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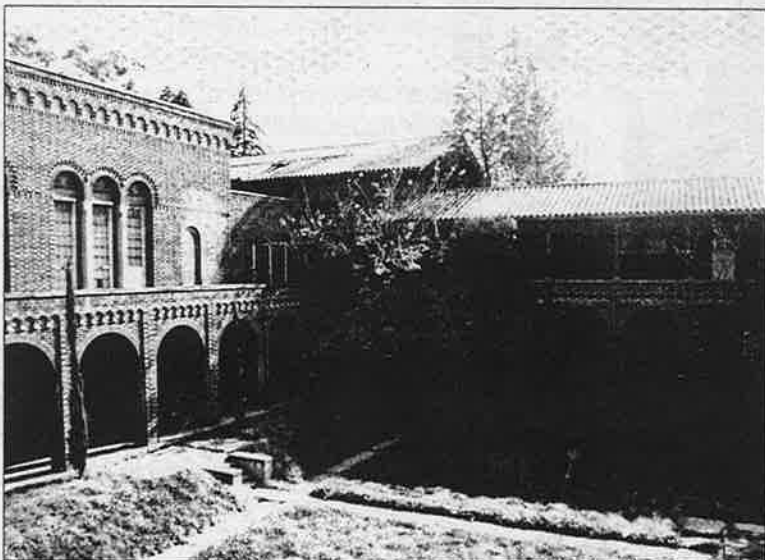


Photo by Deborah
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OAB restoration begins

By David Witte

Rampage reporter

Workers stripped Fresno City College's Old Administration Building of its long-standing vines last month, in order to gain insight as to the building's condition.

"What we have is a brick shell," said Doug Brinkley, Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration for the State Center Community College District. E.L.S. Architecture and Design is in the first phase of the project, which they expect to take five years.

"We're analyzing the building in terms of

its condition, the integrity of the building, and the historic elements," said E.L.S. point architect Kurt Schilling.

"The initial study will take about six months," said Brinkley.

With \$25 million in renovations provided by Measure E, passed last year, the building will house administration offices, classrooms, classroom support, and teacher offices.

"We're looking at bringing in about 60 thousand square feet," said F.C.C. president Ned Dofney.

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ASG plans to put \$1 rep. fee into action

By Rebekah Miranda

News editor

It is only a dollar but students question how the Associated Student Government representative fee will benefit their education at Fresno City College.

In the spring of 2001 the ASG came to the decision of the \$1 fee but it wasn't until now that the fee was implemented.



George
Kutnerian

Payable with tuition, the small fee gives the FCC student government a chance to carry the messages of the student body to the members of government at the local, state and federal levels.

Trustee Doug Crutchfield of ECC's ASG explained that without the funding of this activity there is no specific representation of the students concerns.

Crutchfield said that the money generated will allow ASG to create and operate an ongoing program to advocate FCC student's perspective in the political process. "We can make a positive impact by getting to the decision makers and talking about our needs and concerns," said Crutchfield.

According to Chancellor Dr. Crow and Crutchfield, the most significant issue facing students is the budget crisis in California. Crow said that regardless of any tuition hike, students will still have access to an FCC education.

Crutchfield and the ASG believe that the student representation fee gives them access to the government's ears and a chance to possibly prevent any future tuition hike.

On Jan. 14, student groups representing colleges of every level throughout California went to the

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Tuition rates may rise for fall 2004 semester

By Justin Eck

Rampage reporter

If approved, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposed increases of postsecondary tuition will raise Community College rates to \$26 a unit, starting this fall, according to John Cummings, District Dean of Admissions.

The proposal comes as Californians brace for a bombardment of budget cuts. Schwarzenegger would use the money generated from the tuition hikes to deflate some of the State's deficit.

Pending Approval, the increase of \$8 a unit would cost full-time community college students an extra \$192 a year. Before the 2003 fall semester, rates went from \$11 to \$18 a unit.

Approval of the proposed tuition

hikes translates into a staggering \$16 a unit increase in just one year for community colleges.

"I'm really disappointed that Schwarzenegger is increasing tuition," said Dolores Solorio, a Kinesiology major. "I know there are some students who can't afford to pay more."

The increase would send average yearly tuition from \$432 to \$624. International students would be charged the same \$8 increase, according to Cummings. International students currently pay \$183 a unit, but would climb to \$191 a unit, with approval of the increase. International students would pay \$192 more a year as well.

"It's a big rip off, we already pay too much," said International student Sam Ayodele, a business ma-

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Crow's landing



Photo by Keith Kountz

A former Reedley College president, Tomas Crow was named State Center Community College District Chancellor after serving as interim chancellor for nine months.

Chancellor search ends with Tomas Crow landing position

By Rebekah Miranda

News editor

After three months, the district's board of trustees and its hiring committee came to an unsurprising decision to elect Dr. Thomas Crow as Chancellor. Seen as the chief administrative officer of the district, Crow is no stranger to the responsibilities the job holds.

Former Reedley College president, Crow became the district's interim chancellor in April of 2003. Crow's knowledge of the California community col-

lege system and his experience as an administrator in the complex organization gave him an advantage.

Crow qualified in every area of the district's requirements. Randy Rowe, Associate Vice Chancellor for human resources, explained that the district was in search of someone with a master's degree if not a doctorate.

The school needed someone with a strong understanding, or experience with community college budgeting at the state level. Candidates were also expected

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Student parking violations mean extra citations

By Lynda Helm
Rampage reporter

Parking violations are a common occurrence in the beginning of every semester at Fresno City College.

According to Chief Reyes, FCC's Campus Police Chief, the majority of parking violations are committed by students. Reyes said most students receive tickets because they do not have a parking permit displayed in the windshield of their vehicle. Many students do not buy a permit. However most purchase the permit but simply forget to display it before heading off to class.

Reyes said the second most common violation of students, is parking in a staff-parking stall. Rushing to get to class, the empty, yellow-painted stalls can appear tempting. However, if caught a student will be issued a \$16 parking ticket.

Reyes said, "FCC has lower priced parking and parking fines than any other institution in Fresno." Although receiving a parking ticket may seem like a great inconvenience, the fines could be much higher.

Fresno State Student Julie Calkins, paid \$60 for her fall semester parking pass. According to Reyes a Fresno State parking ticket would be just as much if not more.

According to the State Center Community College District police, most parking violation fines cost \$16.

This includes not displaying a parking permit, parking in a staff parking stall, parking in front of but not using a parking meter and double parking.

The only violations that cost more are parking in a handicap stall without a handicap place card displayed, using an altered or unauthorized parking permit or distributing handbills. These fines range from \$25 to \$250.

Reyes explained the money col-



Photo by Keith Kountz

Parking citations from campus police can range from \$16-250.

"As long as you buy a permit, you shouldn't get any tickets."

—Fresno City College student
Sarah Matheson.

lected from permits and violation fines goes into a special parking fund. This fund helps pay for improvements such as new pavement, new paint, new meters or a complete renovation.

With less than 3,200 parking spaces the parking situation can be a frustrating and chaotic experience in the beginning of every semester at FCC. This number includes staff parking, meter parking and general parking. For this reason many students feel some improvements should be made.

"I think a parking garage should be built somewhere on campus," said animal science major Melissa Mitchell. Fourth semester student Katy Hoak agreed with Mitchell and said, "It sounds like a good idea. But, it could take a while to find a parking place if there were more than one story and possibly take even longer to get to class if the garage is built far away."

Another FCC student thought there was nothing wrong with the

current parking situation. "It gets pretty crowded toward the beginning of a semester, but I always manage to find a parking spot," said Sarah Matheson. "Plus later on the parking lots clear out. As long as you buy a permit you shouldn't get any tickets, and the permits are reasonable at only \$17."

Reyes has made a request to the board to install new temporary parking permit machines. These new machines would print a date and time on every permit instead of the sequence of numbers printed on the current ones.

The new machine could also allow someone to use coins or paper money and buy increments of time rather than an entire day.

"Parking is a perennial issue for me," said Reyes. "People are generally unhappy with the parking situation. We, [the officers of the campus police], try our best to enforce the regulations enacted by the Board of Trustees and do what's best for the students and faculty."

Police Log

Jan. 24

• Brief summary of story here. Brief summary of story here. Brief summary of story here. Brief summary of story here.

Jan. 23

• Sergeant observed misuse of disabled placard. Check showed driver had suspended license. Driver arrested, cited, released. Vehicle impounded. Report taken.
• Officer cited vehicle for going wrong way on one-way street

Jan. 22

• Officer observed misuse of disabled placard. Check showed driver had suspended license. Driver arrested, cited, released. Vehicle impounded. Report taken.
• Officer took case regarding forgery at the bookstore.
• Officer took report regarding non-injury hit and run in Lot S
• Officer took report regarding vehicle burglary

Jan. 21

• Officer took report in regards to counterfeit bill at bookstore

Jan. 20

• Officer took report regarding kidnapping
• Officer took report on student harassment

Jan. 15

• Officer took report in regards to stolen license plate
• Officer took report in regards to traffic collision



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Celebrating African-American heritage

By Melissa Whittle
Rampage reporter

Carter Godwin Woodson, author, editor, and historian is known as the “Father of Black History”. Born Dec. 19, 1875, in New Caton, VA, Woodson was one of the many African-Americans who tried to teach blacks that they had a history, that there were black heroes before slavery.

He fought to get African studies taught at his university when no one else wanted to acknowledge that blacks existed and that they had a history.

Finally Woodson was able to make a major change in African-American history in 1926 when he and the members of his club, the Negro History Club, designated the second week of February as Negro History Week.

Eventually it evolved into something more in 1976 when it began to be celebrated the whole month of February.

Woodson made a major impact in history just by believing that everyone had a history and wanting it to be honored and known.

Many African-Americans lives have been recognized and noticed through out history. Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr, are just a few of the African-Americans

who have contributed to our nation's history.

“It’s a foundation. It helps define who we are, and what we can be. That should be important to everybody.” First year student Antoinette Sykes said.

Sykes is a student of Kehinde Solwalzi, who teaches African-American studies.

“This is a great advantage for me to get the opportunity to learn about my culture, to learn what was left out of the textbooks,” Sykes said. “I want to know more than George Washington Carver made peanut butter.”

Many are going to celebrate this month by attending or coordinating an event.

David Raki, FCC Liberian, understands this concept but doesn’t see much effort among students to know more about black history.

“I think many people are so caught up with the here and now, that they don’t have time to look back and see who helped them get to where they are,” said Raki.

Every year the FCC library puts up a display in honor of Black History Month. Raki says that staff participates the most for this display than any other and that it gets better every year.

Kehinde Solwazi, FCC instructor has seen a lot of history being

made in the 30 years that he has taught.

He has seen government officials shooting at the black panthers. He has met freedom fighters in Africa, and was one of the million men that went to Washington D.C. in 1995 in the million-man march.

Sowalzi talks about what black history means.

He feels as though Black History is just the missing pages of World History. It is the completion of World History.

For African Americans in particular it’s the psychological recovery that we are African people. “

Solwazi says, “You can’t strip people of everything. Their history, their culture. That’s criminal.

The people who did that cannot liberate us. It’s our job. So when we deal with (black) history it’s a form of liberation.”

He believes that everyone should know and understand the importance of black history especially African Americans

“We created our own culture out of nothing, out of pain, out of struggle. We created this beautiful magnificent African American culture,” Sowalzi says.

“I want people to appreciate the sacrifices grandma and grandpa made. I want them to honor those black people who endured the ho-



Photo by Lenetta Huxley

Step Afrika will perform Feb. 12 at the Fresno State Satellite Student Union at noon.

locust of slavery. They have to know the struggle, the triumph, and they owe it to them to know.”

FCC has scheduled many events that educate and celebrate the Afri-

can-American culture through out the month of February. For a schedual of events see Campus Calendar or contact the College Activities Office.

Dollar: Used for student activism

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state capitol and spoke in favor of Senator Jeff Denham’s proposal. Denham (R-Merced) had proposed measure SB786 to the Senate Education Committee asking them to pass a bill that would require colleges to give students and parents one-semester notice before any fee hike goes into effect.

According to a same day news release, SB786 had fallen victim to unexplained partisan maneuvers by the Education Committee Chair John Vasconcellos, who demanded that all Democrats on the commit-

tee vote against Denham’s bill. The Democrats complied and the bill wasn’t passed, despite that no one spoke in opposition of the bill, their presence that day made no difference.

Crutchfield also stated that although the political process was mostly influenced by money and partisan beliefs, there is an important place in the process for concerned constituents.

ASG President George Kutnerian wants to put the fee into action this semester by traveling to the state capitol twice.

“We want to voice our opinion about having text books on reserve in the library. To do that we want publishers to provide two copies of every one book available,” said Kutnerian.

“The issue of transferability will also be addressed. We want to ensure that four-year universities will continue to allow FCC students to transfer.”

ASG feels that despite whether or not the politicians agree with the student representative’s, at least they had a chance to be heard.

“This small amount of money gives us an opportunity as students to do something positive about the educational prospects for ourselves and future students,” said Crutchfield.

Campus Calendar

Activities

- Club Rush — 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Jan. 28 and Feb. 25, Fountain Area
- Opening day Ceremonies of African American history Month — 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. Theatre, Feb. 2
- Paul Robenson Film— student lounge, Feb. 6, 11 a.m.
- HIV Forum— student lounge 11:30 a.m. Feb 10
- Volunteer Fair — 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Feb. 11, Campus Mall/ Fountain Area

Arts

- Dallas Black Theatre — Feb. 3, Tower Theatre
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Student art exhibit, Feb 3, 6 p.m.
- Gospel Night— FCC theatre 4-6 p.m.
- Readers Theatre— student loung, 1 p.m. Feb 10

Intramurals

- 9-Ball pool Tournament— 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Jan. 30, Game Room

Measure E: \$82 million goes to FCC

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Measure E also provided \$2.63 million for a parking expansion, although the school doesn’t know where yet. Brinkley said more parking would actually be impossible, “because you’re going to get new parking, and a new facility.”

In accordance with state law the measure does not fund any new staff or classes. California bond laws stipulate that hiring and payroll are not legitimate reasons for bonds.

“It’s like a house,” said Brinkley, “the bond pays for the construction, and the state economy pays for the rent.”

The next step on the Old Administration Building will be modifications to the structure, including earthquake retrofitting.

“We have to go through a process with the state to find out what is needed for the building,” said Schilling. E.L.S.’s main goal is to restore the building to a functioning state while maintaining the his-

tory and the look of the school.

“We’ve worked on a number of historic projects,” Schilling continued, “and we feel the project is a success if we can maintain the historic integrity as well as make it a functioning facility.”

The rest of Measure E’s \$82 million for F.C.C. are set for other things.

About \$14.65 million is for technology upgrades such as increased internet access, computer systems for vocational training, and a local and wide area network.

Going towards a new Police Academy building, a new training tower for the Fire Academy, new alarms and sprinkler systems, and increased disabled access is \$30 million.

About \$2.5 million is for internet, safety, and disabled access to the Student Technology center and \$7.25 million will go to replace heating and air conditioning, modernize physical education facilities and increase disabled access at student service buildings.

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jor. "Students should not have to pay for the State Government's mistakes."

Many students oppose tuition increases, especially those announced on short notice. Along these lines Senator Jeff Denham (R-Merced) introduced a bill (SB 786) to prevent surprise tuition increases. The bill would have required a waiting period of at least one full semester, before public postsecondary institutions could raise tuition or fees, according to the Legislative Counsel's Digest.

Despite student groups voicing their support for SB 786, the Education Committee voted against the second part of the bill, which would have prevented surprise last minute fee hikes.

"This legislation would have ensured that students have enough time to prepare for higher costs," said Denham, who authored the bill after University of California and California State University both raised tuition in December 2002.

This increase caught both students and parents off guard, according to Denham.

"Clearly the Chairman of the Committee was playing partisan games," said Jim Kjol, Chief of Staff for Denham. According to Kjol, all the democratic members of the committee voted against the bill.

Some students are concerned with more than just fee hikes, as the threat of classes being cut becomes a strong possibility.

"Any increase in tuition is going to affect me because I'm putting myself through school," said Tamara Villaseñor, a health science major hoping to transfer. "I work full time in the day, so any limitations on classes offered in the evenings makes it harder for me to get the classes I need in order to transfer."

Not all students are dreading the fee increases.

"I think it's fine that they are raising tuition," said Christine, Shultz an art major.

"I get financial aid, so I don't have to pay for it any way."

Students receiving financial aid may actually benefit from increased fees, according to Cummings. "It looks like 60% of students getting financial aid will get a full Pell Grant," said Cummings.

"I hate to use the word benefit when talking about fee increases, but it looks like many students would."

More students would become eligible for financial aid, according to Cummings.

State Center Community College District would not get any more money if the fee increases were approved. "We are not getting one penny from the increases," said Cummings. "The additional money would go to the state."

Some students think there are other solutions and don't like the idea of raising fees. "I think they should take some money away from U.C. Merced, and put it into the Cal Grant system," said Isaac George, Forestry major.

"I just wish that they would get this budget thing worked out."

Crow: appointed

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to put into words how they would lead the district based on their own "vision and values."

According to the State Center Community College District website, Crow and the board of trustees state their vision for Fresno City College.

"Our goal is to provide a positive learning environment that is truly student-centered," Crow said.

But to be a "truly student-centered" community college, Chancellor Crow must face unsure budget challenges that will have an effect on both students and faculty.

"Two major challenges for this semester and throughout the entire year are an uncertain budget and maintaining access to education for students," said Crow.

Budget cuts and a tuition hike are concerns of Crow's and he explained that if and when the budget decreases and the tuition increases, students will still have as much access to FCC as they did

before.

Crow said, "More students will qualify for financial aid as well as state grants."

As chancellor, Crow is seeing that Measure E benefits students as much as possible.

He explained that most the money goes to restoration and construction of the Old Administration Building, but the \$82 million for technology upgrades will be beneficial for students and teachers.

Crow said, "Most the technology improvements are wiring classrooms with internet access and upgrading computer labs."

Crow is excited about FCC's spring calendar. February kicks off black history month and the new chancellor has confidence in the school's participation.


"FCC always does a great job with different awareness activities. Black history month as well as Asian-American week, are two events that FCC takes personal pride in," said Crow.

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A Dollar for your thoughts

The ASG \$1 fee is being used for the side of good



Susan Morgan

This semester a small fee has been added to student's costs for classes and registration.

The fee is called the Student Representation fee

and is \$1. The student body voted its passage in Spring of 2001.

The Associated Student Government receives the dollars donated by students to help fund their activities that, in turn, help us.

The ASG is the student body government. It's a great program to get involved in. It works like a real government. We vote and elect our officials.

Then candidates are selected for senatorial positions. Different ideas are out on a ballot and the student body is given ample amount of time to go to the fountain area and vote in voting booths.

Our dollars go to the ASG to fund student activities and special trips with our state government officials. The big trip is up in Sacramento where senators from our college meet with real senators of the State to discuss issues close to us.

One of the issues that the ASG are pursuing is the effort to stop the rise in school tuition and hopefully get it lowered.

People on campus are complaining about the hassle of having to wait in line to just pay a dollar, but it's for a good cause and for the good of the student body's future.

The way that dollar is obtained is a bit of a different story. Since the

money also goes to school planned activities I think the fee should have been added to the cheap cost of the student body card. This would have killed all the confusion and complaints that have ensued since registration.

ASG officials participate in football games, campus clean up, giving out free lunches to those who got a student body card, all the cultural days, and still put on fundraisers.

They deserve and need this dollar. How they went about presenting the dollar fee, though, was definitely lacking something.

Perhaps next semester the word will get out clearly presenting the need for this fee and everyone will take a chill pill about it and just pay the dollar.

Hopefully there will be a more convenient way of paying it, too. I find the current way to be a bit frustrating.

There are better things I can do with my dollar

One hundred pennies, 10 dimes, 4 quarters, one dollar. This sounds like a collect call commercial.

Fresno City's College Associated Student Government, is asking for one dollar. No let me correct that. They are demanding one dollar unless the reason you won't pay it is financial, moral, political, or religious. This is the first semester that the fee has been put in place.

Of course, I being myself, refused to pay the dollar. I refuse to be forced to pay a fee to people who I don't even know by name.

It's my hard-earned dollar I should decide if I want to give it to them or not. Who do they think they are, forcing me, an FCC student to give them money it's bad enough I had to pay higher tuition.

I don't think I've ever even seen an ASG member, but I have a feeling it's the people who take those horrible pictures of FCC

students every semester for I.D.s. Only people like that would make you pay one lousy dollar to "support" them.

This is a complete outrage.

I couldn't add a class because I had a business hold over this dollar thing. I need a moment...

What makes the situation even worse is that they are taking trips to Sacramento to rub elbows with bureaucrats.

Where does the dollar really go? Is it going to trips like this or does it buy pencils for the office?

At the same time I have to ask what do we get? Their representation. Do they do anything else? I demand to know.

I'm making a stand. I'm not going to be pushed around by some faceless authority. It is not "a dollar well spent" like Ms. Susan Morgan believes.

I know I'm completely frustrated with the fact I was told my classes were going to be dropped if I didn't pay it. Hold on. You want my charity and so you're going to threaten me for it. I don't think so.

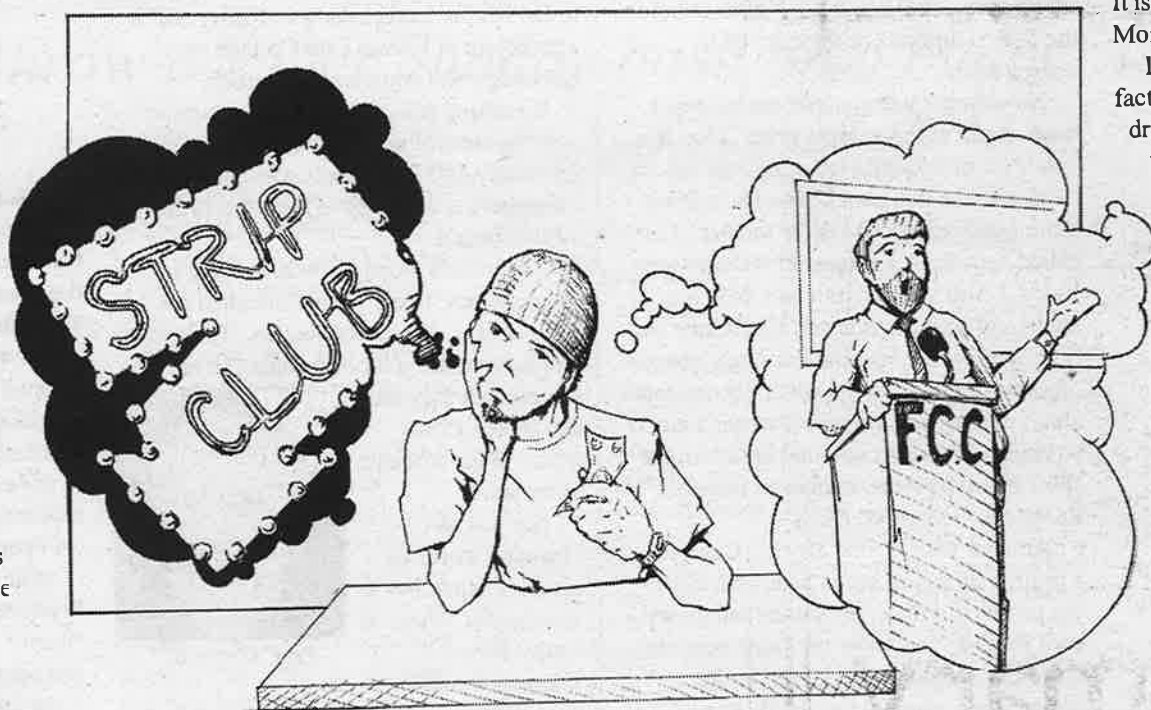
It's a rip off. I refuse to ever pay it. I can buy a bag of chips and winterfresh gum with that dollar. Doing that would be more satisfying.

In fact that dollar could go to a stripper. To help a poor girl get through school and then she could have the ability to pay the \$1 fee.

Until I get some answers as to what that stripper and I are paying for, I'm completely against the fee.



Melissa Whittle



Campus Voices

How do you feel about paying the ASG Fee?



Nathan Lirette

I thought that was pretty wac. I had a fee waiver, but had to pay one dollar and I don't think the gov't is hearing my voice."



Lean Corrales

"A dollar isn't that big of a deal, but they keep tacking on more fees and it adds up to the total cost. It's getting out of hand."



Brandon Thompson

"I paid it. If it benefits the organization it's doing perfectly good."



Nikita Russel

"I am really, really, really upset. I was under the belief that if you didn't pay it your classes would be dropped. The dollar should be tact on to school I.D.s."



Heather Farmer

"I feel pretty bad about it. Money is tight. I just got done adding another class and paying it is a hassle."

Editorial ASG \$1 fee does more harm than help

This semester students noticed a fee. It's a student representation fee for a dollar. Students voted it in during the Associated Student Government Election of Spring 2001.

It is only now that the fee has gone into affect. The dollar goes to our Student Body government for advocacy and lobbying at the local, state, and national levels.

It funds their big trip to Sacramento to meet with legislators and speak for the student body.

The duration from the time it was considered a great idea by students has been so long that most students who voted for it no longer attend Fresno City College.

Students have not been properly informed of what the fee is for and how it affects ones classes. The ASG needed to have made a better effort of informing

students of the fee and its purpose.

It is due to this ignorance that many students sign the fee waiver with out a second thought. If students new exactly what the dollar was for they might feel the same way about it as the students of 2001 did.

Some of the mixed feelings over the fee are due to the fact that Spring 2004 is not spring 2001.

There have been a lot of tuition fee hikes and now all the fees just seem to be compiling on top of one another.

When people are caught up with school and bills they feel a lot more freedom to start investing in school organizations and a dollar sounds like a great way to do so.

Today, unfortunately, is a time

Mixed feelings over the fee are due to the fact that spring 2004 is not spring 2001.

of financial hostility and people do not feel so free with their money.

Students on campus aren't the only ones scratching their heads over the fee. A dollar collected from thousands of students makes thousands of dollars.

The school is in a financial crisis ready to let the guillotine fall on classes, school programs, teams, and anywhere else they can cut back.

The Rampage works hard at school games and other functions to raise money to go to State

Conference every spring.

We win awards that accredit the school with having one of the best Journalism programs. The Rampage isn't the only group adding to the school's reputation.

The school sports teams work extremely hard to raise funds as well, for traveling, uniforms, etc. The sports teams generate the most money and publicity for the school.

One dollar from every student would generate a lot of money. The Rampage could benefit from .25 cents a student.

There's no telling what the athletics department could do with .50cents.

The school could benefit as well. Maybe they wouldn't have to cut one more class, or combine more rooms.

The ASG represents the student's voice, but so do the school paper and the school teams. We fundraise to participate in a state level of competition and struggle to miss the chopping block. Programs like ASG will never be wiped out of existence.

Their cause is worthy and the see shouldn't be abolished. The confusion lies in the train of thought that it doesn't make sense that one organization should receive funds from tuition and other organizations get thrown to the wayside.

All the programs at FCC would immensely benefit from everyone on campus paying a dollar and having it shared amongst the groups.

It wouldn't just secure one's voice in Sacramento, but would also secure one's seat in a classroom, one paper to read, and seat at Radcliffe Stadium.

Gentlemen start your engines



Susan Morgan

This semester I have decided to pitch a new T.V. series idea to the major networks. It is a little something I like to call the FCC Parking Derby.

With shows like "Simple Life" and "Fear Factor" showing low ratings it is easy to understand that reality T. V. needs a little refreshing and I think I'm the person for the job.

My new show would feature several unassuming new students arriving to their first day of class. They arrive at school to learn that there are no parking spots and must hunt for one.

Oh, the horror of it all as they circle around and around wondering if they will ever makes it to their first class. To make things more interesting, the returning students will be given monster trucks to drive and crash helmets.

The new student's only line of defense will be their car horn and their cell phone to call crying to mommy. For every new student that gets a parking space they will be awarded \$100. For every student demolished by the returning students, the veteran will receive a parking space and \$1000.

New students parking in reserved or staff parking will receive a parking ticket and will go head to head in all out monster truck rally.

After a week, new students who are still enrolled in a class after being dropped from other classes due to tardiness will receive a bonus \$100.

After three

weeks, if the student is still coming to school they win the grand prize of \$1,000. If no one makes it then the returning students receive \$10,000. Not to mention the fifteen minutes of fame given to contestants.

Now do not worry about the money, I mean credit at the student store. That is a whole lot of popcorn and scantrons.

If you like that idea I have just a few more good reality T.V. show themes. One's called America's Funniest President home Videos. You've seen him on CNN, Fox News and he has made you laugh time and time again while running our crazy country. Now catch him at home when the networks aren't editing and the speechwriter's aren't working. It's laugh out loud antics on the show based on America's most hilarious President, George W. Bush.

Another idea is Real World: Compton. I'm tired of seeing seven beautiful, clean-cut people put in lavish homes and given cool jobs. In this show the same beautiful, clean-cut people would be put in the projects and would work in "da hood."

I have a few more concepts, but I haven't worked out the plot yet, just the titles. There is "Who Wants to Marry a Bum?" It would be just shameless people willing to marry a bum to be on T.V.

"Survivor: Baghdad" would take an old standard and kick it up a notch. This wouldn't require voting people off.

Then there's my Big Brother spin off called "Night at Neverland." Michael Jackson would be happy because the show could pay off some of his legal fees.

Perhaps none of my ideas will make it to television, but that's probably for the

best. Reality T.V. shows are just a shameless excuse to exploit the human condition for a few cheap laughs and a few minutes of fame. Maybe in the future everyone will be allowed his or her 15 minutes.

Reality T V needs a little refreshing and I think I'm the person for the job.

Professor speaks softly and carries a big stick



Justin Eck

Standing in a diverse crowd of marchers, amidst the banners and signs, a soft-spoken man pays his respects to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Gerry Bill is a professor at Fresno City College of Sociology and American Pluralism.

If barking police dogs, flailing batons and canisters of tear gas had accompanied the nearly 600 individuals participating in the march, it would have been the 1960's all over again.

Aside from paying tribute to King's living legacy, many people marched for two reasons: peace and justice. These two words have lost a lot of meaning in our society, but they are two words Bill is trying to get students to embrace.

Not just as idealistic words on a piece of paper, but as a recipe for living, as Henry David Thoreau would say, deliberately.

Born and raised in San Francisco, Bill came to Fresno in 1970 to seek a teaching position at FCC and with the intent of being a social activist. Being involved in the community is a big part of his life.

He helped found the Fresno Center for Non-violence, and is on the Board of Directors at the KFCF radio station (88.1 F.M.). As a child he wanted to be scientist, and had an interest in physics. Most of his students, including myself are certainly glad he's not a professor of physics. I'm closer to becoming the first man on Mars than I am to stepping foot inside a physics classroom.

After completing American Studies 10 last semester (American Pluralism) it became even more apparent to me that George Orwell's "1984", one of Bill's favorite books, is closer to reality than most people think.

In our society the name of the game is control, which is something very few people truly understand. Along these lines he thinks one of the biggest problems with



Prof. Gerry Bill

our society today is injustice.

He is passionate about his students' becoming better informed about injustice based on race, class, gender, nationality, and injustice in the work place.

He was inspired by a variety of historical and literary individuals like Henry David Thoreau, Mohandas Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr.

If he could recommend just one book for students to read it would be Howard Zinn's "A People's History of the United States".

If he had to describe our current President in just one word it would be "inept." Many people around the country, including myself would agree.

In 2002 he took a group of 24 students to study in England. He found that these students, through their own testimonials, had received more education in one semester than most students get in five years in the U.S. He is making a positive influence in his student's lives.

Bill tries to live his life by a simple quote from Margaret Mead:

"Never doubt that a small, thoughtfully committed group can change the world, indeed it is the only thing that ever has."

His words have helped a number of students take that courageous step toward living deliberately. Truth, justice and peace are like lost treasures in world gone astray, especially in this country where so many people are mired in complacency.

Gerry Bill will gladly give his students a map to find these lost treasures, but before he does he would probably like to remind you of one thing. One person truly can make a difference.

His remarkable characteristics as a teacher and his involvement in our community undeniably prove that.



Throwing a Super Bowl party can be simple, even on a student budget. Sandwich buffets are good and cheap.

Super party

How to throw a Super Sunday bash on a budget

By Deborah Anderson
Pulse editor

It's two days before the Super Bowl before you finally remember; you volunteered to throw the party. After paying for tuition, parking, books, supplies, and the very gas to get to school, you're going to try to throw a PARTY?

Think it can't be done? Think again. We're here to help. Let's say you're going to have ten friends at this little shindig, and each friend throws in \$5.

That's it, \$5 per person, you supply the T.V. and the pad and the party's on.

The recipes and the shopping tactics listed here will work for any party, so feel free to use them

whenever you feel the need, not just this Sunday.

The dollar, 99 cents, whatever store. Learn to love it. They have plates, cups, and canned food, all for under a dollar a piece.

Just don't get too carried away, those dollars add up quick.

Steer away from brand names, you're on a budget, remember? Think Safeway Select Cola instead of Coke or Pepsi.

At stores with cards or clubs, Vons, Ralphs, etc., you can usually get good prices; and with it being Super Bowl, there will be all sorts of specials.

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Simple recipes

Super Easy Chili Cheese Dip

Small brick of Velveeta Cheese
1 can Hormel Chili (beans, no beans it's up to you)
A big bag of chips
Cut up the cheese and put it in a bowl with the chili. Microwave until cheese is melted, stirring occasionally.
Difficulty: easy
Cost: about \$5-\$7
Time to prepare: about 10 minutes.

Super Sandwich Platter

Meat: turkey, ham, and roast beef, whatever.
Cheese: White, american and pepper jack, depending on taste.
Bread: Sliced bread or rolls, again that's up to you and your wallet.
Difficulty: easy
Cost: We spent about \$25 to \$30, depending on what you get.
Time to prepare: about 5 minutes, minus shopping.

Winter flicks you may have missed

movie reviews

Rampage staff

Bad Santa ★★★★★

What does an alcoholic, chain smoking mall Santa, sarcastic dwarf-elf, the "F" word, and a mentally challenged youth all have in common? The movie *Bad Santa*

Starting Billy Bob Thornton, this foul-mouthed film is a perfect addition to the cult classic genre.

Thornton, playing the drunkard Santa, and Cox as the infiltrating Elf, the two plan to crack a selected mall's safe the night before Christmas. With a long history of pulling off the scam, unforeseen problems arise which give some hysterical yet adult scenes. Through out the entire movie you may be confused as to how it might end; yet I will assure if you found the comedic style of the film humorous, you will love the ending.

- Mike Read

The Last Samurai ★★★

This is one of the most powerful, not to mention well-done, movies in Tom Cruise's carrier. With a list of strong supporting actors, and Cruise's raw talent, the peril that faced the samurai at the turn of the 19th century is told with incredible passion.

Cruise, who plays a dismayed army general, is contracted by the modernizing Japan government to help with the uprooting of the samurai.

The conflict comes from those loyal to the ways of the samurai, who refuse to give up their sword to concur with new laws.

In an ill conceived attack, Cruise is captured by the samurai and kept alive so they may learn more about their enemy.

While in captivity, Cruise is transformed from a suffering alcoholic into a focused samurai while also finding the personal honor he has longed for.

- Mike Read

Big Fish ★★★★★

Tim Burton has created a new classic that portrays a beautiful, whimsical world that's reminiscent of Oz.

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'Effect' shows chaos theory at its best and worst

By Mike Read
Rampage reporter

The real world Chaos theory also known as the butterfly effect uses this example to show the true meaning of the movie's title: The wind caused by a flapping butterfly could alter the course of the weather forever.

As extreme as it may sound, this is the principle idea for Ashton Kutcher's new dramatic film, *The Butterfly Effect*.

Those worried that Kutcher will not live up to the challenge of a serious role can be at ease. Even one as skeptical as I was delightfully surprised that the comedic star of *That 70's Show* had the ability to pump out the dramatic role needed to grasp the audience.

Since his coming of age, Evan Treborn (Ashton Kutcher) has been having periodical black outs. Mysterious at the time, these

blackouts have an all too familiar connection to Evan's father, who was institutionalized while Evan was a young boy. The blackouts come in the most climactic moments early in the movie, followed by Evan waking confused, hurt, or lost.

To help cope with the blackouts, the family neurologist recommends Evan to keep a journal logging everything he does, a key element in the plot.

Flash forwarding to Evan as a successful college student; one alcohol filled night, he stumbles upon his old journals. Unexplainably, Evan finds himself thrust back through time to moments written as a youth.

Over and over, Evan travels back to fix what he deems broken, Repairing one aspect, only to destroy another. At one point in the film, Evan is armless.

Impossible scenarios are shown repeatedly, and you begin to wonder how it could ever end, if it will ever end. Then, the story does end with you nodding your head with satisfaction.

There are random spurts of comedy thrown in, lines and physical; Kutcher doesn't lose the overall dramatic mood of the movie. This is undoubtedly Kutcher's best work.

Review

Butterfly Effect

Stars: Ashton Kutcher
Amy Smart

Rated: R
Length: 1 hr 53 min
Rating: ★★★★★

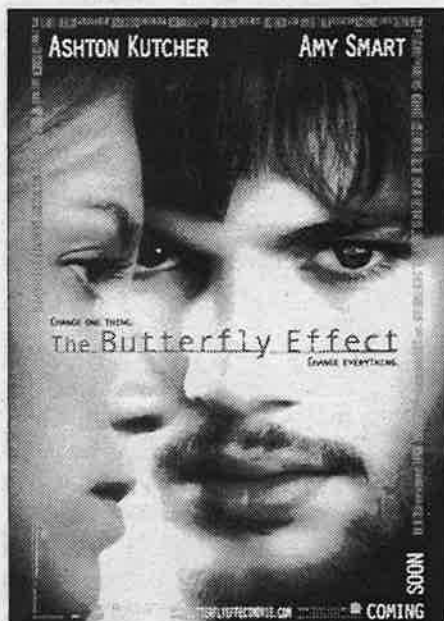


image from www.butterflyeffectmovie.com

City Life

By Jesse Garcia



E-mail the cartoonist at mamimi@hotmail.com

Movies: Lord of the Rings

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Albert Finney plays the old Edward Bloom whose about to become a grandfather.

Ewan McGregor is the young Edward Bloom who takes you on an epic journey threw his tall-tale imagination of what he perceives to have been his life story.

With giants, mystical ladies, and witches, this story is sure to cater to the child with in and bring warmth to your heart. Not to mention it will bring a couple of Oscar nods for Finney, McGregor and most of all, Burton.

- Susan Morgan

Lord of the Rings: ★★★★★

The end of an epic has come.

The story, so beautiful and terrible in the telling is at an end. If you haven't seen it yet, or have only seen it once, you need to go.

Even without all the extras that will

inevitably be in the extended version of the DVD it was still worth the \$10.

- Deborah Anderson

Cold Mountain ★★★

Cold Mountain is without a doubt the most violent chick flick I have ever seen.

In an age where Hollywood tries to attract as much of the general public as possible, it gets harder and harder to find a movie with a single story line.

This one boasts a long, epic love story for the ladies, bloody violence for the guys, and a good amount of sexual content for the perverts.

A strong cast brings the Civil War era to life, with Jude Law as the disillusioned, brooding war hero, Nicole Kidman as the waiting love interest, and Renée Zellweger as the goofy farm girl.

- David Witte

Party: budget is key

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Don't order pizza. Whatever you do, Super Bowl veterans know what I'm talking about. It's expensive, it'll take forever to get to your party, and by then will probably be cold.

If you really want pizza get frozen pizza from the store. There will probably be some on sale; you'll save money on the pizza, the tip, and it'll be hot. You can pick-up two large pizzas for about \$15.

If you want the vegetable platter with ranch dip, fix it up your self; don't get the

ready made one. That way you control the type and quantity on the veggies, the quality of the ranch, and all for (usually) cheaper than the ready made one costs.

Disregard if you like old wilted veggies and 'ranch' out of a one-gallon plastic container.

A word on sandwiches. A platter (that's a big plate) of meat, cheese, veggies and bread is relatively inexpensive, you can get the stuff days ahead of time, and unless you have whiney friends no-one will complain.

Featured events



artwork by Brandon Jacobs

Expression 0304
Feb 5 to March 1
Studio 637, (559) 497-0996
FREE

Last year Fresno City College student Brandon Jacobs began organizing a show of some of the best and the brightest artists that FCC has to offer. On Feb 5, the show goes on at Studio 637 in the Tower District. Five students will be showing a variety of work, some oil, some acrylic and some mixed media. If you don't know that that means don't worry, you'll still find something you like; vibrant color, different textures, and all you have to do is look. You don't even have to pay, it's free, and it's just down the street.

Heads up! Feb is African-American History Month and there are two incredible dance teams coming to Fresno to celebrate.

Dallas Black Dance Theatre
Feb 3, 7:00 pm
Tower Theatre (559) 485-9050
15.00 VIP, 10.00, 7.50 with student ID (buy in advance)

Ailey II
Feb 25, 7:30 pm
William Saroyan Theatre (559) 485-8497
29.00, 24.50, 15.00 (buy in advance)

Dallas Black Dance Theatre is the oldest continuously operating professional dance company in Dallas. Ailey II is an offshoot of the renowned Alvin Ailey dance troupe. Both groups will be in town for one night only. If you've never seen either of them before, get your tickets now. The dances performed are rich with celebration and affirmation of the African-American culture and history.

This is not classical ballet. By combining modern, jazz, African, and spiritual dance these groups create earth shaking, heart stopping dance with roots in the hunter-gatherer days of humanity; before any kind of history. Bum the cash if you have to, pay and experience it, just once, for you.

Are you in a local band? Do you know local bands?

The Rampage is looking for local bands to review in upcoming issues during the Spring semester. If you know of any local bands, contact the Rampage at Rampage@sccd.com or call (559) 442-8263.

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Sports

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Something special



Photo by Keith Kountz

Fresno City College point guard Tyrone Jackson ranks second on the Rams's all-time scoring list behind Lonnie Hughey (1962-64).

Ram Tyrone Jackson is bound for greatness

By Josh Butters

Editor in chief

In the waning seconds of last season's state championship game, Fresno City College guard Tyrone Jackson sat silently on his team's bench staring somberly off into nothingness.

After producing all season for his team, Jackson went colder than magician David Blaine trapped in ice during the most important game of the year, shooting 8 of 25 from the field.

"I feel like if I had made some more shots then we would have won," Jackson says. "It's very disappointing."

Blaming himself for the 90-82 loss to Los Angeles City College that ended a 38-2 season, the Rams' Jackson is looking to validate why he was named the California junior college state co-player of the year by winning a championship. An award that gives him little consolation for the let-downs he's had in his history with basketball.

The taste in Jackson's mouth brought back the familiar feeling from when his high school basketball team lost in the state championship game by one point.

"It brought memories back," Jackson says. "I hate losing."

FCC head coach Vance Walberg has been coaching Jackson since the preseason All-American was in the fifth grade, including while he was at Clovis West

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Super doesn't begin to describe this bowl

Every year we wait for the most anticipated sporting event. Once a year over one fourth of the world watches an extravaganza. It doesn't matter if you are a fan of either team in the Super Bowl, you still watch.

You just don't watch the game, you enjoy the presence of your company. What other event on television brings people together for a party. It doesn't matter what you're doing, you drop everything on Super Bowl Sunday.

You eat chips, nachos, barbeque and Cheetos.

You drink soda, beer and punch.

In other countries, people are given Monday off from work because they spend the night watching the game.

Kickoff in a foreign land might

be at 3:00 A.M. because of time differences and they still watch.

The game is broadcasted on giant screens in public squares for people that don't have a television in their homes to watch.

The Super Bowl brings people together, there's high fives, cheers of excitement and celebration.

Even if your team loses the game, it's an event you can't go

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Josh Butters

Men's record sits at 20-1

By Josh Butters

Editor in chief

Being ranked first in the state and having a 20-1 record isn't enough for Fresno City College men's basketball head coach Vance Walberg.

In his eyes, the Rams have a ways to go before they can even think about winning the school's first state championship in 41 years.

FCC's top two scorers are 2002-03 state co-player of the year Tyrone Jackson (24.3 ppg) and all state honorable mention Jason Walberg (24.1 ppg).

"I want to win a state championship," Jackson said. "That is our main goal."

"We need to get better," Vance Walberg said. "We don't have a strong inside game and we need to finish strong and make our free throws."

"We need to get better getting to



Fresno City College forward Chad Thornton-King leads a fast break against Modesto Junior College on Jan. 21. The Rams won 120-90 after trailing 55-50 at halftime.

Photo by Keith Kountz

the boards."

Jackson also lead the team in rebounding at 6.1 per game despite being 6-2.

The Rams one loss came in the championship of the Chabot Classic, when FCC lost to the host

Gladiators 124-121, missing critical free throws down the stretch.

"That was a game we gave them," Vance Walberg said. "We shouldn't have lost that one."

The Rams are 6-0 in Central

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Sal Espinoza
(22) and
David Lang
(31) guard
Modesto's
Kendrick
Grace during
the Rams' 120-90
victory over
the Pirates
on Jan. 17.



Photo by Keith Kountz

Men: Rams tied for No. 1 ranking in state with LA City

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Valley Conference play, scoring at least 108 points in every conference game.

"Our league is very competitive and it's going to be hard to win out," Vance Walberg said.

"The second half of conference will be very interesting."

Left of the Rams schedule are trips to College of Sequoias who are ranked No. 3 in the state.

FCC will travel to Visalia Jan. 31 to face the Giants whose only loss came during their trip to Fresno.

Other away games include visits to West Hills and Modesto, the last two CVC teams to have defeated the Rams.

Offense is tops

FCC has the top ranked offense in the state, scoring 109.3 points per game. The second best offense is Los Angeles South West at 89.1 ppg.

Sharpshooting

Jason Walberg has proved to be one of the best 3-point shooters in the state.

Not only has he made 85 3-pointers, but is also one of the state leaders by making .491 pct of them.

What about next year?

After this season, the Rams will lose their top six scorers. FCC's highest scoring freshman is Jon Black at 6.1 ppg.

Rollercoaster season continues

After beating state's best, Rams lose tough games



Photo by Bryan Borror

Ninon Saleman dribbles past a Modesto defender during the Rams' 78-32 victory over the Pirates.

The Rampage

A season filled with high and low points continues for the Fresno City College women's basketball team.

Last season, the Rams went 12-18, barely making the playoffs but upsetting Solano in the first round, then losing to Sacramento City College in the second round of the Northern California regionals.

This year, FCC is 13-9 and on track to make the playoffs once again despite the playoff field being cut from 52 to 32 teams that compete.

Currently the Rams are ranked No. 18 in the State, and No. 8 in Northern California.

During their non-conference schedule, the Rams defeated Contra Costa the No. 1 team in the state preseason poll.

FCC has lost three of its last five

game, all Central Valley Conference matchups including a 82-51 loss to College of the Sequoias Jan. 24.

Though a CVC championship is most likely out of the question, the Rams can help their chance at a high playoff seeding by defeating Merced College Jan. 31 in the FCC gym.

Merced is ranked No. 2 in NorCal and hasn't lost a CVC game in over three years.

Super Bowl: contest is more than just a game

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through by yourself.

People root for different teams because of different reasons. The spread of the game might of tempted you to gamble on the game, someone you knew in high school might be playing on one of the teams or your team since you were a little child is going for glory.

This year, I will be rooting for the Carolina Panthers. As an Edison High Alumnus, you have to root for Ricky Manning Jr. who had three interceptions in last weeks NFC championship game against the Philadelphia Eagles.

The storylines that come up in the games are just like real life drama. In Super Bowl III Joe Namath guaranteed victory against the heavy favored Colts and shocked the world. In Super Bowl XXVI, a kick was shanked that made the Buffalo Bills lose the second of four straight in the year's biggest game.

Two years ago, after the events of Sept. 11, a team named the Patriots drove down the field set up a field goal in the last seconds of the game for the biggest upset in Super Bowl history. Well fitted that a team with an American name would win.

There's some kind of drama every year that compels people to become football fans even for just one day even if it were for the high profile names that are in the halftime show.

With all the excitement and hype that surrounds the Super Bowl, it's no wonder it is more than just a game that happen on what isn't just any given Sunday.



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Jackson: On pace to break FCC scoring record

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High.

"I could tell he was going to be a good player when he was little," Walberg says. "When a kid can do some of the things he could and has a love for the game, there's no stopping him."

"He's something special."

Both Jackson's parents played in high school, taking him to different gymnasiums when he was little for shoot-a-rounds.

It's like he was born into the game of basketball. Being surrounded by it when he was younger meant there was almost no escape from it becoming a way of life.

Having hopes of playing professionally someday hasn't fogged Jackson's vision of earning an education.

Though four-year schools showed some interest in the 6-2 guard, offers were turned down so Jackson could get a head start in school by attending a junior college, landing him at FCC.

Taking a gray-shirt, Jackson sat out a year instead of playing for then first year FCC coach Mark Mendez.

After it was discovered that Mendez had lied on his resume to get the job, the search for a new coach began.

Walberg was hired, reuniting the two after one year of separation.

"I was very happy when he got the job," Jackson says. "He's a good person and a great coach. I

love playing for him."

Not only does Jackson play for him, but he arguably does it at the highest level. He's more well rounded than the ball he dribbles down the court with such ease that it should be made illegal.

And he keeps getting better.

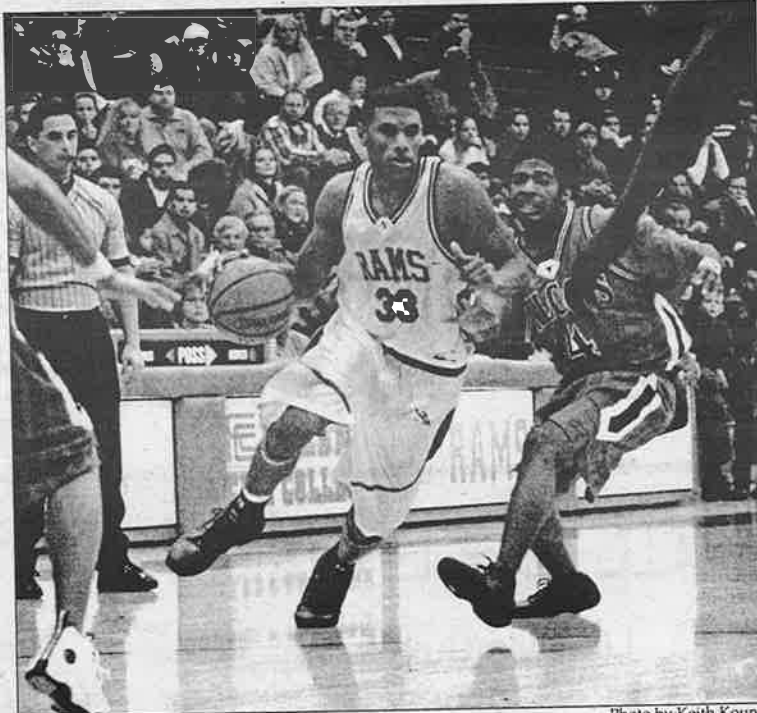
Almost all his statistical averages are up between his freshman and sophomore years including points (21.1 to 24.3), assists (6.9 to 8.1) and rebounds (5.7 to 6.2).

"As good as he is, his better days are ahead of him," Walberg says. "I'm sure that he'll continue to make improvements."

"Right now, he's good enough to play professionally overseas."

It's hard to see how those days could get any better.

How can you top missing a quadruple double by only one rebound? Jackson had 21 points, 13 assists and 10 blocks to go along with his nine rebounds



Against West Hills on Jan. 17, Tyrone Jackson had 21 points, 13 assists, 10 blocks and 9 rebounds.

against West Hills on Jan. 17.

What beats scoring a career high 50 points with a bone chip in your ankle while dishing out nine assists and grabbing nine boards against Modesto, a team that handed the Rams one of their two losses the season before?

"He dominates," says teammate Adam Wall who played against Jackson while at Central High. "I'm glad he's on our team and that I don't have to play against him anymore."

The jaw dropping statistics

his final season at the school. His 1,319 points is second all-time and he needs 207 to pass Lonnie Hughey's 1,525 points.

Those numbers have gained him interest from many universities.

After his freshman year, Jackson verbally committed to Fresno State, wanting to stay close to home and play in front of his friends and family.

With academic fraud being uncovered on the Fresno State basketball team, FSU head coach Ray Lopes lost scholarships to

players, one of which would of have gone to Jackson.

Lopes withdrew his offer to Jackson, but would give him a chance to walk-on.

The FCC standout knew his talent warranted a scholarship.

"I was disappointed," Jackson says. "But life goes on."

With his sophomore year under way, Walberg received calls by the dozen about Jackson, wanting him to go to their schools or are showing a heightened interest.

Like the hair on his once shaved head, the list of schools interested in Jackson continues to grow including powerhouses Connecticut, Maryland, Gonzaga and Arizona.

Other schools include USC, Arizona State, Washington, San Jose State, Utah, BYU and about 25 more.

Jackson puts that decision in the back of his mind right now. In the forefront is going out on top by winning FCC's first state championship since 1963, a feat the current Rams scoring leader Hughey helped accomplish.

When Jackson passes him in points, he hopes he can tie him in titles, a task that has slipped by him once in high school and then again at FCC.

He has put the Rams in perfect position to do just that and in his case, he hopes when it comes to a state championship, that the third time is a charm.

CVC Men's basketball team capsules

Reedley Tigers

When: Jan. 28, Feb. 21

Where: Reedley, Fresno

Time: Both start at 7 p.m.

Colors: Orange and Black

State titles: None

Last Season: 13-19 overall, 5-9 CVC (tied-fifth CVC)

Playoffs: lost to Skyline 75-65 in first round of Northern California regionals

2003-04 Record: 5-13 overall, 2-4 CVC

Current Ranking: not ranked

Coach: Brian Fonseca

Last Played: Feb. 22, 2003-FCC won 119-72

Notes: When FCC takes on the Tigers in the season finale Feb. 21, it could mean nothing if the Rams have clinched the CVC title.

College of the Sequoias Giants

When: Jan 31

Where: Visalia

Time: 7 p.m.

Colors: Orange and Blue

State titles: 2 (1953, '82)

Last Season: 19-12 overall, 11-3 CVC

(second CVC)

Playoffs: lost to Santa Rosa 75-68 in

second round of NorCal regionals

2003-04 Record: 18-1 overall, 5-1 CVC

Current Ranking: No. 3 in the state, No. 2 in NorCal

Coach: Rusty Smith (third season)

Last Played: lost to FCC 104-85 Jan. 7,

2004

Notes: Last year, the Giants had all but two freshmen on their roster.

Returning guard Ted Fletcher, an all CVC freshman team selection and is one of the best 3-point shooters in the state, made 61 3-pointers while averaging 4.2 assists per

game.

6-9 twin forward/centers David and Matt Misko will give the Giants size. David averaged 8 points and 5 rebounds per game last season after recovering from knee surgery.

David and Matt have committed to play at UC Riverside and San Jose State respectively after this season.

Last season, FCC didn't clinch sole possession of the CVC title over the Giants until after the final day of conference play.

Columbia Claimjumpers

When: Feb. 4

Where: Fresno

Time: 7 p.m.

State titles: 1 (1993)

Last Season: 20-13 overall, 9-5 CVC

(third CVC)

Playoffs: lost to Diablo Valley 70-52 in

second round of NorCal regionals

2003-04 Record: 1-16 overall, 0-6 CVC

Current Ranking: not ranked

Coach: Nathan Rien (first season, XX)

Last Played: lost to FCC 125-49 Jan. 10,

2004

Notes: Over the past four seasons, the Claim Jumpers have forfeited every win in the schools record, making their official record 0-96 after over 60 forfeits.

Porterville Pirates

When: Feb. 7

Where: Fresno

Time: 7 p.m.

Colors: Black and red

State titles: 1 (2000)

Last Season: 11-22 overall, 2-12 CVC

(eighth CVC)

Playoffs: lost to Diablo Valley 64-45 in

first round of NorCal regionals

2003-04 Record: 10-9 overall, 3-3 CVC

Current Ranking: not ranked

Last Played: lost to FCC 121-79 Jan. 14,

2004

Notes: The Pirates won three straight CVC

championships between 1997-2000 and

earned the school's only state

championship in men's basketball in 2000.

In the 2002 state championship game,

Porterville edged fellow CVC team COS

for the title.

On probation in 2001, Porterville was

barred from the playoffs, ending the regular

season at 28-1 and forfeiting the CVC title

to Reedley.

West Hills Falcons

When: Feb. 11

Where: Coalinga

Time: 7 p.m.

Colors: Blue, red and white

State titles: None

Last Season: 10-20 overall, 4-10 CVC

(seventh CVC)

Playoffs: lost to Santa Rosa 71-65 in first

round of NorCal regionals

2003-04 Record: 9-9 overall, 2-4 CVC

Current Ranking: XX

Coach: Mark Acre (third season, XX)

Last Played: lost to FCC 117-85 Jan. 17,

2004

Notes: One of the better teams in the CVC,

the Falcons could play spoils to FCC when

the Rams travel to Coalinga.

Modesto Pirates

When: Feb. 14

Where: Modesto

Time: 7 p.m.

Colors: Royal blue and white

State titles: None

Last Season: 15-18 overall, 7-7 CVC

(fourth CVC)

Playoffs: lost to Yuba 96-86 in first round of NorCal regionals

2003-04 Record: 9-10 overall, 3-3 CVC

Current Ranking: not ranked

Coach: Paul Brogan (third season, XX)

Last Played: lost to FCC 120-90 Jan. 21,

2004

Notes: The Rams had trouble with the

Pirates last season. FCC's only loss of the

regular season came at the hands of

Modesto 97-81, snapping the Rams' school

record 24 game-win-streak.

FCC got revenge the next teams met

though. Modesto was handed its most

lopsided loss of the year in Fresno, a 119-

67 decision.

Merced Blue Devils

When: Feb. 18

Where: Fresno

Time: 7 p.m.

Colors: Navy blue and gold

State titles: 2 (1978-79*)

Last Season: 14-17 overall, 5-9 CVC

(tied-fifth CVC)

Playoffs: lost to Chabot 95-76 in first

round of NorCal regionals

2003-04 Record: 6-10 overall, 3-3 CVC

Current Ranking: not ranked

Coach: Bill Russell

Last Played: lost to FCC 122-92, Jan. 24,

2004

Notes: With the playoff field in Northern

California cut this year to 16 teams, don't

expect the Blue Devils to get in.

*Merced won its two state championships when the small school division. California junior colleges aborted the two-tier levels after the 1984 season.

—Josh Butte



FRESNO CITY COLLEGE

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2 HISTORY MONTH 4

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Education Week

February 2
Opening Day
Ceremonies
Play, "The Meeting"
Theatre, 10am

February 3
Dallas Black
Dance Theatre
Tower Theatre, 7pm

February 6
Paul Robeson Film
Student Lounge,
11am

Book Club
Every Thursday
Student Lounge
1pm

Arts Week

February 8
Gospel Night
FCC Theatre,
4pm-6pm

February 10
HIV Forum
Student Lounge
11:30am-1pm

February 11
Reader's Theatre
Theatre, 10am-12pm

February 11
Reparation Radio
FM 88.1, 3:30pm

February 14
Step Show
CSU, Fresno Satellite SU
12noon

Lifestyle/Culture Week

February 18
Rites of Passage
College Center, 10am

February 18
Dr. Molefi Asante
CSU, Fresno Satellite SU
7pm

February 19
Af-Am Chamber Mixer
w/ FSU & FCC BFSA
Fresno Chamber, 6pm

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February 25
Reggae Fest
Tribute to Bob Marley
Feat: Queens Compound
Free Speech Area, 11am

February 27
Gospel Soul Cafe'
College Center, 7pm

February 29
College Sunday
Christian Comm. Church
(corner Dakota & West)
10:45am

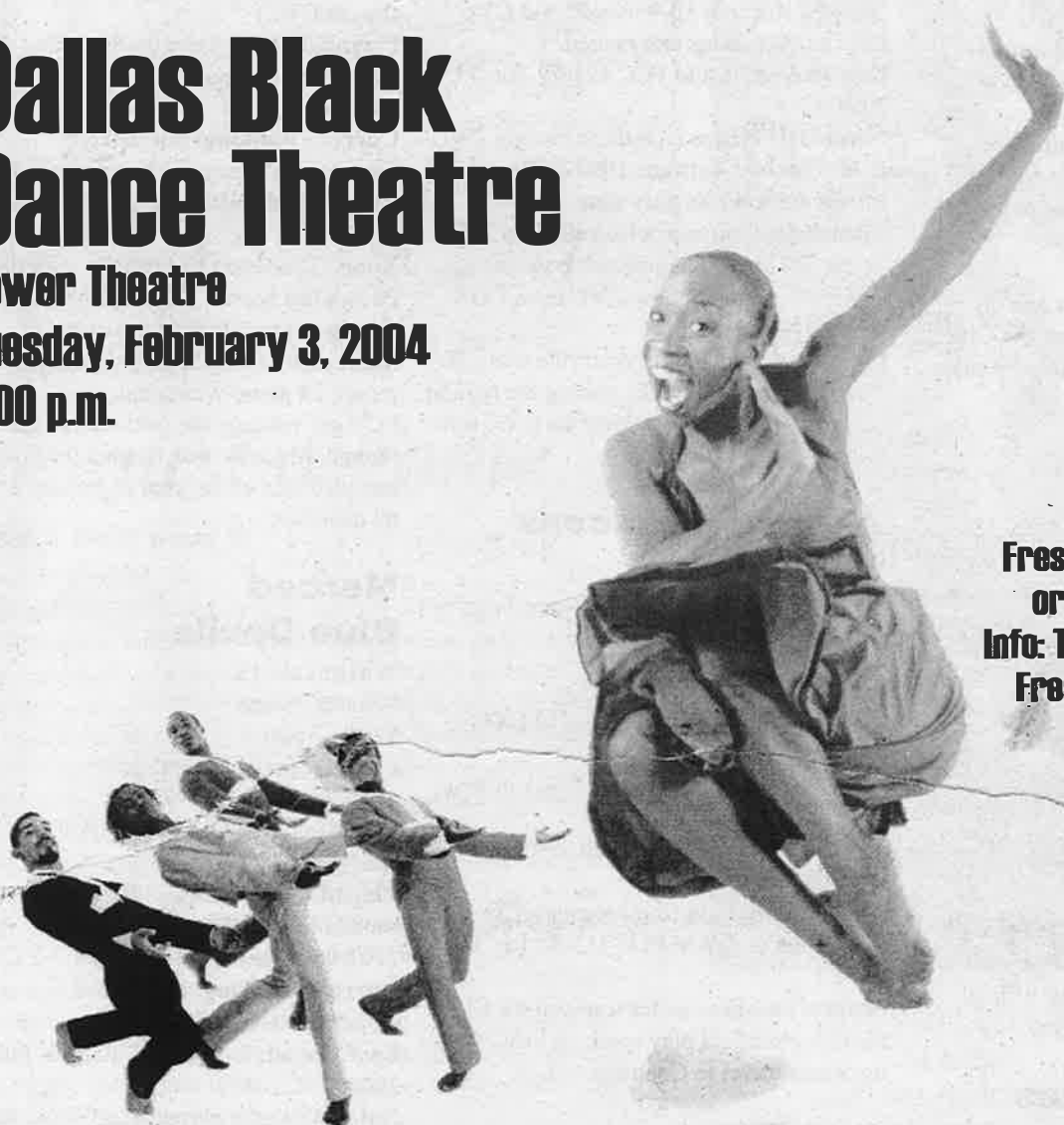
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Dallas Black Dance Theatre

Tower Theatre

Tuesday, February 3, 2004

7:00 p.m.



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SmackDown Your Vote Rally

February 17 in the Fountain Area at 11:00 a.m.

Featuring: WWE Superstars **Charlie Hass & Shelton Benjamin**

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