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Big turnout at Job Fair

Students meet area employers

By Rebekah Miranda
Rampage reporter

The Job Fair at Fresno City College was a success for both students and the employers, organizers said.

"It was wonderful. This is the highest number of employers we've ever had for the fall Job Fair," said Sean Henderson, coordinator of the Employment Resource Center. "The response from the students was great and the employers felt as though the students were better prepared this year."

Before the Job Fair, the Employment Resource Center provided written information explaining the importance of the event and how to make the most of it. The information gave details about what to learn from the employers and what the employer wants to learn. It also explained the opportunity to meet with many employers in one location.

Outside the cafeteria, Henderson lured students in by equipping the fair with its own DJ. Inside, Dale Roe, a job developer at the Employment Resource Center, said that there were 40 booths inside from different places across the state. Roe was impressed by who came.

"Even the LAPD is here," Roe said.



Jenny Yang and Jason Lor look for job information from the Pizza Hut booth at Fresno City College's Job Fair on Sept. 24. The Employment Resource Center coordinated the event.

A variety of representatives were ready with information to answer students commonly asked questions. Ellen Renner, recruitment specialist for St. Agnes Medical Center said: "Most students want to know what qualifications we require or if there are any part-time positions available. We also encourage students interested in the medical field to come by and

ask questions."

Third-semester student Francis Yalong, was prepared to impress possible employers. "This is my first time at a job fair, I wanted to make a good first impression to everyone I talk to."

Gina Vue followed the signs out-front that led to the event. Vue explained how she had re-

cently left a job where she had been making \$10 an hour and now would like to avoid working for less. "I'm surprised how well some of these businesses pay, I'm curious about requirements and if my schedule fits their hours. Everyone I spoke with has been very informative."

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Employment center gets students work

By Rebekah Miranda
Rampage reporter

Elizabeth Zamorano, used the Employment Resource Center at Fresno City College, as the key tool in building her career possibilities. Because she utilized the many services offered, Zamorano is currently employed as a full-time office assistant at Fresno's Auto College.



Elizabeth Zamorano

Sean Henderson, the center's coordinator, believes that the job process starts when students know their field of study. "Once you have an idea of what your field or major is, we can help with the rest."

The Employment Resource Center is packed with information, guidance and opportunities, for the unemployed or the employed looking to better their career skills. "From this site you can search for jobs and register with JobMail. Online assistance in every area of employability is available as well."

Zamorano, had used the center's Internet service where she completed a short form regarding her general information and her choice of major, computerized accounting. Shortly after, Zamorano was placed as an intern clerk at City Hall.

Elizabeth Zamorano continued to make use of the program while working at City Hall. Receiving word of a position available at Auto College, the FCC student, with the help of the Employment Resource Centers staff, created a new resume and prepared for an interview. "From the college, I faxed my resume to the dealership and they called the next day. They scheduled an interview and from there I had got the job," said Zamorano.

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Visitors to booths at a Club Rush earlier this year stop to get club information or buy food. New clubs at FCC often struggle with publicizing their new groups.

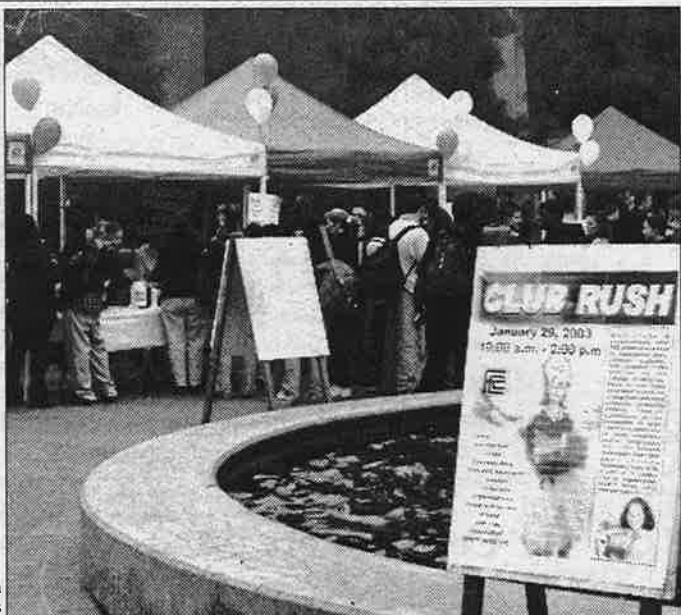


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Dedication key to clubs

Various organizations call FCC their home

By Melissa Whittle
Rampage reporter

Many students are not aware of the many opportunities being a part of a club has to offer, from helping the community through club events to clubs that specialize in a field of study. Fresno City College has a club that appeals to just about every student.

One of many academic clubs

that FCC has to offer is the Literary Art Society. Some are clubs based on religion or politics such as the Muslim Student Association. FCC also offers such clubs as the Teachers of Tomorrow, or the Student Paralegal Association that associates with a major.

In general, most clubs experience downsides of membership or no members at all. Craig Poole, advisor of the Geology Club explains: "All previous members

have left and gone on to Fresno State. To begin with we only had a handful of geology majors that were members of the club."

Issac Riley, current president of Pan-Afrikan Student Union, feels that dedication is the key to a strong lasting club.

"Faithful members who are dedicated, willing to do leg work," said Riley. "People that are positive and have the ability

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Letter to the Editor

Cadets should receive opportunity to help out

I enjoyed the 9/11-related articles and pictures in the Sept. 17 Rampage ("Fresno's finest play with honored firefighters"). I am taking classes at Fresno City College and see the Fire Academy cadets each Tuesday and Thursday morning. They are in their P.E. class on the stadium track while I am in my P.E. class.

I see the Police Academy cadets working out every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon as I come back by the stadium.

I was glad to have an opportunity to ask the Fire Academy cadets about their involvement in the Police Department vs. Fire Department softball game at Grizzlies Stadium on Sept. 11. After all, honor

guards from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, fire and police departments were scheduled to be there.

I was surprised to find out that they weren't even a part of the plans. Why not? They should have been!

In spite of, or because of the events of Sept. 11, 2001, these young men and young women are obviously dedicated in their training for the careers they are pursuing. Wouldn't it be worth the public relations and camaraderie of future recruits to be involved in such a benefit game? I believe so.

Mary Ann Luke

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Meeting Minutes

ACADEMIC SENATE

Sept. 3

Staff Dining Room

- Heard presentation on voter registration drive and campus cleanup project: George Kutnerian, Associated Student Government.
- Heard report on establishment of faculty hiring pool, process for selecting chancellor, Title V grant and single course qualification process: Michael Roberts, president.
- Heard Budget Committee report on electing chairwoman, setting committee goals: Roberta Baber.
- Heard Equivalency Committee report on electing committee chairwoman, library reserve copies of textbooks: Linda DeKruif.
- Heard Instructional Technology Committee report on electing Dan Owens and Jolene Thiessen as co-chairs; and updating bylaws to include Fine, Performing and Communication Arts: Jolene Thiessen.
- Heard Shared Governance Committee report on electing Paula Demanett as chairwoman, recommending Ann Walzberg for district Shared Governance Committee and formulating committee goals for the year: Polly Begley.
- Heard Staff Development report on funding status: Cyndie Sine.
- Heard Student Welfare report on class scheduling, registration procedures and issue of converting to 16-week semester: Robert Martinez.
- Discussed future agenda items: progress of strategic planning committees, Steering Committee update.

ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Sept. 16

Student Senate Chambers

- Discussed allocating \$250 for upcoming Psychological Services screening.
- Ratified presidential appointment: Jason Stewart, senator.
- Secured money for supplies for the Presidents' Clean Up.
- Discussed booth for voter registration drive.
- Heard report on Volunteer Fair.
- Heard report on Presidents' Cleanup committee meeting.
- Heard report of College Night: George Kutnerian, president.
- Heard report regarding JDRF Walk to Cure Juvenile Diabetes on Oct. 25, fund raising, possible online registration.
- Discussed RamBurger RoundUp scheduled for Oct. 29, Considered entertainment for the evening.
- Heard report on CCCSAA conference scheduled for Oct. 17-19 in Sacramento.

Sept. 23

- Heard report on voter registration drive: Doug Crutchfield, trustee.
- Discussed T-shirts for Presidents' Cleanup.
- Discussed possible ASG apparel.
- Heard report on reservations and registration for CCCSAA conference.
- Discussed continuation of Stop the Hate campaign.
- Discussed JDRF Walk to Cure Juvenile Diabetes, walker registration forms and possible fund-raising ideas.
- Report heard about ASB ID card machine orientation.

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- Fresno Pacific University representative — 4-6:30 p.m. Oct. 9 and 30, Yoshino's

Activities

- Club Rush — 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 1, Fountain Area
- Vendor Fair — 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 14-16, Campus Mall/Fountain Area
- Homecoming king and queen elections — 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Oct. 28-29, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 30; Fountain Area
- Homecoming pregame festival and Fall Safe and Sane Carnival — 4:30 p.m. Nov. 1, Ratcliffe Stadium

Arts

- Faculty Biennial Show — through Oct. 24, Art Space Gallery
- "Glynn's Crossing" — 7:30 p.m. Oct. 9-11 and Oct. 16-18, 2 p.m. Oct. 11-12 and Oct. 18; Theatre Main Stage
- City Singers Jazz Concert — 7:30 p.m. Oct. 21, Theatre Main Stage
- Community Concert Band — 7 p.m. Oct. 24, Theatre
- Fall Choral Festival — 9 a.m. Oct. 28-29, Theatre Main Stage

Events

- Fall blood drive — 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 8, College Center
- Career decision-making workshop — 1:30-3:30 p.m. Oct. 8, Career Center
- Walk to Cure Juvenile Diabetes — 7:30 a.m. Oct. 25, West Lawn

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- 5-on-5 flag football — 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 17, North Field

Public Affairs

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Lottery funding helps district pay for services

By Pete Madrid

Rampage reporter

The California State Lottery is contributing to the educational needs of Fresno City College by providing funding for computer labs, teacher workshops and many other important areas of the college community.

The Lottery Act became law on Nov. 6, 1984, when 58 percent of the voters approved Proposition 37, which states that at least 34% of Lottery revenues must go to public education. State Center Community College District is responsible for making the decisions regarding the ways this funding can be used at FCC.

The SCCCD Web site states that the district's Lottery/Decision Package Program is designed to allocate Lottery funds to, "provide the district with a unique opportunity to enhance educational programs, meet staff needs, and provide the necessary maintenance and minor improvements of district facilities."

According to the California State Lottery Web site, the Lottery has provided more than \$14 billion to help support funding for education at all California public schools.

This year, approximately \$3.2 million will be allocated to the SCCCD.

FCC will acquire approximately \$1.13 million, which translates to \$125 per full-time equivalent student, said Douglas Brinkley, vice chancellor of finance and administration of the district.

"It's a valuable resource. It's a very positive thing we have. If we didn't have it, we wouldn't be able to do some of the nicer things we're able to do," said Brinkley.

Deborah J. Ikeda, interim dean of instruction, says she feels that the lottery funds are providing students continued improvement in their education programs.

"There's a lot that goes into teaching a student, so the additional funds help us to meet that need," said Ikeda.

\$50,000 from the lottery funding is being used for staff development and training in such areas as participation at conferences where instructors can learn the newest and different kinds of teacher/student trends.

Marty Kamimoto, is an instructor and coordinator of automotive technology and he says he has participated in a General Motors manu-

facturers training program, which is a mandatory required attendance conference that is recognized by the General Motors Corporation and is paid for with the Lottery funds.

"It's a really good experience because you're in a national conference and you're interacting with other instructors in your position. Without the California Lottery, these funds wouldn't exist," Kamimoto said.

\$30,000 will be spent on a Speakers Forum, which gives various speakers the opportunity to speak at the campus.

The Oregon Shakespeare Festival is coming to FCC this semester to give students a glimpse of their talents and to offer students workshops and a performance. The speakers forum will be paying for this event.

"In tight budget times you really can't do those types of things, but with the Lottery money we're able to set aside a certain small amount of money to do those kinds of activities," Ikeda said, concerning the workshops.

\$523,470 goes to supplies and maintenance.

If an air conditioner breaks, or any such type of equipment on cam-

pus should fail, or if a desk or table should break they will all be repaired or replaced with Lottery funding.

Other expenses include \$65,000 for computer software licensing and hardware maintenance. This is where the Lottery is paying for the necessary licenses to bring the students access to computer applications.

Matt Shirley is in his first semester as a business administration student and he says, "I can understand that the lottery would actually fund something like that because they got the money. It's pretty neat how they are actually able to establish this school with cable modem."

\$250,000 goes to instructional materials, which incorporates support money from the Lottery to be spent for all the supplies associated in the function of the college.

An example is the many different types of paper used at the campus from test paper to computer paper.

\$67,630 has been allocated for safety, maintenance and grounds, whose main objective incorporates a committee of health and safety personnel that meet regularly to

check the campus for health and safety concerns and if they find a need, or require repairs, Lottery funds will pay for them.

\$98,900 will go to the technology and infrastructure department, which will use the money for purchasing materials for maintaining the necessary technology and repair of hubs and linkage supporting services of computer labs located throughout the campus.

At present, this department is using some of the Lottery funds to enhance student's accessibilities toward computers by installing a quick technology infrastructure upgrade.

Eric Flores is a second-year student studying film. He was encouraged to learn of the Lottery funding process, but he does not forget the financial troubles that students had to deal with this semester.

"I think that's good that they're (Lottery) using some of the money to help us out. It helps us out through the budget cuts. It was good that we had something to fall back on with the money from the lottery because it could have been worse," Flores said.

Students have mixed feelings about counselors' advice

By Justin Eck

Special to the Rampage

A nonscientific survey was conducted with 50 Fresno City College students concerning the way general counselors advise them regarding classes.

Of those students' surveyed, one-half do not find general counselors as informative as they should be and two-thirds were skeptical of the advice given to them by general counselors.

"I'm skeptical of the informa-

tion that the counselors give to students at FCC," said FCC student Lejon Brooks. "In my experiences, they are too vague and often times contradict information given by other counselors."

Ernest Smith, associate dean of counselors, said, "Some students may have been given bad advice, and I would expect many students to have trouble trusting the advice they have received."

Other students like April Barajas, feel the FCC counselors are fine the way they are: "They've

always advised me well and are always nice and informative."

According to the survey, nearly three-fourths of the participants would like an improvement in counselor-student relationships.

"Communication is the main problem with counselor-student relationships," said Birt Reid, the department chair of counseling.

"Students hear one thing from one counselor and something different from another counselor. Both the counselor and the student are at fault."

Reid thinks a new rule implemented last spring semester will help counselors better advise students.

"The rule requires counselors to use program sheets and major sheets when advising students on classes," Reid said.

"The two sheets are put into a student file and will help other counselors see what students have discussed in the past." Reid hopes this will help counselors and students communicate better.

Additional problems the survey

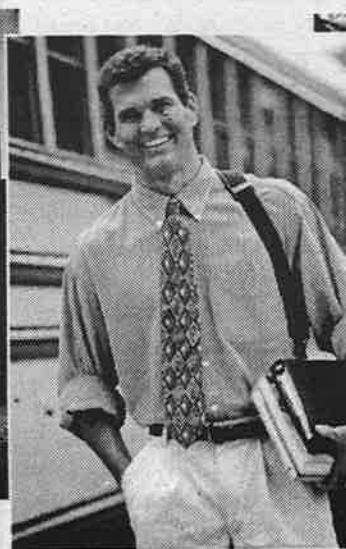
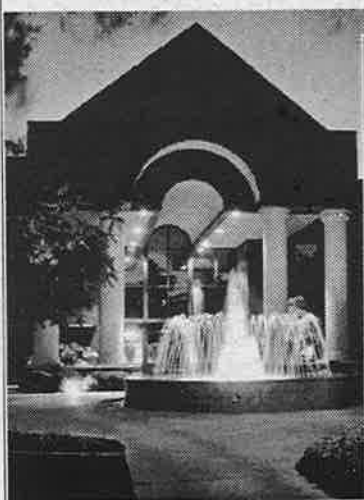
found concluded that students feel rushed by counselors and need to pay more attention to students' individual needs and goals.

Smith said that if students have a complaint about a counselor, they can talk to Reid or himself.

Formal complaints should be written and submitted to Smith's office.

"Students should look at counselors like medical doctors. If they don't like what the first one says, they should get a second opinion," said Smith.

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JOBS: *Employment program helps students get a jump on finding work*

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Now making around \$11 an hour, with medical benefits, air-conditioning and a desk of her own, Elizabeth Zamorano defeated the odds and overcame the high unemployment statistics. Zamorano said with a smile, "It was a very good idea. I told my friends about the on-line program and now they are all registered too."

Henderson explained that once a student is registered with JobMail, emails about job openings reflecting your major, are sent to you regularly. "I still am emailed about other openings but I'm happy here," Zamorano explained.

Through the Employment Resource Center, Gloria Mosqueda applied with the Federal Work Program. This is Mosqueda's second semester with the program and is employed in the recreation room / student lounge on campus. "I applied and was hired. Then I just had to attend an orientation meeting with Sean Henderson. I have 12 units this semester and my job fits my school schedule perfectly, but I still check the posted openings on-line, just in case."

Gabriela Zamora is also employed with the Federal Work program. Zamora, a first semester student at FCC, is currently working along-side Gloria Mosqueda in the recreation room. "I heard about the program

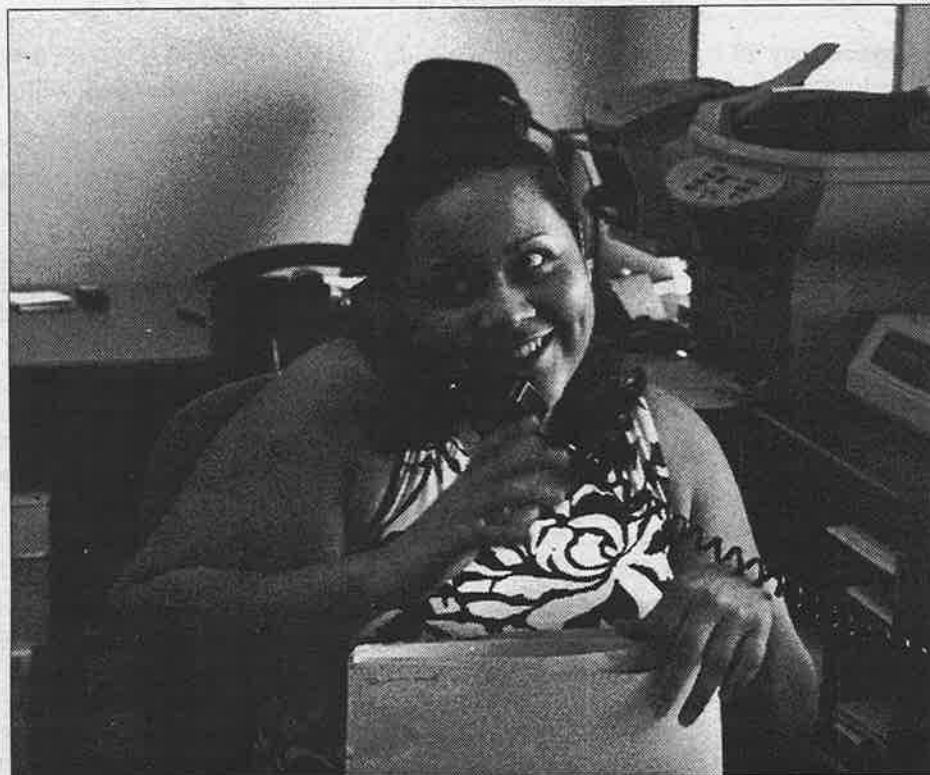


Photo by Deborah Anderson

Elizabeth Zamorano answers a call at Fresno Auto College where she works as an office assistant.

through a friend. I like working here and I'm glad I applied," said Zamora.

The U.S. Department of Labor and the Bureau of Labor Statistics (www.bls.gov)

found that as of July 2003, Fresno's unemployment rate reached 15.3%, indicating that roughly 60,000 people were without a job. Also found, was that areas containing the

highest unemployment rates, are largely farming regions and college districts.

As reported in a Sept. issue of the Fresno Bee, the regional manager of California's Employment Development Department, Carla Barnes did a study of the unemployed in Fresno. Barnes determined by unemployment insurance claims, that almost 80% of the cities' total unemployed live on the south side of town. The side of town that is richest in culture and diversity, and also home to Fresno City College, is said to be depleted of job opportunity.

However, by being a FCC student there is definitely a brighter side to local unemployment statistics.

The Employment Resource Center has employment workshops available every Thursday. The workshops are a half-hour long and focus on developing a resume, practicing your interview skills, and teaching basic job search skills.

The Center's website also gives detail of upcoming career events, such as this year's Career Expo and 2003 Fall Job Fair. The website gives you tips to prepare for each event and how to make the most of your experience while there.

The center has a courteous staff and is a convenient resource that is available to FCC students.

CLUBS: *Organizations appeal to various interests*

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to unify as one."

Clubs also hold special events involving FCC students. On Mexican Independence day the Grupo Folkorico de Fresno City College, a newly established club, had booths in front of the cafeteria that included the selling of ethnic mexican food and even had dancers entertaining the crowd.

Phi Theta Kappa, a national honor society, and PASU, is just a few of many clubs who volunteer within the community. Phi Theta Kappa has volunteered at the Multicultural Fair that has been held at Heaton Elementary School for several years.

American Criminal Justice Association, also known as Lambda Alpha Epsilon, has a deep sense of history and very loyal members.

"I have been a part of it since 2000. What it stands for is what drew me to the club. It is great, plus it's a national organization," says Heather Dunn senior member, chairwoman and coordinator of this year's regional conference.

"Contributing to the growth of the association and making it become better is what made me stick to my membership. The feeling of establishing something within the club, and not just being there showing up."

Bill Bertolani, advisor of American Criminal Justice Association is very proud of the campus' association. "It has history and continuance" ACJA is one of the strictest clubs on campus. It was estab-

lished in 1937 with bylaws, and standing rules. Pledging goes on for 90 days and members have to pass an exam before they can be seen as an active member.

Many former students have come back to either support clubs in general or work here on campus. Donprey Martin is one of those students, who is a former PASU member.

"The design was to bring in black members to speak for black students, but we began to be the voice for the students instead. We were very political. We had deans and the presidents of the college came to speak to us."

Martin, who is the college center assistant on campus also stated, "I learned that the world is just not Fresno. Networking is very important because someone who lives in a different city or state can have totally different ideas that you have. If you stay isolated your ideas can get stagnant. Participate, be citizen, and have an outlet, so that you can learn to accomplish goals within a group."

Gurdeep Sihota was a former FCC student, and now the director of College Activities. Sihota worked at the Rampage and was a part of ASG. She strongly advises students to get involved. "Getting involved is something you can put on your resume and if you don't like any clubs on campus you can start your own." Sihota swears by her experiences. Sihota is also the advisor of PASU.

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Jenny Yang and Jason Lor, traveled together around the job fair gathering information about better employment. Both are employed at Fashion Fair Mall, but are looking for something new. Jason Lor said, "I've worked at the GAP for two years now. I am ready to do something new and different."

As an unemployed, first semester student, Esmeralda Tafoya was

excited about the Job Fair. Her future plans are to become a nurse, but she says, "Right now any job would be nice." Tafoya was prepared and she had spoken with many employers. "I got plenty of information and a ton of applications."

Representatives, like Corrections Corporal Richard Ackerman, of Madera County Corrections, felt as though the response from the students was outstanding. "Students

come up wondering if they're too old or too young to be a correctional officer. They ask about our new part-time positions that are available and it's great to see so many women asking about employment. There are currently more employment chances for women than for men."

Students that attended this fall's Job Fair said they got a chance to see what the job market of today has to offer them.

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October 1, 2003

ASG makes campus decisions, but few at FCC know about members' ...

Senate Acts

*Give ASG some help;
senators carry
student burdens*



Gerard Morel

The Fresno City College Associated Student Government maintains a busy schedule in keeping up with the demands of the student body.

ASG is an important link in the chain of the decision-making process on the FCC campus.

ASG is the students' voice on the community college district's Board of Trustees, the school's Presidential Cabinet, Curriculum Committee and Financial Aid Committee.

Without the hard work of ASG, many student ideas and thoughts would never be heard.

Some students on campus believe the system of shared governance between FCC executives and ASG is not fair.

The system of sharing ideas with student government is noble of the executives, but the ASG should have a louder voice. Students are the pulse of this campus, without them, FCC would be nonexistent.

The ASG truly has been fighting with one hand tied behind their backs. Whether it be with FCC executives or with students who believe that not enough is being done. The reality of it all is that the entire community college system has been affected by the state budget cuts. The ASG continues to push valiantly for students.

"The executives hold all the power," said Michelle Kazel. "They are the ones who decide what happens at FCC."

ASG President George Kutnerian disagrees.

"The system is fair as long as our voice is heard with decision-making on campus," he said.

Representing the students is the most important part of Kutnerian and ASG.

Moreover, ASG has made many strides in making students' college experience a memorable one, through cleanup events around campus, cultural celebrations, \$75 book loans and promotional events.

On Oct. 29, ASG will present the Ramburger Roundup: Every student with FCC identification will receive a hamburger, chips, soda and a dessert.

Members of ASG are students as well, and they have to study and attend various meetings. They deserve credit for their hard work.

For coordinating events, balancing a school schedule and making sure that our needs are met, they deserve a pat on the back.

Students should lend their support to those who take the time to participate in ASG. They are truly looking out for the progression of FCC students.

The ASG will continue serving students in a concise and democratic way.

• Gerard Morel writes for the Views section of The Rampage.



Susan Morgan

*Student council
works, but not fast
enough for campus*

Our student body government does its job well. I'm not going to say that it's inadequate. I am, however, going to bring up the idea that student senators are in a position of being too comfortable in their performance.

It's agreed that no form of government is perfect. It is of my opinion that every form of government should be aware of its weaknesses and strive to improve upon them. It is when there is nothing to strive for or improve upon that any form of government reaches a standstill.

I completely believe that our student body government has it all under control and performs a proficient job. What I see is a lack of ingenuity and challenge.

I wanted to bring out the error in our government to Associated Student Government President George Kutnerian and hear how ASG senators planned to improve.

When I asked Kutnerian about improvements and past mistakes, the responses were that of a trained politician ready to appease his audience with news that everything is under control.

I asked him about the challenges the council faced getting the campus voice heard,

whether it be a lack of communication or lack of organization.

"When new people join the government it's often challenging, but I've been really impressed with the new senators," he said. "We haven't quite struck a chord with the faculty yet. We would like them to get more involved with school activities."

He added that student volunteerism was up and the number of students interested in the Presidents' Cleanup on Sept. 27 had surpassed expectations.

It sounds like great news, but I'm a little more skeptical than that. I don't like being patronized. I don't like being shooed out the door with a pat on my head telling me everything is OK.

It comes down to two things: Either I'm being fed sweet-tasting, high political morale-charged stories, or our government isn't being chal-

lenged enough. At this point, it could be considered that our government is more of a figurehead.

If we as a student body don't have any issues to fight for or any words to be heard, then we don't really even need a body of government not saying it for us. Any organization or group of volunteers can perform campus activities.

My word for improvement and advice: Turn up the burners, student council, and get cooking on some fresh ideas. You're on simmer right now.

• Susan Morgan writes for the Views section of The Rampage.

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More info

Associated Student Government meetings are open to the public. Agendas and more information are available at the ASG office (SC-205) or by calling 442-8275.

ASG Senate meetings

When: 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays
Where: Student Senate Chambers, College Center

Campus Voices

By Tony Losongco

How can ASG make a bigger impact on campus?



Alin Newsome
animal science

"I guess they can improve by being more active. They need to start doing more advertising."



Olga Perez
registered nursing

"By holding public seminars for just any student to walk in if they want to learn about it."



Ramon Casillas
undecided

"Probably to be more involved with the students. Ask the students what they want."



Lauren Maltos
undecided

"More publicity, because I don't even know anything about it."



Bo Bounthirath
finance

"I want to see what type of power they have. I have no clue what they really do."

Recall replacements disappoint new voters

In March, I turned 18, and like most people, I went to a club and stayed out past 10 p.m. without having to worry about curfew. I bought a Lottery ticket and some tobacco for no reason other than the fact that I could. Now all I had to do was vote.

I couldn't wait until 2004 to help boot President Bush out of office. I'm still mad that he is the president. Fortunately, I get to take out my political angst on a different elected official in October instead.

Voters in our state are not happy with Gov. Davis. He is being blamed for every mishap that has happened in this state while he has been in office, from budget cuts to rolling blackouts.

Now, voters are going back to the polls to decide whether to recall Davis, and if so, we must select a new governor.

There are 135 possible candidates — the number was originally 247. The state officially has become a three-ring circus.

If you haven't taken a look at your sample ballot, let me inform you: We have bankers, small-business owners, a business analyst and public strategist. Those occupations sound pretty legitimate. These candidates may be able to get our state out of this economic stupor.

But wait, that's not all.

We also have a custom denture manufacturer, a professional sumo wrestler, an adult film "actress," and let's not forget, Arnold the Terminator.

Barnum and Bailey has nothing on us. It only takes 65 signatures and a \$3,500 fee to become a candidate.

I am beginning to wonder whether this is taking our democracy a little too far. For the life of me, even Gary Coleman is a candidate.

Even realizing my options, I have tried to stay optimistic about my first time voting. I searched the Internet, and I came across Iris Adams' Web page.

I clicked on her biography. "Her area of expertise is researching the relationship between prevention and politics," it read. Huh? What I see when that read that is: "I'm evasive. Vote for me."

I truly began to lose hope at this point, because with candidates with cryptic messages like that, I will not find any useful information to help me decide what candidate is the best to solve the problems in our state.

"We are going to have to deal with the outcome of the recall, and who we vote as governor," said Fresno City College student Angela Rodriguez, 18. She is also a first-time voter struggling with her choice.

Unfortunately, few other young adults are even concerned about what is going on in our state. U.S. Census Bureau figures show that there was only 32 percent turnout among voters between 18 and 24 in the 2000 presidential election.

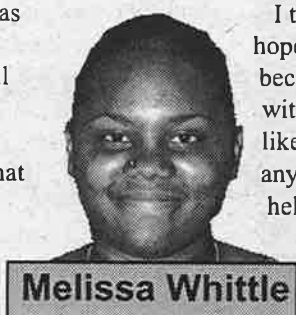
The other 68 percent who didn't vote are probably the ones who are upset about who is elected, what new laws are in effect, and the fact that regardless of not voting, they still have jury duty.

"Many young adults don't take advantage of their rights, they don't vote and then they speak against the government," said first-year FCC student Sina Christensen. "I truly believe I will make a difference when I do vote."

That couldn't be truer. I think that is what has happened with this election: The people that don't have transportation, or find too long of a line, or just plain forget to vote — these are real excuses on the Census Bureau Web site — want to recall Davis and choose another governor.

I hope that Californians will go out and get it right this time.

• *Melissa Whittle writes for the Views section of The Rampage.*



Melissa Whittle

Internet cheating fails to make the grade

So you have a paper due in five days, but you work the next five nights, your cousin's birthday bash is Thursday, and you're not even sure about a topic yet. There just doesn't seem to be time, and you don't know what to do or where to turn.

Well, you could just ditch class that day and score yourself a weekend extension. You can't miss the party, right?

Let's say that if you turn it in late, it will be docked a whole letter grade and you're barely passing as it is. What do you do now in this situation?

Unfortunately, there are those who are tempted by the convenience and assurance of a plagiarized term paper. Online cheating is a huge problem growing at universities, and it's changing the way that we learn and teachers grade.

Online cheating can also be flat-out called plagiarism. It is becoming an epidemic across the country.

The University of North Carolina has seen a 60 percent increase in cheating since 2000, and Duke University has seen its academic misconduct cases double over the last five years, according to an Associated Press article published last month.

The problem doesn't start in college, either. Fewer students cheat when they enter college. The Associated Press article found that 97 percent of high school students admitted cheating.

The difference is that in high school, teachers can accidentally overlook something small like copying homework. Online cheating is used for term papers, book reports, and any other written assignments.

These statistics show our lack of ethics as a generation. The problem has never been this big before or so easy to commit.

There are hundreds of Web sites ready and willing to sell you a term paper, including TermpaperGenie.com and A-



Susan Morgan

1termpapers.com.

Some Web sites offer a search engine to look up a specific topic, while others have topics to choose from, and still others let you type in all the details when you submit your payment. Once you select a topic, a list of papers will come up.

For instance, I looked up "mass communication" on one site and found several essays. One was about the Energizer bunny and cost \$20; one about Barney being fascist dictator of children's television was also \$20.

These services are not cheap. TermpaperGenie.com costs \$7.95 a page and up to \$19.95 in shipping.

A-1termpapers.com defines plagiarism as something copied or stolen from a book, but then claims on its site that its service is different because it delivers "custom-made papers that have a genuine bibliography and can be verified. Content is written from scratch."

A question that percolates here is how this is legal.

Unfortunately, it's hard to enforce state laws prohibiting fabricated term papers on a medium such as the Internet. Many of these Web sites get away with selling term papers by

claiming that they are "term-paper assistance" and that the papers they sell are for example only.

To combat this problem, universities are striking back with a secret weapon. Far worse than having students submit to a lie detector test when suspected of cheating, they are turning over to honor codes.

In short, they are trying to institute ethics by letting students turn in other students they suspect of cheating.

It seems to work, actually. Davidson College in North Carolina has had an honor code for quite some time, according to Tom Shandley, the school's vice president of student life.

"Many students decide to enroll because they want to be a part of the honor code culture," Shandley said in the AP report. "During exam week, students schedule their own finals and take them with no professor present."

FCC instructor Marc Forestiere teaches information systems classes and thinks that's a bad idea. He said that academic dishonesty could be taken care of through other methods, like comparing students' content and making them write on different topics.

"I try to hit a couple of the links they give on their works cited page to see where they got their information, and if it's plagiarized," he said.

Forestiere suggested Turnitin.com, a Web site used at California State University, Fresno. The Web site contains 40 million pages of text and can recognize plagiarized phrases instantly.

Eventually, everyone will have to deal with this problem, and everyone will feel its effects.

What it comes down to is ethics. Do the right thing, and none of this article should matter or involve you. Continue to do the crime and expect to eventually do the time.

• *Susan Morgan writes for the Views section of The Rampage.*

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FCC talks a lot of garbage about cleaning up the campus

I was trying to find a place to sit one day before my 6 p.m. class. I was hoping to find a place that had minimal distractions and some shade. After only five minutes of searching, it seemed to me that every seating area I passed was surrounded by garbage.

Finally, I noticed that it was filthy throughout the campus. Gum wrappers, cigarette butts, 16-ounce cups, Snapple bottles, and empty bags of Cheetos littered the College Mall. Amazingly enough, there was a lonely, neglected garbage can only a few feet away. Unfortunately, it's common knowledge that if it is a public place, you will find litter there.

It didn't take long to get an assessment

from other Fresno City College students. Fabiola Ulloa was mildly disgusted by the situation.

"Students should get fined for throwing their trash on the ground," Ulloa said.

I agree that something should be done. The amount of trash in certain areas on campus is disturbing. It seems to me that too many students are being careless about what they do with their garbage.

Our student representative, Associated Student Government, took a stand on Sept. 27 when members participated in Presidents' Clean Up. The event in which volunteers cleaned up the campus gave us a chance to redeem ourselves.

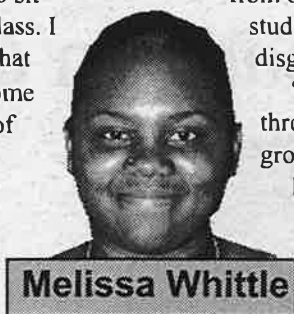
Students are the cause of the problem and can be the solution. You should care because it is your money that goes into this school, it is your campus. If nothing else, care because you care about hygiene.

Maintenance shouldn't have to do extra work, when we can walk a few extra feet to dispose of our trash.

It is embarrassing to have to clear a path just to sit down.

All I am asking is for us as students to take notice and a little responsibility for the trash that didn't make it to the garbage can. The saying "one man's trash is another man's treasure" does not apply to the litter at FCC.

• *Melissa Whittle writes for the Views section of The Rampage.*



Melissa Whittle



Photo by Bryan Borrer

Linda Vang and Lindsey Fenton sweep up sidewalk in front of the bookstore.



Student dazzles 'Idol' judges

Rodrigo Cortes seeks second chance at show.

By Susan Morgan
Rampage reporter

Do you have what it takes to be the next American Idol? Well, someone from Fresno City College almost did. In fact, he still could be if people would be willing to donate money to help pay for his trip to Hawaii.

Rodrigo Cortes was the only person from Fresno selected to sing in front of the infamous Simon Cowell and all-around-good guy Randy Jackson, judges from "American Idol."

The show toured America throughout August and September looking for hopefuls to contend on the popular hit show's third season. The web site Idolonfox.com said the show should premiere sometime in January.

Cortes, 18, is in his first semester at FCC. He went to St. Mary's High School in Stockton, where he was born and raised. He has never had professional voice lessons. His only experience singing was his years in the St. Mary's musical and some opera workshops, yet he had the courage and the ambition to try to become the next American Idol.

It's not as easy as some think to sing on television for a show and become a star. Nothing is what it seems.



Rodrigo Cortes

When Cortes went to the first audition at the Rose Bowl in Los Angeles he discovered the unexpected.

"I got there at 7 p.m. on Saturday, the line formed on Friday, and I was No. 1,885, he said. They started moving the line at 5 a.m. on Sunday."

The competition was tough. Cortes was chosen from 2,500 people in the first round of auditions. He was then selected from 400 and on his way to compete with 100 of his peers. This audition, however, was going to be a lot different than his earlier experiences. This time, there were cameras, and he was going to sing in front of "Cowell and Jackson" instead of the show's producers.

"I feel I've been jyped! I find out Paula Abdul's not there and I'm thinking to myself, 'Oh no!' because I thought I'd have a good chance singing in front of her."

When there are three judges, a person can make the cut if the vote is two to one, but with only two there, they had to agree for the contestant to go on to the next round.

Cortes still was optimistic. He was going into the final round of auditions for the show. When he had first auditioned at the Rose Bowl, he sang, "A Whole New World" from "Aladdin", and the producers told him it was too Broadway. He then sang "My Girl" off the top of his head, and he was in.

At this audition though, there would be no second chances. It still looked like there was luck on his side.

"I saw him [Randy] in the bathroom and talked to him for a little bit then went back to the waiting room, he said. My turn was up, and Randy was like, 'Wussup dawg?' I saw

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Photo by Marlena McClain

A giraffe head by FCC instructor Amy Morgan and three ceramics pieces are surrounded by paintings hanging in the Art Space Gallery.

Teaching Tools

By Tony Losongco
Editor in chief

Fresno City College faculty members show off their artistic talents in the Art Space Gallery once every two years, and when they do, their exhibit gives the community a free peek at their creativity.

The Art Faculty Biennial, which opened Sept. 16, presents the work of 18 FCC art and photography instructors for public viewing. The show displays 33 photographs, paintings, ceramic pieces and other art.

Robyn Bates, FCC's head painting instructor, said she found the inspiration for her two show pieces while hiking through the Ansel Adams Wilderness.

"It was gorgeous, all these trees up to the sky," said Bates of "Rainbow Falls' Fire," her watercolor painting of dead trees against an orange sky that looks like a raging fire. "For me, painting is about color, so why not have

orange clouds?"

Pieces range from the traditional to the surreal. Mary Ollila's "Spiral Nebula" sports a striped, papier-mâché type of pot, turned on its side, that sits about 4 feet off the ground and invites the viewer to take a look inside.

Instructor E.Z. Smith's "Crocodile Tail Boots" offers even more interactive art. The anaglyph three-dimensional photograph of a woman selling boots lists the asking price for the footwear, and hanging out from the frame are several pairs of 3-D glasses for an up-close view.

For Bates, the experiment that started by painting with her granddaughter resulted in a deeply personal departure from her usual work.

"We're all expressing some part of ourselves," Bates said. "Making art is hard work. If it weren't meaningful, why would

Arts Box

Art Faculty Biennial reception

When: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Oct. 2
Where: Art Space Gallery (AH-101)
Hours at the Art Space Gallery are: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday.
More information is available by calling the gallery at 442-4600, ext. 8909.

you do it?"

"We're often pleasantly surprised by the direction that their personal artistic endeavors have taken," curator Laura Lindsey West said in a press release. "Even when a ceram-

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Play crosses family bonds

By Crissy Winston
Rampage reporter

Fresno City College Theatre Arts instructor Chuck Erven has done it again with his new play titled, "Glynn's Crossing." Erven is the writer and director of this production.

Even though he has been a playwright for 15 years, he continues to find a challenge. "There's always pieces to the play that's challenging," said Erven.

"The play is a drama that's very laid back yet, very interpersonal. 'Glynn's Crossing' is based on a dysfunctional family that lives in Glynn's Crossing, N.C., who are going through tough times. Their son, 35, has died from alcohol abuse. "Family members blame each other and form allies among each other. They also reconstruct as they seek forgiveness and acceptance." Every character has a secret that's going to be revealed," Erven said.

The cast is small and intimate, but dedicated. The cast is divided among two community actors and three students. The students made their own costumes for the play.

The characters of this play are Harry (Skip

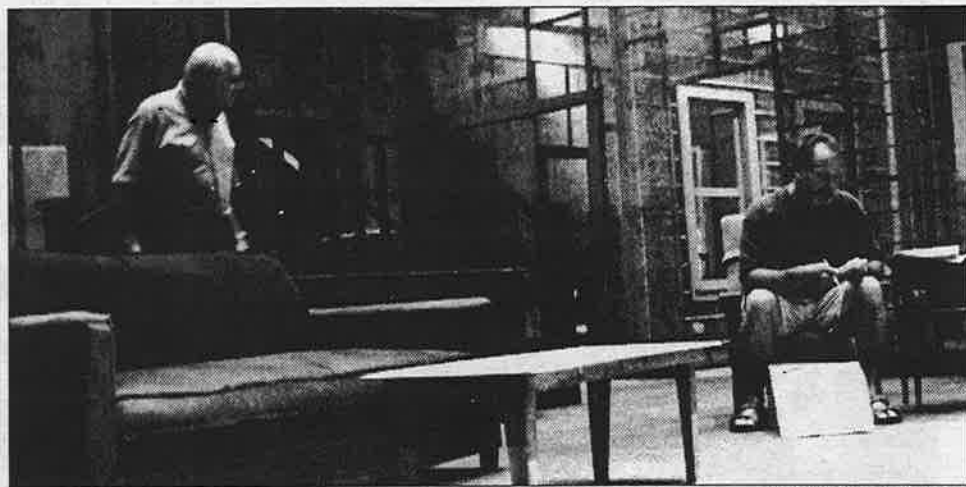


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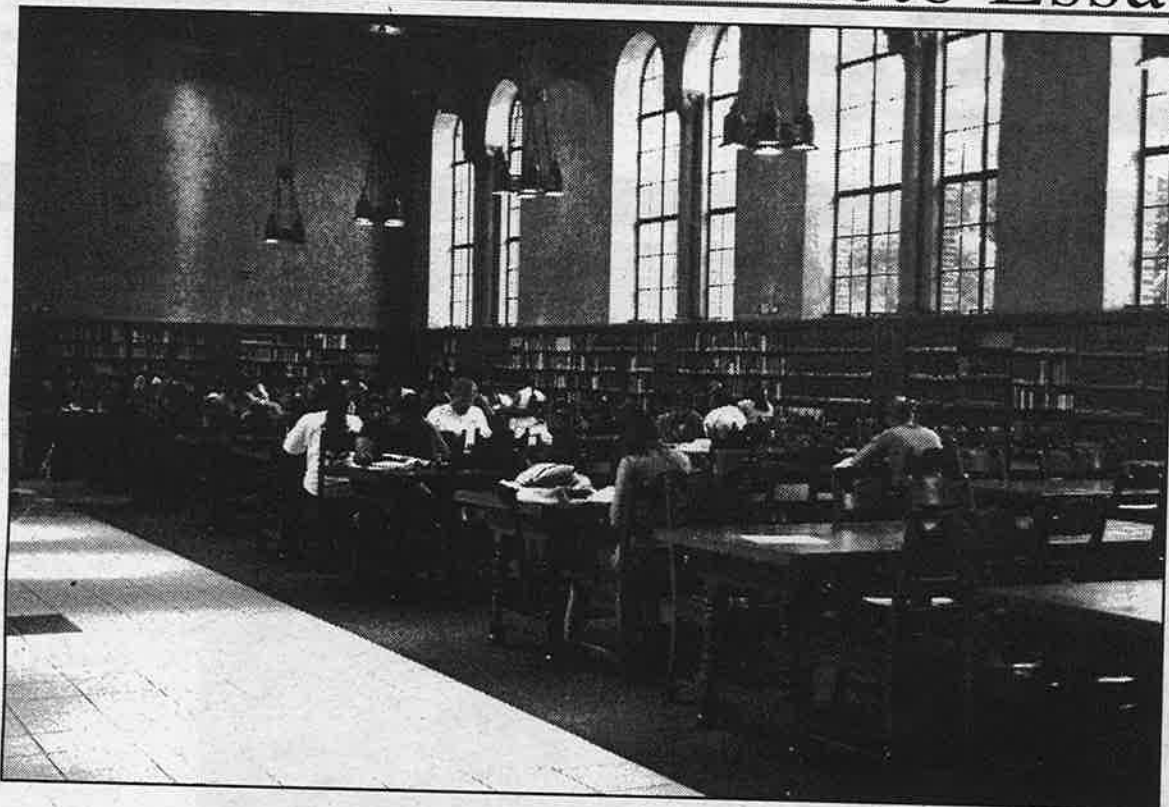
From left to right, Nate (Michael Robertson) and Harry (Skip Sargenti) rehearse for the play.

Sargenti), Nate (Michael Robertson), Delores (Leslie Williams), Tilly (Dana Fouch) and Beth (Kim Del Pozo). The play contains language considered unsuitable for children.

The play will run for two weekends starting Oct. 9 with performances starting at 7:30 p.m. On Oct. 11 and Oct. 18 there will be an earlier performance starting at 2 p.m.

On Oct. 12 at 2 p.m. there will be a special FCC Theatre Scholarship Benefit performance and this is also available to the public, as well as the parents of the recipients.

Tickets are \$10 for students and \$7 for senior citizens. Tickets are available through the FCC Theatre Box Office by calling 442-8221.



Students study in the refrence room of the library. This room was the main reading room until the west wing was added in 1996.

Photo by Deborah Anderson

Inside the FCC library

A cornerstone of Fresno City College

Jillian Milam

Rampage photographer

In 1931 construction started on the Fresno City College library. Although at that time the campus was home to the Fresno State Teachers College. The building was finished and opened in September of 1933. The total cost of construction, purchase of land and furnishings was a mere \$260,000. The library was built in a style reflecting architecture found in Northern Italy. The arches, brick and terra cotta tile roof of the library mimic that of the Administration Building, built in 1916. The main entrance first introduces us to the oak and brass found extensively in the interior of the library. The ceiling is a small preview of the style of painting, using gold leaf and basic colors, found throughout the building. The last important features of the entrance are the eight terra cotta columns.



Photo by Jillian Milam

The original brick front from 1933.

Many of the original features of the library have been replaced. The brick circulation desk was removed as well as the card catalog. The card catalog was unusual, built into the wall; it could be accessed from either the front or the back. The Main Reading Room or as it is now referred to, the Reference Room, in addition to the repetition of oak found at the entrance the rosettes and

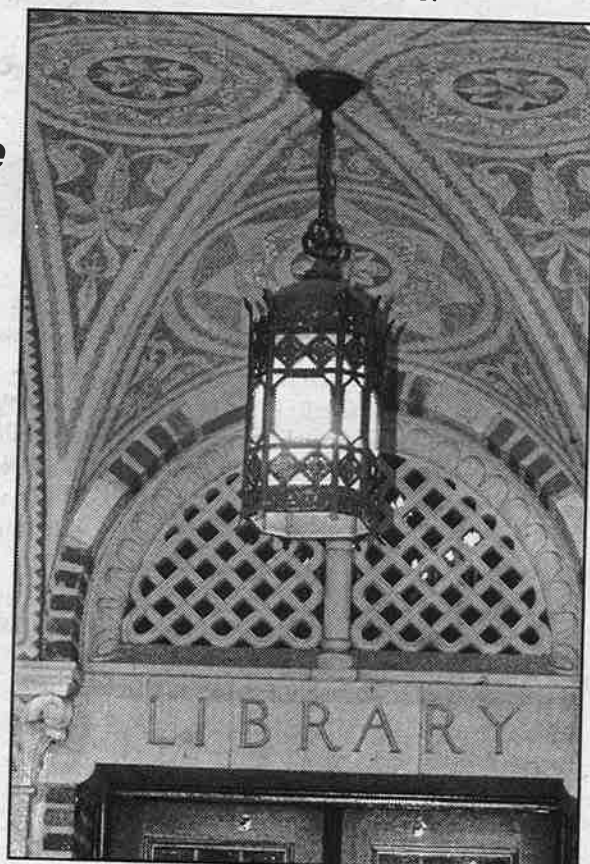


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The tuscan influence is most visable in the mosaics above the library doors.

gold leaf painting are also continued. The ceiling in this room was designed by a Dutch artist by the name of Anthony B. Heinsbergen. Heinsbergen moved from Holland to Los Angeles in 1906. The Los Angeles City hall and the California State Building were also graced with art by Heinsbergen. Locally he also did art work for the Tower Theater. The ceiling shows an interpretation of the evolution of culture and civilization through many historical periods. The center beam in this room has portraits of eight educators: John Amos Cermenius, Jean Jacques Rousseau, Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi, Johann Friedrich Herbart, Friedrich Froebel, Horace Mann, Herbert Spenser, and John Dewey. When exiting this room you may notice the inscription above the door. The quote is a line from "The Souls of Books" by 19th century poet

Edward Lytton. It reads "There is no past so long as books shall live".

In 1996 the West Wing was added. This area houses new reading rooms and contains the circulating books.

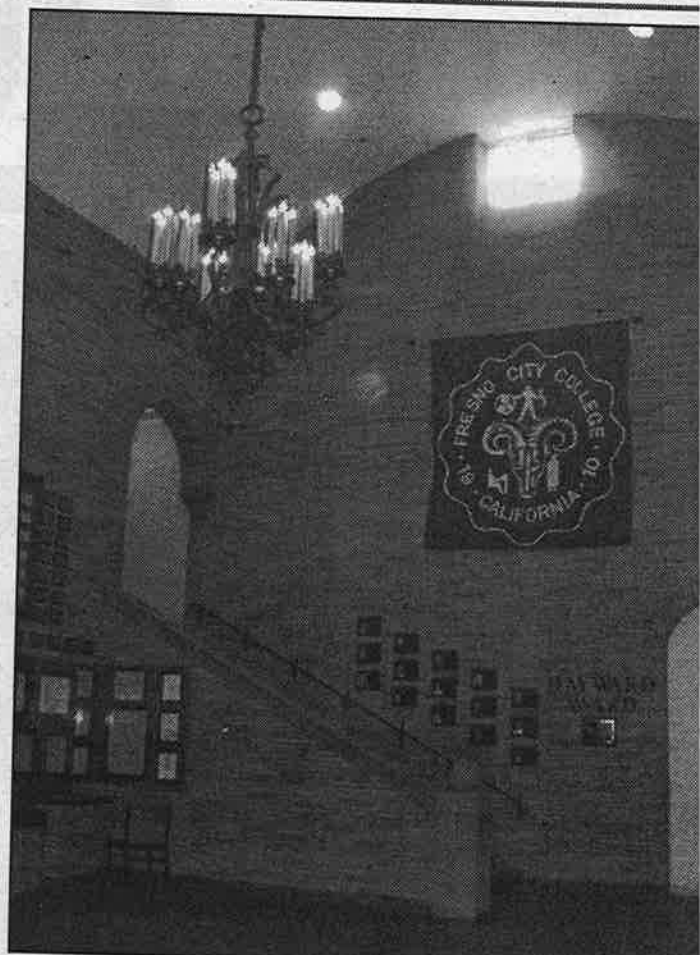


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The main entrance much as it was when it was originally built in 1933.

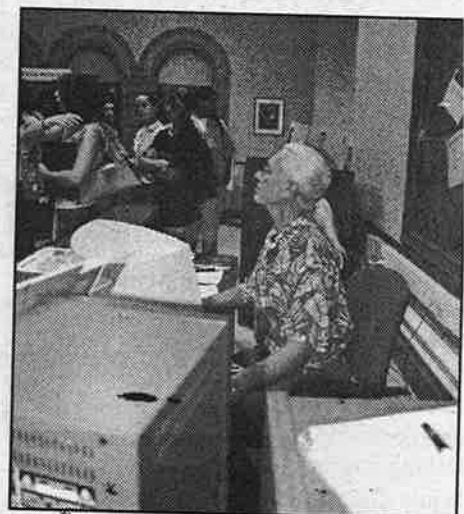


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Librarian David Racki at his desk.

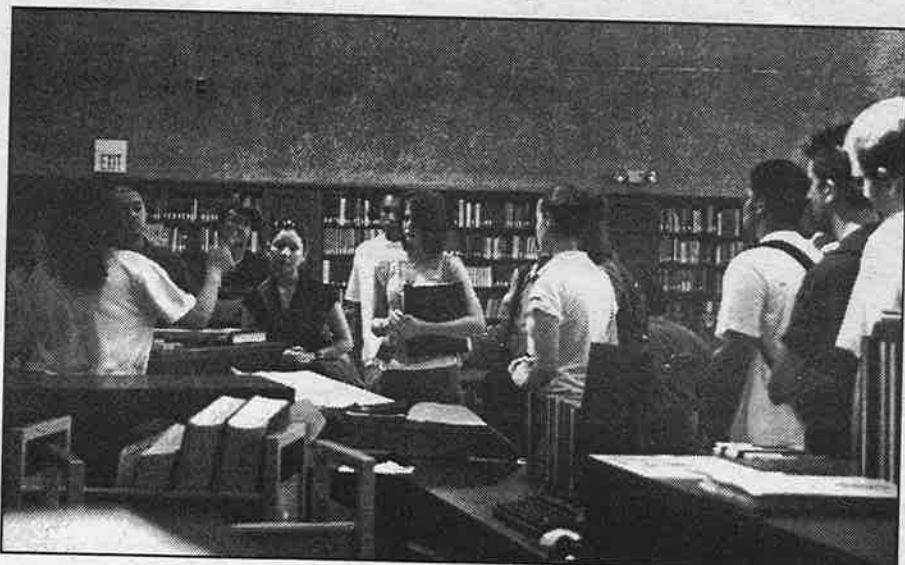


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Liz Willams gives a tour of the library to an English 1A class. One of the many classes to tour the library this and every semester.



Photo by Deborah Anderson

Students access the internet and library catalogue

Edo-Ya cooks tempting cuisine

By Gerard Morel
Rampage reporter

Edo-Ya is quite arguably the finest Japanese restaurant in Fresno, starting with its exceptional sushi bar, wet bar, and its entertaining teppanyaki. One has many gastronomical options at Edo-Ya.

I recommend it because of the college student-friendly prices and delicious food. Diners can enjoy a teppanyaki lunch for as little as \$10, if one only orders water to drink and does not order beer or cold, unfiltered sake, which will make the bill skyrocket.

Edo-Ya has a formidable teppanyaki lunch special menu, which runs from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

The special offers soup, salad, fried rice, seasonal vegetables (usually squash and mushrooms), choice of meat or seafood, bean sprouts and traditional Japanese green tea.

Dining at Edo-Ya is truly an interpersonal experience. You are seated next to your companions and by fellow patrons around the grill. Many times, you meet strangers and

Review

Edo-Ya

Entree Prices: \$7.99 to \$9.99
Location: 3050 W. Shaw, on the corner of Marks.
Phone: 275-7535

leave having met a new friend.

The chef prepares each meal with diligent care, and rarely will make a mistake. The chef allows the guest to interact with him while he cooks the meal.

If requested, the chef will perform a variety of tricks, including the "smoking volcano," which is done by stacking rings of onion on top of one another until the smallest is on top and igniting oil poured in the center, which will flame, subside then begin to smoke like a volcano.

There are many tantalizing teppanyaki meals to choose from, recommended are the garlic chicken, grilled calamari and ginger



Photo by Jillian Milam

Seats are arranged so that people can sit around the chefs cooking presentation.

beef or chicken. All lunch entrees are priced from \$7.99 to \$9.99. Each dish satisfies and has a sweet taste on the lips and is bound to satisfy anybody.

Edo-Ya's teppanyaki area is frequently busy and is based on a first come first serve

basis. Reservations are not accepted for lunch. Seating is prompt, and drinks are served immediately by friendly staff.

The food and over all service will not disappoint. It will leave you coming back for more.

The Flaming Lips take 'Fight Test'

By Gerard Morel
Rampage reporter

The veteran Oklahoma band The Flaming Lips have released an EP disc in support of its "Yoshimi Battles the Pink Robots." The disc is for its single "Fight Test." This disc is sure to please and is kind on the ears with catchy melodies and delightful sounds.

This EP has seven songs: four Lips songs and cover songs of artists Kylie Menogue, Beck and Radiohead. A slowed down, mellow acoustic version of Minogue's mega-disco hit "Can't Get You out of My Head," is

Review

The Flaming Lips

EP: "Fight Test"
Web site: www.flaminglips.com
Rating: ★★★★★

surprising at first, but is as catchy as the original. The Beck song "Golden Age," is a song familiar to the Lips: the group served as Beck's opening act and as his back upband

on his last tour. The Radiohead cover of "Knives Out," is eerily filled with schizophrenic guitar and manic vocals.

The title track, "Fight Test," is the continuing story of Yoshimi, who struggles against the evil pink robots designed to destroy civilization. Yoshimi haggles with the prospects of being a pacifist and an idealist. Yoshimi must take action, stand up and be a man, while wondering what life is all about.

There are also two new Lips songs on the EP, "The Strange Design of Conscience," and "Thank You Jack White." "Strange De-

sign of Conscience," is a song with a catchy existentialist theme, while "Thank You Jack White" is a song written in homage to Jack White, lead singer of the White Stripes. The song has a country twang and it is hard not to smile upon listening to this song.

This Lips EP is an essential addition to the thinking persons music library. The Lips are currently wrapping up its tour. To find out about the groups tour dates visit its web site for more information. The group is also starring in its first feature film "Christmas On Mars."

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you in the bathroom!"

The song Cortes chose was an a capella version of "Isn't She Lovely." It went over pretty well. Both Randy and Simon seemed to like it, but then came the million-dollar question, literally.

"Simon comes out of nowhere and says, 'What would you do with \$1 million?' I didn't actually know so I said I would give \$100,000 to charity, invest \$200,000 and then build a really nice house. Then he tells me I'm out."

Out of that day's auditions. 15 females made the cut, and the day before, four males made it.

Cortes wasn't totally a lost. He got some great experiences out of it. He got to tell the cameras why he thinks he should be the next American Idol and got some motivation to go back in time.

In fact, he even talked about going to the audition in Hawaii, if he can get the money together. Right now, he's looking at a \$500 ticket round trip.

Even if he doesn't go, he's

looking into voice lessons and is getting psyched for the fourth season. He wants more preparation for the second time he gets to sing in front of the judges.

Cortes has a better understanding of what the auditions are about and hopes to return for the following season.

He might be appearing on the first episodes of the show. So, keep your eyes out for him around campus, because next season he might just be America's new pop sensation.

SHOW: Art speaks out

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ics instructor does what we might anticipate by exhibiting pottery ... it is delightful to see their favorite pieces, to revel in their artistry." West, an FCC instructor, did not return phone messages requesting an interview.

The gallery will hold a reception

on Oct. 2 inviting the public to view the artwork being presented by FCC instructors.

"We like to share with our students what we do," Bates said. "This is the way we communicate with the rest of the world is through our artwork."

"This is our stage."

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by Luis Quezada

Aries



Stay on top of all your tasks. By the end of the month you will have some time to celebrate and enjoy your accomplishments. Your work will see the results you wanted.

Taurus



A close family member needs your support right now. This person is experiencing some sort of depression, but with your personality you will be able to cheer him or her up.

Gemini



You are experiencing some financial problems at this time, but help is on the way. Expect some great income within the next couple of weeks.

Cancer



Too much labor on your hands can be overwhelming. Go ahead and pamper yourself with what you enjoy doing the most. It's time to relax and appreciate what life has to offer.

Leo



Remember to treat others the same way you want to be treated. You'll see how easy it is to make the world smile back at you, despite the everyday problems in life.

Virgo



Stand up for yourself. Feel proud of who you are and what you believe in. Others may be feeling the same way you are about certain issues.

Libra



Things may not be going in the direction you hoped, but they will soon. Give them time to properly adjust. Remember that the sun shines for everyone, even through the smallest cracks.

Scorpio



If you find yourself being faced with a problem, you should confront it. Ignoring it will not make it go away or disappear. The feeling of relief is great afterwards.

Sagittarius



Sit down and communicate with those individuals you care about. It's more important to listen, than it is to talk.

Capricorn



Have the courage to express what you really feel. Suffer, feel, laugh, cry, be silent and yell when you feel you need to. This will bring you a feeling of a peaceful environment.

Aquarius



Any relationship should be like a plant. You need to water it to make it grow strong and healthy. Water it with love, respect and understanding. Wait and see the results.

Pisces



Life has given you the opportunity to begin a new project. Only you know what it takes to make it successful. Don't ignore wise advice from others.

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by Jesse Garcia



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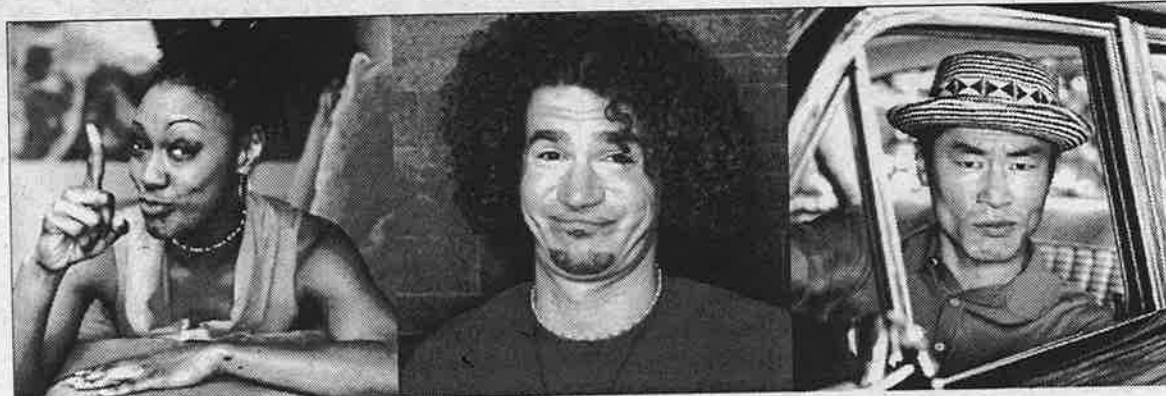
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Sports



Men's Soccer
FCC leads the Coast Conference

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October 1, 2003



Josh Butters

To whom it may concern

Dear Tyrone,
I'm sorry to hear Fresno State men's basketball coach Ray Lopes withdrew his scholarship offer to you earlier this month. I know you had your heart set on going to a hometown school but things will work out for you in the long run.

Yes, Lopes wants you to walk-on but who does he think he is?

The Bulldogs win the Western Athletic Conference once and he thinks he's the coach of Duke or North Carolina, offering you the chance to walk-on, Please. You should laugh in his face.

You're the junior college state player of the year, averaging 21.1 points, 6.9 assists and 4.9 steals per game. You earned a scholarship to play for someone.

So now it is time for you to weigh your options.

Your current coach, Vance Walberg is being bombarded with phone calls on your behalf. It's like he's become your personal secretary.

Everybody wants you, everybody but Lopes. You're the hottest Jackson since Michael and I'm not talking about when he lit his hair on fire.

You could go to Gonzaga—a team that actually makes it to the NCAA tournament. And if you've been stocking up on Bulldog shirts and sweaters, you're covered.

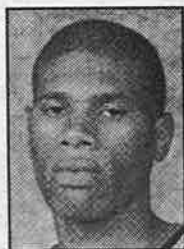
You could go to Brigham Young. I hear BYU coach Steve Cleveland has some kind of tie to Fresno City College—um let me check my notes... yes, that's right. He used to be the coach here.

You can go to a school that has Fresno State on its schedule. San Jose State is interested in you and they are in the WAC. That would make Lopes' armpit stains that much bigger, dreading the day he faces you on the basketball court.

When you visit the Save Mart Center you can pull up for your patented long ranger 3-pointer or drop dimes on the Bulldogs like they were homeless bums begging for change—you did average almost seven assists per game last year.

And if you can't find the school that suits you, there's always declaring yourself eligible for the NBA draft.

With Kobe Bryant's off-court endeavours, I hear the Lakers are looking for a point guard that isn't going to prison for allegedly raping desk clerks.



Tyrone Jackson

Stunned!

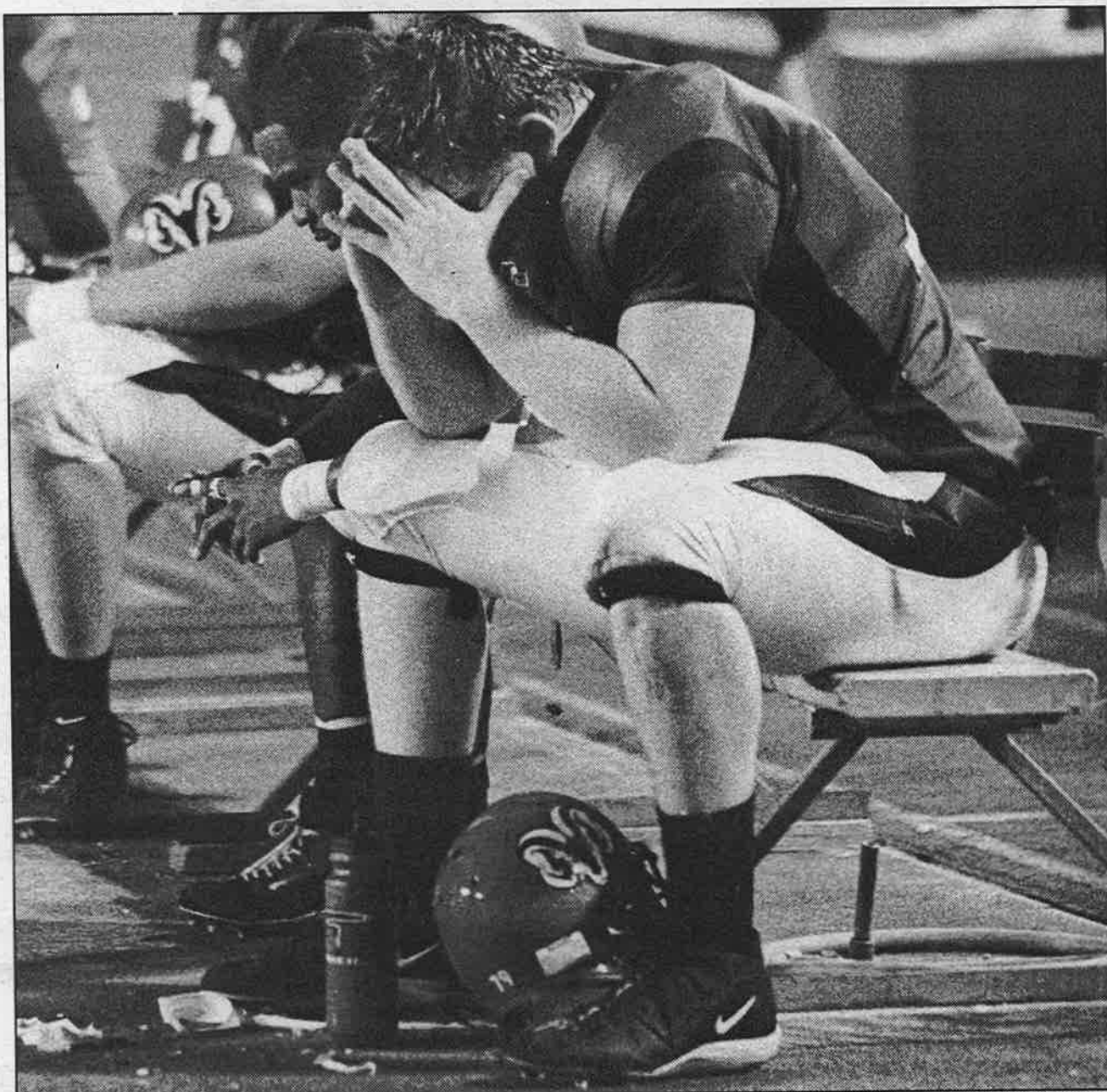


Photo by Keith Kountz

FCC offensive lineman Jake Kellom shows his despair after the Rams' 23-16 loss to San Joaquin Delta Sept. 27.

Rams suffer first loss of season in upset

By Josh Butters

Sports editor

Despite Fresno City College running back Nate Wright rushing for 240 yards, the Rams were upset by San Joaquin Delta 23-16 in FCC's home opener Sept. 27 at Ratcliffe Stadium.

"We need to get better as a football team," said Rams head coach Tony Caviglia.

"I didn't think our intensity matched their intensity."

The game marked the Rams' first non-conference loss in

Caviglia's five-year tenure at FCC and the team's first loss in a home opener since 1997.

FCC dropped to 3-1 on the season, Delta improved to 4-0.

"We lost to a very physical, well coached team," Caviglia said.

The Rams came into the game ranked No. 2 in the state. Delta was ranked No. 7.

With an even balance of passing and rushing, the Mustangs set up a 36-yard Ryan Rodgers field goal in the second quarter,

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FCC's Danner inspires many

By Joey Perez

Rampage reporter

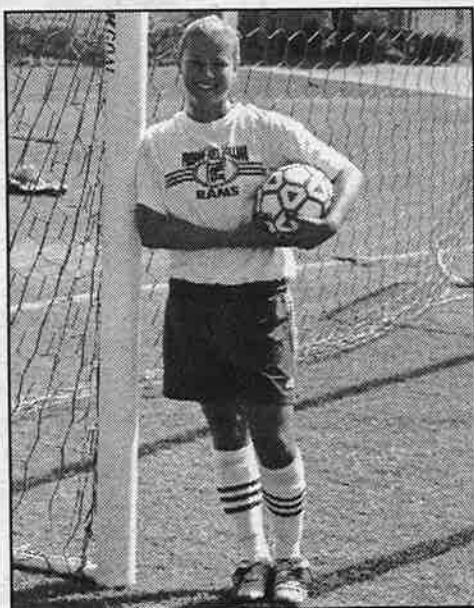


Photo by Bryan Borror

Amanda Danner changed positions to help the Rams after key injuries.

A young, average size girl with short blonde hair knotted up in a pony-tail walked out of the

trainer's room after having her ankle taped, when Fresno City College women's head coach Oliver Germond yells, "Hey, *The Rampage* is here to interview you."

Barefoot and all, she drops her bags, looks to the back and side of her to make sure it wasn't someone else Germond was talking to.

She then pointed to herself and said, "Who me?" and looked around again.

Amanda Danner who plays defender and was in pure shock to know that she was going to be interviewed in a player profile.

After all, when does a defensive player ever get interviewed or attention in any sport?

It's always the player that scores the goals that's in the spotlight.

But Danner was once the player with all the attention at Sanger High School. She was chosen 1st team All-Western Yosemite League her senior year and was the team's best offensive player all four years in high school.

Currently in her second year at FCC, the change of not being in the spotlight hasn't affected her one bit.

Danner switched positions this year from defensive center to sweeper.

"We lost four starting defenders and because of her experience she was moved back," Germond said.

See Danner, page 16

Josh Butters is the sports editor of the Rampage

FOOTBALL: Rams play Diablo Valley next on Oct. 4



Photo by Keith Kountz

FCC running back Nate Wright avoids a San Joaquin Delta defender. Wright carried the ball 30 times for a total of 240 yards, a career record. Wright's rushes included attempts for 33, 55 and 40 yards.

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putting Delta up 3-0.

The Mustangs scored again on Justin Huey's 4-yard touchdown run with 14 seconds left in the first half. After a missed extra point, Delta went into the locker room at half time with a 9-0 lead.

The Rams went 53 yards on four plays in their first possession of the second half, culminating with Wright's 5-yard touchdown run, cutting Delta's lead to 9-7.

In their next possession, the Mustangs cushioned their lead, pushing the score to 16-7 with Delta quarterback Steve Wichman's 11-yard touchdown pass to Kenneth McDonald.

The Rams moved the chains, getting 22 first downs, but were unable to produce much once in the red zone.

"It's disappointing not getting more points when you're in the red zone that many times," Caviglia said.

FCC kicker Giancarlo Martinelli made three field goals of 24, 21 and 28 yards.

He also missed tries from 34 and 35 yards away.

"If we make those two fields goals, it's a different game," Caviglia said.

Martinelli's last field goal ricocheted off the goal post, barely clearing the cross bar and tying the game at 16-16 with 6:54 left in the game.

The Mustangs moved again into Ram territory. Wichman took the ball into the end zone on a 1-yard quarterback sneak, giving Delta the lead for good.

For the game, Wichman went 28 of 44 for 277 yards, finding four

"We lost because of a combination of mental mistakes on our part and good defense of their [Delta] part."

—FCC football coach Tony Caviglia

different receivers at least five times.

His favorite target, Trevis Strickland caught 10 passes for 151 yards.

Delta running back Brandon Harper went 140 yards on 25 carries.

"We lost because of a combination of mental mistakes on our part and good defense on their part," Caviglia said.

FCC had a total of 11 penalties for 103 yards, some at points that gave the Mustangs crucial first downs and second opportunities.

"We jump off sides way too much," Caviglia said.

Wright's 240 yards rushing on 30 attempts was highlighted with

runs of 33, 55 and 40 yards.

"He's an amazing, amazing guy," Caviglia said.

With starting FCC quarterback Wayne Desmond out with a sprained ankle, freshman Corey Brown went 15 of 25 for 172 yards.

"He did a great job," Caviglia said. "We didn't lose this game because of Corey."

Desmond is questionable for the Rams' next game against Diablo Valley on Oct. 4 and if ready, still doesn't have the starting position locked up.

"If Wayne is 100 percent, we have a question to answer," said Caviglia on a possible quarterback controversy.

Despite the loss, FCC is still in contention to earn a berth in the Northern California championship game.

Delta is not.

The Mustangs can go 10-0 in the regular season but are not members of a conference that earns an automatic berth.

Being in the Valley Conference, the Rams are.

Caviglia hopes something positive can come out of the loss.

"If you want the perfect definition of a wake up call, there it [was]."

NorCal football results

*All games are nonconference matches

Butte 31,
Siskiyou 10

Chabot 40,
San Jose 14

Feather River 31,
Shasta 26

Foothill 30,
De Anza 14

Gavilan 35,
Mendocino 18

Los Medanos 36,
Marin 24

Merced 36,
Sacramento 33

Monterey Peninsula 27,
Contra Costa 20 (OT)

Reedley 52,
Solano 13

San Francisco 51,
American River 3

San Joaquin Delta 23,
Fresno 16

San Mateo 71,
Cabrillo 23

Santa Rosa 31,
Laney 22

Sierra 44,
Modesto 6

West Hills 21,
Hartnell 14

West Valley 27,
Sequoias 19

Yuba 20,
Redwoods 17

Football Capsule

GAME 5 DIABLO VALLEY VIKINGS

When: Oct. 4.

Where: Pleasant Hill

Time: 7 p.m.

Stadium: Viking Field (5,000)

Colors: Green and White

Coach: Ralph DePew (Ninth year, 24-59)

2002: 1-9, 1-4 (Sixth, Golden Gate Conference)

2003: 2-1

Last week: Idle

Last bowl: 1992

Series record: FCC leads series 3-0

Last played: 2002, FCC 61, Diablo Valley 14

Key losses: WRs Marcus Maxwell and Paul Alberta; QB Kenny Edwards; LBs Nick Quinones and Rob Harter; DB Maurice Lyles; DT Wallace Dixon

Notes: In Coach DePew's tenure at DVC, the Vikings have not made a post-season bowl. Expect that statement to still be true after this season.

With two wins, the Vikings have already passed their win total from a year ago.

Though a better team, expect the Rams to still roll over DVC with ease.

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Fresno City's Danny Finnegan is out for season

By Josh Butters

Sports editor

Fresno City College linebacker Danny Finnegan is out for the season with a broken foot.

Finnegan, a sophomore cannot receive a medical redshirt with the injury happening too far into the season.

Quarterback Wayne Desmond sat out against San Joaquin Delta with a sprained ankle.

Wright rolls

Running back Nate Wright continues to put up big numbers. For the season Wright has 631 yards on 80 carries for five touchdowns.

Wright is averaging 7.88 yards per carry.

FCC drops in polls

After losing to San Joaquin Delta, the Rams dropped to No. 6 in the Northern California poll.

Delta jumped to No. 2.

City College of San Francisco is No. 1 with 13 first place votes.

Foothill finally wins

After starting the season 0-3, the Owls won their first game of the season, beating DeAnza 30-14.

Foothill lost to FCC 42-16 on Sept. 20.

Oilers win in shootout

West LA quarterback Dervin Hollins passed for 350 yards and 6 touchdowns as the Oilers defeated Glendale 52-42.

Reedley improves to 3-1

The Reedley Tigers dismantled Solano 52-13, improving to 3-1.

Reedley was the preseason favorite to win the state title but has dropped in the polls since.

Bye week coming up

After FCC's game against Diablo Valley, the Rams will have a bye week to prepare for Valley Conference play.

"I love the bye week," said Rams coach Tony Caviglia. "It's good to have a couple of days and get away."

COS blows lead

College of the Sequoias gave up a 19-7 lead in the fourth quarter, losing to West Valley 27-19.

The Giants dropped to 1-2.

Corsairs upset Citrus

Santa Monica quarterback David Koral passed for 463 yards and 5 touchdowns in the Corsairs' 46-21 win.

Citrus was ranked No. 7 in Southern California.

Santa Monica improved to 2-2 while Citrus dropped to 3-1

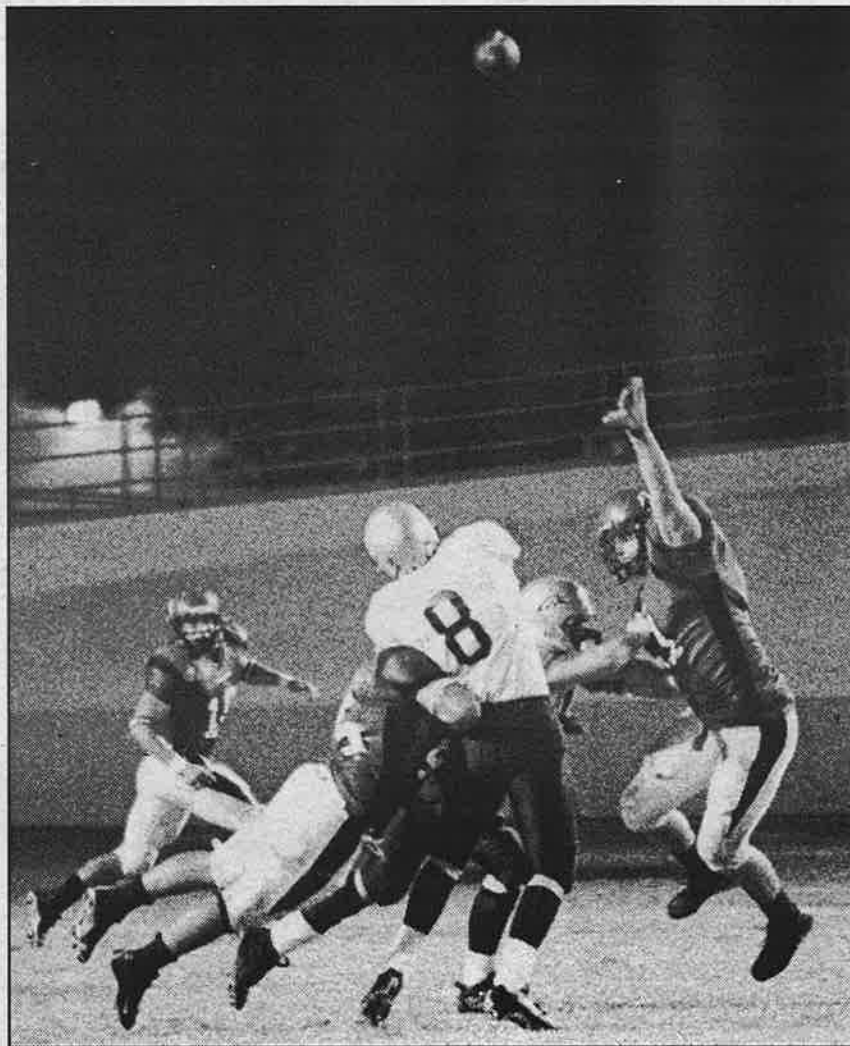


Photo by Keith Kountz

Rams defenders hit Delta quarterback Steve Wichman.

Rampage Scoreboard

FOOTBALL

Sept. 20
FCC(3-0) 42
Foothill(0-3) 16

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	F
FCC	14	7	14	7	42
Owls	3	13	0	0	16

Ram Stats: QB Wayne Desmond 5 of 12, 105 yds 1 TD, 1 INT; RB Nate Wright 14 carries for 146 yds 3 TD; RB Rudy Jones 15 carries for 85 yards 2 TD; WR Terrance Grant 3 catches for 64 yards

Sept. 27
FCC(3-1) 16
Delta(4-0) 23

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	F
FCC	0	0	13	3	16
Delta	0	9	7	7	23

Ram Stats: RB Nate Wright 30 carries for 240 yards 1 TD, QB Corey Brown 15 of 25, 172 yards, WR Marcus Davis 5 catches for 99 yards, K Giancarlo Martinelli 3 field goals of 24, 21 and 28 yards

Remaining Schedule
10/4 at Diablo Valley
10/11 Bye
10/18 West Hills
10/25 at Sequoias
11/1 Modesto
11/8 Merced
11/15 at Reedley
All games start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Sept. 20
San Joaquin Delta
Tournament

Fresno dfts CC of San Francisco 25-18, 25-12

Shasta dfts Fresno 25-15, 25-27, 15-13

Fresno dfts Hartnell 25-13, 25-21

Taft defeats Fresno 25-11, 25-19

Northern California Rankings

1. Sacramento City
2. West Valley
3. Santa Rosa JC
4. San Joaquin Delta
5. Reedley
6. Shasta
7. Taft
8. DeAnza
9. American River
10. San Jose CC
11. Fresno
12. Yuba
13. Butte
14. Merced
15. Chabot

Remaining Schedule

10/1 at Porterville
10/3 Sequoias
10/8 at Merced
10/10 at West Hills
10/15 Columbia
10/17 at Reedley
10/22 Modesto
10/26 FCC Classic
10/29 at Taft
10/31 Porterville
11/5 at Sequoias
11/7 Merced
11/12 West Hills
11/14 at Columbia
11/19 Reedley
All matches start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

MEN'S SOCCER

Sept. 19
FCC (4-1-2,2-0-2) 4
San Francisco(N/A) 0

Sept. 23
FCC (5-1-2,3-0-2) 3
Hartnell (N/A) 1

Ram Stats: Raul Rivera scores two goals in the 14th and 35th minutes.

Remaining Schedule

10/3 at Cabrillo
10/7 at Mission
10/10 Skyline
10/14 at Foothill
10/21 West Valley
10/24 at Las Positas
10/28 at Skyline, 1:30 p.m.
10/31 Foothill, 3 p.m.
11/7 at West Valley, 3 p.m.
11/11 Las Positas, 3 p.m.

All games start at 4 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Sept. 25
FCC defeats Sequoias 339-414

Low Medalists for FCC:
77—Brittany Cooley
78—Emily Johnson

Record: FCC improves to 6-2

Remaining Schedule

10/2 at Sacramento
10/7 Modesto
10/9 Sequoias/Napa Valley
10/14 at Foothill
10/21 Sequoias
10/23 at Sac/Sierra
10/30 at Sac/Sierra, 11:30 a.m.
11/10 at NorCal Tourney
11/17 at State Championships
All matches start at 12:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.
Home matches at Fig Garden Country Club.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Sept. 18
FCC (2-3-0) 0
Mt. San Antonio (N/A) 3

Sept. 19
FCC (3-4-0) 1
Mt. San Antonio (N/A) 2
Goals: Kaycee Fontes(1)

Sept. 23
FCC (4-4-0) 4
Chabot (N/A) 1
Goals: Kaycee Fontes(2), Erin Flynn(1), Michelle Mancebo(1)

Remaining Schedule

10/7 at Modesto, 3:30 p.m.
10/9 at West Hills, 5 p.m.
10/14 Sequoias, 6 p.m.
10/16 Modesto, 3:30 p.m.
10/21 West Hills, 2 p.m.
10/23 at Sequoias, 3:30 p.m.
10/30 at Modesto, 3:30 p.m.
11/4 at West Hills, 5 p.m.
11/6 Sequoias, 6 p.m.

WRESTLING

Remaining Schedule

10/1 at Chabot (d), 6 p.m.
10/4 at Golden West (t)
10/8 Skyline (d), 7 p.m.
10/11 at Sierra (dt)

10/15 ... Moorpark (d), 7 p.m.
10/22 Skyline (d), 7 p.m.
10/24 ... West Valley (d) 7 p.m.
11/1 at State Championship (d)
11/15 at Cal Poly (t)
12/6 at North Regional
12/13 : State Championship (t)
(d), dual; (t), tourney
All matches start at 9 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

WOMEN'S WATER POLO

Sept. 26
FCC(0-1,0-1) 5
DeAnza(4-4-1,1-0) 6

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	F
FCC	1	3	0	1	5
Dons	2	1	1	2	6

Remaining Schedule

10/8 Ohlone
10/11 San Mateo (DH @ Delta)
11 a.m.
10/15 Chabot
10/17 Foothill
10/22 DeAnza
10/29 West Valley
10/31 at Ohlone
11/8 Chabot (@ Ohlone) 1 p.m.
11/8 Ohlone 3:45 p.m.
(DH): Double header
Home games at Sanger High.

CROSS COUNTRY

Remaining Schedule

10/2 at Lou Vasquez Invitational
10/10 at River City Invitational
10/18 at Crystal Springs Invitational
10/28-11/1 at Conference Championships
11/7 at NorCal Championship
11/22 ... State Championships
Home meets at Woodward Park.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Tentative Schedule

11/14-16 ... @ San Jose(t) TBA
12/4-6 @ Reedley(t) TBA
12/12-14 ... @ San Jose(t) TBA
12/19-21 @ Chabot(t) TBA
12/ 27-29 ... @ Hancock(t) TBA
1/7 Sequoias
1/10 @ Columbia
1/14 @ Porterville

Game of the Week



VS.



FCC Rams

College of the Sequoias

Sport: Women's volleyball
When: Oct. 3
Where: FCC Gym
Time: 7 p.m.

Notes: A Rams team that has one returning player will look to take down the Central Valley Conference leader.

— Josh Butters

Alumni Spotlight

Sport: Football
Position: Offensive lineman
Last played for FCC in: 2002
Currently: Junior at University of Southern Illinois

Ram Stat: For his effort in the Salukis' 32-7 victory over Murray State, Rich was named the Gateway Conference offensive lineman of the week, allowing no sacks and making way for SIU to rush for 245 yards.



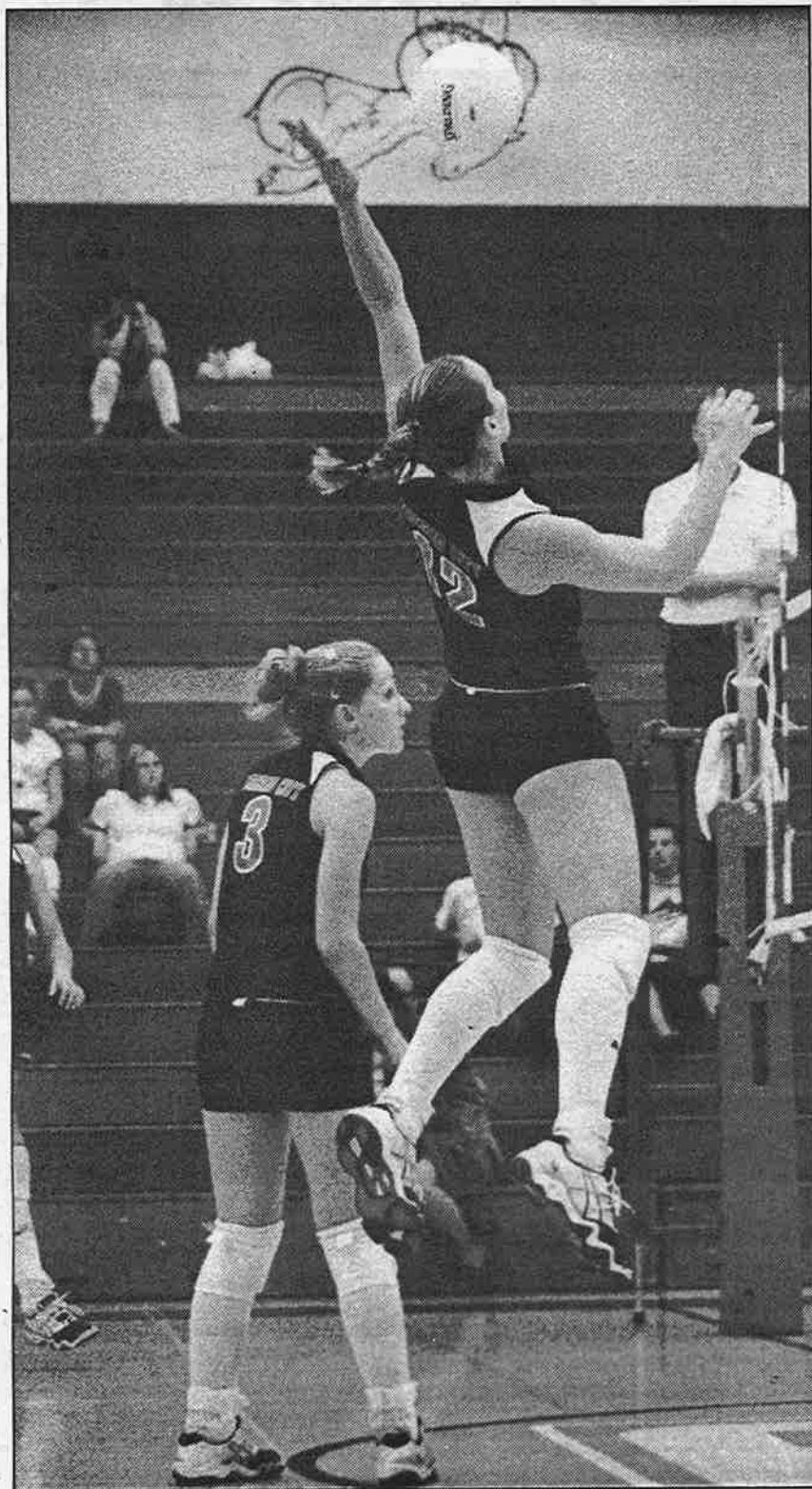
Justin Rich

1/17 West Hills	11/18 @ Hancock 5:30 p.m.
1/21 Modesto	11/28-30 @ Barstow(t) TBA
1/24 @ Merced	12/4-7 @ Sequoias(t) TBA
1/28 @ Reedley	12/11-13 @ Merritt(t) TBA
1/31 @ Sequoias	12/20 Sacramento 3 p.m.
2/4 Columbia	12/27-29 San Jose(t) TBA
2/7 Porterville	1/7 @ Merced 6 p.m.
2/11 @ West Hills	1/10 Taft 6 p.m.
2/14 @ Modesto	1/14 @ Porterville 5 p.m.
2/18 Merced	1/21 Modesto 5 p.m.
2/21 Reedley	1/24 @ Sequoias 5 p.m.
(t): tournament	1/28 Reedley 6 p.m.
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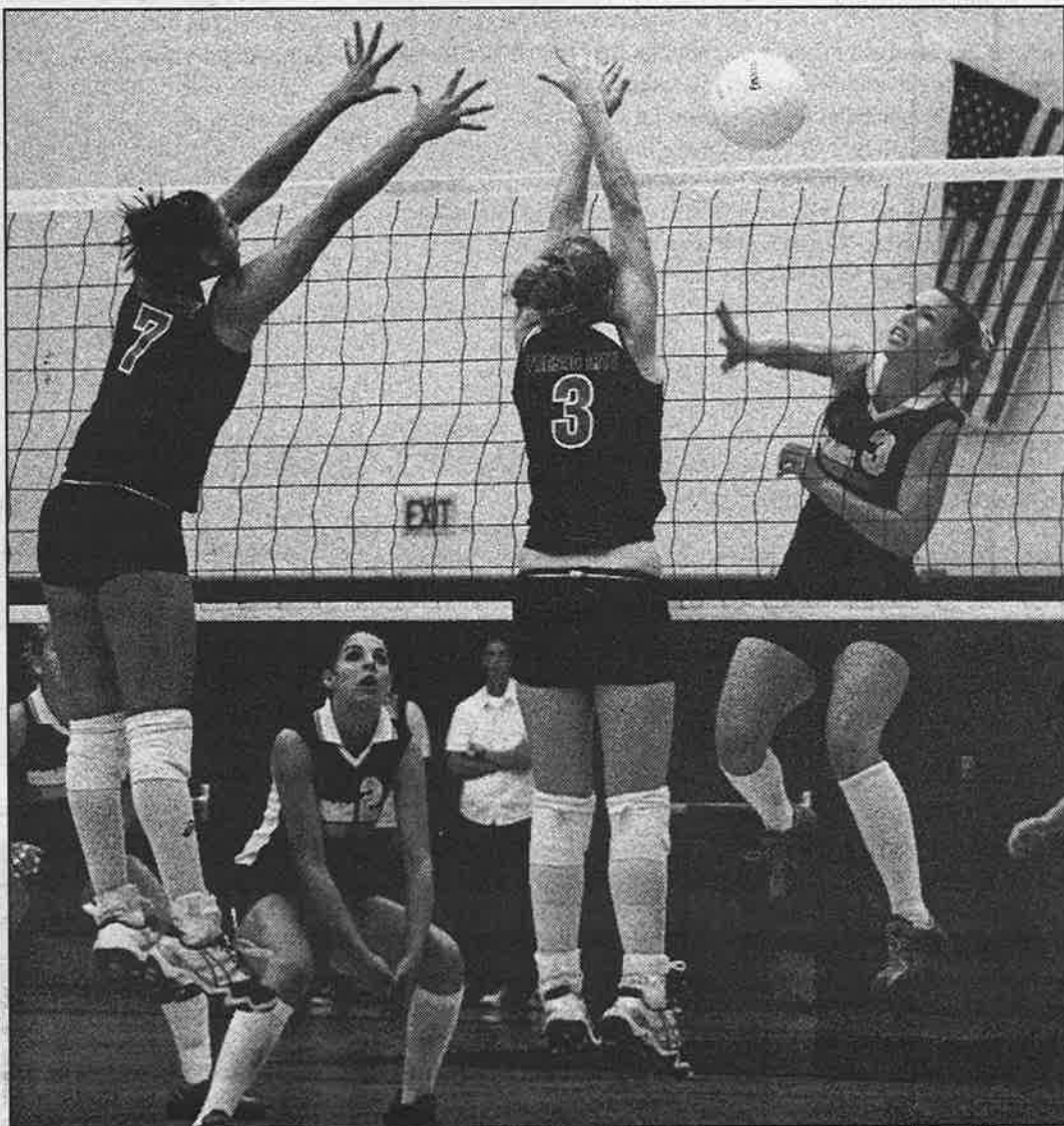
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Tentative Schedule
11/7-9 @ Pasadena(t) TBA

*For all sports, home dates are in bold



Rams serve up excitement!



Photos by Keith Kountz
The Rams volleyball team took on Taft in a Central Valley Conference matchip Sept. 24. FCC hosts College of the Sequoias Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. in the FCC gym

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Wrestlers compete in Sac.

Rams take on Golden West Oct. 4

By Elle Jaramillo

Rampage reporter

On Sept 26 the Fresno City College wrestling team left for a tournament in the state capitol at Sacramento City College.

They left at 4:30 pm on Friday and came back around 11 pm on the following Saturday. They came back with a bruises but in high spirits as the team placed 5 at the Sacramento City College wrestling tournament.

Willie Gaxiola placed 5th in the 125 weight class and "is doing really well and growing as a wrestler," according to Coach Jared Smith. Mike Schuman and Will Cantu dominated the 149s placing respectively 5th and 6th.

Michael Spalliero, whose "looking tough and finally getting into shape," says Smith, and Jose Serbia placed 4th and 5th in their weight class of 165s.

Eduardo Mercado took 5th in his weight class of 184s. Jacob Hallmark, whose performance was "awesome! Really awesome overall he was excellent for a guy who hasn't wrestled in 2 years he'll do excellent this season," says Coach Smith, took 2nd in his weight class of heavy-weight.

Yasser Pezzat who "dominated his weight class" took 1st at 174s while Mariano Sanchez, the team captain, took 1st in his respective weight class at 197.

"We did ok, but we made a few mistakes, but those will never happen again," says Spalliero on how they did this past weekend at the tournament. Those mistakes were referred to as "mental errors, but it's guaranteed that they won't

ever happen again."

Sanchez was the one who offered most of the good things said on the tournament this past weekend saying, "we did a pretty good job as a team," however, he says that the team "needs to be a bit more confident."

"I got 1st place, but it doesn't mean anything because it's the past, and I still got to work hard to get to the top," says Yasser Pazzet on how they did this weekend at the tournament.

With the Sacramento City College Wrestling Tournament behind them, the FCC wrestling team has another match today against Chabot in Hayward.

"They got some quality kids... but as team, we will do strong... it will be interesting to see what Chabot has go to throw at us," says Coach Smith on the dual match against Chabot.

While doing really well for such a young team, the team has lost a key asset, Darrell Goodpastor.

"It's not that bad, I can still practice and still got 2 more years of NCAA eligibility, so that's what matters," says Goodpastor on how he feels about being red shirted. But the team, agrees Goodpastor, will do well no matter what.

While losing Goodpastor, the team has gained 2 new wrestlers, returning wrestler Alexis Oroscoe and new coming Kenny Crocker.

Smith says he doesn't know too much about Crocker, but seems to be looking good and Oroscoe is returning after taking care of personal issues and is "definitely looking tough" according to Smith.

"We got a really young team, but they got a lot of heart when you're young, you don't believe in yourself as much as you when you're older but we're going to mature quick and persevere," says Pazzet on how the teams doing so far.

Pazzet says that the team has a lot of confidence problems, but gives everything they got to what they are doing.

On Sept. 13, the FCC wrestling team went to San Marcos for a dual match against Palomar College.

While the team did not do spectacular at the Palomar

dual match, they did have a few standout performances by Rams.

Yasser Pazzet won over Powers from Palomar at 16-6 in the 174 weight category. Sanchez pinned Corsen at 9-3 in the 197 weight category. Hallmark in the heavyweight pinned McKinnon at 12-5 and Schultz pinned Walters at 157 weight category at 8-5.

"We did great, all of the wrestlers had a good match," says Smith on how the team did together as a whole at the Palomar match.

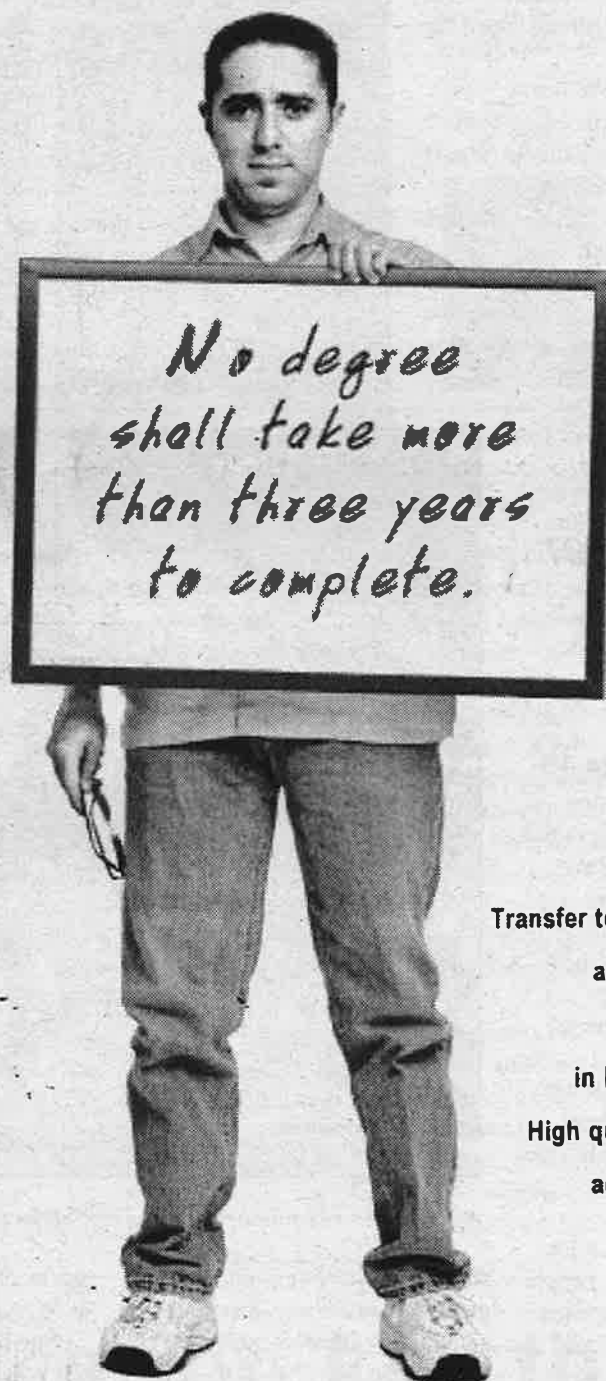
Palomar is the FCC wres-

tling team's biggest rival this season, as they have been every year since 1958 when wrestling was first introduced into FCC.

Palomar and FCC have always ranked in the top 3 state rankings and for the past 44 years.

While FCC's biggest rival goal is to beat Palomar, the team's goal is and always has been the same.

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Rams on top in Coast Conference

FCC is 6-1-2 overall

By Joey Perez

Rampage reporter

Fresno City College men's soccer coach Eric Solberg is happy with how his team is playing.

"We're playing well, just not hitting on all cylinders" said Solberg before the teams practice Monday afternoon. The Fresno City College men's soccer team is 6-1-2, losing only to Hartnell in their second game of the season at the Hartnell Tournament.

But Solberg believes the team has not played to their full potential.

"I think really it's about being mentally ready and that's holding the team back," Solberg said.

One of the ties came against Cañada College who has been struggling this season. Solberg believes FCC lacks focus on the road, and needs improvement on getting hyped for every game.

"The conference is heavy, heavy, travel, and is a three hour road trip every game," Solberg said. When the men's soccer team is at home, it's a whole different story.

The Rams haven't lost a game in the five years Solberg has been coach.

"I think we're capable of winning the division in the Coast Conference, and capable of winning playoff games, were trying to play for a top two seed," Solberg said.



Photos by Bryan Borrer

The Fresno City College soccer team defeated CC of San Francisco, the NorCal's No. 2 ranked team Sept. 19

So far this season the Rams have big wins including against San Francisco which is ranked No. 2 Northern California.

"That was our most complete game, they hadn't lost yet", said Solberg referring to the big win over San Francisco. "When were on our game, we are one of the best in the state, but we've only done that a third of the time this season," Solberg said.

The Rams still have thirteen games left on their schedule and two tough opponents in West Valley and Skyline two teams they'll play at home.

The team's goals are to win sixteen to eighteen games to secure a top seed for the

playoffs. "We have ten games that we should absolutely win", said Solberg about the team's remaining schedule.

Players that have been playing real well for the team are Raul Rivera who Solberg says has really stepped up his game and Onesta Francis the sweeper that is starting to settle into his new position.

The center midfielder, Larry Villareal who is one of the five captains on the team and is in his second year has been outstanding already scoring two goals and contributing two assists in only nine games.

"We have to have more intensity on the road, we've been stooping to other teams levels", said Villareal referring to the teams that have almost grabbed victories over the Rams.

With the team playing at Cabrillo this Friday Solberg plans to have a more intense group of players. The teams have high hopes and are planning to once again make it to the state title game like last year's team who came up short. According to Villareal it's going to take some effort.

"It's going to take time to get back where we were last year, we have to show heart."

DANNER: Soccer player also teaches gymnastics

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With the change in position Danner hasn't missed a step in her game, already contributing two assists in less than six games.

"She's an unsung hero and deserves a lot more credit. She's probably one of the hardest workers at practice and games," Germond said.

Danner has played soccer her whole life and has always been a hard working athlete but still has mixed feelings over players getting overlooked.

"All the work that I do, a lot of people may not see that, people don't realize all the work it takes for the goals to be scored," said Danner.

"She's a player with all the qualities a coach can ask for," Germond said.

Danner still has always looked up to her favorite athlete, U.S. women's soccer player Mia Hamm. Danner loves Hamm's humble attitude on the field.

"Another person that inspires me to do a lot of things is God, he guides me in the direction I need to be going," Danner said.

FCC is still in pursuit to win its second consecutive Central Valley Conference title.

"We need to focus on having possession and transitioning needs some work, but most of all

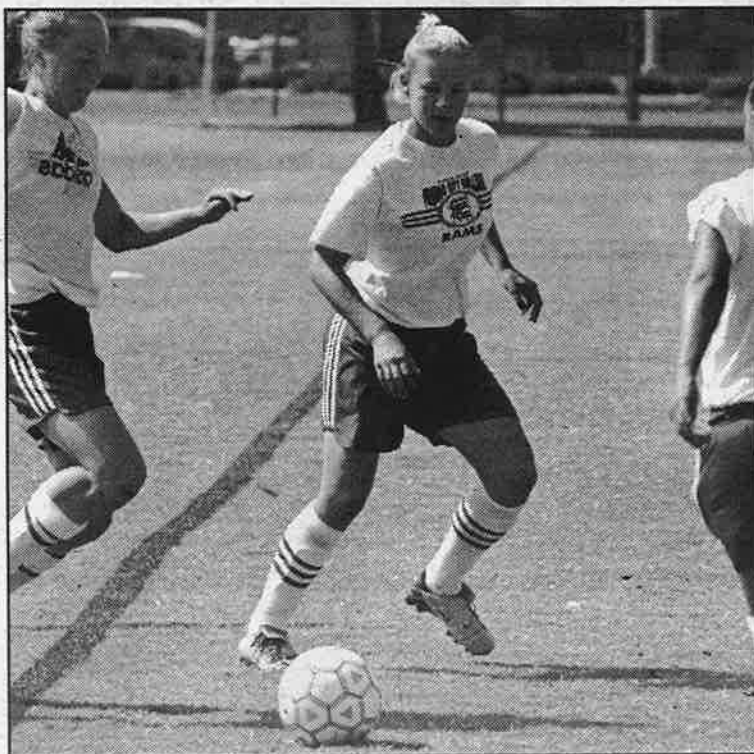


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Amanda Danner practices during one of the Rams' practices.

staying physical throughout the game," said Danner, discussing some items the team needs to improve on.

Although the game of soccer isn't the only thing Danner thinks about, at 19-years-old, Danner has no plans on quitting the game just yet.

She hopes to be transferring to a state university in Southern California.

"I'm trying to get a scholarship, I want to be by the beach," Danner said.

She is currently majoring in registered nursing.

"I want to be successful in my life and I don't want to struggle, I don't want to have any regrets," Danner said.

Danner lives in Sanger where

she teaches gymnastics and dance at "K's School of Dance."

She has been a dancer since she was two-years-old.

"If you really want to achieve something you can, but you have to be motivated. Sure, you will go through good things and bad," Danner said.

She explains how her parents were also an inspiration supporting her in everything she does.

Injured FCC player Michealla Guadiana, who is out for the season with a broken leg was sitting on the field house hallway bench next to Danner and told her "You inspire me!"

Danner gave her a smile and ran off onto the field where her hard work definitely inspires those around her.

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