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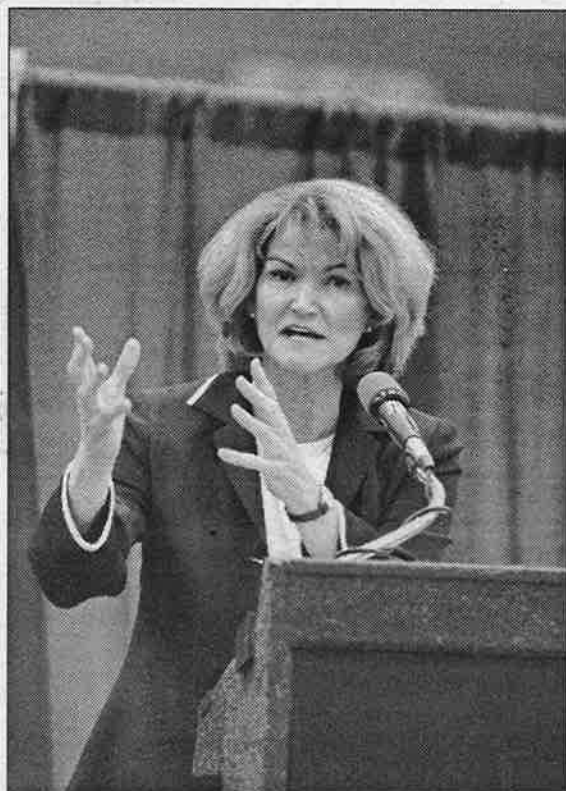
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*"There's so many ways you can get involved.
Politics is one place a degree means absolutely nothing."*

— Kathleen Kennedy Townsend



Bay Buchanan, left, and Kathleen Kennedy Townsend debate political issues concerning Fresno City College students Oct. 12. The two women respond to questions students submitted prior to the event.

Photos by Bryan Borrer

War of words

Buchanan, Kennedy Townsend debate the race for presidency

By Joanne Lui
and Eliot Torres

Rampage Reporter

Fresno City College students were given the opportunity to learn from two of the country's most politically involved women Oct. 12. With over 800 students watching on the sunny Tuesday afternoon, Kathleen Kennedy Townsend and Bay Buchanan met in the FCC Gym for a debate of their respective parties' presidential candidates, Sen. John Kerry and President George W. Bush.

Both women come from distinguished political families and backgrounds. Townsend is the oldest daughter of the late Senator Robert Kennedy and niece of late President John F. Kennedy. She was elected the first female lieutenant governor of Maryland, serving from 1995 to 2003.

"In 1990, there were, I think, three women lieutenant governors in the country, and in 1994, there were 21, and I was one of them," said Townsend. "It was really because the politics had changed and many people who were running for governor, or women themselves running for lieutenant governor, realized the time was ripe for women to run for public office."

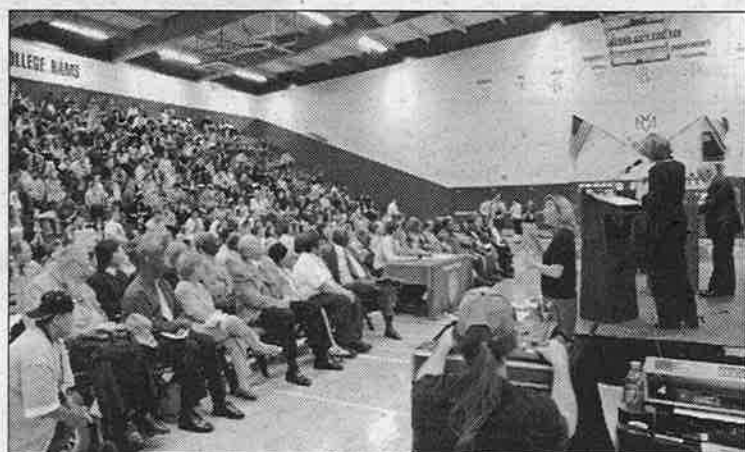


Photo by Bryan Borrer

A crowd of students and administration filled the FCC gym to listen to a debate between two nationally recognized political speakers.

There's always the combination of what society tells you can do and what you tell yourself."

Buchanan, who worked on brother Pat Buchanan's two presidential campaigns, was, at 32, the youngest-ever United States Treasurer under the Reagan administration.

"In my professional career, men supported me far, far more rapidly and thoroughly than women. Women were threatened," said Buchanan. "If women were in a high position at the time, they wanted to be the woman that had succeeded. I was usually in competition with [a woman], not in my

mind, but in her mind, and many times I would have to move around a woman to move ahead."

Townsend and Buchanan had differing opinions on a wide-range of subjects.

In regards to the sky-rocketing costs of college tuition, and what their respective candidates planned to do, Townsend said, "John Kerry thinks that we should fully fund Pell Grants up to \$5,500, which is actually what Bush promised four years ago but didn't fulfill. That's number one. Two, he has proposed a \$4000 tax credit for college tuition so it'll become more affordable."

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Signs of problems

ASG billboards encourage voter registration days after deadline

By Will Tranquilli
and Eliot Torres

Rampage Reporter

Fresno City College's Associated Student Government has rented roadside billboards near campus to promote voter registration.

The last day to register to vote for the upcoming election was Oct. 18.

The eight billboards — at a cost of \$490 each — were not up as of 10 p.m. on Oct. 18.

A spokesman for the billboard rental agency Viacom Outdoor said the company, "by contract," has until Oct. 21 to put up the billboards.

At an Oct. 5 student government meeting, ASG President Daniel Lorente said that the billboards would target potential voters.

"Voter registration will be the priority, and reminding them their vote counts is the second thing," said Lorente. "Awareness of Fresno City College and ASG is another purpose."

"I think (the billboard campaign) would serve its purpose, and I think it really would establish Fresno City College as a legitimate student government as they're driving by."

The ASG approved funding for the billboard project at that meeting.

Minutes of the ASG meeting of

Oct. 5 recorded a vote approving a \$4,000 allocation for the signs.

Mykel Newton, the Viacom Outdoor account executive in charge of the transaction, said ASG rented eight billboards for \$3,920 for a four-week period.

The rate was reduced from Viacom's highest rate because of slow fourth-quarter sales, Newton said.

The design for four of the eight advertisement was featured on the back of the informational program distributed at the Oct. 12 debate between Bay Buchanan and Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, said ASG faculty adviser Gurdeep Sihota.

The advertisement design features the words "Rock the Vote!" across three-fourths of the billboard and under that "November 2nd." All eight billboards will feature the portrait of ASG members.

The lower one-third of the sign would be divided into two messages, "Register to Vote by October 18th, 2004" and "YOUR VOTE, YOUR VOICE!!" The left corner of the signs will feature a portrait of the student senators, comprising about 15 percent of the billboard. Across the bottom in very small letters, the signs would read, "Fresno City College Associated Student Government."

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RAM ROYALTY



Photos by Daisy Rosas

Tannya Villalvazo, left, smiles as she is announced as homecoming queen and president of the Asian-American Club, Lon Chhav, right, is crowned homecoming king during half-time of the Oct. 16 football game against College of the Sequoias.

Students helping students

Human Service Alliance Club assists non-traditional students with college survival skills

By Will Tranquilli
Rampage Reporter

Ex-convicts started a campus club last year that reaches out to people who, for a variety of reasons, would not consider college an option. Human Services Alliance serves parolees, single mothers, welfare recipients, probationers, disabled people and low-achieving high school students.

"There are now 60 plus members in the HSA, and every one of them is an asset. Just by joining they have stated [an] understanding of the problems facing portions of the population who have always been taught they weren't good enough to go to college," Pat Romano, club president said.

This award-winning club's members encourage non-traditional students. They inform them of the possibilities of success at FCC, urge them to apply and guide them through the experience. The club is unique because its members usher non-traditional students through a successful academic experience.

Thanks to this club, Fresno City College can boast of another exclusive program. While other post-high school institutions, such as Fresno State and Reedley, have expressed interest in this approach, FCC can boast of the first and only chapter of HSA.

"There is freedom in education,, is one of our mottos." The club will reach out to non-traditional candi-

dates, whether they are jailbirds, ex-cons, probationers, handicapped, single parents or just intimidated by the prospect of attending college, Romano said.

Although only about 10 per cent of the club's members have criminal records, they are among the most active in the club. Maybe their taste for freedom is sharper because they've tasted the alternative, Romano said.

There are no statistics available, but one member's experience is impressive. Out of 50 students he has helped, 49 are successfully pursuing their education. That 50th student plans to reenter FCC Spring semester, Romano said.

The club's other motto is, "Students helping students." We are students who help those less able to deal with college to cope with their problems and issues. Their approach is a one-on-one basis.

This gives the students, who find themselves in unfamiliar and intimidating surroundings, a feeling that there is someone they can go to for help, someone who has been through it him (or her) self, Romano said.

Cliff Goroupa is program coordinator of human services and Human Services instructor. He planted the seed for HSA in 2001. He asked his HS40 class to develop literature as a guide for parolees to ease their way into college. They were to supply the literature to service providers such as social workers, parole agents, community nurses, and probation counselors in the area. This material was for those who would not attend college without special

encouragement and understanding.

Goroupa's students had difficulty finding a place to meet and work. They formed a recognized club and became be able to reserve meeting rooms on campus. Then, their work progressed well.

Sal Mina of Extended Opportunities, Programs and Services [EOP&S] asked Goroupa for someone to could go with him to speak to parolees on the advantages of education, Goroupa said.

Romano, himself a parolee, accepted the job. "Not only was the event a success, it changed HSA's primary goals. From then on, the club's mission was to help those who had fallen through the cracks to change their lives and reach for a better future. [It] has evolved into a group of students committed to changing the lives of non-traditional students," he said.

"Imagine that you've spent the last several years in an environment of gray walls and barbed wire with nothing expected of you except that you cause no problems. Then, you are released to a world where you must provide food, shelter, clothes and health care for yourself and possibly your family. Your old ways and friends are no longer acceptable. They will only send you back to the gray world."

"Like most parolees, school for you was an experience of failure and frustration. It would be the last thing you would consider at this point. Then, at your mandatory Parolee Orientation meeting, you meet someone who has been in your

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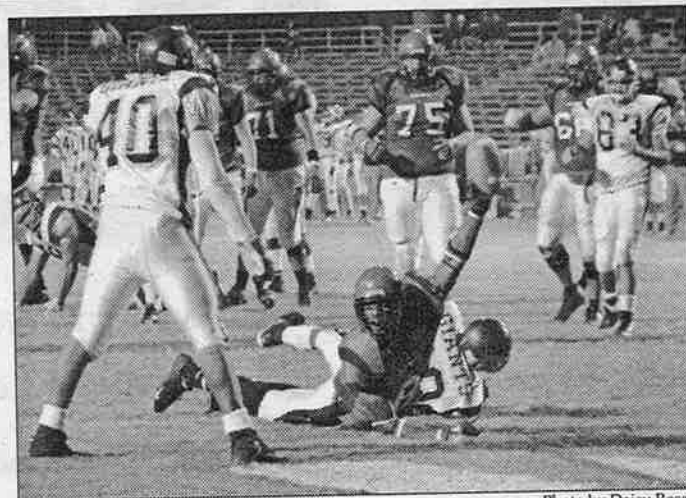


Photo by Daisy Rosas

DeAngelo Ramsey (center) raises the ball in the end zone to prove possession after a hit by Kellen Kennedy (right center).

A zero on the board

• Fresno City College football keeps College of the Sequoias scoreless at Homecoming Oct. 16.

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Bush or Kerry?

• Two Rampage writers debate who should be the next president of the good ol' U.S. of A.

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Blood suckers

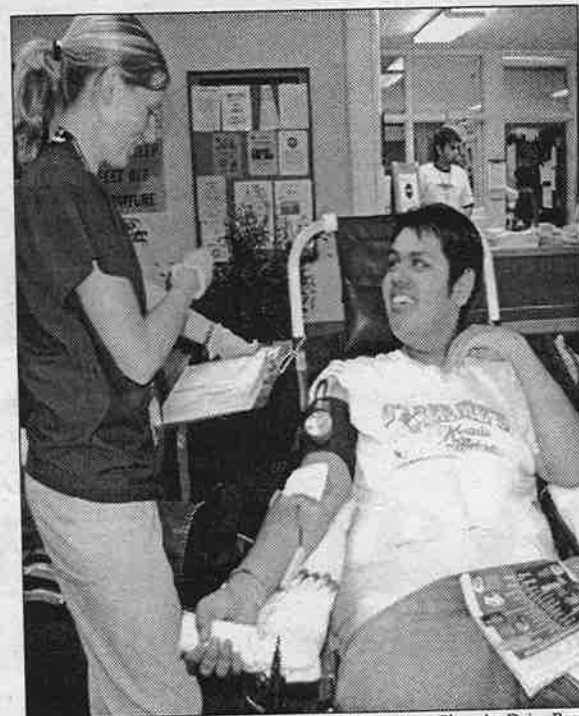


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Adrian Ledesma willingly lets phlebotomist Jill Wapiennik extract his blood for donation during Fresno City College's Blood Drive Oct. 6 in the Student Lounge.

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22 10am-2pm	3 on 3 Soccer	Behind Gym
22 9 am-2pm	Plant Sale	Green House
22 1pm-5pm	Dead Filmmakers Society	
	movie screening	MS-132

24-30 "Stop The Hate Week"

27 7:30pm	Community Concert Band Theatre	
30 4pm-8pm	Fall Carnival	Ratcliffe

NOVEMBER

2	Election Day—"Vote"	
3	10am-2pm Club Rush	Main Fountain



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Decide your vote by Nov. 2

Election Day is getting close. Do you know what the propositions are?

Compiled by Ali Sadoian

Prop. 59

If passed, proposition 59 will amend the Constitution to include the public's right of access to meetings of government bodies and writings of government officials. There is potential annual state and local government cost to make additional information available to the public. No on this measure means: Access to government information would continue to be governed by existing laws. Yes on 59 would mean Californians have a constitutional right to access government information.

Prop. 62

Proposition 62 requires primary elections where voters may vote for any state or federal candidate regardless of party registration of the voter or candidate. No on 62 means the voter would continue to receive primary election ballots based on their political party identification. Yes on 62 means all voters would receive the same primary election ballot for most state and federal offices. The top vote getter regardless of political party will be placed on the general election ballot.

Prop. 63

Proposition 63 establishes a 1 percent tax on taxable income above \$1 million to fund expanded health services to mentally ill children, adults and seniors. A yes on 63 means a surcharge on state personal income taxes would be enacted for those who receive \$1 million or more income. The 1 percent tax will finance an expansion of county mental health programs. Voting No on 63 would mean that a large amount of funding for mental health programs would be dependent upon actions by the Legislature or Governor.

Prop. 64

Proposition 64 would allow individuals or class action "unfair business" lawsuits only if actual loss is suffered [ex: injury, loss of money or property.] Voting Yes on 64 means that except for the Attorney General and local prosecutors, no person could bring a lawsuit for unfair compensation unless they endured suffering. A person pursuing such claims on behalf of others would have to meet the additional requirements of class action lawsuits. Voting No on 64 means a person could bring a lawsuit under the unfair compensation law without having suffered anything. In addition, a person could bring such a lawsuit without meeting the requirements of a class action lawsuit.

Prop. 67

Proposition 67 increases telephone surcharge and allocates other funds for emergency room physicians, hospital emergency rooms, and various health related interests. The fiscal impact would increase state revenues of about \$500 million annually to reimburse physicians and uncompensated emergency medical services. A Yes on 67 means in addition to your phone bill, the state would impose a 3 percent emergency telephone surcharge for calls made within the state to reimburse uncompensated medical care. A No on 67 means the emergency telephone number surcharge would remain 0.75 percent on your phone bill and uncompensated care would need to be funded largely by the Legislature and Governor.

Prop. 68

Proposition 68 authorizes tribal compact amendments. Unless tribes accept the agreements, 16 non-tribal establishments will be authorized to open casino gaming in California. A percentage of the gaming revenue will fund government services. A Yes on 68 means, slot machines would be authorized at 16 specific racetracks and card rooms throughout the state unless all Indian tribes with tribal-state compacts agree to the terms. No on 68 means, slot machines will not be authorized anywhere but the tribal gaming establishments and the tribes would resume state compacts. The local government would not receive new gambling revenues.

Prop. 69

Proposition 69 requires a collection of DNA samples from all felons and from others arrested or charged with specific crimes and are submitted to a state DNA database. When costs are fully realized, nearly \$20 million dollars will be spent annually to collect the DNA samples. A Yes on 69 means the state would expand the collection of DNA samples to include all convicted felons, and some convicted nonfelons, as well as individuals arrested for certain offenses. No on 69 means DNA samples would continue to only be required from persons convicted of serious felonies.

Now pay additional tuition

Students must pay difference in tuition or be placed on hold

By Eliot Torres
Rampage Reporter

Brandon Simons, a Fresno City College student, received a letter indicating he needed to pay an additional \$112 for his classes. If it weren't for the timing, Simons said he would have given it little thought.

"I thought it was stupid because it was in the middle of the semester? I don't have too much time, I'm either at school or at work, so I had to make time and go to the office to pay it," Simons said. "It's kind of frightening to think you can get dropped from your classes if you don't pay

your fees in time."

No one was dropped, or will be dropped according to John Cummings, district dean of admissions and records.

You will just be put on an academic hold. "If you have a fee waiver, you should not be billed and don't have to worry at all. Also, many new people are now qualified to go on PAL and other financial aid services. If you did become eligible from this fee increase, you can also receive a refund.

As long as you are awarded with financial aid, you should eventually receive credit," said Cummings.

"The only problem I have with it is that it puts a burden on people who sign up for a class at a certain point figuring they have to pay a certain price and then having the cost raised after the fact," James Joseph said, professor of political science.

"It would be a little like buying a car for \$20,000 and then having a guy come over and ask for \$3,000 more."

"Education is becoming more expensive, and we aren't necessarily see an increase in the availability of funds who find themselves outside the reach of financial aid." Richard Valencia, instructor of sociology said.

Valencia said, "The problem I see is that the community colleges have never been funded completely by what was mandated by the state legislature which under prop 98. The community colleges were supposed to get a percentage of the budget and they never got their full allotment."

"The root of it is a lot of people demanding resources from the state and the governor trying to find ways without slowing our growth," replied James Joseph.

"Really, bottom line, it's rude. It's a shocker," said Noram Huffman, student.

Debate: Nationally known women speak at FCC

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Buchanan said, "The president does support the Pell Grant and he does believe we need to have those types of loans available for students so they can pay for college."

During the debate, the question of the candidates' plans for social security was posed to the women.

"My candidate, John Kerry, will do one thing; he will not privatize social security," said Townsend. "Social security is a social system for all Americans. Everybody pays in, and the idea is we all share the risk together...George Bush will take money out of your social security right now and give it to others and let them invest, which means that your whole life savings is at risk. I think that's wrong."

"What George Bush is suggesting is that in the future...you choose where [your money is]



Photo by Bryan Borrer

Fresno City College was host to a national debate between, left, Kathleen Kennedy Townsend (D) and Bay Buchanan (R).

best, not the government. It's been proven time and again that in the private sector, the money is in much better hands," said Buchanan. "John Kerry thinks that the government should do everything for you, that the government knows what's best, whereas George Bush feels that the individual can take more responsibility."

Both Buchanan and Townsend had advice

for students who want to get involved in politics.

"You don't start in politics. Decide what you really believe, what's important to you, what drives you, what excites you," said Buchanan. You do that by looking at a couple of issues that mean something to you and then going and finding somebody that disagrees with you and really debating it."

Buchanan also wanted

students to remember that "the key first thing before you get into politics is to become a leader. A leader has strong views that they're very moved by...you need to be a leader first."

"Find somebody you like, whether it's in city council or the governor's office," said Townsend. "There's so many ways you can get involved...Politics is one place that a degree means absolutely nothing. What matters is ability, dedication, and hard work and you can do anything."

"My impression is that Kennedy did the best job, Bay, on a couple of questions, was not even with the person she was supporting...that was a little sketchy," Bethany Whitney, one of the many students in attendance, said. "I think Kennedy took the debate here, although I liked Bay's closing statement the most."

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Billboards: *Promote voter registration after deadline*

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The other four signs will not display the now-belated registration reminder, said Sihota.

ASG minutes from last summer indicate that this project was first introduced by Lorente. Executive Vice President Valeri Westen, President Pro Tem Edgar Castellon and Senator Carson Schafer all said that Lorente carried the project and was the ASG member in charge of development.

When the project was discussed at the Oct. 5 meeting, Lorente said it was almost certain that other groups would share the cost of the signs. Reedley College was one he mentioned. Sihota felt the FCC information office would buy one, also.

Reedley College did not buy a sign but the FCC information office paid \$400 for one, Sihota said. The cost per sign was \$490. No explanation was offered for the discount the information office received.

Viacom Outdoor has a non-profit customer rate of \$250 per sign, but Newton said her company felt the theme of ASG's design was political in nature and that justified the higher rate. The political rate is the highest rate for their fourth quarter, she said.

The net amount ASG paid is \$3,520 for seven signs, over \$500 each. The photograph of the ASG members occupies 15 percent of the signs' surfaces, it is, therefore, costing the students of FCC \$528 to show



A Viacom Outdoor billboard stands above McKinley and Blackstone avenues and will soon display ASG's campaign advertisements urging local citizens to vote.

their student government to Fresno.

Most sign locations are grouped with 1.5 miles from campus, six within a mile south. The Sierra-Blackstone site is over five miles north of FCC.

The date planned for the signs

was Oct. 11, according to Newton. Both Sihota and Lorente attributed the delay to problems with the ASG portrait. Lorente also said Viacom Outdoor would not commit to the campaign until ASG's check cleared.

Linda Sanchez, an account clerk

at the FCC business office, acknowledged "cutting" a check for ASG and handing it to Lorente on Oct. 14, but would not verify the amount. Sanchez deferred all questions of cost of the billboard campaign to Lorente.

Viacom estimates the message will reach 114,000 people daily. The billboards will be on display until at least Nov. 17, said Newton, 13 days after the election and 29 days after the last day to register to vote.

HSA: *Ex-convicts, parolees, and single mothers benefit from club*

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shoes. He assures you that you can get an education, in fact, a college education. He's done it himself and there are others like him who will help you do the same. The concept becomes no longer unthinkable," Romano said.

The parole department works with HSA to smooth the transition for its matriculating members, Ralph Rosado, Parole Agent II and manager of the Parolee Orientation Program said.

"[The club's] outreach also happens through the Human Services Program Advisory Committee, representatives from social work, correctional programs, and other rehabilitation programs," Goroupa said. The members give HSA's literature to their clients. Word of mouth is another effective way to contact potential students, Romano said.

The club directs its lost sheep, to resources for housing, health care, clothes, tutoring, financial aid and transportation, among other things. Does this approach work?

"[Such programs] have brought recidivism rates of around 70% down to 2%," Rosado said.

Confidentiality prevents using names but, Rosado quotes some of his parolees as saying:

"This is a worthwhile program. I wish I'd had it before I committed my offense."

"Wonderful."

"[You guys have to] keep up the great work."

One of the most impassioned administrators in the criminal justice system is Evelyn Laura-Lou. In charge of the Fresno parole offices, she was enthusiastic when she said, "Our association with HSA has been useful, absolutely useful,"[emphasis hers].

The club's success was recog-

nized in the year 2002-2003. FCC gave HSA the Outstanding New Organization Award. Further, Robert Ornelas was a beneficiary of HSA program last semester. This semester he, vice president and, named by the Department of Corrections Parolee of the Year, out of an estimated population of 85,000, Ornelas said.

Cliff Goroupa, Jacquie Fargano and MaryAnn Valentino are the fac-

ulty advisors.

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bask in HSA's glory can attend a meeting at 4pm every Wednesday in the Student Lounge.

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'Lend Me a Tenor' at FCC

By Dyann Serrato

Rampage Reporter

Fresno City College's fall theatre season opened with the Tony award winning Broadway hit "Lend Me a Tenor". Under Charles Erven's direction, this hilarious slapstick comedy farce by Ken Ludwig is pure pleasure. "Lend Me A Tenor", is a wacky, a multi-faceted, local boy makes good story set in the early 1930'.

Famous Italian tenor Tito Manelli (Sebastian Ardemagni) comes to Cleveland to play Verdi's Othello in an attempt to put the Cleveland Opera house on the "Operatic Map". What follows is a comical intertwined anthology of mix-ups, mistaken identity, missed opportunity, and yes, even Amore.

Presented on a "really great split-set" Erven said, "you see two rooms simultaneously, an intricate part of the flow of the play". The set was superbly done in early 1930's as were the colorful and tasteful costumes.

The cast consists of Fresno City College students, all of whom have theatrical experience performing for previous FCC engagements, high school plays and/or Second Stage.

Tito, nervous and demanding, (Ardemagni) arrives in Cleveland for the big debut with his beautiful, passionate and jealous wife, Maria (Tawney Johnson). Tragedy and mayhem follow, when Maria, stumbles, seemingly once again upon another situation with one of Tito's admirer's. Having enough, Maria writes Tito a note that she is leaving him for good. Too much vino mixed with tranquilizers



Photo by Jenny Boothe

Taken by surprise, Roderick Tyson Borden, left, as Max and Philip Badillo as Saunders play two of the eight characters in *Lend Me a Tenor*, a farce by Ken Ludwig and directed by Charles Erven.

leaves Tito sprawled out in his motel room bed. Calm and collected Max (Rodrick Borden) an inspiring opera singer himself, finds the Italian star and thinking him for dead, calls upon the Frantic, sarcastic, and desperate Saunders (Phillip Badillo) the man responsible for the

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Calm and collected Max (Rodrick Borden) an inspiring opera singer himself, finds the Italian star and thinking him for dead, calls upon the Frantic, sarcastic, and desperate Saunders (Phillip Badillo) the man responsible for the

50,000 in ticket sales, for advice on what to do next. After all, we all know the show must go on!

We watch Saunders young, childish daughter Maggie, (Ashley Hyatt), who is Max's girlfriend, but has an eye for Tito, blossom into a willing and sexy young woman. It is fun watching as the characters fall all over themselves trying to make an impression. It seems that everyone wants "Il Stupendo" and not even admiring Bellhop (Landon Weiszbrod) who's antics and boyish appeal were delightfully done, can escape his mysterious appeal. One by one or two by two, or all at once they come to steal away precious moments alone with Tito.

Diana, Tito's Opera leading lady (Kandace Stokes) very sure of herself and knowing just how to climb to the top, also gets entangled in the web of deceit, and the misunderstood situation she got caught up in was classic.

Cleveland's proper but impatient social patroness Julia (Kimberly Burns), the Chairman of the Opera Guild, brought an air of pagantry into the room with her, as she swirled around in chic sophistication.

The play ran smoothly all the way through, and each character was delightfully talented and funny in a different way.

Written in 1985, "Lend Me a Tenor" ran 476 times on Broadway. "Produced all over the world", it is "one of the most produced comedy's" said Erven. "Well made, well written, with no heavy message, it's just funny". Although the play is about an opera singer, it is not a musical.

Erven said they usually do well with ticket sales. The more well known the play, the better. "Comedy's generally do better". This Theater season will be all comedy, including "Boy's Life" a "dark" comedy set in New York in the early 1920's and "Something's Afoot", a Musical who-done-it spoof.

For every production there is a performance set aside for Scholarship Benefit. Whatever funds are raised through the ticket sales for that day, go to the Acting Scholarship.

When asked why we should see this play, Erven has this to say "I think we all need a laugh, and this is one of those plays that will constantly surprise you. I think you will walk out of here pleased with the evening, it's a good night out. Come and see the show"

For ticketing information and Theatre Box Office hours, phone 442-8221, or email fcc.artsdivision@fresnocitycollege.edu

It's your right, line up and fight

Students vote whether or not to change current smoking policy

By Jorge Mendoza

Rampage Reporter

Fresno City College students got the chance to voice their opinion on the smoking ban issue through a survey given on Oct. 13 and 14 in the Fountain Area.

Students who participated were asked to give what they think would be the best way to enforce the smoking policy on campus. They were given the following choices:

No change. Smoking is allowed 20 feet away from all college buildings.

Change to smoking allowed 25 feet away from all college buildings.

Change to smoking only allowed in parking lots.

Change to smoking allowed only in designated areas on campus.

Change to a non-smoking campus.

"It's been about even," said Ali Qali, a member of ASG. "Most people want it kept the same, but a surprisingly amount of people want smoking banned all together."

"Send them out into the parking lot!" said one unidentified student. When asked why he wouldn't give his name, the student replied, "if it comes down to that, I don't want to be the one who's blamed."

"It's a really bad idea," said Andrew Zaninovich, 22. "I can see why people would want

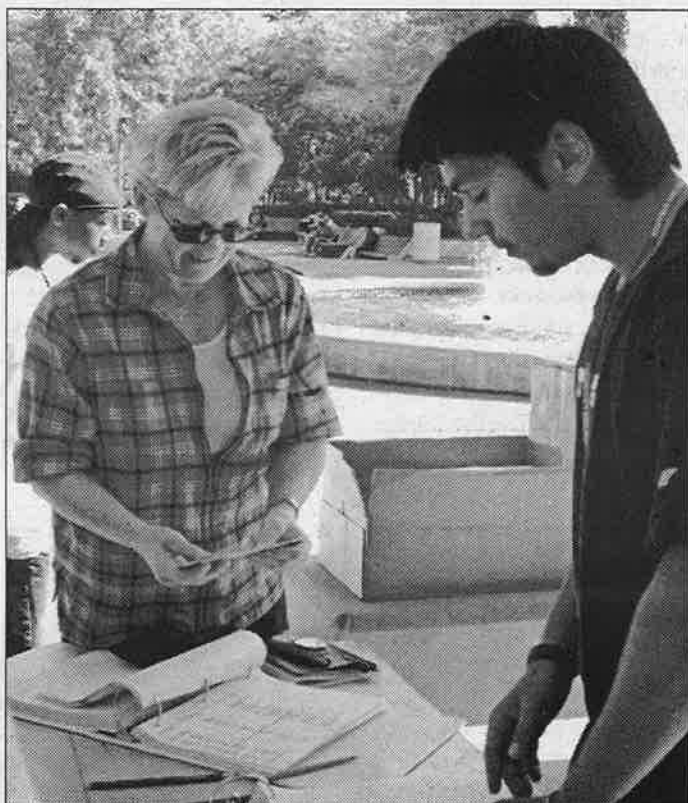


Photo by Jenny Boothe

Debbie Adams places her vote for the smoking policy with the help of Ali Qali Oct. 14 in the Fountain Area of Fresno City College.

change, but, to exile every smoker into the parking lot or to even fathom them from not being able to smoke would really anger a lot of people."

Qali stated that they were hoping to have at least 1,000 people participate in the survey. It looked to have surpassed expectations, but as of press time, no actual figure could be accounted for.

The survey itself states, "The results of the survey will be forwarded to the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees to be used in any recommended policy on campus/district smoking."

Although some people seem to be bitterly divided over the issue, Qali remains optimistic.

"It's looking like there may be a change, nothing too drastic I think," Qali said. "If you set it to 30 feet from any college building, I think that would be a happy medium most people can agree with."

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October 6, 2004

Game of the Week

FCC
Rams



College of
the
Sequoias
Giants



Sport: Women's Volleyball
When: Oct. 22, 7:00 p.m.
Where: Visalia
Notes: The 12-3 Giants host the 9-1 Rams in the COS gym. FCC is ranked 10th in the California Community College Women's Volleyball Coaches Association poll. Sequoias is ranked 13th.

Rams falter, fall

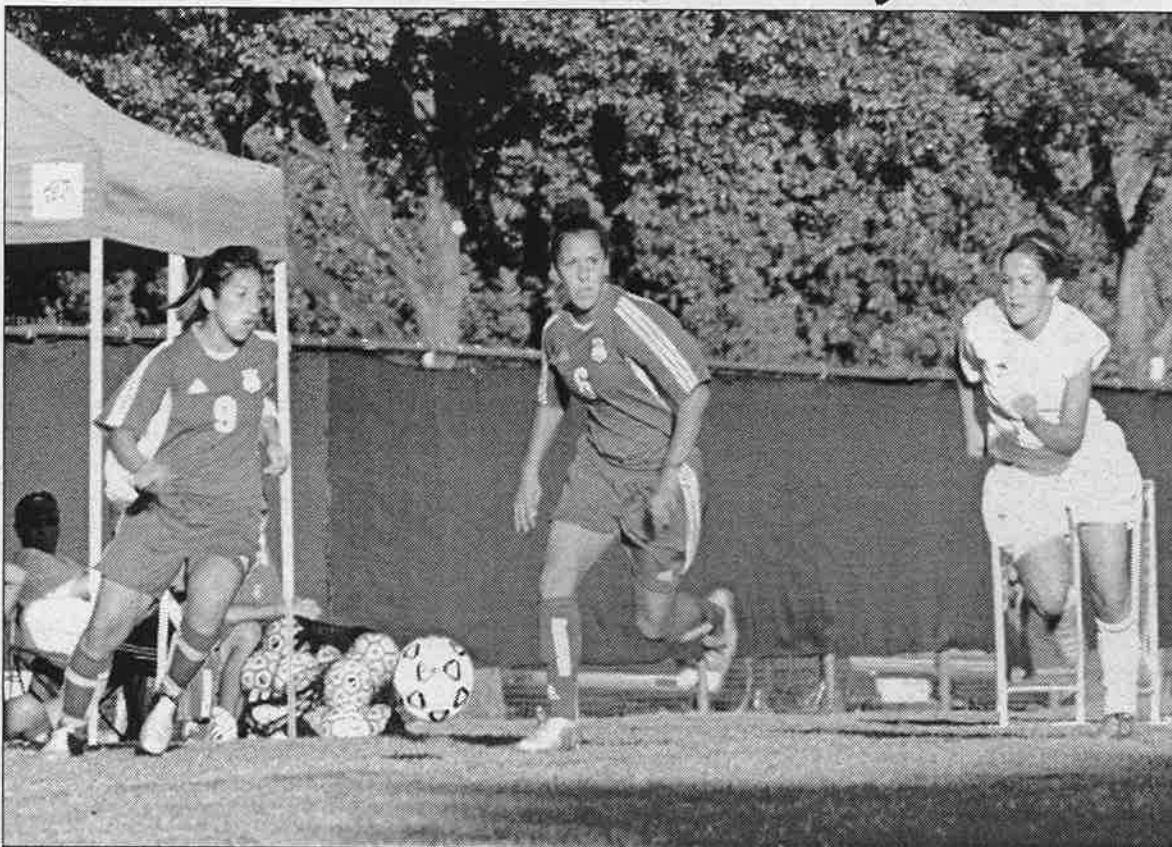


Photo by Daisy Rosas

Michelle Mancebo, left, and Sara Saavedra, center, take control of the ball as a Modesto defender threatens nearby. Modesto Junior College won the game 2-1 on Oct. 12.

By Quinn Robinson
Rampage Reporter

They're human.

The Fresno City College women's soccer team did something on Oct. 12 they have done only twice all season.

They lost.

The Rams hosted the Modesto Junior College Pirates in a showdown between the top two teams in the Central Valley Conference, and the Pirates came into Fresno and took the first meeting this season 2-1. Fresno City (11-2, 2-1) is now tied with Modesto Junior College (8-3, 2-1) atop the CVC standings.

"Coming into Fresno and winning is a very difficult task," said Pirates coach Steve Aristotelous. "We came in here last year and basically stole the game. We were outplayed in every category but ended up coming out of that game with the victory. Today I think we played better than last year's match.

I don't consider this one a steal, the last 20 minutes they pounded on us and that's Fresno. You're never going to have an easy game against Fresno. They have some great players on their team. We have to play them two more times this season and I'm not looking forward to it at all."

Fresno City's opponents so far this year have had a lot of trouble keeping up with the very athletic Rams. Modesto decided they weren't going to be one of those teams as they ran step for step with the No. 17 team in the nation.

Modesto struck first 15 minutes into the game as the Pirates' Erin Sakata sent a shot from the right side of the field that slipped out of the grasp of Rams goalkeeper Kerri Ward and into the goal.

Not into to trailing, the Rams stepped up the intensity. They constantly had the ball in Pirates territory and capped it off with a corner kick goal by FCC's Heather

Mathos.

Modesto again tried to gain the offensive. Just when it looked like they had their opening, the tenacious Fresno defense came to light and denied any chances Modesto might have had to take a lead into halftime as both teams went into the break tied 1-1.

The teams came out of the half, as the fans were ready for what was going to be an exciting final 45 minutes of soccer.

The Pirates and Rams traded possession of the ball as both teams fought for control of the tempo of the game. Modesto got a golden opportunity when they were able to break through the Rams defense and slip into their territory. With the Rams defenders on their heels, Modesto's Erin Sakata found Tara Luker down the middle of the field. Sakata then delivered a pass to Luker who kicked it past Ward for

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Golf team wins tourney at Fig Garden

By Ryan McHenry
Rampage Reporter

The Fresno City College women's golf team took to the links at Fig Garden Golf Course on October 14 against Modesto Junior College. FCC took the CVC mini tournament, scoring 352. Modesto followed with 373.

The girls had a tough day individually as their scores were higher than usual. Head Coach Rhonda Williams blamed the higher scores on fatigue.

"This is the team's second tournament in three days," Williams said. "I think the girls are just tired."

Emily Johnson who leads the team with a stroke average of 79.5, watched as her score slipped to 85 at Fig Garden. Johnson attributed her lower scores to an injured left hip.

"It really isn't all that painful," said Johnson. "My hip doesn't allow me to get proper extension on my swing, which causes me to push a lot of my balls off to the right."

The women seemed to have the most trouble with the 17th hole. It is a par three that requires great putting due to a sloped green. If you overshoot the green there is some nasty ivy growing just beyond that can really cause problems.

Johnson overshot the par three and ended up settling for a double bogey due to a two putt on that difficult green. Ashley Shubin and Amanda Cogdill also had trouble on the short par three.

Jennifer Coronado had difficulties on the "cursed" 17th as well. Her problems, ironically, didn't come with her score, instead her problem was keeping her club within arms' reach. As Coronado teed-off, the club slipped out of

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Dates & Info

Football

- Oct. 23, 7 p.m. @ Merced
- Oct. 30, 1 p.m. @ San Joaquin Delta

Volleyball

- Oct. 20, 7 p.m. @ Taft
- Oct. 22, 7 p.m. @ COS
- Oct. 27, 7 p.m. vs. Modesto
- Oct. 29, 7 p.m. @ Reedley
- Nov. 3, 7 p.m. vs. West Hills

Men's soccer

- Oct. 22, 4 p.m. @ Ohlone
- Oct. 26, 3:30 p.m. vs. West Hills
- Oct. 29, 4 p.m. vs. Las Positas
- Nov. 2, 3 p.m. @ Taft

Women's soccer

- Oct. 21, 4 p.m. vs. West Hills
- Oct. 26, TBA @ Modesto
- Nov. 2, TBA @ COS

Wrestling

- Oct. 20, 7 p.m. Chabot Dual
- Oct. 30, 9 a.m. State Dual Championship (Santa Rosa)

Women's water polo

- Oct. 22, 4 p.m. @ DeAnza
- Oct. 29, 3:30 p.m. vs. West Valley
- Oct. 31, 4 p.m. @ Ohlone

Cross-country

- Oct. 29, 3 p.m. Conference Championships (Visalia)

Women's golf

- Oct. 25-26, 12 p.m. Monterey Bay Tournament
- Nov. 2, 12 p.m. CVC Conference Championship (Visalia)

FCC wrestling ranked fourth in state

By Ryan McHenry
Rampage Reporter

Fresno City College Wrestling remained unbeaten in dual matches with a pair of victories over West Valley College of Saratoga 43-6 October 6 at FCC, and a road win over Skyline College of San Bruno 27-14.

With the two victories the Rams increased their dual record to 4-0 and kept their state title hopes alive.

FCC is currently 4th in the state with 55 points, trailing behind first place Santa Ana (59 points), Bakersfield (57 points), and Sierra (56 points).

FCC head coach Jared Smith is excited about the team's chances to win the state title this season with such a young team.

"We have three sophomores and seven freshmen on this year's team," Smith said. "The more time we get this guys on the mat the better off we will be."

Individually, FCC wrestling looks very solid with six wrestlers ranked in the top ten for their respective weight classes. Sophomore Yasser Pezzat, last year's returning state champion is currently ranked 3rd in the 184-pound weight class. Although Pezzat was injured and could not wrestle in the dual win over West Valley, he performed well against Alexis Lara winning by a score of 17-9.

Sophomore Darrell Goodpaster is ranked 2nd in the state representing the 141-pound weight

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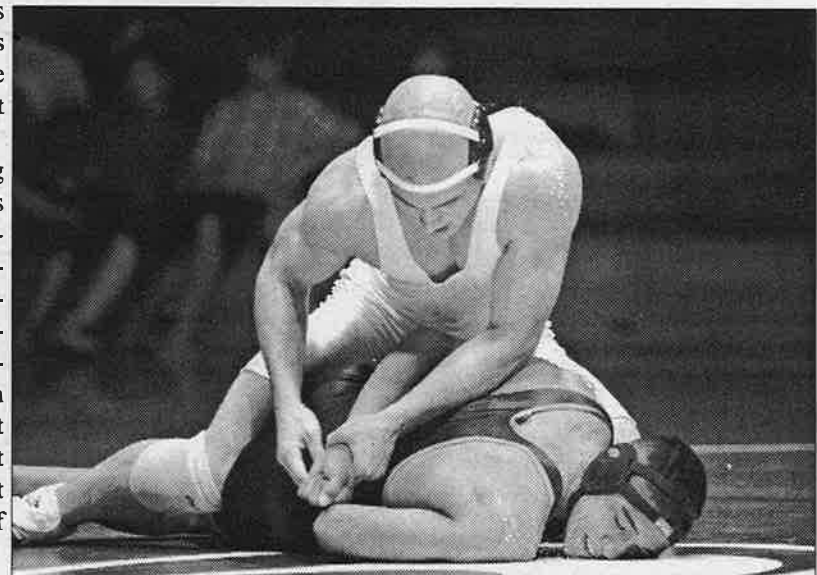


Photo by Bryan Borrer

FCC wrestler Jeff Cole, top, dominates James Castro, bottom, in a decisive victory over West Valley Oct. 6. Cole is ranked 6th in the state in the 174-pound division.

The Giant goose egg

Fresno City College shuts out College of the Sequoias for first time since 1975, despite several injuries on offense

By David Witte

Sports Editor

Defense was the name of the game Oct. 16 when the Fresno City College football team defeated College of the Sequoias 21-0. It was the first time FCC shut out COS since a 24-0 victory in 1975.

"It feels good to get a shutout," FCC

coach Tony Caviglia said. "Our defense played really good in tough situations."

Running back Nate Wright sat out this homecoming game after a high ankle sprain took him out of FCC's 42-17 victory over Modesto Oct. 2.

"We were a couple of men down," Caviglia said. "Marquese Bacon was also

out. You know, coming off the bye week, with the injuries, and guys are still banged up. I was just real happy with this victory."

Wright was replaced by freshman Jose Rojas, who finished with 88 yards on 25 attempts.

"(Rojas) played very well," Caviglia said. "He played tough, he played smart, he doesn't have the breakaway speed that Nate has, but he's a very good back."

Neither offense started well. Both FCC's Jeff Schott and COS's Mike McKinzie completed just one of their first 10 passes. McKinzie's first completion was a 22-yard pass to David Kaihenui. For the game, McKinzie completed as many passes to FCC defensive backs as he did to his own receivers.

Schott's first completion came when COS defensive back Chris Baloney tripped, leaving FCC's DeAngelo Ramsey wide open for an 83-yard touchdown catch.

The play was Fresno's longest pass play of the season.

FCC's offense picked up late in the second quarter, scoring two touchdowns in the final minutes of the half. The first came with 1:53 remaining, when Schott found Joey Stein in the end zone from 17 yards out. The touchdown capped a 91-yard drive.

After Ronal Warsinger jumped on a fumble by the Giants' David Robinson, the Rams drove 46 yards. Schott connected with Ramsey again for an 8-yard touchdown. Neither team was to score again.

Both teams traded possessions and field position throughout the first half, with interceptions by FCC's Warsinger and Andre Jones, plus Warsinger's fumble recovery. FCC also rose to the occasion to block a field goal, keeping a zero on the scoreboard for COS.

The Giants defense caught up to FCC's in the second half. Both defenses kept the half scoreless.

COS ventured past FCC's 20-yard line

five times during the game, but was thwarted each time by fumbles, blocked kicks, and interceptions. Even Schott got a taste of defensive action when he ran down and tackled COS's Dywan Brown to stop a 70-yard interception return on FCC's 6-yard line.

The second half was marred by turnovers on both teams. The Giants intercepted two passes, one by Schott, and one on a trick play when Schott handed off to Greg Moise, who threw the interception. FCC lost two fumbles, as did COS. The Giants were on the verge of scoring when DeMonte Johnson fumbled into the end zone, giving the ball to Zach Diles and FCC.

COS' McKinzie ended the night with two completions for 20 yards, and two interceptions. Schott completed 15 of 38 passes for 260 yards, 122 of which went to Ramsey.

FCC will spend the next two weeks on the road, at Merced Oct. 23 at 7 p.m., and at San Joaquin Delta in Stockton Oct. 30 at 1 p.m.

The Rams then come home for the Battle of the Pump against rival Reedley. The struggling Tigers found their footing against CVC newcomer San Joaquin Delta College, winning 21-9. FCC faces Reedley Nov. 6.

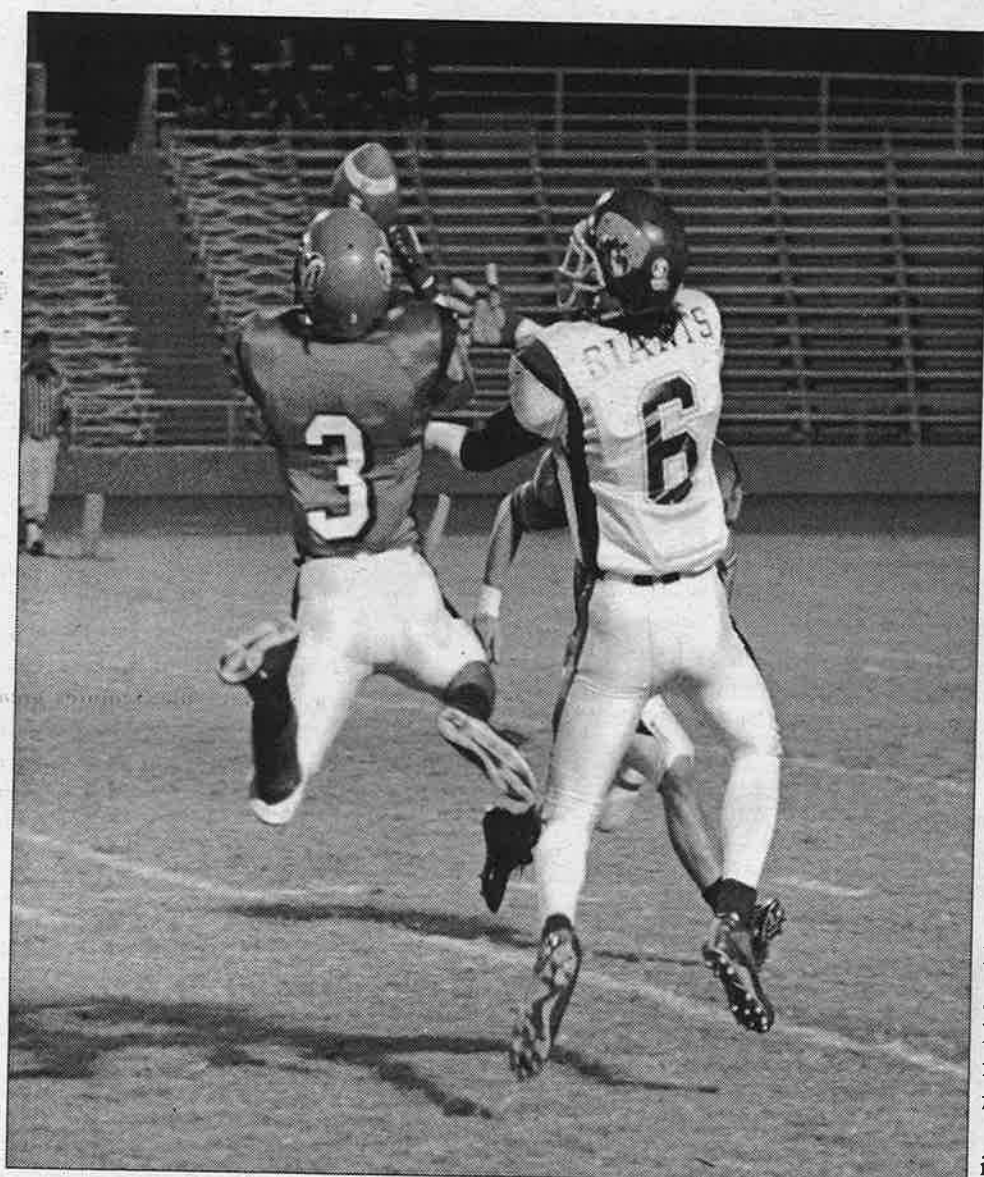


Photo by Bryan Borrer

FCC defensive back Ronal Warsinger, left, leaps to steal the ball from COS wide receiver Brandon Younger, right. It was one of two interception for the Rams.

CVC Football Standings

College	W	L	Conf.	PF	PA
FCC	5	1	1-0	195	79
Reedley	3	3	1-0	136	96
West Hills	3	3	1-0	127	183
S.J. Delta	4	2	0-1	197	178
C.O.S.	3	3	0-1	157	140
Merced	2	4	0-1	81	195

Volleyball team in three-way tie in CVC

By Ryan McHenry

Rampage Reporter

The Fresno City College volleyball team defeated Porterville College 3-1 Oct. 8 at FCC. The Rams won the match 30-17, 30-20, 26-30, and closed out visiting Porterville 30-13.

After losing their first match of the season against College of the Sequoias a few weeks back, the Rams have found new focus as they have won their last 5 matches.

"When you get girls from different schools it takes a while for them to pull together and play as a team," FCC's Nikki Ciapponni said after the game.

And that's exactly what the team did. The Rams communicated very well and passed the ball with precision. Kaia

Kachadurian, who leads the team in assists, had another great night, setting up outside hitters Katie Franz and Ciapponni.

Franz (15 kills and 3 blocks) and Ciapponni (19 kills, 2 blocks and an ace) took advantage of great passes from Kachadurian and Porterville's undersized front line by attacking the shorter players at the net.

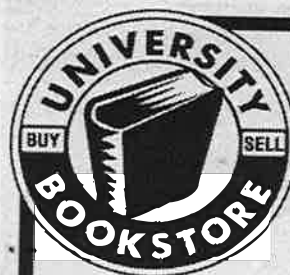
FCC also got a great lift from their bench; which couldn't have come at a better time with the team's leader in blocks Nicole Hoffman unable to play due to an ankle injury. Freshmen Caitlin Merrill from Yosemite High, and Megan Roehl from Bullard filled the void nicely. Merrill recorded 8 kills and 1 block, while Roehl finished the game with 10 kills, 3 blocks and an ace, doing a great job with the extra playing time they were given.

In the final game of the match, the Rams defense took center stage, only allowing Porterville to score 13 points. Jackie Anaya and Katie Bonesteel, who seemed to have an answer for each of Porterville's attacks, anchored the defense. Anaya had 12 digs, 3 kills, 2 aces and 1 block and Bonesteel logged in 15 digs. Ciapponni also contributed defensively with 13 digs.

The player of the night undoubtedly was Katie Franz. Her thundering spikes had the crowd cheering all night as Porterville watched their chances of a victory fly by them down the sidelines. As she left the game during a substitution coach Sheri Hess honored Franz with a bowing motion.

"Coach Hess always encourages

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Wrestling: Defending champ ranked 3rd

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class. Goodpaster coming back from an injury took control of his match early during his dual match up against Alvin Cadac of West Valley defeating him 12-6.

Goodpaster believes his superior intensity and his experience are the keys to his success; experience that stretches back to when he first started wrestling in the second grade of elementary school.

Sophomore Eduardo Mercado is ranked 3rd in the 197 lbs. weight class. Freshman Bryan Whetstone is ranked 2nd in the heavyweight division. Freshman Jeff Cole is ranked 6th in the state in the 174-pound weight class.

Jacob Salas was ranked 3rd in the state in the 149 lbs. weight class,

but with back to back losses in his matches against Drew Fredenburg of West Valley 8-3 and Alipio Lockett of Skyline 14-12 more than likely has moved down.

The Rams are at home Wednes-

day, October 20 in a dual match against Chabot College at 7 pm. FCC then travels to Santa Rosa for the state dual championship Saturday, October 30 at 9 am.

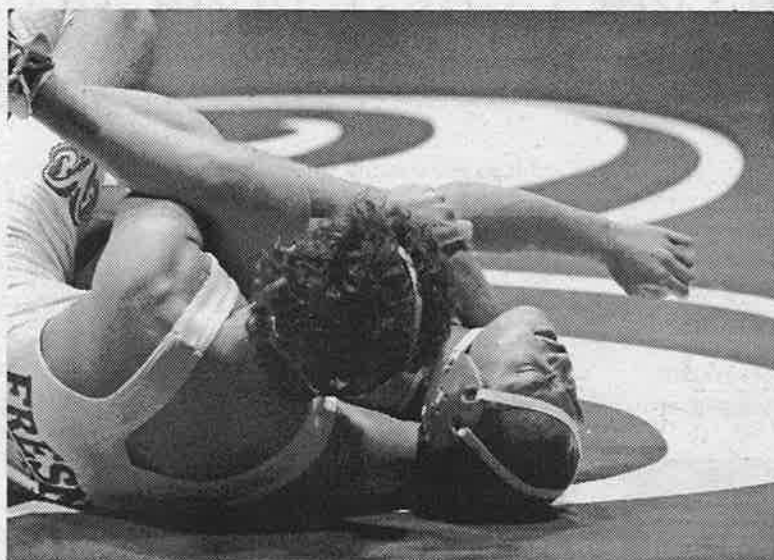


Photo by Bryan Borrer
FCC's Herman Bains, left, holds on to Alvin Ray Geronimo, right, during the West Valley Dual in the FCC Gym Oct. 6. FCC won 43-6.

Volleyball: Rams headed for rematch with College of the Sequoias Oct. 22

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me to go down the line because she feels that I'm unstoppable if I do" said Franz after the game.

Unfortunately for Porterville she doesn't "always" go down the line. Porterville's Jessica Perez took one of Franz' blistering shots right in the face reminiscent of the water volleyball scene in "Meet the Parents".

"One of my friends told me I should hit a girl in the face tonight, so I think I reached my goal," Franz said, laughing.

The Rams have a difficult week ahead of them as they play two teams on the road that share a three-team tie with FCC for first place. First the Rams travel to Taft on Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. then play in Visalia against College of the Sequoias on Oct. 22 which handed FCC the teams' only loss of the season.

The Rams' next home game is Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. against Modesto Junior College.

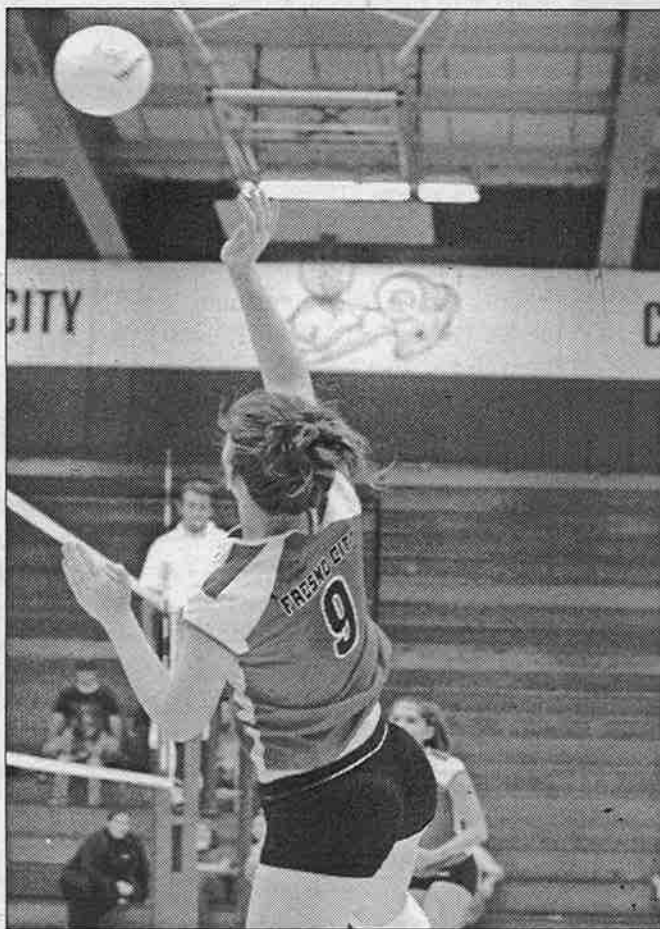


Photo by Bryan Borrer
Amhira Wimer spikes the ball towards Porterville's side of the court Oct. 8. FCC won 30-17, 30-20, 26-30, and 30-13.

Soccer: 2nd loss of year

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a 2-1 lead.

With their backs against the wall in the final thirty minutes of the match, Fresno City did all they could to try to get back into a tie with Modesto. The Pirates proved to be too tough that day as they were playing on the defensive for much of the remainder of the game and came out victorious.

Besides the determination of the Pirates offense and defense, Modesto goalkeeper Adrianna Ambriz withstood a barrage of shots and a couple of run-ins with FCC players. She racked up nine saves against a potent Fresno offense.

"It was a team effort out there today. I give a lot of credit to my defense for keeping Fresno City at bay most of the time throughout the game," said Ambriz. "[The next]

two games are going to be a battle. Fresno City is a tough team and we're going to keep on working to keep up with them. We're going to bring our best game and they're going to bring theirs so it will be interesting."

After the game, coach Oliver Germond reacted to the 2-1 loss against the Pirates.

"One of the hardest things is to keep your team motivated after your first two games in the CVC are blowouts," said Germond. "Hopefully today is a wake up call to get us back to the reality that we haven't won conference yet and hopefully we respond to it. Modesto played hard and they outplayed us and that's how they got the win."

The Rams look to bounce back from their loss as they host CVC league matches against COS on Oct. 19 and West Hills on Oct. 21.



Photo by Bryan Borrer
FCC's Jennifer Coronado follows through at the Fig Garden golf course Oct. 14. Coronado scored a 98, helping FCC to a 352 score.

Golf: wins another tourney

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her hand and ended up at the top of a large oak tree. Coronado got help from the clubhouse to retrieve her club but still suffered from a shot of humility as her teammates laughed and joked at her expense.

"I don't know what happened, it just slipped," Coronado said, trying not to laugh.

Emily Johnson led FCC with a score of 85, Elicia Gonzales scored

86, Amanda Cogdil 87, Ashley Shubin scored a 94, Jennifer Coronado recorded a 98, while her twin sister Jessica scored a 104

The Rams will be on the road next week, first in Lemoore on October 19 at 12 pm. After that FCC will travel to Monterey for a two-day tournament on Oct. 25 and 26 at before returning back to the valley for the CVC Championship in Visalia.

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Bush or Kerry?

Watch out for them terrorists. Boo!

George W. Bush gets a bad rap from many in this country. Apparently it's suddenly cool to hate the President. Anti-Bush bumper stickers are proudly plastered on the backs of many cars I see along the highway, Anti-Dubya web-sites streamed all throughout the Internet. Not to mention the outpouring number of demonstrations that rally against him along city streets all across America.

As far as I'm concerned, I'm sick and utterly exhausted of these and many more tired cases.

You don't need me to tell you the past four years America has gone through some of the most trying times with the Sept. 11th attacks and going to Iraq to fight the war on terror.

Our commander-in-chief has had to make many life-altering decisions, I feel that no president has had to make in recent history.

Bush's relentless determination and willingness to not waiver on the most grueling situations of our time, proves to me that this man should remain our country's leader for the next four years.

The President has a strong vision for protecting our Nation with today's realities. He feels that America's position of unparalleled strength and influence will create freedom throughout the world. His strategy has three pillars: We will defend peace. We will preserve the peace. Last, but most importantly, we will extend the peace.

Whether or not you believe the war in Iraq is right or wrong, the question you need to ask yourself is: would you feel safer knowing that Saddam Hussein, one of the most evil tyrants to ever live, is in power of a country

that harbors terrorists?

Just a short time ago, If an Iraqi civilian had a bumper sticker blasting Hussein, that person would be captured and annihilated. They now have the freedoms that this country has.

American's who criticize the efforts made in Iraq, aren't thinking about the Iraqis.

Don't watch a cut 'n paste film by propagandist Michael Moore and come to the conclusion that the Iraqi's are miserable and George Bush is killing babies.

The fact is, millions of people in Iraq and

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Ali Sadoian

Kerry's the man. Wait, no. Yeah. 10 reason to vote for Kerry.

It is easy to see the advantage this column has over the worthy opponent in this forum. When one looks at this photo, there is motivation to go to the words. Does it not beat the visual alternative?

So, going with words: Why vote for Kerry? If the answer is, "He was great in Ace Ventura," there is a clear need to pay more attention to the news.

For those who do read newspapers (or know someone who does), the question is posed: why vote for Kerry over Bush? The answers inundate mind like Noah's flood. But, never fear, ten reasons will be sorted out from the torrent. It is fitting to begin with 'firsts' and 'mosts.'

Reason 10. As president, George W. Bush was the first U.S. president: A) to take office with a criminal record: 1976, DUI, Kennebunkport, ME, paid a fine, license suspended - 30 days. [Texas driving records and rumored cocaine arrest records 'lost', Cheney's DUIs in '61 & '62 are not lost].- B) to order unprovoked, pre-emptive attack and occupation of a sovereign nation against the advice of the United Nations, world community and the majority of American people - to be simultaneously protested by more people worldwide against anyone, ever.

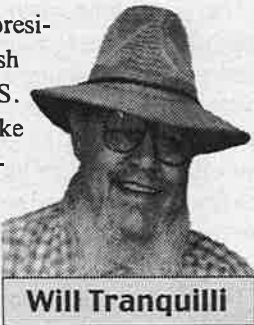
"As president, Bush has been called the best recruiter al-Qaida has ever had."

Reason 9. As president, George W. Bush presided over: Most bankruptcies filed, ever - most foreclosures in one year, ever - biggest drop in stock market, ever - biggest annual deficit, ever - appointment of the richest cabinet members, ever - receiving the most corporate campaign contributions, ever - highest gasoline prices ever - appointment of the greatest number of convicted criminals to administrative positions, ever - most broken international treaties, ever - greatest diplomatic failure, ever - worst security failure, ever.

Reason 8. Bush held the least number of presidential press conferences, ever - [kings don't give press conferences, they are answerable to no one, presidents do, they are answerable to us all].

Reason 7. Bush took an America the whole world was reaching out to in 2001 and made us the most hated country in the world, ever

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Will Tranquilli



Illustration by Jared Leas

Campus Voices

By Anthony Castillo and Daisy Rosas

Who would you vote for and why?



Gina Contreras
Art

"Kerry, because he has better views on helping people."



Private Monique Garcia
Alumni

"Bush, because there's no point in leaving Iraq now."



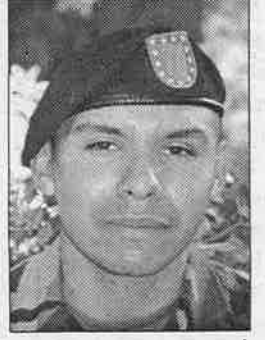
Kathen Coleman
Business

"Kerry, because of all the things that are happening now."



Candace Metzler
Theater Arts

"Bush. I think he is more qualified, and we need more continuity for our country."



Private Gary Estrada
Alumni

"Kerry, because when I am done with the service I plan on entering college again."

Tranquil Tantrums

Partial-brain voting - don't let this happen to you



Will Tranquilli

This is the time when the students' fancy turns to running the country. Old and young alike get to vote, if registered with their current address by Oct. 18. Citizens who will be 18 or older by Nov. 2, for a few brief moments, get to take over the government. We all know this.

The impact of this election will be felt for decades after the new president has been impeached and imprisoned or retired (if justice does not prevail.) Be advised: beware of partial-brain voting, the planet and humanity may never forgive you.

Voting is how citizens take charge. They hire the folks (or some other four-letter word that starts with 'f') who will make decisions - often life-and-death decisions - for the next two or four years - six if they're U.S. senators.

Almost anybody can do a better job running things than the two political parties (just two?) have lately. Yes, we all know how major corporations blackmail the two (only two? I never voted for that) major political parties by threatening to withhold the Billions of dollars it takes to get candidates and issues

past the voters and into power.

The obscenely wealthy see to it that third-party candidates don't get heard, possibly because some of them sometimes speak the truth. Well, now, we can't have that, can we? Besides, some of them refuse to sell out.

We all know what it is: the moneyed interests are buying and the politicians are selling. It's us, all of us - you, me, your grandmother's prescription costs, your children's education, your family's healthcare, the very viability of the planet on which we live (it's the only one we got, right - I mean, we don't have a backup planet stashed away somewhere that we could go to when this one's no longer able to support life - we don't, do we?)

Sure the politicians sell us out, what else do they have to sell? Getting into and staying in office cost money, a lot of money. Those who have dollars by the Billions are buying forests, lakes and rivers, wetlands, the purity of the air and the ozone layer. We all know this.

So, how did Bush and his cohorts (controllers?) get into power? Forget about being a half million votes short of a majority. The fact is, millions of people voted for him. People with the same access to the same information (see above) we all have. Yet those people voted for Bush! That's partial-brain voting.

Like cramming for mid-terms, everything you have figured out and

know for sure from the information available, gets pushed to the back of the brain by that tidal wave of phony statistics, sound bites, slurs, slanders and contrived labels that fill the campus like a plague of locusts at election time. What little brain surface is left gets anesthetized by this garbage. It becomes immune to logic and judgment. You are left with only part of your mental capacity. Beware, in this state you could vote

pointments will be felt for decades after the new president has been impeached and imprisoned or retired (if justice does not prevail.) Be advised, beware of partial-brain voting, the planet and humanity may never forgive you.

This column is dedicated to the memory and works of Rodney Dangerfield, 1921-2004.

Jacob Cohen, to those who knew him in Babylon, Long Island

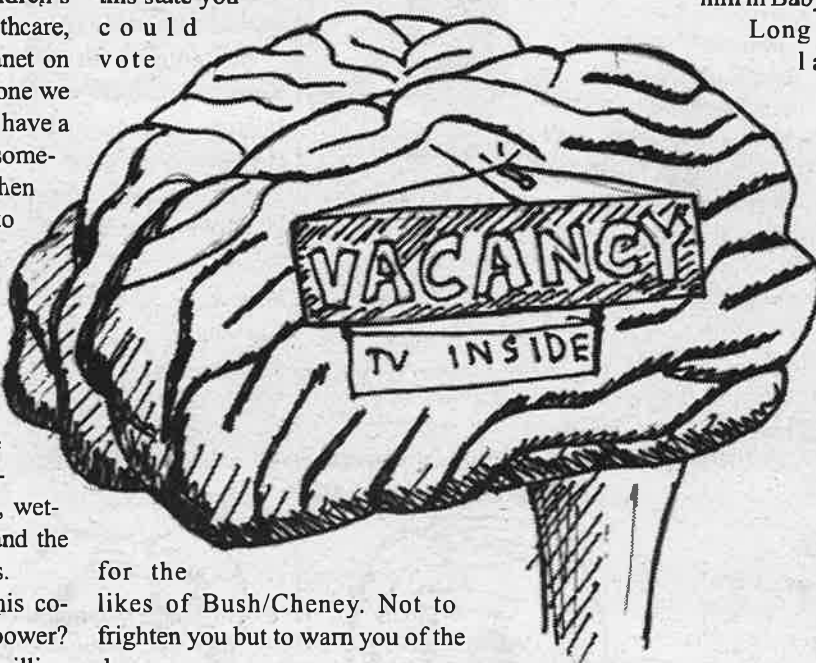


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or the borough of Queens, was one of the funniest men alive, he was also among the most generous.

As the comedian's comedian, he founded Dangerfield's comedy club in New York. Knowing laughter will get us through life, he launched

the careers of: Jim Carrey, Jeff Foxworthy, Bob Saget, Rosanne Barr, Jerry Seinfeld, Rita Rudner, Robert Townsend, Louie Anderson, Sam Kinison, Tim Allen, 'Bobcat' Gothwaite, Andrew Dice Clay and countless others.

Here is Rodney Dangerfield being all of us:

"I don't get no respect, are you kidding ...

"When I was a baby, my mother breast-fed me through a straw;

"I asked my doctor to give me a vasectomy, he said, 'With that face you don't need one;

"I called the suicide prevention hot line, they tried to talk me into it;"

Environmentalist:

"I asked a chef for the best way to cook fish. He said, 'In their natural oils, Texaco, Mobil, and Exxon;"

Politically Incorrect:

"she's so fat, when she walks backward, she beeps;

"she's so dumb, she has to reach inside her blouse to count to two;"

Sensitive:

"I was the best at hide-and-seek, they never found me, nobody looked;

"my twin brother forgot my birthday;

"Have I had some health problems lately, are you kidding? I've been cut so many times, I feel like I'm back in my old neighborhood;"

I already miss you Rodney. I'll have to get through the rest of my life on my own.

Bush: Economy was down, but 1.4 million jobs have been created

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Afghanistan are liberated.

The people of the World deserve to be free, just as you and I, and freedom does not come without sacrifice.

Because of Sept. 11th many jobs were lost and the economy was on a downward spiral, but that is changing.

For ten straight months the economy has been growing, during which 1.4 million jobs have been created, and that number is on the rise.

Home ownership is at a record high in America.

Bush has increased measures of homeland security which include unifying the Department of Homeland Security and the passing of the Patriot Act, which broke the artificial wall that separated law enforcement and intelligence offices and allows them to collaborate to work against future attacks.

Bush has created new health savings accounts. He created a prescription drug benefit under medical.

A 49 percent increase of federal funding is now going to public schools grades K-12 via the No Child Left Behind Act.

The Johns: Kerry and Edwards are using scare tactics in their campaign, to lure young people and their families away from voting for Bush and Cheney. The tactic that is be-

ing used? That if George Bush is re-elected the draft will be reinstated. Let me tell you, this accusation is absolutely false. Military conscription ended in the U.S. almost 30 years ago. It would take an act of congress to reinstate the draft, not a decision solely based on Bush. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld said on May 17th, "I can't imagine our country going back to a draft. We don't need it."

"There is a reason why America is the most powerful nation in the world, it's because of the leadership."

The only bills in congress mentioning performing a "national service" either military or non-military [S.89 and HR163] are sponsored by Democrats, Charles Rangel of New York and Sen. Ernest Hollings of South Carolina. There is no evidence that the Bush administration supports these bills.

George W. Bush has lifted this country on its darkest days, and once again made it prosper. There is a reason why America is the most powerful nation in the world, it's because of the leadership, and the leadership over the last 4 years has been strong and ethical. Bush and Cheney are two men with a passion, to serve the American people and protect them from any harm. I would trust no other leaders in the White House over the next term.

Kerry: Houston has worse air quality than the San Joaquin Valley

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-Reason 6. As president, George W. Bush: has been called (by 71% of Europeans) the biggest threat to world peace and security, ever - has been called (by the British ambassador to the United Nations) the best recruiter al-Qaida has had, ever - has been called (by this writer) the deadliest puppet-buffoon, ever.

Reason 5. Bush refuses to offer any evidence to dispute the claims that he pulled strings to get into the Texas National Guard [and then went AWOL] to avoid serving in Vietnam and facing the fate to which he has sent over 160,000 Americans, with 1050 of them dead and tens of thousands injured, as well as countless tens of thousands of civilian casualties - men, women and children (no child left behind?), thus far, in a war with no end in sight - and all based on lies and misrepresentation.

Reason 4. Picked as Vice President, Dick Cheney [that could be visa versa] who was CEO of Halliburton Corporation (which company has been paid more than \$1 billion [yes, with a 'b'] on non-competitive contracts in

Iraq and Afghanistan - despite scandals over mis-use of funds) - and picked Kenneth Lay, former CEO of Enron, who robbed millions of Americans of their life savings, to be his closest advisor - and picked Donald Rumsfeld (Reagan's envoy to Saddam Hussein in 1980s) for his Secretary of Defense who sanctioned torture of prisoners. - couldn't even find oil in Texas (when he owned an oil company) much less find Osama bin Laden, who is dialysis dependent - do you find those machines on every corner in that region? How hard can it be to find the guy? -

"Bush couldn't even find oil in Texas (when he owned an oil company), much less find Osama bin Laden, who is dialysis dependent."

Reason 3. Bush has consistently been anti-environment (during his governorship in Texas - the state he bankrupted - Houston replaced L.A. as the most smog-ridden city in the USA thanks to his anti-eco efforts)

Reason 2. See numbers 3 through 10 (and particularly 5) over and over.

And now, the number one reason to vote for John Kerry:

Reason 1. He's not George W. Bush!

This viewpoint has been presented in the public interest of Mother Earth.

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Horoscopes

David Witte
(Not forklift certified)

A cute little furry bunny was harmed in the making of this column



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

People from around the world will flock to your bathroom to see the image of the Virgin Mary in the mold on your shower curtain.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Your left nostril will become home to the last remaining Western Weevil, making you a federally protected wildlife preserve.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Your joy over your first national television appearance will be interrupted by demands to release the hostages.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

An explosion will kill 14 and injure 34, but more importantly, your power will be out for three hours.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) There's still time to blame everything on Clinton. He barely left office four years ago.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You will see incredible success in starting your own business, only to lose it all among charges of "drug trafficking" and "prostitution."



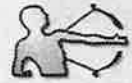
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Think of the bright side: you can list your tapeworm as a dependent on your tax returns.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You will join your school's mock trial club, only to wind up in prison when they find you guilty of manslaughter.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Your big plan to save the country can be boiled down to three simple words: Shoot the lawyers.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Financial aid will be taken over by United Airlines, which means your check is somewhere between Albuquerque and Amarillo.



AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb. 18)

The stars wish to apologize for their offensive horoscope two weeks ago. Peter Jennings, Connie Chung, we're very sorry.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You will be kidnapped by goons from the Fortune Cookie Writer's Union, who mistake you for the horoscopes writer for Cosmo.

2 a.m. Orchestra rocks FCC at noon

By Jorge Mendoza

Rampage Reporter

Individuals who were lucky enough to be in and around the Free Speech Area at noon on Oct. 13 got a real musical treat in 2 a.m. Orchestra, a local indie rock band.

The band consists of David Kelley; guitarist and singer, Allan Spencer; keyboards, Randy Stindt; drums, and Aaron Taunton; bassist. The band started off their six-song set with a song that is well, untitled.

"A lot of the songs we played today are new stuff we plan on putting on the new album," said Kelley, who is the main songwriter of the band.

The band was as tight as can be, especially Stindt. What can I say? I'm a sucker for keyboards, but only when they are used right. When used wrong, beware (listen to any '80s new wave song to see what I'm talking about). The keyboard playing put a certain ambiance into the music that would make anyone just sit, relax, and enjoy themselves immensely.

What has to be noted is David Kelley's vocals. Simply put: amazing. No, he isn't a classically trained opera singer. He does though, have a way of making you feel every note, and every emotion he puts into the words that he brings forth to the masses.

It has been noted that Kelley's vocals resemble that of Ben Folds or Elvis Costello. A big compliment

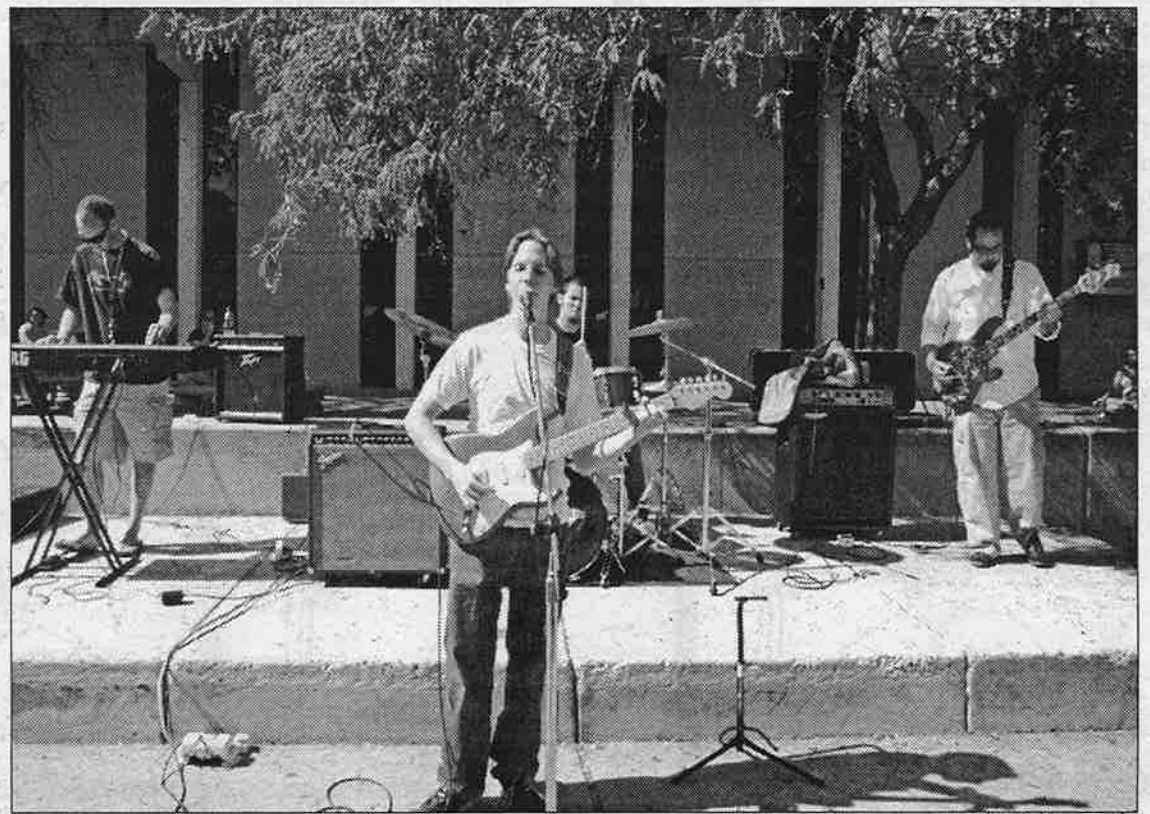


Photo by Jenny Boothe

2 a.m. Orchestra lightens up students as they jam in FCC's Free Speech Area Oct. 13. From left, members are Allan Spencer, David Kelley, Randy Stindt, and Aaron Taunton.

in it's own right, Kelley's voice displays the talent to stand out on it's own. He gives us that classic crooner sound that you don't hear too often.

As great as the band is, there are some downsides. One being stage presence. It pains the average music fan to watch great bands playing their hearts out, as 2 a.m. Orchestra did, and watching them not having fun. It looked like a job to them.

Which brings me to my next point. These guys played a damn good show for the masses here at FCC. Only problem was, where were the masses? The Free Speech Area was filled with so many different booths and activities; it's no wonder these guys didn't get the attention they deserved. How can they compete with a huge army chopper sitting right in front of them?

All in all, the show was filled with some great musical moments that are rare from a young local band. For fans of bands such as Coldplay and Radiohead, give this band a listen. Their music will not disappoint.

For more information on this band including tour dates and CD purchasing, visit their website at www.2amorchestra.com.

Team America: comedy with no strings attached

By Jared Leas

Rampage Reporter

The creators of South park are at it again with more of their irreverent humor and social satire with their latest film: Team America: World Police.

The movie pokes fun at just about everything going on in the world today, as long as it has to do with America, that is.

The film makes that point clear with little captions at the beginning of scenes taking place in foreign countries. The captions designate the names of the countries as well as how far they are from America.

This seems to poke fun at the mentality that our country is the center of the universe.

But, for all of the super-patriotic at heart, never fear, the film dishes out the jokes in just about every direction. The humor hits the Hollywood liberals, the infamous Michael Moore, terrorists, and especially the North Korean headhonocho, Kim Jong Il.

In case you didn't already know, the film's cast is entirely composed of marionettes. This may seem ill-conceived, considering the technology available to filmmakers today, but it was likely done this way deliberately.

Much of the comedy is in fact derived from the reality that pup-

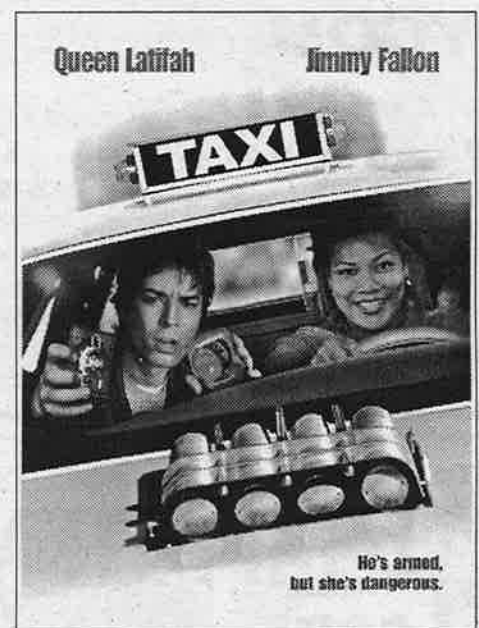
pets are a kind of crappy medium compared to other forms like animation and live-action. If you choose to go see this film, wait until you see the puppet fights and a puppet sex scene.

If you watch South Park on Comedy Central then you will recognize a lot of the gags that have been transferred over to this movie. Kim Jong Il, strangely, talks exactly like the guy at the Chinese restaurant on South Park. You might also have heard the montage song once or twice before, which makes a cameo in Team America.

I was a bit disappointed with the rehashed humor from the South Park series. Some of the material seemed old and stale. How many times have we heard the jokes about Asians pronouncing L's as R's? I guess I was hoping for something fresher and using more ingenuity.

Overall, I got a kick out of the movie. There were many moments that made me laugh as did the others sitting around me. I wouldn't say that it is Trey Parker (director) or Matt Stone's (co-writer) crowning achievement. Not even close. The movie is okay and it will make you laugh, but you'd better have a really stupid sense of humor to enjoy this film, in which case, I was well prepared.

Taxi: action, yes, content, no



By Felix Sanchez

Rampage Reporter

The movie Taxi was a different one, but not one that I would go see twice in a row, not unless I was a race fan and could actually understand everything that was being said in the movie.

Now Queen Latifah plays a cab driver in the movie with a major souped up cab. She does a great job as the cab driver in the movie, the only thing was not making any kind of sense at all was that of the driving through out this entire movie. There was no way in the world that this movie was at all believable in that a car like hers could have been

able to do what she was supposedly making it do in this movie.

Now the officer that was in this movie came over like a total moron and wimp. Every time that someone called him a loser or he did something wrong, he cringed down and went into a self built hole in his mind. Heck it could happen to just about anyone, but this was a little much. All in all, unless you're a race fan, and there are those that aren't, then don't go see this movie, the action was great, but that was about it.