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SCCCD growing, restoring

Measure E funds become visible as construction starts

By Eliot Torres

Rampage Reporter

A team of seismologists from Northern California took a tour of the Old Administration Building to inspect its structural soundness Oct. 29. This winter, construction will begin at the Willow/International Center.

Educational areas, in the Central Valley, are expanding.

Built in 1915 as a part of Fresno Normal High School, the OAB then served as a part of Fresno State, until around 1956. Fresno State moved to their new campus, and Fresno City College occupied it until the early seventies when it was deemed unsafe do to the unreinforced nature of brick and mortar buildings.

From there, different groups showed an interest in moving in.

An agriculture group wanted to turn it into a museum, but parking and space was an issue. A committee of senior citizens wanted to centralize an area for all of the ser-

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Toxic laboratory



Rosalie Ahrens, left, Elizabeth Saenz, center, and Rachel Black are health science majors at Fresno City College and are required to dissect a formaldehyde-soaked cat in Dr. Jess Nickels' anatomy class. Complaints from students about the smell have led to an ivestigation by OSHA of the school's chemical preperation process and ventilation system.

FCC science students complain, OSHA listens

By Ali Sadoian • Rampage Reporter

Photo by Bryan Borror

Maly Xiong chooses to wear a protective mask while dissecting a cat with lab partners Robin Russell, left, and Nicole Thompson. The three women said the smell was causing their eyes and noses to burn.

The Fresno City College science laboratories and storage areas are posing a significant threat to the students and faculty because of poor ventilation.

At least one staff member and several students who frequent the labs have reported health problems in relation to the formaldehyde gas used in several of the college's science courses.

"Very significant problems are occurring," said Fresno City College science department chairman Robb Culp.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health standard limits a specific amount of formaldehyde concentration that is secured for the students and faculty in the laboratories.

The concentration requirements, as well as the OSHA Indoor Air Quality Resource Packet, mention enforcement of low levels of concentration no greater that 0.1-ppm in indoor science facilities.

The concentrations measured at Fresno City College in the past several years have been four times greater than

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ASG signs go up after deadline

Students sound off on billboards

By Will Tranquilli Rampage Reporter

East-bound motorists on Sierra Avenue, crossing Blackstone Avenue, were reminded by a billboard to register to vote by October 18. The sign went up on Oct. 18.

It is part of Fresno City College Associated Student Government's campaign to encourage voter registration.

The sign will continue giving this advice until Nov. 15. A second sign urging passers bys to register displayed the message on Weber Avenue at Olive Avenue on Oct. 20. Two more showed the next day, advertising voter registration on Van Ness Boulevard at Belmont Avenue and Highway 99 at Clinton Avenue.

"If they didn't go up before Oct. 18, the billboards are just useless. I think they should use (the money) to benefit all the students," FCC student Rodney Murphy said .

The voter motivation campaign was proposed and handled by student body president Daniel Lorente, who, since Oct. 11, has refused to answer questions about the project. He is doing so on the advice of Gurdeep Sihota, FCC activities director and advisor to ASG, both Lorente and Sihota acknowledged.

Sihota also declined to answer further questions about the

"As a contributor to the funds (Lorente) is using, I think I have a right to know how they are being used and why

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SCCD receives grant of \$3.4 mil

Feds give district grant to improve reading, writing, math

> By Kirk Givan Rampage Reporter

Fresno City College and Reedley College were awarded a cooperative grant of \$3.4 million on Oct. 1.

The grant will allow the two colleges to provide instruction online, in the form of an online Virtual Campus, and on-campus Extended Learning Centers.

The grant, made possible by Measure E funds, was designed for Hispanic serving institutions under the current Title V, Higher Education Act.



Dr. Felix Aquino

The 105-page grant proposal, written by the Title V grant writing committee of the State Center Community College District, included statistical information that cited in Fall 2003, more than 90 percent of incoming students scores placed them in remedial mathematics, the scores of 60 percent placed them in remedial reading, and the scores of more than 85 percent placed

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Fresno City student writes script, critics rave

Debbie Goodman uses her experiences in FCC dance class to develop characters in television pilot

Dyann Serrato Rampage Reporter

Debbie Goodman anxiously watches her mailbox for news concerning the acceptance of a television script she wrote, based on a dance class taken at Fresno City College.

In the spring semester of 2002, Goodman started taking David Bonetto's Tap Dancing class, and found that she spent many moments laughing at the humorous situations that have come and gone over the two years she has continued taking the class. "Even funnier then Will and Grace," said Goodman.

From the start, Goodman said she teasingly "threatened" Bonetto for two years of writing a television script based on the comical class, not realizing the reality of actually putting pen to paper was about to materialize.

When a screen writing workshop was offered at California State University Fresno, Goodman seized the opportunity which helped guide her in formulating the thoughts and notes she had been saving into something tangible. No more threats.

Writing the first pilot for her script, Goodman introduces the characters. People that she has meet in her dance class represent the characters that she feels were unique and colorful, personalities that really stood apart. They remain fresh and lively in her memory, Goodman said writing the pilot was easy to do.

Writing has been in the back of Goodman's mind for some time. Twelve years ago, she attended a lecture at CSUF by writer Maxine Hong Kingston, also a Professor. in the English Department at the California State University, Berkley. Kingston was in the process of writing a new book, and gave a lecture for general audiences, as an author. Goodman found it very admirable that when standing in a line for an autograph at the book signing, Kingston continued meeting with the patrons and signing copy's of her book until all were provided for, even though prompted by her publicist to leave earlier.

Some of the inspiration Goodman maintains, came in the form of a letter written to her from Kingston. In the letter, a response to a thank you note from Goodman for the lecture, in which Goodman included a picture of herself in Martial Art's uniform, Kingston encourages Goodman to continue writing, admiring her thoughts and style, recognizing a flair for writing. "The picture hangs in Maxine's office at CSUB as an inspiration to her students" said Goodman.

Goodman's writing experience had been limited to short stories and poems written to friends.

On any given day you might find Goodman at work as a substitute teacher for the Fresno Unified School District. Goodman enjoys the flexibility it provides and says the English department calls on her frequently. Teaching young children a creative writing class in a Summer Enrichment program is one of Goodman's favorite things to do, saying children are "so, expressive, so uninhibited".

"I would like to became a writer, or even do some acting, I would like to write for TV and movies" said Goodman, Fresno born and raised. "I would like to keep a residence in Fresno". Goodman hopes to join the ranks of other Famous Fresno born son's and daughter's like singer Cher, writers Earl W. and Pamela Wallace, director Sam Peckinpaw, and of course, William Saroyan, famous poet and author.

When asked if she has been writing other pilots for consideration, Goodman said she could "crank out at least 10 with no problem to start". Since she has sent in 2 pilots for the contest, Goodman has been working on a "treatment", "several pages on an idea for a movie called Rodeo Girl", explains Goodman, based on personal experiences from a Rodeo Club at CSUF in the 80's that continues with 2 friends reuniting after twenty years at a college reunion: "It's like Thelma and Louise meet Cowboy way" Goodman said.

The Fresno Bee did an article on Goodman Sep. 16, 2 days before her trip to Los Angeles for the Emmy's, page E-3. From the manifestation of all the events that have been happening rather quickly, it appears Goodman is on her way to "break a leg."

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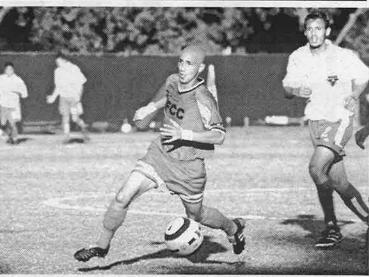
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Nov. 5

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College District.

Billboards: ASG spends \$4,000 on billboards encouraging voting

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they are being wasted," FCC student Ryan Adair said.

ASG receives \$1 from almost every student when they register for classes at FCC, as well as \$5 for every FCC ID card students purchase.

ASG's total annual budget is more than \$53,000, said Sihota.

Student government paid \$3,920 for the eight signs encouraging voting, including four "register to vote" signs. All eight signs read, "Rock the Vote November 2nd: Your vote, your voice!!" and include a portrait of student senators.

In small type across the bottom of the signs it says, "Fresno City College Associated Student Government." The FCC information office contributed \$400 to help the cause, Sihota said.

"I think it's kind of pointless to put up a sign that says, 'vote,' you see it all the time on TV," said FCC student Joshua Valk.

Technical problems with the ASG photo, according to Sihota, prevented the signs from being displayed on Oct. 11, the original target date as identified by Viacom Outdoors documents.

Lorente refused to explain why ASG didn't decide to forego the portrait in order to get the signs up early enough to be more effective.

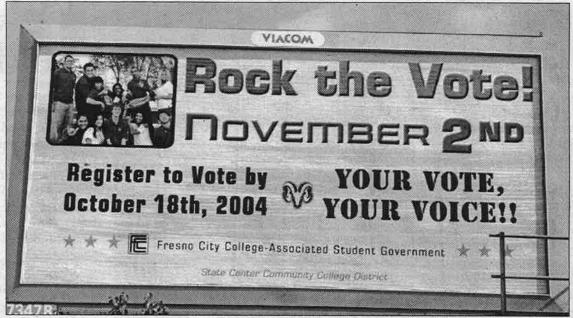
"I think it is completely irrational ... it's egotistical to put (ASG's) picture up there," said Allyson Fanning, FCC student.

Rainy weather caused seven of the signs to be delayed up to three days beyond the Oct. 18 registration deadline, Viacom Outdoor account executive Mykel Newton said.

The campaign had three goals, according to Lorente.

"Voter registration will be the priority," Lorente said Oct. 5.

Reminding people that their vote counts is the second goal. The last priority is awareness of FCC and ASG, Lorente said.



One of eight billboards purchesed by Fresno City College's student government stands on the right side of Van Ness avenue just north of Belmont avenue and shows a photo of the 11 members.

paign) would serve its purpose and I think it really would establish Fresno City College as legiti-

"I think (the billboard cam- mate student government, as they're driving by," Lorente said.

> Not all FCC students agree. "I think it's dumb to spend

\$4,000 to tell people to vote, while people who are doing really well (in school) are booted out because they can't pay," said student Joshua Hart.

Budget: Fresno City, Reedley colleges receive federal grant of \$3.4 mil

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them in remedial writing courses. Funds provided by the Title V grant will be used to increase retention rates and increase the average GPA by those groups mentioned in the grant as being at a greater risk of poor academic achievement, although all students will be able to utilize the provided services.

In regards to the formation of a Virtual Campus, the grant will provide the funds needed to fix the 10 percent success gap that exists between students taking on-campus courses versus those taking online courses, as well as provide education for those who live in rural areas of Fresno and Tulare counties.

According to Dr. Felix Aquino, the SCCCD vice chancellor of educational services and planning, \$1.2 million will be made available to provide a full range of student services. These services will consist of registration, counseling, and instruction that will be made available online.

Students should also expect an associate's degree to be made available through online coursing by 2009.

Another \$1.7 million of the grant will be used to create ELCs on campuses at Fresno, Reedley, Clovis, Madera, Dinuba, Kerman, Kingsburg, Oakhurst, Orange Cove, Parlier, Selma, and Sanger.

Aquino said Fresno City College will retrofit an existing area to create its ELC. Of the colleges listed in the grant proposal Reedley Community College was the only college with an on-campus writing center.

The grant proposal projected that by Sept. 2009 RCC and FCC will have enrolled more than 50 tutors in their new tutor education curricula and by Sept.

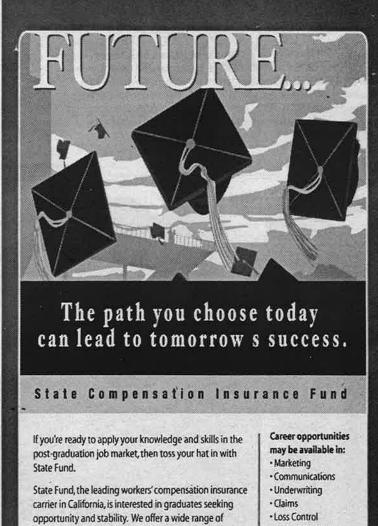
2010 the ELCs will have served more than 5,000 students. The main goal of the ELCs will be to provide the resources to increase the GPA rate of those

Aquino, who took part in the formation of the grant proposal, stated that by the end of October

two committees would be formed to oversee the development and success of the on-campus ELCs and the Virtual Campus. With the provisions made possible by the grant more than 60 jobs will be created to implement and maintain the two programs.







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Fresno City College student Adrianna Ramirez uses the new permit ticket machine located in parking lot F. "I like the convenience of being able to use bills now because I don't always have coins in my purse," Ramirez said.

News briefs

FCC donation drive held for people of Haiti

Rampage Staff Reports

Calling all donors.

The Fresno City College African Studies group, Pan African Student Union and the African American Faculty and Staff Association are holding a donation drive for the less fortunate people of Haiti.

The L'Union Fait La (Union makes strength) drive needs donations from clothing to hygiene products to canned food and much more. Financial donations are welcomed as well.

Contributions can be taken to room SO 110 or to the Student Chambers located in the outer side of the Fresno City College Cafeteria.

'Boys' Life' coming

The theatrical comedy "Boys' Life"

will show at Fresno City College theatre Dec. 3-5 and Dec. 8-11.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at the theatre box office located on the east side of campus, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for students and \$10 for general admis-

For information, call 442-8221.

'Cabaret' on its way

The Fresno City College Opera/Musical Theatre Workshop will present the John Kander and Fred Ebb Musical hit "Cabaret" at the FCC theatre Nov. 12-14.

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Toxic: Chemical fumes cause students to complain about headaches

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"When the abdominal cavity of the cat is opened it contains a significant amounts of formaldehyde that is capable of off gassing into a lab room without hoods, or good ventilation. Typically a box fan is installed in the door to help turn air over in the laboratory room by blowing it into the hallway."

Over the past two years the district spent \$155,000 to improve the fume hoods that expel gasses into student laboratories and eliminate the excess odor.

The odors still exist because the fume hoods are not completely sealed, and the college lacks fireproof vaults for storage of them.

Although mechanical engineers have inspected the existing fume hoods and reported they meet the health code, Fresno City College plans to do more work during the summer.

Formaldehyde isn't the only gas that is causing trouble in the laboratories.

The severe and near-death lung ailment of a chemistry instructor on campus took notice from the staff as well as the district.

The State Center Community College District recently held a meeting to discuss the ventilation and storage issue, where faculty members complained about substances such as cadmium and mercury.

As a result of the concern, Chemistry 3B in addition to Chemistry 29 A and B have stopped producing the chemicals.



Anatomy students Jodi Loyaes, left, and Mayvo Lee work together dissecting a cat.

Photo by Bryan Borror

"How do we offer these classes if we can't use the chemicals?" Culp said.

He adds to the statement by saying the key problem is the chemistry departments preparation area. More than 1,000 chemicals are mixed and vented to an area above faculty offices.

faculty," said Culp.

union would pursue action towards the allegations made by the students and faculty.

Culp offers a simple solution to the problem. will have to breathe easy.

"This poses a health and safety risk to my The solution, "requires better ventilation for the students dissection laboratories, which is an eco-Union President Zwi Reznik said that the nomic issue and the purchase of specimens that are not initially preserved in formaldehyde."

For now, science students at City College

Building: Fresno City College Old Administration Building begins makeover

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vices spread throughout the city, but found a better location in the closing of Sierra Hospital.

The option of saving individual areas and tearing down others was also explored, but the OAB was consider a National Historical Building at that point in time, and they would loose their funding if pieces of the building was torn down.

While work on AOB was held up in red tape and the cost of doing business, in 1992 State Center Community College District acquired seven acres along Herndon and Peach. Formerly the private college Westlands, it had gone bankrupt.

Teaching 575 courses and servicing over 4,000 students, the Clovis

higher education for students more spread out in Fresno and Clovis.

Giving a major boost to the growth of education in the Central Valley and all the rest of the state is Measure E. Passed in late 2002, it is a state bond allocating \$161 million for SCCCD and the improvement of all its campuses. It is also one of the primary means of

funding for the up and coming Willow/International Center.

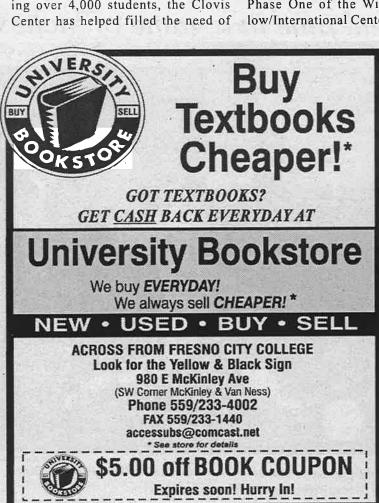
"We now have the money for the first building, it's a combination of State and local bond money," said Terry Kershaw, director of educational services. Phase One of the Willow/International Center will cost \$40 million. "By Fall of 2007 we should have the first building open."

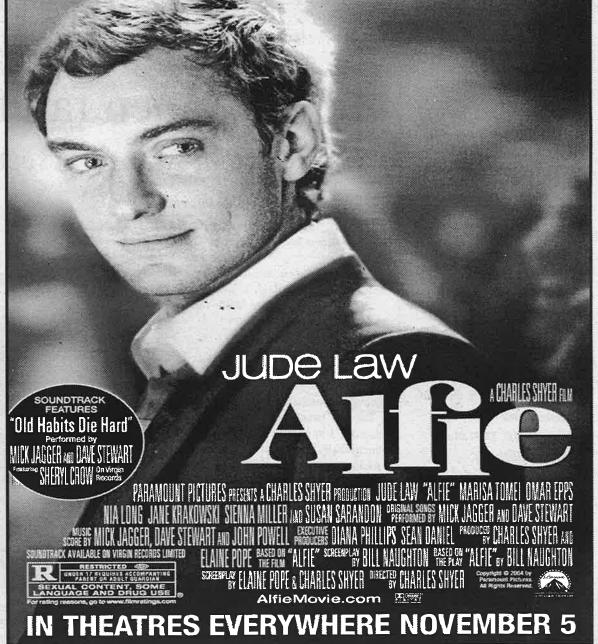
For FCC, it was just the money needed to start work on renovating the OAB.

"Without Measure E, none of the work starting right now would be possible," said Brian Speece, Associate Vice Chancellor of Business and Opera-

tions. "There is no way the district could have come up with the \$25 million out of the general fund that we needed to fund this [the OAB]."

"The progress has been going really well so far. We're shooting for fall semester 2009, if it all goes flawlessly. 2010 is the hundred year anniversary and that's our fall back time."





SPORTS

Rams (6-2, 2-1)



Reedley Tigers \



Sport: Football When: Nov 7, 1 p.m. Where: Ratcliffe Stadium Notes: After an erratic start, the Tigers have won their first three conference games. The Rams, having lost to Delta, need to beat Reedley to send the Valley Conference to a three-way tie.

Dates & Info

Football

Nov. 6, 1 p.m. vs. Reedley (Battle of the Pump) •Nov. 13, 7 p.m. @ West Hills

Volleyball

Nov. 3, 7 p.m. vs. West

•Nov. 7, 12 p.m. FCC Classic Tournament

•Nov. 10, 7 p.m. @

Porterville

•Nov. 12, 7 p.m. vs.

Columbia

Nov. 17, 7 p.m. @ Merced

Men's Soccer

Nov. 9, 3 p.m. vs. Modesto Nov. 16, TBA 1st Round Regionals

Womon's Soccer

Nov. 4, 3 p.m. vs. West Hills

Nov. 9, 1 p.m. vs. Modesto Nov. 16, TBA 1st Round Regionals

Women's Golf

•Nov. 8-9, 12 p.m. NorCal Championships (Napa) Nov. 15-16, TBA State Championships

Cross Country

·Nov. 6, 2 p.m. NorCal Championships

Woman's Water Polo

 Nov. 6, TBA CVC Championships (Merced)

Game of the Week Playing with a passion

Tim Gutierrez returns to soccer after fighting for his life

By Quinn Robinson

Rampage Reporter

Size. Speed. Team leader. Those are three things that any coach

looks for in a player. Those are also three mer of 2002.

things that Fresno City College men's soccer team would be without if things played out a little differently in the sum-

school in the spring of 2002, Tim Gutierrez was a highly touted soccer player who was excited about playing in the fall at Southwestern Oregon City College. Just weeks before Gutierrez was supposed to leave for Oregon, he began to suffer from severe headaches. At first he didn't think much of it and just took some medicine and thought the pain would go away.

Graduating from Hoover High

After a few days of the constant throbbing in his head, Gutierrez finally went to the doctor where after a spinal tap it was discovered that his back and brain was inflamed. At that point, Gutierrez was diagnosed with spinal meningitis, which is an infection in the fluid and lining of the brain. If spinal meningitis isn't detected in its early stages of symptoms it can cause severe damage to the brain and in some cases death within the first 24 hours

Gutierrez was released from the hospital he was admitted to five days later. While scheduled to leave for Oregon in two weeks. the doctors were advising Gutierrez to give himself at least a month if not longer to fully recover from the deadly infection. Gutierrez, however, overcame the spinal meningitis in half the time and was on his way to Oregon on schedule for his freshman year of

"After being released from the hospital, I had two weeks to recuperate before I had to go to Oregon for college," said Gutierrez. "That was a big obstacle for me to

overcome. The doctors were telling me it would be at least a month before I played again, so it was definitely a big step for me to take to recover in that short of a time period."

Gutierrez spent only one year up in Oregon before he moved back down to Fresno. He said the main reason that he decided to come back down was the cost of living was too expensive and that he knew he had a home here in Fresno where his parents still live so it an easy choice to

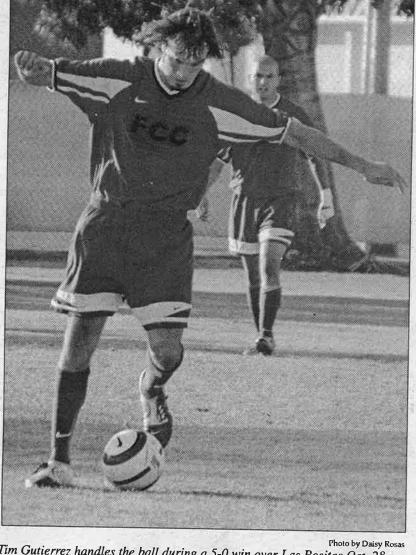
Following his return to Fresno, Gutienez still yearned to play the sport he loved. As soon as he got settled back in at home, Gutierrez stopped off at Fresno City College and paid a visit to men's soccer coach Eric

"When I was a senior in high school, coach Solberg recruited me to City," said Gutierrez "When I came back, I still wanted to play and I knew a couple of the players who were currently on the tearn. They let the coach know of my situation and then I got in contact with him and everything was set from there."

"I thought that it was great that he was coming back," said FCC men's soccer coach Eric Solberg. "Tim's one of the more vocal guys. He's a guy that will challenge his tearnmates and gets in their face from time to time, but that's the type of leader he is. Some players lead by example and others lead vocally and that's just the type of person he is."

Gutierrez credits his passion for

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Tim Gutierrez handles the ball during a 5-0 win over Las Positas Oct. 28.

FCC women fall to Modesto again

Pirates defeat Rams for second time in a game of inches

By Ryan McHenry

Rampage Reporter

Two games and two victories - for Modesto Junior Col-

The Pirates were able to pull out another close game with the Fresno City College Rams 1-0 on Oct. 28.

The Rams, who were looking to avenge a 2-1 loss suffered at home two weeks ago to the Pirates, came just inches short on numerous occasions from evening the three game season series at one apiece and still having a chance of taking the Central Valley Conference title outright.

"I'm just trying to catch my breath," said Pirates coach Steve Aristotelous as he exhaled after taking a deep breath. "The last twenty minutes of the game I was on pins and needles. I'm excited that we won, but at the same time I'm emotionally drained from the game because the Rams are such a good team and didn't let up at all."

The blow that ended up costing the Rams the game came early in the first half. The Pirates had control of the ball deep in Rams territory, but the Rams were able to turn up the pressure and force Modesto force a pass that ended up skipping by the outside of the goalpost and out of bounds.

Thinking the play was dead, Kerri Ward and other FCC players were walking back to their positions as one of their teammates kicked the ball back in-bounds. Not hearing a

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FCC's Kaycee Fontes, center, pushes the ball past Modesto Pirates Jenna Coates, left, and Tara Deboer, right, to get within scoring range.

Fresno City football falls to San Joaquin

By David Witte

Sports Editor

The Fresno City College football team's chances of a state title took a hit Oct. 30 when it lost 38-34 to San Joaquin Delta.

"We cut it to three, and all we needed was one or two stops in the fourth quarter," said FCC coach Tony Caviglia. "We just didn't get it done."

The two teams combined for 1014 yards

on offense. Fresno's defense that hasn't given up more than 26 points in a game this season.

"They made some plays in the fourth quarter that got them the victory," Caviglia said. "We made some mistakes, and in a close game like that, in a big game like that, you got to overcome adversity and play solid football, and we didn't do that."

This marks the second time in two years Delta has beaten FCC. The first was a 23-16 non-conference loss last year.

Delta has since replaced Modesto Junior College in the Valley Conference.

"It was a very strong conference, and now it's even stronger," Caviglia said. "They're a quality program."

Nate Wright returned to the starting roster, giving FCC an extra kick.

"Nate played good," Caviglia said. "He hobbled around for 105 yards, and he's still not a hundred percent."

This came a week after the Rams slaughtered the Merced Blue Devils 69-12, during

> which third-string fullback Marcus Gray stepped up for 87 yards on 11 carries. The running backs combined for 165 yards without Wright.

"All of them are good running backs," Wright said of his colleagues. "That's what they're there for, and they did a good job.

The star of FCC's victory over Merced was Mike Ware, who started the game by slipping in the mud while catching a punt. The ball bounced off his helmet, and Merced recovered.

Ware made up for it by returning one kickoff and two punts for touchdowns.

FCC's Corey Brown and Jeff Schott, split time at quarterback. Brown won the starting position before the season started, but he broke his hand three quarters into the first game.

Now he's back, and Caviglia has indicated he will go with whoever has the

Schott finished the Delta game 13 of 20 for 201 yards and one interception, and Brown finished 12 of 22 for 129

yards and one interception.

FCC's loss to Delta leaves Reedley in sole possession of first place in the CVC. Fresno faces Reedley Nov. 7.

"Reedley's a very good football team, very talented," Caviglia said. "They're a very young football team this year, but by the seventh, eighth, ninth game of the year, they're not young anymore."

An FCC victory over Reedley would create a three-way tie for first in the CVC, with all three teams 3-1 in conference play.

"Then it's up to the polls to decide who is a representative for our conference in the Northern California championship game," Caviglia said.

He refused to comment on who he thought would be on top in the polls.

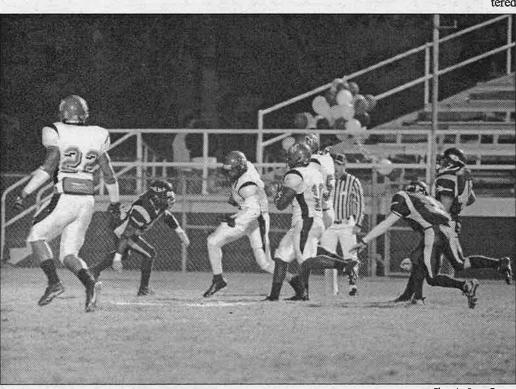
"That would just be speculation," Caviglia said.

For now, the team is concentrating on Reedley.

"We're all expecting a good game," Wright said. "We're going to play hard, we just want the W."

CVC Football Standings

College	W	L	Conf	. PF	PA
Reedley	5	3	3-0	198	111
S.J. Delta	6	2	2-1	295	222
FCC	6	2	2-1	298	129
West Hills	4	4	2-2	160	210
C.O.S.	3	5	0-3	170	230-
Merced	2	6	0-3	105	302



FCC's Mike Ware, center, fakes his way past Merced's Jerome Hunter, left, into the end zone during a 69-12 victory. Ware returned one kickoff and two punts for touchdowns in the game.

Men's soccer fights its way above .500

By Quinn Robinson

Rampage Reporter

Halfway through the season, the Fresno City College men's soccer team found themselves in a peculiar situation. Sitting at 1-4-1, the Rams got in a groove as they won six our of their last eight including a 5-0 pounding over Las Positas on

"Initially we were going to try to play for a draw," said Las Positas coach Lawrence Aguiar. "We knew Fresno City is very good on their home field. We were a little undermanned with injuries and after the first goal, our team had to press up a little on defense and the Rams were able to expose us."

Las Positas made it appear as if the game would be a close one when the Hawks went into the half only trailing the high powered offense of Fresno City 1-0. The goal that the Rams were able to get in the first half didn't come without some questioning from Las Positas' coaching staff.

The Rams were on a break towards the Hawks goal when a Las Positas player was whistled for a foul and given a yellow card. The player went to talk to the referee about the call while the Rams played the ball and took advantage when they scored on a Santiago Elmassian goal. The Las Positas coaches were arguing that the play should've been blown dead and the

ball should've been put at the spot of the foul, but the referees didn't listen to the argument and allowed the goal.

'The foul was called and our player went over to talk to the ref after the ref called him over," said Aguiar. "I was trying to sub my player, because you can do that on a yellow card. The ref didn't watch the play and FCC just played the ball. It was a bad call but it didn't dictate what happened in the second half."

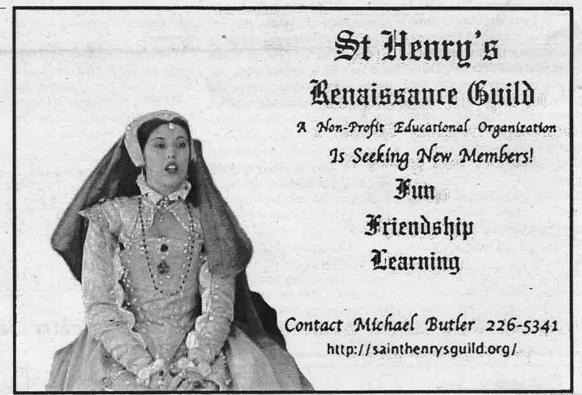
The Rams came out in the second half and used their speed to exploit the Las Positas defense as they piled on four more goals in the second half.

The victory came in a team effort as everyone contributed to the assault on the Hawks. Raul Rivera led the Rams with 2 goals while Jake Howard, Santiago Elmassian and Raj Singh each put in one for

Some of the Rams are battered and bruised, but as coach Solberg sees it, it's important to have your best players on the field, injury free

"It's almost essential," said Solberg. "There's nothing to hold back for. If we don't get it done, it's over. We have some guys who probably shouldn't be playing at all and need surgery, but they're out there trying to finish the year with the

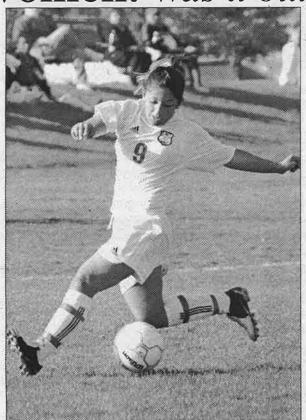
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Sports

Women: Was it out?



FCC's Michelle Mancebo traps the ball to take it upfield in a 1-0 loss at Modesto Junior College Oct. 28.

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whistle however, Pirates player Fara Luker stole the ball and dumped it off to teammate Sarah Mando who blasted the ball in from point blank range in which Ward had no time to react.

"I couldn't see it from where I was," said coach Germond. "I believe my players and they thought [the ball] was out. That's why you should always play the whistle. That's just the way our luck has been against Modesto this season. When you don't score goals, you're not going to win. When the ball hit the goalpost at the end of the game, I thought it was going in. I feel like we're jinxed against Modesto. We play them one more time however and hopefully we can beat them and get ready for playoffs."

The Rams had plenty of time to take control of the game after the controversial goal by Modesto, and that worried coach Aristotelous the

"When I looked at the clock after we scored, I noticed that there was an eternity of time left on the clock," said Aristotelous. "I was worried that Fresno would turn around and score quickly and then get a late goal and coming out with a 2-1 victory.'

FCC tried to make the best of every opportunity that they got to put the ball in the net and tie up the game. The wet field conditions and lack of communication between Rams players played the spoilers. A days worth of frustration was summed up on the final play of the game for the Rams. FCC sent a line drive kick towards the Modesto goal as Rams players quickly regained hope of a possible tie, only to see their hopes dashed when the ball bounced off the goalpost.

The Rams wind up the remaining three games of the regular season with an away game against COS on Nov. 2 before hosting the final two home games against West Hills and Modesto on Nov 4 and 9 respectively.



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Passion: Gutierrez played young

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I was eight years old. I traveled over to Germany and I was playing there for a month with a club team. I then came back over here and started playing competitive soccer at the age of 10 with Cyclone," Gutierrez said.

From there Gutierrez has

with club teams or school teams. Gutierrez's best soccer memory was when, at 15, he played in the finals of the State Cup Championships. He believed competing in that tournament brought him to a better understanding of how the game is played.

"As a player that was a turning played soccer every year either point for me," said Gutierrez. "I

saw different competition and playing styles. It changed how I interpreted the game of soccer. Another thing that has helped me out over the years were the different coaches and various styles I learned to play the game."

Men: Three games left in season



center, fights to take the ball from Las Positas defenders Geoffrey Aguilar, right, Josh van Sloten, center rear, and Branden Foster, left. FCC won

FCC's Raul Rivera,

Photo by Daisy Rosas

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team instead of watching from the sidelines."

Two players who will have to go under the knife after the season wraps up are Tim Gutierrez and Tyson John. Gutierrez will have to repair a dislocated shoulder that keeps popping in and out of place and John will have to fix a severely dislocated thumb suffered while participating in a running drill during practice.

"They're injuries that aren't going to get worse, they're already bad. We just have to play through them. We're banged up all over the place and that's just the way it is going down the final stretch of the season."

The final three games of the season are against Central Valley Conference opponents, in which FCC will take on Taft on Nov. 2 before playing a makeup game against West Hills on Nov. 4. The Rams will then wrap up the regular season against CVC leader Modesto on



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It's your money

Money does not rule ASG

an instrumental role the Fresno City College Associated Student Government plays in the daily operations of campus activities.

ASG partially funds nearly every event

that occurs at FCC, in addition to helping clubs pay for their own activities.

ASG has helped pay for events such as Welcome Week, club rushes, voter registration, multi-cultural programs,

Joanne Lui

"When students

Maya Angelou's visit this past spring, and the Kathleen Kennedy Townsend-Bay Buchanan debate.

Most of ASG's funds comes from the sale of ID cards. Additional money comes from fundraisers such as food sold at club rushes and the recent RamBurger Round-Up.

"I think [ASG] is a young group," said

Gurdeep Sihota, Director of College Activities. come to the ASG "They're doing the best they can."

office with The projected budget for the 2004-2005 school year was just

concerns, the student senate listens." over \$53,000. The breakdown is like this: More than 25

percent of ASG funds were allocated directly towards FCC clubs, for various events and conferences. An additional 25 percent goes toward

various campus activities and events, and items such as food, labor, and equipment rental as needed for such events. That's more than 50 percent of ASG's budget which goes directly back to students.

Another 30 percent goes toward promotions and advertising of ASG sponsored and tudent events. The final 20 percent or so is

Then there are the expenses not men-

Most students don't seem to realize what tioned in the budget. When students come to the ASG office with concerns, the student senate listens.

> Recently, students petitioned to have a microwave placed in the cafeteria for those who could not afford to buy hot food on a daily

> "I think if students have concerns, they've got an open-door policy," said Sihota.

> The microwave request was brought to ASG's attention, and the student senate researched what it would be required to purchase a microwave, as far as what kind would be best to purchase, and safety and health regulations. The request was put to a vote, and there will be a microwave purchased for the campus caf-

eteria with ASG

funds.

Our money belongs on campus

Every time you register and pay for your classes one dollar goes to the Associated Student Government. That adds up fast considering that there are 20,000 plus students at FCC. It may be a small price to pay on an individual basis, but what is the money used for?

When the money is used to benefit the student body by supporting clubs and hosting hamburger lunches and various other things, then there is nothing to complain about. The money is serving its purpose.

But when the money goes to off-campus, non-student related projects I have to object. Such was the case considering the recent billboard campaign funded by the ASG promoting voting in the November election.

I agree that people should be encouraged to vote, but student money shouldn't be used to fund projects that don't directly benefit the school or the students.

About \$4,000 (the ASG budget (stu dent money) was used to pay for the billboards and the project ended up being somewhat of a flop. This represents only a fraction of the overall



Jared Leas

ASG budget, but it's a huge chunk of what they actually get to spend.

The thing that really strikes me as odd is that the signs feature pictures of the ASG members on them. Is that representing the students of FCC or is it just shameless selfpromotion?

I wonder if they used further money for a make-up artist and hair stylist. I mean, who wouldn't want to be on a billboard looking good and important promoting a just cause such as voting?

The billboards feature the words "Rock the Vote." I guess they figured that most of us haven't ever watched MTV before andhaven't heard that slogan one hundred or so thousand times already.

ASG president Daniel Lorente says that the billboards will "serve their purpose" and "establish Fresno City College as a legitimate student government" to passing drivers.

I have a hard time believing that the signs will serve their purpose when they weren't even visible until Oct. 18, which was the voter regon deadline. Some of the billboards even forming you to register to vote. That little reminder would be fine and good for somebody who had a freakin' time machine.

As for establishing Fresno City College as a legitimate student government, what the hell is that supposed to mean? I guess we have an illegitimate one right now. Plus, what the hell does some trucker hauling cabbage as

e as a student?

PARKING

lamnus Voices

By Elias Vega

Romance in the night: How TV never lies



The night-time is the right time, sung once long ago a Nappy Brown, or for the uneducated in the verse of Blues, Ray Charles eventually covered. Sometimes, it's easy to go with what we know.

Running late to a night class, I decided to skip it and play my favorite game: Socialize with Strangers.

After a few rather slow contestants, I happened to make well with a redhead and soon a conversation starring yours truly happened. In short, she told me she found my last editorial funny, especially the part about me yelling at the empty house.

After the initial shock of "Oh me, oh my, people actually read this?" I recalled an older episode of America's better-half family, the Simpsons.

If you're playing the home-game version of my story, you'll know that in this episode Homer gets a job teaching at the local community col-

lege. Like any real class on campus, most people bolt for the door .0987 milliseconds after roll is called. Homer overcomes this problem by sharing stories about his life. Well, sex life in particular.

Yes, dear reader, I know what is next on your mind and quite frankly, for shame, I won't, I simply refuse to do one of those articles.

There's journalistic credibility to be maintained. At least until I can properly bribe my editor in chief.

An idea formed into my head one night as I was jogging merrily down the main street of our little four-post town my family lived in some time ago. The moon was up at full splendor, beaming down rays of love and joy. With side-plans of world domination like always, I had a new thought go through my head, so jarring in its simplicity that I had almost dropped my soap.

I was but a simple youth, fresh to the manufacturing mills known as high school, when I had become quite smitten by a young woman we'll call Mary Lou. Being an awkward child raised by the loving glow of television, I really have no clue as to how to show my affection.

Luckily, my previous year of art had uncovered my prodigy-like skill for carving soap. Added that "Fight Club" has just jabbed its way to the top of the charts, this seemed all too good to be true. But how would I go about giving my homage to Brad Pitt and his dreamy muscles to her?

T.V. always has an answer. Don Juan always serenaded in the dead of night, when the moon is full. Surely she would be awake and wishing on a star for me to be by her side. TV would never lie.

One bar of Dial, a note full of crusty teenage love, and a pair of laced up running shoes later, I was off into the night. As I ran, and as you recall, for our home viewers, the grandest of grand ideas my young mind was graced with had occurred: A 24-hour, seven-days-a-week society.

My mind staggered at the possibilities. Countless jobs would be needed, and unemployment would be non-existent. Productivity would be doubled, if not tripled. One would never have to wait until morning to get a really good pizza pie. Freeways would be half as full, and there would be at least twice as much parking. Never, ever again would the post of-

fice be closed 10 minutes after you got there, forcing you to silently plot revenge for the next 20 years.

There would be initial problems, yes, but they could be overcome. It would require a change in the way we think of day and night. Mundane jobs like accounting and being President of the United States would need to cut back on funding and staffing, as there would be no more peak hours.

Domestic animals would need to adjust insane feeding hours. Burglars and ladies of the night would have to find new employment as the night would lose any charm it had left.

And as quickly as my idea had come, it was shot down. The very thing I loved, more than the cute girl I was delivering a bar of soap to, the night itself, would be lost.

People would be out, and I would not have silent streets to jog. Cars would run day and night in all neighborhoods, and I could no longer make asphalt angles by moonlight.

Night would lose its romance, and become a very dim day. Terrified by this idea, I made a solemn vow never to share my idea with anyone. I glanced back up at the moon, and continued on to Mary Lou's house, bar of soap firmly in hand



Tranquil Tantrums

You've heard the phone tree tantrum, now this



mit" button. Up popped the message that I had missed a question. I clicked "OK" and found myself at the beginning of the survey. All of my responses had been wiped out because I had missed one question. Really, now!

I had written extensive com-

ments (brevity is not my long suit) taking nearly 30 minutes, but because I forgot to include an "overall rating" – one lousy click – the program did not submit. Instead, it presented me with a blank form for a do-over. All I had needed to do to finish was

click — once. It doesn't take Bill Gates to know that a simple change in the program would have allowed me to add the missing click. But then, my time doesn't cost "Hooray" anything. So, they can use it lavishly? Not very blanking likely!

This site's unforgiving program demanded that I do it all again. Nope, not acceptable! I was not applying for some private welfare grant or an unsecured loan. I was giving of my time with no expectation of personal reward. When this site did not save

what I had already entered, it wasted my time, time that I was giving for free. Absolutely not acceptable!

As mentioned above, the survey requested comments. My comments were as follows:

After entering the above paragraph, I wrote, "Change this blasted program to reflect an attitude that doesn't expect the correspondent to behave like your trained monkey! As with a charitable financial donation, I am willing to give my time until it is wasted! At that point, I cease giving. I am not likely to contribute to your site again."

Will this URL change its programs because of this complaint? I very much doubt that it will. I have seen no evidence that its users' comments are ever seen by human eyes. Try the "help" function some time, if you doubt me.

Can they be made to see our concerns? That depends on how many of their users value their time and how many are trained monkeys.

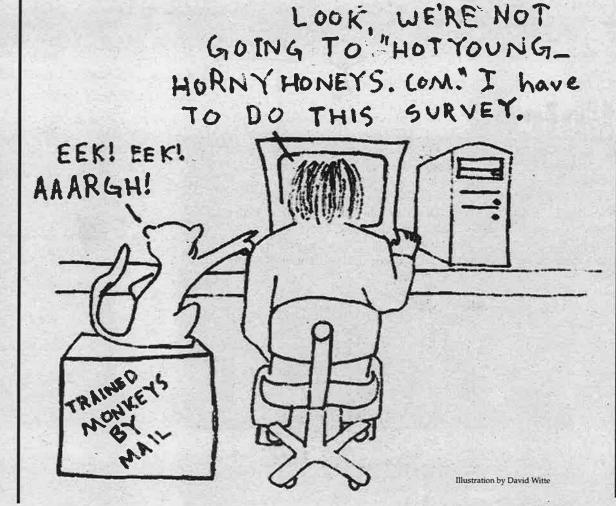
Perhaps my reputation as a grumpy old man needs reinforcing. If so, this column should do the trick. Spread it around.

I went online to buy some ink cartridges a little while ago. We all do it. What with classes, campus functions and the demands of a sex life worth boasting about, who has time to go shopping? We buy online.

Shopping on or off campus, we can see the sellers face to face and talk to other students about them. Online buying is more like buying blind.

So when, the other day, my search engine— I'll call them 'Hooray,' a non redneck word for their real name—e-mailed me their "merchant survey," it sounded good to me. I bit. It should take only a few minutes and it helps keep the seller's honest and on their toes, why not?

The "few minutes" turned out to be closer to 45 minutes but, forgiving in the extreme, I stayed with it and finally hit the "sub-



Horoscopes



(Not a certified public accountant)

Fred Savage was harmed in the making of this column

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You will give away all your possessions before you realize your new friend is not a monk, but a pawn shop

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You will be exposed as a fraud when people realize your painting "The Yawn" is just a rip-off of Edvard Munch's "The Scream."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The Model U.N. will find you guilty of war crimes for beating up the guy who represents Denmark.

CANCER (June_21-July 22) You will discover that your long-lost twin has been living three houses down from you all this time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A feeling of de ja vu will overwhelm you when you complain to the Rampage over some religious comment in the fake horoscope

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The Health Science building will secede from the rest of Fresno City College. Riots and chaos will ensue.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You will become embroiled in a turf war with the New York mafia over drug trafficking rights to Canton, Ohio.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You will become disillusioned when you learn the cult you joined is actually a religion called "Christianity."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Your friends will convince you to crash a party with them. Crashing it with an '83 Buick will be your idea, though.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Lane ends. Merge left.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb. 18) Your lawyer will advise you to plead insanity, but you'll be busy painting a giant mural with your own poop.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Face it, man. Jerry Garcia is gone.



Jorge Mendoza

Halloween. If you are a very superstitious person, you stayed away from black cats, broken mirrors, and stopped yourself from walking under a ladder.

Then there is everyone else. The people, other than kids, who love this day more than any other day. The people who throw all inhibitions out the window and dress up in their most unique costumes imaginable, (or most affordable).

Therefore, it was during this past Halloween I decided to stroll to the Tower District, which is usually a hotbed for good Halloween fun. The streets would be filled. The bars and pool halls would be jumping with life. I was really looking forward to this night.

Of course, upon my arrival, I see nothing. I think I saw tumbleweeds flying down Olive Avenue. The only sign of life I encountered in my journey was at the Avalon, a great pool hall with an even better atmosphere, There, I encountered "Spider-girl" and "Daisy Duke," two Fresno City Col-

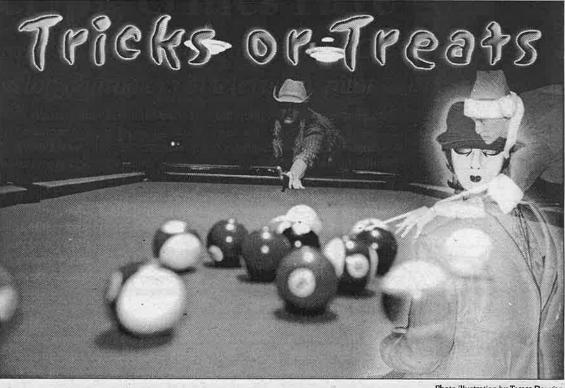


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lege students and, let me tell you guys, it was not an ugly sight by any means.

With techno/house music blaring through the sound system, I knew my time here was almost up.

I spoke to Daniel Skaret, 22, who was dressed as Santa Claus and he summed it up nicely.

"I always come to the Tower. District for Halloween. It's always a good time," Skaret said,

But, Skaret continued, "It's pretty lame that it's on a Sunday, though."

Yes, it is Daniel I was about done with my last beverage when I decided my Halloween journey would keep me here for the evening as more people were coming through the doors.

Every one of them had costumes on. Some great, some that should have been left at home. Then the house/techno music stopped. "It's about time," I said to myself.

Then something great occurred. Unbeknownst to me, a band was slated to play later in the evening. The Art House Rejects graced the good people at the Avalon with their presence. It was a sound for sore ears. Describing their sound is bit difficult. It was original and some-

Not every cloud is made of wa-

For those who aren't sure what

ter, nor is every rap song hip-hop.

Hip-hop is an expressive art form that

hip-hop consists of, let me assure you

that you will rarely hear it on the

radio. For those who need to be

reminded, here go five of hip-

Black star: Mos Def &

The philosophical lyrics of Mos

Def and Talib Kweli refine the es-

sence of hip-hop's with their debut

album "Black Star." The dynamic

duo reset the standard of what true

is on the decline in usage.

hop's greatest creations:

Talib Kweli

thing not heard before, at least from these ears. Kudos to The Art House Rejects for putting on a stellar performance.

As stated earlier, it was Sunday. It was I a.m., and I knew I had very early morning classes to attend. I left the greatness that was the Avalon, but not without meeting some new friends.

Ace and Gary, who called themselves, "The Ambiguously Gay Duo." I also met "Captain Spalding," from "House of 1,000 Corpses" farme. Last and certainly not least, I met "Jesus." I guess he has to get out every once in

Thank you Fresno freaks. You gave me many ideas to steal for Halloween

'Ladder 49' rises to the 5 of the best hip-hop top of best films of '04

By Felix Sanchez

Rampage Reporter

"Ladder 49" is a film so emotionally charged, there won't be a dry eye in the entire theater. The movie is that

This film isn't like most other films featuring the heroics of firefighters: they go in, save the day.

In this film (and notice that I'm not calling it a movie because it happens to rate higher than being called a movie), we are taken on a journey through a 10-year span of one man's

The movie starts at a burning warehouse, full of people and chemicals. The building could explode at any moment.

The firefighter whose life we delve into has gone with a group of other fighters as they enter the building. Once the remaining people are saved, it turns out that there is one last survivor trapped inside the

Once that man is taken to safety, our hero has the buring floor fall from underneath him. He takes a fall, and it's after he lands that we end up taking a flashback journey to the beginning of his career as a firefighter.

He starts out as a rookie fighter, just arriving at the station. The point in the movie that is the start of the first flashback to the start of his career, one would think that it's after his fall, but it's actually not.

The film states that, for a firefighter, a bond is forged by fire. In this movie, that is all too true.

This film is powerful and moving, one that movie-goers won't for-



Like Water For Chocolate: Common

Common's architectural style sets him apart from many of the hip-hop artists who rhyme only about superficial lifestyles. Not as soft as his lat-

(not rap) albums ever est track, but it definitely lets the rap world know that hip-hop artist can



Kirk Givan

show flows. 2pacalypse

> Now: 2Pac Tupac's debut album allowed him to reach the nation and inform them of what society is like outside the

suburbs. Tupac gave the hip-hop community his gift of the wisdom he gained struggling in a corrupt society.

One of the most controversial LPs ever produced, it opened the eyes and ears of citizens and politicians of its timé.

People's Instinctive Travels and the Paths of Rhythm: A Tribe **Called Ouest**

One of the first groups of hip-hop, A Tribe Called Quest made everyone bob their heads with the classic "Bonita Applebum." The collaborative efforts of Phife and Q-Tip set the stage for dual MC lyrics.

This is definitely an album to listen to if you want to compare rap to

Seckundary Education

by David Witte

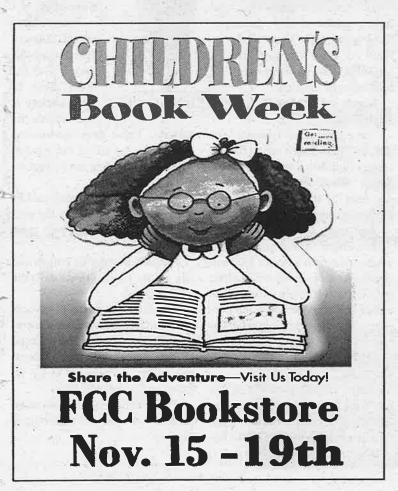


The 14th Grade

by Jared Leas







'The Grudge': Good idea, but the execution is lacking

By Ryan McHenry
Rampage

"When someone dies in the grip of a powerful rage, a curse is born. The curse gathers in the place of the death; those who encounter it will be consumed by its fury."

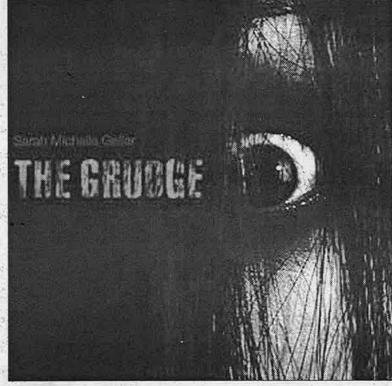
Sounds like a great movie, right?

Wrong. The story line can only carry the movie so far. It's the job of the actors and filmmakers to do the rest. And there we have our problem.

Sarah Michelle Gellar (Karen) and Jason Behr (Doug) play American foreign-exchange students living in Japan. Geller, working an intern position as a caretaker, gets assigned to a house, a cursed house.

She soon discovers that the curse follows all that come in contact with the house. The idea of the movie is rather enticing. Unfortunately, its low budget leaves it too short, and poorly done. The movie lacks any strong acting – the norm for horror flicks – and, in all honesty, I personally got more of a scare with my girlfriend's driving leaving the parking lot than at any time during the movie.

The movie was written and directed by Takashi Shimizu. The movie became frustrating because



of Shimizu's filmmaking techniques. The timeline shifts throughout, making it muddled and disorientated.

All too often at this time of year the movie industry throws out movies that aren't up to the task of taking on big blockbuster movies, and we the movie-viewers are sucked into watching a low-budget, low-class movie.

So let me save you the grief, of or at least wait for the rental option.

96 minutes of weak acting: wait for something else.

Now comes the "really" bad news: the movie made \$40 million in the box office the opening weekend, which means we will most likely see a sequel as the ending of the movie implies. Help out the best you can to prevent further pain and suffering to future movie-goers. Avoid this movie like the plague, or at least wait for the rental option.