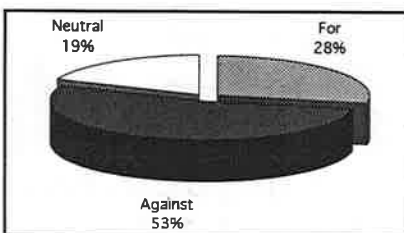


Fresno City College students voice their concern about a possible U.S./Iraq war.

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Basketball teams make NorCal playoff run

Men move on to state final eight: Women see both sides of upset

By Josh Butters

Sports editor

After defeating Ohlone College 83-75 in the third round of the Northern California regionals, the Fresno City College men's basketball team will compete in the state final eight at the Jenny Craig Pavilion at the University of San Diego starting tomorrow.

"I'm very proud of these guys," said Rams coach Vance Walberg.

"It was their goal to win conference and then make it to the state final eight. Now we're going to try for our other goal, to win

More Info

For Men's tournament brackets, team capsules, JC basketball notebook and a look at Fresno City College's 1962-63 state championship team

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the state championship."

FCC will face Santa Monica (21-13), which had a 19-seed in the SoCal regionals, and delivered upsets against No. 14 Irvine Valley 67-64, No. 3 Antelope Valley 80-77 and No. 6 Oxnard 70-68 in the third round.

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By Josh Butters

Sports editor

With its Cinderella glass slippers put on and a trip to the NorCal's second round ball, the clock finally struck midnight for the Fresno City College women's basketball team.

The No. 23 Rams fell to No. 26 Sacramento City College 71-55 in the FCC gym.

FCC and SCC both found its way past first round opponents with major upsets. FCC defeated No. 10 Solano 51-45 while the Panthers topped No. 7 Reedley in overtime.

"No one expected us to be here... they [FCC] played with a lot of heart."

Rams women's basketball coach Donnie Johnson

SCC rode the poor play of the Rams in the first half to a 25-6 lead with 6:53 left before the break.

The Panthers would finish the first half leading 33-15.

A change of momentum in the early parts of the second half would help FCC close in

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Old meets new at FCC



Old World fair entertains visitors from all centuries.

By Gerard Morel

Rampage reporters

Fresno City College welcomed the 12th annual Renaissance Festival to the west lawn this weekend, benefiting a local domestic-violence center as well as several thousand visitors.

The event hosted more than 30 Renaissance guilds that traveled from all over California to participate in the event. The Renaissance fair was organized by St. Henry's Guild.

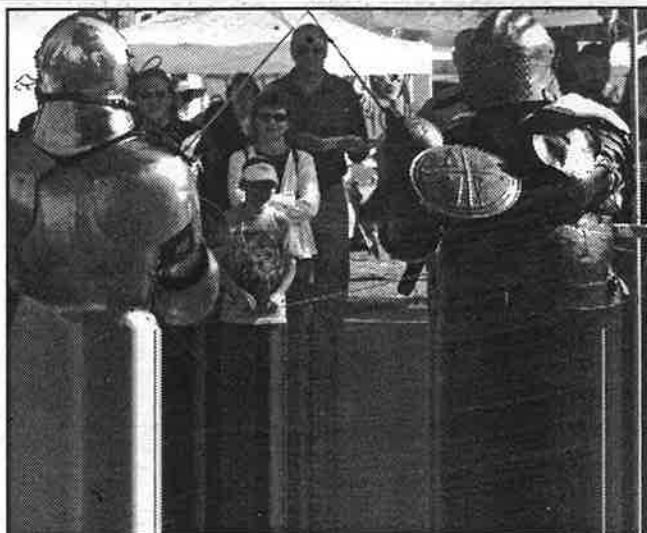
Once entering the gates, the festival brought visitors back to Old English days. Vendors offering swords, axes, leather,

furs, jewelry, incense, body oils and food highlighted the range of eye-catching wares for sale.

Frank Maurer displayed his traditional Scottish stone carvings at one booth, his handmade carvings meticulously chiseled with the assistance of a small hammer and chisel. The designs are varied symbols of the Celts and the Picts, tribes of Scotland.

"I do this as a historical thing and my Scottish background. I really like educating people about Scotland," said Maurer. "The Renaissance fair is an opportunity for people to come

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Photos by Lenetta Huxley

Top: Several costumed British subjects escort Queen Elizabeth I, portrayed by Pat Stanley, at Fresno City College's 12th annual Renaissance Festival. Above: Two knights fence in full armor on the campus West Lawn.

ASG to lead march on Capitol

By Tony Losongco

Editor-in-Chief

Fresno City College student leaders are organizing a bus trip to Sacramento to

March in March
10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday, from Raley Field in West Sacramento to Capitol in Sacramento
For more information on the bus trip to the rally, contact ASG at 442-8275.

voice student concerns Monday about proposed state budget cuts and other issues, and they're

making strides to deliver the best pitch possible on the FCC student body's behalf.

The statewide event, March in March, has rallied community colleges throughout California to send people to the state Capitol building, including an FCC delegation. Associated Student Government is leading the campus charge to the march.

Nanci Sumaya-Martinez, ASG president, said that FCC committed to the march in response to California Gov. Gray Davis' proposed fee increases and program cuts for community colleges.

"That makes a big difference for a student that barely makes it, that's still struggling, and still can't get into any programs," said Sumaya-Martinez of the governor's plan to more than double enrollment fees next year from \$11 to \$24 per unit.

Despite a tight budget throughout the California Community Colleges system, Sumaya-Martinez embraced the March in March opportunity, which she said will cost ASG about \$1,000.

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Guest Opinion



Brent Moe

This is the first in a series of guest opinions on the California state budget.

As a college student, and a working husband and father, I am concerned about the proposed rate increases for community college fees. The following are excerpts from a letter I sent to Gov. Gray Davis about the increases.

Dear Gov. Gray Davis,

I am writing this letter to voice my opinion on the proposed increase in fees for the Community colleges. I am a taxpaying, registered voter, a resident of the state, and a full-time student attending classes at Fresno City College.

While I agree that raising fees may help with a part of the budget deficit, I don't agree with the amount. The current proposal of raising rates from \$11 a unit to \$24 a unit is an increase of 118 percent. This is higher than the proposed increases at the state college level.

The Legislative Analyst Office has stated that "A higher fee obviously could affect middle-income and high-income students, but these students, by definition, have more ability to pay the higher fee. Because these students by definition are not financially needy, their decision not to enroll should not be considered a denial of access, but rather a choice they make about the benefit they will receive from community college classes."

I personally fall into this category of student. Although I recognize the benefit that I will receive from obtaining a higher education, the reality is, I have a house payment, car payment, child-care expenses, as well as normal everyday living expenses.

With tuition being only \$11 per unit, I am able to structure my budget to accommodate this cost. If the rates are doubled, I would only be able to afford to take half as many classes as I am currently taking, which would result in a financial struggle for a longer period of time to reach my goal of obtaining a degree.

Community college is a steppingstone for those just starting out in college, as well as a place for those of us looking to change careers, or increase our knowledge. By doubling the fees, you run the risk of not only losing students fresh out of high school, but also those who might have never finished college, and were thinking of going back.

I know that I don't have the answers to solve this crisis, but I don't feel that the future of this state should suffer because of the mistakes of the past. The students currently attending college are the potential future leaders of this state. Let's not leave them behind.

Brent Moe is a nursing student at Fresno City College.

Editorial

In the Fresno area, when you ask someone who is going to college, "Where do you go?" you get an interesting answer.

You'll get a statement of "I'm going to STATE" or "Well, I'm going to City."

When you talk to people about why they attend Fresno City College, you'll often hear, "I'm just getting my academic requirements out of the way."

FCC is not often given enough credit for what it does for Fresno.

FCC trains a good percentage of the work force. Mechanics, business and management, construction and janitorial certification programs are just a few of them.

These certificate and A.S. professions make up a great deal of the backbone of Fresno's industrial

work force. Some of these students will work in Fresno, others will go to work in the greater San Joaquin Valley.

The construction programs are another big source of support for Fresno. FCC, in turn, supports Fresno and the Valley.

FCC does have 1,116 students who are transferring to four-year colleges. City provides these students a solid base to go to other places.

Transferring students along with other certification and AS degree students will graduate along with them.

We hope that when these students are asked what two-year college they went to, they will answer with pride "I went to Fresno CITY College."

News briefs

Jobs pay off through the ERC

FCC's Employment Resource Center has launched a website to publicize its job services. ERC also has two promotions in which students can win money by either preparing for or landing a job.

The center's website allows students to search and apply for jobs online. Students also can receive resume assistance and sign up for JobMail, an e-mail job notification service.

ERC is also sponsoring a Spring Resume Competition. Students can submit a resume and cover letter to the center by March 19 for a chance to win a cash prize of up to \$100.

For more information on the center, visit the ERC website at jobs.fresnocitycollege.edu.

FCC to sell Kids Day newspapers

FCC will celebrate Kids Day again this year, selling copies of a special edition of The Fresno Bee newspaper on campus and raising money to benefit Children's Hospital Central California.

In the annual event, scheduled for Tuesday, volunteers will sell copies of The Bee on campus and at three locations along Blackstone Avenue. The special edition will

contain stories about the children and staff of Children's Hospital in Madera and coupons good at local businesses.

The Kids Day edition will cost \$1. For more information on FCC's Kids Day activities, or to pre-order copies, contact the College Center at 265-5711.

ASG starts its elections process

With the vote about seven weeks away, Associated Student Government will soon kick off elections season at Fresno City College, making petitions available to interested candidates Thursday.

Candidates can pick up the petitions in the College Center starting Thursday. To be eligible for ASG office, students must hold a 2.0 minimum grade point average in at least six units and complete the petition and an elections packet by April 4.

Candidates must also attend a mandatory candidates' meeting April 8. ASG is looking to fill the following positions for next year: president, legislative vice president, executive vice president, president pro tempore, student trustee and 16 senators.

For information on ASG elections, contact the College Center at 265-5711 or ASG at 442-8275.

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Police log

From the files of the SCCC Police Department
Compiled by Veronica Rodriguez

Jan. 30

- Officer responded to vehicle hit and run, contacted subject, cited and released. Report taken.
- Officer observed suspicious vehicle in Parking Lot D, initiated traffic stop. Check showed vehicle stolen. Five juveniles arrested, cited, released to parents. Vehicle stored. Report taken.

Feb. 25

- Sergeant, officer dispatched to Lot S regarding disturbance. Check showed driver of one vehicle had suspended license. Driver arrested, cited, released. Report taken.
- DSO took a report regarding graffiti at Ratcliffe Stadium.
- DSO took a report regarding a stolen vehicle from Lot K.

Feb. 26

- Officer took report regarding noninjury hit and run.

Feb. 27

- Officer confiscated staff permit being used by student. Report was taken.

March 3

- Officer dispatched to Lot I regarding suspicious vehicle. Check showed disabled placard not authorized for use by driver. Driver arrested, cited, released. Report taken.
- Dispatcher took report regarding petty theft.

March 5

- Officer took report regarding theft at Oakhurst Center.
- Officer took report regarding vehicle burglary in Lot S.
- Sergeant took report regarding harassment of student.
- Officer took report regarding theft of book.
- DSO took report regarding vehicle burglary.

March 6

- Officers contacted individual with outstanding warrant out of Fresno County. Individual arrested, booked into Fresno County Jail. Report taken.

March 7

- Officer took late report regarding vehicle vandalism.
- Officer took report regarding theft of laptop computer from Admissions.

March 9

- DSO took a report regarding a vehicle hit and run in parking Lot A.

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Survey shows FCC students oppose war with Iraq

Many still undecided as war looms.

By Daniel Calleros

Special to the Rampage

A survey conducted by journalism students concluded that more than half of the Fresno City College students oppose President Bush's resolution to attack Iraq.

The result of the survey indicates that 53 percent of the student body opposes attacking Iraq, 28 percent favor a military intervention, and the remaining 19 percent do not hold a strong position on whether to attack or wait for a change in the situation.

Fear for a dear one's life, uncertainty of the future, divergent convictions, and many other factors influence the students' support on a military action in Iraq.

The thought of a possible draft causes apprehension. Lorena Lopez says, "I fear they do a draft. I have family members that'd have to go to war."

For a similar reason, Nanci Sumaya-Martinez, president of the Associated Student Government, admits, "What scares me is the draft. I worry about my 21-year-old son." These two reactions are far from isolated; many others also have friends, family, and significant others to miss if they were not to see them again.

Architecture major Pao Yang has a cousin in the Navy, among other family members. He would like to join a protest but his main concern now is his family. He said, "I don't want them to go and not come back."

A percentage of the students polled who opposed an attack also expressed that they did not consider appropriate the procedures taken in the matter and label President Bush's alleged reasons for an attack as lies. "The war Bush wants isn't about weapons and disarming Iraq, it's about the oil..." Mercedes Gomez says.

Many students, Jessica Zamora for one, registered in a nursing program, think that a war would not solve the conflicting issues. "If anything, it's going to make things worse," Zamora said.

Other students consider that the main threat would not be Iraq. "I think North Korea's a much bigger problem than Iraq is," judges Paul Vandrick, an accounting major. He mentioned also the "bad economic effects" of a war and the adverse situation with "already high deficit."

Jacob Lunsford, a second-year student of mechanical engineering, worries about counterattacks from Iraq if a war does start. "I don't know exactly what it will be, but they'll get us with something."

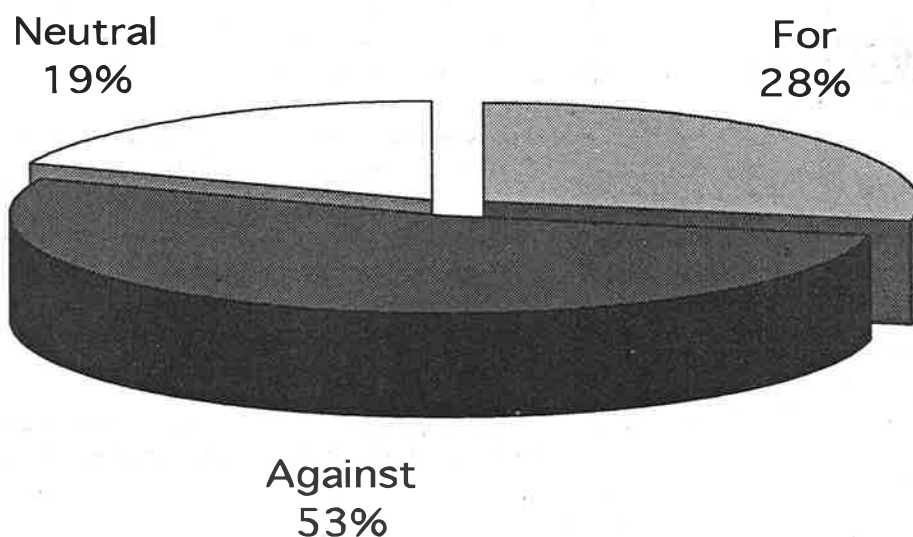
Finally, the lack of backing from the United Nations has students unwilling to support a war. Michael Johnson may even change his stance against a military intervention if the situation with the U.N. changed. "I'll be for the war if the U.N. gets involved, not if the U.S. does it alone."

On the other hand, some students think the only way to achieve peace is by force. Will, who declined to provide his last name and said he served 10 years in the armed forces, modernizes an old proverb and says, "...the only way to peace is through the barrel of a gun."

A good number of students know of people who may have to be in fighting on the fronts. "My stepbrother's in the war right now," discloses Heather Justice, "just to make our country clean."

Others, like Lilianna Robles, a student majoring in accounting and business administration, are willing to help in any way they might be able to and are not hesitant to say, "...if the U.S. needs my services, I'd be glad to help..."

Survey on War with Iraq



Graphic by Jen Langworthy

The reasoning that other students have to support President Bush's resolution is different, like that of Jose Espino. He alludes to the situation prior to World War II when France and England decided not to attack Adolf Hitler; he insists on stopping Iraq from powering up as Nazi Germany did.

The hate for Saddam Hussein also motivates feelings supporting war. Eddie Arellano, a second-year liberal arts major who enjoys playing guitar, thinks the main purpose in a war with Iraq would not be for the disposal of weapons, or subdue the belligerent dictator that rules Iraq, but rather to eliminate him.

He confided that he has a friend in the Marines based in San Diego who has been expecting to go to war. "He's actually eager to go."

A smaller percentage of those polled think a war would change nothing and would rather not get involved. "We've done that before [attack Iraq], and everyone got

scared, but nothing really changed," remembers Janae Stratford.

There are also those who find themselves "on the fence about it," as Steve Gonzalez, a student with an undecided major who has several friends in the military, said.

Others, like Soutchay Tayvihane, have a neutral view in the matter because they have never experienced a war. She would help however, "perhaps as a nurse's aid or something."

Religious beliefs also keep people on the margins. Fariborz Golestani is convinced that a non-partisan stance is the best. "I believe in peace...I'm not permitted to participate in any politics because when you're on one country's side, you're against the other's side."

Many others, like Nina Sherman and Juan Martinez, keep on praying for an end to the frictions and a safe return of those who are already abroad.

The concerns the vast majority

of interviewees showed were apprehension with tuition costs, the rising prices of gasoline, and the ongoing economic problems. Vanessa Pamatmat summarizes these concerns by saying, "Tuition prices will continue to rise, price of gasoline, cost of living, we as students will not be able to afford anything."

Shanyka Else worries about the already existing deficit and says "...it'd be harder for students to pay for school. All the budget would go to support the war."

The loss of innocent lives, students said, however is at the epicenter of the tremulous situation regardless of the economic repercussions a war with Iraq may have.

These students in the Journalism 3 news reporting class participated in conducting this survey: Rachel Bartel, Jeff Ervin, Peter Jones, Jenny Langworthy, Erika Razo, Kim Tamashiro, Franchesca Thomas, and Raymond Valenzuela.



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Competition takes history out of the classroom

By Latasha Ball

Rampage reporter

Stepping out of the classroom and into a more interactive atmosphere, Fresno County's History Day competition will take place at Fresno City College.

This program takes learning from a textbook one step further and challenges students from grades four to 12 to test what they really know about history. It applies what they've learned through creating historical papers, original drama performances, creative historical websites, imaginative exhibits and posters related to the annual theme.

"I've seen everything from the history of Barbie dolls to decorative veterans of Fresno," said Jeff Torstensen, FCC's social-science division secretary who serves as a liaison for the event.

There are three divisions to the competition: the junior division, which consists of grades six through eight; the senior division, which consists of grades nine through 12; and the poster category, which is for fourth and fifth grades only. Students are rewarded by continuing to state and national competitions.

"In the past we've sent several groups [to] go to nationals at the University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland," said Cindy Perkovich, world-history teacher at Clovis West High School.

"I'm entering 30 projects ranging from performances to websites," said Tom Murry,

history teacher at Bullard Talent.

Students are free to be as creative as possible, and in the process they learn skills that are fundamental to their educational experience. "It's good competition and it teaches them organization skills and teaches them to write good papers," said Murry.

"We liked working together and improving our typing skills on having to type all the research and finding the pictures," said Shane McKeighan, a fourth-grader at Liddell Elementary School doing a poster on the religious rights of Native Americans.

For some students who have a hard time comprehending what they've learned in the classroom, History Day gives them an opportunity to visually see what a textbook cannot explain.

"When students are doing this, they're not using their textbooks. It's more hands-on and they learn through groups and projects what we've created for them to do," said Kathy Pinasco, a library media teacher at Liddell.

Pinasco also hopes this experience will change the way students look at learning about history. "Hopefully when they get to seventh grade, they will have a different perspective about history," Pinasco said.

Not only do students benefit from History Day, but teachers also have a chance to learn new facts about unfamiliar topics and the competition helps students have fun making new discoveries about a school subject. "I learn and grow with the students and watching them get excited about history is pretty amazing," said Pinasco.

"I'll be reading their history papers and see facts that I wasn't really aware of," said Perkovich.

"I never knew that the Colorado River's water is very polluted and now we have to be more careful about using the water said

Shivani Patel, a fourth-grader at Liddell whose History Day topic is "Water Rights and the Central Valley."

History Day provides themes for each competition — this year it's "Rights and Responsibilities in History" — but students have the opportunity to pick whatever topic they want to explore.

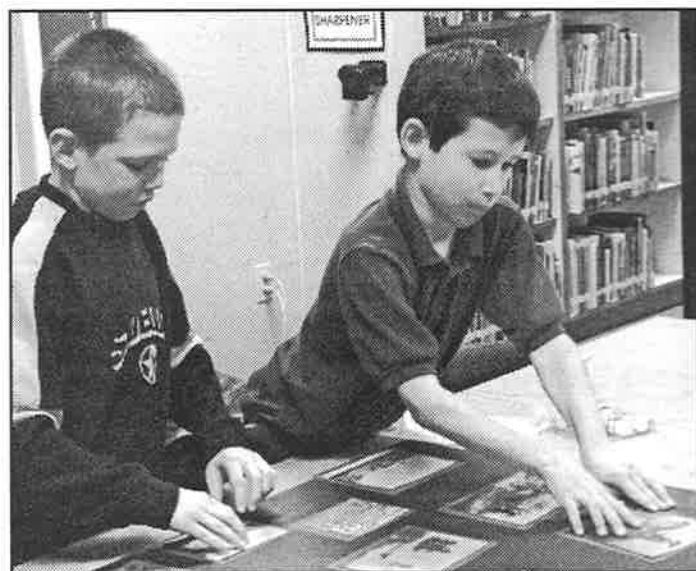
"We choose our topic because we thought it would be very interesting to find out about the water we're using and how careful we have to be with polluted water," said Alexandra Oliver, a fellow fourth-grader at Liddell working with Patel on the water-rights topic.

Patel and Oliver are competing in the poster category and wanted a topic that would stand out above the rest. "I wanted to win and I also wanted our topic to be different," said Patel.

These are projects that require a lot of the students' time and dedication towards their topics. "I've been working on it since November or December," said Kaleb Neufeld, a fourth-grader at Liddell whose poster project is on "Rights and Responsibilities of Athletes in History."

Many participants felt FCC was a perfect place to house the competition, offering space and unforgettable experiences for students.

"I think it's great that Fresno City Col-



Clay Albertson and Shane McKeighan, both fourth-graders at Liddell Elementary School, paste their History Day poster.

lege lets us use their school because we have whole classrooms to do the projects in and the gym for awards," said Murry.

"I think it's good because it is a big place that can hold a lot of people and it's interesting to see other displays," said Oliver.

Torstensen, who has been in charge of the competition at FCC for four years, felt the competition's location at FCC was a natural choice. "Being the oldest community college and the oldest history day in the state, it runs hand in hand," Torstensen said.

"The college and the history around it are very historical. I like taking the students back to the history of the city as well as the homes and buildings there," said Pinasco.

Going to FCC is also an experience that students can always remember. "The students also like going to Fresno City College because it makes them feel big," said Murry.

New trustee lends experiences as FCC student to board

By Gerard Morel

Rampage reporter

Isabel Barreras is the newest trustee on the State Center Community College District's board. Barreras successfully secured a seat on the board in November with hard work during a challenging campaign.

Barreras is a Fresno City College alumna, working toward her

teaching credential at California State University, Fresno. She holds a full-time position as an adminis-

trative assistant with Madera Unified School District while raising her family.

Barreras was not the typical trustee candidate. Barreras found enough time in her busy schedule to campaign for the seat vacated last year by Ron Manfredi in Area 1 —

SCCCD's constituency in Madera County and northeastern Fresno County.

Barreras, like the other six members on the board, must live within the geographic boundaries of her area, but is elected at-large by voters in SCCC's four-county region. While Barreras hails from Area 1, she represents the entire district's interests.

Most people might find that raising a family, taking night classes and working full-time would leave one with little time to do anything else. But Barreras found the time to campaign and was not discouraged by the challenge of another responsibility.

"The campaign was not difficult but it was challenging trying to juggle a full-time job, classes at FSU and caring for my family, but it was well worth it," Barreras said.

Providing the best possible education and facilities for the students in her area and all the schools of

the SCCC are just two student needs that she plans to improve. Barreras hopes that her background as a former FCC student will help in having a thorough understanding of the diverse student population's needs.

"Knowing firsthand as a student and understanding the importance about a quality education, recognizing and seeing the needs of re-entry students as well as regular students will help me in making sure that the students' needs are being met," Barreras said.

Addressing the students' and faculty's needs is an interest of all trustees. Seeing that those needs are met is a diplomatic process, and Barreras plans on going on-site to visit all of SCCC's campuses. She welcomes the opportunity and will make every effort to speak with students to address their immediate needs.

Barreras has set some modest goals for the district. She wants all

campuses to be safe and secure for all students and staff, increasing the number of students transferring to a four-year school and providing equitable wages for all employees.

"I will try to provide the best possible education and facilities for the students," Barreras said.

Barreras believes fairness and honesty will help her make equitable decisions. The students and fellow board members will depend on her not losing sight of serving

in a capacity that is conducive with her community.

FCC President Ned Doffoney spoke of the importance of trustees to students that they represent. "A trustee must have certain requirements like a high education, a dedication for the community and a certain affinity for education," he said.

"Honesty and fairness, representing students and all employees, is why I was elected to serve my community," Barreras said.



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Theatre Arts shines spotlight on students

By Erika Razo

Rampage reporter

Fresno City College theatre department not only offers dramas, but opportunities and hands on experience.

"Students gain confidence, skills, and the ability to be team players," said Charles Erven, FCC theatre arts instructor.

Erven added that students who get involved in the arts, whether it be music, dance or theater, statistically score higher on the Scholastic Aptitude Test and other tests, because their minds work in rhythm and patterns that allow them to think differently.

Unfortunately, many students think that the theatre arts department only emphasizes acting classes, and is geared only toward theater arts majors.

The theatre arts department offers a number of different fields and career choices. Students don't even have to be theatre arts majors to take the classes or to participate in dramas.

"Lighting, set construction, costume design, and technical design, are just a few choices that are part of the theater department," said Erven.

Starting Thursday, FCC theatre arts students will be performing the play "The Waverly Gallery" by

Kenneth Lonergan. The famous playwright Lonergan has not only created dramas, but is also the screenwriter of the comedic film "Analyze This." He also wrote the screenplay for the recently released film "Gangs of New York."

"The Waverly Gallery" is a comic-drama about the final years of a grandmother's battle against Alzheimer's disease.

The show, which is directed and designed by faculty, is put together and performed by about 20 FCC students.

"The students are the actors, the lighting technicians....They do pretty much everything," said Erven.

Chris Uhrle, a freshman here at FCC said, "I've never been in any performances and I've learned so much....I've gained a lot of experience."

Uhrle, who is still undecided on his major, plays an artist in the comic drama.

Ben Bull, a theatre arts and film major said, "I've learned so much here, I think this department is more professional, compared to other places in town."

Bull added "I've really learned how to be a better director."

"Students who are involved in these programs are far more advanced when they transfer to other schools," said Erven.

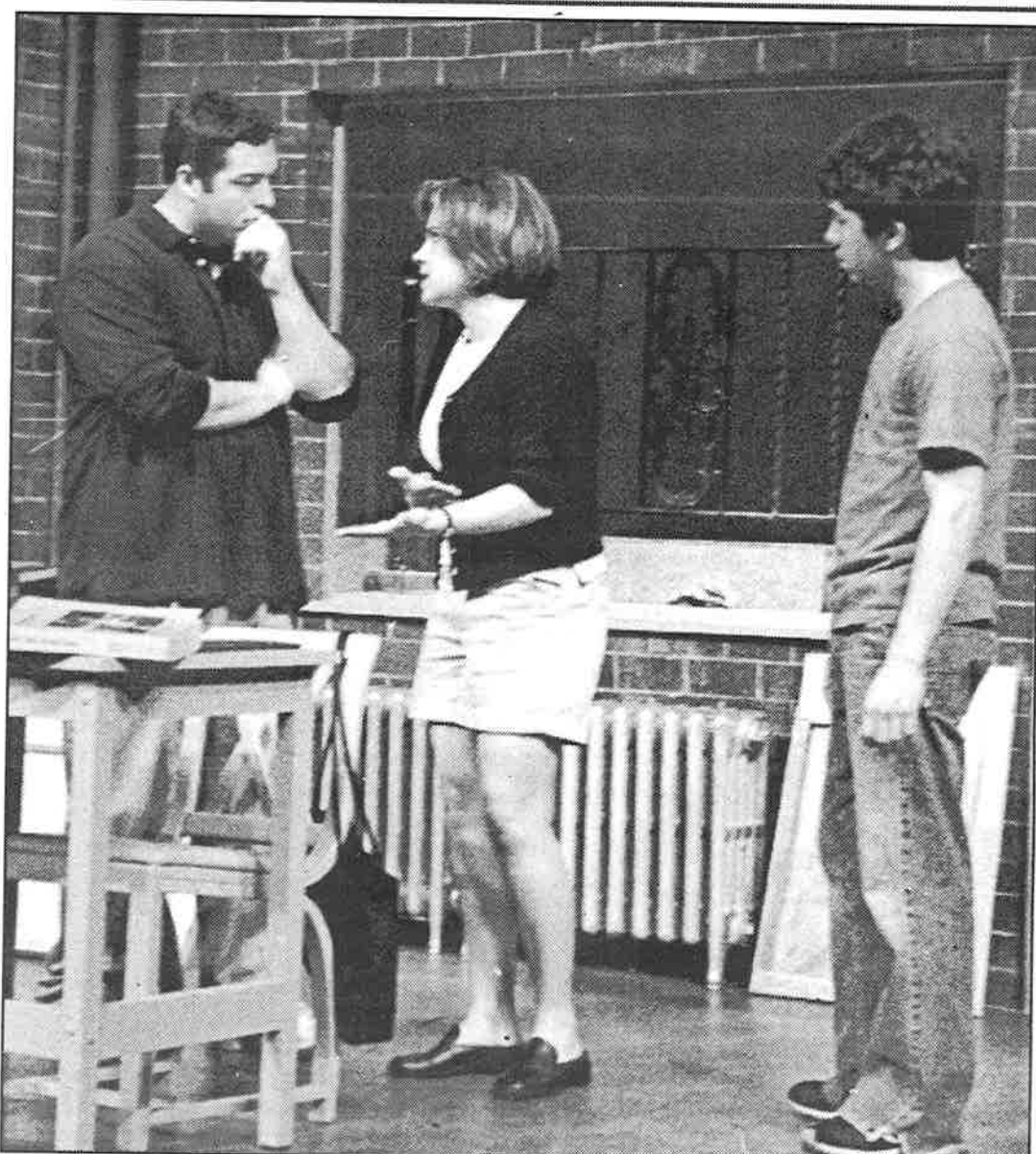


Photo by Tiffany Brisendine

Three FCC Theatre Arts students rehearse lines for a scene from "The Waverly Gallery," which premieres Thursday. FCC Theatre Arts department offers students many opportunities for creativity.

The theatre arts department is just one of many choices that FCC

offers. With all the opportunities in this particular department students

are given the chance to explore different paths within the same field.

Campus calendar

Arts

New Works by Jim Shepard and Suzanne Sloan Lewis — through Saturday, Art Space Gallery

"The Waverly Gallery" Theater Production — 7:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Saturday; 7:30 p.m., March 20 and 21; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., March 22; Theatre

FCC Concert Band & Orchestra Combo — 7:30 p.m., March 25, Theatre

FCC Jazz Festival — 7:30 p.m.; instrumental concert, March 27; vocal concert, March 28; Theatre

"Ain't No Stopping Us Now!" Annual Student Show — April 3 to May 10, Art Space Gallery

Brass Bash — 7:30 p.m., April 7, Theatre

FCC High School Drama Festival — April 9, Theatre

"The Many Moods of Music" Community Concert Band — 7:30 p.m., April 11, Theatre

College Activities

Club Rush — 10 a.m.; March 26, Fountain Area; April 10, Free Speech Area

Asian-American Week — March 30 to April 5, campuswide

• Asian Cultural Village — 10 a.m., March 30, Free Speech Area

• Asian-American Week Welcome/Music — 11 a.m., March 31, Free Speech Area

• Asian-American Documentaries — 2 p.m., March 31 to April 4, College Center

• Asian Film Festival — 3 p.m.; March 31 to April 4; Forum Hall

• Karaoke Night — 6 p.m., March 31, Staff Dining Room

• Asian Food Sale — 11 a.m., April 1, Free Speech Area

• Asian Poetry Reading — 11 a.m., April 2, Student Lounge

• Asian Games — 1 p.m., April 2, Free Speech Area

• Asian-American Celebration Night — 7 p.m., April 2, Theatre

• Asian-American Volleyball Tournament — noon, April 3, Free Speech Area

• Panel of Japanese-American Internees — 11 a.m., April 4, Theatre

• Celebration of Martial Arts — 10 a.m., April 5, Gym

• Spring Blood Drive — 9 a.m.,

April 2, College Activities Area
FCC Showcase — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., April 10, campuswide

Events

Career Center Workshops — 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, "Self-Assessment"; 5 p.m., Tuesday, and 1:30 p.m., March 19, "Vocational Exploration"; 5 p.m., March 25, and 1:30 p.m., March 26, "Career Decision-Making"; Student Services Building, upper level

"The Research Revolution: Science and the Shaping of Modern Life" Discussion Series on Biodiversity — 7 p.m., Thursday, Forum Hall Room 101

Fresno County History Day — 1 p.m., Saturday, Cafeteria

Kids Day — Tuesday, campuswide

Track & Field Central Valley Conference Championships — March 26, Ratcliffe Stadium

Disability Awareness Day — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., April 10

Intramurals

3-on-3 Soccer Tournament — 10 a.m., March 21, North Field

2-on-2 Volleyball Tournament — 10 a.m., April 11, Free Speech Area

Public Affairs

SCCCD Board of Trustees Meeting — 4:30 p.m., April 1, Reedley College

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Rally, Continued from page 1

The ASG president typifies the atypical situations of community-college students that march participants hope will be heard at the rally. Formerly on public assistance, Sumaya-Martinez has thrived at FCC while balancing a job and family.

"\$11 is a big difference to me," Sumaya-Martinez said. "You've got a lot of kids that are young, single parents...you've got those people that are caught in the middle."

Organizers of the trip cited several issues of student concern, so ASG scheduled a workshop Wednesday morning in the school senate chambers to help FCC students polish their messages to their state legislators before getting on the bus.

"The goal of the workshop is to inform students so that when they go to Sacramento, they know what the issues are, and they know what's going on," said George Kutnerian, FCC's student trustee on the State Center Community College District board.

Kutnerian said that ASG plans to visit state Sen. Dean Florez and Assemblymember Sa-

rah Reyes in Sacramento — FCC lies in both of their districts — so the FCC delegation can deliver the appropriate verbal or written message about the college's concerns.

Among those concerns are student-services programs, including Disabled Students Programs and Services and, which could see statewide cuts of more than 40 percent next year. "In my estimation at least, those are essential programs for students," Kutnerian said of DSPS and other programs at FCC.

Kutnerian also worried about the added effect of proposed enrollment fee increases. "To me what that equates to is students not being able to attend Fresno City College next year, and to me that's problematic," Kutnerian said.

Other districts have taken strict steps to balance their own budgets. College of the Sequoias trustees voted in closed session last week to cut the equivalent of 85 full-time instructors next year, affecting all major areas of instruction.

Opponents of the cuts have criticized trustees for a possible violation of the Ralph Brown Act, the state law requiring open government meetings.

Sequoias President Kamiran Badrkhan, however, told The Visalia Times-Delta that trustees named specific employees with regard to layoffs. This is significant because school boards frequently discuss personnel matters in closed session, within the rules of the Brown Act.

Ventura County Community College District trustees voted last month to send layoff notices to all full-time faculty members. The three-college district faced a state deadline to issue the layoffs, but Ventura County can still reinstate the instructors by May 15.

At SCCC, which administers FCC, trustees did not announce layoffs at their March 4 board meeting, but the district has until Saturday to legally issue layoffs for next year. The most recent state chancellor's reports show that SCCC has more than 1,900 total employees.

An event flier being circulated by the Community College League of California and other supporters urges the state to "keep the doors open" at community colleges. "Don't slam the doors on 200,000 students," the flier reads.

The California Student Association of

Community Colleges, a student-government group, recently announced on its website 20 participating schools throughout California lending about 7,000 marchers to the event. FCC's bus to Sacramento will hold about 47, Sumaya-Martinez said.

Students at Reedley College, FCC's sister community college within the district, are also trying to fill a bus to go to Sacramento. "So obviously they're concerned [with] some of the same concerns," Kutnerian said.

Support for the march has grown so much in recent weeks that organizers have now planned a mile-long route, beginning in West Sacramento at a baseball stadium and spanning the Capitol Mall in Sacramento to the state Capitol.

"It's a great opportunity for community-college students throughout the state to express their concerns and displeasure about the budget situation, and it's a great opportunity for community-college students to gather in large numbers," Kutnerian said.

"We've got to do what we've got to do," Sumaya-Martinez said. "That's why we're going up there, to fight for our rights for an affordable education."

Fair, Continued from page 1

together, experience history and have fun doing it."

Actors portrayed historical re-enactments of 16th-century life in England during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. The queen's subjects debated war with Spain in a confrontation outside the west lawn — fenced off for the event — but eventually the queen decreed to go to war.

Throughout the west lawn fairgrounds, knights in full suits of armor did battle against one another, jesters amused visitors with juggling and magic acts, and belly dancers drew large crowds with their sensual and rhythmic dancing.

The queen finally arrived on the festival scene at noon with a procession that spanned almost the entire length of the west lawn.

Although State Center Community College District police officers provided security at the Renaissance

Festival, St. Gregory's Keepers of Royal Justice lent their own services to help keep order at the event.

For a small price, the St. Gregory guild members had fairgoers arrested and tortured in the stock or the rack on behalf of another visitor. The accused would be tried in a mock trial, found guilty, then tortured.

The rack was the most popular torture device. The device is meant to stretch one's limbs clean off. Once securely strapped down, the guilty party was read his or her rights and then would be tickled into submission.

Jay Hoffman, a guild master who preferred to be identified as Captain Morgan, said the rack was his favorite torture device and spoke very highly of it. "It turns short people into basketball players, its fun for everyone involved, especially us," Hoffman said.

Michael Butler has been the director of the Renaissance Festival at FCC since the fair's inception. "Edu-

cating the children about history, while having fun doing it and helping the Marjaree Mason Center is most rewarding," said Butler, "not to mention that it's a lot of fun."

Twenty percent of the ticket sales and 10 percent of the vendors' profits at the fair are donated to the Marjaree Mason Center, a Fresno organization that aids victims of domestic violence and their families. The center has helped abused partners and their families since 1979.

The Renaissance fair has been associated with the MMC for three years. Donations have yielded an average of more than \$5,000 annually for the center and its various programs.


In previous years, the Renaissance Festival donated proceeds to Central Valley AIDS Team, a now-defunct nonprofit organization in Fresno.

Organizers encouraged festival visitors to bring in nonperishable

food items as a donation to the MMC, in exchange for a \$1 discount on admission. The center held an information booth during the Renaissance Festival, with volunteers who helped answer questions and passed out pamphlets about the MMC.

"The Ren Fair is unique to the MMC because it is not set up by us and the donations include nonperishable food items, and it is an enjoyable experience," said Vivien St. Louis, spokeswoman for the center.

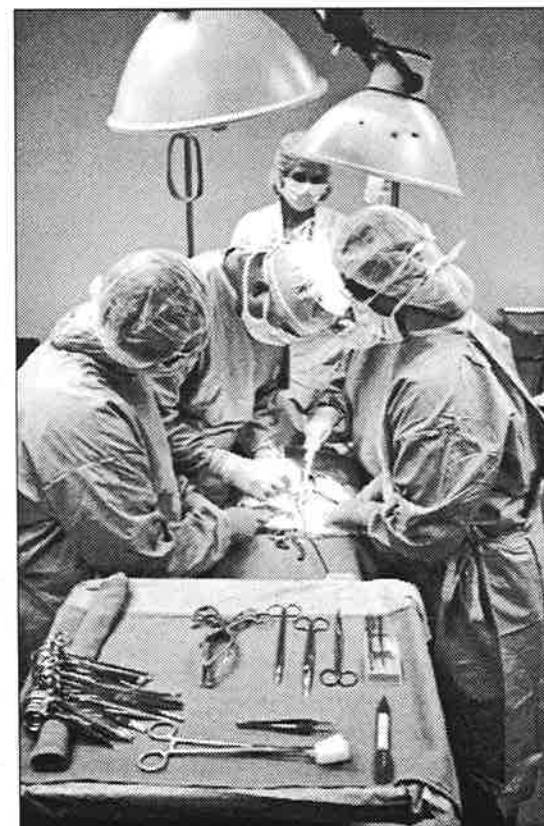
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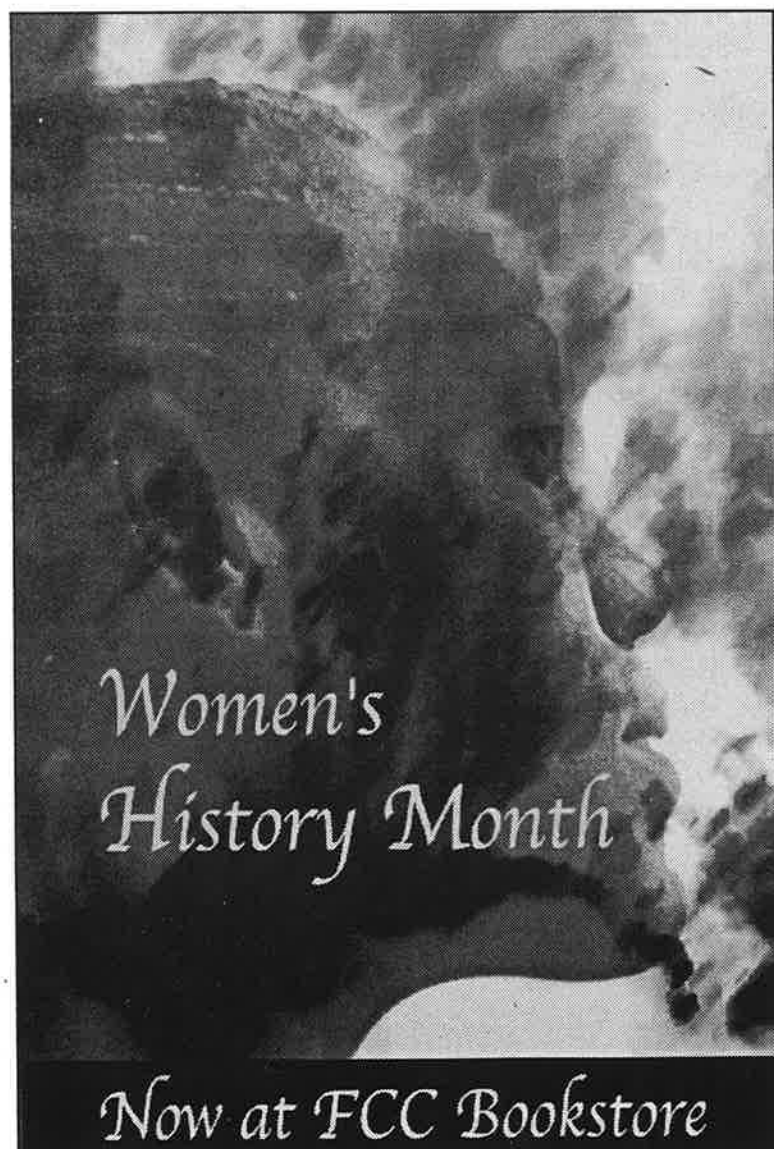
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Depression could have been prevented

Columbine — it has been nearly four years, yet the name still rings a tone, one of fear and of misunderstandings and of hatred. However, is the hatred ever needed at all? We worry about terrorists outside our own country, and yet the one thing that we overlook every day of our lives happens to be what is inside of our own country.

We look back and yet we do not learn. What is the point of looking back if not to learn at all? That is why we have history classes. Yet, the only thing that we ever do in a history class is look at the distant past, not the near past.

I know the near past is written about in books, but do we ever get to look at it before the end of a school year?

In all the years that I have at-

tended school and had history classes, not once has it ever shown what the near past was like.

The only time we ever take a look at the near past is if we happen to have some major event happen that forces us to continue to look at the near past.

Yet for those who actually do look at the near past, study it, look toward the future and see patterns that are about to take place and try to stop them, what happens?

Things go crazy, and the ones that are left with the blame in the end are the members of the Central Intelligence Agency to say why did not they try to prevent those things from happening in the first place.

For one thing, they cannot take care of everything that happens to cross them. Plus the fact that when they do know about something, unless it happens to be time critical, they would next to never get to it in time.

Another problem they have is that they have to rely on us to let them know what in the world is

going on. Yeah, you read right, they have to rely on us. However, when they have no information to go on, they have to go on what they can and more often than not they do not have the right information and as a result, things tend to go seriously wrong.

Cults are understandable. For one thing, they are usually led by a nut case that happens to think something that he is not at all.

However, the other side of the coin is that children are involved with these incidents that happen. The people that are dealing with these things tend to look the wrong way when it comes to how everything starts out.

The students that were interviewed for the Columbine incident were stating how the gun-toting student would often open or close off so that no one would understand all that was wrong.

The truth in the matter happens to run deeper than that. After all, several combinations could be attributed to what happened on that tragic day.

The entire thing could have been sparked off with the fact that the shooters had something deep down that no one ever bothered to think about, or it could have been something from home that had done it.

What if it happens to be something else, something so deep that the kids would have such hatred, that no one would ever think to ask them. The ones I am talking about are the fellow students that were with those that had gone on the rampage in the first place.

No one had ever thought that they might have been the cause of the entire situation. For every school that is around the United States.

They have a problem that so far just about everyone has to deal with. The only thing is that no one knows how to properly deal with this problem.

The thing is that it happens to stem all sorts of other problems as well. From depression to eating disorders to thoughts of suicide, the kind of thing that people start to wonder about.

The thing is that all of the clues are there, but no one ever thinks to look there for thinking that it might be something else entirely.

After all, one of the biggest clues for someone about to commit suicide is that they would willingly give one of their precious items to someone else.

When someone gets an eating disorder, then tend to go either way, they just stop eating, or they just continue to keep eating left and right and hardly ever stop at all.

Depression is a hard subject because it happens to be hard to spot unless one knows what to look for.

I know a person that is constantly being left out of just about everything, is almost being looked over for everything, and feels like the world does not see him any more.

That is the hard part for him, and that is what many of those kids might end up feeling when it comes to anything in their lives.

After all, if one does not look in the right places, one will never know what is really going on.



Felix Sanchez
Rampage reporter
Opinion

Mardi Gras puzzles me

What's the deal with Mardi Gras? When I asked people from school, work, and home why Mardi Gras was celebrated, not one person could get down to the real meaning, or originality of the day. The common answers

I had received were; "I believe it had originated from the Greeks," "It's for Catholics before they fast," "It's just a tradition," "I don't know," "For fun I guess." Personally I don't know why Mardi Gras exist.

I can think of at least two reasons as for why Mardi Gras is celebrated. First, I think people use Mardi Gras

as an excuse to party. Nobody ever has money, but with a case like this some how they find it like for any other holiday. It makes people want to be able to go all out and do

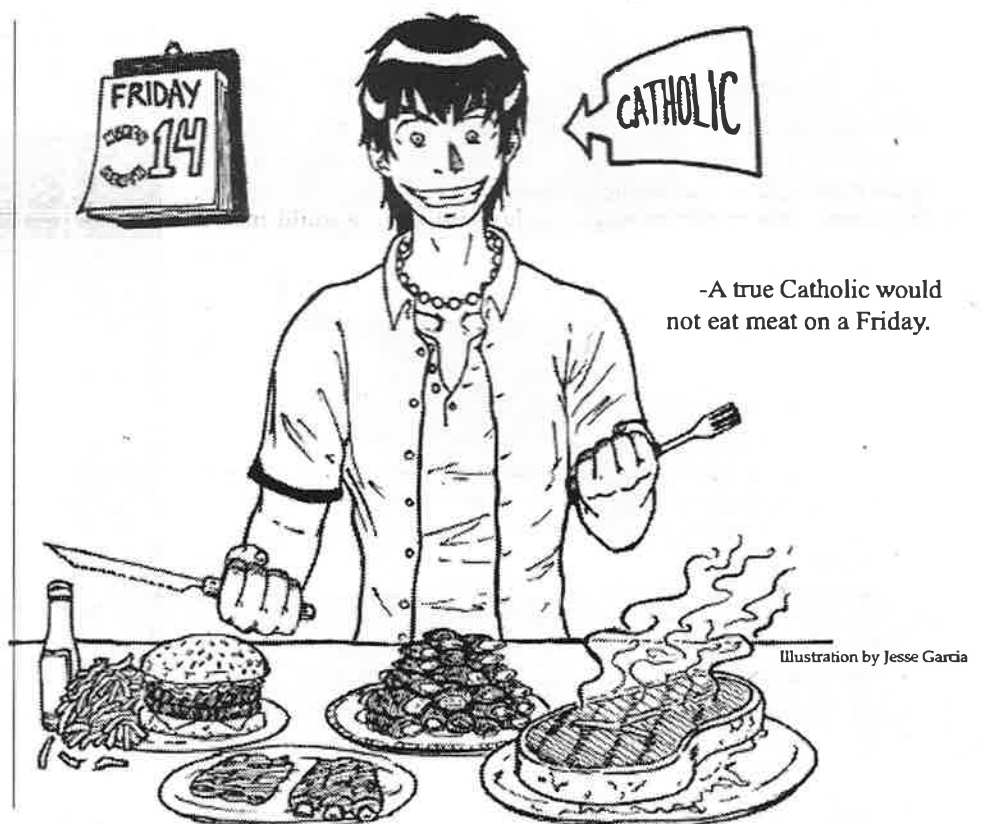
bizarre things. They buy new outfits, all the alcohol they can afford, condoms, beads, and new bras, just for this day.

I think people use Mardi Gras for the excuse to act scandalous, immoral, and perverted. If you've ever been to a Mardi Gras party you know what I'm talking about. Girls are flashing their boobs around; guys are feeling on girls, everyone is drunk and much more.

Maybe Mardi Gras does have a meaning, but I think it's been lost. I think that at the bottom of all of this there is a good enough reason for all of this. All the partying, drinking, and beads completely throw me off track. I'm not saying that Mardi Gras should not exist. What I'm saying is that it's seems like every year, more and more people are losing their morality, and meaning of what we believe in. I respect those that know why they celebrate Mardi Gras. I feel that it's pointless to celebrate it, if it's not being celebrated with its original meaning.



Cynthia Martinez
Rampage reporter
Opinion



FRESNO CITY COLLEGE Campus Voices

By Theresa Carr

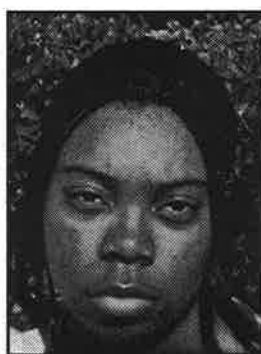
If you had to give up something for Lent, what would you choose to sacrifice



Sara Blanco
"When I was a kid I gave up candy."



Maria Garza
"I gave up junk food."



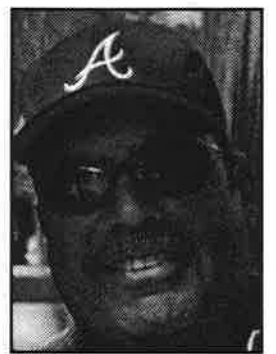
Tonya Morehead
"Coffee, it's easy, I don't drink it."



Denisha Whittle
"I would give up big clubbin' bomb parties."



Andrew Lee
"I give up cheating and wild partying."



Richard Esparza
"Tobacco, snuff, Copenhagen, that stuff."

A step back to another time...



Photo by Lenetta Huxley

The Bawdy juggler, Adam Reed from Gardena, CA, makes a living by passing his hat at Renaissance fairs.



Photo by Pippa Watson

The Commoners on their way to get a glimpse of the Queen.



Photo by Josh Hires

The Ottoman Traders from Sacramento, CA, performed a gypsy dance for the crowd.



Photo by Lenetta Huxley

Left: Martin Collins, from Sanger, CA, left is sword fighting Timothy Galluzi, Mantica, CA, right



Photo by Lenetta Huxley

Lillian Owens from Kingsburg enjoys an ice cream at her third Renaissance Festival

Right: Arthur Stanley receives a dunking because of a debt owed to the local tavern.



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Left: Doctor Doolittle's Puppet Petting Zoo was a big hit with all the children.

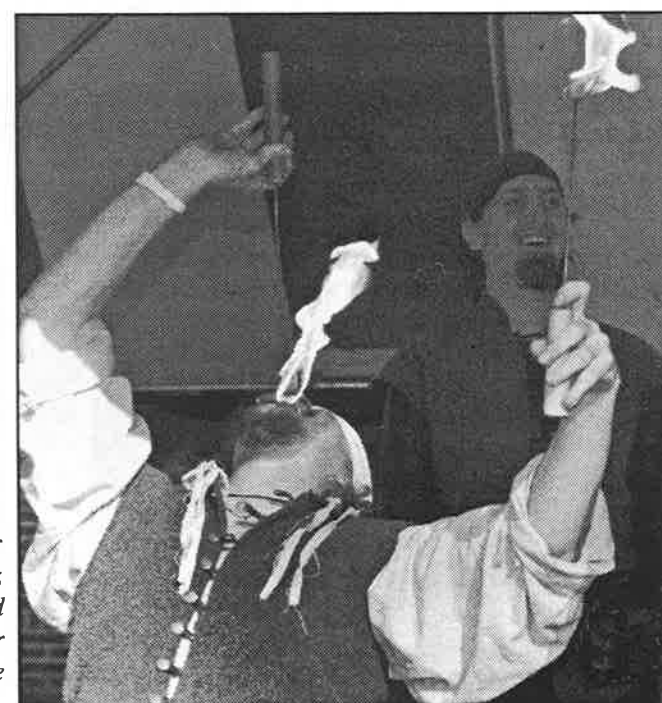


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Right: R. J., the fire eater, performs for the crowd while his partner Bogges watches the crowd's reaction.

Golden Boy expects to return



Photo by Luis Quezada

Oscar De La Hoya speaks to a crowd of 2,000 fans at Auto World, located on Blackstone, on Feb. 27 to thank them for their support.

By Luis Quezada
Entertainment editor

Oscar De La Hoya's three-day visit in Fresno after a nine-year period left the valley impacted.

De La Hoya presented "Fists of Gold," a boxing match consisting of at least three California talents: From Los Angeles, Jose Navarro, from Orosi, Juan Herrera and Fresno's Lisa Lewis.

The 30-year-old Golden Boy was occupied promoting this boxing presentation. De La Hoya's schedule was intense. He visited more than four radio stations and received coverage from local television stations and newspapers.

De La Hoya also united in City Hall with Mayor Alan Autry. Autry gave De La Hoya the key to the city and a plaque for his career. De La Hoya also assisted the cutting of the ribbon celebration to inaugurate Telefutera (Channel 41), the network that aired the boxing match.

The day before the scheduled event, Feb. 27, De La Hoya made a public appearance at Auto World on Blackstone. The weighing of the boxers took place under a tent in the parking lot. The event was scheduled to begin at five p.m., but it wasn't until 6 p.m. when the boxers finally appeared.

De La Hoya made his appearance shortly after, being escorted by at least four bodyguards. The more than 2,000 fans that were present began to scream. They were excited to see him after an anxious wait.

De La Hoya addressed a few words to the public and signed about 10 autographs. It was a flash madness, due to the intense photography that was being taken. Due to the rowdiness of the crowd, Oscar was rushed out five minutes later.

Many fans had hoped to be able to receive

an autograph and a possible picture with the idol.

Several men hoped his wife, Puerto Rican singer Millie Corretjer, would have accompanied De La Hoya.

Although De La Hoya made his wish to become a promoter reality, he has not decided to hang up his gloves yet. In May he will be in the ringside up against Yory Boy Campas. He also expects to program a match against Shane Mosley in September. De La Hoya hopes Felix "Tito" Trinidad, returns from his retirement, so he can give him a rematch.

Oscar received a golden medal during the 1992 Olympics. Due to this event in his life, is why he was nicknamed the Golden Boy. A street in Los Angeles was given his nick name as a form of honoring him.

De La Hoya has also been involved in mentoring children, so that they are also able to achieve their goals.

The boxers that he promotes are also encouraged to mentor. Oscar knows how important it is to have someone support another, because his mother passed away before he ever dreamed of becoming what he is today.

During De La Hoya's trip from Los Angeles to Fresno in a private jet he received a phone call from a film company that is interested in him making films. Oscar is considering this, when he retires from boxing.

The potential that the boxing match showed, with a turnout of approximately 5,107 fans present at the Selland Arena on Feb. 28, has made De La Hoya consider bringing events similar to "Fists of Gold" to Fresno in the near future.

After charges, R. Kelly dares to please fans again

The Chicago raised R&B singer R. Kelly is back at it again with his new album "Chocolate Factory", which includes the single "Ignition"-remix.

After being recently released from jail, Kelly makes a progressive comeback. It seems as if Kelly is a truthful classic. His album contains songs that make you want to dance, be ro-



Vetta Evans
Rampage reporter
Music Review

Artist: R. Kelly

Album: "Chocolate Factory"

Rating: ★★★★★ 1/2

mantic, as well as want to relax. The \$19.99 spent is nothing compared to the quality. The money was well spent.

Who knew that R. Kelly would get away from his alleged charges of child molestation and be able to reach the surface once again?

Many thought that because of his situation, he would not reach high album sales, because of his popularity decrease. No one expected him to come back stronger than ever.

The song "Imagine That" will instantly leave you in a trance. All you need to do is close your eyes and imagine that.

This album is definitely a hard hitter. Once you put the CD in and you won't be able to just walk away

Gallery brings waves of laughs



Photo by Tiffany Brisendine

From left, Dana Fouch, Carolyn Robertson, who plays Gladys the grandmother with Alzheimer's disease, and Benjamin Bull rehearse for their March 13 debut.

By Luis Quezada
Entertainment editor

Fresno City College is scheduled to present a comic-drama production by Kenneth Lonergan, which will explore the years of a grandmother's battle with the Alzheimer's disease.

"The Waverly Gallery" will begin Thursday, March 13, under the direction of Charles Erven, an FCC instructor.

The set of this production takes place in the late 1980's and early 1990's. The play contains two important aspects of life, which are change and isolation.

"The play is truthfully and unsentimentally presented that you can't help but be empathetic to these characters and the dilemma they are in," Erven said.

Although Alzheimer's is never mentioned in the production, it does present the perspective of a family that has to battle with a family

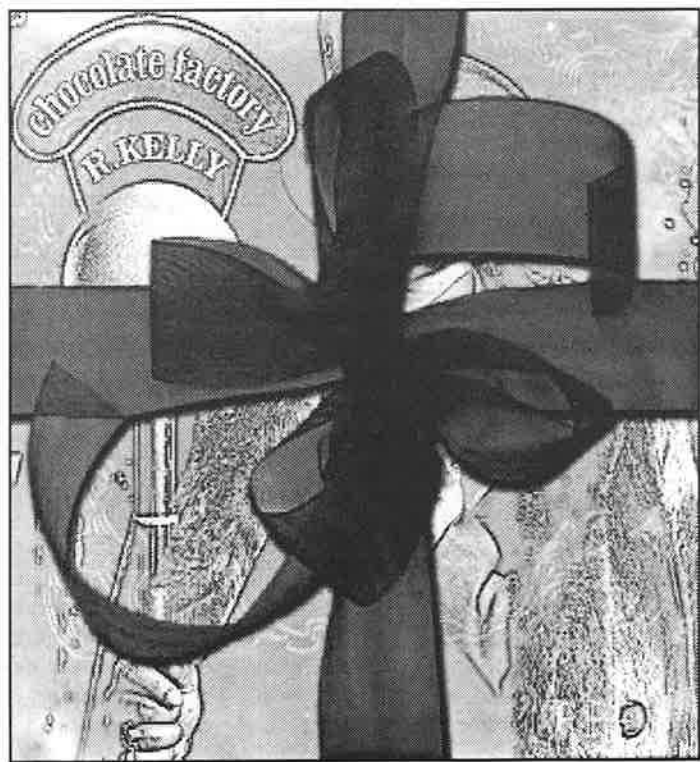
member who has the disease.

"The play forces you to consider your own situation. How would you respond to caring for the elderly? To your own mother or father?" Erven said.

Lonergan has earned a respected reputation as a playwright and screenwriter. He has been involved with the creation of several films, which include "Analyze This," "You Can Count On Me," which made him receive an Academy Award nomination for and the recently released film "Gangs Of New York."

"The Waverly Gallery" will be presented in the Theatre Main Stage, with shows running on March 13, 14, 15, 20, 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m.

The matinee will be March 15 and 22 at 2 p.m. The cost is \$10 to the general public and \$7 for students, seniors and groups. For more information call the FCC Box Office at 442-8221.



Strange Campus

by Zon Petilla

EPISODE IV: THE J.O. MENACE

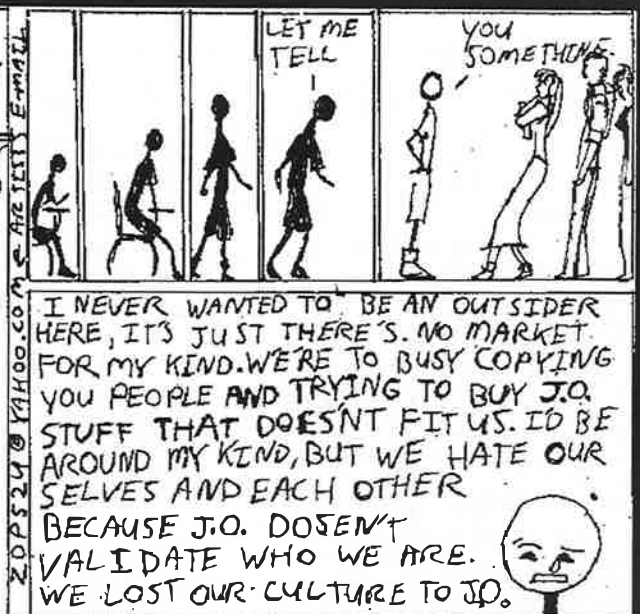
YOU BROUGHT ANIME INTO THIS COUNTRY AND YOUTH CULTURE WANTED MORE, SO J.O. TRANSLATES THE ANIME IN ORDER TO SELL SODA'S AND CLOTHES TO THEM. SURE YOU SELL THE PRESS "CULTURAL EXCHANGE," BUT I THINK YOU MIGHT BE THE SPY.



AND YOU'RE THE FIRST PERSON TO PAINT THE J.O. LOGO ON YOUR FACE. IT'S BAD ENOUGH THE COMPANY HAS YOU WAX AND PLUCK, BUT NOW GIRLS DON'T JUST WORRY ABOUT THE FIGURE BUT IF THE J.O. LOGO IS 2 C.M. IN THE RIGHT SPOT. FOR THIS PSYCHOLOGICAL COMPLEX, I THINK YOUR THE SPY.

ANY OF YOU THREE ARE IT. I'VE STOOD AS AN OUTSIDER WATCHING EVERY ONE. ONE OF YOU IS IT.

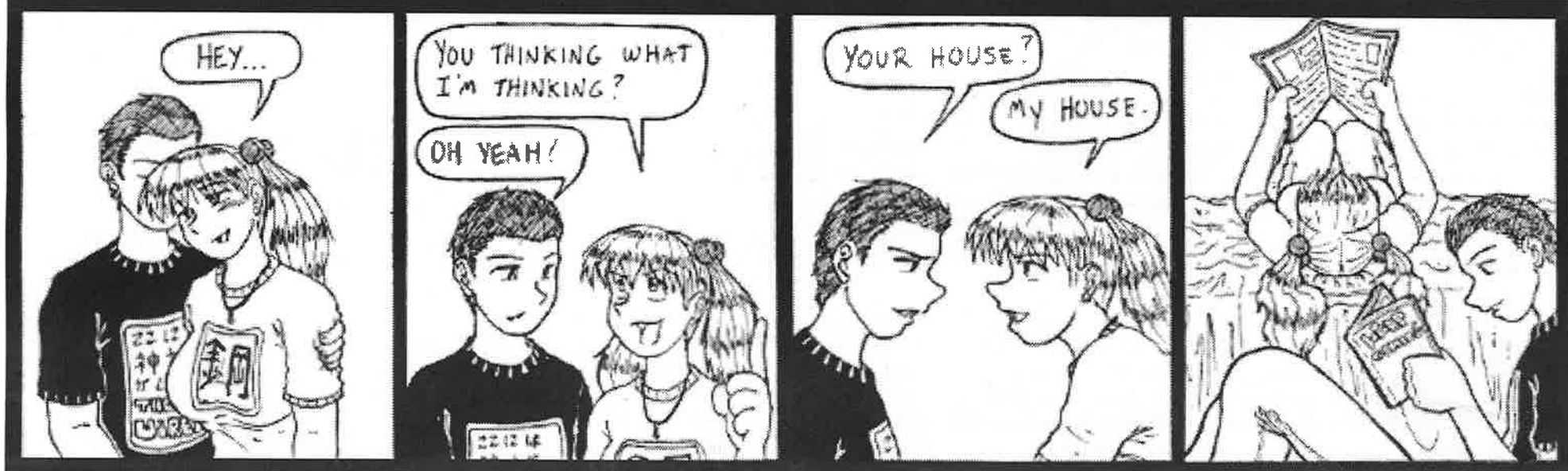
AND YOU'RE JUST AN ANGRY LITTLE STICK MAN, WITH TOO MUCH TIME ON HIS HANDS. BABBLING ON ABOUT SPIES THAT DON'T EXIST, GET SOME FRIENDS... LOSER.



I NEVER WANTED TO BE AN OUTSIDER HERE, IT'S JUST THERE'S NO MARKET FOR MY KIND. WE'RE TO BUSY COPYING YOU PEOPLE AND TRYING TO BUY J.O. STUFF THAT DOESN'T FIT US. I'D BE AROUND MY KIND, BUT WE HATE OURSELVES AND EACH OTHER BECAUSE J.O. DOESN'T VALIDATE WHO WE ARE. WE LOST OUR CULTURE TO J.O.

City Life

by Jesse Garcia



Crossword

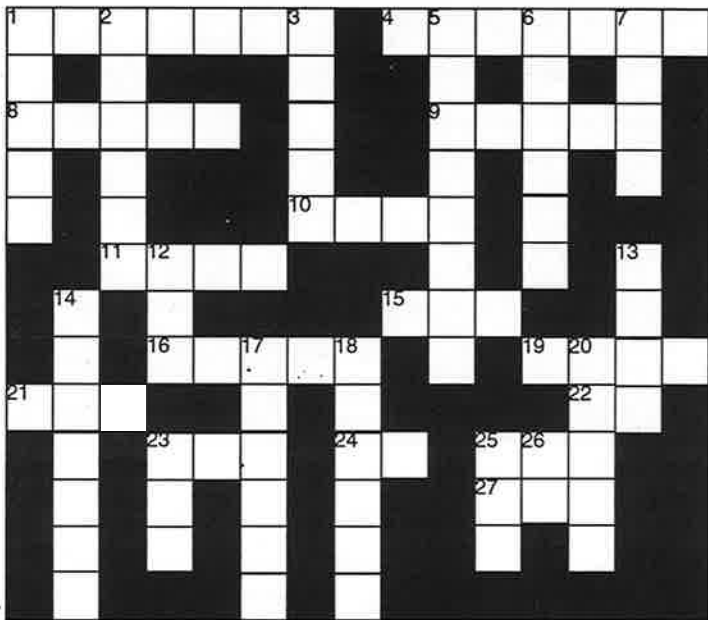
Horoscopes

By Theresa Carr

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1. A glorious absence of sophistication
4. Clothing and accessories
8. What guys are always looking for
9. Cavalry sword
10. Step on or over
11. Seaweed
15. Finish
16. Jewish priest
19. Used to measure land
21. What we breathe
22. Used to call attention
23. Necklace of flowers
24. Identification
25. Decline
27. How people get places

DOWN

1. Infected with rabies
2. Disembark
3. What gold content is measured in
5. Where the little old lady was from
6. Where monks live
7. Beige
12. Be or do wrong
13. Alter
14. What you do when you don't want to be heard
17. What the fisherman did to his hook
18. Type of Christmas lights
20. Type of venomous snake
23. British term for toilet
25. Repetition of sound
26. Bachelor of Arts

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19) You like to operate out of self-righteousness. It may feel safe, but there is danger when you get too complacent. Over the next month, your destination is increasingly clear. You make a fresh start when the Sun enters your Sign. The real you emerges: ambitious, assertive and ready for anything. Most of April is ripe with opportunities for your success.

TAURUS (Apr 20-May 20) You don't take kindly to sudden change and you readily stick to routine. Laugh away the things that once bothered you. Well-being blossoms into true contentment. You take great pleasure in pursuing and strengthening personal ties this month. The beauty of private, impossible dreams is that no one can really disprove them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) You are restless while the spring-cleaning bug is biting your behind. You throw out whatever you aren't using and start over again. Although you're known for your verbal skills, you need direct experiences. You're relating to reality in a new, safe and beneficial way.

CANCER (June 21-July) You pitfall is your emotions so carry your recent lessons close, as to not have to repeat them. Good feelings shouldn't stand in the way of realistic expectations. A shift or change distracts you from territorial issues. Aggressive people might take advantage, moving into your space and usurping key elements.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You are determined and very capable. Your focus is shaken when the Sun comes into Pisces. Don't be defeated (Unless you like indigestion and depression). The Aries Sun brings immediate, tangible benefits. Be aware of how vain you can sometimes be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Even though you are practical and down-to-earth, the first month of spring will not be the easiest. Other people's optimism leaves you feeling cheated. The following three weeks bring a critical shift in how you see and feel about the world. You spend the rest of your spring trying to keep your head above the water. Luckily, you're a strong swimmer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Thankful you remain on an even keel, regardless of the situation. You have trouble telling the past from the future. Not knowing what you need affects your relationships with others. Be aware of your capability to explode vocally. Venus plays a strong, welcome role in your affairs.

SCORPIO (Sept. 23-Nov. 21) Self-destruction is easily attained. You're suddenly full of ideas that you lack the ability or permission to carry out. Others see your ruthless intellectual side, possibly for the first time. When the Sun enters Pisces, however, your approach is softened. Now your visions seem possible. Remember this feeling when inex-

plicable things happen over the next few months.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Your ability to care for others is amazing. There's a downside to being so far ahead of your time. You may hook up with a more forward-thinking crowd. Keep your commitments fluid, because these people might have other ideas about the future after the Sun enters Taurus.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 18) You like to be bossy. The rest of the winter is now yours to control. You shouldn't expect the other seasons to be exactly like this, but understanding basic cycles will help you throughout the year. There are other lessons; some are big and not much fun. You already know this stuff, but here it comes again, this time from a new angle.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) The honesty you possess is noteworthy of recognition. The arrival of spring puts you in action. You find reasons to be excited and you feel an urge to improve things. If your momentum hits a wall, you may actually lose ground. You cannot save the world, and you need to remember this.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) It's your birthday season and, until at least the third week of March, everything goes as planned, if not better. After your birthday, pass the baton to someone more energized. If things aren't going your way, you'll surrender to self-pity. There's much to digest, and you'd rather not multitask.

'Cradle' packs lots of action into plot

"Cradle 2 the Grave", starring DMX, Jet Li, Mark Dacascos, Anthony Anderson, Kelly Hu and Gabrielle Union, grossed \$16.521million in the opening weekend.

The film was directed by Andrzej Bartkowiak and produced by Joel Silver. It was filmed in sunny Los Angeles and Santa Clarita, California.

The budget consisted of a tremendous \$25 million. DMX's role in this particular film didn't differentiate from any of his other characters in previous films.

This movie will have you on the edge of your seat cheering for DMX and the crew. This film is a definite must see. There's action in the beginning, the middle and end. Action movie fans, this one

is for you!!

The one person who I was surprised to see in an action film like this was Gabrielle Union (Daria, DMX's side kick).

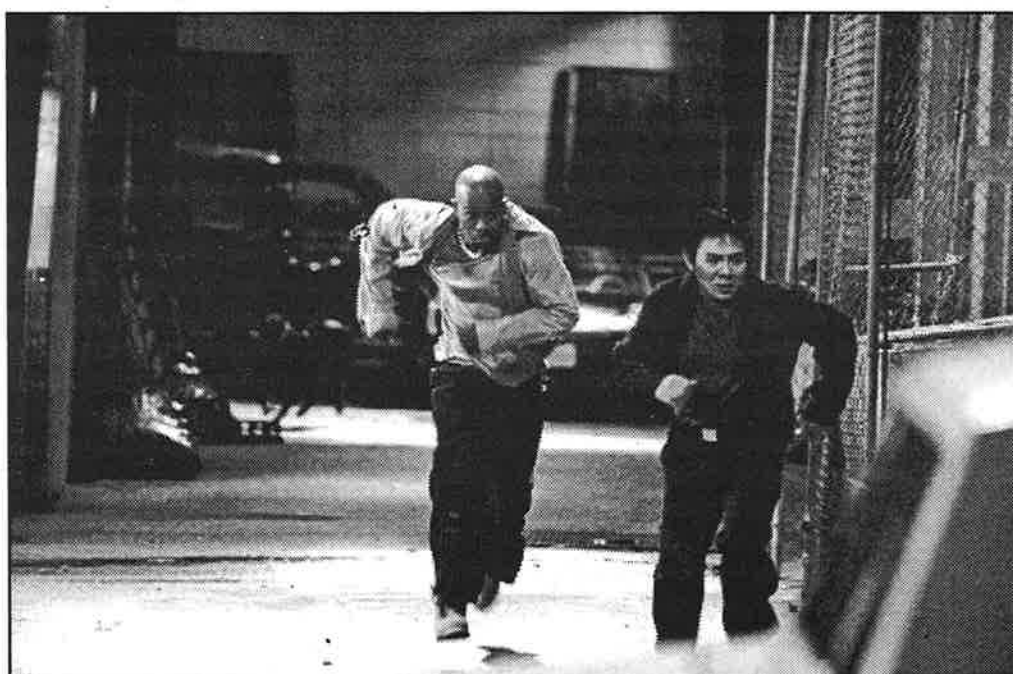
I'm used to seeing her steal someone else's man and getting an attitude with the girlfriend of the man she steals. Like her character in: "Two Can Play That Game." Now you see her doing fighting scenes and helping out with diamond heists.

Jet Li (Su) had a lot of stunts done for him in this film. It seems like every time you see Li, he's jumping off buildings and kicking someone's butt to the curb.

I just couldn't get enough of DMX. He is so hot in this movie. It seems as if his acting skills have improved since he made "Exit Wounds."

In "Cradle 2 The Grave," DMX plays Tony Fait, Su (Jet Li), Tommy (Anthony Anderson), Daria (Gabrielle Union), and Archie (Tom Arnold).

Archie sticks around in the film



From left, rapper DMX and Jet Li star in the latest film directed by Andrzej Bartkowiak. The action film grossed \$16.521 million in its opening weekend.

Photo special to the Rampage from www.imdb.com

to save Tony Fait's kidnapped daughter from the bad guys, Ling (Mark Dacascos), and Sona (Kelly Hu).

The drama is caused by these extremely rare black stones that possess more power than two

Hiroshima's to start a new world order. This is the spring's hottest film.

It's due to the great acting the whole cast did. The only question in my mind now is when will the film be available to bring home?

Movie: "Cradle 2 the Grave"
Starring: DMX, Jet Li, Mark Dacascos, Anthony Anderson, Kelly Hu, and Gabrielle Union
Rating: ★★★★★ 1/2

'David Gale' film raises questions about death penalty

Does the death penalty system work? Do innocent people get killed? What happens when they



Jen Langworthy
Rampage reporter
Movie review

do? The Life of David Gale brings up these and many other questions about the death penalty. A film that could easily have been based on a true story

raises eyebrows to the thought of an innocent man being convicted and sentenced to death.

Kevin Spacey stars as philosophy professor and anti-death penalty activist David Gale. Gale, who has been on death row for several

years, was convicted of raping and murdering fellow activist Constance Holloway. Now, three days before his execution he will give his first ever interview with News Magazine reporter "Bitsey" Bloom. What really happened all those years ago? That's what she has to find out.

The constant time jumps in the movie, going between the present day and the days before Holloway was murdered, while they may be confusing to some viewers also help them see details of what Gale is discussing with Bloom. The movie be-

gins by showing Bloom stopping a car and running as if she is trying to get somewhere but cuts before she gets there. Later, as the story progresses, it returns to that point and this creates a sense of suspense and curiosity. Where was she trying to get? Why was she in such a hurry?

Between sexual innuendos and

full frontal nudity it's plain to see where the movie got its "R" rating. The fact that the full body of a badly bruised, naked woman is shown adds a shock factor to the film, but does not detract from the overall storyline. That is, more or less, the point of a scene like that-to make it more real to the viewer.

In general this film deserves top marks for as truthfully and honestly as possible telling a story that is not actually based on actual events. Some advocates for capital punishment may be surprised at the validity of some of the points made and might possibly question their own beliefs.

Movie: "The Life of David Gale"
Starring: Kevin Spacey, Kate Winslet, Laura Linney
Rating: ★★★★★

Pizza, Pizza, Pizza!

Weeks ago I introduced Mexican food to you. Now guess what's on the menu? "Yeah, I guess the title did give it away". You got five bucks in your pocket, possibly six. You're tired of McDonalds, you're tired of Wendy's, you're tired of Taco Bell, and your tired of Jack in the Box.

Pizza sounds great, but you know if you want pizza, you better have a couple of friends with you to help pitch in. Well, I have great news for you. If you're in the mood for pizza, but can't find great tasting, heap deals anywhere. Well if you don't know now you know. Hungry Howie's is the place to be.

They always, and I do mean always have great cheap deals going on. For example, now they have; "Beat The Clock" Monday's

and Tuesday's. All you have to do is call between five p.m. and seven p.m. and order one large pepperoni pizza for the price of the time you placed your order. Two is the limit. You can choose from eight free-flavored crust, and there is more.

They have any size pizza for \$9.99, with up to five toppings, and for about four bucks more you can get sixteen sticks of hot buttered Howie Bread with dipping sauce and a 2-Liter Coke. They constantly have deals in the newspaper, and they never fail to make it fresh.

They have five great convenient locations. One location is pretty close to home, which is on Van Ness and Olive. You can eat inside or take out, but whenever you feel like pizza, or delicious steak, pastrami, sub sandwiches, here's the place to be. Hungry Howie's makes a great place to hang out with friends, or family, and while having those long group studies, it's even a greater experience with hot, cheesy, pepperoni, butter crust pizza around.



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March 21
Behind Gym, 10am

Asian American Week

MARCH 30 ~ APRIL 5

Asian Cultural Village
March 30
Free Speech Area - 10am

Asian-American Week Welcome
March 31
Free Speech Area, 11am

Asian-American Documentaries
March 31 - April 4
College Center, 2pm

Asian Film Festival
March 31 - April 4
Forum Hall, 3pm

Karaoke Night
March 31
Staff Dining Room, 6pm

Asian Food Sale
April 1
Free Speech Area, 11am

Asian Games
April 2
Free Speech Area, 1pm

Asian-American Celebration Night
April 2
Theatre, 7pm

Asian-American Volleyball Tournament
April 3
Free Speech Area, 12noon

Celebration of Martial Arts
April 5
Gym, 10am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Head of the Class

FCC's preseason All-American pitcher Danny de la O hopes to continue his past successes.

By Josh Butters
Sports editor

Almost every child has played out the scenario in their head. Bottom of the ninth, down by three, full count with the bases loaded.

Every child has played out the scenario in their head of hitting a Grand Slam to win the big game.

The scenario would have to be different for 19-year-old pitcher Danny de la O.

The Fresno City College standout wouldn't be swinging for the fences, he would be trying to get the last out.

Since he was 5, de la O has gone through six different levels of competitive baseball, starting with Little League and moving through high school to junior college.

In high school, de la O's future began to take shape. The left-hander credits his pitching coach at Central, Robert Donnelly for teaching him to throw a curveball and a change-up.

"He was great," de la O said of Donnelly.

"He helped me out a lot."

Despite not being recruited out of high school, de la O was selected in the 30th round of the major league draft by the San Diego Padres.

"That has to be my biggest accomplishment," de la O said.

"That was huge."

Danny wasn't up for minor league baseball, so he decided to go to college.

"I wasn't ready," de la O said of playing professionally.

Then one school showed interest in him.

"I got a call from Coach Scott, asking me if I wanted to come play for FCC," de la O said.

With the Rams history and his pitching coach from Central telling him that FCC was a great place to go, he said yes.

In his freshman season at FCC, de la O was named the 2002 Central Valley Conference pitcher of the year with a record of 10-2 and an ERA of 2.08. De la O also struck out 104 batters in 95 innings.

Since last year, de la O has taken strides in improving.

"His velocity is better than it was last year," said Rams pitching coach Eric Solberg.

"He can throw on any pitch count and has great balance.

"He's going to play pro ball somewhere. I don't know where but he'll get his chance in the minor leagues."

This season, de la O is a preseason All-American and knows what his goals are.

"Our [FCC] goal is to take it one game at a time," de la O said.

"We have to, if we want to win the state championship.

"I just want to win."

While taking it one game at a time, de la O will always have the support of those close to him in the stands, especially his mother.

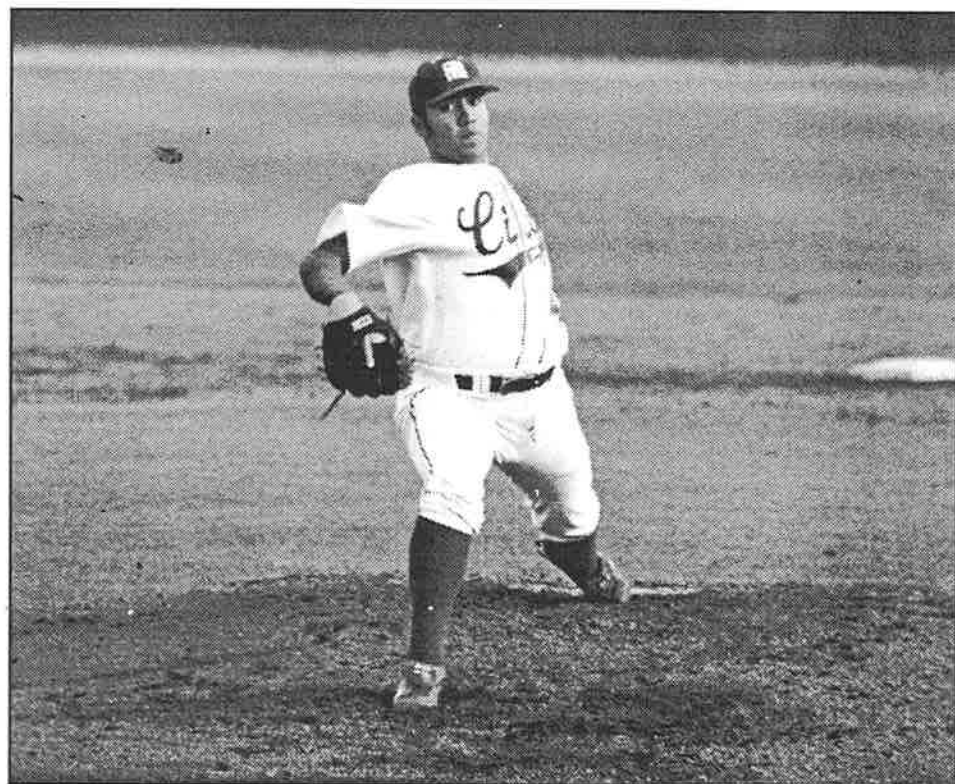
"My mom's [there] every game," de la O said. "She always tells me to play my hardest every game, win or lose."

De la O says he tries to model himself after Dodgers pitcher Orel Hershiser despite the two throwing with different arms.

"I like the fact that he went after everybody," de la O said.

"He never backed down. That's why they called him the Bulldog."

After his sophomore year is over, de la O will also be known as a Bulldog. He signed



to play baseball for Fresno State.

"I wanted to stay close to home," de la O said.

"I've always thought that homegrown talent should go to schools close to home."

"He's [de la O] going to be a great addition to their program," said FCC head coach Ron Scott.

"Right now he's a Division I player at the junior college level and is in a league of his own."

After Fresno State, de la O hopes to get drafted again and make it to the big leagues, hopefully to play for his favorite team, the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"That's my team," de la O said.

In his spare time, de la O likes to play the guitar and takes a class on it at FCC. Once a singer in a band but now de la O just plays at leisure with friends.

De la O thinks he's almost ready for the jump to the pro's, but not yet.

"I'm almost there," de la O said.

"I'm getting real close."



Photos by Keith Kountz

Danny de la O was drafted in the 30th round by the San Diego Padres straight out of high school. This year, the left hander is 3-0 with an ERA of 1.60. In his latest outing on March 6 against Porterville, de la O gave up one run in a cleared game while striking out seven Pirate batters.

Baseball team takes early lead in CVC with 5-0 record Rams ranked No. 1 in Northern California.

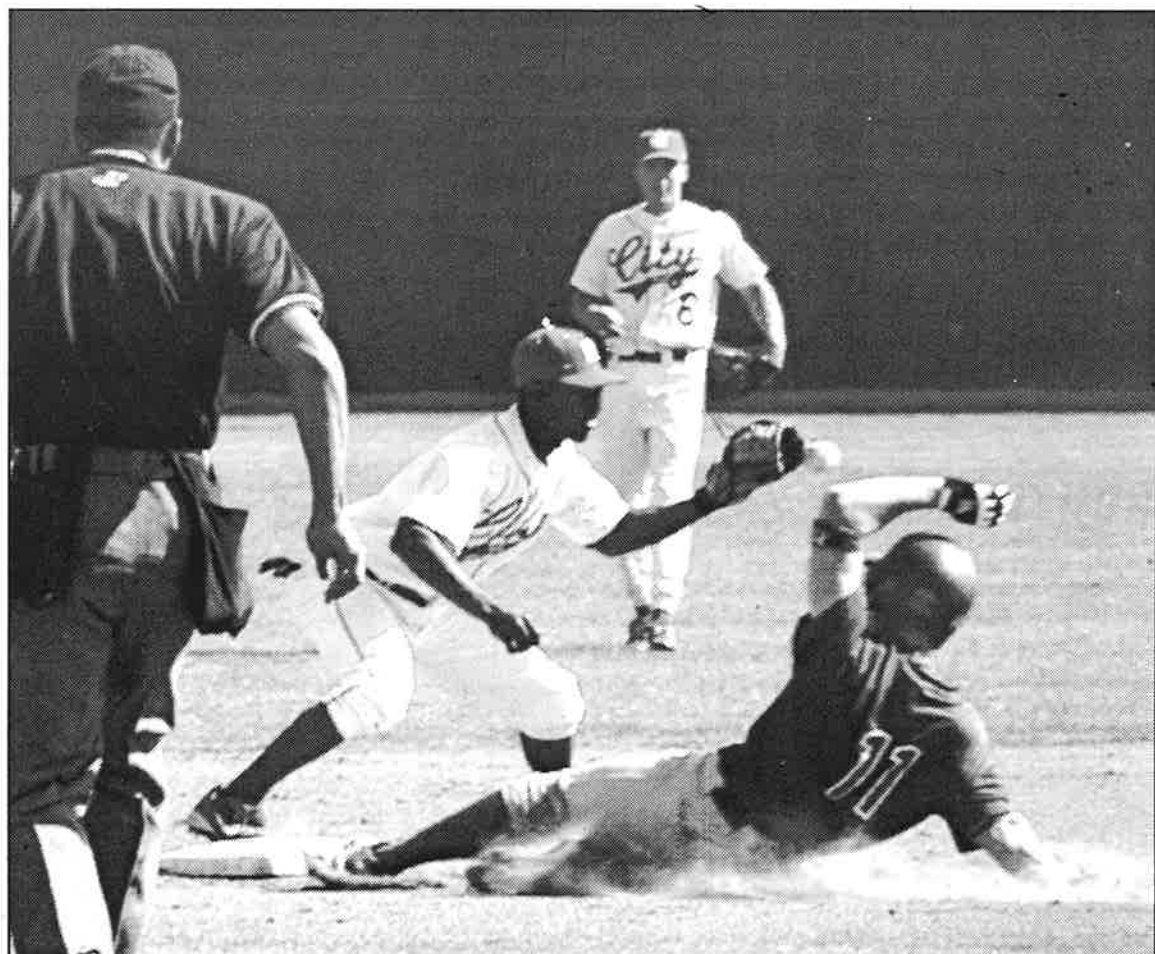


Photo by Lenetta Huxley

FCC's Carl Lipsey tries for an out against West Hills College. The Rams would win the game 8-2.

By Josh Butters

Sports editor

The Fresno City College baseball team is off to an undefeated 5-0 start in Central Valley Conference play.

The Rams, who now have an overall record of 17-3, have a winning percentage of .850.

The team's early success has pushed the Rams into the No. 1 ranking in the NorCal.

"We have played really good," Rams head coach Ron Scott said.

"We haven't made any errors on defense."

In its latest game against West Hills on March 8, The Rams were able to take down the Falcons 8-2.

Leading 1-0 in the bottom of the 5th inning, Roman Castanon belted a 3-run homerun to expand the lead to four.

After another four-run in-

ning in the 8th, FCC would seal the win.

FCC pitcher Justin Lebreck had a cleared game, allowing two runs while striking out four batters.

Lebreck improved to 5-1 on the season.

The Rams took on Modesto Junior College on March 11 but was past the Rampage's production date.

"Modesto is a good team," Scott said.

"They are the team to beat in the CVC."

The Rams will travel to Reedley on March 13 for a 2 p.m. game.

FCC's next home game is on March 15 at 1 p.m. against the Blue Devils of Merced College.

"We have to take it one game at a time," Scott said.

"We're a good hitting team and we just have to be patient before we get any runs."

Men, Continued from page 1

"You have to play picture perfect now and if you don't in one of these games your done," said Walberg.

The winner of the FCC/Santa Monica game will play the victor of the Diablo Valley/San Bernardino game.

The Rams made it to the third round after defeating No. 32 Alameda 139-98 and No. 16 Sacramento City 97-85.

The Renegades of Ohlone would give FCC a run for their money though.

FCC's Adam Wall would drain 9 of 10 free throws in the final two minutes of the game to secure the win.

Wall had made 1 of 4 attempts against the Panthers three days earlier.

"I tried to work on those," said Wall of free throws.

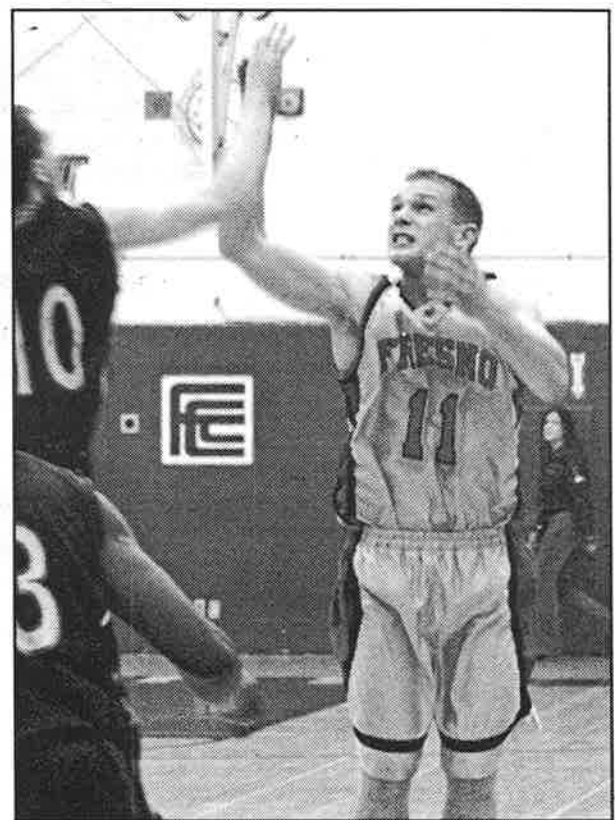
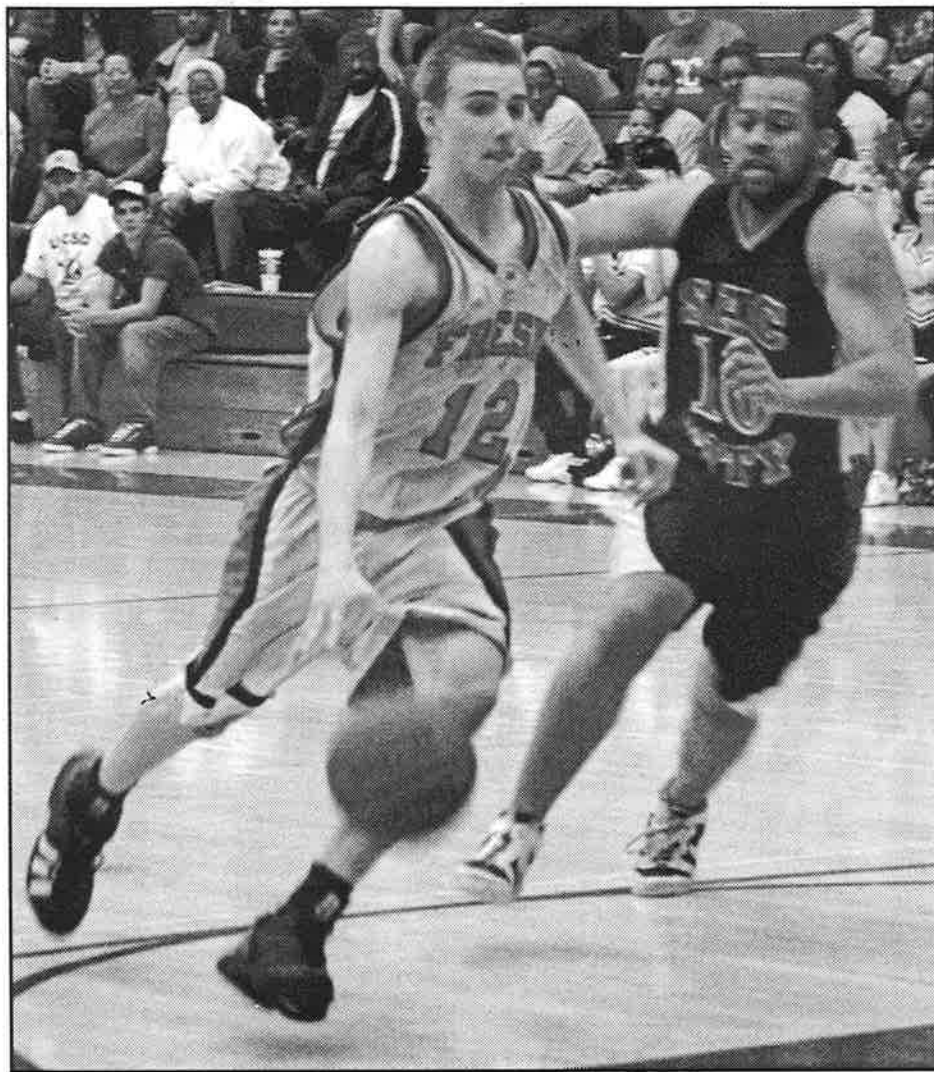
"The time came for me to step up... you have to make those."

Wall finished the game with a career-high 27 points total. Wall made 6 3-pointer during the game, 5 of which were made in the first half.

"We have all the faith in the world in Adam," Walberg said.

"He's our best free throw shooter and is a great player."

FCC would fall into an early 10-3 hole, but worked out of it with clinch 3-point shooting. The Rams would go on a 26-7 run midway through the first half and would lead by as much as 20.



Photos by Lenetta Huxley

(Above) FCC's Adam Wall makes one of his six 3-pointers on Mar. 8 against Ohlone in the third round of the NorCal playoffs. Wall had a career high 27 point as the Rams won 83-75. (Right) Freshman Jason Walberg drives to the basket against Sacramento City College.

A Renegade 3-pointer as time ran out in the half would cut the lead to 45-28.

Ohlone would cut the Rams lead to a little as six, but FCC was able to hold the Renegades off.

FCC freshmen guards Tyrone Jackson had 19 points while Jason Walberg had 17.

"We played pretty good in the first half,"

Jackson said of the Rams' victory.

"We should have put them away in the second half but we played good enough to win. We knew if we didn't play well in the second half they could come back because that's what the good teams do to you."

Ohlone coach John Peterson thought well

of his team's effort.

"We played hard," Peterson said.

"They [FCC] made kids with questionable skills question their skills."

The Renegades finished the year 25-10 while setting a school record for wins in a season.

Peterson wished FCC the best of luck in the state championships.

"Vance did a great job."

"I hope they win the whole damn thing."

1962-63 Rams last to win state title and in memorable fashion

By Josh Butters

Sports editor

It's been 40 years since Fresno City College won its last state championship in Men's basketball. The 1962-63 Rams were the last to win the title, and if history repeats itself, this year's team will win that title also.

Before this season, the 1962-63 team held the school record for wins in a season (33). Now that record sits at 36 and may be raised to 39 if the Rams win the 2003 California state championship.

The 1962-63 team was the first to play their home games in FCC's current gym.

Just like forty years ago, the Rams are now the Central Valley Conference champions. Back then, it took a 74-66 playoff victory over Stockton Junior College (now San Joaquin Delta) for the Rams to earn the CVC's only playoff berth.

In the first round of the state playoffs, the Rams defeated the Golden Valley Conference champions, Marin 79-60.

FCC would then travel to American River Junior College for the final rounds of the state championship tournament.

The Rams would take on No. 1 ranked Riverside in the quarterfinals. The Tigers went into the game with a 24 game winning streak.

FCC would find themselves down 38-31 at halftime but would fight back. With seven seconds left



Photo from Rampage archives

FCC's John Loyear (right) and Steve Mazzoni (left) accept the state championship trophy after the Rams 76-69 victory over San Diego in the 1963 finals.

in the game, FCC's John Loyear sunk a 20-foot jumper to clinch a 79-78 victory.

In the Rams' 90-72 victory over Vallejo College, a riot broke out that saw FCC's Lonnie Hughey beaten by numerous Vallejo fans.

In the finals, FCC would take on San Diego. The knights would hold the lead for almost the entire first half that went into the second. FCC would tie the score at 48-48 and

again at 65-65 with less than four minutes left in the game.

The Rams would break it open with a 11-4 run, winning their second state title in school history.

Rams coach Joe Kelley won both of FCC's only two state championships.

FCC's Rich Turney would win the state championship tournament's most valuable player award, scoring 79 points in the tournament.

JC Men's basketball notebook: Rams score when it truly counts

By Josh Butters

Sports editor

In the three rounds of the playoffs, many of the Rams are getting their points.

Guards Jason Walberg and Tyrone Jackson both have 62 points. Other player's totals include guards Tyson Parker (44 points), Adam Wall (37 points) and forward Carl Lee (25 points in two games).

Lee sits out

FCC sophomore forward Carl Lee sat out in the Rams 139-98 blowout victory against No. 32 Alameda in the first round of the NorCal playoffs due to a partial tendon tear in his left knee.

Lee would return in the second round against No. 16 Sacramento City to score 19 points in the Rams 97-85 victory.

Home perfection

The Rams finished its season 10-0 at home with its 83-75 victory over Ohlone. FCC extended its home win streak to 22, which dates back to the beginning of the 2001 season.

Get your tickets

Tickets for the state championships in San Diego will be sold at the box office at the Jenny Craig Pavilion one hour before

the first game each day of the tournament. A ticket will allow one to see all the games in that day's session.

Ticket prices are \$8 for general admission, \$6 for students, faculty, staff, senior citizens and children under 12.

Men's quarterfinals will be held on March 13, women's quarterfinals on March 14, men's and women's semifinals on March 15 and men's and women's championship games on March 16.

Defending champions stayin' alive

Defending California state champion Saddleback College won't let go of its crown without a fight.

The No. 7 Gauchos upset No. 2 Ventura in the third round of the SoCal regionals to make it to the state final eight.

Saddleback will take on the No. 2 NorCal Bear Cubs of Santa Rosa.

LA City rolls

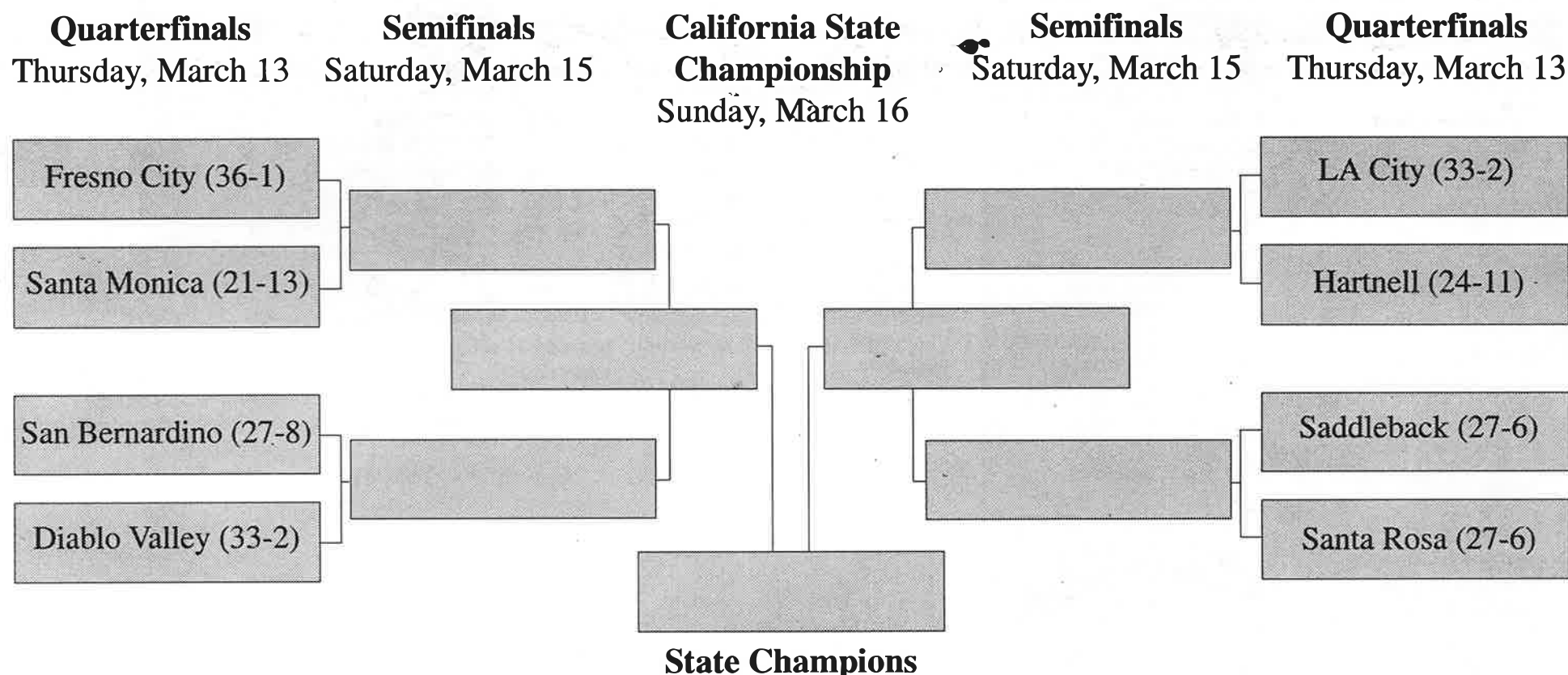
After defeating Mt. San Jacinto 118-74 in the third round of the SoCal playoffs, the Cubs extended its winning streak to 20.

Of the teams in state final eight, LAC's streak is the longest current.

Santa Rosa Junior College follows with 19 straight wins.



California Community College Men's Basketball State Championships



Let's hope this spring semester is kinder than the fall

The Men's basketball team has a task at hand that is bigger than themselves.

The team is playing for those at Fresno City College that were almost there — so close, yet so far away.

It's playing for those that let a state championship slip through the cracks of their fingers.

For those that didn't seal the deal when it meant the most and suffered a letdown during the most pivotal point of their seasons.

Last semester, FCC saw a running trend: Roll through the regular season, give a lackluster performance in the postseason and come up short in a championship run.

It happened to the wrestling team. The defending state dual champions made it to the title match then lost to Palomar.

It happened to the women's volleyball team. The Rams won the Central Valley Conference title, made it to the state championship tournament for the first time in school history and were soon booted in the double elimination format.

It happened to the men's soccer team. The Coast Conference champions had a 2-0 lead in the championship game against defending champions Santa Rosa Junior College at halftime.

The Bear Cubs scored three goals in an eight minute span and held on to win 3-2.

Then there was the football team. FCC was winning 28-6 with less than 17 minutes to play in the Northern California championship game.

Thirty-two unanswered points by the Tigers rained out the Rams' parade to the state championship in Bakersfield.

A loss in San Diego for the Rams' basketball team is needed like a shotgun blast to the face.

All the history that was made this season goes down the drain with a loss.

The 24-game winning streak, the most wins in school history (36), the 23 games scoring 100 points or more will mean nothing with just one slip of the guard.

Anything less than 39-1 this season would be a waste of a wonderful season.

No one will remember the records, just what could have been but never was.

The Rams trip to San Diego can't mean let down No. 5.

The basketball team has a chance to win its first state title since the 1962-63 season.

They can't give anything less than their all.

And giving your all must mean winning it all or FCC has been let down for the fifth time in a five-month span.

The men's basketball team must win the title for those who let it slip through their grasps and for themselves.

Or it's just another FCC letdown.



Josh Butters
Sports editor
Opinion

Quarterfinals Team Capsules

Fresno City College Rams

School colors: Red and White
Record: 36-1 (Central Valley Conference champions)
Road/Neutral record: 26-1
Coach: Vance Walberg
Team offense: 105.8 (1st in state)
Team defense: 83.4 (87th in state)
Leading scorer: Freshman guard Tyrone Jackson (21.1 ppg)
Current win streak: 12 wins
How they got here: defeated No. 32 Alameda 137-98; No. 16 Sacramento State 97-85; No. 9 Ohlone 83-75

Santa Monica Corsairs

Record: 21-13 (2nd, Western Conference- South)
Road/Neutral record: 14-14
Coach: John McMullen
Team offense: 68.5 (70th in state)
Team defense: 63.4 (10th in state)
Leading scorer: Sophomore guard Marko Mihailovic (16.5 ppg)
Current win streak: 5 wins
How they got here: defeated No. 14 Irvine Valley 67-64; No. 3 Antelope Valley 80-77; No. 6 Oxnard 70-68

Diablo Valley Vikings

Record: 33-2 (2nd, Bay Valley Conference- West)
Road/Neutral record: 18-1
Coach: Steve Coccimiglio
Team offense: 74.4 (37th in state)
Team defense: 56.1 (1st in state)
Leading scorer: Sophomore guard Franco Harris (18.2 ppg)
Current win streak: 3 wins
How they got here: defeated No. 30 Porterville 64-43; No. 19 Columbia 70-52; No. 6 San Jose 84-59

Los Angeles City Cubs

Record: 33-2 (South Coast Conference- North Champions)
Road/Neutral record: 15-2
Coach: Michael Miller
Team offense: 81.9 (10th in state)
Team defense: 63.1 (6th in state)
Current win streak: 20 wins
How they got here: defeated No. 32 Santa Ana 87-55; No. 17 Cuesta 106-74; No. 9 Marquette 118-74

Hartnell Panthers

Record: 24-11 (Coast Conference- South Champions)
Road/Neutral record: 12-11
Coach: Frank Carbajal
Team offense: 76.3 (25th in state)
Team defense: 69.4 (21st in state)
Leading scorer: Sophomore guard E.J. Rowland (17.5 ppg)
Current win streak: 3 wins
How they got here: defeated No. 29 Mendocino 79-58; No. 13 Yuba 84-70; No. 28 Cabrillo 64-51

Saddleback Gauchos

Record: 28-6 (Orange Empire Conference Champions)
Road/Neutral record: 16-6
Coach: Bill Brummel
Team offense: 75.5 (28th in state)
Team defense: 63.2 (7th in state)
Leading scorer: Sophomore forward Marques Crane (16.3 ppg)
Current win streak: 7 wins
How they got here: defeated No. 26 Imperial Valley 76-69; No. 10 West LA 75-59; No. 2 Ventura 76-67

San Bernardino Wolverines

Record: 27-8 (3rd Foothill Conference)
Road/Neutral record: 19-6
Coach: John Smith
Team offense: 78.6 (19th in state)
Team defense: 70.6 (29th in state)
Leading scorer: Sophomore forward Blake Walker (19.2 ppg)
Current win streak: 5 wins
How they got here: defeated No. 29 Glendale 97-88; No. 13 Riverside 82-72; No. 12 LA Southwest 103-84

Santa Rosa Bear Cubs

Record: 28-6 (Bay Valley Conference- West Champions)
Road/Neutral record: 14-6
Coach: Craig McMillan
Team offense: 77.4 (23rd in state)
Team defense: 67.2 (13th in state)
Leading scorer: Sophomore forward Anton Lyons (16.3 ppg)
Current win streak: 19 wins
How they got here: defeated No. 31 West Hills 71-65; No. 15 Sequoias 75-68; No. 7 West Valley 57-52



FCC's Akyra Mayberry goes for a layup in the Rams 72-55 loss to Sacramento City College on March 5. Mayberry had seven points.

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of the second half would help FCC close in on the lead.

"We recognized that we didn't play like we wanted to have a chance to win," Rams coach Donnie Johnson said of the first half.

"We wanted to have a chance to win and we fought back."

FCC would go on a 27-9 run, closing the gap to 43-42 with the help of Rams freshman guard Shanae Ross.

Ross scored all of her team high 15 points in the second half on 5 of 8 shooting from 3-point range.

"We had been down like that before," Ross said.

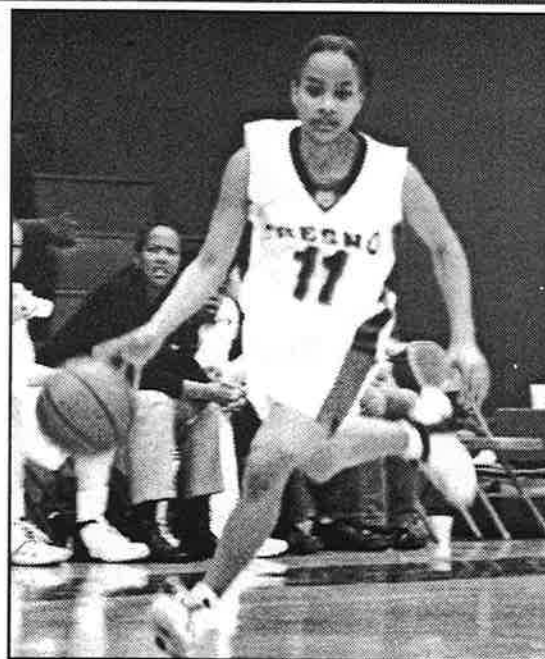
"We play really well in the second half so we weren't worried about the drastic lead."

The Panthers would then go on a 7-0 run after a FCC missed opportunity, which was taken down to the other side for a 3-pointer.

"We had a chance to take the lead but missed an easy lay-up," said Johnson.

"We should have been up by one but were instead were down by four after their 3-pointer."

FCC was out-rebounded for the



Sophomore guard Nicole House takes the ball up court in the Rams 73-55 loss to Sacramento City College on Mar. 5. FCC finished the season with a record of 12-18, while making it to the second round of the NorCal Playoffs.

Photo by Keith Kountz

game 44-34 while committing 35 turnovers.

The Panthers would pull away in the last five minutes for the 17-point win.

Playing in her last game at FCC, sophomore center Amanda Vierra scored 10 points.

FCC freshman forward Laura Zaukaite had a near double double with 8 points and 9 rebounds.

Sacramento City advanced to the third round, losing to No. 2 Merced 68-63.

In its first round game against Solano, the Rams came back from a 28-19 halftime deficit to win 51-45.

Despite the loss to SCC, Johnson is proud with the effort the Rams put fourth.

"No one expected us to be here," said Johnson.

"They [FCC] played with a lot of heart."

The Rams finished its season 12-18 and with next year already in mind.

"We got one step farther than we did last year," said Ross.

"Next year we'll be in the state final four for sure."

FCC is hoping the glass slipper wasn't smashed, just put away in its closet for a bigger and better ball.

Softball team tied at top of CVC

By Pete Benavides
Contributing writer

As the season goes forward for the Lady Rams so does the teams success. So far the team has compiled an 11-8 overall record and are tied in 1st place with a 3-1 record in CVC play.

The Fresno City College diamond also seems to give away teams fits as they have dominated at home and are undefeated. "This is our house," exclaims catcher Shannon Frasher.

One of the reasons for the Lady Rams success is due to the great throwing arm of sophomore Rochelle Deamarl who has a record of 10-6 and has so far recorded 93 K's in 103 innings. "She's throwing really well and has been doing most

of the pitching for us," said Rams coach Rhonda Williams.

Both Demarl and left fielder Emily Woods agree that "team unity has been our biggest strength."

Of course with big wins come the tough losses. More specific was the tough loss to Reedley 1-0. The Lady Rams were all in agreement saying, "It was a tough loss but were going to get them when they come play here."

Coach Williams did go onto say that the pitching of Demarl was excellent, "for six innings they couldn't touch her."

With their highly anticipated match up with Reedley coming up there's also another one brewing. There game with COS. It's a heated rivalry that both teams will be look-

ing forward to. COS, who won the CVC last year may be looking forward to it more because of the Lady Rams victory last year that snapped the Giants' winning streak. The Rams will take on Modesto Junior College on Mar. 13 at 2 p.m. at the FCC diamond

Overall, the team is clicking on all cylinders. With the offense getting better and the consistent pitching these Rams are hoping to go far, be successful and dominate whom-ever they play.

FCC Softball Schedule

March 13	Modesto Junior College	2 p.m.
March 15	Allan Hancock College	12 p.m.
March 18	College of the Sequoias	1 p.m.
March 20	Taft College	2 p.m.
March 22-23	Bash at Buchanan High School	TBA
March 27	@ West Hills College	1 p.m.
April 1	@ Porterville College	2 p.m.
April 3	Reedley College	1 p.m.
April 10	@ Modesto Junior College	2 p.m.
April 12-13	Sierra College Tournament	TBA
April 15	@ College of the Sequoias	2 p.m.
April 24	Merced College	2 p.m.



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The Rams are 11-8 on the season and are 3-1 in Central Valley Conference play.

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