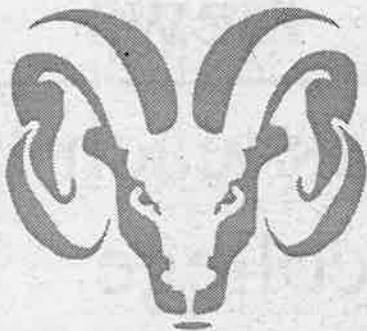


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Chancellor search continues

By Rebekah Miranda
Rampage reporter

The State Center Community College District started hiring for a new chancellor last month, kicking off a process that would take several months and require input from throughout Fresno City College and the rest of the district, administrators said.

The district's board of trustees plans to choose a new chancellor by January. Randy

Rowe, vice chancellor of human resources for the district, said the hiring process as long.

"It will be very thorough," Rowe said of the process. "It will also be fair, and the candidates will remain as confidential as possible."

Rowe explained that in making decisions for FCC, Reedley College and several edu-



Dorothy Smith



Thomas Crow

cational centers, the chancellor and board of trustees work together. However, the chancellor is seen as the chief administrative officer of the district.

People interested in this position are asked to submit an application letter. Candidates must describe how they would lead the district based upon their "vision and values," Rowe said.

Students asked were unaware of the role of a chancellor, much less the process of hiring one.

"I didn't know what the person's title was, but I knew there had to be someone in

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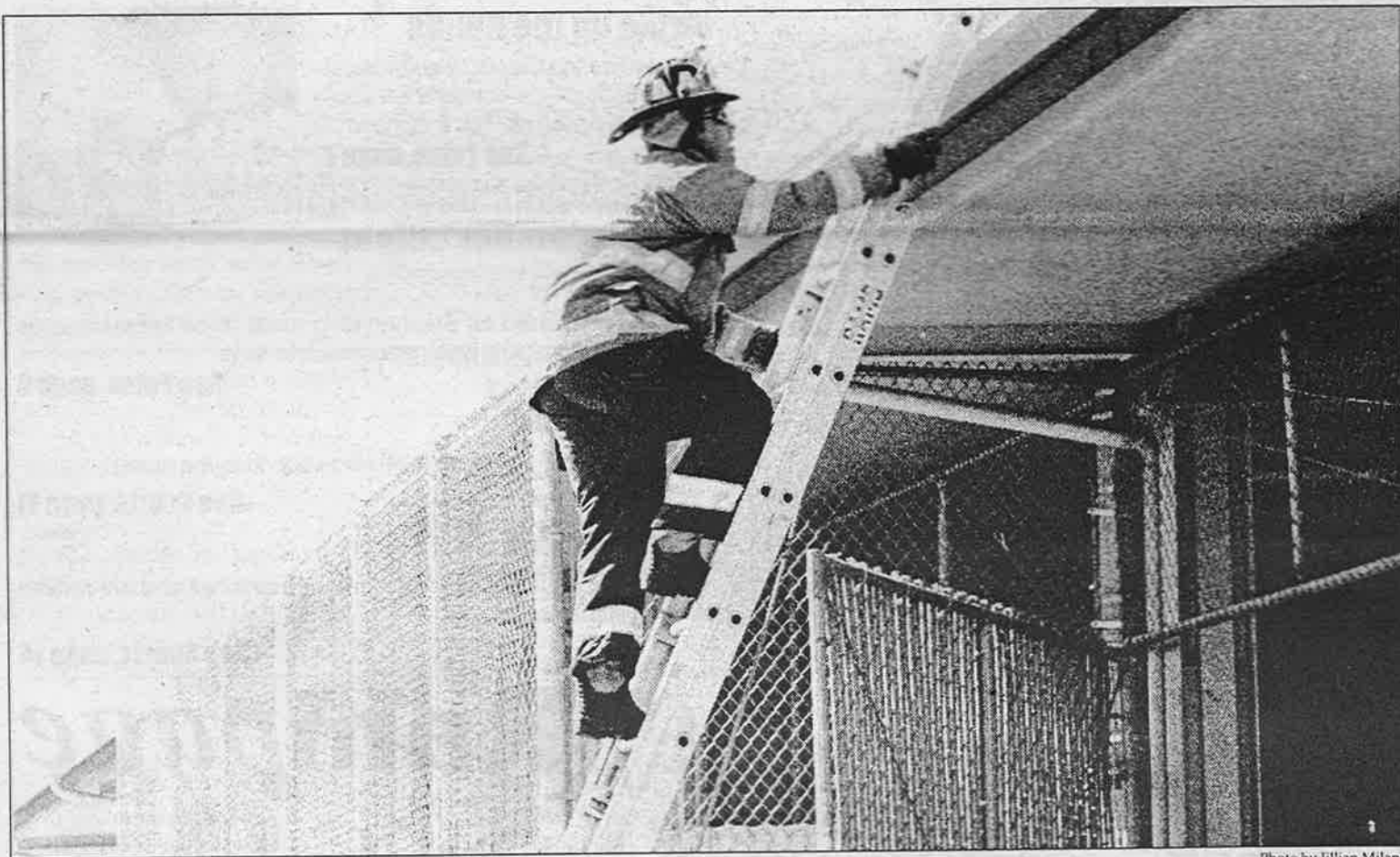


Photo by Jillian Milan

FCC cadet Jad Constantino practices ladder technique during training. Cadets must climb with one hand so they can carry a tool.

FCC Fire Academy meant for the fit and experienced

By Sarah Van Tassel
Rampage reporter

As students from various backgrounds recognize the many benefits that the field of firefighting has to offer, more of them are enrolling in the fire academy program at the Career and Technology Center.

Although there are no prerequisites for entry into the FCC fire academy, the program recommends physical fitness and firefighting experience.

Cadets are required to pass a comprehensive physical fitness exam stressing endurance and strength before completing the academy.

According to the fire academy brochure,

past firefighting experience will be helpful to cadets when applying for firefighting positions.

The fire academy is a 24-unit class. Daytime schedules start in August each year, and evening classes start in January each year. Both academies cover the same material and are 732 hours long, according to the fire academy brochure.

There are many students enrolled in the fire academy at the Career and Technology Center.

"Right now, we have 44 students enrolled, and students are calling all the time," said Dennis Byrns, fire technology coordinator. "We won't have any open

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Photo by Jillian Milan

Fire Academy cadets take a break from salvage and overhaul training, their current subject of study.

Campus crime rate low

By Sarah Van Tassel
Rampage reporter

As crime becomes a growing issue in Fresno County, the State Center Community College District Police Department proves that crime at Fresno City College is still in small numbers within the district and school.

"There are 13 sworn officers here at the SCCC Police Department, nine of whom are based here in Fresno with the other four based in Reedley," said Marvin Reyes, chief of police for the SCCC. "The north centers — Clovis, Madera and Oakhurst — are handled out of the Fresno office," Reyes said in an e-mail response.

The amount of officers between the SCCC sites are small compared with California State University, Fresno. According to the Fresno State Web site, the university's police department is staffed with 20 full-time peace officers and five trained dispatchers.

The student populations for both colleges are not significantly different in size, according to the federal Department of Education's crime statistics Web site.

Fresno State has 20,004 students, and FCC has 19,888, according to the Web site's last update.

Although Fresno State has more police officers on its campus than FCC, the crimes reported at FCC are still fewer.

During the fall semester of 2002, FCC reported 61 burglaries, 15 motor vehicle thefts, two arson and drug abuse arrests and one weapons possession arrest.

"We haven't seen any sharp in-

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Students prepare for London trip

By Boon Ornta

Special to the Rampage

Next semester, students will be able to study abroad in England for a semester. The program is being offered by the State Center Community College District and the Centers for Academic Programs Abroad.

The district's semester in London will run from Feb. 5 to May 20.

The program offers courses taught by SCCCDC instructors in English, humanities and art. All classes and units are transferable back to the student's home institution.

Students will live with British families during the semester in England.

The cost of the program is about \$7,200. A \$300 deposit is required upon completing the application for the program. Also, students must pay the full balance at least 70 days before the departure.

The fee covers round-trip airfare, housing and overseas travel expenses. However, the fee does not include tuition, textbook costs, passport, visa, personal accommodations, meals or personal expenses.

"All financial aid will be transferred from the home college and will be applied to the program when the semester begins," said Mary Arechiga, an English instructor taking part in the program.

For more information, students can visit www.capaprograms.org or contact Kim Quesada in the district's Office of Educational Services and Planning at 244-5906.

FCC courses teach success in college

Learning Communities program offers field trips, connections with instructors

By Sarah Van Tassel

Rampage reporter

Fresno City College offers a unique program titled Learning Communities that is designed to help students enhance their academic experience by encouraging group assignments and helping build a bond between students and instructors.

As Learning Communities help students excel in their courses, more students are taking these classes, organizers said.

Learning Communities students take two or three courses in different departments that share a common theme.

One of the learning communities offered this semester at FCC is Teaching Future Teachers. Students who wish to become teachers have the opportunity to gain real-life experience in an elementary school setting.

Teaching Future Teachers incorporates three courses in reading and composition, life skills and intermediate algebra. Loretta Ya-Wen Teng, instructional coordinator for the Title V Learning Communities, said the classes are designed to advance students in their chosen field.

"The classes are major-based, and students work together," Teng said. She added that students who see each other and get to know each other in the classes develop better learning relationships and are able to share assignments.

Teng encouraged other students to enroll in Learning Communities courses because they help build a

sense of community with fellow students and faculty members.

"Students develop a strong communication link between faculty and other students," Teng said. "Students will gain practical experience and meet other people who share the same career goal."

Brian Carter, the English instructor for Teaching Future Teachers, said it's important for the three particular classes to be involved with Learning Communities.

"There are coordinating assignments within these classes," Carter said. "The link between math and critical thinking is practiced in English 1A."

Students who register for Learning Communities are eligible for priority registration, Teng said, which means they can register early for their classes.

Teng added that students have free Internet access provided to them, an e-mail account and a free laptop to use for educational purposes.

According to the Learning Communities brochure, the program provides students with other opportunities such as master tutors for their Learning Communities classes, group activities and field trips. Students also learn to reach common goals within their class assignments.

Carter encouraged other students to become involved in Learning Communities.

"There's more student support," Carter said. "The drop-out rate is like zero."

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Activities

- Vendor Fair — 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 15-16, Campus Mall/Fountain Area
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- Faculty Biennial Show — through Oct. 24, Art Space Gallery
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Proper precautions could prevent most bike thefts

By Mike Read
Special to the Rampage

Due to bike riders' choice of thin cable locks, an average of more than a dozen bicycles are stolen from the Fresno City College campus each semester. But riders who take extra precautions to protect what they ride will find their bikes where they left them, authorities said.

Locks still can't protect everything on a bike. Seats, tires and handlebars are also subject to theft.

"I'm lucky my bike has room for me to lock up everything," said FCC student Garena Melikian. "It prevents me from having to carry my

front tire, my seat and helmet everywhere I go."

Two men in their late 30s were arrested last month on suspicion of stealing bikes.

"They were found scouting bikes with thin cable locks near the gym and a pair of bolt cutters in their backpacks," said district police Sgt. James Stahl. Typically after an arrest, the rate of bike thefts drops.

Depending on the thieves' past crime record, each could get sentences ranging from probation to one year in county jail.

Enforcement against bike thieves is difficult, Stahl said.

"In this day and age, we can't have an officer on every corner," Stahl said. "It becomes the riders' obligation to ensure their bikes' safety."

"If you have a nice bike and a thin cable lock, you won't have that bike for long — not just here, but anywhere."

— Sgt. James Stahl, district police officer



As an alternate mode of transportation bikes are the way to go. Many choose to protect their bike with the Master U-shaped lock as shown.

Photo by Jillian Milam

Return rates on bikes are low. The State Center Community College District police recommend registering any bicycle brought on campus. Registration can help speed recovery of a bike.

"A big problem is a lot of people don't know their bike's serial number," Stahl said. "If you can't prove it's your bike, we can't give it to you."

All unclaimed bikes are sold at district police auctions.

Properly locking a bike can be costly.

Many FCC bike riders use a U-shaped lock, which costs \$25 to \$40 and is made with hardened steel, making them "near impossible to cut," Stahl said.

Crime prevention depends upon the community's awareness, Stahl said. He added that reporting suspicious activity around bike racks is key to frustrating and preventing theft of any kind.

"If you have a nice bike and a thin cable lock, you won't have that bike for long — not just here, but anywhere," Stahl said.

FIRE: Positions at academy filled until 2005, director says

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positions until January 2005."

Byrns has been involved with the fire academy for nine years and feels that he enjoys watching students succeed in the program and encourages students of all backgrounds to join.

"There were about five or six women in our previous classes that have become firefighters in our valley," Byrns said.

Debbie Rowe, a former FCC fire academy cadet, encouraged students to explore the benefits of the fire academy.

"Just being with different kinds of people, you learn to work as a team," Rowe said. Everything's different here day to day, minute after minute."

Rowe continues at the FCC fire academy to help teach a variety of classes. She was a firefighter working in Selma, and she has recently transferred to Clovis.

Dennis Springer, who is in his ninth week at the

More Info

Fresno City College Fire Academy

Minimum requirements: Applicants must be 18 years of age or have a high school diploma or equivalent. Positions at the academy are filled until January 2005.

Location: Career and Technology Center, 2930 E. Annadale Ave., Fresno

Phone: 442-4600, ext. 8304

Web site: www.fresnocitycollege.com

academy, said the academy would provide great experience for students and the chance for students to reap important benefits.

"It is a fulfilling feeling being in a situation to provide to help others. It's very rewarding work," Springer said. "Being a firefighter has always been a

childhood dream, something I've always wanted to do."

Applicants to the FCC fire academy must be 18 years of age or have a high school or general education diploma. If students applying have had previous college classes, good academic standing is a must, officials said.

The Career and Technology Center encourages students to look into the programs offered. Information-filled brochures and fliers are available at CTC and at the FCC administration office.

"Being a firefighter has always been a childhood dream, something I've always wanted to do."

— Dennis Springer, fire academy cadet

News Briefs Software discount offered

A statewide foundation is offering Fresno City College students discounts on Microsoft software packages.

The Foundation of California Community Colleges, in partnership with Microsoft Corp. and software distributor e-academy Inc., has started an online store for the state's 108 community colleges.

The foundation's Web site sells Microsoft Office products, Windows XP Professional Upgrade and other software at discounts of up to 80 percent off retail.

Students can go to the Web site, verify their enrollment status and pay for the software with a credit card. The software is delivered via United Parcel Service.

The software Web site is at www.collegesoftware.org.

CRIME: District, Fresno State collaborate

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creases, our numbers are so small," Reyes said.

Fresno State crime statistics for the same period show that burglaries were the most common crime.

There were 103 burglaries at Fresno State, followed by 62 liquor law violations, 43 motor vehicle thefts, 22 drug abuse arrests, seven aggravated assault arrests and three arson arrests.

There was no serious crime activity reported last fall at FCC. However, if a homicide took place on campus, Reyes said that district police would seek additional assistance.

"We call upon whatever agency necessary to handle this type of emergency," Reyes said. "We simply don't have the staffing necessary to deal with such an event."

Because the SCCC and Fresno State police departments are closely connected, they work together to help out with crime on one another's campuses, Reyes said.

Reyes said that the officers from both colleges worked together to find suspects that were stealing bicycles from both campuses.

"They gave us a call back and informed us that they just arrested the same suspects because of the information we provided," Reyes said.

Second-year FCC student Yeovonda Swint said she didn't notice any major crime activity on campus.

"The most crime I have ever seen or heard about are small wrecks in the parking lot from people fighting over a parking spot," Swint said.

Although the numbers may show FCC to be a relatively safe environment for students, Reyes advises students to keep their guard up about their surroundings at all times.

"You should always be aware of your surroundings," Reyes said. "Don't take your safety for granted."

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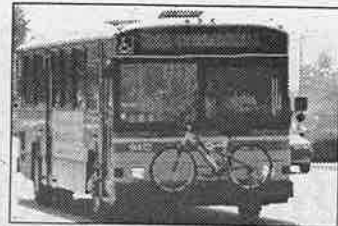
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Transfer Terror

Community college makes leap to university affordable



Melissa Whittle

Deciding whether to go to college is a hard decision. Choosing between a community college and a university is an even larger leap. Community colleges such as Fresno City College are geared to be stepping stones in a student's career or academic path.

Students have their own goals, and these goals are represented in the community college system. Community colleges have married students, first-time students and people who already have jobs but want a change of career.

For many reasons, FCC student Sherri Wallace considers a community college as her best choice.

"I've been going to FCC for about a year, and I still can't decide what I want my major to be," Wallace said. "Now, I know that prices have gone up for tuition, but it is nowhere close to the yearly tuition at a state university."

"I would really be stressed if I was going to a state university paying all that money just to do my general education."

The difference is huge. At FCC, a full-time student — having 12 units of classes — would pay \$7,200 a year for school and living expenses. That is a reasonable price considering that just last year, the cost at California State University, Fresno, was more than \$11,000. And that's just for a California resident.

The price isn't the only good thing community colleges have going for them.

Sylvia Sanchez, office assistant at the FCC Transfer Center, considers a community college a good way to begin higher education.

"You get a chance to get your feet wet, get the feel of a college environment,"

Sanchez said. "For example, you can definitely work on your study habits."

Her comment is close to how I feel. I attended Fresno State last year and was surprised that the major problem I had was staying awake long enough to take notes that I could take from the book.

To me, the curriculum was much easier than I had expected from a state university. I'm having a harder time keeping up at FCC than I was at Fresno State.

FCC counselor Fred Emerling said that community colleges have several high points.

"You save more money. You have better instructors that you actually see, because at a state college you'll have over 100 students in most of your classes," Emerling said. "The only contact you'll have is with your teacher's assistant, and they're usually only a chapter ahead of you."

Emerling also said that students spend more time in school, because community colleges like FCC have 18-week semesters when many state universities only have 16-week semesters.

Personally, I think it's better to start off at a community college because community colleges are geared toward helping each individual.

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

Most students with big plans should not start at FCC



Susan Morgan

When I was a high school senior, I faced several forks in the road: I had to choose between Fresno City College, a California State University campus or a big University of California school.

I had no idea where I wanted to go and what I wanted to major in, so I went to my parents. They are pretty thrifty, and they convinced me that FCC was the place for me.

My wallet thanks them eternally, but now I'm in my last semester at FCC, and I can see that fork in the road again.

I have begun determining my options and have come to learn the hardships of transferring from a two-year college. I went to Donny Munshower, a student affairs officer on campus, for advice. His job is to help students with transfer information on any UC.

I've been looking into UCLA, and I hoped that he could give me some good direction.

I asked for his honest opinion about whether it was a smart choice going to FCC.

"Although it is a practical choice to go to a school like Fresno City, students may find it harder to transfer to UC when they receive their A.A. or A.S. degree," Munshower said. "College stu-

dents begin to find their own lives — get married, get pregnant, find a good job — and that makes it tough to go to the next level.

"Most find a job that pays them pretty well with the degree they receive here and lose initiative to continue schooling."

That's not just his opinion, either. The National Study of Student Learning sampled 2,685 students at two- and four-year colleges in 16 states to find out which type of school is the better place to start.

The study found that it was hard to get accurate results from two-year students because of their personal interference with learning and the continuation of learning.

I then began to wonder whether it would be a good idea to go to California State University, Fresno, for a semester and then transfer to a UC.

"UCs will transfer a community college student before they will transfer a student already attending a four-year college," Munshower said. "In fact, most universities will only accept a student currently enrolled in a four-year if there is any room open."

This is because students in a community college can only get an associate's degree there, and those attending a four-year have the opportunity of getting a bachelor's degree at their current school.

So it is wiser to go to the UC you want straight out of high school before you hit life-altering distractions. Then again, if you don't have the money or a clue of where you are going, it's best to go to FCC, then on to a university, where you'll be stuck.

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

Is it better to start at a university or at a community college?

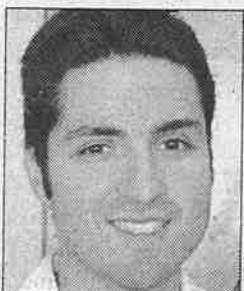


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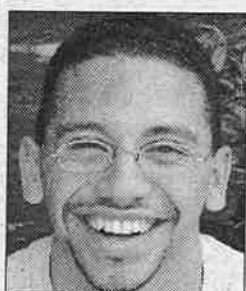
By Marlena McClain

What prevents FCC students from transferring?



Keyan Laghaifar
political science

"I think the major barrier to students transferring is money problems."



Ben Sanchez
engineering

"Too many G.E. requirements."



Sandra Garcia
dental hygiene

"Don't just focus on school work."



Vivian Labrado
criminology

"My teachers always care. I feel like they're my parents at school."



Jordan Burns
psychology

"I really don't know."

Public lovers display distaste for decency

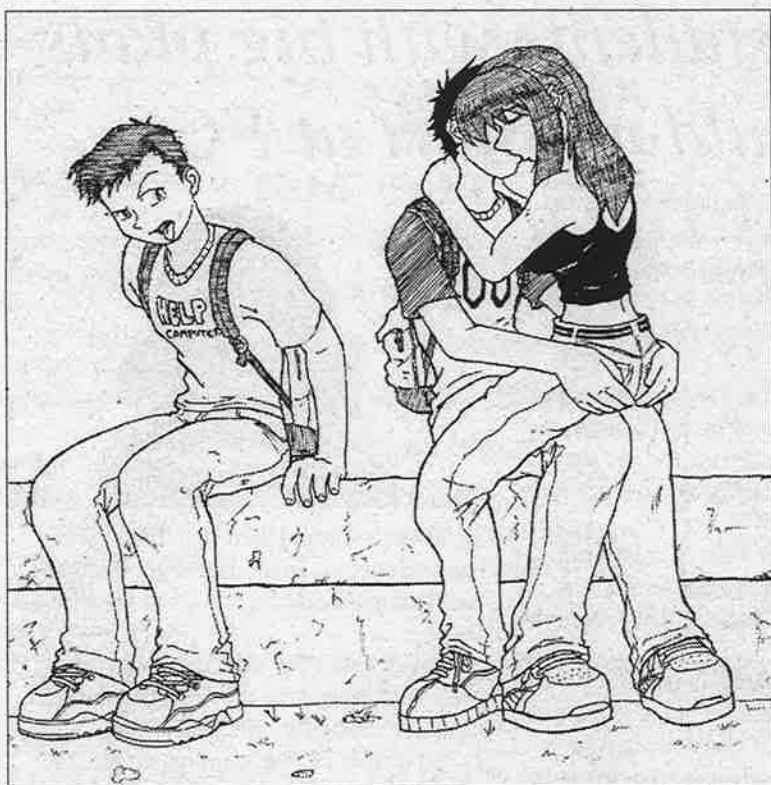


Illustration by Jesse Garcia

We see public displays of affection — PDA — all over Fresno City

College. Most of the time, it's just kissing, just a peck on the lips or the cheek.

However, for those that like the privacy of the West Lawn, it also means a chance to cuddle and do more of the kissing.

It is not that no one notices any of this, but people just do not bother to say anything.

However, in some cases, it does seem to go overboard, and there are people out there that really do not want to see it going on.

There are two main reasons why some do not want to see PDA going on in the first place. Either they are jealous because they have no one in their lives or because they are really against it on moral grounds and believe that PDA should be kept hidden from the public spotlight.

"I believe that as long as couples are not having full-fledged sex or foreplay in broad daylight, then there is nothing wrong with people making out," said FCC student Cameron Maitoza. "They should just respect the wishes of others [when] it comes to where they display affection."

Fellow student Kristen Johnson agrees. "I don't care what couples do as long as they're not making out or having sex in front of me."

"Their business is their business."

People really should respect others when it comes to showing their love around others.

After all, not everyone wants to see two people making out to the point of getting into one another's clothes in broad daylight.

I cannot stand to see people doing more than just holding hands or either kissing on the cheek or the lips.



Felix Sanchez

When you have people out there making out and not considering what everyone else happens to be thinking, it turns into something that should be done about.

I can understand why there are people that want to display their affection.

Maybe they do not have the time elsewhere or are trying to keep something from their parents.

But me personally, I am still looking for someone despite asking girls out when I happen to get the nerve — which is not as often since I am not one for rejection at all.

I see other couples on campus making out and doing stuff that I might never be able to do again in my lifetime and it hurts.

I go down the College Mall, and I can see people together and having fun and laughing, but I can also see others kissing and making out and I personally start to feel down.

I'm too shy to even ask a cute girl out.

When I do get the nerve, I end up losing it right before I ask her out.

That is how many people feel when they are single and looking.

So please do everyone a favor and try to keep the PDA down.

I know that that might be hard, but there is a time and a place for it, and during school and on campus is neither the time nor the place.

• *Felix Sanchez writes for the Views section of The Rampage.*

Fresno bus system fails to get its FAX straight

If you haven't heard, Fresno Mayor Alan Autry and other city officials rode the bus for a promotion called Fresno Bee Bus Week.

"The promotion is for clean air transit," said Amanda Duarte, a Fresno Area Express official.

I'm all for cleaning our air and being kind to our planet, but people have to waste their whole day trying to get where they need to go.

Even though Autry is letting people know that he can ride the bus and it's OK for others to do the same.

The bus system in Fresno is still not on point.

The promotion is a wonderful solution, but what about us college students going to and from school? I feel that it is a great thing for Autry to ride the bus because he can also see how hard it is to commute from place to place on a 30-minute route.

If buses ran every 15 minutes, people might actually start to ride the bus more. Especially when the FAX can meet our standards.

In other cities such as the Pasadena and Los Angeles areas, the buses run every 15 minutes and the people down there don't have as many problems as we do up here. The only thing they have to worry about is bus overloads.



Crissy Winston

The buses also stay out later than 10 p.m. in those cities.

It would be awesome to have the same situation up here. Maybe if Fresno had more money it would have a better run. This situation is a little disappointing. I don't know a lot about Fresno, but I can see the big difference between here and Pasadena.

I feel that Autry should try to make the bus system better. That way, more and more people would use the bus system and help keep the air clean.

Why do we have to plan our day to work around the bus schedule? It's good to plan, but what if you want to be spontaneous and just go somewhere whenever you just feel like it?

You can't do that on a 30-minute run. That's the whole day.

You are basically spending your entire day on the bus, when you can just get in the car and go.

That's the reason why our mayor needs to realize that we as college students have more

important and wonderful things to do than ride that bus. A lady once told me that she was on a bus and roaches came out of it.

"It's funny how the mayor rides the bus for air sake and not for our sake," student Timeka Ayers said.

Ayers has been riding the bus for two years, and she didn't like it one bit. She complained about how the bus used to get her to work 20 minutes early because she got on it on time.

I told her that maybe the mayor could see what we're going through with the bus system and try to change it.

I met a lady that has two children, and she told me about her bad experience with the buses. One afternoon she needed to get to the post office in 110 degree weather.

She sat for the bus to come and when it did, the driver told her she couldn't ride because her 6-month-old son didn't have a shirt on and refused her service. That's not right.

There are too many problems with our bus system, and we need to come up with solutions to try and make it better. There's money out there, we just need to find out how we can put it to good use.

• *Crissy Winston writes for the Views section of The Rampage.*

Health care gives students headaches

Health care is certainly a commodity. Health care is expensive, and sadly, not every American — especially college students — is insured.

There is no reason that anybody in this great country of ours should go without basic health insurance. It may sound idealistic, but it just doesn't make sense that it is not available to those who cannot afford it.

Insurance is usually obtained through employment, though it is rare to have adequate insurance through part-time work.

For many college students, school is full-time work, and they do not have time to work full time for health benefits.

Emergency accident insurance is provided to Fresno City College students through the health fee. This only covers students while in class or while attending supervised school-sponsored activities.

Psychological services are also available to FCC students to cope with mental health needs.

Medi-Cal is offered as a solution for basic health coverage for poorer Americans, but there is a fine line between those who qualify and those who do not. There are many Americans that lie in that sort of limbo between health coverage and insecurity.

It is shameful that there are such rules and regulations for qualifying for the closest coverage we as Americans have to universal health coverage.

There are several people who do not agree with this method. They see it as exploitation of them by the recipients. That is absolutely ridiculous.

The real problem lies with the HMOs that have

exploited people's health in order to make a quick buck.

But there are options for students. State Center Community College District sponsors a health plan through BC Life & Health. The plan requires a \$50 deductible and covers students in various ways.

The plan is especially beneficial to student athletes and children of students who use the child-care facilities.

Other students who may have a little more coin in their purse can go through big insurance agencies. A student between 19 and 29 years old would be required to pay \$160 monthly with Kaiser Permanente.

This is a hefty price to pay for the average college student. The price grows as participants age and when a spouse or child is added to the plan.

But health insurance is expensive and a huge gamble. A person can't expect to be covered 100 percent. There are still fees that a person is required to pay. Doctor visits are not absolutely covered, and neither are medicines.

Students and all Americans should definitely have some sort of health coverage.

How would that ever be possible here?

We can learn something from our friends in Europe, who enjoy universal health coverage. It may be quixotic to believe every American should be covered with basic health insurance, but what is wrong with a little idealism?

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



Gerard Morel

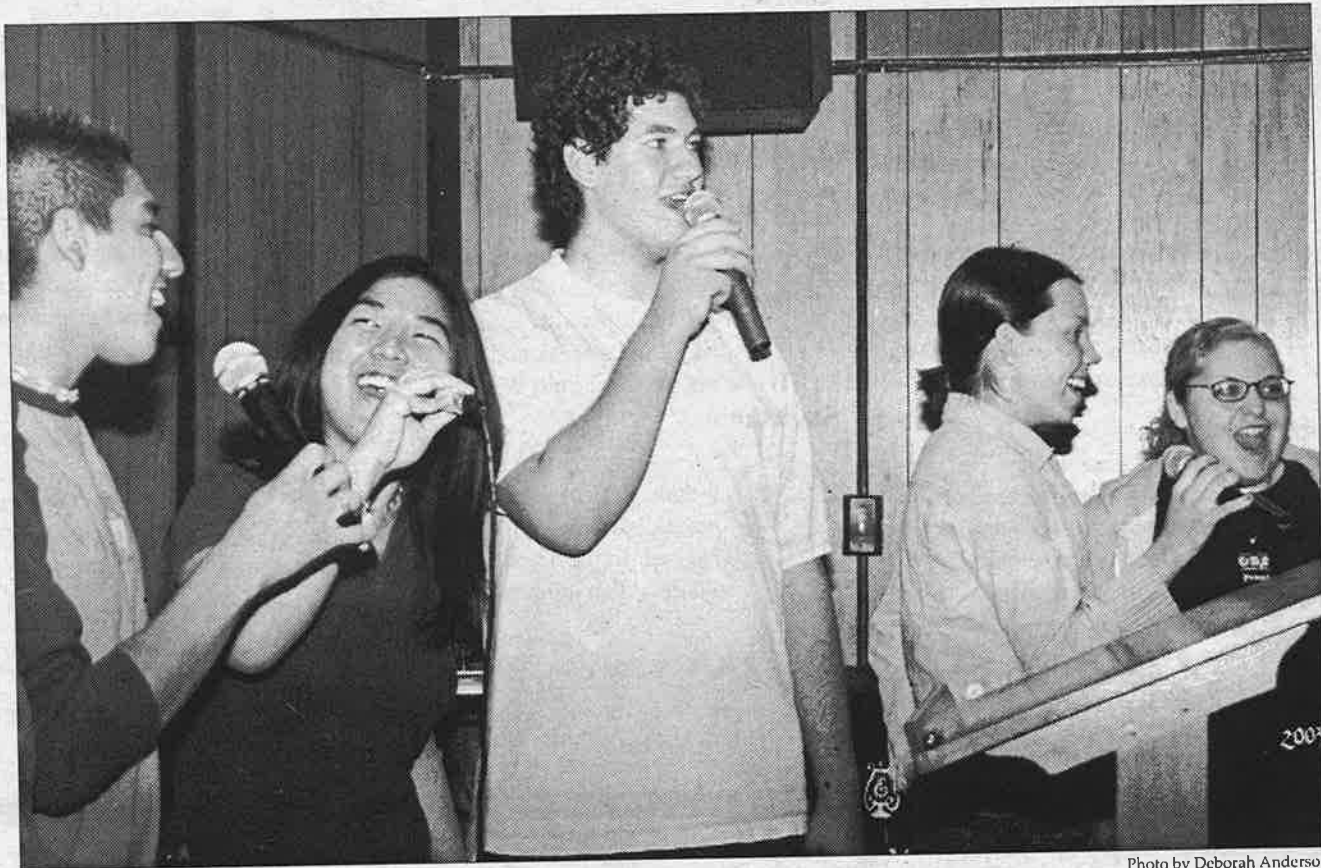


Photo by Deborah Anderson

Fresno City College Jazz Singers members work on their songs in rehearsal for the upcoming concert season.

Singin' at City

Fresno City College Jazz Singers prepare for a busy season of concerts

By Susan Morgan

Rampage reporter

On Oct. 22, the Fresno City College Jazz Singers will put on a show on campus to delight their fellow student body.

The concert is only one of many shows preparing choir members for competitions and festivals ahead.

"We're working towards performing in Vienna to sing Verdi's Requiem," said Kaitlin Macchesne, a choir member. The choir is also preparing for the Fall Choral Festival held at Fresno State on Oct. 28 to 29. This show is the second one to perform this semester.

"Our first show was a fundraiser for the arts," said Brian Dull, another choir member.

Both Macchesne and Dull are very excited about the upcoming show here on campus because it will be their first performance of the year in front of their peers.

"It's going to be really energetic and there's even going to be crowd involvement," said Dull.

The songs chosen to perform are very recognizable. Such classics as an a capella rendition of "I'll Be Seeing You," "Getting to Know You," "Angel Eyes," "Everybody's Boppin'," and "Kiss Him, Goodbye (Nah, Nah, Nah)" will be performed.

The song titled "Angel Eyes" will share solos by Julie Haynes and Heidi Webe.

"I'm really excited, after this show we have a concert at Fresno State and then a festival on Nov. 8 in Viola," said Haynes.

Marcus Jenkins, Garry Lummis, and Brian Dull

will perform, as a trio in the song "Kiss Him, Goodbye," the song Brian said, will get the audience moving.

Julie Dana is head of the choral staff and the woman behind the Jazz Singers. She couldn't be happier with her choir this year and how rehearsals are going. She describes "I'll Be Seeing You" as a very sultry song, and "Angel Eyes" as being very soulful.

Dana explains to her students during rehearsal, "You have to capture the mood, the feeling, and reflect it in your singing and your face. Capture a good memory in your head and express it."

Tickets, \$3 for students, are on sale now at the FCC Theatre Box Office. Shows start at 7:30 p.m.

Intramurals kick up plenty of action, fun

Next tourney Oct. 17

By Crissy Watson

Rampage reporter

Students have something more to do on Fresno City College's campus than just socialize.

On Oct. 3, three-on-three soccer tournaments took place behind the gym. Even though it was a competitive sport, it was also fun and exciting.

"It is so competitive and fun that students from last year came to compete this year," said Don Trewel Martin, coordinator of the game.

The players even had their own fan base. This made them feel like celebrities throughout the tournament.

The prize was satisfying to the winner's appetite.

"The champs got to go out and eat at Taco's Tijuana," said Martin.

The next intramural is scheduled for Oct. 17. It will be a five-on-five flag football tournament behind the gym, starting at 10 a.m.

Signing up can be done by going to the activities office, located near the cafeteria. To enter you must pay \$15 fee for your team. The money covers the expense of the referees and trophies.

To find out about upcoming events, feel free to call the College Activities Office at 264-5711.

'Crossing' story reveals truth

By Gerard Morel

Rampage reporter

The Fresno City College Theatre Arts production, "Glynn's Crossing," written and directed by Charles Erven opened Oct. 9, and will run through Oct. 17.

The play is set in present day Glynn's Crossing, a small mill town in North Carolina.

This is the story of a very dysfunctional family trying to cope with the aftermath of a suicide. There is Nate (Michael Robertson), his daughter Dolores (Lesley Williams), her husband Harry (Skip Sargenti), their daughter Tilly (Dana Renee Fouch), and Beth Wright (Kim Del Pozo) who plays the wife of Glynn.

Nate put his grandson up for a brief time after he is kicked out of his parent's house and before his death.

Nate is a kind, and likeable char-

acter who loves his family very much and is discredited by his daughter Dolores.

Dolores is a deceitful character that has a ragged inconsistent picture painted of her son Glynn, and blames everybody for his demise especially her father and husband. This makes life very difficult for the two men who try to appease Dolores, but she just pushes them away.

The story begins to open up when Tilly arrives from California to attend her brother's funeral.

Tilly is a vibrant woman who demands answers from both her mother and father. She soon discovers the truth about the things her mother has said about her father's treatment of her and her brother. She eventually learns to appreciate her father and wants to learn more about how her brother died.

The arrival of Beth Wright stirs the pot a bit, she reveals to Glynn's mother, father and sister that she married Glynn.

This came as a shock to everyone except Nate, who knew, but did not mention

anything to Dolores, Harry or Tilly. Dolores blames her for Glynn's suicide and threatens to notify the authorities.

Nate and Harry try to convince Dolores who Glynn really was, but she resists.

Tilly is an inquisitive character and convinces Beth to retrace Glynn's last day with her. New revelations appear upon Tilly's arrival, which bring the play together. Dolores is then finally convinced by Harry and Nate of what kind of a person her son really was.

Glynn's Crossing is a superb drama dealing with Glynn's last day and the hours after his funeral.

This is the story of one family's ordeal to learn the truth about one of its own, the effects and aftermath of the ultimate tragedy of suicide and trying to begin to love one another again.

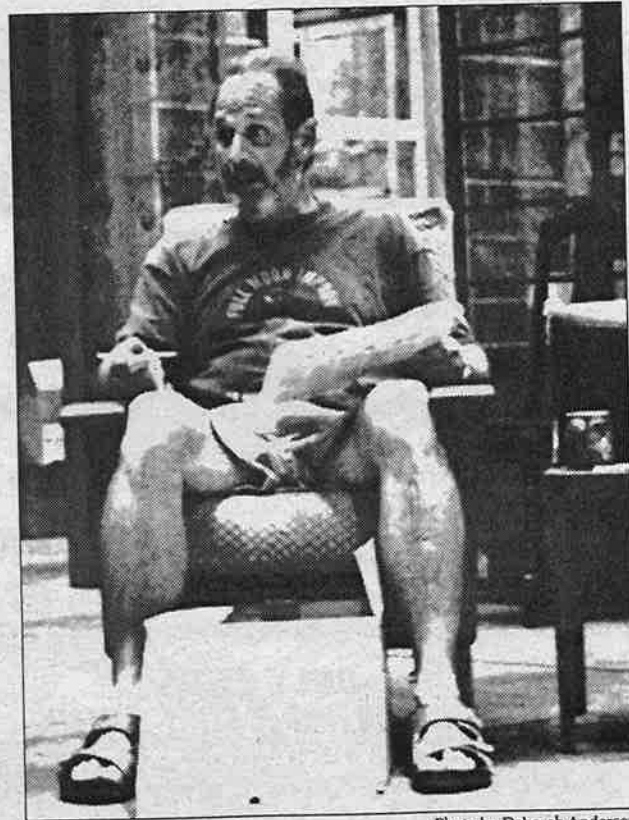


Photo by Deborah Anderson

Skip Sargenti rehearses for Glynn's Crossing before the show. He portrays Glynn's father.

Horoscopes

by Marlena McClain

Aries



A business deal flares up, and your partner will seem to be insecure. You need to be firm to let them know that you mean business.

Taurus



A bond between you and another becomes closer. Either romance or just a friendship. Experiment with a new hobby to jazz up your life. Why not?

Gemini



You have many ideas, but you have no way to fund them. Plan to save up. Next month you'll invent some amazing new thing. Until then be more practical.

Cancer



You're learning that some people can care less that you do all the work, just recognize how special you are. All that matters is how you feel about yourself.

Leo



This past week has been an emotional roller coaster to impersonal or personal. Life is confusing. Tears may be shed, but take time to repair.

Virgo



Invest your money in a productive profitable field. Communicate as clearly as possible. You give mixed signals to others. Just be honest.

Libra



Dramatic changes may occur. People are turned off by you, yet it's not entirely your fault. Eventually everything will pass by next week.

Scorpio



Stabilize your emotions. Yes, life sucks, but don't mix your personal life with your business life. Take a break and let it all out to center your world.

Sagittarius



Pay attention to those you ignore. Reflect upon the possible friendship that can happen. Expand your horizons and demolish judgements.

Capricorn



Spend time with a cherished one. Let them know that you care. Plan an exotic date and let your temptations rage.

Aquarius



Expect a heavy load this week. Turn your anxieties into encouragement to finish work faster. Enjoy yourself with family and friends.

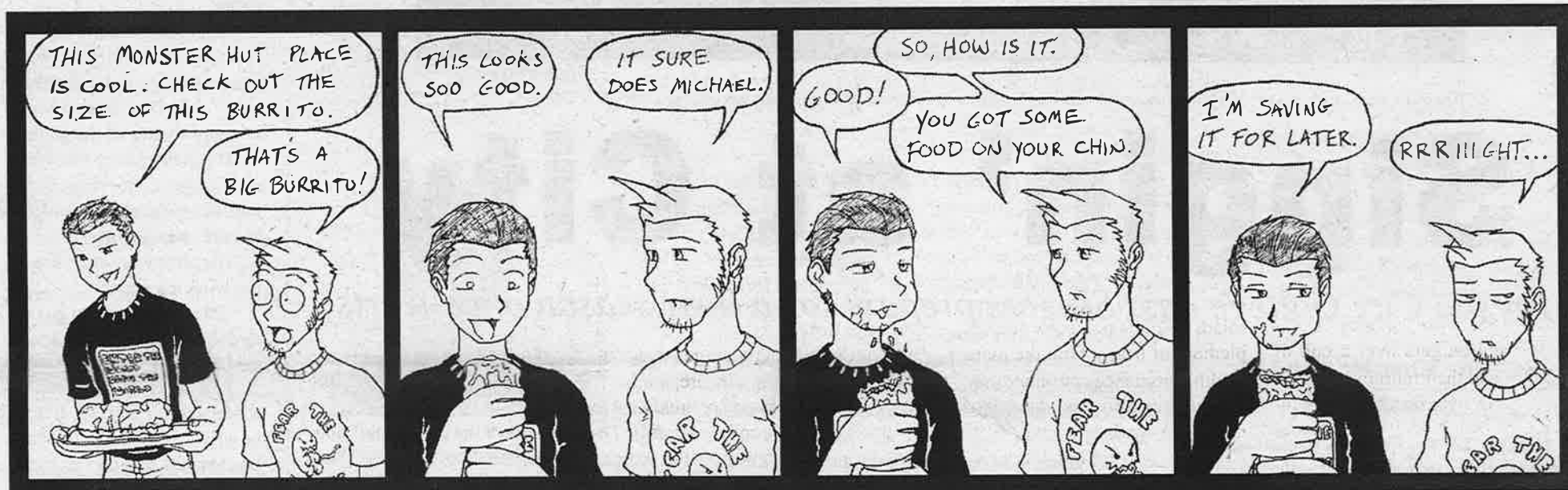
Pisces



You attract the opposite sex like a magnet, which can be good or bad. They may become intense. Don't let them intimidate you. Show them your strengths.

City Life

by Jesse Garcia



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King's novel to film, not so great

By Carl Geissert

Rampage reporter

When I started to watch Stephen King's "Dreamcatcher," I got the distinct feeling that I'd seen it before.

Much of the movie is recycled bits and pieces from other, much better King stories. The childhood journey of four best friends as in "Stand By Me," the desolate winter landscape of "The Shining," and the horrible illness threatening mankind of "The Stand," all shoved into the already bloated story of "It."

Director Lawrence Kasdan and screenwriter William Goldman went out of their way to remain faithful to King's original novel, a task that is much easier said than done.

The 620-page novel, heavy on character development and plot twists, does not translate well to the big screen at all. The film, which is just under two and a half hours, leaves you with the impression that there is a lot missing from the story.

The story is about four childhood friends (played by Jason Lee, Damian Lewis, Thomas Jayne, and Timothy Olyphant) who rescue a mentally handicapped child from some bullies, who gives them telepathic powers. Twenty years later on a hunting trip in the woods, they come across a lost hunter and invite him into their cabin. The hunter turns out to be host to an alien parasite that kills one of the four and takes over the body of another.

While this is going on, two top-secret gov-

Review

Dreamcatcher

Stars: Jason Lee, Damian Lewis, Thomas Jayne and Timothy Olyphant.

Rated: R

Length: 134 minutes

Rating: ★★ 1/2 (out of five)

ernment agents (played by Morgan Freeman and Tom Sizemore) are busy trying to secure the area, and prevent a worldwide outbreak of the alien virus. The part of the movie about Freeman and Sizemore seems to have little significance to the overall story, and I get the

feeling that a lot was left out to save time. Even so the story is overly complex, and hard to watch at times.

Where the first half of the movie shows promise, much of the momentum is lost towards the end, where it just seems to fizzle out. The ending itself is rather anti-climatic and predictable, and after watching it I felt a little bit cheated.

This film does have its redeeming qualities, however its full of talented actors, who despite the weak script put on an excellent performance. A scene in the bathroom that can hold its own with just about any horror movie ever made. While I wouldn't recommend this movie to anyone, fans of Stephen King will probably enjoy it anyway.

Local cafe serves real relaxed foods

By Gerard Morel

Rampage reporter

Irene's is a bustling breakfast and burger joint located on the corner of Olive and Linden Ave. People gather at Irene's for leisurely breakfasts, lunches and dinners.

Irene's offers mostly traditional American cuisine, it is an ideal place to enjoy a leisurely meal. Regulars of Irene's often come for one of the wide varieties of omelets and burgers over a cup of coffee and their morning paper.

The Denver Omelet is particularly popular with its thick pieces of ham and spicy green peppers. The lunch-time patron can expect equally satisfying comfort food. Irene's is well known for their mammoth sized burgers.

Irene's hamburgers can come accompanied by hot salted fries or

Review

Irene's

Entree Prices: \$5.00 to \$8.00

Location: 747 E. Olive Ave, in the Tower District

Phone: 237-9919

onion rings. Burgers and sandwiches have the option of being accompanied by a pasta or green salads. Although Irene's offers a plethora of hearty fare the more health conscience consumer may be hard pressed to find something to their liking. Irene's offers little along the lines of health food, but that is only what one can expect from American cuisine.

When planning a trip to this local burger joint, one can expect to leave with a full stomach, however do not expect to leave soon.

The service at Irene's is somewhat slow moving. Perhaps it is the amount of clientele, but the wait for water, place setting and food, often seems a bit long. While waiting to receive a menu recently, I was passed by various servers without even getting a glare out of them. The wait became so long that my companion suggested leaving. After fifteen minutes, maybe twenty we were finally presented with a menu without being asked what we wanted to drink.

If you're craving a burger with all the fixings or eggs, be prepared to wait at Irene's. If you're pressed for time you may want to choose a more expedient establishment.



Photo by Bryan Borrer
Maria Escombedo, a FCC student, provides a smile with her service as a waitress at Irene's Cafe located in the Tower District.



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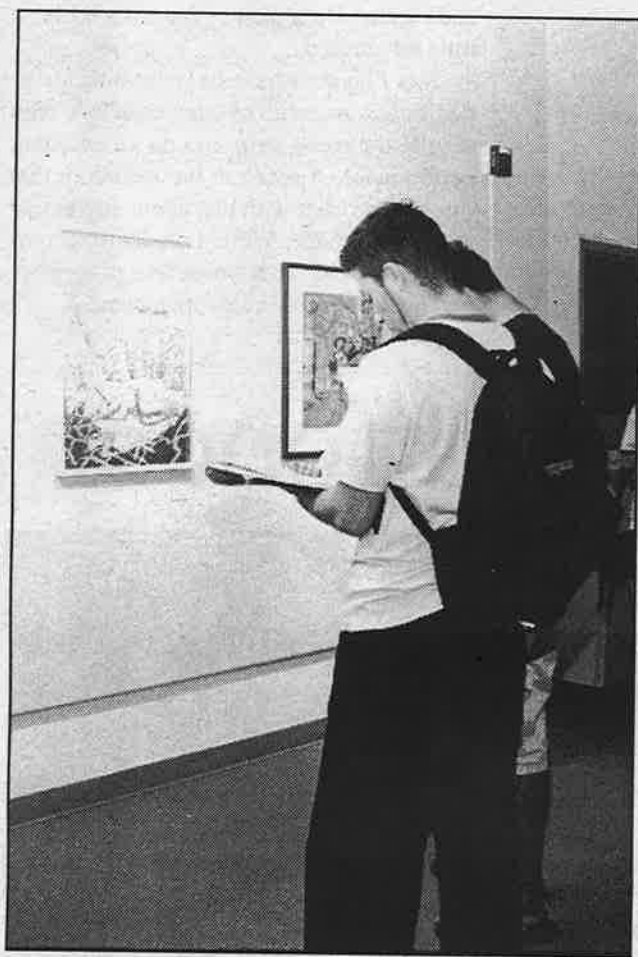
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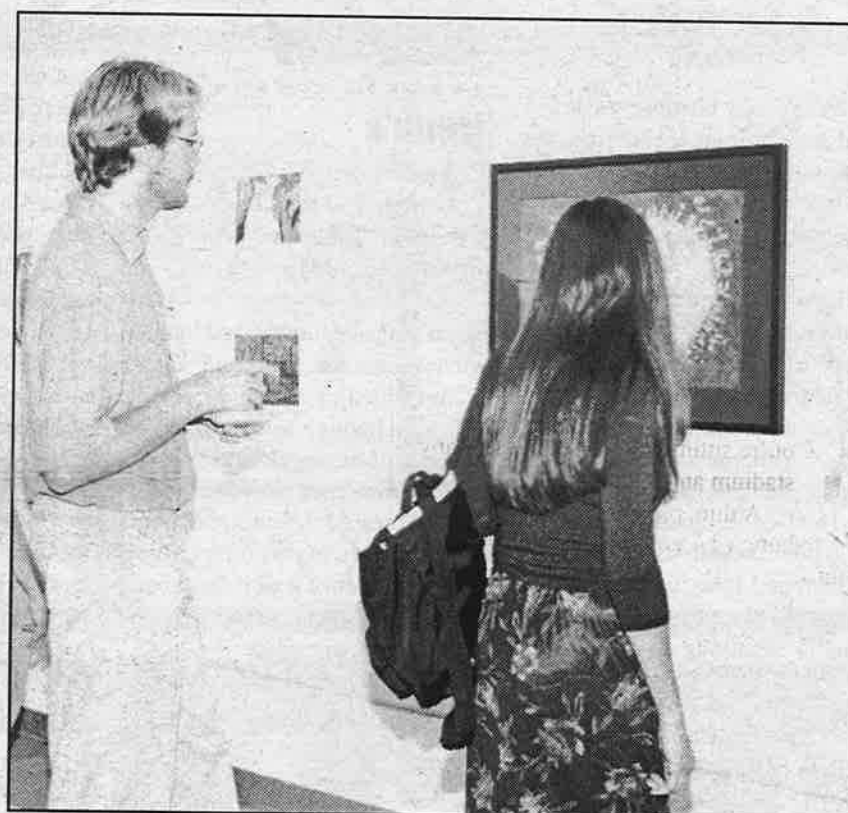


(above) The art students of Fresno City College will need to become familiar with the gallery, as it will be used as a learning tool in some of their classes. Students Daniel Romero and Tim Kruse were there opening night, doing an assignment for their Art Appreciation class.



The Art Space Gallery during the October Art Hop. Art Hop is a monthly event where galleries all over Fresno open new shows to the public. For more information go to www.fresnoartscouncil.org.

History instructor Paul Gilmore enjoys the work of fellow faculty members.



Photos and story by Deborah Anderson

Rampage photographer

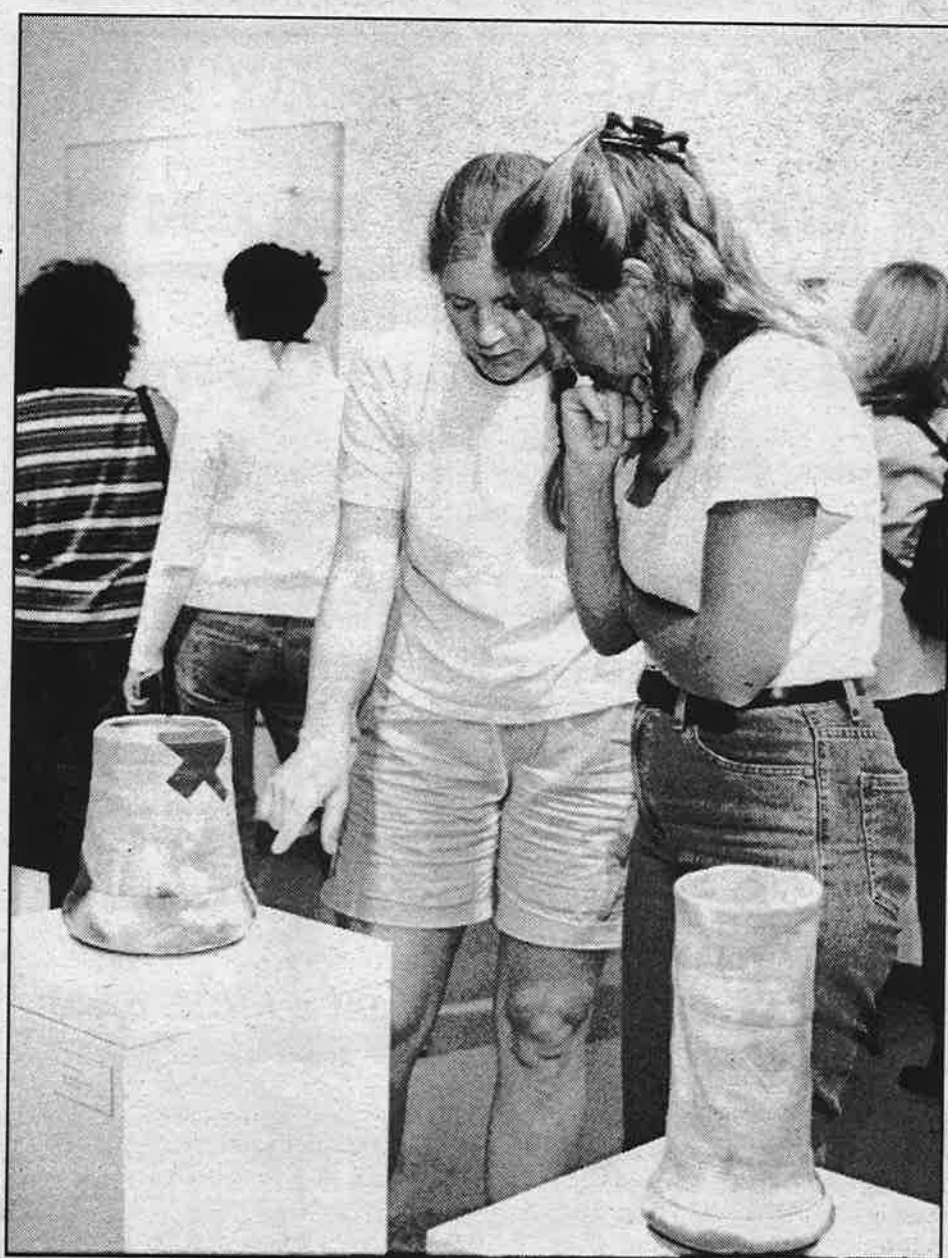
The Art Space Gallery is open and currently showing work from the full-time and adjunct art faculty. The 2003 Art Faculty Biennial features paintings, sculptures, drawings, and photography.

"This is to keep ourselves validated as artists and teachers," said Jim Shepard, ceramics instructor. Some instructors, like Amy Morgan, have been surprised by the

response from their current students.

"I had a student come up to me as say, 'I didn't know you made real art, I thought you were just a teacher,'" she said.

Morgan teaches beginning ceramics here on campus; "I guess students think you don't have to be an artist to teach art, but you do. You have to know something if you're going to teach it," she said.



Ceramics instructor Amy Morgan, left; and Barbra LeMaster discuss one of Jim Shepard's sculptures.

Lucinda Bejarano admires a giraffes sculpture by Amy Morgan



Sports



Football

The Rams finish non conference schedule with blowout win

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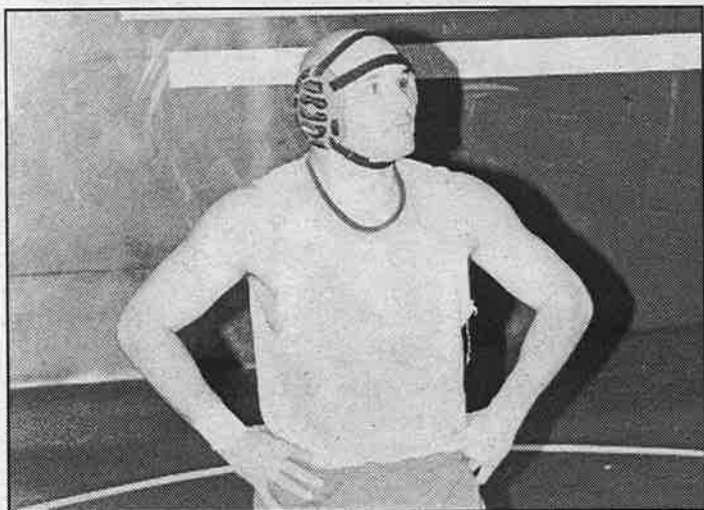


Photo by Deborah Anderson

Born in a ghetto of Los Angeles, Yesser Pazzet has turned his life around and is one of the best wrestlers in the state.

King of the Ring

By Elle Jaramillo

Rampage reporter

In the Fresno City College wrestling room, there is a sheer aura of excitement that follows and surrounds 22-year-old wrestling star Yesser Pazzet.

Born in Los Angeles, Pazzet was raised in the ghetto.

His parents were born and raised in Mexico. His beginnings

were humble, while living in a garage apartment while his parents worked hard to provide for the family.

"When I was young, I ran around with gangsters and did the whole tagging thing," Pazzet said.

When he was nine, Pazzet began Judo, a form of martial arts.

"We had a small park near our place, and this guy just appeared and started a judo class there in the park," Pazzet said. "It was

probably one of the best things I've ever done.

"I had so much fun, and that's when I started getting out of that scene."

Pazzet started his wrestling career in his 8th grade year at Farmersville Junior High when his oldest brother, Art, went out for wrestling at his high school.

"I started because my brother

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Josh Butters

ESPN 2 lets me down

You're sitting in the bleachers of any stadium and it starts:

A thin, preppy blonde with the microphone who got that corvette she wanted from daddy for her birthday starts the spelling

"Give me an R."

As the game goes on, you try to look past them. You of course aren't there for them; you're there for the football game.

Cheerleaders are just an annoyance and they actually think what they are doing is a sport.

For these kinds of things it's always good to have a checklist. Go down it point by point and see if it fits or not.

Since such a thing doesn't exist, we'll make one up.

With football in season, you would think cheerleading would be too. Why else would they be wearing those gaudy outfits in public otherwise?

I flip through a daily newspaper straight to the sports section.

Hmmm, turns page.

I don't see any articles on who won the big cheerleading meet last night.

Cheer not a sport takes the early lead.

In every sport that junior colleges offer in California, state champions are determined. The Commission on Athletics, which governs California JC sports, lists past champions on their website. Lets take a look at who won the whole kit-in-caboodle last year.

No one, that's who.

Professional athletes make good money, right?

National Football League cheerleaders make less than the team's water boys and need to find other ways to make money like prostituting themselves on team calendars.

I look on the Internet and find out that the University of Maryland just added cheerleading as a varsity sport. It gives scholarships to girls too.

But wait, the school wasn't Title IX compliant before.

What could this mean?

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Teeing off

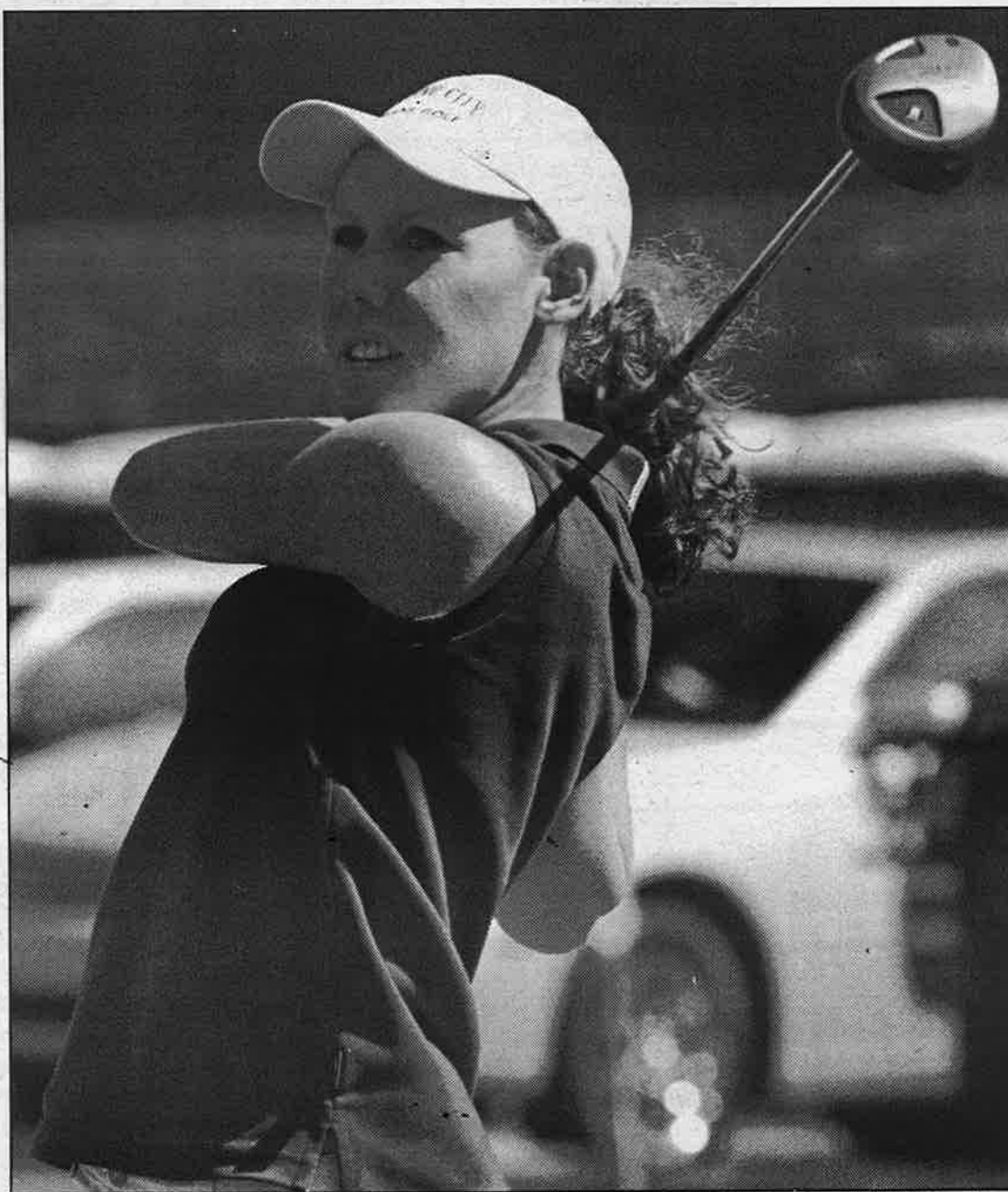


Photo by Bryan Borrer

Brittany Cooley tees off at Fig Garden Country Club. She shot 85 on Oct. 9 against Napa.

Rams hope to be contenders for the state title

By Joey Perez

Rampage reporter

The Fresno City College women's golf coach, Rhonda Williams, believes her team is good enough to finish the season as one of the top two teams in the state.

"We have depth on this team that we've never had before," Williams said.

FCC has started with an impressive 9-2 overall record and 8-2 Bay Valley South conference record.

The only two losses on the Rams' season comes from Foothill, a team that is in their conference and could be one of their biggest challenges on the road to a conference title.

"Other than Foothill, we really haven't been challenged," Williams said.

Williams said the team's main weakness is playing on new golf courses.

"We have to overcome a challenge to be as good on a neutral course as we are on our own course," Williams said.

Overcoming challenges is nothing new to Williams. In the 1999 and 2000 seasons, she guided her golf teams to conference titles and placed fourth at state tourneys both years.

But Williams has been noticing that this year's team could achieve more and eventually win a state championship.

"They're continuing to get better," Williams said. "We're playing better as we go."

The closest the FCC women's

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Wright almost has record night

FCC running back scores 4 TDs in first half of 59-9 victory over DVC

By Josh Butters

Sports editor

PLEASANT HILL— Fresno City College running back Nate Wright walked out of the team's locker room with his duffel bag slung over his shoulder and a grin that stretched from ear to ear.

The freshman from West Virginia rushed for 158 yards on eight carries, scoring four touchdowns while flirting with history in the Rams' 59-9 mauling of Diablo Valley College Oct. 4; enough to make anyone smile.

Wright was one touchdown short of the school record for a single game, held by former Rams tailback Maurice Morris.

And Wright didn't even play most of the second half.

"Nate is a great back," said Rams head coach Tony Caviglia. "All he needs is a small crease and he's gone."

"He's really special."

FCC improved to 4-1 while DVC dropped to 2-2 on the season.

On the Rams' first possession of the game, Wright went 64 yards untouched straight up the middle to put FCC up 7-0.

Minutes later, Wright did it again, a 45-yard scamper up the middle.

"He [Wright] is an outstanding running back," said Vikings head coach Ralph DePew.

"Fresno's offensive line was awesome and we weren't able to tackle him."

In the second quarter Wright capped another two drives with touchdown runs of 6 and 15 yards.

"My blockers did a great job," Wright said. "I was able to be patient, read my blocks and make my cuts."

Even if blockers missed assignments, tight end Conner Long thinks it might not matter.

"A guy could go unblocked and Nate could find a way to get around him," Long said.

"He's amazing."

With FCC on top 31-3 at halftime, Caviglia opted to rest Wright for the remainder of the game.

"I'm a little disappointed not to break the record," Wright said. "But I'd rather stay healthy and not risk injury in a game like that."

Morris, who was at FCC for the 1998-99 seasons, holds national junior college rushing records including career rushing yards (3,708), career carries (593), and yards rushing in a single season (2,085).

Morris also holds several other school records and currently plays for the Seattle Seahawks.

Caviglia coached Morris in his sophomore year at FCC.

"Maurice had power," Caviglia said. "They are both fast but Nate can run past anybody."

"Nate will have more chances to break Maurice's records," Caviglia said. "He has the rest of this year and next to do it."

Wright has 789 yards rushing on 90 carries for nine touchdowns on the season.

"I want to break those records," Wright said. "I want to break the rushing record, the season record, the single game record."

"I want to break them all."

The victory came a week after FCC lost its first nonconference game in more than five years.

"We put it to our team to come out and see what we're made of," Caviglia said.

The Rams finished with 422 yards on the ground and 597 total.

DVC was held to 67 yards total offense.

"We took the Delta game lightly," said Rams defensive lineman Benito Reyes.

"We wanted to come out and play with more intensity and we did."

Vikings quarterback Evan Kesteloot went 4 of 16 for 32 yards, not completing a pass until the third quarter.

Running back Robert Hubbard was held

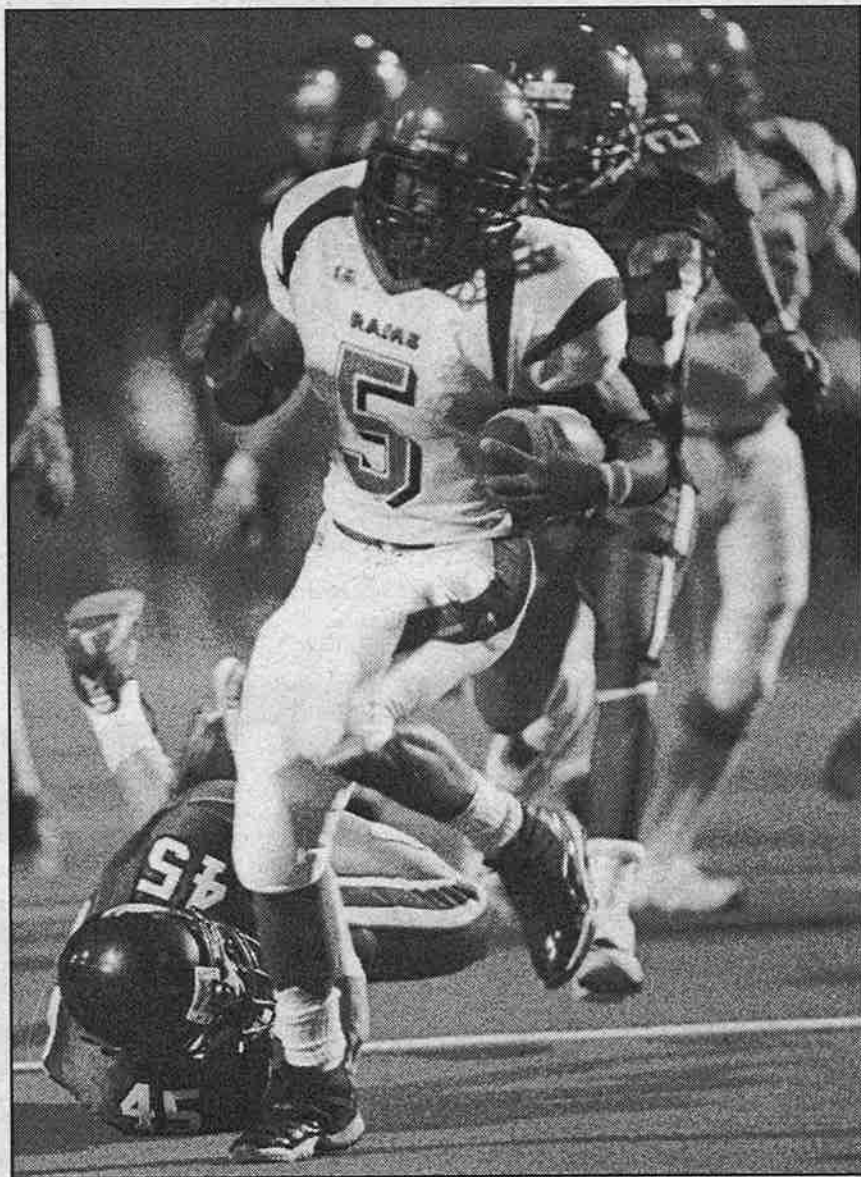


Photo by Josh Hires

FCC running back Nate Wright fell one touchdown short of a school record Oct. 4 in the Rams' 59-9 victory over Diablo Valley. Wright's carries included four touchdowns on runs of 64, 45, 6 and 15 yards.

to 54 yards on 27 carries.

"We were able to play everyone on our roster," Caviglia said. "It feels great as a coach to be able to do that."

With FCC quarterback Wayne Desmond sitting out for the second straight week, backup Corey Brown started for the Rams.

Brown went 6 of 16 for 98 yards, throwing one touchdown.

The Vikings' first score came off William

Dawson's 37-yard field goal, which was set up when Brown threw his sole interception deep in Rams territory.

With 9:07 left in the game, DVC's Mike Szezepanski recovered a blocked punt in the end zone but the extra-point attempt was blocked.

"Everybody played great," Caviglia said.

"That night, nobody could have beaten us."

Football Capsules

GAME 6 WEST HILLS FALCONS

When: Oct. 18

Where: Fresno

Time: 7 p.m.

Colors: Blue, Red and White

Stadium: Memorial Bowl (4,200)

Coach: Mark Gritton (8th year, 33-42)

2002: 6-5 overall, 3-2 (Third, Valley Conference)

2003: 3-2 overall, 0-0 VC

Last bowl: 2002 Silicon Valley Bowl (lost to Foothill 38-28)

State titles: None

Ranking: No. 11 in NorCal

Series record: FCC leads series 22-6-1

Last played: 2002, FCC 48, West Hills 7

Last week: Idle

Notes: Leading the Falcons at quarterback is Brad Tredway, a transfer from Reedley.

"We are very young," said Falcons head coach Mark Gritton. "[We] have more speed than we've had in the past."

GAME 7 COLLEGE OF THE SEQUIOIAS GIANTS

When: Oct. 25

Where: Visalia

Time: 7 p.m.

Colors: Orange and Blue

Stadium: Mineral King Bowl (7,142)

Coach: Roger Kelly (15th year, 73-71-2)

2002: 4-6 overall, 0-5 (6th, VC)

2003: 2-3 overall, 0-0 VC

Last bowl: 1998 Hawaiian Punch Bowl (lost to San Francisco 55-16)

State titles: 1

Ranking: Not ranked

Series record: FCC leads 31-24-3

Last played: 2002, FCC 48, Sequoias 27

Last week: defeated Gavilan 6-0

Notes: Despite starting the season 4-0 last year, the Giants finished losing their last six. A wave of young players last year are the core of the team and now have more experience.

COS could mix it up in the VC being a sleeper team.

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BUTTERS: *Cheer and spelling bee aren't sports*

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It's being considered a sport so men's sports aren't cut, so they can give out more scholarships to the boys. It's becoming all so clear.

It's not like they didn't have cheerleaders before this, now they are just acknowledged as a sport.

Good for the Terrapins for beating the system. Cheat Title IX anyway you can but me hating that law is another column.

Cheerleading as a sport gets on the board, but that point has an asterisk by it.

Athletics takes conditioning, running miles and miles.

Ask a cheerleader to run once down the sideline, she'll be winded before she gets past the pyramid.

Even golfers lift weights and that's barely a sport.

As I go down my checklist, things aren't looking good for the cheerleader's argument. There is only one thing left, which should do them in.

The only thing ESPN does is play sports.

I pick up my remote and turn my television on. I flip past soccer on Telemundo, the baseball playoffs on Fox and then I come to the block of ESPN channels.

This should be short and

painful.

ESPN— World's Strongest Man. Now those are athletes. That guy just picked up a bus without breaking a sweat

ESPNNews— Sportscenter is on. Go figure, when isn't that on.

ESPN2— I drop my remote under the couch, not believing my eyes.

It's Cheerleading. Live from Disneyland, back flips and all.

My jaw drops, not believing my defense has failed me.

But wait...

The channel goes to a house commercial.

"Tonight on the deuce... the World Series of Poker then the National Spelling Bee."

Those aren't sports.

Spelling isn't a sport.

Neither is Poker.

As I realize even ESPN runs out of sports to cover and fabricates programming, that cheerleader with the microphone is still at it.

She has just misspelled the school's mascot and people have noticed and are starting to point and giggle.

I guess she forgot to ask for the word's language of origin.

— Josh Butters is the sports editor of the Rampage

Rams look to improve

By Josh Butters

Sports editor

With Central Valley Conference play underway, the Fresno City College women's volleyball team has shown its youth and inexperience.

The Rams return one player from last year's team, middle blocker Kristin Mondietz.

The other ten players are all freshman.

FCC is 3-4 overall, 2-2 in CVC play.

Showing that lack of experience, the Rams lost a five game match to Merced Oct. 8.

Up 29-21 in the second game, FCC dropped the next ten points and went on to lose 30-26, 30-32, 20-30, 29-31, 11-15.

"We need to work on being aggressive," said Rams head coach Sonny Perez. "We tend to rush the ball into the center."

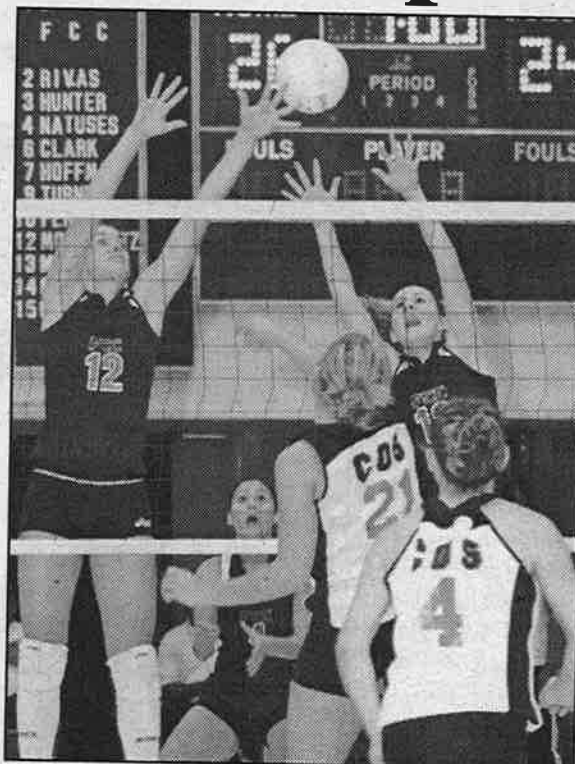
"We need to be more patient."

Besides youth, injuries aren't helping the team.

Outside hitters Nikki Ciaponni and Ashley Turner have both sat out matches due to injuries.

"We have some backup players that have been doing a good job," Perez said.

Just like in any sport, team chemistry will be important for the Rams as the season goes on, especially with the overwhelming amount of freshman.



FCC's Kristin Mondietz (left) and Ashley McNew (right) try to block a COS kill attempt in its Oct. 3 match. The Rams are 3-4 on the season, 2-2 in Central Valley Conference play.

Photo by Bryan Borrer

"They have a good work ethic," Perez said. "They work really hard in practice."

"But we have no go-to player yet."

In the Rams last home game Oct. 4, FCC defeated College of the Sequoias 30-18, 30-26, 22-30, 30-17.

FCC's Ashley McNew had 13 kills, 11 digs.

The Rams trailed 19-10 in the third game and weren't able to close out in straight games.

"We need to finish off teams when we get the chance," Perez said. "We had them down and let

them back into the game."

With conference under way, Perez hopes the Rams will be in the hunt for a second straight conference title, Taft being the toughest competition.

FCC has lost twice to the Cougars. Taft won matches against the Rams in San Joaquin Delta tournament and again in the CVC opener.

"If we don't play at the level we need to, we play mediocre," Perez said. "I think conference will come down to us and Taft."

"Besides ourselves, they are our only real competition in league."

Rampage Scoreboard

FOOTBALL

Oct. 4
FCC(4-1) 59
DVC(2-2) 9

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	F
FCC	14	17	14	14	59
DVC	0	3	0	6	9

Ram Stats: QB Corey Brown 6 of 16, 98 yds 1 TD, 1 INT; RB Nate Wright 8 carries for 158 yds 4 TD; RB Rudy Jones 10 carries for 107 yards

FCC offense: 442 yds rushing, 155 yds passing, 597 total yds
FCC defense: Held DVC to 67 yards total offense.

Remaining Schedule

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

Oct. 3
FCC defeats COS 30-18, 30-26, 22-30, 30-17

Oct. 8
Merced defeats FCC 26-30, 32-30, 20-30, 31-29, 15-11

Remaining Schedule

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

Oct. 7
FCC (9-1-2, 7-0-2) 5
Mission (N/A) 1

Oct. 9
FCC (10-1-2, 8-0-2) 2
Skyline (N/A) 0

National Rankings

Rnk	Team	Pre
1.	Mt. San Antonio	3
2.	Richland (Tx.)	2
3.	Santa Rosa JC	1
4.	Herkimer (NY)	4
5.	LA Mission	5
6.	Howard (Md)	10
7.	Fresno	7
8.	Suffolk-Selden (NY)	16
9.	LA Harbor	11
10.	Broome (NY)	12

Remaining Schedule

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

Oct. 9
FCC defeats Napa 348-391

Low Medalists for FCC:
85—Brittany Cooley
87—Amy Rider
88—Emily Johnson
88—Maria Henderson

Record: FCC improves to 9-2

Remaining Schedule

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

Oct. 9
FCC (7-5, 1-1) 2
West Hills (N/A) 1

Goals: Jessica Armiendo GW goal with eight minutes left in game

Remaining Schedule

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

Oct. 8
FCC defeats Skyline 40-13

Remaining Schedule

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 5
Ohlone 10

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	F
FCC	1	1	1	3	5
Ohlone	2	1	3	4	10

Goals: Brittney Weaver (4),

Sarah Bergstrom (1)

Remaining Schedule

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

10/18 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
1/17 West Hills
1/21 Modesto
1/24 @ Merced
1/28 @ Reedley
1/31 @ Sequoias
2/4 Columbia
2/7 Porterville
2/11 @ West Hills
2/14 @ Modesto
2/18 Merced
2/21 Reedley
(t): tournament
*All games start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted

Game of the Week



FCC Rams

VS.



Moorpark Raiders

Sport: Wrestling
When: Oct. 15
Where: FCC Gym
Time: 7 p.m.

Notes: The Rams look to knock off the No. 2 ranked team in the state in a home dual match.

— Josh Butters

Alumni Spotlight

Sport: Football
Position: Running back
Last played for FCC in: 2002
Currently: Junior at Marshall University

Ram Stat: In the Thundering Herd's 49-33 victory over Kent State on Oct. 11, Charles rushed for 173 yards on 27 carries and for two touchdowns.



Earl Charles

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Tentative Schedule

11/7-9 @ Pasadena(t)TBA
11/18 @ Hancock 5:30 p.m.
11/28-30 @ Barstow(t) TBA
12/4-7 @ Sequoias(t) TBA
12/11-13 @ Merritt(t) TBA
12/20 Sacramento 3 p.m.
12/27-29 San Jose(t) TBA
1/7 @ Merced 6 p.m.

1/10 Taft 6 p.m.
1/14 @ Porterville 5 p.m.
1/21 Modesto 5 p.m.
1/24 @ Sequoias 5 p.m.
1/28 Reedley 6 p.m.
1/31 Merced 6 p.m.
2/4 @ Taft 6 p.m.
2/7 Porterville 5 p.m.
2/14 @ Modesto 5 p.m.
2/18 Sequoias 5p.m.
2/21 @ Reedley 6 p.m.

*For all sports, home dates are in bold

Rams keep winning

Men ranked No. 7 in nation

By Joey Perez
Rampage reporter

"Were right where we want to be," says head coach Eric Solberg. After all, the Fresno City College men's Soccer team has an overall record of 9-1-2, they're ranked seventh in the nation and third in the state of California.

According to Solberg the team has played really well in almost every game. The Rams will now try to improve their ranking and record as they enter inter-divisional play this week beginning with West Valley at home Oct. 20.

"We've been having better shooting around the net," said Solberg. Better shooting has been a huge improvement for the Rams, and has showed in the last two road games at Cabrillo and Mission scoring in the fourth and eleventh minute both games.

Also the Rams have improved on their lack of being mentally ready on the road.

"Last two road games we showed that were ready to go and have warmed up a little longer," said Solberg.

FCC will have a bye the remainder of the week, coming off tough games with Skyline and Foothill.

Solberg says during the time off his team will have to be prepared to train hard. "Were poised to make a deep run in the playoffs," said Solberg.

The strategy for the Rams is to win the last three home games and get a 1 or 2 seed, and will try to stay away from the 3 seed which generally involves travel.

Solberg has high hopes for his team and is feeling much better about the team's work ethic and also believes that it is the hardest working group in practice since he started coaching in 1998.

He is a strong believer that this team may be his best offensive group. "To say it's the best team we've ever had, is too early," said Solberg.

A big asset for the Rams in their past few games has been the bench players. "They're pulling for the



Photo by Bryan Borrer

FCC's Omar Cruz throws the ball in during a Coast Conference match. The Rams are 9-1-2 overall and ranked No. 7 in the nation.

"We're right where we want to be."

—Fresno City College men's soccer coach Eric Solberg

guys on the field instead of playing time, they haven't been unhappy," said Solberg.

One of those players is Francisco Jalomo, "He's gone off the bench and sparked us up," said Solberg. Big impact players include Gaby Yanes, Raul Rivera who Solberg says is becoming more comfortable and Onesta Francis who is still organizing the Rams defense.

Solberg was very happy with the way the Goalkeepers have been playing. John Camarina and Jesse Aguiniga have been outstanding only allowing eight goals scored in the last twelve games played.

Another player who has stepped up his game is Andres Blanco. "He is one of the most talented players on the field," said Solberg.

With players on the same page and the team playing well the Rams have a greater chance at accomplishing their goal. "We need to win all our road games," said Solberg. The Rams have three remaining road games at Las Positas, Skyline, and West Valley. "Everyone is playing their role and are starting to play as a unit," said Francis about his team improvement on the field.

Francis who was on last years team is very experienced and had advice for teammates, "Don't lose focus, don't get big headed."

With all the top rankings and good field play, the Rams are beginning to feel the Coast Conference title in their grasp, and the state championship is just a few steps away.

GOLF: Rams host COS on Oct. 21

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golf team came to a state title was in its first year of existence, in 1995, when the team placed second.

The team is making steps toward the goal of a state title. At the same time, the team has been beating other goals, recently setting a team scoring record of 330 against Modesto at home.

Brittany Cooley has helped in achieving the Rams' goals.

"She probably has been our more consistent player, shooting in the high 70s," Williams said.

Cooley, who is in her first year, is a graduate of Clovis High School. Cooley has impressed her coach because of her first-year performance and her swings and scores.

"She has been our biggest standout," Williams said.

The other eight players —

Rene Abbott, Amanda Cogdill, Jennifer Coronado, Jessica Coronado, Melinda Dunbar, Maria Hendersen, Emily Johnson and Amy Rider — have also been putting up good numbers for FCC, a team that has seven freshmen and two sophomores.

Williams has used a system to choose the players that will represent the Rams on the course in each match.

"The players compete against each other in practice, and the top six scorers compete in the actual match," Williams said.

In addition to the challenges that are in store for the Rams, only four teams will qualify for the state tournament: two from Northern California and two from Southern California. Williams asserted, however, that FCC will be one of the four.

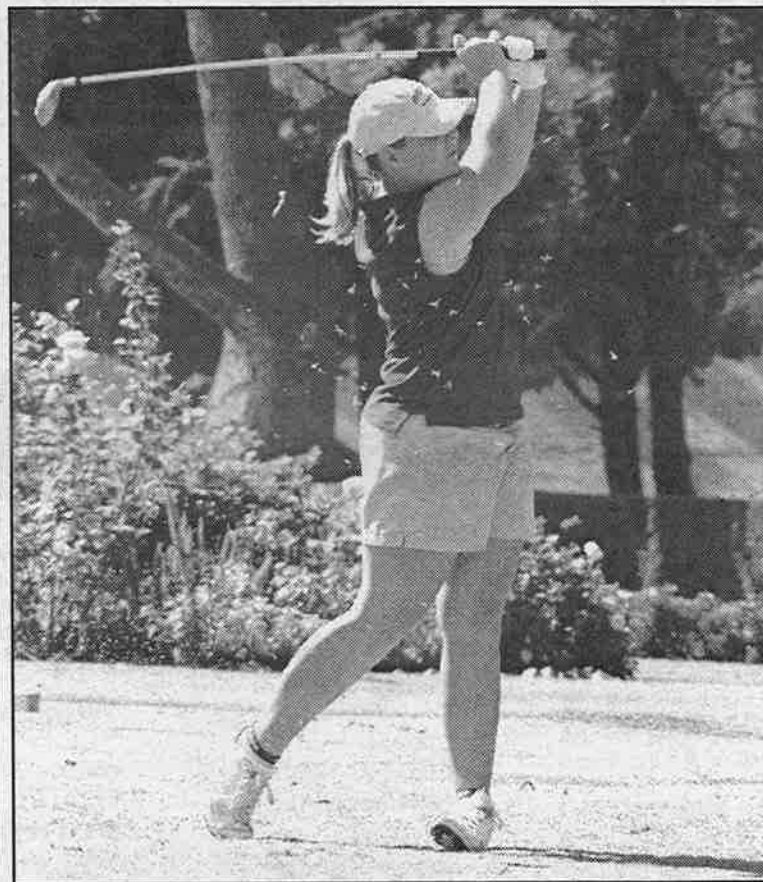


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FCC defeated Napa 348-391 Oct. 13 for its ninth win of the year.

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Water polo, wrestling seasons roll on

By Elle Jaramillo

Rampage reporter

The Fresno City College water polo team is 3-2 and hopes to win its last five.

Rams head coach Janell Odom says that the team is showing a lot of improvement and will eventually be where they want to be, at the top.

The Rams have played College of San Mateo twice, winning both matches while tallying a victory against DeAnza by a default forfeit.

The team's losses include the season opener against Foothill by one goal.

While the team is pumping up and practicing daily they are still working out the kink's that comes with any brand new team being put together. Odom says that the team is working things out and that as of right now, they are working as smoothly as can be.

The team's home matches are out

at Sanger High because FCC's pools do not meet the necessary size requirements for a water polo match.

Odom is also a water polo coach at Sanger High.

"We've been showing a lot of improvement," Odom said.

Looking to avenge one of the team's losses, the Rams will take on Foothill Oct. 17 at Sanger High.

Wrestling

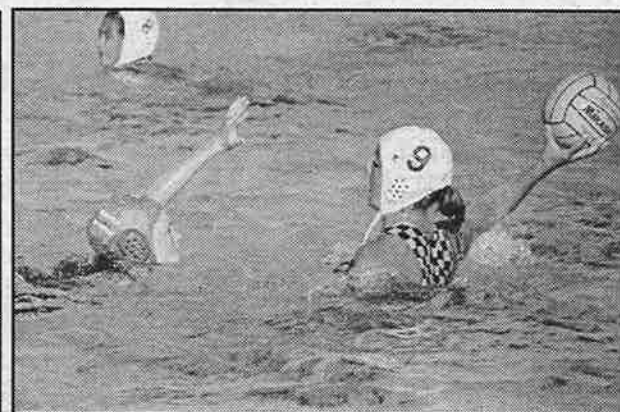
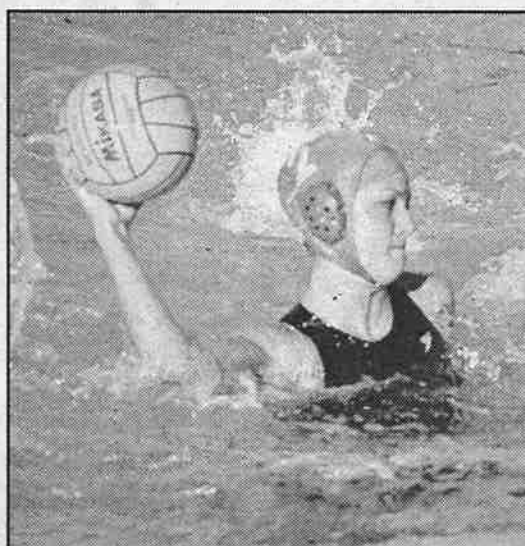
The Fresno City College wrestling team's season can be summed up in 4 words; so far so good.

On Oct. 8, the Rams went up against Skyline, winning 40-13.

Akili Daniels represented FCC in the 141 pound weight class and won.

"It was a really tough match with a 1 point win," says wrestler Sean Bibb.

In the 165 weight class, Skyline's Jose Serebia pinned FCC's Bobby



Photos by Josh Hires

(left) FCC's Brittney Weaver scored four goals in the Rams 10-5 loss to Ohlone Oct. 11. (above) Goaltender Sarah Hess tried to stop a Renegade player from scoring.

Stack in the third quarter.

At 184 pounds, Ram Eduardo Mercado pinned Nik Theotikos from Skyline and at 197 pounds the team captain, Mariano Sanchez, went against Matt Shug from Skyline and pinned him in the third quarter.

On Oct. 4, FCC went to Hun-

tington Beach for the Golden West Tournament.

Several of the FCC wrestlers placed in the top three.

Mariano Sanchez placed first in the 197 weight class, Jacob Hallmark placed (heavyweight), Yasser Pazzet placed first (171) while Akili Daniels placed third (141).

Jose Serebia placed third in the 165 weight class while Eduardo Mercado placed fourth in the 184 category.

The team took third as a group. "We've got a bit of growing up to do, but we will be at the top like the FCC wrestling team always is," said wrestler Yasser Pazzet.

PAZZET: Returned to wrestle after quitting in high school

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joined, and I wanted to try it," said Pazzet on why he started wrestling.

While his oldest brother was an ok wrestler, and his youngest brother Sinai is a good one, Yasser himself is definitely a great one, according to his former high school wrestling coach.

"Everything just sort of happened at once," Pazzet said. "First it was people on the wrestling team talking about me. Then it was people at school. Then it was people in the community.

"Everything just sort of blew up," says Pazzet when talking about starting his high school career of wrestling.

Pazzet continued wrestling from 8th grade to his junior year in high school, and then quit.

"I stopped because of the pressure," Pazzet said. "People expected a lot from me and there was no mentor or anybody around that I could rely on. The only thing I learned to rely on was alcohol and marijuana.

"I didn't know how to deal with the pressure of what people expected from me."

Pazzet was supposed to graduate from Exeter Union in 1999, but ended up getting his diploma in 2002.

"I got involved with the American dream of sex, drugs, and rock and roll. Well, not necessarily rock and roll, but you get the picture," Pazzet said.

Pazzet got distracted from his goals and ended up just going with what he was involved with.

"That kid got involved with the wrong crowd," Conley said.

Pazzet decided to try and get his life straightened out.

"My parents were so excited about me going to college," Pazzet said. "I got out of everything and decided to go back

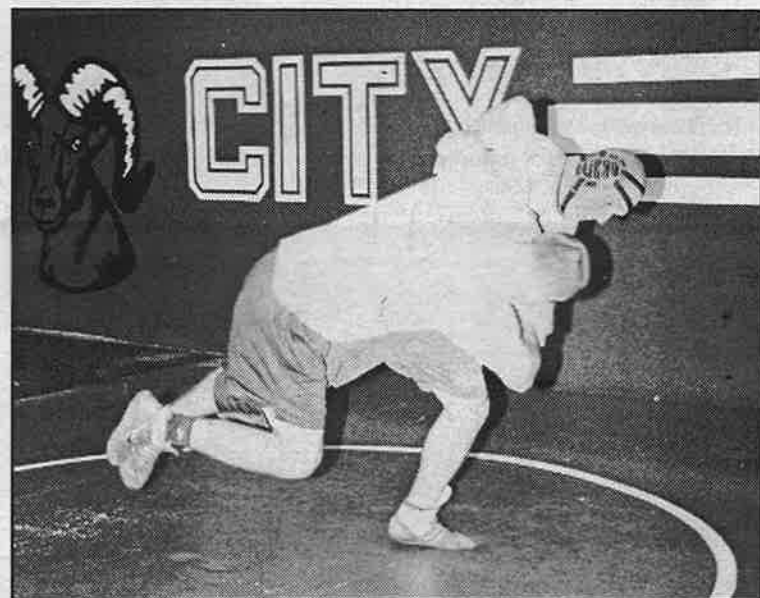


Photo by Deborah Anderson

Yasser Pazzet throws down teammate Mike Spallrio during practice.

because I got involved with my faith, my faith in Christianity, my faith in myself, and my faith in life."

Pazzet can definitely be described as a wrecking ball, breaking down all of the obstacles that are in front of him and that are blocking him from his goal.

"My biggest goal in life is to go out there and make a difference with kids who have no direction, because at one point, I was there. And I know what it's like to be alone. I was lost and had no direction, once I put my faith in Christianity, I found a direction," Pazzet said.

"My biggest goal is to seek the lost, old or young. I want to make a difference."

One of the main people helping Pazzet out was FCC athletic director Susan Yates.

"She's been just a blessing in helping me out," Pazzet said. "I'm not sure about what I want to major in but Mrs. Yates was talking one time about drug and alcohol counseling and that seems like something I might be interested in.

"College was just a dream. It's what everybody else did, not what I did. I never thought it would be a reality."

A lot of Pazzet's hobbies and interests lie in his religion.

"Faith plays a large part in my life," Pazzet said. "One of my interests is making friends, true friendships. I'm always a friend of everybody."

Those around him can easily see the kind of person Pazzet is.

"He's very driven, good hearted, very religious, a great guy," said wrestling teammate Kenny Geary.

"I don't know what else to say... he's always trying to understand people.

"He's driven to be the best."

"This guy hasn't been on the mat in five years, and has either won in a major decision or by pinning his opponents," said Rams head coach Jared Smith. "Yasser's definitely a team leader. He's inspiring, and he really gets the guys going. I wouldn't call him a cheerleader, but he knows how to get the team's spirit going. "He's Amazing."

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Walking for a cure

Local carity helps children

By Rebekah Miranda

Rampage reporter

The Walk to Cure Diabetes is a walk-a-thon that has benefited millions of people who have been diagnosed.

Rain or shine on Oct. 25, FCC will start registration for the walk at 7:30 a.m. out on the west lawn.

The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation was founded in 1970 by parents of children with juvenile diabetes. JDRF's mission is to find a cure for diabetes and its complications through the support of research.

For the last five years Fresno City College has been a great contributor to the growing cause.

Last year alone the walk earned close to \$70 million nation wide. Students can also make a contribution or register to participate in the walk.

"We are shooting for \$15 thousand from just the walk, and so far things are looking good," said Gurdeep Sihota, director of college activities.

She explained how FCC gets involved by splitting up into division teams. Each division is racing to raise the most money for the cause. The fundraisers for the foundation are fun and there are many volunteers. College activities and ASB sells ice cream, calling it 'a cone for a cure'. The library resource center has a BBQ with all proceeds going to the JDRF.

There are also paper shoes individuals can buy in the bookstore for a dollar. The walls

of the bookstore are covered with shoes that students and faculty have already purchased. A sales clerk estimated that nearly two thousand shoes have been bought already. The library also leaves a jar by its registers encouraging people to leave their spare change.

A local representative, Katie Anderson, of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, estimates a big turnout for the walk.

"We estimate a thousand people will show up for the walk.

In 2003 \$165,000 was raised between the walk, donations, and the fundraisers on campus," said Anderson.

Ruben Escalante is a first semester student with a grandmother who has diabetes. "The walk is good," he said, "It gives hope to families like mine." Escalante said he won't be participating in the walk this year but he does support the cause.

By 2025, the World Health Organization estimates that 300 million people will have diabetes and since 1970 JDRF has provided over \$600 million to support research in finding a cure.

To register, go online and submit information and a donation or go to college activities and ask for a registration pamphlet to mail in. Sihota also said, "It's not competitive, it's fun.

There will be food and music and T-shirts available to those who participate." She explained that even a small donation the day of the event is appreciated. She encourages anyone and everyone to come support the foundation, by walking to find a cure.

The Gift of Life

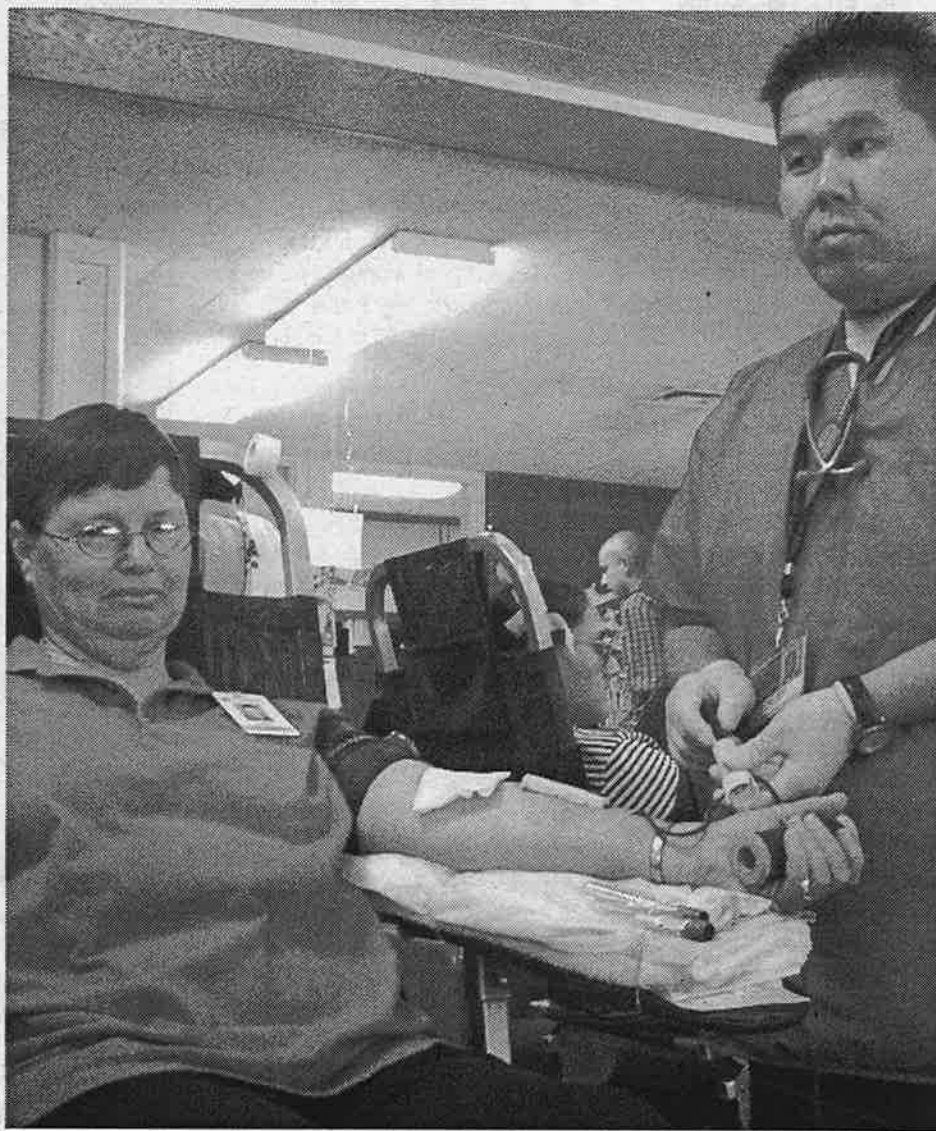


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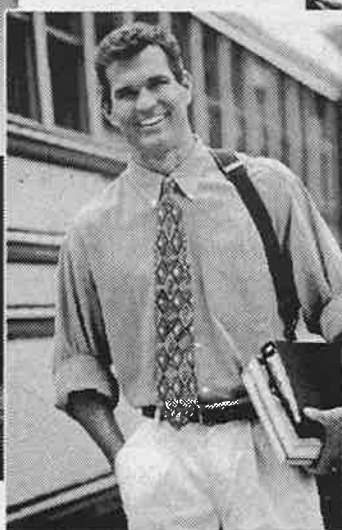
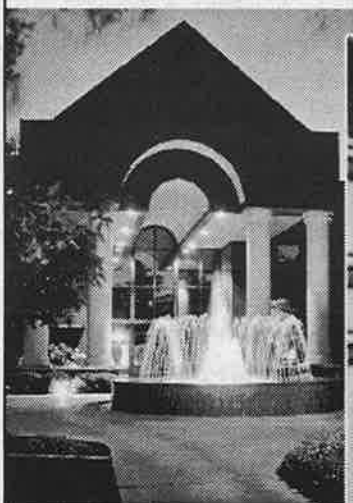
FCC held a blood drive Oct. 8 in the student lounge. The event which happens every semester, attracts about 200 to 300 students and faculty just like Louise (left) that want to donate their blood. According to the Central California Blood Center website, 97 percent of people will know someone who needs lifesaving blood.



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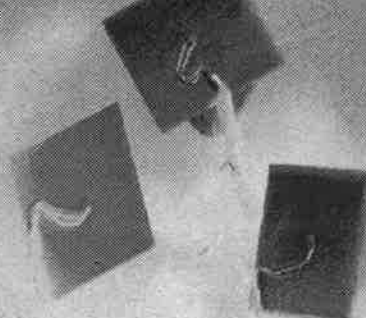


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