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# Rampage

## Fresno City College

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## Saluting veterans



Photo by Daisy Rosas

Retired Lt. Col. Lester W. Zielinski salutes during the Veteran's Day Ceremony at Fresno City College Nov. 5. Zielinski is also an instructor at Fresno High School, Army JROTC. For more on the ceremony, see page 12.

## Votes are counted: Board is back

Smith returns as board president as SCCC returns all of its incumbents

By Eliot Torres

Rampage reporter

When all the votes are counted, tallied, then recounted for accuracy, early analysts showed that the four running incumbents would keep their seats on the State Center Community College District Board of Trustees.

"I'm relieved it's all over," said re-elected SCCC Board President William J. Smith.

"It's always an ordeal... you don't really know what's going to happen once people get into the booth."

Smith won with 45 percent of the votes, beating his opponents, Chris Mathys who received 36.6 percent, and Phil Maher with 18.2 percent.

"I remember thinking, it would be so easy just to write or strike some one else's name, and I would

be gone," said Smith.

Patrick E. Patterson, vice president of the board of trustees, was re-elected with 58.6 percent of the votes.

Trustees H. Ronald Feaver and Phillip J. Forhan won by 58.6 percent and 50.3 percent respectively.

One of the major weaknesses the board of trustees is concerned with is a lack of focus on vocational education. Although some of the blame could be passed on to economic reasons, the board still felt there is more they can do directly. Workshops and meetings with those in question are in discussion to help the situation, Smith said.

"We plan to reach out and get involved," Smith said.



William J. Smith

The committee is also discussing ways to increase parking space. With the construction on the Old Administration Building starting and construction of the railroad underpass there will be less available parking spaces.

"Instead of going forward, it [the parking] seems like we're going back, but that's something we're looking at very closely," Smith said.

The board of trustees encourages students to have their voices heard. They meet the first Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. on a SCCC campus.

"Probably in December someone else will take over as president, and I'll just be another board member at that time," Smith said. "I'm looking forward to it, there's a lot of responsibility that goes with being the president, and a lot of time."

## OSHA report could take up to 6 months

*Investigators inspect science labs for unhealthy working conditions*

By Ali Sadoian

Rampage reporter

The California Occupational and Safety and Health Administration's investigation of the science labs at Fresno City College, "could take up to six months," said spokesperson Dean Fryer from the California Department of Industrial Relations.

The investigation which started on Oct. 18, is complaint-based from students and staff who feel threatened by the poor ventilation in the college's science labs.

The labs at Fresno City College have been under serious speculation since the sudden lung ailment of a chemistry professor and sickness among several stu-

dents who frequent the area.

During the investigation, experts from Cal/OSHA will examine the science building and determine what needs to be done to fix the current conditions.

Employees will be interviewed and photographs will be taken of the buildings conditions during the procedural walk around.

Although indisposition has occurred throughout the department, Cal/OSHA doesn't feel the urgency to rush the investigation.

"An initial inspection is ongoing," said Department of Industrial Relations Roy Frye.

"There are definitely things wrong [with the science labs], but, nothing is going to blow up. By law we have six months to complete the investigation."

## Scam artists hit student's family

*Parents scammed into thinking son was in crash*

By Christine Haeussling

Rampage contributor

A high-pressure scam affected an international student at Fresno City College and his parents about two months ago.

International student counselor Laura de Santiago-Gomez received an email from Dirk Binder, executive director of Kanda Institute for Foreign Languages in Tokyo, Japan, asking her to find out if an international student from Japan had been in a car accident.

It turned out that someone had called the 23-year-old man's parents, claiming to be him, and alleging that he had been in a big car accident. Since the car he crashed was "some kind of gangster's car," according to de Santiago-Gomez, he needed a lot of money.

Although the caller's voice sounded strained it didn't sound like her son's voice to the mother. She called Kanda Institute, where

her son went before transferring to FCC, and asked Binder to find out if her son had really been in a car accident.

After receiving Binder's email, de Santiago-Gomez talked to the student to find out that there had not been any kind of accident.

No one knows who is behind the scam and how this person obtained the son's name and his parents' phone number.

According to Binder's wife Naoko, scams like this occur often in Japan.

De Santiago-Gomez says it is the first time anything like this happened to a student at Fresno City College.

To prevent this from happening again she says students need to keep in touch with their parents on a weekly basis, be it by fax, phone or email.

Christine Haeussling is a Journalism 3 student at Fresno City College.



# Letters to the Editor

## ASG Senator 'appalled and disgusted' with Rampage reports on billboards

After reading your recent articles blasting the Associated Student Government on the billboard issue, I can not help but to feel both appalled and disgusted.

It seems that your reporters have taken a genuine attempt to convince people to vote and turned into a tool to drive a wedge between the students and the ASG.

As an ASG officer, it is my job to reach out to students to take account of their needs and to act on those needs. This new wedge will only make that harder.

I am equally appalled at the Rampage's failure to report on those students' needs that the ASG has already acted on.

For example, when a group of students approached the ASG with their desire for a microwave in the cafeteria, we acted. On Oct. 12, the ASG passed a bill allocating money for the purchase of a microwave

oven in the cafeteria very soon.

However, there has not been one major article in the Rampage to present this information to the students.

In addition, the ASG has helped sponsor everything from the political debate at Fresno City College to the recent Stop the Hate Week without any mention of this in your publication. I find that to be very troubling and something that needs to be changed.

I sincerely hope that in the future, you will have the ability to report more than the issues that you deem interesting. I wish that in the spirit of cooperation between our organizations that you would take an interest in the vast needs of the students instead of berating the ASG.

— Patrick Stumpf

Senator

Fresno City College  
Associated Student Government

### Diversity Club thanks us

We at Diversity Club at Fresno City College would like to thank you for listing our movie night in your calendar section, and helping to make the event the great success that it was.

More than one person who attended remarked that they found us through you.

The film and the society were enjoyed by all who were there. The success of this film night has led us to consider film night for next semester.

We hope to include that in your calendar section next semester (as its date and time are finalized).

And again we thank you for your help with the publicity for later days.

— Mike Maloney

Diversity Club  
Fresno City College

## News briefs

## Student Government funds new kitchen appliance

### Rampage Staff Reports

Fresno City College's Associated Student Government recently allocated an estimated \$200 for a microwave in the cafeteria.

The purchase was made after a significant number of students complained that the food on campus was too expensive and would rather bring food from home.

The ASG is also in talks with several companies to set up a new Associated Student Body I.D. card system at FCC.

The reported cost of \$7,000 would merge the ASB card with the library card.

### Get your smoking refund

Students who have participated in the smoking cessation research project last spring 2004, may receive reimbursement for the class by contacting Melody Molina at 442-4600 ext. 8056

### Shakespeare Fest set

Fresno City College will host actors from the Oregon Shakespeare Festival Nov. 17 through Nov. 19.

Kyle Haden, Sarah Ratan, David Eric Thompson, and Shad Williams will perform excerpts from Shakespeare as well as classic and contemporary lit-

erature.

A special benefit performance of Odd Couples and Shakespeare and Other Lunatics will take place Friday, November 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the FCC theatre. Admission is \$12 general and \$6 for students staff and seniors. Proceeds of the performance will go to FCC's Friends of the Arts.

### Can you kick the habit?

The Fresno City College Respiratory Care Program and Psychological Services will be sponsoring a Smoking Awareness Day as part of the Great American Smokeout at FCC on Thursday, Nov. 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Main Fountain Area.

As part of the event intended for the entire community, the Respiratory Care Program and Psychological Services, will be conducting nicotine dependence screenings and showing videos on various smoking topics.

### Books were signed

Michael Roberts, associate dean of instruction of the Humanities Division at Fresno City College, was in the staff dining room signing copies and reading poems from his newly published book.

His book, "The Particulars of Being," was published by In the Grove Press, which is owned by Lee Herrick, who is an English instructor at FCC.

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### November

17 2 p.m.	American Indian Film Series	Grand Avenue	Student Lounge
18 9:30a.m.	"The Indian Mascot Controversy"		Student Lounge
18	Smoking Awareness Day		
18 10 a.m.	Great American Smokeout		Main Fountain
18 10:30 a.m.	Cultural Celebration		Free Speech Area
19 11 a.m.	Taher Staff Luncheon		Staff Dining Room
20 3 p.m.	Producers Dairy Bowl		Ratcliffe
23 8 a.m.	Lambda Alpha Epsilon Fundraiser		Fountain
18 - 25	TBA Artist Collect Artwork		Art Space Gallery

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# CENTER OF CONTROVERSY

*Native American club brings Comanche Indian to speak at FCC*

By Joanne Lui

Rampage Reporter

In recent years, the debate over so-called Indian mascots in schools and sports teams has swept across the nation, including California.

Many states have even introduced bills banning the practice, which many Native Americans have deemed racist and offensive.

Fresno City College's Native American club is addressing the issue by bringing in Cornel Pewewardy, PhD, to give a lecture entitled "The Indian Mascot Controversy," on Nov. 18 and 19.

Pewewardy is a member of the Comanche Tribe of Oklahoma.

In addition to traveling the country giving lectures, he is a musician who

has put out several recordings of native chants and flutes, and has taught Native American music and dance at the University of New Mexico and Navajo Community College. Currently.

He is an assistant professor in the Department of Teaching and Leadership at the University of Kansas School of Education.

Pewewardy believes that "understanding the contemporary images, perceptions and myths of Indigenous Peoples is extremely important not only for Indigenous Peoples, but also for mainstream America."

Use of so-called Indian mascots includes names like Braves, Indians, Redskins, or and Chiefs.

Pewewardy believes that students need to be made aware of the controversy.

"Students in schools cannot understand the realities of modern American life and the prospect for the next generations without understanding the popular images of the past and the present," said Pewewardy in an essay aimed at educators.

Pewewardy is extremely against the use of Indian-inspired names for mascots.

"I believe that the hidden agenda behind Indian mascots and logos is about cultural, spiritual, and intellectual exploitation," he said.

"Therefore, the real issues are about power and control. These negative ethnic images are driven by those that want to define other ethnic groups and control their images."



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# Same president, same budget

*SCCCD spending limited due to the costly war in Iraq, huge deficit*

By Jared Leas

Rampage reporter

The presidential election has come and gone.

George W. Bush will serve another four years in the White House.

What will this mean for the students and staff of the State Center Community College District?

"I wish I had a divining rod so I could tell you," said William J. Smith, president of the SCCC board of trustees. "A lot of it is just speculation and conjecture."

Whether you voted or not Pericles summed up the effects of politics: "Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you."

And, now that the votes are counted, just how will politics take an interest in community colleges?

The expressed position of the GOP on education in 2004 may shed some light on the subject. President Bush proposed a \$125 million Community College Access Grants Fund to help improve services at community colleges.

The grant would give colleges incentive to provide dual-enrollment programs, which would allow high school students to earn college credit. The fund would also be an incentive for states to make it easier to transfer community college credits to four-year universities.

The president proposed to make loans available to help workers pay for short-term training that would result in a credential or certificate.

Bush also proposed an increase in the flexibility of federal student aid. The proposal would make available competency-based programs. Competency-based programs award degrees and certificates to students who have shown that they've acquired the skills necessary through assessments. This would be a change from the traditional credit-hour programs.

But what if John Kerry had won the presidency? Here's how things might have been different:

Concerned about the rising cost of tuition nation-wide (up 35% in the last three years), Kerry proposed to make college more affordable by giving tax credits of up to \$4,000

for four years in college. Kerry also proposed to simplify the student aid application process, saying that there are more questions on an application for a \$5,000 student loan than on an application for a \$2 million small-business loan.

Kerry also proposed making college more affordable and thereby more of a possibility for more Americans using national service opportunities. Young people serving their country for two years working in a school, a health center, or working for better national security would receive four years of college tuition.

Those are the proposals, but what will actually happen? We can be sure that Kerry's plans probably won't come to fruition, but with President Bush in office, what can we expect?

According to Smith, president of the board of trustees for the SCCC, things aren't very clear as to how colleges will be affected.

Smith believed that neither candidate would make much of a difference in regards to the issues of education and college tuition. He

attributes this to the federal deficit caused by the tremendous amounts of spending that the war in Iraq has demanded. Kerry would have inherited the budget deficit if he had won. Therefore, even if he wanted to invest more spending on colleges, the cash just wouldn't be there.

According to Smith, the budget

commitment to the Iraq war will not allow for what community colleges want.

Community colleges will just have to wait and see how things evolve. And, if or when, the federal budget deficit shrinks, that would allow more federal aid money to go toward education.

## Election results

Compiled by Kirk Givan

### PASSED

#### Prop 59

By 83 percent

Californians will have a constitutional right to access government information.

#### Prop 60

By 67 percent

The top vote-getter from each party in the primary election will advance to the general election.

#### Prop 61

By 57 percent

The use of \$750 million in obligation bonds will be authorized for use by California to rebuild and expand California's children's hospitals.

#### Prop 63

By 54 percent

A surcharge of 1 percent to the state personal income taxes will be enacted for those receiving \$1 million or more income annually.

#### Prop 64

By 59 percent

No person can bring a lawsuit for unfair compensation unless they have endured suffering or have met additional requirements of class action lawsuits, except for the Attorney General and local prosecutors.

#### Prop 69

By 62 percent

The state will expand the collection of DNA samples to include all convicted felons, and some convicted non-felons.

### FAILED TO PASS

#### Prop 62

By 54 percent

All voters will 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 66

By 51 percent

California will keep current sentences for felons with one or two prior convictions to receive longer sentencing for any additional felony no matter the seriousness.

#### Prop 67

By 69 percent

The emergency telephone number surcharge will remain at 0.75 percent on phone bills and uncompensated care will be funded largely by the Legislature and governor.

#### Prop 68

By 80 percent

Slot machines will not be authorized anywhere and the tribal gaming establishments and the tribes will resume state compacts. The local governments will not receive new gambling revenues.

#### Prop 70

By 73 percent

Tribes will not be issued a 99-year compact to Indian gaming revenues by the governor. Tribes will not be required to contribute a percentage to state funds, in exchange for larger, exclusive tribal gaming.

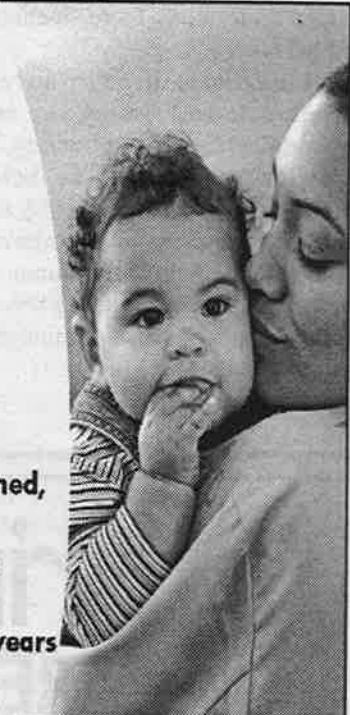
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# Rams adopt dogs and cats

*Adoption day at FCC saves the lives of 250 pets.*

By Anthony Castillo  
Rampage reporter

The Central Valley Coalition for Animals Super Adoption was Nov. 6.

It's a big event held twice a year at Fresno City College every May and November to raise awareness of the high rate of euthanasia in Fresno.

There were nearly 600 animals up for adoption with students, veterinarians and animal trainers there to help to make the day a success.

More than 250 animals were adopted at the event.

Stands were set up from 22 different organizations with information about animal care and the importance of adopting.

Mary Diaz of the Valley Animal Center said that lives are always saved at these events.

If you are looking for another opportunity to adopt there is going to be a "yappy hour" or an open house at the Valley Animal Center on Nov. 18. Bow wow.



Photo by Vivienne Henry

A girl plays with a dog Nov. 6 at the Central Valley Coalition for Animals Super Adoption

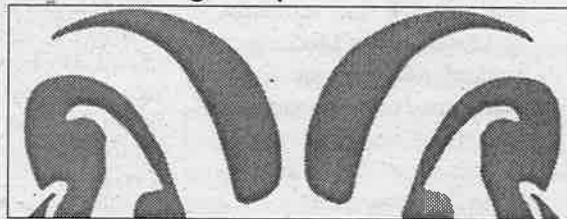
## A reminder to our readers

The Rampage staff and other Fresno City College students have been finding bundles of newspaper placed in nearby trash bins.

The Rampage would like to remind its readers that although we offer the paper free to students of FCC and respective campuses, it still costs us money to produce.

We would also like to make our readers aware that the penalty for being caught will result in charges of vandalism. We will file charges.

The Rampage would like to once again thank all our readers for reading our publication.



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No. 12 Cosumnes  
River (10-5-4)

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No. 5  
Modesto  
(12-4-2)



**Sport:** Men's soccer playoffs  
**When:** Nov. 23, time TBA  
**Where:** FCC soccer field  
**Notes:** After starting the season 2-5-1, the Rams won 9 of 10, taking out Modesto Junior College for the conference title and earning a first-round bye. FCC plays the winner of the Cosumnes River-Modesto game.

## Dates & Info

### Football

•Dec. 4, 1 p.m. Hawaiian Punch Bowl (NorCal Championship, at San Francisco)

### Men's Soccer

•Nov. 20, TBA No. 4 Fresno vs. No. 12 Cosumnes or No. 5 Modesto.  
•Nov. 23, TBA round three of playoffs

### Women's soccer

•Nov. 20, TBA round two of playoffs (if FCC defeats De Anza in first round)

### Volleyball

•Nov. 17, 7 p.m. @ Merced  
•Nov. 23, TBA 1st round regionals  
•Nov. 27, TBA NorCal Finals  
•Dec. 3-4, TBA State Final (Stockton)

### Wrestling

•Nov. 20, 9 a.m. California Open (Fullerton)  
•Dec. 4, 9 a.m. North Regional (Chabot)

### Cross Country

•Nov. 20, 10 a.m. State Championships (Woodward Park)

### Women's Basketball

•Nov. 26-28, TBA Desert Tourney (Palm Desert)

# Basketball's back

Men defeat Contra Costa, San Jose City, and San Bernardino in San Jose tourney

By Quinn Robinson  
Rampage Reporter

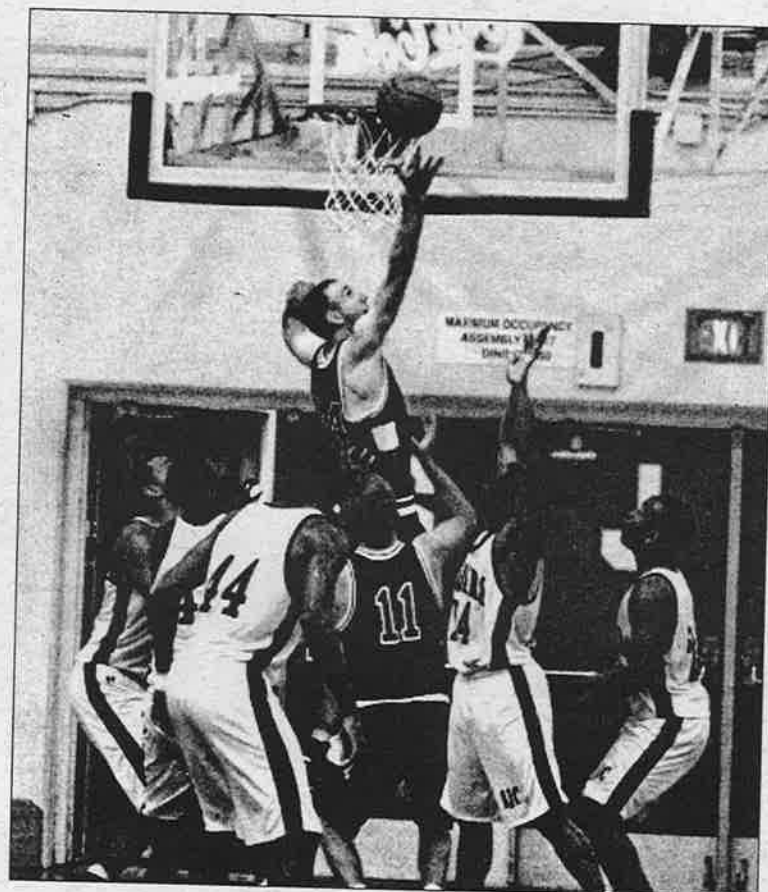
The echo of a ball bouncing on a hardwood floor and the squeaking of sneakers can only mean one thing. Basketball season is back.

The Fresno City College men's basketball team traveled to San Jose Nov. 12-14 and won the San Jose City Classic in what ended up being a close final two games of the tournament.

The Rams, ranked No. 17 in the state's pre-season rankings, started off the tournament against Contra Costa on Nov. 12 in which FCC pounded the Comets 129-59. Fresno City took the court the next day against No. 14 San Jose City. It proved to be a tough challenge for the Rams as they were playing in front of the San Jose home crowd. Up by three points going into halftime, Fresno City came out in the second half and opened up the lead by as much as seven-teen points.

San Jose City made it interesting late in the game as they pulled to within 10 points, but it was too little too late. The Rams held the Panthers off in the final minutes to win 92-82.

"I was very pleased to be up by three," said Rams coach Vance Walberg. "They're a team that is ranked above us on their home court and we did a very nice job. I thought we played a very hard game. I thought we played a very tough team, we just didn't play



FCC's Jordan Farley tips the ball in during a 92-82 win over San Jose City College Nov. 13. FCC won the tournament championship.

very smart at times."

With the second-round win over San Jose City, FCC took on No. 15 ranked San Bernardino in Sunday's championship game. The Rams trailed the Wolverines 100-94 in the final minute. Fresno City turned on the press and forced three consecutive turnovers from

San Bernardino. FCC's Geoffrey Clayton then iced the game when he made a lay-up with five seconds left to give the Rams a 102-100 victory.

"They did a tremendous job," said Walberg about the team's tournament win. "We made a lot of mistakes. We

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Women take 2nd in COS tourney

By Ryan McHenry  
Rampage Reporter

Fresno City College women's basketball took to the court for the first time this year as they entered a three-day tournament at College of the Sequoias Nov. 12-14.

The tournament allowed coach Donnie Johnson to see where his team sits in respect with some of the other colleges in the state.

FCC defeated Golden West 71-64 and advanced to a second-round match up with Shasta College.

Shasta College looked unprepared for the full-court pressure applied by FCC. The pressure forced Shasta into many turnovers giving FCC the advantage in shots taken. Shasta looked very sharp at times with Shasta head coach Jerry Brown running a triangle offense that mimics Phil Jackson's championship teams from the Chicago Bulls and Los Angeles Lakers.

"Lack of aggressiveness and skill in our bench seems to be our biggest problems," Shasta coach Jerry Brown said.

FCC led by second-year point guard Brittney Nicolls broke down the teams one-on-one defense forcing Shasta to leave players open. FCC closed the first half with an impressive 17-4 run capped by a last second three point shot by Erin Pearson to close the first half with a 38-25 FCC halftime lead.

FCC continued its full-court pressure in the second half applied mainly by defensive standout

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## FCC soccer teams set for playoffs

Fourth-seeded men earn first-round bye, No. 10 seed women hit the road

By Quinn Robinson  
Rampage Reporter

Gooaaaalll!

Tyson John's game-winning goal capped an amazing turnaround for the Fresno City College men's soccer team against Modesto Junior College Nov. 10. The Rams beat the Pirates 1-0 to clinch the Central Valley Conference championship.

At one point in the season, the Rams were dead ducks in the water as they had a 2-5-1 record overall with a 0-2-1 record in the CVC. The Rams finished the season winning a remarkable nine games out of 10. Winding up the season 11-6-1 overall and 5-3-1 in the CVC, the Rams are ranked #4 in NorCals as they prepare to host a second round meeting with the winner of #12 Cosumnes River and #5 Modesto Junior College on Nov. 20.

"I couldn't be prouder of the team than I am now," said FCC coach Eric Solberg as the team celebrated their win behind him. "From where we've come from at the start of this season to finish like this is amazing. We won the game in Taft in the final thirty seconds a couple of games ago. Then today we score a goal in the final five or six minutes to win this game. I think a little bit of our luck has turned around for us."

The two top teams in the CVC went back and forth for most of the game just trying to get momentum on their side. Fresno City

had a couple good opportunities in the first half as did the Pirates, but neither team could capitalize and the game remained scoreless at halftime.

The Rams and Pirates continued their stalemate in the second half as what started out as a soccer game noticeably turned into a chess match as both teams were waiting for the perfect opportunity to strike.

The opportunity came 85 minutes into the match. Modesto was clearing the ball from their side of the field when Fresno City gained possession around midfield. Tyson John sprinted towards the Modesto side doing all he could to make sure he stayed onside



FCC's Tyson John takes the ball away from Modesto's Brenden Holmes during FCC's 1-0 win Nov. 10.

so the play wouldn't be blown dead and another opportunity lost. Being guarded by two Modesto defenders, John somehow got control of the ball and dribbled it towards the goal. The Fresno City crowd and bench rose to their feet and erupted as John blasted a shot past Modesto goalkeeper Adam Tiscareno's outstretched hands.

"It was the one of the greatest feelings I've ever felt," said John after the game. "I was making the run against two Modesto defenders trying to watch and make sure I wasn't offside, because we were having a problem with them running the offside trap. Once I saw the ball come through, I wasn't going to let that chance get by me."

In the first half of the doubleheader, the women's soccer team also took on Modesto. The Rams needed the win if they wanted a share of the CVC title, but it didn't work out that way as the top two teams in the CVC on the women's side battled to a 0-0 tie.

The Rams finished the season 15-3-1 overall and 6-2-1 in CVC play. FCC is ranked No. 10 in the women's side of the NorCals as they travel to De Anza for their first round game against the Dons on Nov. 16. If the Rams win their first round game, they will then face the winner of No. 15 San Joaquin Delta and No. 2 Lassen on Nov. 20.

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## Battle of the Pump



Fresno City College's Mike Ware (2) wraps up wide receiver Sinclair Brown (1) as Adam Ruiz (left center) and Aris Borjas (far left) prepare to render any assistance needed Nov. 6 at Ratcliffe Stadium. FCC defeated Reedley 27-14 for the first time in three years.

Photo by Daisy Rosas

# Pump goes to the city

*COA bowl selection committee sends Fresno City College football team to upcoming Northern California championship*

By David Witte  
Sports Editor

Today, the pump. Tomorrow, the state. The Fresno City College football team finished the regular season 8-2, earning a berth in the Hawaiian Punch Bowl Dec. 4 in San Francisco.

FCC will play undefeated, first-ranked City College of San Francisco, the state champion for four of the last five years. Fresno will enter the game with revenge on the mind, hoping to erase a 26-16 loss to CCSF earlier this season.

The Hawaiian Punch bowl will decide the Northern California championship, and the winner will play in the Mineral King Bowl in Visalia for the California state championship.

This was made possible by FCC's first victory in three years in the Battle of the Pump, Fresno's annual rivalry game with Reedley.

FCC's defense pushed the Tigers back on the ground, keeping them at -14 rushing yards. Reedley's Terry Mayo passed for his usual 300 yards, but FCC's defensive backs kept him from striking deep.

The Rams finished in a three-way tie with Reedley and San Joaquin Delta for the Valley Conference. All three teams went 4-1 in conference play. Fresno lost to Delta, Delta lost to Reedley, and Reedley lost to Fresno. But the Commission on Athletics, the governing body for California community college athletics, gave FCC the nod.

"We weren't expecting this," FCC coach Tony Caviglia said. "We were somewhat surprised. Based on information from the commissioner, we didn't think we would get in."

## CVC Football Standings

College	W	L	Conf.	PF	PA
FCC	8	2	4-1	366	162
Reedley	6	4	4-1	262	156
S.J. Delta	8	2	4-1	379	266
West Hills	3	7	2-3	208	286
C.O.S.	4	6	1-4	223	292
Merced	2	8	0-5	132	386

The COA based its decision on the non-conference schedule, which dropped Reedley, with a 2-3 non-conference record, out of consideration.

Delta's best win came with a 35-28 win against No. 8 Santa Rosa, and Fresno defeated No. 6 Chabot 37-7 Sept. 11.

"They were keeping us out based on our league record," Caviglia said. "But when they looked at our non-league record, we got the deal."

The Rams will go into the game with a clean bill of health, courtesy of a three-week break. Not so in Southern California, where a playoff system has the SoCal champion facing three opponents.

Tailback Nate Wright aggravated an ankle injury during FCC's 41-19 victory at West Hill College Nov. 13, and Levi Ehnisz dislocated a finger, but both are expected to play in the bowl game.

Caviglia is pleased with having three weeks to prepare.

"It gives us a chance to go out and get healthy," Caviglia said. "We'll be able

to do more things, run a few more plays, than we were able to do earlier, in Week Three."

West Hills was on the receiving end of "a few more plays," and ran a few of their own. On FCC's first play from scrimmage, defensive back Mike Ware jumped in as a wide receiver.

"We put him in because of his speed," Caviglia said. "We thought he'd be able to get behind them."

Ware got behind them, and Jeff Schott hit him with a 38-yard touchdown pass.

West Hills ran two fake punts during the game. One resulted in a 59-yard touchdown run by Steve Allen, and the other gained West Hills a first down.

FCC's Marquese Bacon scored touchdowns of four and eight yards, and finished the night with 117 rushing and 28 receiving yards. Schott's favorite target, DeAngelo Ramsey, caught four passes for 112 yards and one touchdown.

Reedley will face Allan Hancock College in the Producers Dairy Bowl Nov. 20 at Ratcliffe Stadium, and San Joaquin Delta will travel to host Butte College for the Tri-cities Bank Holiday Bowl the same day.

CCSF was originally banned from postseason play by the COA for illegal recruiting practices. Gary Kollenborn, commissioner of the Northern California Football Association cited illegal clinics in Samoa during a goodwill trip.

CCSF took the COA to court, claiming the COA's appeals process is "unconscionable." The COA responded that CCSF couldn't argue the appeals process since they didn't complete the process.

The court found in favor of CCSF, and the college will host FCC in the Hawaiian Punch Bowl Dec. 4.

## Volleyball team falls to state's best

By Ryan McHenry

Rampage Reporter

Fresno City College hosted the Fresno City College Classic Tournament Sunday Nov. 7. The three-team tournament brought together the state's top two teams.

From Southern California, Golden West College has a great history of volleyball. Golden West has won the every state championship in the '90s with the exception of 1992 when it finished third. They have continued their dominance, winning three straight championships in 2000-02 and coming into the tournament ranked No. 1 in the state. So why would anything change?

San Joaquin Delta, the No. 1 ranked team in Northern California and ranked No. 3 in the state, represented the NorCal region in the tournament. San Joaquin Delta came into the tournament boasting an 11-1 record looking to show Golden West that they were ready to compete for the No. 1 spot in the state.

Golden West faced FCC in the first match of the tournament and made quick work of the Rams in three straight games. Golden West, anchored by two vicious 6-foot, 3-inch middle blockers Rachel Falco and Courtney Neils, frustrated the undersized Nicole Hoffman and Katie Franz.

"This team is ranked number one in the state," FCC coach Sherri Hess said. "It gives us the opportunity to see how they run their offense and see what we need to do to play at their level."

In game two of the tournament FCC got to see exactly how the top two teams played as the best from NorCal played the best from so-cal. The match turned out to be no match at all as Golden West continued their dominance, beating San Joaquin Delta in three straight games.

The final game of the tournament allowed San Joaquin Delta to salvage some pride, at FCC's expense. FCC fell in three straight for the second time in the tournament, showing that the team has a lot of areas to improve on before setting themselves in league with the state's best volleyball programs.



Photo by Bryan Borrer

Kaira Kachadurian (6) sets the ball for Megan Roehl (12) during a victory over Columbia College Nov. 12.





Sierra Ferguson (left) fights with Tara Luker (right) for the ball during a 0-0 stalemate Nov. 9. Modesto won the CVC title by denying FCC.

Photo by Daisy Rosas

## Soccer: Women tie Modesto 0-0 in last game

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"They're a phenomenal defense," said Pirates coach Steve Aristotelous. "In my opinion, they're one of the top three defenses. They have it all. I would hate to be the first round team to play them and I really hope it's not us."

Fans for both teams know that whenever the Rams and Pirates collide, it's going to be a physical and intense 90 minutes. The right to be dubbed CVC champions only made it better.

The Rams and Pirates left everything on the field that day. There were opportunities for both teams to get the advantage by scoring the first goal, but neither team's defense was about to let that happen.

"Both teams really wanted to win," said FCC coach Oliver Germond after the game. "We did everything we could to put ourselves in the position to win the game. We just weren't able to finish and the bounces weren't going our way."

## Men: FCC takes out two teams in top 20

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didn't make those mistakes because we've never been in the types of situations we were in, but overall they did a very good job."

FCC's Jon Black thinks that the Rams' performance in the San Jose tournament is a step in the right direction. "We took out two teams in the top 20, but we're not concerned with that right now. This team isn't at its peak yet. For now

we're going to work on the little things and stay together as a team which we did really well last tournament," Black said.

Clayton who scored 23 points in the championship game led FCC while the Rams also got 13 points each from M'Jumbe Williams and Anthony Esparza and 9 points from tournament MVP Bubba Tolliver.

Fresno City is now preparing for the ARC Beaver Classic. The tourna-

ment, which will be held from Dec. 2-4, will test the Rams early. FCC's first opponent, No. 15 Sacramento City knocked off No. 12 Chabot in a pre-season game on Nov. 13.

"For the American River tournament, Sac City knocked off Chabot who was a ranked team. West Valley is a ranked team and Yuba is No. 1 in the state and they're all in our side of the bracket. It's going to be a really good tournament."

## Women: Rams fall short in championship

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Verenique Warren.

"One of the reasons why we bring the team down here to face Fresno is to prepare us to deal with this kind of pressure," Brown said. "It helps us in the long run. Our starting point guard is out and it showed tonight. But this is going to make our team better because of it."

FCC cruised in the second half, causing more problems for Shasta with full court pressure. The Rams controlled the ball and the tempo of the game, working the clock

down for the final 5 minutes of the game. Nicolls and Warren both scored 15 points to lead the Rams and center Sandra Garcia scored 13 in the paint to lead the Rams to victory over Shasta 61-51.

The Rams advanced to the championship against College of the Sequoias on Nov. 14. The Rams struggled to make shots, shooting 3 of 17 from beyond the arc as COS laid back in a 2-3 zone defense. COS also protected the glass defensively, out-rebounding the Rams 35-26.

The Rams didn't find an answer

for COS's Gigi Herrera who scorched the Rams for 34 points, 10 rebounds, eight steals and five assists. The Rams also fell short at getting to the charity stripe. COS shot twice as many free throws as FCC, luckily for FCC, COS made only 28 of 50 from the free throw line or the score could have been worse.

"We need to improve our post play," Johnson said. "And we need to improve our decision making in our guards play."

The Rams lost in the tournament championship 67-58 to COS

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## The Waiting

*Register online, where you don't even really need underwear*

There was a time, long ago, when doing anything required waiting in line.

Grocery shopping, the DMV, picking up hookers — well, the actual picking up of a hooker didn't involve a line, but getting booked down at the county jail did. So I've heard.

One of the worst places for lines was down at the DMV, where Einstein's laws of physics state that you will always get stuck between a fat guy whose outfit consists of one giant sweat stain and three babies with colic.

Another place notorious for lines was any given college. Used to be you would have to wait in line just so some poor fool who had been dealing with snooty north-siders all day could tell you that you still owe \$200 from the last semester.

"I paid that," you say.

"Take it up with the business office," they reply.

You head over to the business office, and some other poor fool tells you that you still owe money because they lost your check.

Then you go wait in line again to deal with the same poor fool, after which you visit the second poor fool to pay for your new classes, as well as one dollar toward the ASG billboards.

Things have changed in recent years. Some genius (who's not Al Gore) came up with this thing called the Internet. The Internet is a wonderful place full of information, porn, jokes, and more porn.

For those of us lazy fools, the Internet is a godsend. You can buy your groceries, register for your classes, and tell your instructor you'll miss today's class, all while downloading porn.

You can even go job hunting in your underwear.

No longer do you have to wait between the president of the Star Trek club and the Clovisite with bleached hair talking about the

chick he picked up at Porky's the other day. No longer do you have to wait in awkward silence with the woman you hit on the other day.

Most of all, you don't have to wait in a line that stretches down Maroa to that little orange stand on Shaw, just so some frazzled accountant can tell you to put some pants on.

One of the best things about registering online is that it tells you which classes are full, which classes have a waiting list, and which are open. It even tells you how many students have signed up for the class, so you can get yourself a class with legroom, or see which one will have the most hot chicks.

Sure, the system may crash every once in a while, but hey, that's more porn time.

*Paperwork is a necessary skill, and this is the place to learn*

The registration date for the new spring semester is rapidly approaching. Some students will be early and some will be late, and this surely will have its effect on the classes you are able to acquire. So it is, college life.

Most Fresno City College students entered the registration building in late October or early November to begin the process of enrolling in their desired classes.

The way it is done today is by the book, literally. You take your Fresno City College class schedule, take a look at all the classes

you need, and fill out a registration card.

When you have all your classes, you will be processed by the FCC database and directed to the front of the office to await your printout.

This printout will give you your fee, your schedule, and all your information, on one paper. Short and sweet.

If your class is full you will be asked if you would like to be on the dreaded waiting list, another conundrum of college life. This is in and of itself the cause of most college stress and aggravation. Please remember that we all have to deal with it at sometime or another, and there is still goodness out there.

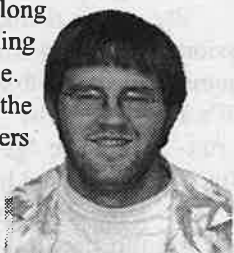
The lines may be a pain at times, and there are always some classes that fill up, waiting list and all, way too fast. But if you go down there and give it a good honest try, you are rarely disappointed, and the options that you encounter when you enroll in person are very. You also may learn how to obtain a counselor, which is a good idea for those who work better person-on-person.

It becomes easier every time you do it. Registration in person really gives you know-how that, if you plan on attending for a while, will be something you should learn to do.

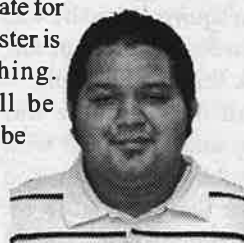
When you go online you are dependent on an entire mainframe to not only identify you but to completely process thousands of students, which at times is too much for one system to do. Yes, it can be faster, but is it all the time?

If you run into a system error you will have to venture down to the school any way. There is something to be said for a few clicks of the mouse, but when a few clicks turns into a couple of days of nothing you should consider the "old-fashioned" way before you lose out on that one class that you really wanted to take.

Besides the great architecture, I hope you have found a reason or two to not only come down and do it in person, but to come early and get a head start on the next semester. Classes are filling now and there is still plenty of time to take the class that is right for you.



David Witte



Anthony Castillo



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## Campus Voices

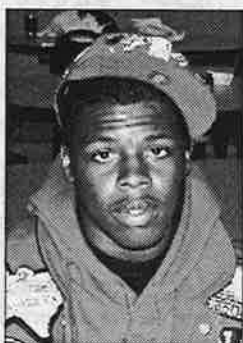
By Elias Vega

How did you register for classes at FCC?



Maria Gonzalez  
Pediatric studies

"In the line, it took me 40 to 45 minutes to register."



Emmanuel Brackett  
Business

"FCC came to my high school (Washington Union) and I registered then."



Mayela Rios  
Psychology

"I got in line and it pissed me off that all the classes were full already."



Mayra Nava  
Undecided

"I registered online and the damn computer froze on me."

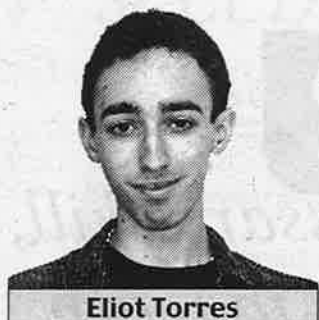


Jessica Gonzalez  
Liberal Studies

"In the line and it only took about 20 minutes."



# A squirrel's testimonial: the Nuts of Wrath



Eliot Torres

We interrupt your regularly scheduled dose of Shakespreian quality stories about myself to give you this late breaking interview with an often unvoiced group at our local campus.

Imagine my surprise when I ran into my very first fan while meditating on how to please the women of the world with so little me in it.

I was factoring the ramifications of cloning in the west-most grassy field on campus when a I heard a question ask, "Hey, you're that righter-man on that paper thing, right?"

Of course he was talking about me. I was about to tell him I do not do autographs, at least for

free, when I noticed something funny about the voice.

It was coming rather low for a voice. Not in a Barry White "I wanna sex you up" kind of low, but physically lower than head level.

He told me later that they call him Willy. Willy has one eye. Willy is rather hairy. Willy stands a little over a foot tall.

Willy is a squirrel. And he was sitting on a walnut in front of me, about to ask for an autograph.

He got off the walnut he was standing on and motioned with one of his stubby arms to it. "You dropped that walnut a little bit ago. Listen righter-man, I need you to do me a bit of a favor here."

I nodded, hoping the furry figment of my imagination would go away. I had always wondered about squirrels. I never really have touched one before, and my mind never really grasped the reality of them simply being, a bit like pixies or ghosts. Then again, as any LA beach pervert can confess, you can touch many a pair

of things that aren't real which do in fact, exist.

"They are going to kick me out of my home, righter-man. You need to tell the world." Willy got



off his nut and edged it closer to me. "This is your nut, right?"

Tell the world he says. The world doesn't read this. Heck, most of my readers don't read what I write.

"Yeah, I know you can't tell the whole world. That's ok. I need

you to tell a lot of people, and then maybe something can happen."

What good could it do? So people would know? A squirrel put out of his home, it's not exactly late breaking headlines. Well, maybe on Fox news, but most of the other stations. Who was I kidding, this wasn't that bad of a story. First question I asked if he was happy.

You tallards have an obsession with that don't ya? Yeah, I guess I'm sad about it, but maybe it's a good thing I'm sad. You all running around like your head fur is on fire, winding yourselves out while you miss the good stuff. Like finding a PayDay in someone's purse, or snagging a plate of nachos from under a dunderhead's nose."

I always wondered where those nachos went.

"And it would all be worthless if all ya had were the good things. It's good to be sad sometimes, it leads ya to do something better with yourself, gives you reason to run from that cat or bit the nuts

off some tallard who grabs you and tries to make a squirrel snack outta you."

For a squirrel, he was pretty long winded. I wanted to ask him more, but now people were starting to notice a squirrel edging an oversized walnut towards me. I wanted to know if there was anything I could do to help his housing situation.

"No thanks righter-man, just let them know. I don't even expect them to do anything, they're happy the way things are. They're getting new class rooms, and heck, there's lots of trees left, a new house wont be too hard to get. Just let them know that for some one to win, some one else is going to loose at the least, if just a bit."

I asked if he was going to do anything more with his life, I mean, a talking squirrel could have some serious Hollywood gleam.

He lifted the walnut with both hands and laid it in my palm.

"Squirrels can't talk righter man," he said, "Your Nuts."

## Tranquil Tantrums

# Censorship: It's ~~CENSORED~~ing mind control

Here we all are, at Fresno City College, an institution of higher education. We are not here as organic fact-compactors.

That's what high schools, trade schools and military academies are for. We are here, in the words of Ben Franklin, to get "goodly stretched by the head." That is to say, we are here to have our mental horizons expanded. This cannot, I repeat, cannot be accomplished with psychedelics. If the truth be known, they aren't even useful as constructive recreation. But enough of Nancy Reagan's wisdom.

The expansion of mental horizons, here, is done by increasingly experiencing broader and deeper thinking, critical analysis of logic and information and fully exploring the use of language — the architect of civilization. Effective use of language demands precision, using the word that best expresses the idea or emotion to be expressed. It's how our brains are stretched. More of this later.

The degree to which we fully utilize language as a tool determines how well our intellectual landscape expands. And that's the problem. From the first words we spoke until we arrived here at FCC to have our "heads goodly stretched," we have been infected with the concept of bad words, words which must not be spoken. Which means, thoughts and emotions not to be expressed, or even thought or felt.

Once we begin to set limits on the application of acquired vocabulary we install shackles on the mind.



Will Tranquilli

It goes on everywhere — media, school work, recitations, even personal conversations.

Words are expressions of ideas and emotions. Limits on learned words, then, are restrictions on feelings and ideas. "Don't you have to watch what you say?" "No, I just watch what I think." Censors will whole-heartedly agree. In fact, it's their agenda, what they're after, mind control.

It starts with words describing bodily wastes. We are taught cutesy euphemisms that require explanation when used outside the home. Every family has their own euphemisms for these things, thus encumbering our earliest thought expression. I say 'make duddie,' you say 'do ka-ka'. "Excuse me, I have to make water." "You're going to combine hydrogen and oxygen?" "Hun huh, I gotta go wee wee." Well, why didn't you say so?"

The most accurate words are among some of the oldest in the English language, unchanged for centuries because they are still the right words for their referents. We don't learn them until we

start school or overhear what was not intended for our 'tender' ears. Why? It was decided that these processes were not suitable for conversation. When the need to eliminate solid waste arises, we must ask not, "Where can I defecate?" but, "Do you have a bathroom?" "No, we don't bathe here at the ice cream shop." They do have a facility for defecation.

The next words we learn to be bad are religious in nature, involving the hereafter and being sent there as well as, more remotely, legitimacy of birth (marriage

is a church function, isn't it?). We also learn that the identifying term for canines of the feminine gender is bad. So, I have a 'girl' dog. My dog's masculine offspring is that male offspring of a girl dog.

Words attendant to reproduction and the devices thereof are expressly forbidden. As are the thoughts. "Don't you use the 'f' word with me." "Gosh, you just wiped out 63 pages of Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary."

They're all 'f' words.

There are words we need to use because they say exactly what we wish to express but are forbidden because they offend others.

Now how does a word offend someone? Are the combinations of sounds or frequencies somehow harmful to the hearer? Unlikely. It is the thoughts and emotions that 'harm' the hearer.

Let's look at forbidden religious words. The word for eternal condemnation is an example. If, in fact, the use of that term somehow sentences one to the underworld, is it the hearer or the speaker who is condemned? Obviously, it is the speaker.

What, then, is the hearer's problem? Is the speaker not properly the custodian of his/her own soul? The Bible says "yes." Thus, when

someone takes offense at the word, they are assuming authority over the speaker's soul. Talk about invasion of privacy! "Well, I just don't like to hear the word." Not true, you just don't like to entertain the thought. Your remedy is to not consider the thought. Control your own mind, not mine.

When someone tells you there are words that offend them, therefore you must not speak them, they are actually controlling your thoughts and emotions. Why do we allow this? Why do we permit limitations on the use of the tool we use to maintain civilization? Why are we forced to use less than the precise word to express ourselves?

When you smack your thumb with a hammer, does it really hurt like an individual who practices Oedipal activity? Is your team better than theirs by a darn sight? You went in to see about that parking ticket but all they gave you was a bunch of solid waste of a masculine bovine.

I could go on and on (actually, I can't — in journalism, space is also a censor, though more rational than the 'thought police') but the point is, here in the land of increasing mental landscapes we must rebel against those who would censor our words, and thus our thoughts. If, in their smug self-righteousness, they wish to restrict the use of language and sacrifice verbal precision to the altar of thought control, let them censor their own. As for the free and uninhibited use of man (and woman) kind's greatest tool, I say, "Let them that don't want none

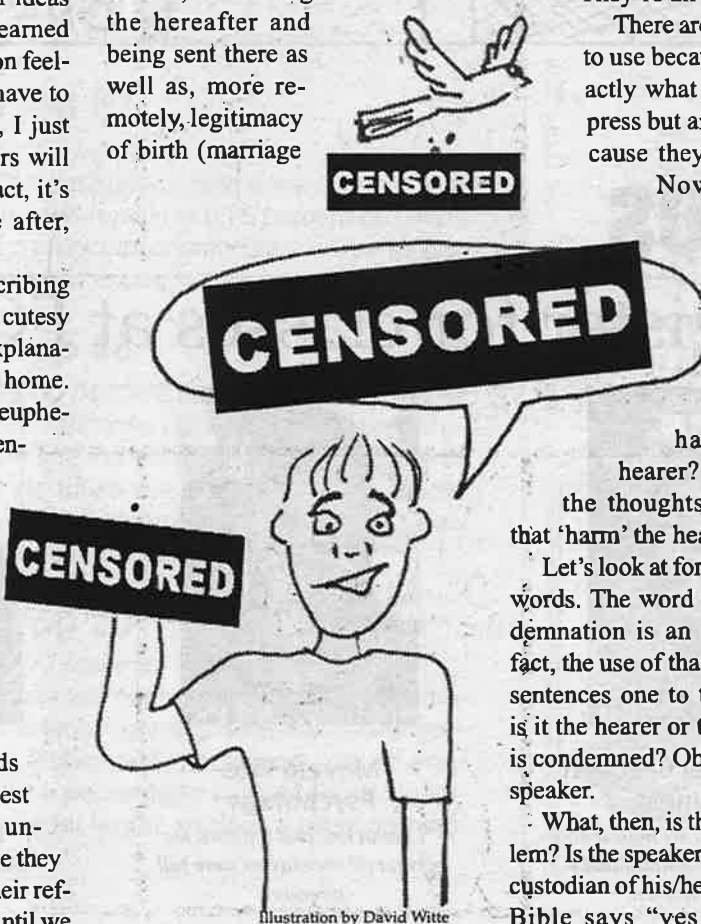


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## Horoscopes

David Witte

(Certifiably insane? We'll see)

Rebekah Miranda was harmed in the making of this column



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Your new time machine will malfunction, leaving you stranded at a Flock of Seagulls concert in 1981.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

A magic goldfish will grant you three wishes on the condition that they all have to do with turkey sandwiches.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Through a strange series of events, your choice of Cheerios over Frosted Flakes for breakfast will lead to the biggest stock market crash in history.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

You will suffer a nervous breakdown when it dawns on you that more than three people actually voted for Bush.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Your dog Fluffy will lead a canine insurrection with the goal of enslaving the human race.



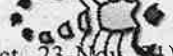
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You will come down with a case of terminal flatulence, and die alone.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

A horde of Mongolian horsemen will ransack your house looking for Genghis Khan's ceremonial toilet seat cover.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

The San Joaquin River will rise a foot and a half, having absolutely no consequence on your life.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You will poop. A couple of times.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You need to let go of your paranoia. Nobody is watching you, Steve.



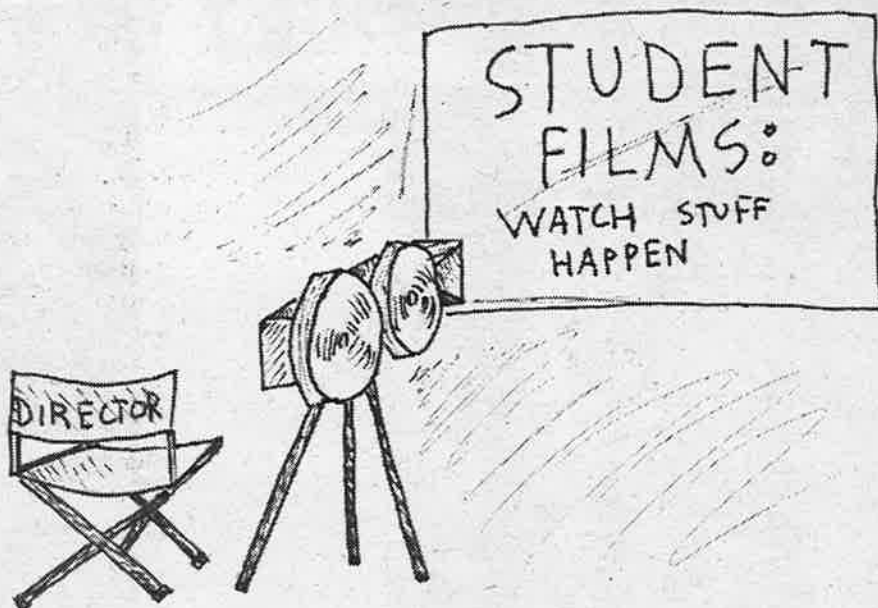
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Your face will inexplicably rearrange itself on the grill of a Mack truck.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

A fortune cookie will give you an observation, not an actual fortune like the name suggests.



## Students on film

*Technology stimulates moviemaking creativity*

By Will Tranquilli

Rampage Reporter

A small but appreciative audience was treated to an evening of exploratory student films Nov. 13 in the music recital room at Fresno City College. All were films by former students of Jim Piper, retired FCC cinema educator, who introduced the event.

"This is anarchy," said Piper, "this is cultural anarchy. We don't play by the rules."

For example, the only role of the college administration played in the film festival was to provide the keys (to the recital hall) and unlock the doors.

The presentation was a mosaic of 19 films ranging from movie snapshots of everyday,

mundane events to deeply emotional stories.

The brief, often humorous, movies showed the students to be both imaginative and adept at executing such complicated film production values as setting, sound management, action, light use, color, composition, camera angle, camera motion, focus, scripting and acting.

Piper is a tall, soft spoken, gentle man whose grey hair and cane-assisted gait proclaim his seasoning. He has been enthusiastically presenting student film showings throughout his 30-year teaching career.

All the films presented were products of the digital mini-cam format. Digital filmmaking and computer editing has stimulated an increased interest in student filmmaking, said Piper.

The interest is so high, film schools can't

meet the demand. Admission to film courses at FCC is done by lottery, head of the filmmaking program John Moses said.

"These filmmakers make movies to show to anyone who wants to watch them," said Film Club member Paul Navarro. "We still had 40 people show up."

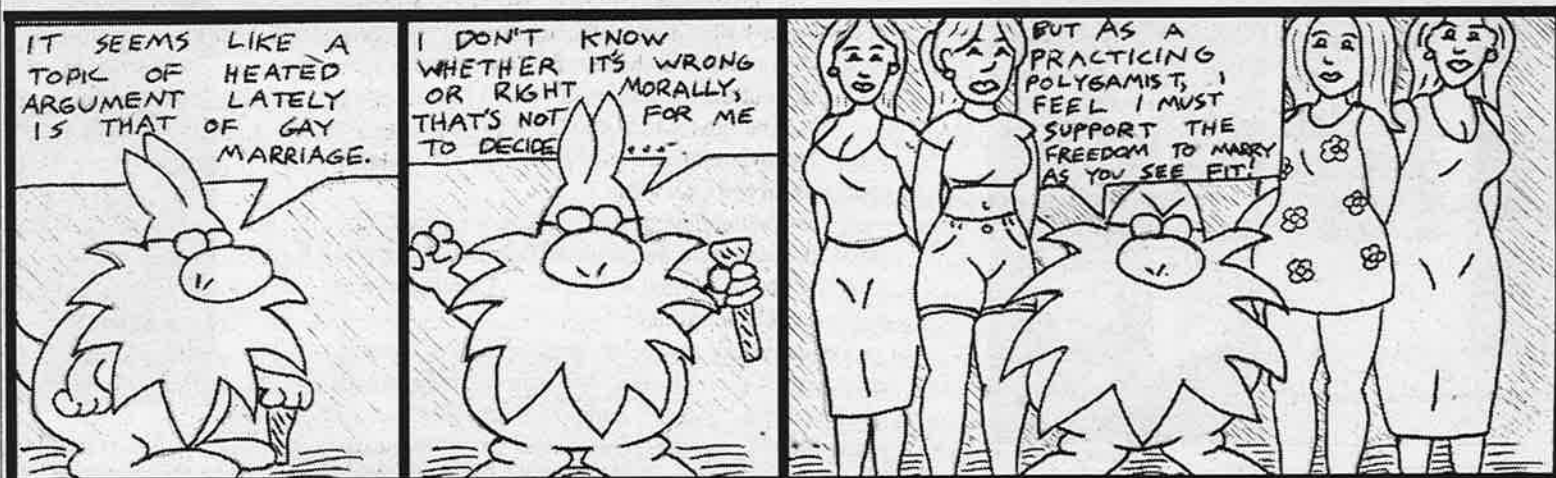
There is no profit motive to this kind of film making. "We didn't make a dime," Piper said. "It's done for the love of the art."

Showings such as these will continue, assured Moses.

A mainstream movie made in the 1950s, "Winchester 73," starring Jimmy Stewart, will be presented by the Film Club Nov. 19 in the same room, at 1:30 p.m. said Joel Foreman, president of the club. Admission will be free.

## The 14th Grade

by Jared Leas



## Seckundary Education

by David Witte





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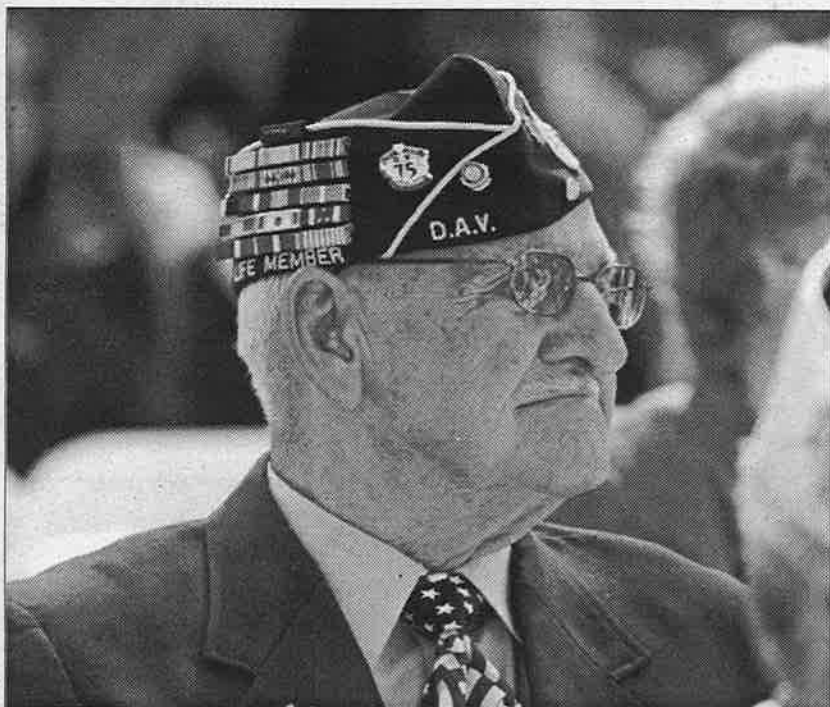


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A lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans attended the ceremony.

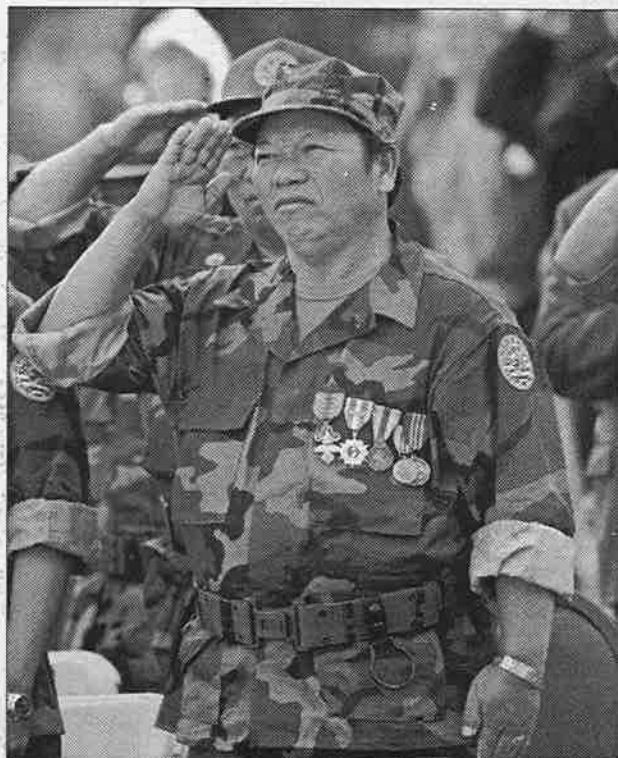


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A member of the Lao Veterans of America salutes the flag.

## Saluting their service

### *FCC takes time to honor Veteran's Day*



Photo by Daisy Rosas

FCC Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadets raise the American flag.

Many retired veterans and active-duty members of the military came to Fresno City College to remember their fallen comrades at the Veteran's Peace Memorial on Veteran's Day, Nov. 5.

"A Salute to the Young Patriots-Leaders of Tomorrow" was the theme of the ceremony held at the Free Speech Area. A performance given by the drill and rifle teams of local high school's Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps honored the veterans that were present.

A Chinook helicopter was scheduled to fly over. Unfortunately, the Chinook missed the area by a quarter mile. As people looked toward the sky for the Chinook, the sound grew louder and found familiar ears.

"When you're in that country (Iraq), you never forget that sound," said Daniel Phillips, a retired Army specialist of the Gulf War.

A moment of silence was given for Lance Cpl. Jared Hubbard and Cpl. Jeremiah Baro, Marines from Clovis who were killed in Iraq Nov. 3. Hubbard was a former FCC student.

The ceremony also celebrated the lives of two veterans, and FCC employees, who recently passed away.

Anastacio "Stacey" Samaniego Briones was an Army Reserve master sergeant who served for nearly 25 years. Briones was a locksmith for FCC from 1979 to 2000.

Jess Hernandez was a Vietnam veteran of the Army 101st Airborne Artillery from 1970 to 1973. Hernandez was employed by FCC from 1995 to 2004 as a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning mechanic.

FCC's Concert Band was also recognized for its June performance in Normandy, France, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of D-Day.

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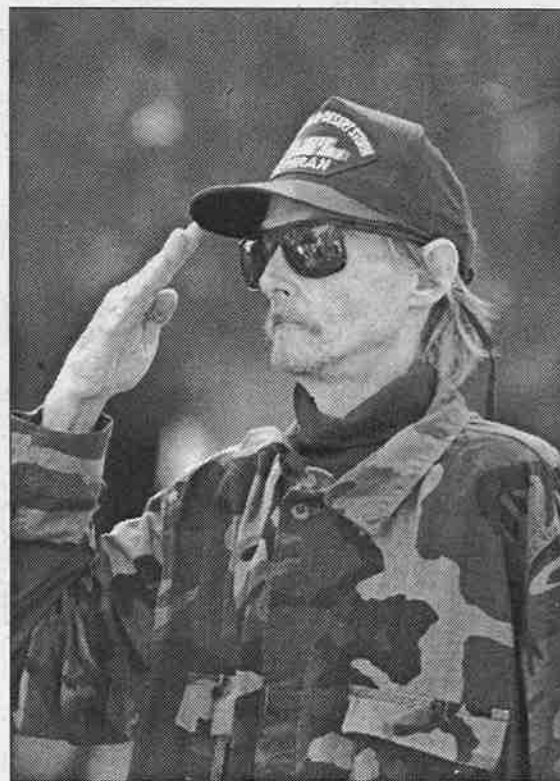


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Gulf War veteran Daniel Phillips stands and salutes as the colors are raised.



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The American Legion Post 147 provides a 21-gun salute.



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The Lemoore High School Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps performs a choreographed routine.