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## FCC greets eighteen thousand students with Welcome Week

By Maranda Brandt  
and Charoletta Hister

**RAMPAGE STAFF**

Fresno City College's first *Welcome Week* proved a resounding success for incoming students in their initial week of class. Crew members of *Welcome Week* helped calm students' fears by responding to their questions and concerns.

With an estimated 18 thousand students enrolled at FCC this Fall, Associated Student Government President Adrian Rodriguez described *Welcome Week* as "a perfect example of what can be done to get students situated in a strange campus environment."

As a crew member, Rodriguez noted "how important it was to make information about classes,

buildings and the campus readily accessible to newcomers." "For that reason, the booths and information centers were established to help ease the students into the city college system.

Members of *Welcome Week*, included volunteered staff, campus clubs and student government members, who wore yellow welcome week t-shirts to advertise their presence across campus and provide needed directions.

A number of students, including Clemente Valdivia and Robbie Loquaci, stated that because of *Welcome Week*, the first week of school has been "enjoyable", and they look forward to continuing their education at FCC.

After getting past the crowds in the parking lot and halls, the *Welcome*



Students walk through the beautiful campus during welcome week.

Photo by Eleazar Valdez

*Week* crew did their best to make students feel more comfortable at FCC.

Valdivia said that he "didn't realize the traffic in the parking lot would be overwhelming", and was

forced to park two blocks from the school. Loquaci, like many students, realized he had to "get to school a lot earlier to find parking, because of the traffic."

Overall, students and

faculty enjoyed the first week of school and were amazed by the large amount of individuals who enrolled at FCC.

## Student Center available to handicapped via new elevator



Workers put the final touches on the Bookstore elevator

By James Wilcox

**RAMPAGE STAFF**

Reliable access is now available to the upper floor of the Fresno City College bookstore located on the south end of the

campus.

For more than two years, the rail chair-lift installed on the front stairs of the bookstore, kept this FCC in compliance with State mandated guidelines for student and employee access. However, the chair-lift malfunc-

tioned more times than it was successfully used.

"...That was all that we had," said Dean of Students Robert E. Fox, "that ramp was a gift, a grant. There was only one manufacturer."

Time, and possibly a lot

of complaining, changed the access situation. The college had always wanted an elevator for the bookstore and when funding for the improvement became available, the architect drew up the plans, and construction began last Spring.

The elevator stands about 10 feet from the South side of the bookstore and is linked to it by a covered walkway. A wheelchair ramp is located just East of the walkway and the access doors are fully automated.

Although the appearance of the elevator does not match the original structure, it can be said that this addition complements what was already there. Some comments were voiced about the 'lizard' insets seen near the top of the elevator's enclosure.

Citing an unidentified worker, "They were picked from a masonry catalog, and not considered a critical issue to the construction."

## New Chancellor



Photo by Chancellor's Office

The State Center Community College District welcomes Dr. Judith Redwine as its new Chancellor. Redwine, who comes to Fresno by way of Illinois' Black Hawk College, starts September 15th, replacing the retired Bill Stewart. The Chancellor oversees the operations of Fresno City College, Reedley College, The Madera Center and the Oakhurst Center.



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## Grant succeeds with "Blue Eyes"

By Joe Doyle

ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Thanks to the recent success of Mafia movies, and the HBO Series "The Sopranos", it comes as no surprise that Hollywood would grasp the opportunity to make a smart Mafia comedy. Unlike last summer's "Mafia", the poorly written comedy which served as a horrid final tribute to the late Lloyd Bridges, "Mickey Blue Eyes" is a smart, witty play on marrying into mob.

Michael (Hugh Grant) is the model of a perfect Englishman, and auctioneer for a local art house. Unfortunately for Michael, his love for a kind-hearted school teacher, Jenny (Jeanne Tripplehorn), combined with his own naiveté leads him toward certain entanglement with the mob.

Michael professes his love to Jenny, and he's rejected due to circumstances he can-

not fathom; her "family". Michael, however, is blind to the family business of "whacking" people and doesn't see the danger in marrying a mobster's daughter. The marriage is set, on the condition that Jenny and Michael work together to remove themselves from the manipulative web of the Mafia.

One night at a dinner party, Michael confides in "Nice Uncle" Vito, about the troubles he is having at his art house, as well as the stiff competition from the local competitor, "Sotheby's". Shortly thereafter everything seems to fall into place as if by some miracle. All complications at the art house have been resolved, and "Sotheby's" has closed their doors, thanks to a mysterious fire.

As if he had sold his soul to the devil, Michael is in way over his head; enangled in a

brilliant money laundering scheme, as well as the murder of "Nice Uncle" Vito's son. As a result Michael must enlist the help of Jenny's father Frank (James Caan), as they battle the internal conflict, as well as dodging the opposing Mafia "family", whom they framed for the murder.

Although the film tapers off to the typical, predictable romantic ending, Grant delivers a performance that will entertain more than just those with a Hugh Grant infatuation. The films wittier scenes come courtesy of Caan, who time and again, tries to teach Michael how to say such common mob phrases as "Forget about it" and "Get the hell outta here!", despite Michael's heavy English accent.

The benefit to "Mickey Blue Eyes", from a male perspective, is that you can finally take a date to a Hugh Grant romantic comedy, without being bored out of your mind.

## What this new semester means:

A Rampage Thought

By Abel E. Jimenez

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

"We stand at the doorstep of a new millennium." Those were the words Warren Beatty used as senator Jay Bulworth before losing his marbles in the movie *Bulworth*. Here at Fresno City College, we are standing in the doorstep of a new millennium. This fall, FCC has undergone major changes, not just in the facility itself, but in the number of staff members and students present on campus.

As of last week, over 18,000 students had enrolled on this campus alone, marking a 2% increase from last year. With the hiring of over 40 new staff members, the State Center Community College District's induction of a new chancellor, and the construction of a new elevator for disabled students, perhaps we *should* be known as the new

Fresno City College.

In my second semester as the Rampage's editor-in-chief, there is a barrage of excitement in the air at FCC as events including new classes and leisure activities. My encouragement to the students is to take a good look at what's available on this campus and not just be content to warm up your chair. The window of opportunity for your future is here, this is not some figure of speech. The only way you'll know your plans can become a reality is to move forward with your education and see what is available for you.

Fresno City College is standing on the doorstep of a new millennium and whether the students' reactions are positive or negative, you can take one fact to heart: you are a part of the final class of the twentieth century. I don't know how you feel about it, but that has to leave some students green with envy. I'll see you around the campus.

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## MEET THE RAMS: New Head Coach, Staff, Linebackers

Part one of a two part series:

By Joe Chacon

### RAMPAGE STAFF

In the late afternoon just when you think your day is over as you drive off campus in your air conditioned car, you see a sight, and you know fall is here. Kickers kicking balls, the quarterbacks throwing the long calls, the running backs making the fakes and the cuts, all in 100 degree weather. Off in the distance you hear the sound of the defense making the hits to echo the beginning of the Fresno City College football season. With the new season comes a new attitude.

With last season's retirement of Vance Stanley, the Rams named Tony Caviglia their new head coach. Caviglia, hired March 15th, comes from Chabot College in Hayward. With the new head coach comes four new coaching staff added to the four coaches retained from Stanley's staff.

Offensive coordinator

Scott Stark, who was recruited to play quarterback for Stanford also coached at the University. He then ran the secondary at Saddleback College in Mission Viejo, where they won the National Championship. He also worked with the Miami Dolphins. Wide receiver coach Aaron Ingram comes from Chabot College, where he worked with Caviglia. Steve Loop, a former Fresno State place kicker, will be working with the special teams and the tight ends. Linebacker coach Jaime Hill coached at Portland State, Sonoma and UTEP (Texas El Paso). He also served as assistant quality control coach with the secondary for the San Francisco 49ers. Returning from Stanley's staff are assistant head coach Rick Scheidt, offensive line coach Mike McClurg, defensive line coach Niko Liulamaga and secondary coach Curtis Allen.

"There are over 100 players trying out for the team; the guys are working hard in the weight room and out on the



All-American Maurice Morris returns to the Rams for another season.

Photo courtesy of PIO

field," Caviglia said. "A few of the standouts during the summer were linebackers Tracey Hunt and Carlos Cox, who both showed the abilities to be good football players. They did not play last season, but they played the '97 season we expect them to pick up right where they left off." When asked about the biggest

challenge of being a Ram? Hunt, a McLane High product said "is hoping that we have a great season this year we have to come together as a team and do what we have to do." Hunt said "that they have to do good this year and that he is ready." Cox hails out of Alabama's Dadeville High. What brought Cox to Fresno? He states that

"I had some family in Fresno, and some family members that came through, and played for the league and I thought it would be a good spot." Being part of the team, Cox said; "I feel real confident about our chances this year."

Next issue: Part Two of the football preview.

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