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— Steve DaSilva



Photo by Kirk Givan
Tracy Atkinson gets a closer look at the blooming flowers in the Garden Center east of the Science building at Fresno City College. Students and faculty take responsibility for the continuous upkeep of the gardens.

Secret gardens

Students have opportunity to see and enjoy the development of the campus gardens, greenhouse and koi pond

By Eliot Torres

Rampage Reporter

Behind a tall fence and a row of native California plants, lies something hidden to many Fresno City College students.

Outside, ringing the fence, the biology department maintains a set of both native and ornamental plants to greet visitors. Once inside and on the left, visitors can see a dozen or so sectioned off plots.

"In the spring time, the biology department offers a horticulture class and as part of that class, students are assigned a plot, and have to design it, plant it, and grow pretty much what ever they want," said Steve DaSilva, Director of Greenhouse Gardens.

Various plants sit on tables in the middle of the Gardening Center ready to be sold.

"We're having a sale right now," DaSilva said. "The next one should be the third week of Oct." "We had a catfish, [but] somebody stole it recently, and last week someone stole a koi. They cut the barbwire and hopped the fence. It's a sad day when kids steal your fish," said DaSilva.

"We're open to the public, just make sure that there's no smoking, and make sure there's no problem with trash. Eating is all right, if you pick up after yourself," said DaSilva.

The greenhouse maintains a constant temperature year round. Entering visitors are hit by a blast of cool air, giving them a bit of relief from the blazing Fresno sun. In the nursery a variety of seedlings and plant clippings thrive in the humid enclosure.

In the back, a few rows of miniature trees lined



Photo by Kirk Givan
A greenhouse is located in the Garden Center and is home to a variety of plants. The greenhouse is used to protect the plants and encourage their growth.

a table. They belong to the Bonsai Club, and most of them have price tags in their soil. At the very back of the greenhouse, sets of raised tables denote Adaptive Horticulture area.

Since the early 1990's, the biology department has run a program specifically aimed at people with disabilities that wanted to get actively involved with horticulture.

Outside, vegetables they were growing. Habanero peppers, broccoli, cabbage, and cauliflower among others.

"What the students do after they grow it is they throw a little pot-luck get together, harvesting and cooking the crops they grow," said DaSilva.

"I've talked to people who have been here for 10 or 15 years and been amazed at all that is going on back here. I would like to see more students stop by here and see what we have. Maybe explore some of the different classes we offer, the horticulture class is growing in popularity.

Breaking barriers by riding WAVE

Employment program helps self-esteem

By Will Tranquilli

Rampage Reporter

Work Assessment Vocational Education is another example of Fresno City College outstretched arms.

When one thinks of an institution of higher learning, the mind sees a lengthy paragraph of entrance requirements and restrictions. WAVE is evidence that FCC seeks to accept rather than reject students.

This is important because Fresno County's unemployment rate, as of March, was 16.6 percent, one of the highest in the nation, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

As urgent as the figures seem, they don't include countless unemployed who have been dropped from the survey because they are considered either not looking for work or unemployable.

WAVE takes exception to the term 'unemployable' because their comprehensive vocational program is designed to take the label off by enabling their students to overcome

their employment barriers, said Brooke Sample, the Coordinator and instructor for the nationally recognized program.

WAVE's mission is to take those who have barriers to employment, whether those barriers are physical, psychological or social, and help them become capable of competing with the rest of the workforce for jobs.

There are three components to the program. They are, Developing Individual Vocational Evaluations, WAVE.

Situational Assessment Worksite and Internship Model SWIM, and Securing Appropriate Income and Labor, SAIL.

The first phase is DIVE. Initially,

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Karin Anderson-Lloyd



Brooke Sample

Dodgeball fans unite to win pizza at FCC

The Garys capture team crown

By Anthony Castillo

Rampage Reporter

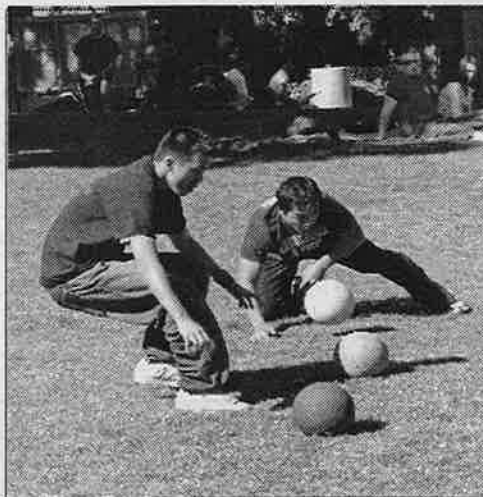
Four teams of five competed against each other in an Extreme Dodgeball tournament Sept. 24 in the Free Speech Area.

There were some good hits and some close misses in the tournament. When it came down to the last two teams on the field, bragging rights weren't the only

thing at stake. There were prizes. The winners got a trophy for taking first and a pizza for the whole team.

The winning team, the Garys, said, "We thought we were going to lose but we were victorious."

"We really enjoy doing this and hope we can get more participation in the future," said Robert Martinez, the tournament's organizer.



David Tran, left, and Lon Chan compete in the Extreme Dodgeball tournament Sept 24 in the Free Speech Area.

Photo by Vivienne Henry

Letter to the Editor

Tutorial center students really aren't hopeless, are they?

I am a new employee of the Tutorial Center, but even with my short experience there, I can tell you that our patrons are not the "hopeless," but the "hopeful." Some of

them may be frustrated with their classes, but they are far from hopeless. Otherwise, I thought your article was very good. Thank you for portraying our center in such a posi-

tive light. Our biggest goal is to aid students in whatever subject they need help.

-Phyllis Bessenaire

ASB members eat free Oct. 13

By Jorge Mendoza

Rampage Reporter

Hunger seems to strike a college student more often than anybody else. Which is why students need to 'mosey on down' to the "Ramburger Round-Up."

The "Ramburger Round-up" is an event that the Associated Student Government has set up "in order for us to give back to the people who bought ASG cards," said Christian

Borneman, Lieutenant Vice President.

The event, which is on Oct. 13, will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Free Speech Area, and all ASG card recipients are urged to attend the BBQ.

With the flash of an ASG I.D. card, their meal, which will consist of a hamburger (ramburger, get it?), chips, soda, and a dessert, will be free.

The event is not only for ASB

cardholders. All students are also welcome to join in on the festivities. The only difference for non-ASG cardholders is that your meal will cost \$3.50.

Food isn't the only thing to hold your attention that day. Live music from local area bands will be in full effect from 12:00-1:00.

"It will be a great opportunity for students to eat good food and enjoy local music," said Edgar Castellón, President Pro Temp.

Events, dates to know

Oct. 7-9 Play *Lend Me a Tenor* 7:30pm Theatre

Oct. 8 National Denim Day for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Oct. 8 3 on 3 Basketball 10am-2pm Gym

Oct. 9 campuswide Softball Tournament 9am Softball diamond

Oct. 9-10 Play *Lend Me a Tenor* 2pm Theatre

Oct. 11-16 Homecoming Week

Oct. 12 Bay Buchanan vs. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend Debate over presidential election

Oct. 13 Ramburger Round-Up 10am- 5pm Free Speech Area

Oct. 13 Fall Govt. & Career Expo. 8:30am-12:30pm Free Speech Area

Oct. 13-15 Play *Lend Me a Tenor* 7:30pm Theatre

Oct. 15 'Ram Pride Day Wear

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Receiver Steve Claxton avoids a tackle versus Shasta Sept. 25.

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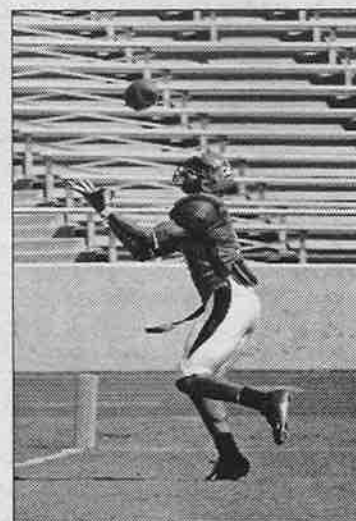


Photo by Bryan Borrer

Receiver DeAngelo Ramsey tries for a touchdown Sept. 25.

Water polo

FCC loses to No.1 team in conference, Merced

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Only two weeks left

Do you know what the propositions are?

Prop 60
If passed, proposition 60 would require all general election ballots to include the candidate that receives the most votes amid candidates of the same party in a primary election. Yes on 60 means the top vote-getter from each party in the primary election advance to the general election. No on 60 means that no provisions would be made to the State Constitution in regard to the state primary elections.

Prop 66
Proposition 66 would restore the "Three Strikes" law to its original intent for violent or serious felonies. Over a significant period of time, the state would save several million dollars annually, primarily from the prison system. Yes on 66 would require a second or third offense to be a violent or serious felony, instead of any felony. The state would require a resentencing for "third strikers," whose offense was

Supporters contest that 60 gives voters the right to select political nominees in primary elections. Opposers argue that 60 leaves the door open for possible tampering with the state's election system.

Prop 61
Proposition 61 would authorize 750 million dollar obligation bonds for grants to rebuild and expand eligible children's hospitals throughout California. It would take the state 30 years to pay off the \$1.5 billion principle and

interest costs of the bonds at about \$50 million per year. Supporters say passing 61 would give the sickest kids in California the best care on earth without raising taxes. The opposition argues that 61 will make building contractors rich, and will not provide healthcare for anyone. They conclude that California's problem is not in the hospitals themselves, but with the healthcare system.

considered illegitimate. No on 66 would keep current sentences for felons with one or two prior convictions to receive longer sentencing for any additional felony no matter the seriousness.

Prop 70
Proposition 70 proposes that upon a tribe's request, Governor Schwarzenegger must issue a 99-year compact to Indian gaming revenues. The compacts place no restrictions on the types or number of casino games in a facility. The tribe's would be

required to contribute a percentage of their net gaming income to state funds, in exchange for larger, exclusive tribal gaming. Supporters said Prop. 70 will provide billions of dollars to the State, and restrict tribal gaming to Indian Reservations. The opposition said this contradicts negotiated agreements between the Governor and Indian reservations that agreed to pay their fair share and respect California laws.

Courtesy of Voter Information Guide

Voting can be fun



Rebecca Wong, left, assists Hilary Moriarty with registering to vote during Fresno City College's How To Vote workshop Sept. 22. The final day to register is Oct. 18.

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WAVE: FCC program works with unemployed, helps students and gain career skills

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instructors interview, test and evaluate the student's interests as well as aptitudes and abilities. A student may enter the program at any time and they depart the program as they are ready without a set schedule. Each plan is unique to that individual's needs.

This first element is classroom intensive. The program concentrates on the importance of job attendance, punctuality, personal hygiene, work-appropriate attire and grooming, Sample said.

The students also learn more sophisticated elements of employability. Customer service, conflict resolution, résumé writing and job interviewing techniques are covered.

When a student is ready, the next stage is the SWIM element. This hands-on training can be performed either on or off campus. The program has partnerships with both governmental and private sector employers where students can develop work skills with direct supervision, Karin, Job Coordinator said.

A student-to-staff ratio of 7:1 during the 35 to 40 hour workweek gives the student confidence as well as guidance developing skills. The jobs are rotated every eight weeks to allow for vocational exploration.

By way of a uniform, staff and students wear identical shirts with the WAVE logo. They may be seen working in the cafeteria, in the

Child Development Center, in janitorial duties or grounds maintenance. Anderson-Lloyd's role is

curing Appropriate Income and Labor in the competitive labor marketplace. The student actively searches for a job.

"The low student to staff ratio allows an individualized program tailored to the particular student's needs," Anderson-Lloyd said. "We monitor their progress every step of the way and programs can be changed at any time as needed," she said.

The program is not unappreciated. "I have been working with WAVE for about 4 years. There are many severely disabled people who fall through the cracks, [and] for whom regular academics don't work. Nor are their needs met by supportive employment workshops. Thankfully, for Fresno area people WAVE has an answer.

We at Rehab don't know what we would do if it didn't exist," said Senior Vocational Rehabilitation

Counselor Mildred Ingram. The state agency provides referrals to the program.

California's U.S. Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein have recognized the achievements of WAVE as has the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Locally, the program has been selected by the Central Valley Mayor's Committee for their 'Employer of the Year' award.



Photo by Jenny Boothe
Adela Resendez is employed through WAVE and works in the cafeteria preparing food.

arranging and maintaining these job sites, Sample said.

The worksites are off-campus, as well. Fresno City Hall, Grizzly Stadium, Fresno County Superior Court, St. Agnes Medical Center and are representative of the variety of work experiences available, Anderson-Lloyd said.

SAIL is the final phase. This leg of the students' program is the 'launch' phase. The instructors guide and assist the students in Se-

Fab Four exhibit now open

Featuring sculpture, digital art fusion



Photo by Vivienne Henry

By Joanne Lui

Rampage Reporter

Many students don't know about Fresno City College's art gallery, the Art Space Gallery, located on the ground floor of the art department. The Fab Four exhibit is currently being shown from Sept. 28 through Oct. 21.

The Fab Four exhibit is one of six shows this year, and features FCC student/teacher artists. None of the works are what one would call traditional.

Student Kirtley King has a series of photojuxtapositions he described as a view of life, but with minimal intrusions from actual people.

Artist Bob Kizziar has pieces of sculpture and pottery.

Part-time FCC art teacher Steve Norton has two different series of digital art fusions, Catnap and Rainbow Portfolio. Norton

has had his work featured at galleries throughout California.

Catnap is a series of pictures painted in watercolor, scanned onto Adobe Photoshop, and digitally altered. The pictures accompany a story by writer Jill Murray.

"The story concerns Marvin, a boy who naps, dreams [he is] abducted by an alien, and paints his way through the major periods of history through Surrealism," said Norton. "Marvin and the cat travel through time as Marvin paints his artist-grandmother's style of each period presented."

Rainbow Portfolio is also digitized versions of old Norton pieces.

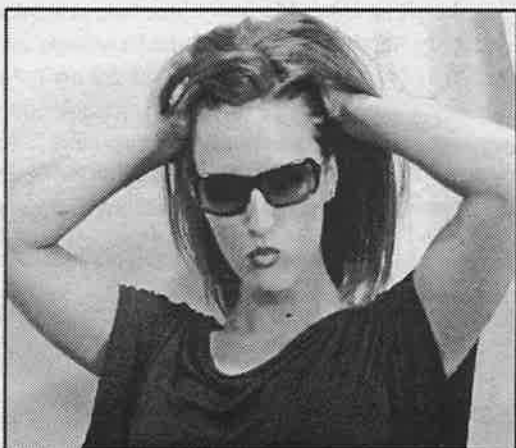
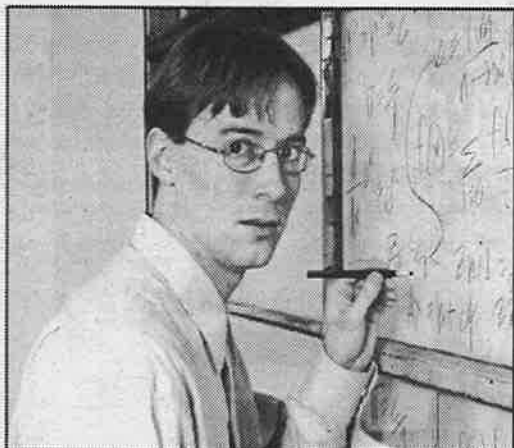
"The Rainbow Portfolio evolved from disparate works created within the past few years," said Norton. "Seeking to create unity out of what seemed to be chaos,

I looked for a design motif that I could repeat in all of the images that would visually and conceptually bring them together."

ADVERTISEMENT

College Math Club President Dumps Supermodel

He crunched the numbers, then crushed her heart



College sophomore Brady Burns, left, abruptly ended a six-month torrid love affair with a heartbroken Elene, right.

By JAMIE MURRY

Admitting that there was a good $(9-\sqrt{3})^2$ percent chance that he made the wrong move, college math club president Brady Burns recently called it quits with longtime supermodel girlfriend Elene. Burns, who claimed he carefully calculated the breakup, said his alleged free checking account had monthly fees that just didn't add up. The whiz kid was quick to admit that had he known about Washington Mutual's Free Checking Deluxe, the relationship's longevity may have had better odds.

"I loved her like a quadratic formula, but the off-campus lunches were killing me financially," said Burns. "I felt like a real abacus for breaking things off." The fact that he was unaware of Washington Mutual's Free Checking—an account

"I loved her like a quadratic formula..."

with optional Deluxe services like free online bill pay available at wamu.com—left Elene at a total loss. "He could have just gone to a Washington Mutual Financial Center or wamu.com," she said. "We were totally soul mates, but I guess he didn't see that. As far as I'm concerned, he can go jump off a logarithm. Whatever that is."

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Game of the Week

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Sport: Women's Soccer
When: Oct. 12, 4:00 p.m.
Where: FCC soccer field
Notes: The Rams, 9-1 and ranked No. 20 in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America poll, host the 6-2 Pirates.

Dates & Info

FOOTBALL

- Oct. 9, BYE
- Oct. 16, 7 p.m. vs. C.O.S.

VOLLEYBALL

- Oct. 8, 7 p.m. vs. Porterville
- Oct. 13, 7 p.m. @ Columbia
- Oct. 15, 7 p.m. vs. Merced
- Oct. 20, 7 p.m. @ Taft

MEN'S SOCCER

- Oct. 8, 6 p.m. @ West Hills (Lemoore)
- Oct. 12, 4 p.m. @ Las Positas
- Oct. 15, 3:30 p.m. vs. Taft
- Oct. 19, 3:30 p.m. @ Modesto

WOMEN'S SOCCER

- Oct. 8, 4 p.m. @ West Hills (Lemoore)
- Oct. 12, 4 p.m. vs. Modesto
- Oct. 19, p.m. vs. C.O.S.

WRESTLING

- Oct. 13, 7 p.m. Skyline Dual (San Bruno)
- Oct. 16, 9 a.m. West Valley Tournament
- Oct. 20, 7 p.m. Chabot Dual (Fresno)

WOMEN'S WATER POLO

- Oct. 13, 6 p.m. vs. San Joaquin Delta
- Oct. 16, TBA @ Sierra (DH)
- Oct. 16, TBA @ American River (DH)
- Oct. 20, 6 p.m. @ Merced

CROSS-COUNTRY

- Oct. 9, 10 a.m. Beaver Invitational (Sacramento)
- Oct. 16, 3 p.m. Crystal Springs Invitational (San Mateo)

WOMEN'S GOLF

- Oct. 12, 12 p.m. League tournament (Los Alts Hills)
- Oct. 14, 12 p.m. League Tournament (Fig Garden)
- Oct. 19, 12 p.m. League tournament (Lemoore)

Water polo not done yet

FCC loses first four games of the season, looks forward to remaining conference schedule

By Quinn Robinson

Rampage Reporter

In what has arguably been their biggest match-up in their short two-year existence, the Fresno City College women's water polo team lost to the Merced City College Devils 10-2 out at the Sunnyside High School aquatic center.

From the start of the match, the Rams were struggling to get their offense in gear as the Devils took an early lead and showed everyone why there were ranked No. 8 in the state going into that night.

"I have to give Fresno City credit," said Devils coach Bill Halpin. "We stormed out way ahead of them, but they didn't stop playing. I wanted to put the game away in the third quarter but wasn't able to do so because they were playing solid defense."

The Rams were able to hold Merced City College scoreless in the third quarter, but still had a lot of work to do as they entered the fourth quarter trailing 5-0. Fresno City came out seemingly re-energized the first couple of minutes in the fourth. The Devils, however, squashed any possible comeback attempt with stifling defense and five goals in the final quarter to put the game away.

"We played drop-back defense and that just stopped Fresno City," Halpin said. "One of our biggest assets on this team is our goalie. Our defense took the ball away from the hole and let the Rams take the outside shots, and our goalie did the rest by keeping them scoreless through the first three quarters."

The Rams were able to get the home crowd something to cheer about as they put in two goals late in the game. Even though Fresno



Photo by Bryan Borrer

Brittney Weaver scores a goal in a tough loss against Merced College at Sunnyside High School Sept. 29.

City didn't come out victorious against the Devils, the home crowd appreciated the effort that was given by a team that is only in their second year of existence.

"We were really working hard to establish a hole set," said Rams coach Janell Odom. "That would've allowed us to get the ball deep in our opponents territory where hopefully we'd get a foul so our drivers could drive. We have outstanding outside drivers who could put the shots away if given the opportunity. We were just having a hard time establishing the two-meter position and couldn't get any offense going."

Coming off their inaugural 2003 season in which the Rams finished

a respectable 4-6 overall, Fresno City is still having some growing pains, as they are 0-4 in the '04 season.

With returning Coast Conference 1st team member Brittany Weaver, who played guard for FCC's basketball team in the fall, and 2nd team member Sarah Bergstrom, coach Odom sees things turning around for the Rams in the near future.

"What I've been trying to do in the two years that Fresno City has had a women's water polo program is to get my team in the pool with the toughest competition possible," Odom said. "We've been taking our share of bumps so far facing the tough opponents, but we're get-

ting better and once we can take what we've learned from these matches and use them to our advantage, we're going to be a tough team to beat."

In the next couple of weeks, FCC will square off against Modesto Junior College and San Joaquin Delta College. On Oct. 16, the Rams have two games in Sacramento when they play Sierra and American River College in a double header.

Sierra is currently ranked No. 6 in California after beating Merced earlier this season. Although American River has fallen out of their preseason top ten ranking, the Beavers will still be a tough task for the Rams to overcome.

Sports briefs

Wrestling team takes fourth in Sacramento Tourney

FCC wrestling has gotten off to a fast start this year. The Rams have started 2-0 in team competition with wins over Palomar College (29-13) and Moorpark (37-9).

The Rams finished fourth in the Sacramento City College tournament.

With seven different wrestlers ranked in the top six individually the Rams have a positive start to build off of. Urbano Gutierrez (133 weight class) placed second in the SCC tournament and fourth in the Golden West tournament,

Darrell Goodpaster (141) fin-

ished second in the Golden West tournament. Jacob Salas (149) was the champion of the same tournament, Eduardo Mercado (197) GW champion and third place in the SCC tournament.

Yassar Pezzat (184) finished second at the SCC Tournament and Brian Wetstone (Heavyweight) finished second in the Golden West tournament. These strong finishes have helped them become ranked and are leading Rams wrestling so far this year.

Volleyball

Six-foot sophomore middle

blocker Nicole Hoffman from Clovis East is having a fantastic season as she is currently leading FCC volleyball and the entire State in blocks per game at 2.06.

Her fantastic play is one reason why the Rams have a record of 6-1 overall and 3-1 in league play coming in to Friday's game against West Hills College.

Make sure to check out Hoffman and the rest of the Rams as they face Porterville College in the last home game of the season. Friday Oct. 8 at 7pm.

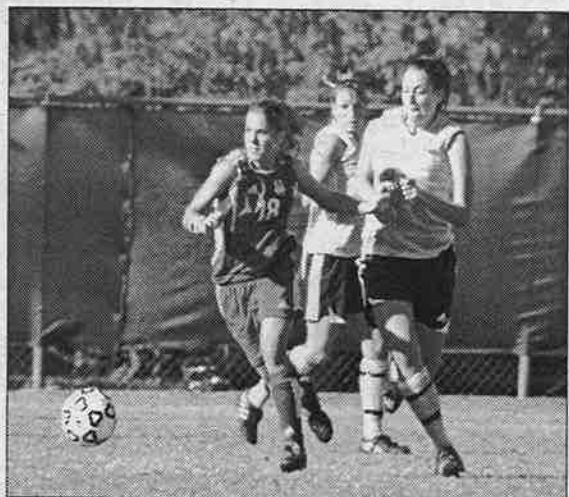
Cross-country

The Fresno City College men's cross-country team took 11th place out of 17 schools at the Lou Vasquez tournament at City College of San Francisco Sept. 30. The Rams had an average time of 22:11.14 in the 3.88-mile race.

Daniel Ortiz led FCC, placing 38th at 21:50.86.

The women placed 12th out of 13 schools, averaging 22:48.21 in their 5-kilometer run. Heather Hansen, Lucia Gonzalez, and Yu Ikeda placed 35, 36, and 37, respectively.

Women No. 20 in nation



By Quinn Robinson
Rampage Reporter

The Fresno City College women's soccer team is continuing to play with the same intensity and determination they started out the season with as they entered Central Valley Conference play October 5 against College of the Sequoias in Visalia.

The hard work displayed by the Rams has earned them national recognition as the National Collegiate Soccer Association of America ranks them 20 in the nation.

"It's a reward to what they've done so far," said coach Oliver

Germond. "Obviously I'd like to move up in the poll, but right now our only goal is to win the CVC and hopefully run the table."

One of the countless reasons Fresno City has done so well is their goalkeeping. Freshman goalkeeper Kerri Ward has not allowed a goal this season while spending 450 minutes in the box, which is the equivalent of 10 regulation halves.

"Kerri's a good leader out on the field and the team feels comfortable with her back there," Germond said.

Men's soccer beats Canyons

By David Witte
Sports Editor

The Fresno City College men's soccer team handed College of the Canyons its second loss this season with a 3-0 win.

"We played them earlier in the season and really got the better end of the game, and didn't win," FCC coach Eric Solberg said. "Certainly we had a little payback coming. Our guys were ready, and we kind of put everything together that we've been trying to get down the last few weeks."

This comes after the Rams lost at West Hills and tied at Taft for a conference record of 0-1-1. This non-conference win over Canyons

gives Fresno its third win of the season.

"A lot of the games we've done something on the field incorrectly that let them have a goal," Solberg said. "None of that happened in this game."

Steve Zachary, Felix Perez, and Tyson John scored the three goals, with assists by Andy Ayers, Raul Rivera, and Carlos Hernandez.

Raul Rivera, who leads the Rams with five goals and two assists this season, stayed scoreless.

"This week is a huge week in terms of our league," Solberg said. "We're playing Modesto, who's undefeated. They're basically in the exact same situation that we've been in the last five years."

Golfers playing for fallen teammate

By Quinn Robinson
Rampage Reporter

Fore!

In golf lingo that means watch out, and the rest of the Central Valley Conference should do just that as the Fresno City College women's golf team has displayed some strong performances this season.

In their first seven events for the '04 campaign, the Rams have finished first in four out of the five

CVC mini tournaments that have been played. They have defeated both Sacramento City College and Sierra College in the only two dual matches on FCC's schedule.

"It's exciting. They can see the potential of winning the conference and hopefully winning NorCals as well," said coach Rhonda Williams.

After losing five players in the off-season, Fresno City was left with a little uncertainty on how this year might turn out.

"I knew we had some good golf-

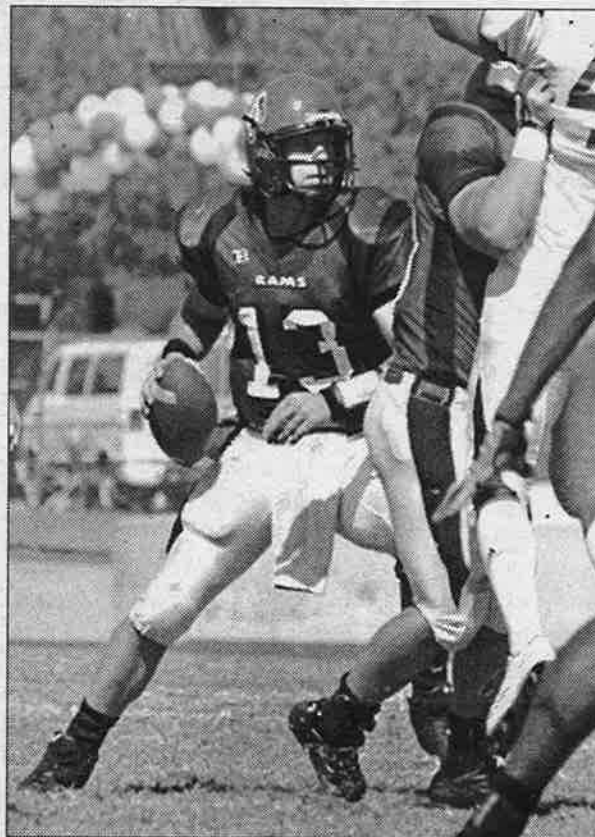
ers, but you never know what the other schools are going to have," said Williams. "Foothill has been one of our toughest competitors the last couple of seasons and they haven't competed with a full team for a couple of the tournaments this season and that's been surprising."

The Rams are led by sophomore Emily Johnson. Over the first five tournaments this season, Johnson has averaged 79.8 strokes per tour-

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FCC routs Shasta, Modesto

By David Witte
Sports Editor



The Modesto Pirates had last year's 35-0 loss on their mind going into their Oct. 2 game against the Fresno City College football team. They didn't get their revenge.

FCC defeated the Pirates 42-17, bringing the Rams' offensive total the last two weeks to 98 points. The Rams passing game has found its footing, and is now matching a running game and defense that have been solid all season.

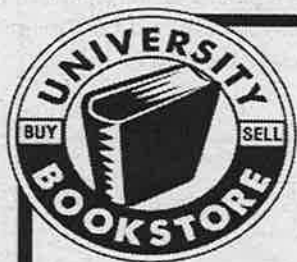
"We made it a little harder than it had to be," said FCC coach Tony Caviglia. "But we have a very opportunistic football team."

Those opportunities included four interceptions during a 56-6 rout of Shasta Sept. 25 and three interceptions, two for touchdowns, at Modesto.

"Those turnover touchdowns changed the complexion of the game," Modesto coach Sam Young said. "It allowed Fresno to go to what they like to do, which is run the football and sit on the clock."

FCC's leading rusher Nate Wright left the Modesto game with an ankle injury after only ten carries 37 yards, but a host of other rush-

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Football: Rams total seven interceptions in two games, still lose fumbles

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ers stepped in during the second half. Jose Rojas, the freshman out of Clovis West, ran 14 times for 66 yards, and Terry Johnson ran for 12 yards on four carries. Full-backs Marquise Trevathan and Marquese Bacon combined for 42 yards on 5 carries.

The Shasta game saw a similar situation. Wright ended the first half with a full-speed fingertip catch for a touchdown, effectively breaking Shasta's back.

"I just laid my hand out there to get it," Wright said. "I knew immediately that I wanted to score. I mean, miracles happen."

Wright then tweaked his shoulder and sat out most of the second half. Eight other backs stepped in, and FCC totaled more than 300 rushing yards, while Jeff Schott spread the newly effective passing game to 11 receivers.

"I think we learned a lot of lessons from the San Francisco game," Caviglia said, referring to a 26-16 loss to No. 1 City College of San Francisco. "I think it's going to be something that we're going to build

on for the rest of the year.

Fresno's defense continued its domination in Modesto, improving its interception total to ten on the season. FCC's defense had trouble containing Modesto receiver Jason Wyatt, who was quarterback Ryan Thorson's favorite target. Wyatt caught 11 passes for 172 of Modesto's 264 passing yards.

But that was the only hole in the defense. Modesto's star tailback Dannie Carr managed only 40 yards on the night.

"We were our own worst enemy tonight," Young said. "If we would

have executed, it would have been a better game."

FCC's defense scored as many touchdowns as the Modesto offense, on a 50-yard interception return by Aaron Miller, and a 65-yard interception return by Adam Ruiz. The Rams gave the ball back with four fumbles, though.

"There's still a few turnovers that I'm not quite really understanding why they're happening," Caviglia said. "We don't want to turn the ball over like that."

After a 2-8 season last year, Modesto left the Central Valley

Conference for the Golden Gate Conference. San Joaquin Delta College took its place, which means Fresno's conference schedule includes both teams it lost to last season. San Joaquin Delta remains the only CVC team even with FCC at 4-1. The two teams meet Oct. 30 in Stockton.

The Rams have a week off to nurse their injuries, after which they open CVC play against 3-2 College of the Sequoias at Homecoming Oct. 16.

CVC Standings

MEN'S SOCCER

COLLEGE	W	L	T
Modesto	7	0	0
West Hills	6	3	3
Taft	4	4	4
Fresno	3	4	1

WOMEN'S SOCCER

COLLEGE	W	L	T
FCC	9	1	0
Modesto	6	2	0
Sequoias	2	5	0
West Hills	2	7	1

FOOTBALL

COLLEGE	W	L	pct	PF	PA
FCC	4	1	.800	174	79
Delta	4	1	.800	188	157
Sequoias	3	2	.600	157	119
Reedley	2	3	.400	115	87
West Hills	2	3	.400	91	171
Merced	2	3	.400	69	159

Golf: Rams have won four tournaments

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ament and explains her transition into the number one spot this season.

"With losing Brittany Cooley, I knew that I had to step it up," said Johnson. "I'm averaging a 79 so far this season which was what Brittany was shooting for City last season, so I've been able to take her spot as the leader on this team."

The Rams haven't had a smooth transition into the 2004 season.

On April 27, 2004, Rene Abbot, who was part of the 2003 women's golf team at Fresno City, was gunned down while sitting in a parked car in a parking lot near Fresno State.

"I think everyone that knew Rene last year, number one, will

miss her golf game. Rene could've helped us out this year," said Williams. "Rene was also the type of person who had a relaxed attitude while she was on the course. She wasn't uptight like some golfers can be. She was just real laid back and a lot of fun to have on the team."

Emily Johnson, who was one of Abbot's teammates for the 2003 season, explained what the Rams did recently to honor Rene.

"September 21 was her birthday and before our tournament in Los Altos, the team got together and decided we were going to go out there and play for Rene," said Johnson. "Losing her has impacted our team a lot. The day we heard what had happened, the team got

together that night and was trying to think of what we could do for her family in her honor. She was an awesome girl and will definitely be missed."

The Rams have five more tournaments before the CVC championship Nov. 2 in Visalia.

Golf Standings

After 5 CVC tournaments

5 for 1st place, 4 for 2nd, 3 for 3rd, 2 for 4th, and 1 for 5th

Fresno City College	24
Modesto Junior College	19
Foothill College	11
College of the Sequoias	7
West Hills College	0

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North vs. South

'Out with the old and in with the new.'

I can remember like it was yesterday, the summer of 1996, when a Target store appeared out of nowhere on the corner of Blackstone and Nees Avenue. Around the store there was an overabundance of land, and pretty much nothing else in sight.

Flash forward to 2004, and that plethora of land to what is now called, "Riverpark," has become the most famous hangout for people of all ages, with all different interests. So, what is the big allure?

Fresno has jumped on the big city bandwagon with chain restaurants and bars such as the Elephant Bar, California Pizza Kitchen, Logan's and our growing city even got a Hooters [across the street from Chuckie Cheese nonetheless] but we finally got one. Not to mention the trendy shops and boutiques dispersed along the neon sidewalk leading up to Edward's 21 Cinema.

This resurgence for Fresno is very symbolic for the shifting interest moving north of the city. The widely-known saying, "Out with the old and in with the new," has captivated Fresnoans of all ages.

Middle class neighborhoods are sprouting up all over the north, moving families from other parts of the city. Why the change?

Schooling could be one reason. Clovis Unified School District is one of the top school districts in the state.

It's also one of the fastest growing school districts with about 600 new students per year and with the latest technology equipped in every classroom, parents feel that their child is receiving the best education in town. Safety could be another aspect. With lower crime rates than other parts of the city, I feel safer and more secure shopping and living in the north versus other parts of Fresno.

Leisure activities are also another attributing factor. With places like Riverpark and other shopping centers just around the corner, convenience pays a great deal to you and I, the consumer.

Recently, Downtown Fresno has gone through a revitalization process to place patches on the old sector to make it more attractive for families and friends to hang out.

Grizzlies Stadium was built and buildings were renovated. Although the facelift took place, I can't say that I'd rather spend my time or money in Downtown Fresno in comparison to the north. Downtown still lacks the youth appeal in regards to clothing stores and restaurants, the places where teens are more likely to spend their parents', I mean, their well earned money.

Bottom line, I feel that Fresno is growing into a fairly large city, and the northern migration is attributing to that notion. In 10 more years Fresno could expand all the way to the city of Friant. Maybe by that time the new hangout will be where the Friant Dam sits today, it could be called, "Dampark." Time will only tell.



Ali Sadoian

'People go where the money flows, and the money is flowing north.'

There was a time not that long ago when the entire downtown area, including Fulton Mall and the Tower District, was at the heart of life in Fresno. Granted, times have changed, but perhaps it's time to take a look at these places once more.

Take a walk through Fulton Mall sometime and really observe what's going on around you. Fulton Mall is a wonderfully diverse place filled with amazing, historical architecture, great places to eat and shop, and most importantly, culture.

Fulton Mall has been renovated and beautified in recent years, and the addition of Grizzlies Stadium has attracted more of the masses downtown.

As far as shopping goes, the area is not only a good place to find a good deal, but strike a good bargain. I know more than one happy girl who has made a good find on a unique prom dress at one of the small, locally owned shops at Fulton Mall. And when you're done shopping, there are great restaurants featuring food from countries around the world.

Why is it that people are increasingly migrating north, towards the likes of Riverpark? People are literally too afraid to venture south of Shaw Avenue, because of the perception of danger and crime that has developed over time. The solution?

The recent downtown beautification projects taken on by the city is a good start, but corporate developers need to start showing an interest.

People go where the money flows, and all of the money is flowing north.

That is exactly why Riverpark is such a giant, overshadowing downtown Fresno. Even Fresno City College is affected by this principle. Rather than spending money on the promised renovation of the FCC administration building, construction is already starting on a new SCCC campus in Clovis, on Willow and Copper.

The Tower District adds its own fun and off-beat culture to the downtown area. With everything from the Good Company Players' musicals at Roger Rocka's and plays at Second Space Theater to classy salsa nights at the Starline Club (where dress-code is strictly enforced) and playing pool at Avalon, there is plenty to keep people of all ages entertained.

The Tower District is also the place to go if you don't want to be wearing what everyone else is wearing, with funky but clean piercing/tattoo shops and thrift stores like Retro Rags.



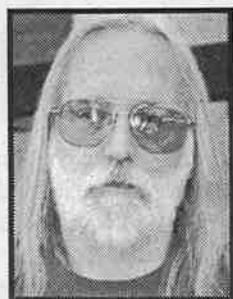
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Campus Voices

By Kirk Givan

How do you feel about the rapid growth in north Fresno?



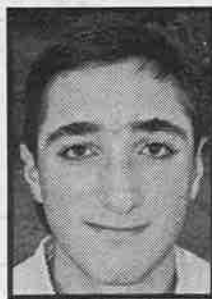
Michael Eissinger
General Education

"Until Fresnoans realize they live in an urban city instead of some small town and begin to address issues like white flight and gangs, urban renewal will suffer."



Janice Eissinger
General Education

"White flight stretches city resources that could be better used to revitalize our historic core."



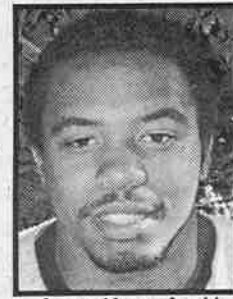
Denton Dubbels
Law

"I have been to so many cities where their downtown areas are beautiful and vibrant, but ours just turns people off, and it shouldn't be that way."



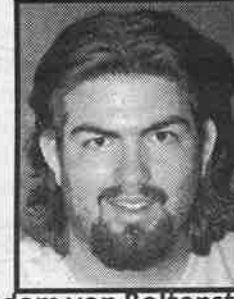
Misha Scorill
Nutrition/dietics

"We need to focus on improving the parts of town we already have before we build more."



Jonathan Lott
Business

"It would take jobs from sothern Fresno and raise unemployment there."



Adam von Boltenstern
Mathematics

"If anything, there needs to be more 24-hour coffee shops and bookstores places that students can study at."

Hello ... Say something, someone, please

There is an open grassy space on campus; in between the Bookstore and the Cafeteria, and now it makes me cheerful that it is so empty.

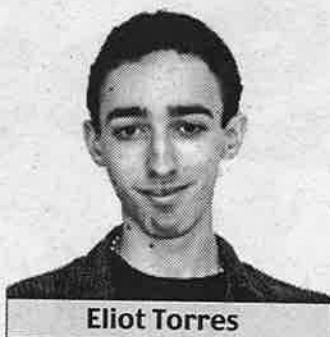
It was just another grassy space, until I was informed it was the Free Speech Area.

I've been trying to figure out why it has been so unused in my stay at FCC. Has our generation lost its voice? Or has the world gone so deaf there's no point in talking?

I talked to a few students, wondering how many were aware of the impotency of the plot of land.

"I wouldn't use it," said Emily Cox. "I think it would be interesting to hear people speak at it [free speech area], I just don't think I have the energy or time to do it."

If you'll bear with me, I have a short tale about myself. In my wild



Eliot Torres

and heady high school days, I was on the outs with a girl I went completely nuts over. She had cut the relationship with a very sharp knife, it was clean cut, and I had absolutely no idea what to do.

I had a flaming passion still burning in me and nothing I was doing was helping, she wouldn't take my calls or respond to my letters.

I was out of options, so one day, I just drove over and started yelling at her house.

If she would have been there, you might not be reading this, and I might be writing "Prison food, what's up with the gravy lumps anyway?"

Joking aside, I think that is why, on some odd level, no one stands out there.

Today, we have options. Loads of them. We have a student run newspaper that takes story suggestions from readers all the time. We have clubs, meetings, open venues and town hall gatherings to get your voice heard. Most terrifying of all, we have the internet. Think about it.

There is a way to get your opinion across to a potentially limitless number of people. Not just in your city, state, or country, but all around the globe.

With that, standing on a soap box in the middle of a grassy knoll seems a bit silly.

Still, I feel some one should go about using the open space for something. Even if we lack pas-

sion, information, or just go about other means to get our point across, if you don't exercise your

rights, they just might get flabby. I think I'll put a sign, maybe leave a soap box, just to get the ball rolling.



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Tranquil Tantrums

When you're hanging from a telephone tree

Imagine, if you will, that the calendar says your bill payment arrives at the phone company today. You grab a bus to their office building.

In the mailroom the U.S. Postal-person shows up. She dumps the mail in a huge pile. Sorting through the pile you finally find your envelope

You enclose the bill, a check and requested a change in service. A directory on the wall shows that Bill Payments go to Room 614.

But, Change in Contract is Room 234 and Service Accommodation is Room 1156. Where do you take the envelope? Trudging from floor to floor and office to office, you finally determine where the envelope goes.

Sounds stupid? Yes, it is stupid. Routing mail is a task the organization performs. It's part of being in business, like maintaining a parking lot, heating the offices or bribing officials.

You don't have the training to know where your letter should go. The business hires and trains mail clerks to sort and route the mail, efficiently.

But when you place a phone call to one of these outfits and you encounter a telephone tree, that is exactly what you are doing, sorting your communication.

You sit stupidly listening while the computer recites the business's address (if you wanted to go there, you wouldn't be calling). Next, it painstakingly announces the business's hours, day by day including what holidays they'll be closed [all of which are long past]. Then, you are advised to "listen closely as our options have changed" — like you memorized the old options.

Here's the fun part: the computer tries to guess why you called. It orders you to punch buttons in search of the proper call routing. Of course, you are not trained to know.

Then, "if you know your party's extension, enter it now." If you knew your party's extension, you wouldn't be listening to all

this crap. Next, 'trial by fire.' The phone tree begins reeling off all their departments as if you knew which is the right one.

For God's sake, don't hit the wrong number or guess the wrong department, you'd have to call back and go through it all again.

Compounding the agony, while waiting, you're bombarded with a lengthy, detailed explanation of the business hours, addresses, web sites and upcoming events (all of which have come and gone).

Finally, you hear, "due to the large volume of calls, there will be a wait of [10, 20 minutes, a 1/2 hour, a week, or an eon] until someone can help you. Your call is important to us and we appreciate your patience," overlooking the fact that you have no options so your patience is not cheerfully given but usurped.

C'mon, if they really value your call, why the Hell didn't they hire enough people to handle the volume they are "now experiencing"?

Insult to injury, while you holding, you're bombarded with ads encouraging you to do even more business with them. Yeah, right, like you want to go through more of this!

Their defense? Companies cite cost savings. The only way this works is using your time to sort the call. With their phone tree set up, they have you using your own uncompensated time to route your call, a job that is righteously part of being in business.

You're untrained, so it takes you 45 minutes to do what a trained employee could do in seconds.

You tell them why you are calling and they connect you to the proper place. You, yourself could spend days guessing.

So companies — even phone companies (who are in the communications business —

these companies don't hire and train phone call routers the way they hire and train mailroom people. Why?

The answer is greed. They'd have to pay the phone router but your time is free to them. They are willing to use it lavishly for the few lousy bucks they save.

They've got you doing their work without pay, untrained, taking far more time than an employee would. Thus, they have more time to bombard you with advertising.

The ultimate indignity, the number is finally ringing, when your party answers, voice mail. Your party must be hanging from some other company's phone tree.

Get this: you are holding on a medical concern, every three or four minutes you hear "if this is a life threatening emergency, hang up now and call 911." Of course, stupid you, bleeding to death while you wait to talk to the denial hygienist.

The time you are wasting may not be your own to waste. If you are at work, your boss is now paying you to perform another business's job. No doubt she would be delighted if you did her work, instead. Maybe she'll buy you a phone tree.

Not on the clock?

You're using your leisure time [precious, precious time] to do the called business's work for them.

This is worse than unfair, it is an outrage. It is an arrogant usurpation of your time, the one thing you have that is irreplaceable.

Be of good cheer. You don't have to take this lying down. As this column always suggests, you can take action. Here are suggestions on how to fight:

1. Voice mail — wait for the tone, then say breathlessly, "It's me. They're on to us! Oh, thank God for your fax machine. I have to destroy this document — you know which



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one — in order to protect us both. So I'm faxing it to you for safe keeping." Then play a recording of a fax data stream and hang up. Someone's gonna sweat bullets for a while. Good for them.

2. Keep track of time you spent routing your call. Send them a bill for the rate you are paid on your real job.

Include a note: "Dear Sirs; in trying to reach you on (fill in date) I found your phones were understaffed to where I had to route my call myself.

I didn't mind pitching in during a crisis, but I feel you should express your gratitude to me — for doing your work for you — by compensating me at (rate your job pays). This may be done by crediting my account with that amount or sending me a check."

3. When you (or your next of kin) finally get someone on the line, say something like: "Hi, oh wait, I smell something burning in the kitchen, be right back. Hold on."

Make yourself a coffee, read a book, see a movie, raise a family or what your little heart desires. The point is, leave 'em hanging like they had you hanging.

4. Dump 'em. Take your business elsewhere. If it's a utility or essential service with no alternative for you (don'tcha just love 'em? And they are the worse), write to their CEO complaining about them using your time without your permission. If you get a form letter back, take a clue from the late Herb Caen, write the CEO saying simply: "Dear CEO; I am sitting in the smallest room in my house. I have your reply to my complaint of (date) before me, it will soon be behind me."

You gotta fight back or next they'll have you doing their book-keeping, sweeping their floors and bribing congressmen for them.

This menace is growing at a frightening rate. The time to fight back is now. Remember, while you're hanging from the telephone tree, no one can hear you screeaaaaam.

This column honors some of the outfits where actual humans answer the phones:

Our own beloved FCC, Fresno Offices of MediCal (but don't call Sacramento)

Albertson's Markets, Division of Vocational Rehab (Fresno office), Fresno International Airport. Bravo.



Will Tranquilli

REVIEWS

Horoscopes

David Witte
(Not certified to do anything)

Three astrologers were harmed in the making of this column



ARIES (March 21-April 19) You will have a really weird dream that involves your mother, Al Franken, and two chain-smoking spider monkeys.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You will be reminded of Harold and Kumar for some reason when Doogie Howser steals your car.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The stars wish to apologize for the recent smear campaign against fortune cookies. Taurus made us do it.



CANCER (June 21-July 22) A 6.0 earthquake will rock the Coast Mountains, causing -- What? That already happened?



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) We know it sounds like they're cheering for you, but they're really just wondering why there's a naked fat guy on the football field.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) By the way, that frog you kissed wasn't a prince, but it did have hepatitis B.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Your torrid affair with Peter Jennings will end violently after he finds out you've been seeing Connie Chung on the side.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Scorpio has been hijacked by Mormon fundamentalist militants. Alert Homeland Security.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Who likes short shorts?



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You will discover a 24-hour Gilligan's Island cable network, and never be seen or heard from again.



AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb. 18) Your dilemma of who to give your extra Grizzlies ticket to will become much easier when your friend Steve is trampled by a herd of wildebeasts.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You will realize she was your only true love all to late, as she's now being hauled off to Norway in a longboat.

Shadows Fall: Rockin' good time

After the last few years of corporate "nu-metal" clones, trend-driven, garage-rock posers, and regurgitating metal wannabes, Shadows Fall flies in the face of all conventional expectations of metal music.

"The War Within" is Shadows Fall's follow-up to their highly successful album "The Art of Balance" and, metal fans, these guys do not disappoint.

The album's opener, "The Light That Blinds," starts up with some nice acoustic guitar work, which quickly turns into a flurry of dueling guitar riffs and drums that just don't quit. That's only the first minute.

It's clear from the beginning that Shadows Fall aren't your run-of-the-mill rock band. They know what they're doing, and they do it so well. Songs like "The Power of I and I" and "Eternity is Within," shows the band's wide range of talent.

Of course, playing guitar or drums with the greatest of speed doesn't make you great, like so many people would want to believe.

But when you can play fast, and keep it tight, and amazingly fresh,



Jorge Mendoza

as Shadows Fall has done, people will take notice.

The sound of "The War Within" is very reminiscent of '80s thrash metal. The music sounds like something that came straight out of 1984's "Ride The Lightning." Vocalist Brian Fair can belt out vocals just as well as Slayer's Tom Araya can, but he also shows he can actually sing on the track "Inspiration On Demand." Imagine that: A singer in a metal band actually putting some feeling and emotion into the song.

This album has its share of catchy, melodic hooks, which is a great balance from the sheer power. Radio, more specifically KRZR-103.7, spoon-feeds so-called metal on the hour, every hour.

Bands like Disturbed,



Godsmack, and yes, even the mighty Metallica (later Metallica anyway) can't hold a candle to what Shadows Fall brings to the table.

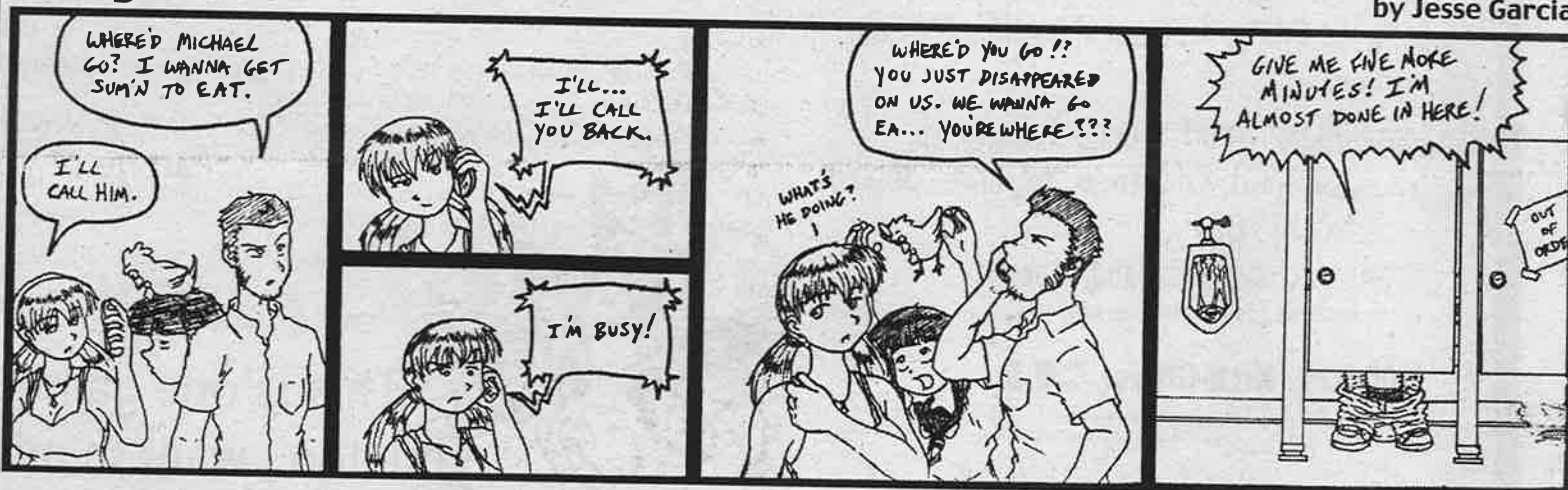
Yet, this band just keeps getting bigger and better without the help of rock radio or MTV. Finally, a genre of music is getting some sort

of recognition not for its image, but for what really matters, the music.

With other metal bands such as Lamb Of God and KillSwitchEngage coming up in the ranks, heavy metal music is making a huge comeback in America, and Shadows Fall is leading the way. It's about time.

City Life

by Jesse Garcia



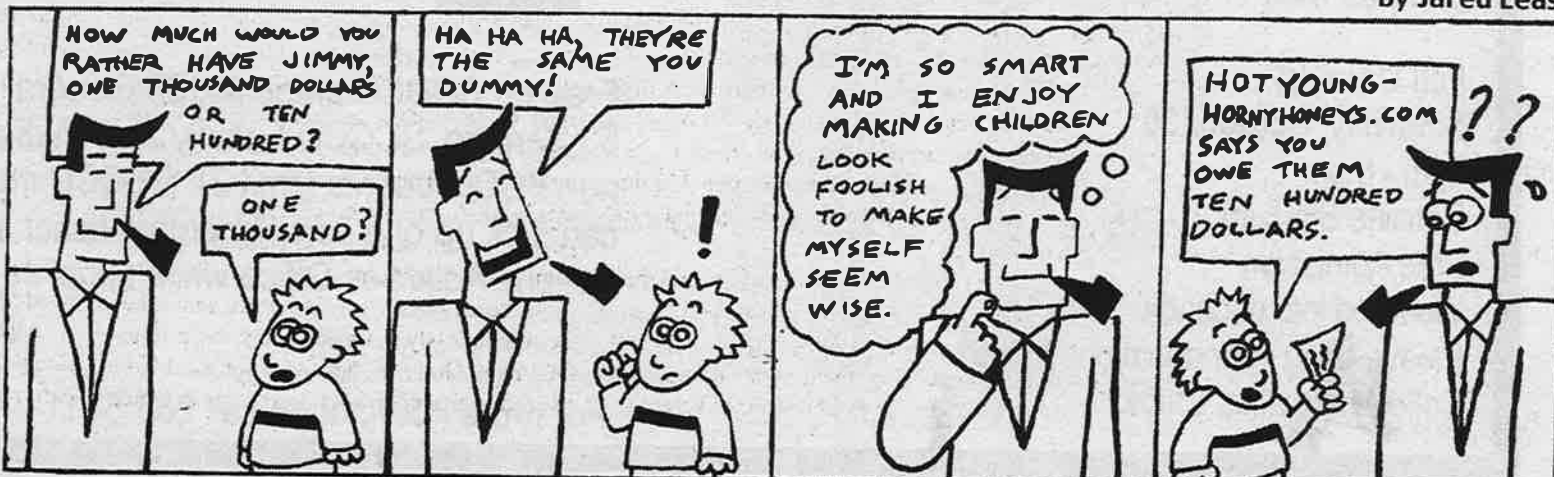
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The 14th Grade

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Homecoming 2004

A Celebration of

HOLLYWOOD

Event Schedule

Monday, October 11 Bookstore Homecoming Sale 20% off apparel October 11 - October 15	Wednesday, October 13 Ramburger Roundup BBQ 10 am-5 pm, Free Speech Area "Battle of the Band" 12 pm, Free Speech Area	Friday, October 15 Ram Pride Day Wear your FCC apparel or Just Wear Red
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HOMECOMING DAY

Saturday, October 16, 2004

★**Tailgate Party**, 4:30 pm @ Ratcliffe Stadium
Live band
★**Ram Huddle** Deep Pit Dinner for only \$8
(includes: meat, salad, rice, roll, drink, dessert)
Kids Meal \$3.00
(hotdog, chips, drink and cookie)

★**Half-time Show**
*Crowning of the King & Queen
*Float Competition
*Parade of Football Alumni

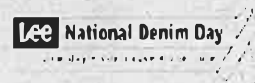


This is one game
you don't want to miss!

7:00 p.m. Kick-Off vs. C.O.S.

Game ticket prices: \$6 General Admission, \$4 Students w/I.D., \$4 FCC Staff w/I.D., \$4 Senior Citizens
*FCC Students \$1 with current Student Body Card

Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Awareness

Friday, October 8
Denim Day Walk 
Meet at the
Small fountain@12:05pm
Wear Your Denim & Help Raise Funds
For Breast Cancer

Vendor Faire
October 19 - 21
Campus Mall

Fall Carnival
Saturday, October 30
4pm - 8 pm
Ratcliffe Stadium
Free Admission
We need lots of candy.
Please bring your donations to the
College Activities Office.

The Fresno City College Speakers Forum
Presents

"Debating the Race for the Presidency"
Bay Buchanan versus Kathleen Kennedy Townsend



Tuesday, October 12, 2004
11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Fresno City College Gym



Free for SCCC students, \$5 General Admission
\$3 Seniors, SCCC Faculty and Staff and
non FCC students (limit 2). SCCC students
can pick up one complimentary ticket at the
College Activities Office while supplies last.

For more information call 265-5711

