropshots. After a 5-3 lead by Riley in the first set, Hammond came back for three straight games to take the lead 6-5. Riley then tied the game, forced a tiebreaker, won that and took command for two sets.

In view of the first set, Riley states: "After I won the tiebreaker, I knew I could not afford to get behind in the early games of the second set." Riley then served a double whammy for Hammond in the doubles competition as she and teammate Lisa Alberta defeated Hammond and her teammate Tanya Leontieff 6-2, 6-1.

On the men's final, after defeating his teammate Mart Kivirahk 6-3, 7-6 in the semifinal, Ethan Eliason couldn't get past the superb tennis game from Modesto's Hugo Camargo 6-1, 6-0. Camargo kept Eliason in check as he hit powerful serves and strong forehands



Ethan Eliason

PHOTO BY ELEAZAR VALDEZ

on the entire match with Eliason holding serve only once.

"He just didn't miss," Eliason said of Camargo's play. Later, Eliason would redeem himself in the doubles competition as he and teammate Heigo Karask defeated fellow teammates Kivirak and Marty Garcia 6-1, 6-4 to capture the men's

championship.

Both teams will next compete in the NORCAL final on April 28, the women will play at Santa Rosa, the men at the site of the highest-seeded team (quite possibly Fresno).

The Fresno Bee contributed to this report.

FCC's women's coach: A proven winner

By Abel E. Jimenez
RAMPAGE STAFF

Recently, the Fresno City College Women's Tennis team captured their third consecutive Central Valley Conference title.

With a roster of dynamic players such as Suzi Riley, Lisa Alberta and Clara Seefeldt, in order for these players to become winners personally and professionally, they require a proven leader to motivate them to play at their best and that leader is head coach Mark Belman.

Belman's history mostly has tennis written all over it. Once a player under Men's head coach Bill Wayte, Belman admits how Wayte became a major influence in his tennis career, both as a player and coach. "When I played for Bill, I was probably his biggest pain in the butt, for I was a typical 18 or 19 year old that was very competitive, but very combustible at times. There were times when I lost it and Bill probably thought of me as a psycho, but I was very competitive," states Belman.

On a more serious note, Belman credits Wayte for being a terrific motivator for him personally and professionally. "Bill's been a great example of how to take care of his players and to make sure everything is organized."

Belman started off as a tennis instructor at Sierra Sport and Racquet Club in 1981, where he is still instructing today. In 1985, he served one season as an assistant coach for the Fresno State women's tennis team. Belman also coached the USTA (United States Tennis Association) Junior tennis team which won 48 sectional titles and five state championships. Last year, NORCAL awarded Belman with the Collegiate Coach of

the Year Award.

Belman became head coach of FCC's women's tennis team in 1995, recording an 0-14 season. In the last three years, the team won 47 of 49 games.

With success riding high, Belman attributes the team's current achievement to the players' belief that they can win it all. "This unit has really come together as a team. They work extremely hard and they're really out here (on the courts) wanting to get better and these girls come out with a good attitude every practice," said Belman.

On his passion for coaching tennis, Belman explained. "Back as a freshman, I wrote an English term paper on what I wanted to do. My dream was to get involved in athletics and maybe becoming a professional tennis player. As a reporter for the Rampage at the time, I covered, followed and travelled with the FCC tennis team and it became something I wanted to do, so basically my hobby became my profession."

Despite his "stand up" presence, Belman admits he's a real "softie" as he explains: "I'm a very giving person, I watch out for others more than I do for my own needs."

An avid sports fan, during his spare time, Belman attends major Valley sporting events like Fresno Grizzlies baseball as well as Fresno State and FCC baseball. Other leisurely things Belman likes to do include working out and exercising, going to the movies and reading.

In his final thoughts, Belman states: "I've had a lot of support here from Dr. (Dan) Larios (FCC president), Ron Scott (FCC Athletic Director) and Bill Wayte. It's been a pleasure for me to work here and do well for this junior college. It's important for me and this community to have the

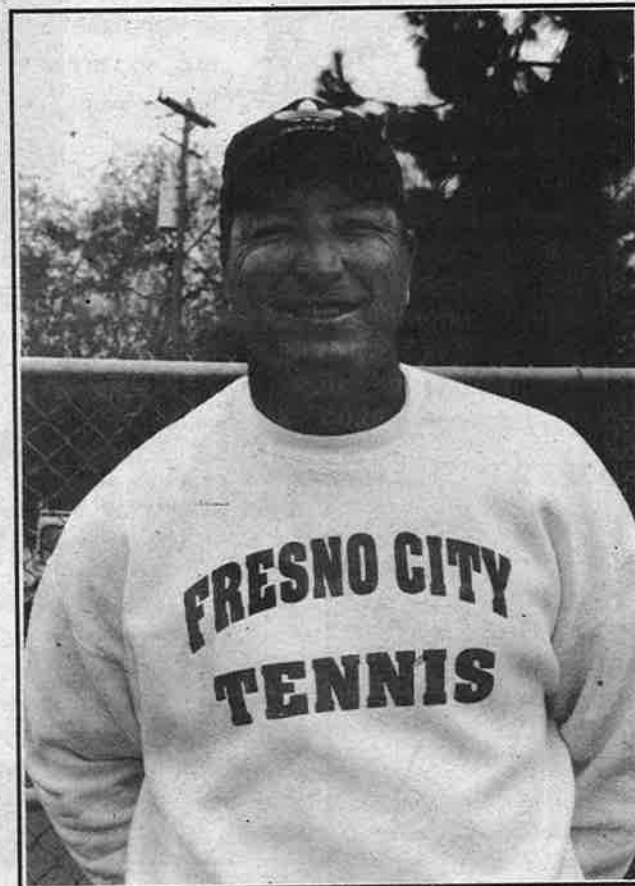


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Women's Tennis coach Mark Belman coached his team to their third straight Central Valley Conference title.

best program possible. From being ranked sixth in the state in my second year to third last year and third this year, we have a program now that's conducive to people who want to keep playing tennis and attend an outstanding program to play where they will get future consideration to play further."

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The Bus Stop

By Kenneth Fontano



TAKIN' IT TO THE STREETS

By Frankie Leon

RAMPAGE STAFF

What does the crisis in Kosovo mean to you?

Flip Costello

"Right now, I work so damn much that I don't have time to watch television."



Sonia Hernandez

"They need to stop fighting so my brother won't go to war!"



Jose Fernandez

"I have no time to know what's going on because I have too much school work."



Sonia Peria

"I think it's sad and they should settle and stop the war already. We shouldn't butt in."



Emilio Inglensio

"There's too much testosterone in this world! Everybody needs to mind their own business."



Join the FCC staff in a farewell to Susan Liberty.

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