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## Admissions plans fixes

*Students adding class will require new code*

**By Heather Moore**  
Special to The Rampage

Open registration for the spring semester began last week, leaving Fresno City College students looking forward to many changes.

"[They are] not going to see any more classes than last spring," said John Cummings, district dean of admissions.

College officials knew budget cuts were coming and prepared for the cuts by creating a spring 2004 schedule that would best fit the budget and the students' needs.

"We are just trying to maintain the schedule," said Deborah Ikeda, FCC dean of instruction. "There will just be less money for support staff."

"The problem students will run into is waiting to register."

The administration is dealing with the budget cuts by installing new programs directed at filling all classes to their capacity.

"There are a number of changes in administration that will impact the students," Cummings said.

The change that will most influence the students is the implementation of authorization codes for the spring semester. These codes will replace add/drop slips.

When a student is on a waiting list and attends the first class meeting, the instructor will have a wait list as well as a sheet with peel-away stickers.

Each sticker has the course code and a four-digit number; these are given to students on the waiting list. The student then calls and accesses the phone registration program and enters the number. They are then enrolled in the class.

The codes are currently used at Riverside College and several other campuses in California.

"Lines are no fun for anybody: the students who spend 30 minutes or the staff who spend eight hours," Cummings said.

The codes also help limit the time staff members spend on adding and dropping students, since new staff members cannot be hired because of the budget cuts.

Another change is that students who do not meet the prerequisite for a course will no longer be allowed on the waiting list as it will be all computerized and monitored.

Officials urged students to register early. "Students had better get prerequisites from other campuses or colleges into the system to avoid not being able to enroll," Cummings said.



John Cummings

## Soldiers Salute

*FCC ceremony for veterans honors service to country*

**By Rebekah Miranda**  
Rampage reporter

After the Fresno City College Concert Band played, a helicopter used for transporting troops and cargo flew over the Veterans Day program. The event was held in front of the Veterans Peace Memorial monument at FCC and more than 200 people came to honor veterans of every kind.

This is the tenth anniversary of the monument as it stands as a tribute to the continued support and sacrifice made by our nation's citizen soldiers.

Col. Jesus G. Ramirez Jr. and Lt. Col. Paul Bryant flew the UH-1H Iroquois helicopter over the crowd Friday Nov. 7. Together the two men have been flying in the Army for more than 40 years. Both felt the importance of the event and were proud to be honoring the veterans of the past and of the future.

Lt. Col. Bryant said, "It is important to recognize the debt that has been paid by veterans across America. It was because of the men and women before me that I enlisted."

Mary Alfieris of FCC's Veterans Services introduced the afternoons honored guests. Alfieris explained that almost 75 veterans of every branch of the military were recognized. She also explained that more than 300 veterans are registered this semester with the school's Veterans Services.

Lt. Col. Jannett Jackson, Chair of the Veteran's Committee and Associate Dean of the Learning Resources Center at FCC, introduced keynote speaker Brig. Gen. James Combs as a 'a mentor and a friend'.

Combs currently is assigned as the Commander of the 49th Combat Support Command, California Army National Guard and is also the appointed Assistant Division Commander of the 91st Division, United States

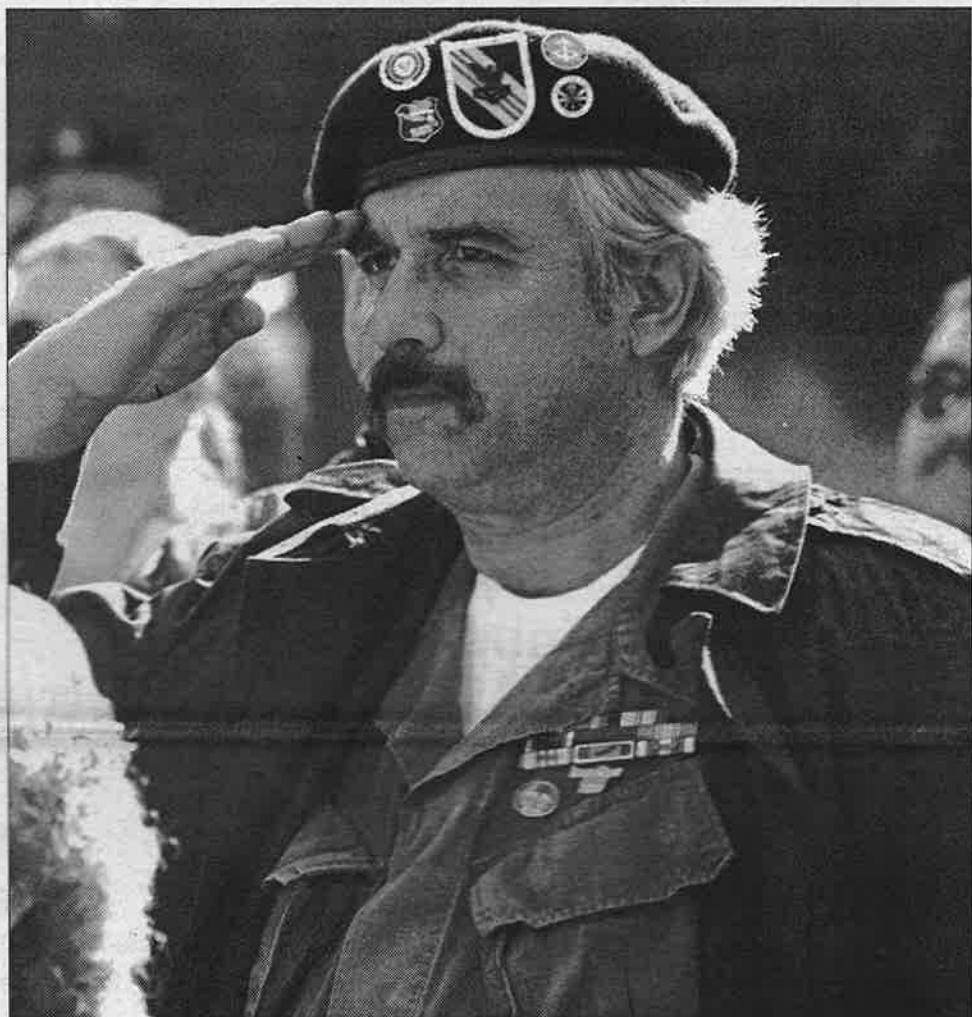


Photo by Bryan Borrer

Fresno City College student Patrick Romano, a veteran in the college's Vocational Rehabilitation Program, salutes during the Veterans Day program on Nov. 7. More than 200 came to FCC to honor veterans at the 10th annual event.

Army Reserve.

His 37 years of military experience and extensive list of major awards and accomplishments made him more than qualified to speak about the importance of patriotism.

He spoke about Fresno and its loyal supporters of troops young and old. He explained that the patriotic attitude of Fresno is strong and that right now America needs our support.

Among the crowd of veterans, citizen sol-

ders, students and reporters there was Frieda Camp, wife of Col. Lloyd Vernon Camp.

Col. Camp was honored with the Posthumous Award. He was remembered with the award because of his lifetime achievements in the National Guard.

After more than 45 years of serving America, and receiving distinguished honors for his work in WW2, the Korean War, and even Desert Storm, Col. Camp passed away July 12, 2003. Frieda Camp attended the

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## Fitness expert Powter wows crowd

**By Sarah Van Tassel**  
Rampage reporter

Noted fitness expert Susan Powter brought her message of leading a healthier life through nutritional eating and exercising at Fresno City College.

"My plan is to take over the world, and not share it," said Powter, a best-selling author, inspirational speaker and television celebrity. Powter was a guest speaker at FCC on Oct. 30, who with her upbeat, enthusiastic way of telling women, and a few men, how "stupid America is and the

men on it are," kept the crowd alive and in laughter.

Powter spoke at FCC to promote her new book, "The Politics of Stupid," of which all proceeds go to charities for women and their families in need of help.

Powter told the audience that she was 130 pounds overweight with two young toddlers and a cheating husband, when she decided that it was time to turn her life around.

After she accomplished fitting into a figure 2 pants and living with high self-confidence,

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*Motivational speaker and fitness expert Susan Powter addresses an audience on Oct. 30 at the Fresno City College Theatre. Powter told the crowd of the circumstances that led to her 130-pound weight loss.*

Photo by Keith Kountz





# Letter to the Editor

## Counselors must communicate properly

In response to Justin Eck's article ("Students have mixed feelings about counselors' advice, Oct. 1) concerning the way general counselors advise students regarding classes:

It has always been my argument that Fresno City College does not communicate effectively with its students. There is not enough information given out in a clear manner that would help students navigate the matriculation process here at FCC.

A new rule that Birt Reid indicated in the article "requires counselors to use program sheets and major sheets when advising students on classes."

First of all, I am not aware of this rule, and I also assist in the matriculation of students in the Counseling Center.

Second, this is also an example of misinformation. Program sheets and major sheets, in my understanding of the use of these terms, are the same thing.

Reid goes on to say that these "two sheets are put into a student file and will help other counselors see what students have discussed in the past."

Again, I am not aware that this

procedure is being followed. Nor have I been instructed to do this procedure when I see students.

If this is the rule, not all the counselors follow it.

I would be surprised if the part-time counselors follow this rule, if in fact, the part-time counselors are even aware of this new rule. In my experience, there would be only one sheet put into the student's file — not two.

How can counselors and advisers better serve students in their matriculation through FCC? I would like students to request — if not demand — the following services from full- and part-time counselors:

- That a major/program sheet for transfer, nontransfer, certificate of completion or certificate of achievement be clearly gone over and explained.

- If the student is a transfer or nontransfer student that the general education requirements be clearly explained.

- That a degree audit, which develops a printout, merge the student's major requirements, the general education requirements and the student's transcript whereby the student can clearly see academic

progress.

- That the student also request that a Student Educational Plan be done that forecasts or outlines course selections for at least the next two semesters. This SEP would assist students in their matriculation if the suggested classes were available when students are ready to take them.

Finally, Ernest Smith, associate dean of counseling, said: "Students should look at counselors like medical doctors. If they don't like what the first one says, they should get a second opinion."

I would like to add that when a student finds a counselor that they like, that they always go back to that counselor.

In my observations of the counselor-student relationship, some counselors are better at communicating and addressing the needs of students than others.

All the counselors advise differently and communicate differently, and that is why I have responded. I hope the above objective guidelines will help make this process a little easier.

Homer Gee Greene Jr.  
educational adviser

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- University of Phoenix representative — 5-7 p.m. Nov. 19, Yoshino's

### Arts

- "Señales desde la Barranca" ("Signs from the Gorge") by Armando Brito — through Dec. 12, Art Space Gallery
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- Oregon Shakespeare Festival benefit performance — 7:30 p.m. Nov. 14, Theatre
- Opera Workshop's "Iolanthe" — 7:30 p.m. Nov. 20-22, Theatre
- "Jungle Book" — 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 4-6 and Dec. 11-13, 10 a.m. Dec. 5 and 12-13, 1 p.m. Dec. 5 and 12, 2 p.m. Dec. 6 and 13; Studio Theatre (TA-105)

- "City Dances in the Studio" — 8 p.m. Dec. 4-6, 2 p.m. Dec. 7; Dance Studio (Gym)
- Woodwind Choir — 7:30 p.m. Dec. 5, Recital Hall (MS-132)
- Intermediate/advanced voice recital — 7:30 p.m. Dec. 8, Recital Hall (MS-132)
- Brass/percussion concert — 7:30 p.m. Dec. 9, Theatre Main Stage
- FCC Concert Band — 7:30 p.m. Dec. 10, Theatre Main Stage
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### Events

- Police Academy Class #94 graduation ceremony — 3 p.m. Nov. 14, Theatre
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### Intramurals

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# VETERANS: Ceremony 'dignified,' ROTC director says

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event-with her brother Ernest.

She was escorted by ROTC cadets Jonathan Rumsey and Jacob White to the front of the ceremony where there was a moment of silence followed by "America the Beautiful".

"The program was sharp, dignified," said Lt. Col. Thomas G. VaVerka, an FCC instructor. "I give a personal salute to the veterans and citizen soldiers of Fresno."

This was the second performance of FCC's new ROTC program.

Two members of the Fresno City Council, Brian Calhoun and Mike Dages, received the Citizen Soldier Award honoring their military service.

Pioneer Middle School of Hanford was also there.

Molly Acosta's class, close to 30 students, came as representatives of future veterans, maybe someday serving their country for those before them and for those that will follow.

Marvin Reyes, chief of the State Center Community College District's police department, said it was a beautiful day for such a

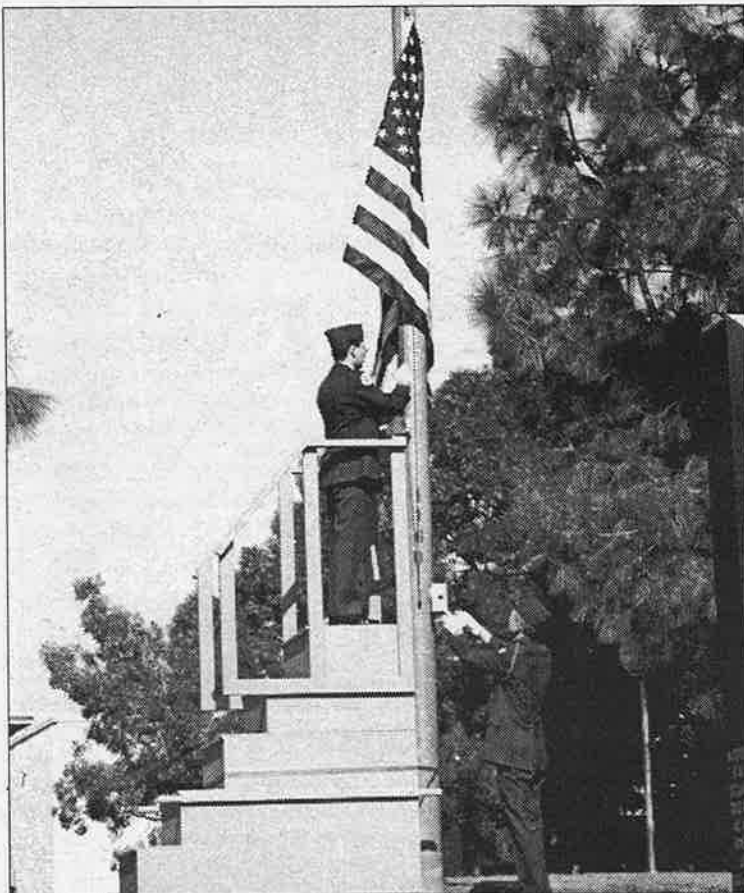
**"It is important to recognize the debt that has been paid by veterans across America. It was because of the men and women before me that I enlisted."**

— Lt. Col. Paul Bryant during the Fresno City College ceremony to mark Veterans Day

meaningful ceremony.

"Today was outstanding," Reyes said. "The band was excellent, and everyone looks sharp."

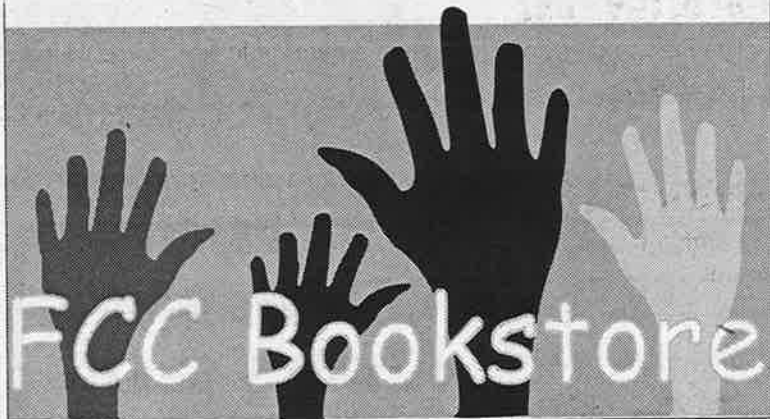
"This might be one of the finest events Fresno City College has ever had."



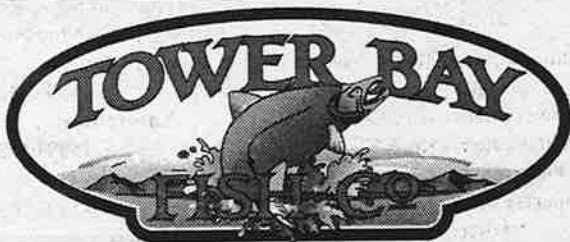
Jonathan Rumsey, a Fresno City College ROTC cadet, stands on a staircase as fellow cadet Jacob White assists in the raising of the flag at the Veterans Peace Memorial. During the Veterans Day program at FCC on Nov. 7, which also marked the 10th anniversary of the Veterans Peace Memorial on campus, the two cadets represented the college's ROTC students.

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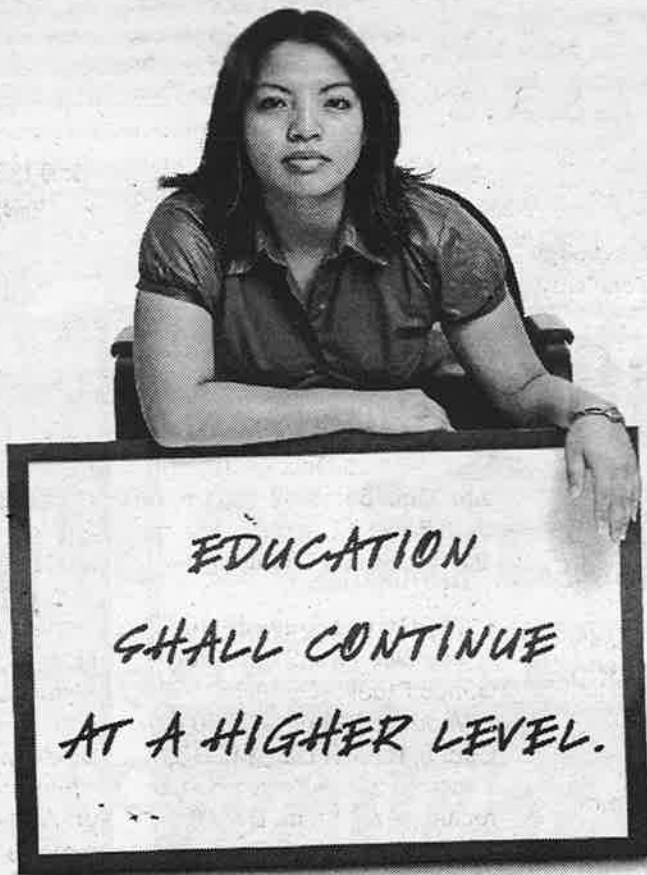
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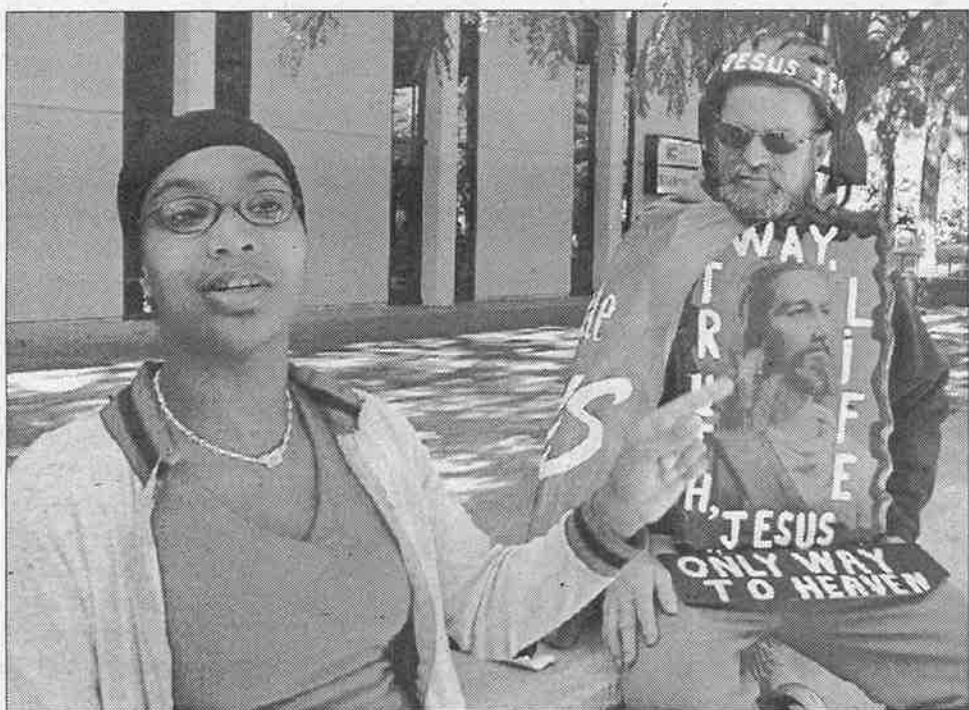
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# For God's Sake POWTER: *Fitness expert stresses a healthy lifestyle*



Second-year FCC student Kelisa Kirnon, left, talks about God with Mike Culver Sr., 46, after he addressed a lunchtime audience on Nov. 4 in the Free Speech Area. During his 20-minute speech, Culver urged audience members to follow lessons from the Bible, which he said represented "basic instructions before leaving Earth."

Photo by Tony Losongco

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she decided that it was time for her to save others that were in her situation and want a change.

"I started to change my life 20 years ago, sister," Powter said. "It ain't a race issue, it ain't a class issue and it ain't a sex issue," said Powter, "America, stop thinking!"

Powter says she doesn't understand why all the fast-food places are even allowed to be in America, especially with the obesity problem growing. Powter mimicked fast-food ad's saying, "Come on down, it's a value, it's a bargain. Bring your family, eat as much as you want for a \$1.99, and believe it's good fat." The laughter grew in the theater when Powter spoke about temptations against fitness and health.

Powter encouraged women in the audience that they don't have to live the way society wants them to live.

Women have "their own lives and don't have to be the ones who always do the grocery shopping," she said.

She urged the audience to eat "better, healthier, food" that goes into "better, healthier food going to your brain," Powter said.

Powter stressed that people would be more confident if they incorporated some form of exercise into their everyday lives.

"Just start to move around a little everyday," she said. "Even if it's just walking."

"You have to move around for 30 minutes or more for the rest of your life in order to burn fat, which is simply a fuel, not an emotional issue," Powter said.

Powter also said that people don't have to be rich to buy whole foods to stay healthy and lose weight.

"Go to the grocery store and think, grains, beans, fruits and vegetables," Powter said. "Eat whole food not expensive food."

First-year FCC student Kelsey Welk noted Powter's effect of motivating people to eat right and lead a healthier life.

"Wow," Welk said. "This lady knows what she's talking about. She is an inspirational speaker all right."

Welk, among others, was impressed with Powter.

"I didn't know what it was really going to be about," Welk said. "I thought she was just going to be talking about her book but she had a lot more to say."

**"My plan is to take over the world and not share it."**

— Fitness expert Susan Powter, who promoted her latest book, "The Politics of Stupid," at Fresno City College on Oct. 30

## Town Hall series starts talks

By David Witte  
Special to The Rampage

The William Saroyan Theatre will host a series of lectures by San Joaquin Valley Town Hall Inc. during the next six months. The subjects range from war to music to pollution.

Composer Robert Greenberg will speak on "Music as a Mirror" on Nov. 19. Greenberg's 325 recorded college-level lectures delve into music and the societies from which it originates.

On Jan. 21, California State University, Fresno, professor and Selma native Victor Davis Hanson will give a lecture titled "War Just Won't Go Away — The Current Conflict in a Classical Context." Hanson has written books on military history, and he lectures regularly at the White House and Pentagon.

Language is the subject of University of

California, Berkeley, professor John McWhorter's Feb. 18 lecture, "The Power of Babel — Language Is a Lava Lamp." McWhorter studies pidgin and creole languages and is writing a book about changes in public use of English.

On March 17, UC Davis professor Tomas Cahill will speak on "Fighting the Air Quality Battle." Cahill heads the DELTA Group, which made atmospheric studies of the 1991 Gulf War fires and the World Trade Center.

"Primary Colors" author Joe Klein will deliver a lecture, "Inside America with Joe Klein: 2004 Presidential Election," on April 21. He has written for numerous publications and covered seven presidential campaigns.

Admission to any one speech is \$1 for students. The Saroyan Theatre is located at 700 M St. in Fresno.



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FCC cheerleaders serve a tri-tip dinner during the fall carnival that preceded the football team's homecoming game against Modesto Junior College on Nov. 1.

Photo by Deborah Anderson

## Party rallies FCC fans

By Rebekah Miranda  
Rampage reporter

While the Fresno City College football team warmed up, the smell of tri-tip filled the night air as kids ran wild at the annual FCC tailgate party and fall carnival on Nov. 1 at Ratcliffe Stadium.

Before every homecoming game, FCC provides an evening of fun for all ages. Lee Fanucchi, a 1950 graduate of FCC was a player for the Ram's football team in 1949 and 1950. As an active supporter of FCC sporting events, Fanucchi and a couple of his fellow classmates have been coming to home games for the past 15 years.

"I enjoy the homecoming game most," said Fanucchi. "The fellowship with other past players takes me back. I loved those football years."

After graduating he went on to play for Fresno State and for a short time he played professional football for the Chicago Cardinals in 1951.

The evenings' menu included tri-tip, beans, rice, a salad, roll and a choice of cookies or ice cream for desert. If at the event early in the evening, some would have had the pleasure of dinner being served by the spirited FCC cheerleaders. Sue Finnegan, a member of the Touchdown club, was serving guests chocolate chip cookies when she explained that local sponsors donated all the food and supplies for the dinner.

Sheryl and Stan Ehnisz made the food for the event and said they were expecting to serve 500 hungry students, staff, alumni, and friends.

"We love kids. We love to do anything that involves kids," said Ehnisz. Their son Levi is #97 this season and a sophomore at FCC.

For kids and young-at-heart adults there were a variety of games to conquer and prizes to win.

Bridget Witt, a first semester student at FCC, volunteered at the Anthropology Club's face painting booth. As she painted a butterfly on a young girls cheek she said, "Everyone is having a good time, even if it is freezing cold out here."

Delta Psi Omega and the Dance club operated a toy shooting gallery with a line of kids waiting to play and win a toy or some candy. Theater Arts major, Brandy Miller volunteered at the booth and was handing out candy. "The kids are crazy tonight. The band is really rockin' and everyone is excited about the game."

The OGs provided live entertainment, playing old-school grooves throughout the evening.

Homecoming queen nominee Amber Kroll and her escort, Dylan Wolf, enjoyed the music and said they had a great time. Kroll was independently nominated.

"This is a chance for me to meet new people and get involved. We're having fun," said Kroll.

## Meeting Minutes

### ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Oct. 28

#### Student Senate Chambers

- Ratified presidential appointment: Nicole Cordero, senator.
- Passed bill to allocate \$200 for trophy for honored alumnus at homecoming.
- Discussed schedule for Ramburger Roundup.
- Discussed work for carnival and party before homecoming.
- Proposed ideas for Club Rush.
- Agreed to develop "Kiss the Cow" campaign to benefit annual holiday baskets program.
- Reviewed Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation walk.
- Discussed attendance at San Diego State Leadership Institute.
- Discussed upcoming tug-of-war event with Reedley College student government.
- Heard report on involvement with California Student Association of Community Colleges.

Nov. 4

- Ratified presidential appointments: Paul Jackson, Erin Sutton; senators.
- Discussed Club Rush event.
- Organized duties for "Kiss the Cow" event.
- Reviewed cigarette butt cleanup campaign.
- Discussed ASG awareness campaign.
- Reviewed Ramburger Roundup and homecoming activities.
- Discussed San Diego State Leadership Institute.

### STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Board of Trustees

Nov. 4

#### District Office

- Listened to report on Partnership for Excellence.
- Conducted public hearing on initial part-time faculty bargaining proposal for contract reopener.
- Received draft 2004-2007 district strategic plan.
- Accepted quarterly financial status report.
- Approved resolution authorizing adoption of districtwide labor compliance program.
- Authorized agreement with Kitchell for program/construction management services and labor compliance administration for capital projects program.

- Adopted resolution scheduling board's annual organizational meeting.
- Approved revised board policy.
- Adopted instructional calendar for 2004-2006.
- Received financial analyses of enterprise and special revenue operations.
- Received budget transfers and adjustments report.
- Adopted resolution authorizing interfund transfers.
- Authorized closure of SCCCD/FCC Training Institute bank account.
- Accepted grant from Economic Development Administration for Center for International Trade.
- Accepted minigrant from Madera County Children and Families Commission, Madera Center.
- Awarded bid to California Track & Engineering Inc. for track repairs at Ratcliffe Stadium, Fresno City College.
- Gave direction regarding State Center Federation of Teachers full-time and California School Employees Association bargaining negotiations, chancellor search process.
- Appointed Kim Perry dean of instruction effective Nov. 5, Reedley College.
- Accepted resignations for retirement purposes: Lindsay "Cal" Johnson, director of Extended Opportunity Programs & Services, Reedley; Fran Pavlovich, administrative assistant, Reedley; and Charlotte Williams, buyer, District Office.
- Re-employed Eloisa Arizaga, eligibility/assessment assistant, FCC.
- Employed classified persons (probationary): Mayra Duran Andrade, accounting clerk I, District; Carol Kelly, bookstore sales clerk I, FCC; Christie Graham, instructional aide, permanent part-time, Reedley; and Beverly Helmer, office assistant I, permanent part-time, District.
- Approved promotions: Lisa Romero-Blancas, office assistant I to office assistant II, Reedley; Kelly Barkley, office assistant I to office assistant II, FCC; Verna Sharpton, office assistant I to office assistant II, FCC; Mario Gonzalez-Martinez, groundskeeper I to groundskeeper II, District; Rowan Rankin, groundskeeper I to groundskeeper II, District; and Guillermina Garcia, department secretary, Reedley, to office assistant III, FCC.
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## News Briefs

### Thanksgiving class holiday

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, classes in the State Center Community College District will not meet between Nov. 27 and Nov. 29.

Classes in the district, which includes Fresno City College, will resume Dec. 1.

Campus offices will also be closed during the Thanksgiving break.

### Police cadets to graduate

Forty-two cadets in the Fresno City College Police Academy will graduate Nov. 14 at the end of more than 1,000 hours of training.

Cadets began their training in February, learning about subjects such as law, first aid, physical training and ethics.

Graduates of the police academy's 1,018-hour extended-format course can be hired as a police officer, deputy sheriff or district attorney investigator anywhere in California.

Several other states also recognize the training for employment purposes.

The graduation ceremony for Class No. 94 will take place at 3 p.m. in the FCC Theatre.

More information on the program is available by calling Richard Lindstrom or Jim Edison at 442-8277.

### Event to aid fire victims

The American Red Cross will hold a fund-raiser at Fresno City College to benefit the victims of recent Southern California wildfires.

The event, called "Fund-raiser at the Fountain," will be held in the FCC fountain area from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. between Nov. 17 and Nov. 21.

The fund-raiser will include a raffle. All of the donations collected at the event will go to the fire victims.

Donations will also be accepted at the FCC Business Office, located in the Administration Building. Donors are asked to specify "So. Cal Fire Relief fund-raiser" when contributing money.

More information about the fund-raiser is available from John Wright at 271-8079.

### Classes teach online skills

A set of online workshops available to employees at Fresno City College will teach media tools for research and instruction.

The training workshops, free for California community college staff and faculty, include online sessions about enhancing lesson plans, incorporating video technology and using Internet tools to communicate.

A workshop titled "Internet Research Strategies" will run from Nov. 18 to Dec. 12.

The workshop sessions will help instructors develop an Internet research assignment to use with students.

More information is available by contacting Stevie Daniels at 442-4600 ext. 8073, or [stevie.daniels@sccd.com](mailto:stevie.daniels@sccd.com).

### Submit news for Rampage

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## Marketing class teaches the power of persuasion

By Latasha Ball

News editor

Peter Weber was inspired by his neighbor to open his own medical research company that specializes in research for different diseases and infections that are in need of a cure.

"I've always had an ambition to open up a clinical research organization," said Weber, who earned his bachelors degree in biochemistry from University of California at Riverside and is now taking the Marketing 14 class offered at Fresno City College.

Weber said he could utilize the knowledge he learned through the marketing course to sell pharmaceuticals that will help with today's different diseases. "If you can market it, they'll want you to come back and do more studies," said Weber.

According to Dennis Schneider, instructor for the Marketing 14 course, the need for marketing is everywhere and is something that everyone, no matter what their background, can make use of in one form or another.

"Everyone needs marketing because we're always trying to persuade people that we're worth their time and money," said Schneider.

Marilyn Meyer, associate dean of instruction for the business division, also believes the Marketing 14 course is not exclusively for marketing student, but can apply to everyone.

"The course gives good general background on how to sell a product," said Meyer. "They're the same general principles that go across the spectrum."

As stated in a handout from the



Photo by Deborah Anderson

*A mannequin displays sporting goods as part of a marketing plan that FCC student Peter Weber developed as a class project for his marketing course.*

Schneider's course, a third of people today are working in a field related to marketing. Jobs range from an entry-level buyer that starts at \$16,000 to a vice president of sales or marketing that starts out at \$120,000.

Second-year FCC student Amanda Pina plans also to enter the retail field of marketing by opening a clothing store exclusively for teenagers who want to explore the latest fashions.

"I plan to open a clothing store

for teenagers around Woodward Park, where customers will go and try things out," said Pina.

Pina believes the Marketing 14 course is a great choice for students if they're interested in entering the work force of fashion and retail.

"It's a good course to take if you're thinking about fashion or retail," Pina said.

Weber also feels the course introduces marketing and advertising in a new light.

"I like the idea of marketing and advertising coming together with retail," Weber said.

"I like how the class shows the aspect from the retailers point of view," said second-year FCC student Sara Hubble.

The Marketing 14 course not only gives insight about the consumer's point of view on merchandising and shopping, but also the retailer's.

This helps not only students who want to enter the marketing field but also any person who wants to become more informed about the products they buy from clothes to groceries.

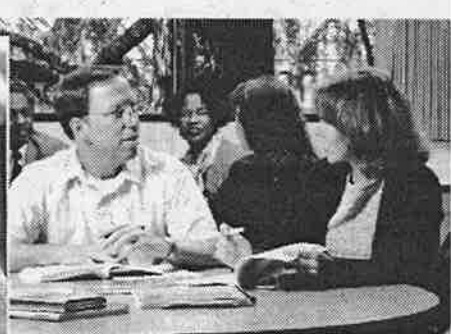
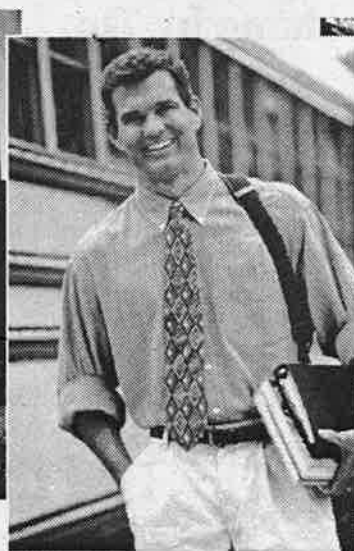
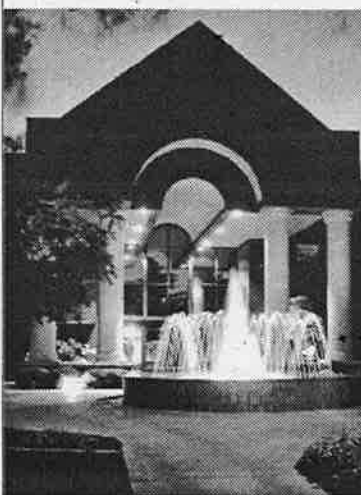
"The course helps you to become a more knowledgeable consumer," Meyer said.

Schneider has students who have graduated from his Marketing 14 course and now hold such jobs as the national sales manager for Infinity Broadcasting to the sales manager for Channel 30.

Schneider points to them as evidence that sticking with the class has its rewards.

"I love it [marketing] because it's people-based and it's always changing," Schneider said.

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# Views



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November 12, 2003

Some students wonder whether Fresno City College instructors know ...

## The Way to Grade

*Don't mess with the system;  
you get the grade you earn*

**F**resno City College has two well-known grading systems: the A-F grade and credit/no credit.

It has been the same for years and probably will always be the same. But the question is it fair?

I haven't had the chance to have one of those teachers that is known to either fail or pass all their students. The FCC grading system has no problems; instead, it may be the teachers and students that may make the system seem unfair.

Some schools have a grading system with plus and minus grades — A-, for example — which sometimes is used to

help make distinctions when a school overall has artificially high grades, also known as grade inflation.

"It doesn't affect the grading system but the individual instructor might have problems," said FCC English instructor Michael Roberts of grade inflation.

But Roberts, who is also president of the Academic Senate, cited the merits of the plus/minus idea.

"I can see the rationale of doing it because there are degrees of D's and degrees of A's," Roberts said. "What's the difference between 90 percent and 100 percent?"

"Well, a lot in terms of scoring."

Roberts said it depends on a number of factors to determine fairness. If a class only has four assignments, then the difference between the work for an A- and A could be relatively small, he said.

"That's fair, but if a teacher gives 10 essays and two tests, then the difference between the two is larger," Roberts said.

What if FCC changed the grading system to include plus and minus grades? Many students probably wouldn't complain unless they knew this policy might put their chance at a state university at risk.

FCC Transfer Center coordinator Jill

Harmon said that students need a C average for admissions purposes.

"Particularly in English and math courses or when completing a particular general education pattern, it has to be a specific grade-point average," she said.

Harmon said that the change to a plus/minus system would definitely affect being admitted into a college.

"A C- is less than a C. ... and some admissions require minimum of a C average to even be admissible," Harmon said.

In other words, it's a harsh world out there. Students, you should be glad that only your teacher knows whether your

grade should have a plus or a minus.

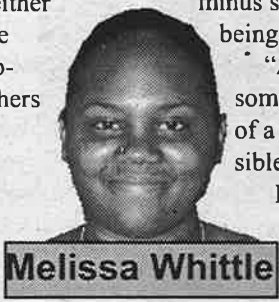
There is a problem with how certain teachers grade their students. However, there are students who really don't make an effort to get a decent grade.

Instead, they make excuses such as:

"The teacher didn't like me so I didn't like him. That's why I didn't get an A."

You don't have to like the school, the scenery or even the mascot to pass a class.

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



**Melissa Whittle**

*FCC instructors don't make  
their policies clear, fair*

**I**t should not be news to anybody, let alone students, that instructors' grading policies are completely subjective, and curriculum policies are dumbfounded.

Instructors have no real guidelines to follow for the way they decide to grade their classes. Students, many who toil away behind their thick textbooks, do nothing about it.

With all the ridiculous classes that are part of the mandatory curriculum, these instructors can give students some slack.

Classes like geology are requirements to get into a four-year school. I can see why learning about hot lava,

igneous rock and dead animals of the past is absolutely vital to a student who majors in English, but how important is it if the student will only forget it after the exam?

Instructors are running amok and toying with poor students' impressionable minds.

Stop instructors before their actions escalate unchecked.

Something needs to be done about preposterous grading scales.

I have a few suggestions for instructors and the administrators who help them draft their insidious grading policies.

Abolish all unnecessary required courses.

Classes that must

be taken should directly relate to one's major.

If I had it my way, all math courses would be banished to the far reaches of the universe. There, mathematicians can figure out the science of numbers and their properties, operations, relations with shapes in space and their structure and measurements. If I wanted to solve a puzzle, I would take a jigsaw class.

All tests and grades would be abolished under my system. An instructor would hand out a required reading, and the student would be obligated to write a moderate-length paper on the subject matter. The

instructor would either give a pass or fail.

Grades are pretentious tools that inaccurately measure students' effort, not their intelligence.

Everybody views things uniquely. Therefore, since learning and interpretation are subjective, let the student write his or her interpretation on the subject. This would deter grade inflation, and it wouldn't hurt anybody's feelings.

There is a instructor gives exams 100 questions long, and he doesn't even lecture out of the book.

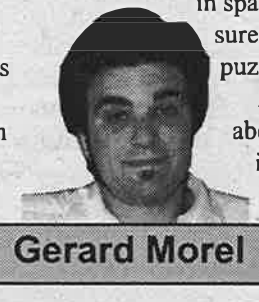
There are other instructors in the same department who lecture out of the book and give 50-question tests, which is much more reasonable. That is a large discrepancy.

There should be ethical guidelines for teaching a class. There may be guidelines, but it doesn't appear that they're enforced.

Students, the time to act is now. Take up more than the required 30 minutes the counselors have to offer, go to the dean, go to the Transfer Center and demand change.

Without the student, the instructor cannot teach. Without the instructor, the student can still learn.

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



**Gerard Morel**

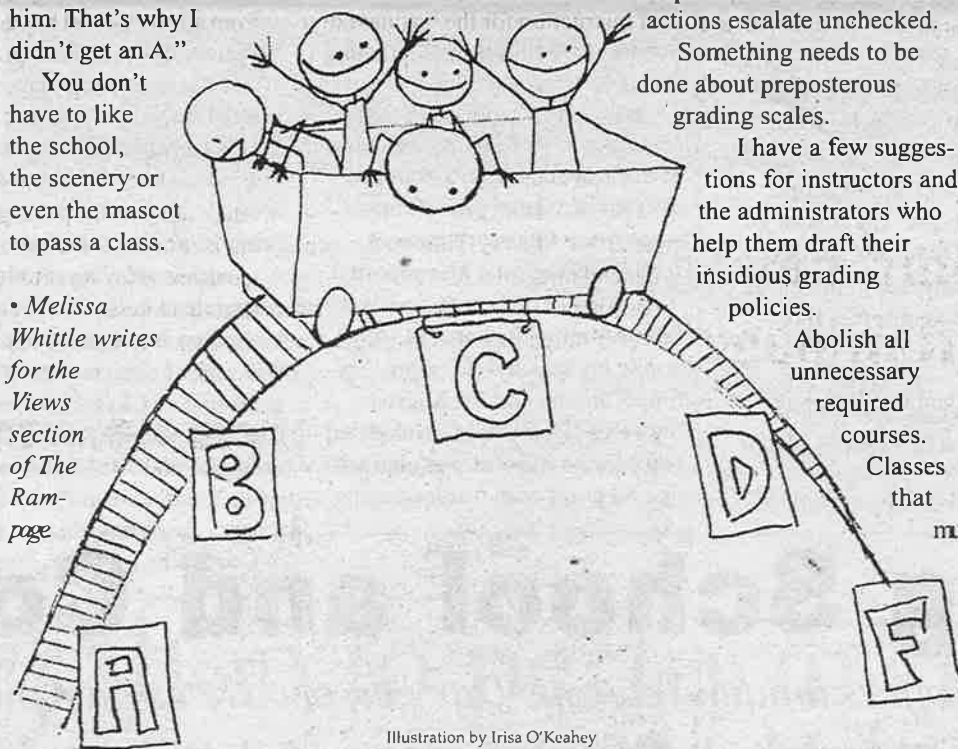


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## Campus Voices

By Marlena McClain

Do your instructors grade you fairly?



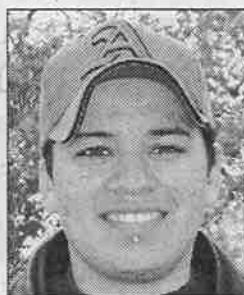
**Lennetta Thomas**  
psychology

"Not only do they grade fairly, but they also give you a chance to help you catch up, and they will discuss it with you."



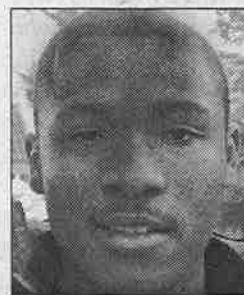
**Chie Nasuno**  
criminology

"I think some instructors are kind for international students, so they treat us differently from native-speaker students."



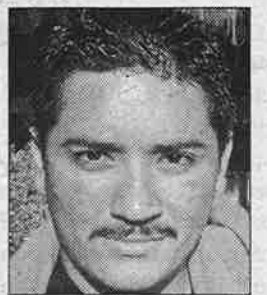
**Alexandra Fellez**  
automotive technology

"No, because they expect me to know college material. I can't learn because I have dyslexia."



**Tony Reid**  
biology

"Yep. The grading is on the material. If you know the material, then you'll get a good grade."



**Eric Perez**  
correction officer

"Yeah, because they give us hard work, but they explain the directions on every worksheet the instructors give us."



## Powter speech on obesity shines light on FCC problem

**B**ack in the 1980s, there was a fitness guru and author Susan Powter who struggled with obesity. She became famous with the heartfelt story of her survival of abuse.

Powter, an energetic woman with a lot of spark, came to Fresno City College on Oct. 30 and spoke about obesity as well as her story. Powter, 46, has written a book, "The Politics of Stupid," to counteract the effects of obesity.

Powter came in strong and talked about how she overcame mental and physical abuse from her estranged husband.

She was at her wit's end, with her two children while making minimum wage and paying \$210 a month for child care. She couldn't even pay her electric bill.

One day, Powter decided to snap out of her misery and said she wouldn't take it anymore. She lost 130 pounds and now looks like a Barbie doll.

She has all this woman power inside of her, and she's not afraid to show it.

Powter said during the speech that 65 percent of mothers are single.

Her objective is to tell it the way it is. She doesn't hold anything back. That's due to the fact of being submissive to her husband. Now she's all for women power, "women, let's take a stand!"

I think that girl power is wonderful.

Powter told the women in the audience: "\$276 billion industries are relying on you. Women need to rise now."

In her speech, Powter mentioned Dr. Phil McGraw, a talk



**Crissy Winston**

show host with weight loss tips of his own.

Her main advice to Dr. Phil was if you can't do it, don't advise me.

Powter also expressed that false advertisements infect us. With cigarettes, for example, actors used to make cigarettes look cool. The message was that everybody should smoke.

But millions of people have died from cigarette smoke and are still dying.

Another example she used was pharmaceuticals such as Viagra and Prozac.

A lot of people think Powter is just some crazy woman talking out of her neck, but she knows her facts and can back up everything she dishes out.

America is in a crisis with obesity. Obesity is a true factor in our lives.

The United States is the fattest country in the world, and it has really made me wonder why.

There were 240 students in the theater. Out of the 240 people, 60 bought her book. The school's English and women's studies classes participated in the event and enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

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

## Corporations receive spankings for their spoils

**I**n 1980, the average chief executive officer earned \$42 to every dollar made by the average worker. In 2000, CEOs earned \$531 to every dollar made by workers. Awareness of this fact by the working class may give CEOs like Martha Stewart a harder living.

The AFL-CIO, which represents U.S. trade unions, published this information in a report done in 2000. The numbers are stifling.

In the wake of the corporate calamities, it is easy to see the separation of the wealthy and the working class. As corporations consume more capital, the middle class appears to be shrinking, causing a discord between classes.

Thanks to Stewart and companies like Enron, the working class is unmasking the disturbing truths behind corporate excess.

"There is socialism for the rich, and capitalism for the poor," said Richard Valencia, a Fresno City College sociology instructor.

In the case of Enron, 23 people were charged in the investigation of the sale of three barges off the coast of Nigeria.

Business magazine, Guardian Unlimited reported that the deal with brokerage house Merrill Lynch allowed Enron to "book fictitious profits of \$12 million for that year to help the company meet fourth-quarter targets."

Arthur Anderson's role in the scandal was destroying thousands of documents. Enron's collapse over hidden debts has left many employees without retirement funds the magazine also reported.

A popular corporate case is the fall of Martha Stewart. In an article on Smartmoney.com, "Is time Running Out for Martha Stewart?" Lawrence Carrel stated that Martha Stewart was charged in civil court with insider trading.



**Susan Morgan**

Carrel reported that Samuel Waksal, former CEO of ImClone Company, was convicted of insider trading a year ago and is now serving 7 years in prison.

The bad publicity has hurt Stewart's bottom line as stated by Dennis McAlpine, the principal at McAlpine Associates, which is an independent research firm.

He found that her magazine circulation and renewal rates as well as television ratings had dropped a significant amount.

"The Martha Stewart products are doing well. That means the consumer will buy a product with Jack the Ripper's face on it if it's a good product," Carrel said.

"The indictment alleges that Stewart, 61, lied to federal investigators when questioned about the circumstances of her December 2001 stock sale, which came just before ImClone's share price collapsed," said the Web site, U.S. vs. Stewart and Bacanovic.

On the site, Letter from Martha, Stewart addresses her fans on what really happened. She claims she was just making a normal transaction based on a prior discussion with her broker.

Another growing problem is corporate excess. The Guardian Unlimited wrote in a story earlier this year of company excess. The story told of CEOs of Global Crossing, Kmart, Lucent Technologies, and IBM unfair wealth while employees suffer.

"The past four CEOs at Global Crossing got bonuses and loans worth more than \$36 million.

Kmart is hoping to pay its former CEO a \$6 million bonus.

"Lucent Technologies fired its CEO Richard McGinn, and gave him more than \$12 million worth of cash and stock. IBM's CEO, Louis Gerstner retired and received \$1.1 million due to the 1999 cost-cutting program."

"Corporate wealth and influence, it is a corporate democracy. Those who lead are far more influential than [as Bush would say] the 'working people' of this democracy," Valencia said. What is even worse is the shrinking of the middle class.

"The middle class is shrinking and that's scary. It keeps people from revolting. If you realize you have a good job that can't pay your cost of living, you feel robbed. As long as you can work hard and achieve middle class status you don't feel cheated," Valencia said.

"Top executives of Enron had cashed in on over one billion worth of shares in the past few years while workers who were prevented from withdrawing their pensions lost their life savings," Guardian Unlimited said.

Unfortunately "cheated," is exactly how the American people are beginning to feel. As sociologist Karl Marx said, "There has to be both a political and economical democracy. Capitalism will sow the seeds of its own destruction."

Perhaps capitalism has, in itself created its own form of economical socialism. The more we realize how different our social classes are, the less we'll tolerate those differences.

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

## Serving School and Country

*FCC associate dean offers unique Veterans Day perspective as an Army lieutenant colonel.*

**V**eterans Day is more than just a holiday. It's a day of reverence to our fallen soldiers.

I never really thought about what our veterans went through to keep our nation safe and strong. It's deeper than meets the eye.

A very strong veteran, Lt. Col. Jannett N. Jackson, 48, gave me some good information about the military. Her military experience wasn't that bad. Jackson explained that while you're in boot camp you go through the yelling but you also have your fun time.

When it's on television, it's made to look scarier than it really is.

"It wasn't that bad," Jackson said. "They do yell at you when you're in training.



**Lt. Col. Jannett Jackson**

"Everything has to be a certain way down to your underwear. My experience was more like being in a fraternity or sorority."

You go to classes, and the military teaches you how to fire a weapon. They build you up before you graduate from boot camp. When there's time to go to war you're mentally ready for anything.

Jackson's military career began Sept. 14, 1975, when she enlisted in the Air Force. She served as an aircrew life support specialist, attaining the rank of senior airman before transferring to the California Air National Guard in 1978.

Jackson also went to Saudi Arabia to

**"You're scared to death. When you [put] on a uniform, you mentally change."**

— **Lt. Col. Jannett Jackson, associate dean of the Learning Resources Center, about her service in Operation Desert Storm**

"When you're in uniform you mentally change."

The Air Force is tough, but it has its perks.

"The benefits are great," Jackson said. "It depends on what unit you're in, being

serve in Operation Desert Shield. Her unit's orders were extended, and she also participated in Operation Desert Storm.

Jackson spent almost eight months in the Persian Gulf and received the Army's outstanding unit citation.

"You're scared to death," Jackson said.

the organizational structure of the military."

To be a lieutenant colonel over three years, your basic pay is \$4,622.40 monthly and that's just your basic pay. You also get additional money for clothes and personal properties.

You get pretty swell benefits.

Jackson is a lieutenant colonel, but she could become a colonel. A military board determines her destiny and the ceremony would be at Fresno City College.

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



# Dancin' in the city

By Crissy Winston

Rampage reporter

City Dances in the Studio-The Master's Project will begin with its shows starting Dec 4.

City Dances, a dance club at Fresno City College, will perform contemporary dance routines based on Modern Jazz and Hip Hop. Janice Jansen is the director of the project.

The mastermind of the show is Cristal Tiscareno. She creates many of the dance routines seen in the show. She also mentors the dancers, providing support and up-beat advice. Tiscareno is the brains of this show, along with choreographing she lit and costumed the dancers.

Having taught at FCC for six years she chose to go for her Master's degree. To get it she needed to put together a production, hence this year's City Dances title, "Master's Project."

Tiscareno's first piece, "Waiting for Tears", is an abstract dance for fourteen dancers that portrays the emotions evoked by war.

The show is a fund-raiser for the American College Dance Festival account at the State Center Community College Foundation to aid students in attending the festival during the years when it is held out of state.

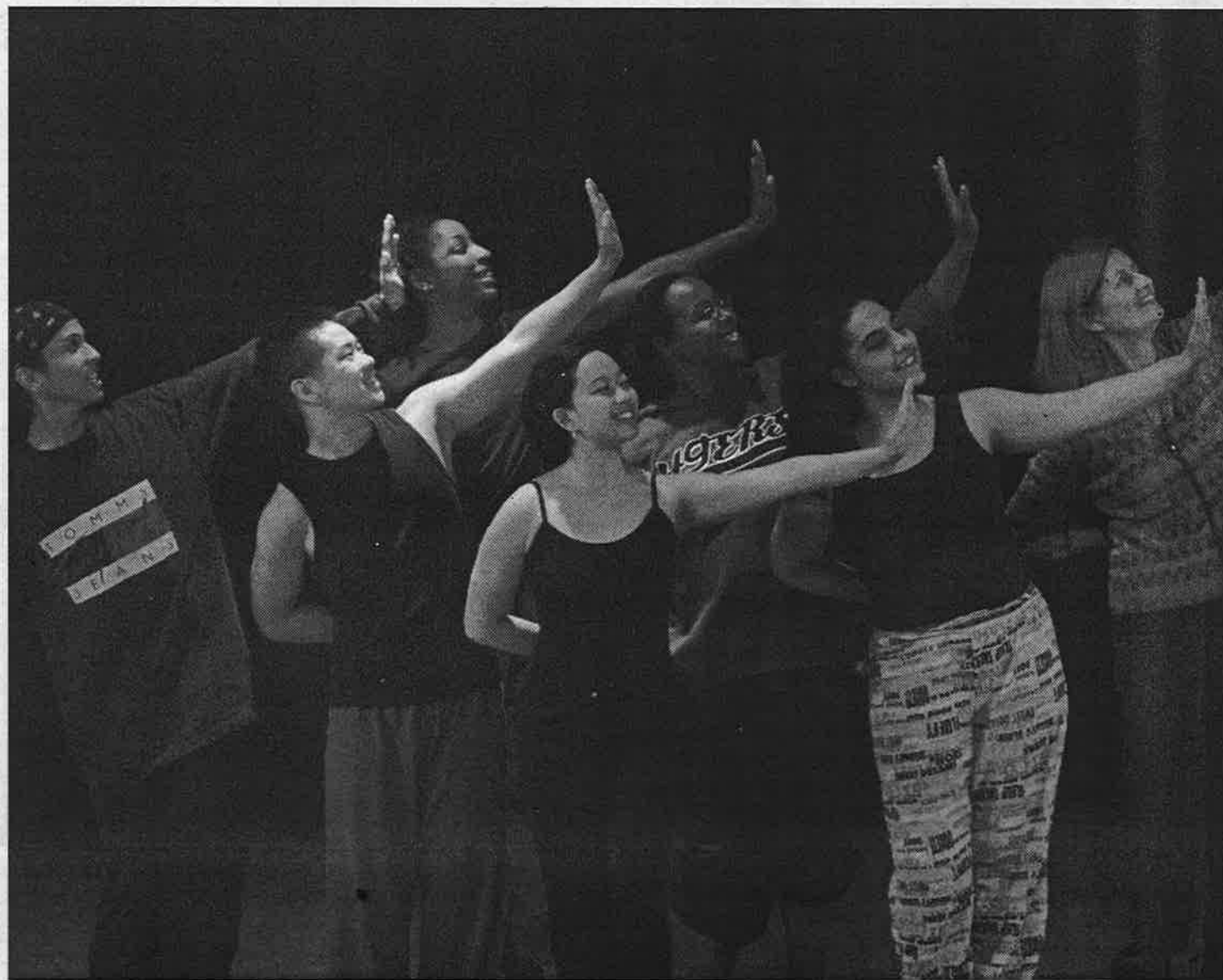
The program will also include choreographed dances by faculty members, Jansen, Debra DeRosa-Parola, and Kara Bithell.

Jansen elaborated on the fact that there isn't a theme to the show. There are 10 different variations of dance and choreography style in the show.

Jansen's main goal is to bring dance to people in as many forms and styles as possible. That is why the show doesn't have a theme, everyone leaves feeling something different.

There is a bonus performance with another group called Dancesations. The group will be performing at the final show.

There will be a martial arts and modern dance performance by Astronema Abarquez,



The City Dancers rehearse steps, body movements and postures for its grand opening night scheduled for Dec. 4 at 8 p.m.

Photo by Keith Kountz

who holds a black belt in karate. Abarquez's routine will close the show.

The students who are contributing original works to the program are Astronema Abarquez, See Cha, and Maria Woodcock.

Tickets can be purchased at the Fresno City College Box Office.

The box office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and can be reached by calling 442-8221. For program information call 442-4600, ext.8442

## Arts Info.

### City Dances in the Studio

When: 8 p.m. Dec. 4,5,6,7, plus a 2 p.m. show on Dec. 7

Where: G-101 in the FCC Gymnasium

Prices: \$10 general, \$7 students, seniors and groups. For more information call the box office at 442-8221.

# Opera workshop to perform 'Iolanthe'

By Susan Morgan

Rampage reporter

The Fresno City College Opera Workshop players will perform their rendition of "Gilbert and Sullivan's Iolanthe," on Nov. 20 to 23.

The opera is a comedic tale about two star-crossed lovers named Phyllis and Strephon. Melinda Ramos, 23, plays Phyllis, a flighty shepardess.

"All the men are in love with [my character]," Ramos said.

"Phyllis is human and Strephon is half human, half fairy but a curse exists that when a mortal marries a fairy they will die." The work is a "mix between politics and fairyland," Ramos said.

Ramos is in her second semester at Fresno City College. She al-

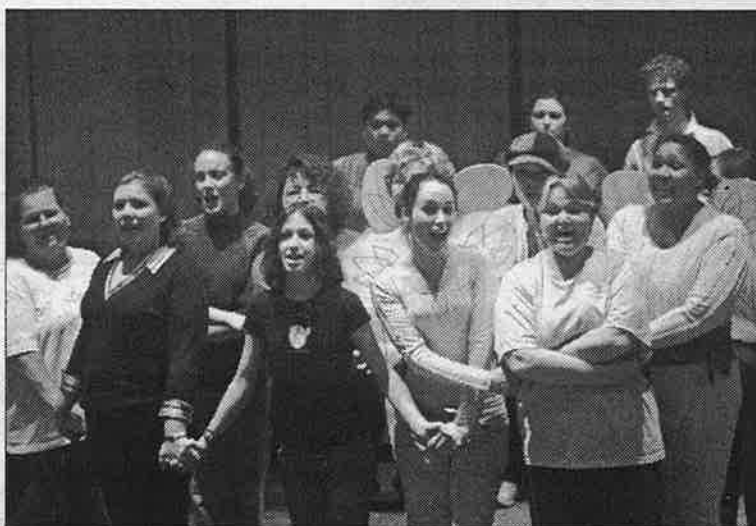


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The Opera Workshop practice for its anticipated grand opening.

ready graduated from Fresno Pacific with a degree in voice. This her first performance at FCC and her sole reason for attending this

semester.

"I auditioned with a prepared piece. I sang Mozart's 'Alleluia'," Ramos said.

The director and choreographer is Melissa Wolfman. She has taught the opera workshop at FCC for four years.

"I really like Gilbert and Sullivan's work," Wolfman said, "I think it is a wonderful piece ...it's light, witty, and hilarious, like Monty Python meets opera."

Wolfman has been looking forward to the upcoming performance at the FCC Theatre. "We're the only school in the central valley that puts on a full staged opera every year."

The workshop is a great opportunity for students looking for a musical outlet that reaps great experiences. "It's a good experience for students because we also sang as the chorus for the Fresno Grand Opera participating in La Traviata,

De Flaudormouse, Carmen, and we'll be singing in this spring's Aida," Wolfman said.

The workshop performed Pirates of Penzance last fall and did a tribute to America last spring. They have no plans of slowing down.

Wolfman has a vision for the workshop. "We've collected costumes and have been fundraising. I would like to eventually have an orchestra and chorus to perform with us. It might take two years, but I'm going to keep working towards the goal."

The Opera Workshop is open to any type of donations. Wolfman explained that anything such as props, costumes, or stage sets are welcome as well as monetary donations. These can be received through the FCC Foundation.



# Horoscopes

by Luis Quezada

**Aries** (March 22-April 20)  
Carry on with your plans even if you feel you are not receiving the support you need. The faith in your plans is all you need to take the next step.

**Taurus** (April 21-May 20)  
Unexpected news about a close family member puts you in a difficult situation. Relax, as time passes you will feel eased. The news will result positive.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21)  
Now is not the time to give up. Work steady and finish the project giving, it much more strength, then the strength that you initiated it with.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22)  
You're amazed on how members of your family's words have transformed into actions. Catch up, so everyone will be on the same page.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
Don't make up excuses. Talk straight forward about issues that you feel have been bothering you. Remember honesty is the best policy.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
Plan activities in advance. Don't be a procrastinator. Look forward and you will be ahead. It's better to be ahead, then it is to be left behind.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
Music will be the best therapy for you at this time. Sit and listen to the lyrics of your favorite songs. Analyze the meaning and meditate.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
A friend from the past will contact you. Both of you will have a long conversation. Things are revealed and confirmed, that were unanswered.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
During this time you will feel that you need to watch what you eat, but go ahead and make Thanksgiving the exception. You won't feel regretful.

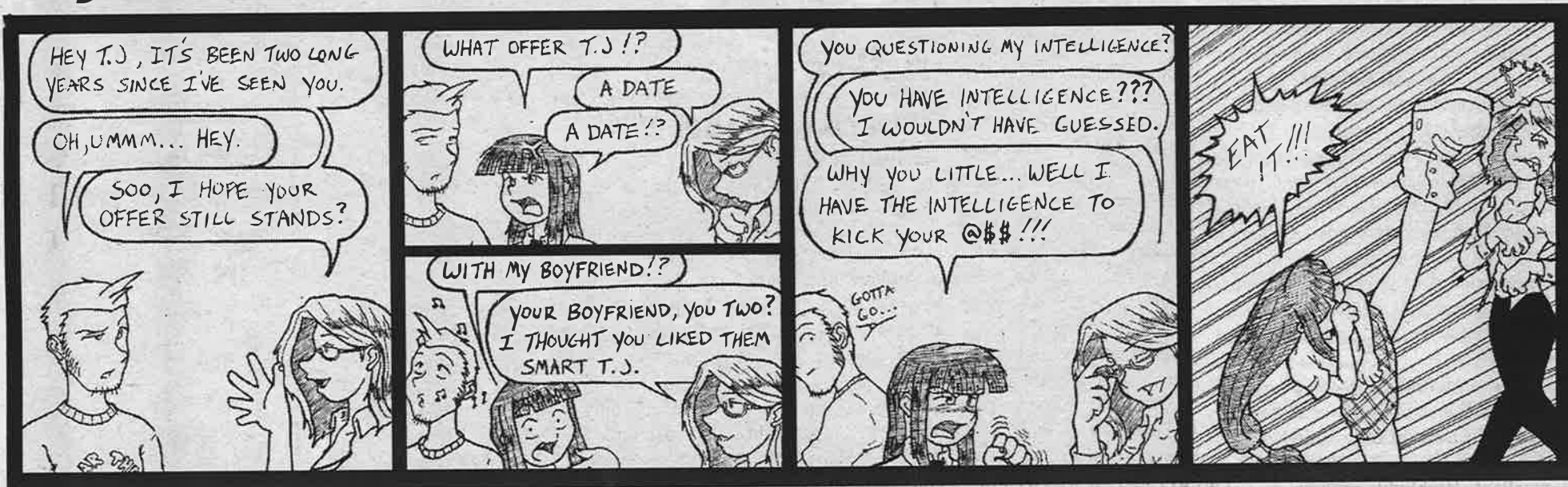
**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
Your health should be your focus. Protect your eyes, ears and esophagus. Consume vitamin C and green vegetables. Rest the most you can.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
Your urge to go shopping is not very wise. Avoid using your credit cards or putting items on lay-a-way. Instead get involved in a physical activity.

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## City Life

by Jesse Garcia



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## Rampage

## Alkaline Trio energize fans 'at the metro'

By Carl Geissert  
Rampage reporter

Chicago's, the Alkaline Trio walks a thin line. They have a sound too mainstream to be classified as punk, but at the same time they have too much punk rock credibility to make it in the mainstream.

They have done what very few bands have done, which is release a huge successful album, while keeping the respect of its fans in the punk rock community that got them where they are today. Its newest album, entitled "Good Mourning," debuted at number 20 on the Billboard charts, selling 40,000 copies in its first week and the band doesn't even have a song being played on the radio.

What really sets Alkaline Trio apart from other bands is its live show. Something the band has tried to capture with the release of its new DVD "Halloween at the Metro."

The footage was taken from a sold out Halloween show in Chicago. The energy of the performance translates well onto DVD.

Singer Matt Skiba's voice sounds perfect, somewhat surprising since the concert took place just days before a strained vocal chord forced them to cancel the rest of its tour. The footage itself is excellent. Highlights include "Hell Yes," "Another Innocent Girl," "Tuck Me In," and "97."

## Review

### Halloween at the Metro

Stars: Alkaline Trio  
Rated: Not Rated  
Length: Not Listed  
Rating: ★★★★★ (out of five)

# Great fish in any dish

By Gerard Morel  
Rampage reporter

The Tower Bay Fish Company has been serving the best seafood in town, in the central Tower District for the past five years.

The diverse menu has enough variety to satisfy almost any seafood connoisseur, having well over 40 items on the menu will easily please the most discriminate seafood expert. Tower Bay was the first and only seafood restaurant in the Tower District at that time.

Excellent food and great service has kept the restaurant afloat on the rough seas of the Fresno restaurant world. In a town that sees restaurants come and go, Tower Bay has endured these rough seas and keeps surprising me each time I come in for either fish n' chips, beer or other items on the menu.

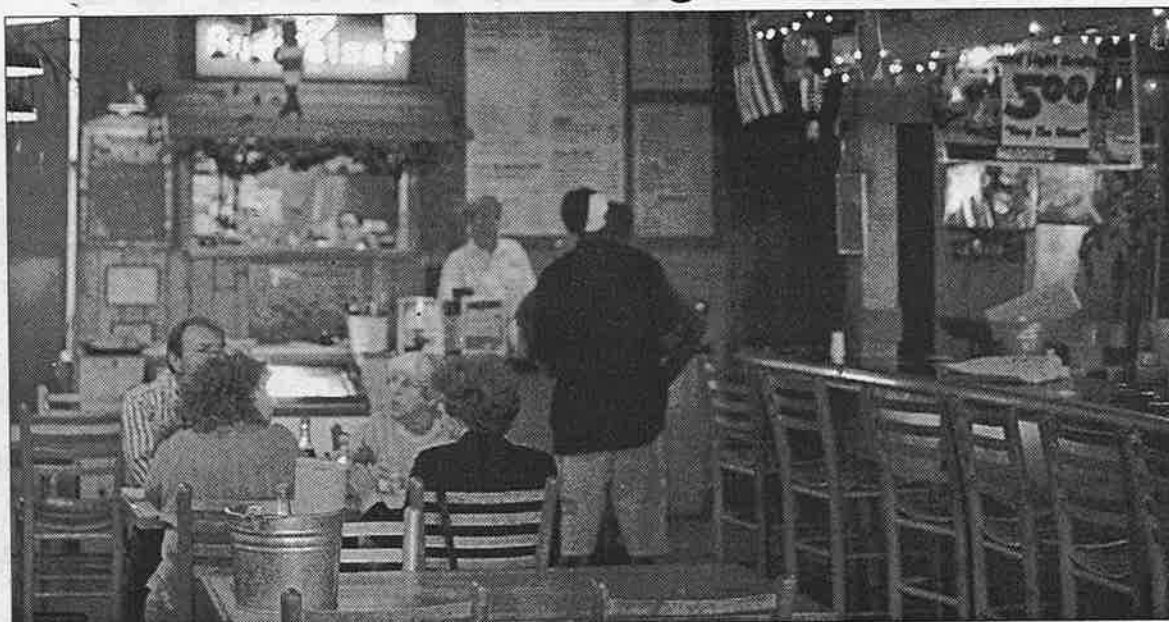
Once entering the restaurant one may feel that they have entered a cozy little corner of Monterey or Morro Bay, the beach might as well be around the corner. Mounted marlins, swordfish and other fish hang from the ceiling with sea stars and various crustaceans entangled in between the loops.

After your entrance, a swash-buckling member of the crew will seat you and take your drink order. In my case, I usually take a seat at the bar and order an anchor steam and look over the menu.

I always start off with a chowder. Two varieties of chowder are offered at Tower Bay, Manhattan and New England (which most people are familiar with), I prefer the Manhattan style chowder.

Tower Bay is the only place in town that I know of that serves Manhattan style chowder. I spoke with the Chef who introduced himself only as Wally:

He said that people got tired of only being offered the white chowder, there needed to be some diversity, so he brought in the red Man-



The Tower Bay Fish Company offers its customers great service and a wide variety of dishes to choose from.

## Review

### Tower Bay Fish Company

Entree Prices: \$6.00 to \$13.00  
Location: 737 E. Olive Ave. in the historic Tower District  
Phone: 442-FISH (3474)

hattan chowder. Both chowders can be ordered in a sourdough bread bowl or in a regular bowl. Making a meal decision at Tower Bay is tough. There is so much to choose from.

Fish n' chips is always a nice choice. If you're a light eater, order the "Deck Hand." If you're a moderate eater, order the "First Mate." If you're a heavy eater, order the "Captain."

Tower Bay offers the best fish n' chips in town, hands down, however there are other items on the menu well worth trying. There are deep fried shrimp baskets, deep fried calamari, baskets of clams, breaded oysters and chips and a jumbo combo basket.

The best items on the menu are the "Charbroiled Fish," platters and the "From the Sea," platters. Rainbow Trout, two varieties of Catfish

(lemon pepper or Cajun style), tequila lime Halibut, Salmon and Baja Swordfish round up the charbroiled fish items.

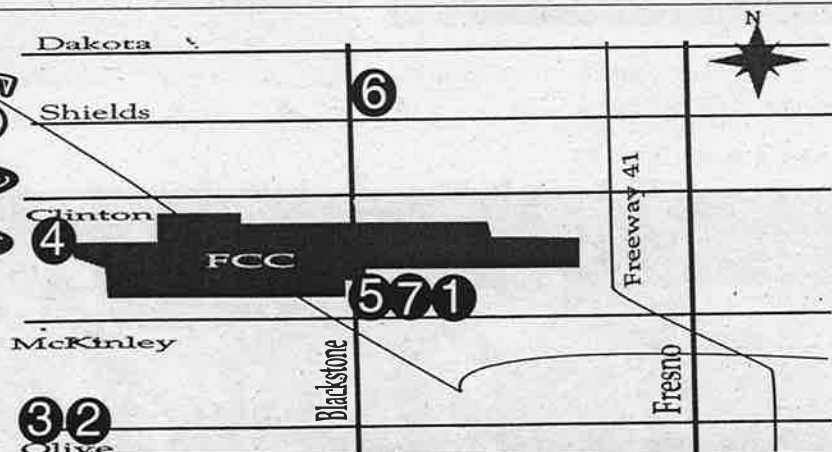
Pastas which include linguini with clams and lobster ravioli are only two of the items on the "From the Sea," portion of the menu.

I had to try the Cajun style catfish, after eating the fish n' chips so many times before. The blackened fish came out with fresh slaw and fries. The savory fish was gone before I knew it, all I had left was the cole slaw and fries, which were gone soon after.

If you are craving a hearty bowl of chowder, fish n' chips or any other fruits of the sea, don't go to Pismo Beach, Morro Bay or Monterey, go to Tower Bay Fish Company. Their service is quick and friendly, and their food is great.

**In a town that sees restaurants come and go, Tower Bay has endured these rough seas and keeps surprising me each time I come in for either fish n' chips, beer or other items on the menu.**

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# Vets remember and honor



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*Brig. Gen. James P. Combs delivered a commending keynote speech during the 10th anniversary Veterans' Day event at Fresno City College.*

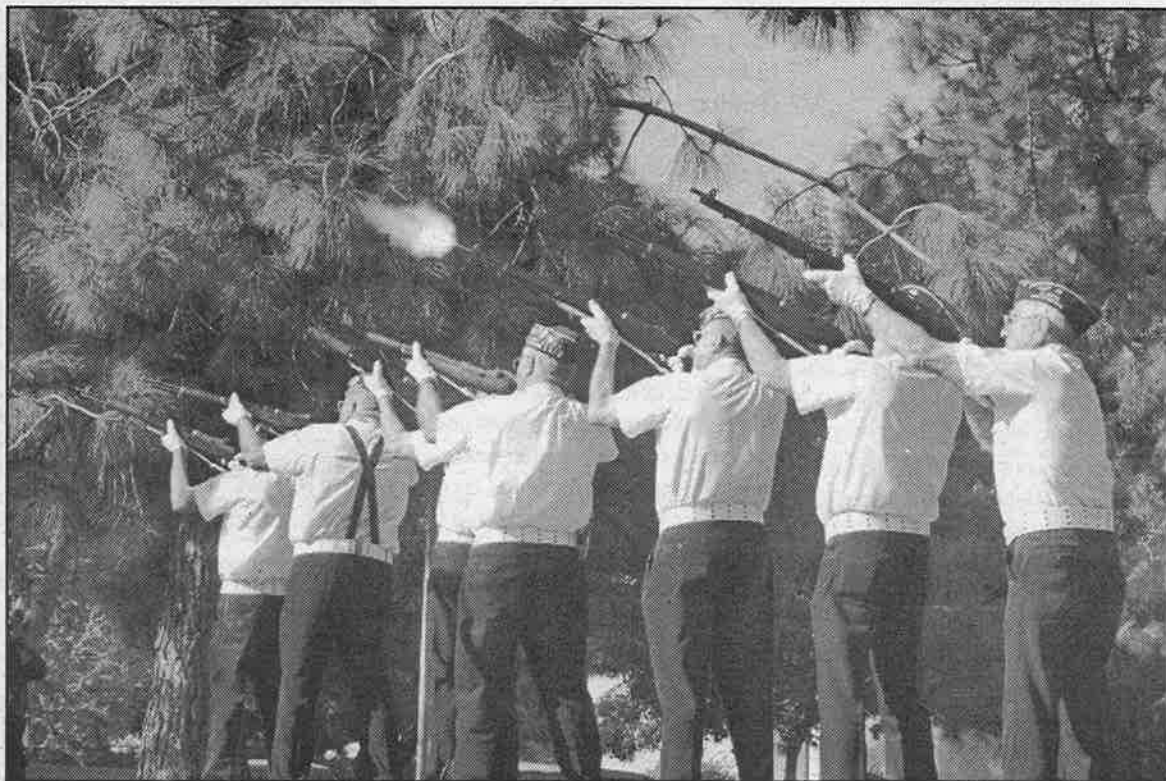


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*The rifle squad from American Legion Post 147 performs the ceremonial 21-gun salute. The salute is reserved for military funerals and other important events such as the Veterans' Day event on Nov 7.*

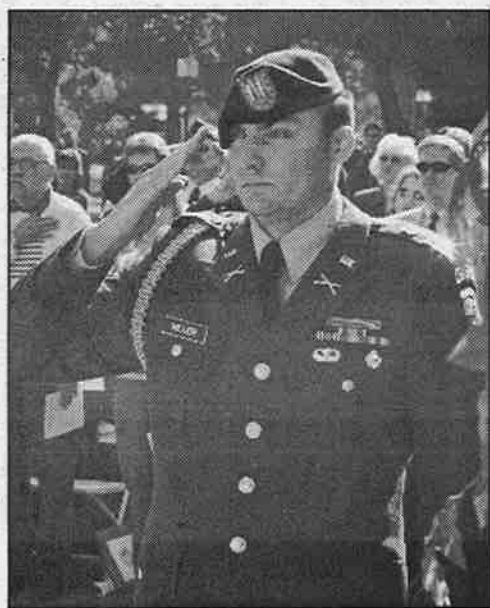


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*Capt. Miller sharply salutes the colors at the beginning of the ceremony.*



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*The Fresno City College concert band played several songs during the event and the final playing of "Tap's" to honor fallen heroes.*

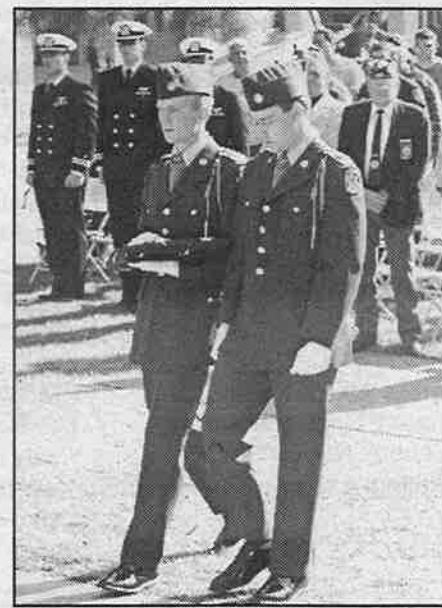


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*ROTC cadets Jacob White left, and Jonathan Rumsey march toward the flagpole to raise the colors.*



*Jonathan Rumsey escort Freida Camp with Jacob White carrying a wreath to the memorial to lay a wreath honoring her late husband Col. Lloyd Camp who served in World War II and in the Korean War.*

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*James Hannon, a World War II vet, was a mess specialist in the Army.*



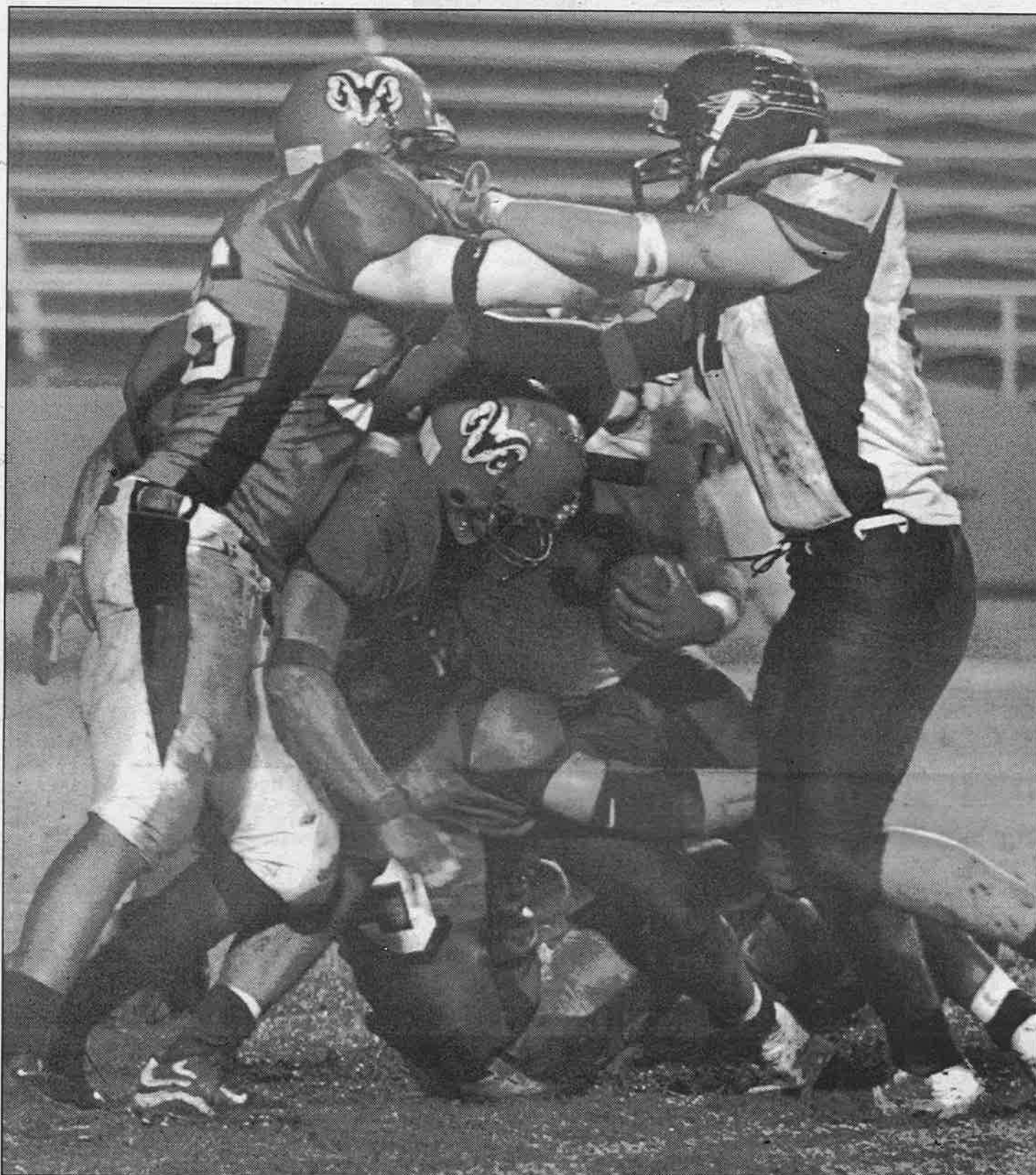
# Sports



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## Rams pumped for battle



FCC's defensive line prevents Merced runningback Cory Jones from rushing for a first down in the Rams 40-14 victory over the Blue Devils. The Rams take on Reedley Nov. 15 at Reedley High.

Photo by Bryan Borrer

### Rivalry game with Reedley has playoff implications

By Josh Butters

Sports editor

There may not be a football playoff in Northern California like in SoCal, but this may be as close as you can get.

On Nov. 15, Fresno City and Reedley colleges will play for the Valley Conference championship and a berth in the NorCal title game.

With the champions of the Northern California Football and Valley conferences earning berths in the NorCal championship game, the two teams playing will be decided in the final week of the regular season. It couldn't get any closer to being a playoff.

In a rivalry that dates back to 1948, this year's Battle of the Pump adds another chapter to a book of epic proportions.

Last season, the Rams and Tigers went into the game both at 9-0 and 4-0 in the VC. FCC—ranked No. 1 in the nation at the time—was upset by the No. 3 Tigers 28-21.

With last year's postseason format, the two top ranked teams in each region played in the championship. The Rams beat teams ranked Nos. 3-5, was bumped down to the No. 2 ranking and were still eligible to play.

In the NorCal championship, FCC led 28-6 with 16 minutes left in the game. Thirty three unanswered points by the Tigers ended the Rams' season as Reedley went on to win a state and national championship.

"We can't dwell on the past," said Rams head coach Tony Caviglia. "We've put ourselves in a place to win a championship and need to take advantage of it."

Reedley, the preseason favorite to repeat as state champions, is led by quarterback Robert Johnson, a main reason for FCC's two losses to the Tigers last season.

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## Inaugural water polo season ends

By Joey Perez

Rampage reporter

The inaugural season for the Fresno City College women's water polo team has ended, but the era of women's water polo at FCC has just begun.

"I thought our team did a great job this season, for a team that was put together quickly," said head coach Janelle Odom, who coached Sanger High School for 6 years prior to coaching FCC.

In the Central Valley the only community college that offered women's water polo was Merced College and now FCC will be another option for future athletes to choose from.

"They're [Merced] an outstand-

ing program," said Odom.

FCC hopes to have a stronger aquatics program in the next few years.

Even though the season is over, Odom has already begun to plan for next season in which the program will have a lot more recruiting, create a summer program, and fundraise.

Home games and practices were held at Sanger High.

In their final games against Ohlone, the Rams had a victory in the first game only to lose the second.

Odom said the Rams' first two games against Foothill and Ohlone were their best efforts of the season.

"I would have liked if we had a

few more games," said Odom. The team had a schedule of only 11 games because it was their first season.

Brittany Weaver and Sarah Bergstrom were key to the Rams first year success.

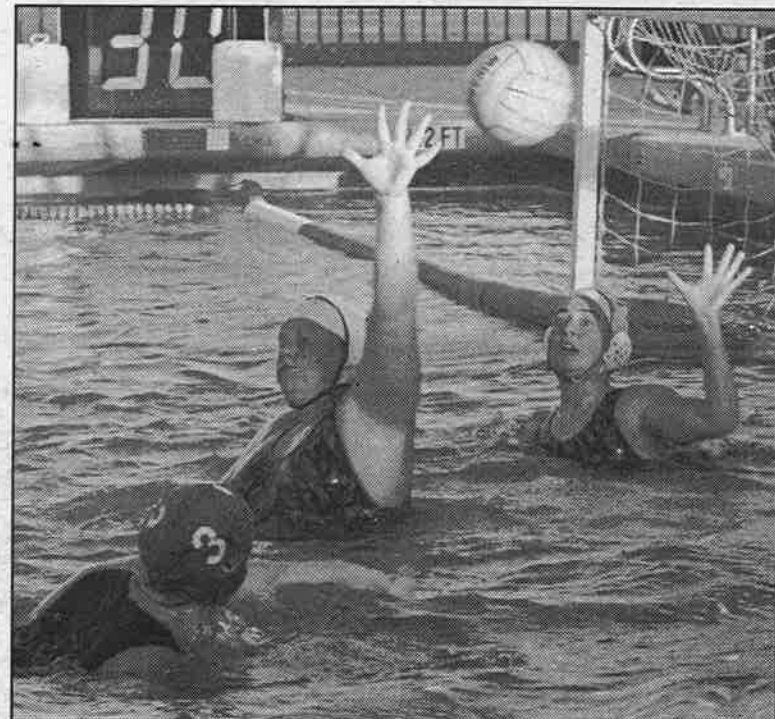
The utility players combined for 43 goals, Weaver with 20 and Birdstrom with 23. "We never gave up," said Weaver.

The competition was tough for FCC in its first season.

"They had to play some big girls, each girl would weigh up to 180 pounds," said Odom.

The first year of FCC women's water polo is now history, but Odom said, "There will be a drastic change next year."

FCC finished 4-7.



FCC's Sarah Bergstrom scores a goal in the Rams final home game of the inaugural women's water polo season, a 10-6 loss to West Valley.

Photo by Bryan Borrer



## Women's Basketball



### Coach

Donnie Johnson—6th season as Rams head coach (107-61, .637 winning pct.)

### Last Season

12-18 overall, Fourth Central Valley Conference (5-7), lost to Sacramento City College in second round of Northern California playoffs 72-55.

### Key Returners

G Ninon Salemon, F Laura Zaukaite, G Shanae Ross, G Cicely House, G Anoush Kirakosian, G Akyya Mayberry,

### Key losses

C Amanda Vierra, G Nicole House

### Offensive style

3 guards, 2 forwards. The Rams will work the ball around the perimeter looking for open shots or drive to the basket.

### Defensive style

Aggressive man to man coverage will be very successful for the Rams as long as their top defenders stay out of foul trouble

### Laura Zaukaite 6-0 Forward

**Note:** Zaukaite's physical style of defense will help the Rams keep opponents out of the paint.



### Ninon Salemon 5-8 Guard

**Note:** An all-CVC selection last season, Salemon will run FCC's offense out of the point guard position.

### Cassandra Chambers 5-6 Guard

**Note:** A member of the 2001-02 Rams team that went 15-18, Chambers adds depth to the guard position.



### Shanae Ross 5-8 Guard

**Note:** Ross is the Rams' biggest threat from behind the 3-point line. She made five in FCC's second round playoff loss last season.



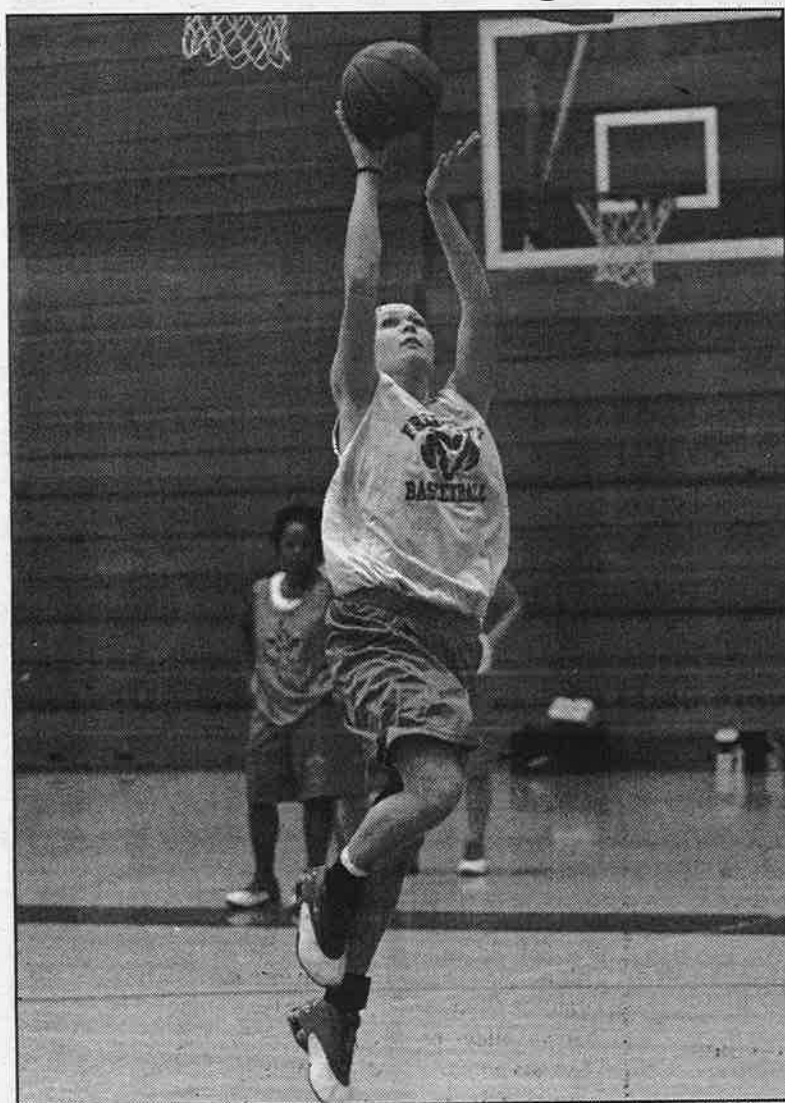
### Ashley Connell 5-8 Forward

**Note:** Connell will be key in rebounding and inside scoring for the Rams if the guards can't make shots.



# Women's goal set at making final four

*Rams coach Donnie Johnson says it's possible FCC can win 20-25 games*



Photos by Keith Kountz

Fresno City College forward Laura Zaukaite goes up for a layup during basketball practice.

**By Joey Perez**  
Rampage reporter

No matter how you try to sum up the Fresno City College Rams, it all goes back to "heart."

"Whether they're up or down by 20 points, they're not going to give up," said women's basketball coach Donnie Johnson. "They don't know what stop means."

With a 16-player roster and six returning players—only two players over six feet tall—size may be the only thing that can hold the Rams back.

The team's average height is 5-10 with there only being three legitimate post players, Johnson said.

Unranked FCC is led by returning players Ninon Salemon, Laura Zaukaite, Shanae Ross and Ashley Connell.

Cassandra Chambers, a sophomore, played guard for FCC in the 2001-02 season and was named an All-CVC second team selection.

Salemon was All-CVC last

season.

"The quality of players [for us] has drastically changed," Johnson said. "There's a different type of excitement."

Hoping to overcome the height factor, FCC will try and erase last season's 12-18 record, finishing fourth in the Central Valley Conference.

Even with a sub .500 record, the Rams earned a berth into the state playoffs, upsetting Solano in the first round then losing to Sacramento City College to end the season.

Johnson is in his sixth season at FCC and believes that FCC is one of the top ten teams in Northern California.

One major surprise for the Rams has been Brittney Weaver, a freshman out of Sanger High. Weaver adds intensity and dedication, Johnson said, making every practice even though she also plays on the FCC water polo team.

"Everyday somebody different looks good," Johnson said.

Last season, Merced—ranked

No. 4 in preseason state poll—won the CVC championship and lost in the state quarterfinals. With CVC powers College of the Sequoias and Reedley in the hunt, FCC is in one of the toughest conferences in the state.

In the 2000-01 season, the Rams won a school record 30 games under Johnson and had its first playoff victory ever. He thinks the chance for the Rams to go far is good.

"Is it possible to win 30 games, who knows. But we're definitely in a position to win 20-25 games," Johnson said.

Other players include Nataly Llamas, Ashley Bennett, Erin Pearson, Catie Colmenro, Yun Hsu, Katy Vargason, Anoush Kirakosian, Sandra Garcia, Akyya Mayberry and Teresa Morquecho.

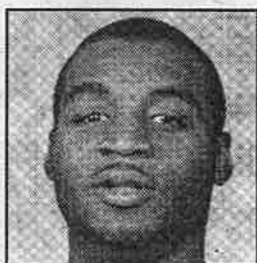
After last season's loss in the second round of the playoffs, Ross already knew the goal for this year's team.

"[This season], we'll be in the state final four for sure."



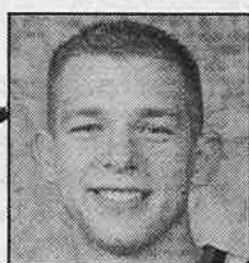
### Harry Holmes 6-1 Guard

**Note:** Holmes worked his way into a starting position last season by bringing the team a boost with his high level of energy on defense.



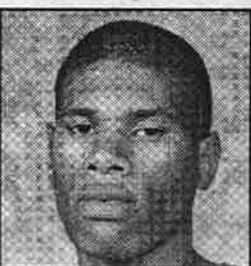
### Adam Wall 5-10 Guard

**Note:** Last season, Wall averaged 12.3 points and was named to the all-freshman, defense and conference teams.



### Legeso Molebatsi 6-6 Forward

**Note:** A transfer from Grey College of Nevada, Molebatsi will provide an inside presence for the Rams.



### Tyrone Jackson 6-2 Guard

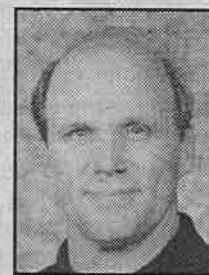
**Note:** Jackson was named the 2002-03 junior college state player of the year and is on pace to break the



### Jason Walberg 6-3 Guard

**Note:** An all-state honorable mention, Walberg averaged 17.9 points, and made 151 3-pointers his freshman year.

## Men's Basketball



### Coach

Vance Walberg—2nd season as Rams head coach (38-2, .950 winning pct.)

### Last Season

38-2 overall, Central Valley Conference champions (13-1), lost to Los Angeles City College in Commission on Athletics state championship game 90-82

### Key Returners

G Tyrone Jackson, G Jason Walberg, G Adam Wall, G Sal Espinoza, F Chad Thornton King, G Harry Holmes

### Key losses

F Carl Lee, G Dino Archie, G Tyson Parker

### Offensive style

Four guard, run and shoot. Last season the Rams led the state in scoring (105.1 ppg) and have three players that averaged in double figures.

### Defensive style

Man to man full court pressure will give opponents fits. The Rams will force many turnovers that lead into easy scoring opportunities

# Men look to put the past behind them

By Josh Butters  
Sports editor

For the entire offseason, the Fresno City College men's basketball team has wondered how they let a state championship slip through the cracks of their fingers.

How a season that went so well ended on such a sour note.

The Rams lost to Los Angeles City College 90-82 in the state championship game, ending a 38-2 season that was highlighted with a Central Valley Conference championship and numerous broken school records.

Unable to change the past, FCC looks to the future, hoping to earn the championship that it almost had.

"We have to move on," said Rams guard Tyrone Jackson, who was named the 2002-03 junior college state player of the year. "We have a good shot at it this year."

Rams second-year head coach Vance Walberg is sure his team will be right there again.

"We want to win everything," Walberg said. "There's no doubt about it. We want to win every game, every half."

Last season, the Rams won

their first 24 games of the season—the first 21 being on the road.

"We got out of the gate so well last year that we had a lot of expectations put on us," Walberg said. "It's going to be a lot of work but we're hopefully going to do it."

FCC opens the season ranked No. 17 in the nation, No. 2 in the state behind who else, LACC.

Though a rematch with the Cubs is possible, Walberg hopes that the Rams just have a chance for some redemption.

"We'd love to have another shot in the championship game," he said.

The team's success will highly depend on, guards Jackson, Jason Walberg and Adam Wall. All of which were named to the all Central Valley Conference team.

"They have tremendous leadership roles," Vance Walberg said.

"They have been through it and know what is expected of them. There's

no doubt about it."

Jackson, a preseason All-American—who averaged 21.1 points, 6.9 assists and 4.9 steals per game last season—knows what needs to be done.

"We just have to come out and perform," he said.

Jason Walberg, son of Vance Walberg, is the premier 3-point shooter in the state. He made 141 3-points last season at a .440 percentage, averaging 17.9 points per game.

Wall, a threat for the 3-pointer, is also a top defender and the team's best free throw shooter.

"He's the glue to this team," Vance Walberg said. "He's a threat."

Through weight training, Wall adds more to his game.

"He can guard a guy that's 6-6, 6-5 inside and muscle them as

well as anybody else in the state."

Last season, the Rams had the best offense in the state (105.1 ppg) which was fueled with transition offense and a swarming defense that caused turnovers. Though the style was highly successful, it takes a deep bench to execute to keep players from getting winded.

"It takes some getting used to," Vance Walberg said of the up tempo style of play.

With the loss of all-CVC forward Carl Lee who averaged almost 18 points per game, Vance Walberg will rely on returning player Chad Thornton-King and Legeso Molebatsi to step up and fill Lee's shoes.

"We have a little more size but it's how you use it," the 2002-'03 state coach of the year said.

"We're going to need Chad to step up and do more things than he did last year."

Walberg believes that Molebatsi—a transfer from Grey College of Nevada and a native of South Africa—will

**"We want to win everything. We want to win every game, every half."**

—Fresno City College men's basketball coach  
Vance Walberg

provide a needed presence to the Rams inside game.

"Legeso is doing a great job for us so far," the FCC coach said.

Familiar with a system like Walberg's, Molebatsi is making an easy transition to the fast pace tempo FCC will play at.

"I love this style," Molebatsi said. "I'm going to hustle and help out with rebounding and scoring points."

Vance Walberg believes that returning guards Harry Holmes and Sal Espinoza will be bigger contributors to the team's success, especially on defense.

The Rams averaged 16 steals per game last year off of the pressure of traps.

"They're going have to understand the defense," Vance Walberg said.

FCC will open up the season Nov. 14-16 at the San Jose City College tournament.

Just like last season, the Rams will play all their nonconference schedule on the road, a chance of 16 games before their home and CVC opener Jan. 7 against College of the Sequoias.

"It makes yourself better," Vance Walberg said. "It helped us come together as a team last year and hopefully do the same this



# Pump: Rams, Tigers 8-1 overall, 4-0 in VC

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"Johnson is a tremendous player," Caviglia said. "We have to stop him to win this game."

Johnson, a mobile passer who can make plays out of nothing, was named the 2002 VC player of the year.

This year, Johnson has thrown for 2,055 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Tigers head coach Michael White knows what his team will have to do to win.

"[FCC] is so deep that you can't just focus on one thing," he said. "They have a tremendous running back [Nate Wright] and a quarterback [Wayne Desmond] that has been playing really good the last couple of weeks."

Wright, the Rams' main offensive weapon so far this season, has racked up 1,303 yards rushing and 15 touchdowns.

Desmond has thrown for more than 600 yards in the last three weeks, a major improvement from before his midseason ankle injury.

"We have tremendous depth between our backs and receivers," Caviglia said.

"Our strength is our balance."

Though the series is overwhelming in FCC's favor—the Rams lead 36-9 all-time—all the past goes out the window.

"I'm sure both teams will bring their 'A' game," White said, "and that the best team will win."

Caviglia knows the game will be close.

"It can go either way," he said. "It's going to come down to who makes the big plays."

In the NCFC, Butte College (8-1 overall, 4-0 NCFC) will travel to City College of San Francisco (9-0 overall, 4-0 NCFC) for the teams'

conference title and a berth in the Northern California championship.

The state championship game between the Northern and Southern California champions will be held Dec. 13 at Memorial Stadium on the campus of Bakersfield College.

With regional poll position being a factor, there are three scenarios that are possible for the postseason;

•If CCSF wins its conference, the No. 1 ranked team in the NorCal would host either FCC or Reedley in its own Hawaii Punch Bowl Dec. 6.

FCC and CCSF met in the 2000 and 2001 NorCal championship games with both teams sitting on 10-0 records. CCSF won both games 41-17 and 19-7 and went on to win state and national championships.

•If Butte and FCC win their conferences, the Rams would host the

Roadrunners in the Producers Dairy Bowl Nov. 22 at Ratcliffe Stadium.

The Rams defeated the Roadrunners 14-5 earlier this season in Oroville and would be ranked higher based on head to head comparison.

•The Commission on Athletics, the governing body of California junior college sports, gives the higher ranked team home field advantage if the team has a bowl.

If Butte and Reedley win its conferences, Butte could host the Tigers in the Tri-Counties bowl in Oroville Nov. 22, despite being ranked lower due to Reedley not hosting a bowl.

However, since Reedley doesn't host its own bowl game, the COA can determine if the Tigers will host the Roadrunners in the Producers Dairy Bowl due to proximity to the school.

## Soccer Rams make playoffs

By Joey Perez  
Rampage reporter

The regular season has ended for the Fresno City College Women's Soccer team, and now they will prepare themselves for the playoffs.

"I think we had a good season, we were competitive every game, and we were close to winning conference by one game and it will turn out to be an even better season if we do well in playoffs," said head coach Oliver Germond.

The Rams are ranked No. 13 in Northern California of the 16 teams that advance to the playoffs.

FCC has already set their minds on Cabrillo, which they believe is the team who they'll play in the first round.

The Rams finished second in the Central Valley Conference with a 6-3 record behind Modesto College and had an overall record of 12-7.

The Rams may face Modesto in the second round if they are to win their first game.

"It would be pretty nice, we outshot them in the last game with them [Modesto], and we should have won that game," said Germond.

FCC has struggled with scoring all year out-shooting teams most of the year only to lose by one goal. "A lot of our mid-fielders are sophomores so will be losing them next season," said Germond.

The mid-fielders were a major key to the Rams success, being the strongest part of the team.

FCC will actually lose seven players after this season and Kasey Fonts will be the only mid-fielder returning next year.

"We surprised a lot of people last year by going as far as we did in playoffs, and it would nice to be consistent on how well we do in the playoffs," said Germond.

But Germond will also begin to focus on next season play and began to recruit as high schools will start their season later this month. "We have a lot of freshmen this year which is nice, cause last year we lost a lot of people," said Germond.

13 players will return to the team next season and will be the new leaders for next fall's freshmen. This year's leader Amy Spring who is the team captain feels the team must improve on scoring in order to win some early rounds of playoffs.

"I think it's our mental attitude, it's not quite there. Hopefully it will be in playoffs," said Spring.

### Men's Soccer

The Fresno City College men's soccer team finished the regular season Nov. 11 and are hoping for homefield advantage throughout the NorCal regionals.

The Rams are ranked No. 7 in the nation, No 2. in NorCal.

## FCC takes 6th in dual championships

### The Rampage

The Fresno City College wrestling team placed sixth in the state dual championships Nov. 1 in the FCC gym.

FCC will compete in the Cal Poly tournament Nov. 15.

Despite losing in the dual championship, the Rams can still win a team title with Northern regionals held on Dec. 6 and the state championships on Dec. 13.

### Women's Volleyball

The women's volleyball team defeated Merced College in four games 30-25, 28-30, 30-23, 30-28 to earn a tie for second place in the Central Valley Conference with the Blue Devils.

Both teams are 10-3 in CVC.

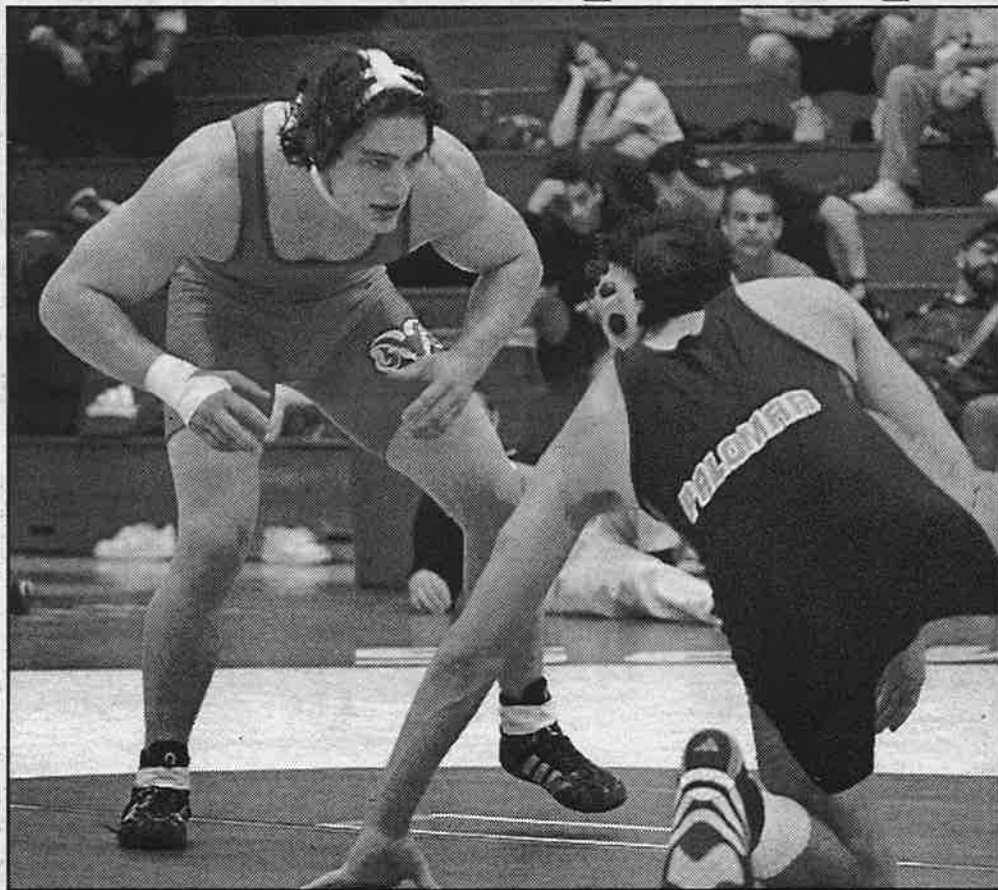
Ram Ashley Turner had 20 kills, 27 digs and five blocks.

FCC (11-7 overall) will host West Hills Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. in the FCC gym.

### Baseball

Former Rams pitcher Mark Gardner was inducted into the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame.

After playing for FCC and Fresno State, Gardner spent 13 seasons in the major leagues.



Ram Jared Schultz takes on a Palomar wrestler in a consolation match at the state dual championship meet Nov. 1 in the FCC gym.

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