



# Tragedies hit home

## Campus reflects on recent losses

By Anthony Witrado  
Rampage reporter

The wrath of the East Coast terrorist attacks perhaps hit Bill Heiderich harder than anyone on campus.

The Fresno City College art instructor's brother-in-law, Jason Dahl, was the commanding pilot on United Air Flight 93 that crash-landed outside of Pittsburgh, killing all aboard.

"It was around 11 (a.m.) when I heard," Heiderich said. "I had just got to school, and my wife's office had to call because she couldn't speak. They said they (thought) Jason was on the plane."

Unfortunately for Heiderich and his family, Dahl was.

Dahl, 43, is the pilot credited with holding off the hijackers long enough to bring the plane down in an open field.

"Jason had no intention of crashing that plane," Heiderich said. "His intention was to land somewhere, but you only have so long before you run out of time, air or blood."

When Heiderich's students learned of their teacher's loss, they gave him a metal name-plate reading, "Jason Dahl. My Hero," with Dahl's photo separating the two.

Transcripts released after the Sept. 11 crash suggest a struggle in the flight deck and that the terrorists killed Dahl before the plane went down. It is also believed Flight 93's intended target could have been the White House or Air Force One. Dahl is credited with not allowing the hijackers to take control of the plane and guiding it away from a crowded city.

"I think he figured out what was going on pretty early in," Heiderich said. "He knew three planes had already been taken over, and he had to do something. It was a huge effort to steer away from anything big. He made a tough decision."

"I didn't think anything when I saw the attacks on New York. I just figured I'd see him next week and could ask him what he thought happened."

Dahl was a standards captain capable of flying any type of aircraft and taught flight classes in his hometown of Littleton, Colo., where the Columbine High shootings took place.

"He could've landed that (plane) on a barge if he had to, he was an extraordinary pilot," Heiderich said of Dahl's skills. "He was the best of the best. We don't know if he's a hero. We don't know what went on in there, but we are proud of him if he is."

Dahl is survived by his wife,

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## Student hit by Amtrak

## FCC football player felled at train crossing

By Anthony Galaviz  
Sports editor

In the wake of the tragedies on the East Coast, Fresno City College had one of its own Sept. 13.

FCC football player Junior Puletapuai was hit and killed at 12:13 p.m. when an Amtrak train traveling 70 mph struck him when he tried crossing on-campus tracks on Weldon Avenue.

"It's going to be tough for a lot of people," State Center Community College police chief Marvin Reyes said. "He tried to beat the train, but as you can see he didn't make it."

This isn't the first train death that happened on campus.

In 1999, a man — not an FCC student — was killed when he and his wife tried crossing the tracks. The man followed behind and was hit by the train.

Last semester, FCC student Jamie Davis was crossing the tracks with another student when an Amtrak train struck her backpack, spinning her

around and knocking her to the ground.

Davis suffered a broken left arm in five places and underwent reconstructive surgery to repair her elbow.

For Puletapuai, a daring decision cost him his life.

The 20-year-old, 6-foot 3-inch, 330-pound offensive line-man from Anchorage, Alaska, was thrown to the ground east of the tracks — 40 yards from Weldon Avenue.

"This was a very tragic death," Rams football coach Tony Caviglia said. "He came to us from Alaska and was doing some amazing things for the football team. It's been a hard week. He was just learning football. That's why he came here to City College."

Across the street at the locker rooms, players were stunned, but the team decided it would play its game last Saturday at Siskiyou in Weed because that's what

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Junior Puletapuai



Photo by Jenny Langworthy

## Comfort sought in FCC vigils

By Jennifer Burke  
Rampage reporter

In the wake of a catastrophe almost too horrible to bear, FCC students then had to cope with the death of student Junior Puletapui.

Two vigils were held this week, the first last Wednesday. Both of the vigils featured the City Singers leading the people who came in a rendition of "Amazing Grace," Angela Wilder singing her poem called "In Memory Of..."

and pastors who addressed the crowds with messages stressing tolerance and forgiveness.

On Wednesday, the vigil started with a procession from the fountain area featuring a bagpipe player and led into the student lounge. When asked what was the highlight for them, students had differing opinions.

"The fact that there was a mixture of people united as one," said Cesar Lebron.

"The girl who sang her poem,"

Frankie Alvarado said, referring to Wilder.

Friday's vigil began with Gurdeep Sihota addressing the gathering and reassuring students that school officials are taking action to address the issue of the tracks on campus.

Then, Pastor Joseph Thornton spoke and stressed forgiveness bringing to mind that hatred will not bring this terror to an end. People held hands while Thornton led in prayer.



Photo by J. Riley

Students and staff join in at the first of two vigils last week at FCC.



## Letters to the editor

Editor,

Like everyone I know, I was shocked and stunned by the recent bombings. On a tremendous scale, the terror has grabbed the attention of the general public, including Fresno City College students, who mourned the dead at last Friday's gathering.

Surely, this is a major crime. It is also a scary reminder of a reality we seldom face: Death is the one certainty in life, and the Grim Reaper makes each person an equal to all others.

Aside from mourning the dead—for the duration and manner of which there are no rules, but each person will mourn in her own way—I think students (and all people, for we are all students of life) have an important choice to make: either continue being afraid, or try to understand as best we can what has happened.

The bombing happened on the 23rd anniversary of the signing of

the Camp David agreement, by which the United States created its two biggest recipients of foreign aid: Israel and Egypt. Although taking innocent lives, including many clerks and janitors, the bombing appears to be retaliation for the U.S. formulation of political and economic power in the Middle East.

Islam, meaning "peace" in Arabic, is one of the world's largest and fastest-growing religions, and Arabs make up only a portion of its adherents. Of the two schools of Islam, Sunni and Shi'a, only a small minority of Shi'ites condone terrorism.

Among that minority, Islam is exploited as a tool for justifying terror. In fact, the great majority of Muslims have for centuries taught and believed that the only true jihad (holy war) ended when their religion gained a foothold in seventh-century Persia.

If these facts are not enough to

convince us of respecting Muslims as our brothers, we who are Christians should remember how bloody our religion's historical conquests were. In Northern Ireland, where for many centuries Christianity has been exploited for terror, thousands of lives, both Catholic and Protestant, have been thereby lost. Like the Middle East, peace appears to be an elusive goal there.

Fear stirs in people's hearts, and some of us are ready to pounce on anyone who dares remind us of last week's terror. In addition to prayer, we dissipate our fear when we gain a better understanding of the facts involved and make Fresno City College a happier place to study and work. A warm smile and an encouraging word can also go a long way to help us deal with this tragedy.

Paul Jackson

## Campus calendar

### Art

- Art Faculty Biennial** – 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, and 9 a.m.-noon Friday, exhibit continues through Oct. 12. Art Space Gallery. For information, call 442-4600, ext. 8909.
- Beauties and Beasts: Delightful Dichotomies in Japanese Painting** – 1-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday through Nov. 3. Selected masterworks of Japanese painting at the Ruth and Sherman Lee Institute for Japanese Art, 15770 10th Ave., Hanford. For information, call 582-4925. Free.

### Career

- Career workshops** – The Career Center continues its career-planning workshops: Vocational exploration, 1:30-3:30 p.m. today, free; and career decision-making, 5-7 p.m. Sept. 25 and 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sept. 26, \$5. For information, visit Career Center Counseling, Student Services building, second floor or call 442-8291.
- Career Day 2001** – 10 a.m. Oct. 2, Business and Applied Technology.

### Events

- Candlelight vigil** – 7:30 p.m. today, a tribute to the firefighters, police officers, medical personnel and volunteers in the fountain area.

area.

- Club Rush** – 10 a.m. Oct. 3, campus clubs will set up booths around the fountain area.
- National Depression Day** – Oct. 11, includes video shows, refreshments and free depression screenings at a location to be determined. Sponsored by Associated Student Government Health Services. For more information, call Psychological Services at ext. 8050.
- JDF Walk to Cure Diabetes** – 7 a.m. Oct. 20, fund-raiser on the west lawn area sponsored by Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. For information, call ext. 5711.
- Fall Military Showcase** – 9 a.m. Oct. 24, military equipment is on display around the Fountain Area.
- Ramburger Round-up** – 10 a.m. Oct. 24, in the free speech area.
- Homecoming festivities** – 4:30 p.m. Oct. 27, at Ratcliffe Stadium.
- Safe-N-Sane Halloween** – 5:30 p.m. Oct. 30, at Ratcliffe Stadium.

### Fairs

- Holiday Job Faire** – 9 a.m. today, employment opportunity booths will be set up in the fountain area.
- Heaton Multi-Cultural Faire** – 5 p.m. Friday, booths featuring various cultures at Heaton Elementary.
- Volunteer Faire** – 10 a.m. Sept. 26, booths will be set up in the

fountain area and on the campus mall featuring volunteer opportunities.

- Vendor Faire** – 9 a.m. Oct. 9-11, on and around the campus mall and free speech area.

### Stage

- Irish Arts Weekend** – Performance by "Riverdance on Broadway" artists, and potluck, from 7-10 p.m. Friday, \$10. Master classes and introductory workshops taught by "Riverdance on Broadway" artists, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, \$12 classes, \$6 workshops. Master classes and student showcase, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Sunday, \$12 classes, \$6 showcase. Cynthia Merrill School of Performing Arts, 4750 N. Blackstone Ave. For information, call 222-6539.
- "Painting Landscapes"** – 7:30 p.m. Oct. 11-13 and 18-20; 2 p.m. Oct. 13 and 20, Theatre Arts building. A new production by FCC Theatre Arts instructor Chuck Erven and directed by C. Tim Quinn. The play contains mature themes.
- City Singers Jazz Concert** – 7:30 p.m. Oct. 17, at the Theatre.
- Jazz Ensemble** – 7:30 p.m. Oct. 24, at the Theatre.
- Community Concert Band** – 7:30 p.m. Oct. 26, at the Theatre.
- Invitational Choral Festival** – 9 a.m. Oct. 31, at the Theatre.

## Police log

From the files of the SCCCD Police Department

### Aug. 29

- Officer took report regarding theft of computer from Math/Science.

### Aug. 30

- Officer, nurse, EMS dispatched to cafeteria regarding ill staff member. Turned over to EMS. Report taken.
- Officer took report regarding theft of bicycle from library bike rack.

### Aug. 31

- Officer contacted a suspicious person near Lot B. Suspect was arrested, cited and released. Report taken.

### Sept. 5

- Officer took report regarding threats received over cell phone.
- Officer initiated traffic stop for wrong way on one way. Check showed driver had suspended license and outstanding felony warrant. Driver arrested, booked into Fresno County Jail. Vehicle impounded. Report taken.

### Sept. 6

- Officer took late report regarding non-injury hit and run off Elm extension.
- Officer observed vehicle at excessive speed on Campus Drive. Initiated stop. Upon driver's identification check, found driver's license suspended. Officer cited subject and towed vehicle. Report taken.

### Sept. 8

- Officer observed suspicious vehicle in Lot E and initiated traffic stop. Turned over to Fresno Police Department for alcohol violations.

### Sept. 10

- Officer took report regarding threats against student.
- Officer, nurse, EMS dispatched to Language Arts regarding student having seizure. Student turned over to EMS, transported to Community Hospital. Report taken.



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# FCC won't get expected funds

By Bill J. Perry  
News editor

For the second time this year, Gov. Gray Davis has used his line-veto authority to cut funding to the California community college system – this time for \$126 million. That July cut, added to funds already cut in January from a block grant, means that State Center Community College District will not be getting nearly \$4.1 million in badly needed money for maintenance and equipment.

Because of the ongoing energy crisis and to shore up the state's dwindling monetary reserves, Gov. Davis has publicly stated the need to make budget cuts in many areas. However, nearly a quarter of all the cuts have come at the expense of California community colleges.

"Community colleges took 23 percent of the cuts, which we think is disproportionate," said Edwin Eng, director of finance for SCCC. "Some projects will have to be cutback or eliminated."

Fresno City College business manager Michael Guerra expressed similar concerns. "This is funding that we took for granted... It's like having the carpet pulled out from under you."

The state funding that was eliminated was mainly earmarked for two areas: Industrial equipment, which includes computers, printers, lab equipment, desks, chairs, as well as other library and classroom equipment; and scheduled maintenance, which means repairs to roofs, sidewalks, boilers, buildings and other infrastructure.

"We have one of the oldest campuses," Guerra said. "We need that money."

The budget cut to SCCC breaks down as follows:

- \$2,161,690 cut in January from a block grant for instructional equipment.

- \$610,000 cut for scheduled maintenance to the campus, and which would be supplemented with matching funds from the district.

- \$1,324,984 cut for instructional equipment.

Several projects that had been planned but may have to be scaled down or postponed include:

- Renovation at Reedley College.

- The second phase of a data wiring system installation – a "wide area network" – to connect 11 buildings at FCC to a main computer network.

- Parking lot maintenance.

- Other general maintenance.

"Work will still go on, but not in the larger scope that we wanted," Guerra said. "We've been replacing and maintaining

computer labs every 2-3 years. Now we may not be able to do as many."

While the 25,000 students in the SCCC system may not feel the immediate effects of the budget cuts, college officials say they will in the future.

"Students in programs that rely on state-of-the-art equipment will suffer in the workplace," said Teresa Patterson, executive director for SCCC Public and Legislative Relations. "As we grow, we're trying to do more with less."

"The amount of money the district has to spend impacts the quality of service [students] receive," Eng said. "The more money we have, the more we can provide, whether it's equipment or instructors."

Without government funding, Guerra says that students may have to make up the difference.

"If I were a student, I would be concerned. What can community colleges do to maintain facilities and to buy equipment? The only think to do would be to increase tuition. With less support to the community college system, the potential of a fee increase is very real."

Despite the grim financial outlook for FCC, many school officials hope that some funding will become available.

Senator Jack Scott, senate district 21, introduced senate bill 284 which would return \$98 million to the college system: \$49 million for instructional equipment and \$49 for scheduled maintenance.

Jason Murphy, legislative assistant to Sen. Scott recently told the Rampage that SB284 has been amended to SB735, which passed the Assembly and Senate Sept. 12. At press time, the bill was on its way to Gov. Davis.

The new bill, SB735, not only includes the original \$98 million requested, but also \$15 million for capital outlay which helps fund college facility construction. In addition, Murphy said, strong language has been added that gives community colleges a greater share of college funding in future budgets, instead of the present one-third, with the other two-thirds shared equally with California State University and University of California systems.

The governor now has until Oct. 14 to sign or veto the bill. Many officials are hopeful, but not holding their breath.

Even the recent terrorist attacks in New York and Washington could affect the legislative outcome. "After [the Sept. 11 attacks], our whole world has changed," Guerra said. "The legislature's concerns may have changed. I don't think we know the impact. It hasn't hit home yet."

# Put plainly, parking's a pain

By Bonner Creager  
Rampage reporter

On any average morning at Fresno City College, you can see hundreds of students panting up to their classes covered in sweat and dragging their heavy backpacks behind them. The reason for all of this physical exertion is parking. Not enough of it that is.

Students aren't the only ones who are upset. Many of the staff and faculty are becoming annoyed when desperate students take all of their closer parking areas. The neighbors are having fits as well. Throughout most of Fresno, we are able to park along the city virtually as we please. Not so on the west side of the campus where No Parking signs are posted everywhere you look. Right next to all of these signs, the sidewalks are completely filled with students who are willing to risk it as a last resort.

A couple of years ago, this area was taken out of the Fresno city police jurisdiction. Fresno City College's tickets are only \$17 as opposed to the city's \$40 tickets. FCC police chief Reyes felt that this was a city ploy to get more funds since the city did it at the same time as it took the parking meters out of downtown Fresno.

"It breaks my heart to see all those rows of students who are just trying to get to class with \$40 tickets on their windows," Reyes said. "If I could have all of the parking free for everyone I would, but it's just not feasible."



Photo by Louis Castro

Students aren't allowed to park on certain streets near campus.

The cost for upkeep of our present parking lots is huge let alone the costs of building more. Most would agree that the biggest cause for the school-parking problem is the ever-increasing number of students. This year alone we have had an increase of 3.7%, which roughly amounts to nearly a thousand students.

This huge increase of students has many administrators worried. "Right now our facilities are outstripped but we can't turn students out," Reyes said. John Cummings, the district dean of records and admissions, expressed similar sentiment.

"Our facilities are bursting to the brim."

A couple of Cummings' suggestions were that we could either have to build a parking garage or have parking lots farther out and have some transit to classes as

larger colleges do. Both of these suggestions would be extremely costly and the price of parking lots would most likely double.

Some steps that are being taken by the school are being completed as we speak. Classes are available with a greater variety of time. Two years ago, FCC only had two sections available at 6 a.m. Now, we have as many as 13. The new campus at Clovis is under way, and it is hoped that it will draw some students away.

"We've had an overwhelming response to Clovis campus. If you think the parking problem here is bad, go look over there. We have students parking every where," Reyes said.

In order to reduce time that students spend on campus, students can get some of their busy work done online, such as applications beginning on Sept. 24.

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# College transfer night helps students

Representatives from colleges provide information and offer procedural pointers in Fresno.

By Terry Azamber  
Rampage reporter

Hundreds of high school and college transfer students swarmed into the Fresno Convention Center Exhibit Hall for Fresno Area College Night 2001. The event, held Sept. 12, featured sessions on financial aid and applying to colleges.

Students wandered through the displays and spoke with representatives from various colleges from across the country, including specialized schools such as culinary schools and vocational colleges. Representatives cautioned students about the specific requirements they would need to enroll.

Scott Tripple, Outreach Coordinator for University of Califor-

nia, Merced, warned community college students to be sure they completed the general education requirements for the UC system before they transfer.

"Students assume if they have an Associate of Arts degree that they will have met all the requirements. But the requirements for an A.A. can be different than our requirements are."

Tripple pointed out that the community college students are more likely to be accepted to a UC school than students who transfer from a state university.

"A community college student who transfers to a UC as a junior hasn't had their shot at a four-year degree," he said. "They are frequently first college students."

Students can assure their ad-

mission to a UC school by signing a Transfer Admission Agreement, a written agreement that specifies the courses they need to take, the grade-point average they need to maintain, and the requirement of the student's selected major. The document is signed by the student, his counselor, and a representative of the UC campus. The signatures guarantee that he will be admitted to the university. Only students who have completed 30 semester units of transferable coursework are eligible for a TAA. The agreement must be drawn up a year before the student is scheduled to transfer.

Competition can be fierce for some colleges. UC Berkeley received 8,577 applicants for the fall semester, but only 2,553 were

accepted. Yale University accepts only a few students who come from a community college, and those students are required to have outstanding grades.

Military colleges offer an excellent education that is paid in exchange for a commitment to serve in the armed forces. Students in West Point are guaranteed to finish in four years, unlike many other colleges. Unfortunately, coursework completed at another college is not accepted. However, transfer students can use their units to gain access to more advanced courses. West Point is even more difficult to get into that UC Berkeley: out of 11,490 applicants, only 1,134 were admitted. The college is the fourth-largest source for Rhodes

scholars in the country with 73 percent of its students ranked in the top fifth of their high school class.

ROTC provides students with an opportunity for military to pay for their education at the college of their choice in exchange for serving a specified number of years in the armed forces. Students enrolled in Air Force ROTC will serve for four years after graduation if they are engineers, six years if they graduate from medical school, and 10 years if they have enlisted as pilots.

Students who wish to receive more information on the TAA or transfer requirements should visit the counseling center in the Student Services building on the second floor.

## New directories help lost students

Where's this class? Where am I? The questions are answered with remodeled building signs.

By Brianna Quilici  
Rampage reporter

Confusion. Where am I? The thoughts are often unanswered on the first day of school in the bewildered minds of the newly registered or visitors. To aid students and guests during the perplexity of coming to a new school, Vice Chancellor Brian Speece has high intentions that the renovation of campus directories will help the students "better identify the buildings and what is inside of them."

This year, Fresno City College is using its lottery money toward facility remodeling. Meaning the \$1,125,000 FCC received is going toward the new signs seen around campus.

"The money we get is used for improvements needed around the college grounds whether that be new computers or instructional material. This semester, heading the list of importance, the remodeling of the campus maps," Speece said.

This campus project was initiated by campus administration, which hired Frank Arnold, of Arnold signs, to construct the initial setup of the design and color of the signs. Some complaints concerning the old signs were the building abbreviations.

"New students didn't know what the sign LA meant on the building directories. The maps are outdated and buildings have been added or the name of the building has been changed," Speece said.

Eight new building identification signs have been seen around campus as a result of the Campus Signage Project Committee's yearlong efforts to provide better direction to students and visitors. The signs are being placed at most entrances to the campus, displaying clearly the direction of the buildings and other information. The old building identifications didn't give students and visitors the names of surrounding buildings or what the building has inside.

"The ideas for what needs attention, coming from department chairs and other faculty members, are put into decision packages, from there the highest measure of importance is taken into consideration for the upcoming school year," Speece said.

Coming attractions on campus include the next phase of this project. In the next couple of weeks, 11 new signs are going to be installed. New campus maps, which will also be placed near the entrances to FCC allowing new people and visitors to have easy access to all campus buildings, are also going to be installed during the next few weeks. The last phase of this project is going to be completed sometime between now and next spring. During this time, three new electronic message boards are going to be installed, one replacing the board above the entrance to the gym, another at the cafeteria and one by the theater.


## The rush is on



Photo by Jenny Langworthy

Clubs gathered at the fountain area on Sept. 5 to sell food and tell new students about their organization. The next Club Rush is scheduled for Oct. 3.

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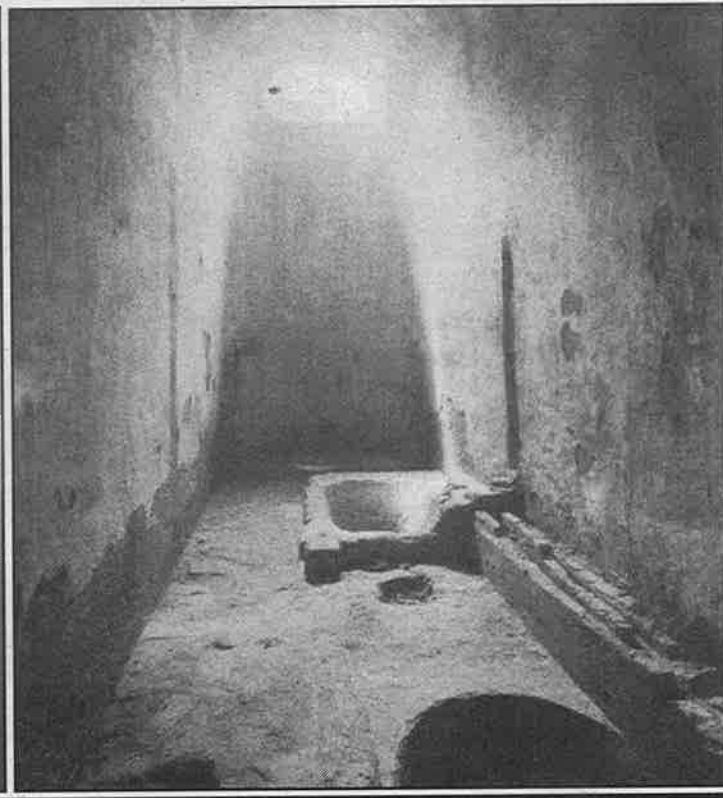
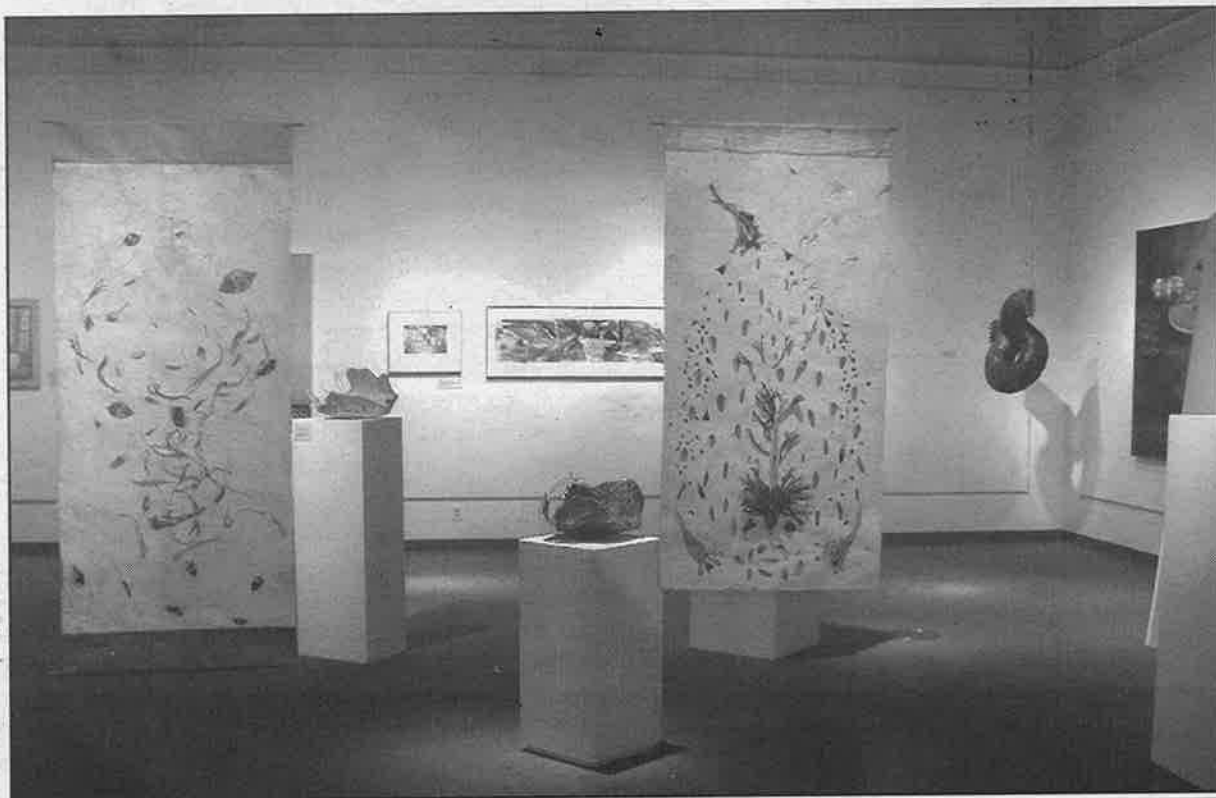
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# Art exhibit features talents of gallery faculty members



**By Jennifer Burke**  
Rampage reporter

On Sept. 6, the Art Space Gallery opened an exhibit featuring the artistic talents of its faculty members.

Representatives from the art community and local weather personality Kopi Sotiropoulos viewed the new exhibit.

Refreshments were served while giving people a chance to reflect on the eye-catching art pieces that stole hearts and imaginations.

Among the exhibits most popular pieces were Nanete Maki-Dearson's "Mary," Robin Gay McCline's "Summer Sailing on Hunington," E.Z. Smith's "On Your Marks," and Bill Heiderich's "Always Buoyant."

The exhibit is running until Oct. 12.

Photos by Louis Castro and  
Wendy Alexander





## PENNYWISE

## Land of the free too much

Whether you are a fan of Pennywise or not, it's hard to deny the influence the band has had on punk rock over the past decade.

Since their first show in 1989, these Southern California punk legends have established themselves as one of the country's leading acts, with one of the most recognizable sounds in the punk scene today. On "Land of the Free?", fans of Pennywise can expect to hear more of the same trademark style that earned the band its reputation.

Unfortunately, there isn't much on this CD that can't be heard on their previous six albums. As I listened to it, I couldn't help thinking that I had heard some of these songs before.

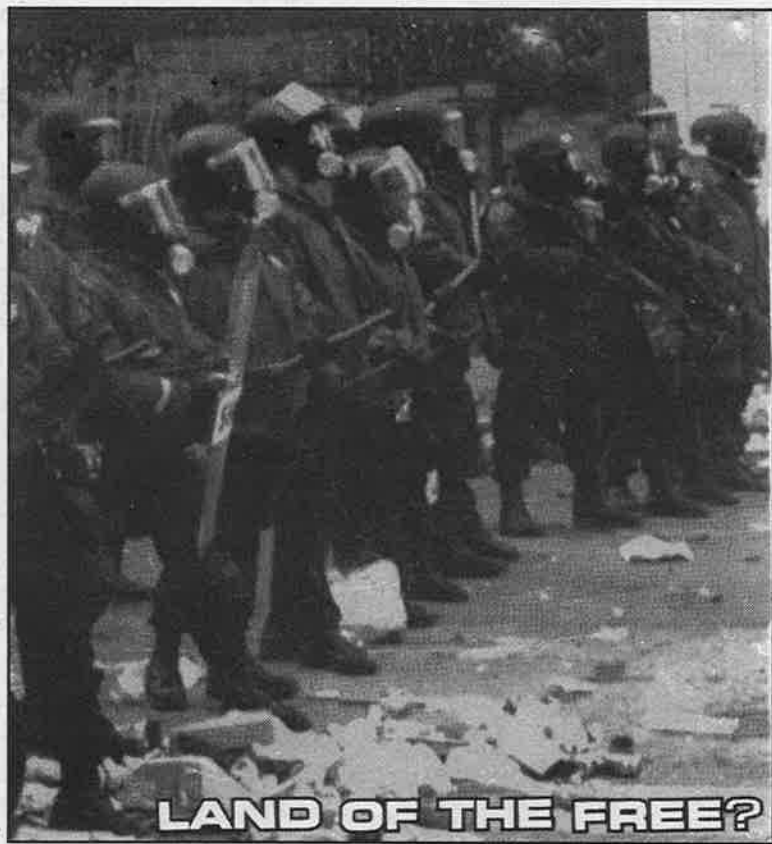
There are a lot of slower songs on the album, and combined with the unimaginative vocal lines, much of the album seems to drag on longer than necessary.

The album definitely has its strong points (Time Marches on and Land of the Free? are both excellent tracks) but overall, this album leaves much to be desired.

This album also marks the first



**Carl Geissert**  
Rampage reporter  
Music review



Auditions for a "Star Wars" move? Nah, it's the Pennywise CD cover.

time the band has allowed one of its albums to be mixed and produced by someone outside of the band, and people familiar with Pennywise will notice a big difference in the overall sound of the album.

The whole album sounds flat and over produced, a problem that

takes a lot away from the energy of the already slowed down music.

If you purchase this album, don't expect too much from it. Or better yet, buy Unknown Road or Full Circle instead. Both of these are great albums, and are both well worth the money.

## 'Down' ends up high on my list

The Los Angeles-based band, "System of a Down," is back to its old tricks. From its debut, self-

titled album, which brought out high-powered singles "War," "Sugar" and "Spiders," they continue to use their creative melodic, hardcore-metal punk style in their new album. Their new album, "Toxicity," is at the top of the charts at this moment because of the single "Chop Suey," which is being played on all local rock stations.

"System of a Down" is made up of four musicians: vocalist Serj Tarkian, guitarist Daron Malakian, bassist Shavo Odadjian and drummer John Dolmayan. "Toxicity" is an album that is full of surprises; with songs that are melodic straight through to the powerful guitar riffs that make this CD one of the best I have heard. With songs like "Bounce," "Science" and "Chop Suey," the band shows off its very different styles.



**Nick Bergstrom**  
Rampage reporter  
Music review



System of a Down members have another winner in their new album.

"Bounce" is one of the funniest songs I have ever heard. The song is about how Tarkian really likes his pogo stick. It is one of the faster songs on the album. The song "Science" is one of the more melodic songs on the disc, making it one of the cooler tunes.

With the grinding guitar, the pounding bass and the distorting of the vocalist voice, this song is pretty much about Tarkian feelings that science has ruined the earth.

The song "Chop Suey" is one of the coolest songs I have ever heard. Just the melodic introduction all the way through the heavy verse just makes me want to jump around. This song is just like the band's style, which is melodic, metal and punk.

If you are interested, check out their web site [www.systemofthedown.com](http://www.systemofthedown.com). I suggest to everyone who is into rock music to check them out.

## Horoscopes

By Josh Harding



## Aries (March 21 - April 20)

There are many distractions in your life right now, however you can overcome these by focusing on a particular relationship with a friend or family member. Try to strengthen this bond as best you can, and you will be just fine.



## Taurus (April 21 - May 20)

A long trip is in order for you... how about a trip to the store, buy me a Big Gulp? Aww, come on I get thirsty writing all these horoscopes! Don't think, just do it. It'll bring you great fortune, umm yeah... that's it, heh, heh.



## Gemini (May 21 - June 21)

You may catch yourself staring off into space. This does not mean you have something important on your mind but rather nothing at all. Avoid driving or operating heavy machinery for the next couple of weeks.



## Cancer (June 22 - July 22)

Many people will think you know what you are talking about when really you have no clue. They will begin to respect and love you for it. Just go along with it, your powers of persuasiveness and manipulation are strong at this time, so enjoy it while they last.



## Leo (July 23 - Aug 22)

Your ability to assess a problem quickly will come in handy when a sudden conflict arises in one of your relationships.



## Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22)

You will be setting your sights on a new business venture. Involving Scorpios or Libras into your plan will improve your chances for success. Be wary of plotting Pisces. They will try to throw a monkey wrench into your hopes and dreams.



## Libra (Sept 23 - Oct 23)

You know that little cartoon where the dollar bills grow wings and fly out of someone's wallet? Well, this week you're that someone. You need to cut down on frivolous spending, like that boxed set of John Candy movies... well, unless you really like the guy. Hmm, Uncle Buck was a damn good movie, though... hey, I don't know, it's your money!



## Scorpio (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

Pressure from your peers will put you into a dangerous situation. Keep your perspective in tense moments, and you will walk away from this week unscathed.



## Sagittarius (Nov 23 - Dec 21)

Take advice from everyone around you and be accepting of a helping hand. For some reason this month people will want to help you out. I don't know... maybe they feel sorry for you.



## Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 20)

This month you will feel exceptionally boastful of your talents. However, your motivation to perform will be less than adequate. In this case, putting yourself into a pressure situation may actually be helpful in allowing others to see your talent.



## Aquarius (Jan 21 - Feb 18)

Stay clear of white vans and dark alleys. There is an air of uneasiness surrounding you this week, but you can't seem to understand why. 9:00 a.m. will be a significant time for you this week.



## Pisces (Feb 19 - March 20)

Upon reading this horoscope, you will feel the sense that you got ripped-off. Yeah, well, sorry buddy, you were the last of the bunch, and my crystal ball is about out of juice for the week. I do, however, see you soon bumping into an old friend, and hey! Everyone loves old friends... especially if they owe you money.



## In short: Primer 55 rules

"The New Release" by Primer 55 is one of the best CDs to be released this summer. It's a cool second disc to follow their debut album "Introduction to Mayhem," which brought their original single "Loose."



**Nick Bergstrom**

"Intro to Mayhem" was a rage-filled CD in which the band let out all its emotions. They turned their emotions into a very powerful rap-core sound.

Primer 55 is a quartet from Louisville, Ky.: lead vocalist Jason, guitarist Bobby Burns, bassist Kobie Jackson, and drummer Preston Nash, formally of the band "Dope." Their first album was completely different from the new one. They changed there sound from a rage-filled bunch of teenagers to a bunch of jazz based metal heads, creating a dynamically diverse album.

They did a great job changing their sound to be enjoyed by other people. You can hear the change especially in the songs "Lessons," and "Lou Evil," in which they incorporated a horn section into the mix.



Primer 55 paints the town with its CD led by the single, "This Life."

This great CD is headed by the single "This Life," which is based on one of the lead singers friends, who was being abused and then shot her abusers. I personally love this song, from the powerful lyrics to the pounding guitar and base.

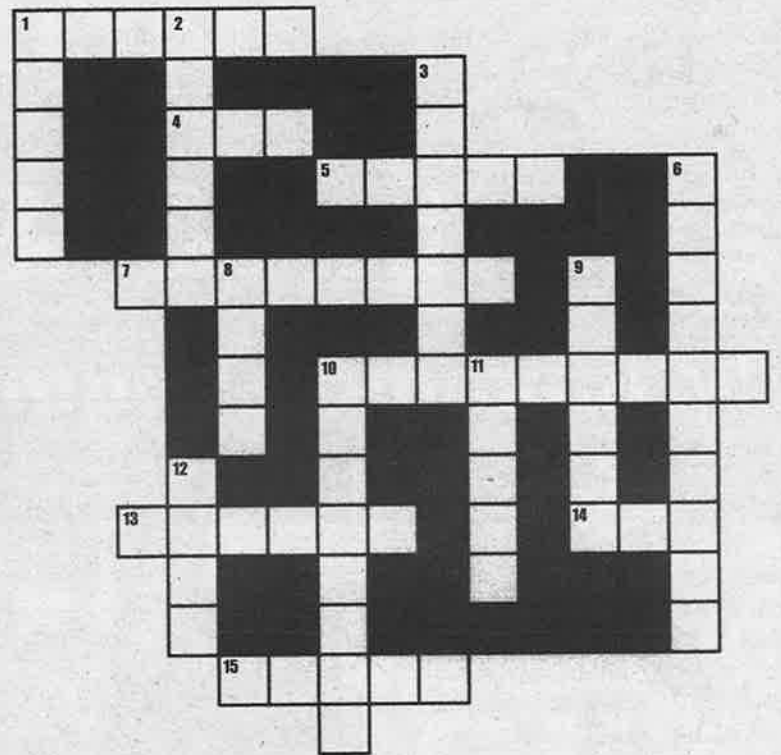
Then they came out with the jazz based song "Lou Evil," which is a contrast of style compared to their early stuff. The jazz style singing throughout the verse in the song, and then the chorus hit with the high-powered metal guitar. Then they throw in some horns.

They also add a twist with a

saxophone solo, which I thought was a good idea. Then they brought out the relationship song, "My Girl," which is pretty much about what being on the road does to a relationship, which is one of the best on the album. Guitar player Burns makes his singing debut in the chorus to "My Girl." To go with the hip-hop verse style, they also have a heavy guitar for the chorus.

If you want to know more about this band, check out their web-site [www.primer55.com](http://www.primer55.com). This new CD reaches out to many styles of music fans.

## Crossword



## ACROSS

- 1 Last name of the author of a book that uses a date for its title
- 4 A poisonous substance used to make some soaps
- 5 Word that appears on a shirt in City Life
- 7 Number of police officers on campus
- 10 What happened to a vehicle in lot G on Aug. 22
- 13 Magazine that was a sponsor of the "Gift of Life Tour"
- 14 Something a fisherman uses to catch fish
- 15 A.S.G. can provide \$250 for \_\_\_\_

## DOWN

- 1 A keyboard instrument that uses pipes
- 2 Our interim president's last name
- 3 The first name of the director of College Activities
- 6 Band that Shaun Bannon belongs to
- 8 A tangible object that is worshipped
- 9 "\_\_\_\_ Or Bust"
- 10 A poem about standing against the darkness of life
- 11 A drug derived from a flower that the British once fought over
- 12 Organization planning a protest against A.S.G. (abbr.)

(Some of this issue's answers are derived from the last issue)

## ANSWERS TO LAST ISSUE'S

## CROSSWORD

## ACROSS:

1. kangaroo
5. storm
7. pain
8. BSB
10. neglect
11. Windows
12. Pokémon

## 14. Outbreak

## 15. ruin

## DOWN:

2. absorb
3. grow
4. Rampage
6. RiverPark
9. Sony
10. Newton
13. Kea



Illustration by Josh Harding

## Whoa! Dude, I am a baseball coach

Last Wednesday, not only did I get a cavity filled, but I went to the sneak preview of "Hardball," the new Keanu Reeves movie. Now, ask me which one I preferred.



**Katharine Strauss**

Not only was the acting bad, but the movie was pointless, and just drop dead boring. Granted, the kids are adorable, and some show potential to go further in this career. Keanu, on the other hand, is just a pretty

face that is only in movies because of his "big name," somehow he keeps landing movies without being able to do the one thing that you would hope would be in movies, acting.

Reeves plays O'Neill, a loser with a drinking problem and a gambling debt bigger than the Grand Canyon. He begs a friend for money, which he wants to use to win more money to pay off his gambling. But he ends up having to work for it, coaching a baseball team in the projects. These kids, who give Little League a bad name, need as much help as he does. Together, they all grow, through thick and thin, tragedy

and happiness.

Meanwhile, as a side plot, O'Neill comes up with a love interest, the teacher of most of the boys, played by Diane Lane. So with the weak plot, bad acting and less-than-great script, this movie drags on and on.

Poor Keanu, his life is falling apart and he's acting like a grown-up Bill, from his infamous "Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure."

So, if you haven't already figured it out, this movie was bad, really bad. The critics were right when they said, "It is the worst baseball movie ever." Let's just say, I was glad to have gotten free tickets to see it.

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## 'Jeepers' just creeped me out

"Jeepers Creepers," the newest addition to the Teen-age Horror Flick, is a gigantic flop. I haven't

been that disappointed since I saw the 1980 B movie horror flick, "Killer Clowns From Outer Space." When you go to see a horror film, you should be scared. Right?

This movie was just not scary at all.

The movie was based on the song, you know "Jeepers Creepers, where did you get those peepers." If you know the song, you can probably follow the movie perfectly. The cast was very small and no big named actors or actresses graced the screen. There were the two main characters: Darryl (played by Justin Long from the TV show "Ed") and Trish (Gina Phillips). They are brother and sister, and they just whine at each other throughout the movie. At the beginning of the movie, the two kids are on their way home for spring break, when they found a frightening discovery inside the basement of an old church. They were harassed by someone in a big truck who chased them off the road in rural America.

This movie was nothing but a big bore, and they didn't help



Nick Bergstrom

Rampage reporter  
Movie review

things by adding a psychic. The psychic was the most pointless character in the entire movie. The psychic just dreamed all of the weird things that happened, and the things that are going to happen.

Then there was the cat lady, who had absolutely no relevance. I just thought they could have done a much better job with this movie.

Even the effects were bad, which is pretty much a first in the new horror films. The monster was fake looking – it was pretty much a guy in a mask

Even the sound track fell short of what it could have been. All of the other teen-age horror flicks usually have good sound tracks. So if you want to see this movie, go ahead and don't say I didn't warn you.

## Say What?



**"No one expects the Spanish Inquisition!"**

*With this feature we are testing your cinematic intellect. For those able to guess this week's film quote - you are amongst the elite. Last edition's answer: John Cusack, "Grosse Pointe Blank"*

## Jazzfest slithers into Chinatown

By J. Riley  
Entertainment editor

On Sept. 8, Fresno's Chinatown held the sixth annual jazz festival at Fresno's Fire Station #3, titled the "Chinatown Jazz 2001 Concert," as well as "Year Of The Snake, Chinatown Jazz."

There were performances by the Fresno Gumyo Taiko, Marc Antoine, and Keiko Matsui. A silent auction and a raffle were also held.

Much of the ticket proceeds went to support some charities, including the National Marrow Donor Program, which was also represented at the festival at a booth.

Antoine, a Frenchman, played some nice tunes on the guitar, yet much of the songs sounded eerily alike. Matsui played a wonderful mix of her old and new stuff, at one point being accompanied by her husband on a Japanese flute.

The highlight of the evening I have to say was when Matsui's husband did what appeared to be an unplanned, improvisational stand-up comic routine, in which he also joked that he did much of the music for the Arnold movies.

Tours of the firehouse were available for anyone who was in-

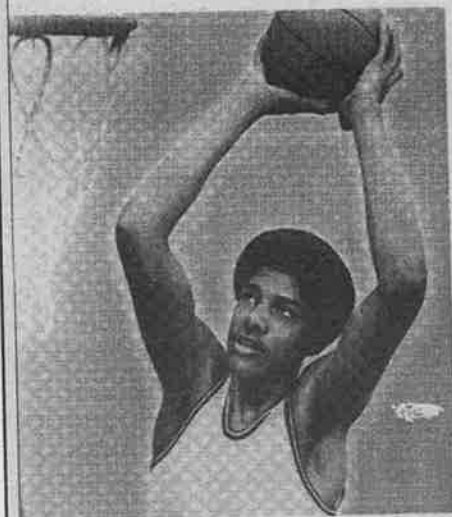
terested. The tour started with the kitchen, then into the office, around to the game room, into the barracks, through the showers and lockers, and finally to the recreation room.

One man during the tour convinced the fire chief to let him slide down the poll. Problem was, the guy was wearing shorts. The "poll burn" didn't appear to bother him too much.

The event was catered by many places, including Sweet Sensations Desserts, Bobby Brown's Catering, Allegra's Catering Company, Favorito Restaurant, and The Black-Eyed Pea. There were also booths set up by Perfect Blend Fine Cigars and Bodywork Massage by Gordon.

In the introduction in the program, the president of the Chinatown Revitalization Inc. of Fresno, Michael Yada, had this to say, "This sixth annual Chinatown Jazz Concert would not have happened without the many volunteers throughout the community. -I wish to thank them for their time and support not only at our Jazz Concert but at our many events throughout the year. They are what makes Fresno an All-American City!"

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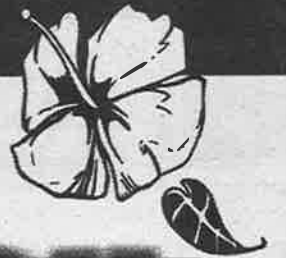
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# Opinion

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10 September 19, 2001

## City Life

by Jesse Garcia



## Condit, I salute thee



L. Gary IV

Rampage reporter

Opinion

Scream, tirade, rampage, and whine, oh malevolent media; moan bloody murder, glare with eyes of mal-content and scorn.

Oh, Gary Condit, scolded U.S. representative; who cries for thee? Argentina? He who hath not sinned, cast thee thy first stone! Who among us has not had a former acquaintance disappear without a conceivable trace – never mind if sex was involved!

Why Maury Povich himself “vanished” from vivid public view for several years at a time – was Connie Chung the subject of a federal investigation? Curse thy name, Modesto Bee! Innocence, is thy fruit no longer succulent? Can one no longer remain free until imprisoned?

O.J. Simpson, your guidance is needed.

Help Gary through the rigors of public scrutiny and political subjugation! Give him the “juice,” Orenthal, the “juice”!

Gary, Gary, I feel your pain. Despised, demised, your right to remain silent has been infringed upon – civil rights activists pump thy fists in the air! Back, back, you ruffians of medial contempt, is he not a man of convictions, such as thee?

Persecute him, harass his children and wife, divulge all from a skeletal past, if you must, but to blast his home, his sanctuary, with a yolk of ridicule, a yolk of absurd tyrannical thievery and assault, this, is to declare war!

I stand beside thee, Gary, with atomic bombs of civil liberty and cruise missiles of immunity; I am your grenadier of union, your flamethrower of felonious political handcuffs... let's just keep this our little secret. Wink, wink.

## 10 Recommendations

Just a few humble suggestions from the editorial staff

### Movie to see: 'O'

Yet another of The Bard's tales gets adapted for the big screen, and a younger audience.

### Video to rent: The Road To Wellville

A comical look at 19th century medicine

### CD to burn: The Love Songs of Andrew Lloyd Webber

A collection of songs from some of Webbers most popular musicals

### Book to read: The Fountain Head

Polled once at Berkley as the No. 1 life-changing book

### Website to view: www.nuttyites.com

A website of comedic things, including the hamster dance

### Place to go: Livingstones

Great tasting food in a wonderful atmosphere, located in the Tower District

### Live event: 2001 Art Faculty Biennial

A showing of work by our faculty in the Art Space Galley in the Art building

### Game to play: Mario Kart Super Circuit

A Game Boy Advance sequel to the classic 16 bit Super Mario Kart for the Super Nintendo and Mario Kart 64 for the Nintendo 64

### Television show to watch: Enterprise

The new Star Trek show airing on UPN on Sept. 26

### Poem to recite: In Memory of...

A poem by Fresno City College student Angela Wilder, in memory of those who died in the terrorist attacks.

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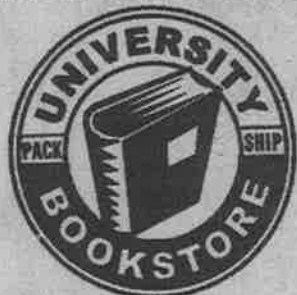
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# Dress for success, not Blackstone

I'm all for freedom of choice, believing everyone is entitled to their own opinion, even if someone else thinks it's wrong. And I believe everyone has the right to wear what they wish, but here is where I am going to be considered a hypocrite.



**Katharine Strauss**

Rampage reporter  
**Opinion**

Though I believe in the above, I also think people have the right to common decency. There are a lot of people walking around lately thinking "less is better." People, namely women, who are practically letting it all hang out. Who really wants to see it? Many schools have adopted dress codes preventing revealing clothing and the like. I believe that FCC holds a non-enforced dress code.

It's pretty much there to tell you to consider what is appropriate. Now, when I say non-enforced, I mean it is there to set some ground rules, but it won't send you home or call your parents to bring more "school appropriate" clothing to you.



Illustration by Jacob Franks

There are some aspects of the dress code that confuse me. While I understand that clothing should not be "inappropriately revealing," in "bad taste" or "sporting gang colors and affiliations" for a better "learning environment," I don't understand how hair can be disruptive to said environment. Last I heard there weren't any fights or deaths because someone's hair was an unnatural

shade of red or blue, spiked, braided or shaved. That doesn't really apply to a college as laid back as FCC, but it's enforced in elementary and high schools. Then again, I went through high school with purple hair and no complaints, so I think it's just a bunch of talk.

But I've gone off track. My point is people need to consider what they are wearing a little

more.

Perhaps not wear the top that doesn't fit right and you are falling out of, or the skirt that's just a bit too short and too tight ... but it's your choice.

Oh, and guys, pull your pants up! I'll tell you a little secret. Girls don't find that flattering. In fact, we don't want to know what brand of underpants your mother buys you.

# Is Social Security really secure?

It amuses me: observing the slow, painfully translucent excretion of the "baby boomers" and general senior citizens alike from the bowels of fiscal American society. I laugh as outraged World War II

vets howl sacrimoniously at Dick Cheney, John McCain, and the like, frowning their brows upon the latest "depletion" of social security reserves, faintly recalling the good ol' days of communist raids and socio-economic racism: before the "crazy" civil rights legislation and new wave hippies come to pass.

Hilarious, it is, to watch these fossils of petrified American experience strut around the Florida beaches and California sun, proclaiming victory as the latest MediCal & HMO reform acts are passed in congress. They cheerfully vote republican, vowing a return to blissful American conservatism ... (I pause to laugh in a haughty and uncontrollable fashion) ... yet the conservatism they support and uphold, now, nowhere compares to the conservatism they fought to maintain eons of political mockery before. They, indeed, are those whom America wants to slowly erode from the soil of it's society, just as they, indeed, sought the steady disintegration and dilapidation of their forefathers & the minority contingency of America in their time. Now, they are the minority of which systematic destruction reigns prevalent, they are the minority that is now struggling to remain afloat amid a constant tide of bi-partisan atrophy, they are the minority abused and discriminated. Silly baby boomers of Jim Crow laws and bombed black churches, you've now become what you once sought to eliminate. And I laugh. I laugh as they are herded into retirement homes and villages - revel in your 21st century interment camps! I smile as they are sent away to die ... abandoned. Poetic justice indeed, was never finer.



**L. Gary IV**

Rampage reporter  
**Opinion**

# What the Hamburglar leaves behind

Have you ever had your order be wrong at a fast food restaurant? Like if they forgot a soda or an order of fries? Well that's just the tip of the iceberg here in Fresno.



**J. Riley**

Entertainment editor  
**Opinion**

Now I know, you may be thinking, "This is just the complaint of a picky eater," but wait until you read this article before casting judgment, for after words you too may become a picky eater. Because I am a picky eater, I like to have my order the way I order it, with the meat, cooked, with the bun, and charged the price on the board.

First things first: overcharging. We always thought that the overcharging on our meal was a human error right? David Stansell would disagree. Stansell went to a burger joint on northwest Shaw. For easy demonstration, Stansell used the price of \$3 after tax, for the cost of his meal. When he got to the register they were charging him \$3.80. Stansell was not going to let that stand, "I don't like to be cheated," he said. He asked the guy what he ordered, and then they added it up together (minus the tax). "Then I asked him what the tax is to a dollar, and he said, '8 cents.'" Stansell told the guy to add that together and after a pause he answered, "\$3." "So,



Illustration by Josh Harding

how much is my order?" Stansell asked. "\$3.80," the guy answered. Stansell was furious and asked to see the manager, had the manager do the math, and (after a few long minutes) the manager came to the \$3 answer. Yet, he refused to allow Stansell to pay \$3 because the register said \$3.80. Stansell left without his food.

Many people like certain things on their burgers, while other people don't. It's a common situation in which a mistake can be made (albeit an annoying one). But when you order a quarter pounder with cheese, and say,

"with just the cheese and the lettuce," you don't expect it to come back with everything but the cheese and lettuce. Or even worse, when they get the toppings right, but forget the meat. Unfortunately these things happen at every fast food restaurant chain.

After all is said and done, above all else, this is the worst. When you order chicken nuggets, you'd expect to bite down into a golden nugget steaming from having just been cooked. Not a raw piece of processed chicken parts, completely uncooked. "I was almost sick to my stomach," re-

counted Elisabeth Schoenau, referring to a time that she received an order just like that.

Now, I'm not saying that you should avoid eating at fast food restaurants (well, depending on your cholesterol), but what I am saying is that you should be very careful with the people who work the register. The people I am describing may not be typical, but they frequently work the microphone. Yet, all we can do is be patient when we order a cheeseburger and they ask, "Do you want cheese on that?"



# Rams win tough and win big



By Anthony Galaviz  
and L. Gary IV

Rampage sports

This was for Junior Puletapuai.

After the tragedy at the World Trade Center and the untimely death of Puletapuai, the Rams had one thing in mind against College of the Siskiyous – winning.

The Rams did just that as the Rams jumped out to a 31-0 half-time lead en route to a 51-0 victory over the Eagles.

"After the game, we thanked

Junior," Rams head coach Tony Caviglia said from Weed, more than 400 miles from Fresno. "We came up here and decided playing is the best thing we could do for our players."

The Rams dedicated the season to Puletapuai.

With Puletapuai on their minds, the Rams jumped out to a 10-0 lead in the first quarter when Willie Johnson caught a 45-yard pass from Mark Hetherington. Johnson caught three touchdowns passes.



Photos by Louis Castro

Maurice Washington (No. 21 at top left) fights away from a Laney defender to score the Rams first touchdown (above). Providence Hingano (No. 45 bottom left) scraps for extra yards versus Laney, and Arthur Isa (No. 31 bottom) carries the ball in the 27-20 victory.

Hetherington threw his second touchdown pass of the game, connecting on a 70-yard pass to Maurice Washington in the second quarter.

Once again, it was Hetherington to Washington, this time on a 23-yard pass.

Washington had 103 yards receiving.

Hetherington had four touchdown passes for the game, completing 23 of 32 for 404 yards.

Earl Charles rushed 15 times for 96 yards with two touchdown runs.

Providence Hingano rushed 16 times for 104 yards.

After the game, the Rams prayed for Puletapuai.

"It feels good to come out with a victory," Loa Emmsley said.

"We prayed and dedicated this game and the season to him."

A week earlier, in their season and home opener, the Rams looked sluggish and Laney College took advantage of it, but for only three quarters as the Rams prevailed 27-20.

In the fourth quarter, the Rams found their offense.

With the game tied 20-20 with 48 seconds left, Lamonte Jones caught a 30-yard touchdown pass from Hetherington as the Rams went on to beat Laney in front of 1,200 fans.

Early in the fourth quarter the

Rams found themselves playing catch-up.

Trailing by six, Hetherington struck quickly, overcoming a failed field goal attempt by kicker Ron Anderson, connecting with 6-foot-5, 245 sophomore tight end Aaron Austin, his leading receiver on the day, for a 29-yard touchdown.

After another failed field goal attempt, FCC became deadlocked with Laney, 20-20, with 5:41 remaining in the game.

Later, Jesus Wright, a 5-foot-8 inch sophomore defensive back from Bakersfield, intercepted a floating Patrick Lane bullet and returned it 21 yards with less than a minute in the game.

In the first quarter, Laney's Lamont Robinson scored on a one-yard run, capping a 10 play, 77-yard drive.

Fresno City cut into Laney's lead when Oakland native Maurice Washington caught an 8-yard touchdown pass, giving the Rams a 7-6 lead.

It looked as if the Rams were ready to break the game open in the second quarter, quickly jumping out to a 14-6 lead on Hingano's 2-yard run.

But the Eagles came back. Lane connected with flanker Lorenzo Parham on a quick slant, bringing them within a field goal, 14-12.

However, a costly dropped pass on a two-point conversion attempt gave the Rams a 14-12 lead going into half-time.

Numerous Rams penalties in the third quarter gave Laney chances, and the Eagles took advantage of the miscues.

Laney scored on a 1-yard quarterback sneak. The Eagles converted on the two-point conversion, courtesy of Parham's reverse, giving the Eagles the lead 20-14.

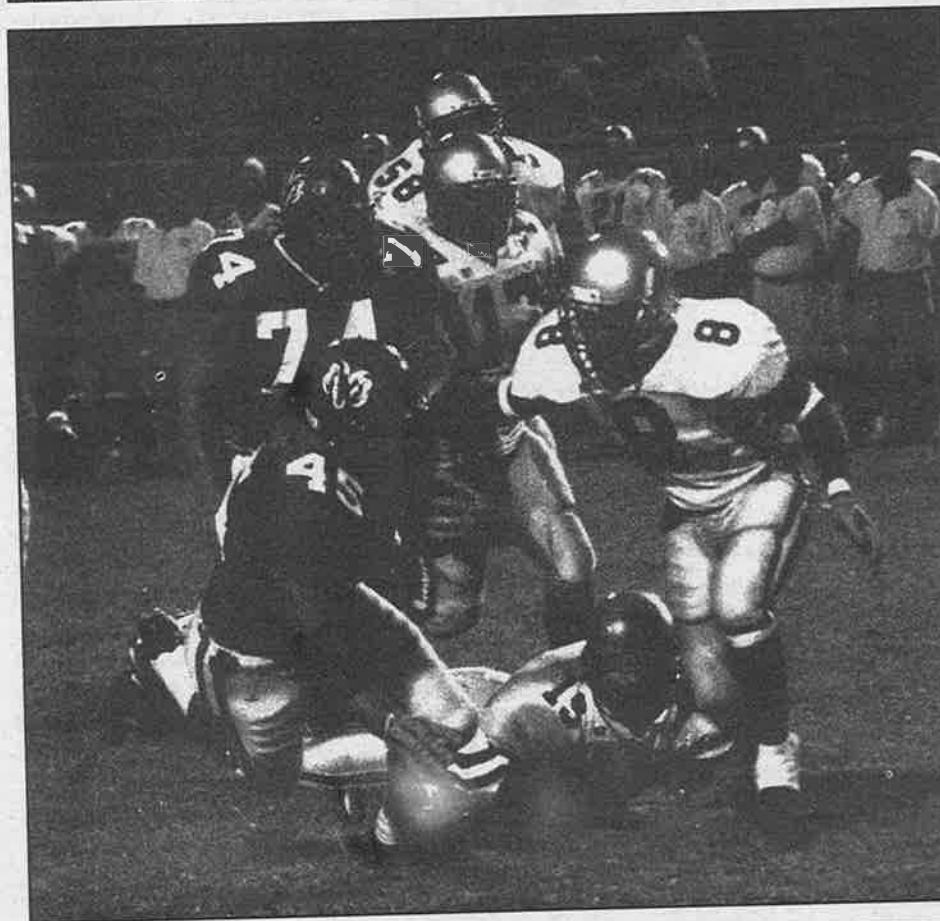
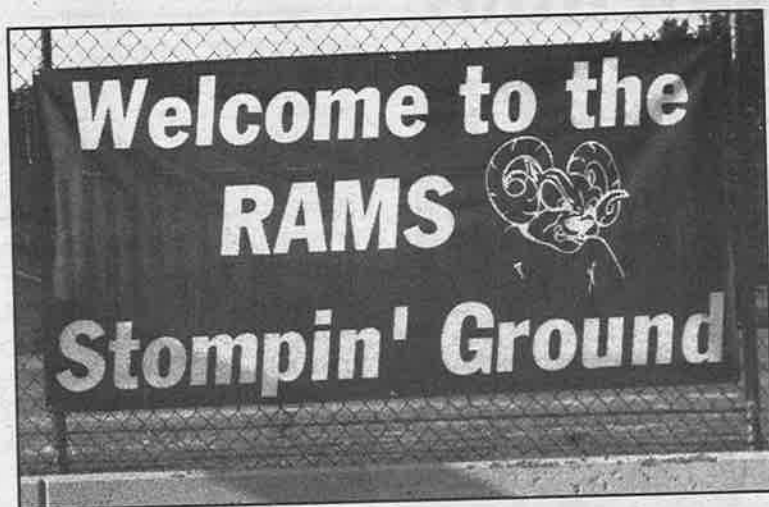
Also...

The California Community College Commission on Athletics and Cable Radio Network have announce plans to broadcast a "Game of the Week" beginning Sept. 22.

The Rams and College of the Sequoias were selected when they play at 1 p.m. Nov. 17 in Visalia.

"This COA partnership with CRN is another step in our continued efforts to promote community college athletics," COA commissioner Joanne Fortunato said in a press release. "It will allow us to showcase our fine programs."

CRN is based in Los Angeles and is broadcasted in 26 million homes nationwide.





# Silence the sports for a moment of prayer

A number of junior colleges, including Fresno City, and high schools around the valley carried on with scheduled sporting events on Sept. 12, the day after the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks.



**Anthony Witrado**  
Rampage reporter

**Column**

The FCC women's soccer and volleyball teams played matches throughout the week, and other Central Valley Conference volleyball and water polo teams went ahead with games. North Yosemite League high school tennis and water polo matches went on without a glitch.

Professional sports almost immediately canceled all scheduled events after the tragedies. All high

school and college events should have been as well.

The California Community College Commission on Athletics issued a three-sentence statement saying all sporting events would go on as scheduled.

"It is the position of the COA Board that we will not disrupt our programs and be victims of this chaos," the release stated.

As if we were not already victims by being American citizens, the COA says athletes must still compete despite a country in chaos. Where do we draw the line? How close to home must something like this hit for us to see there are far more important things than sporting events? Apparently, the most devastating terrorist attack in the history of the world is not enough to even get the commission to take their foot off the gas and think about tapping the brake.

Instead, the COA extremely vaguely suggested all games observe a moment of silence to honor the victims of the horrific attacks.

Thousands are dead. Many more injured. Countless affected. But one day after, all our community college system can spare is a moment of silence.

It is not about allowing those who felt so strongly in their cause they were willing to die and take others with them win. This is about showing respect not only to the deceased, but to their families. It is about recognizing the victims who fled downtown Manhattan draped in thick gray soot-suits. It does not matter how far away from the Central Valley these unfortunate events took place, as Americans, we should have showed more respect for those lives lost and injured as well as

the brave men and women helping to sort through the fire and rubble.

Then, as if the largest terrorist attack known to man was not enough, the Fresno City family was hit a second time with the devastating loss of football player Junior Puletapuai.

This tragedy did not take place 3,000 miles away. It was not on the other coast. It happened on the railroad tracks we have all crossed and been stuck at. Yet, the games went on.

"He would've wanted that, we think," Puletapuai's teammate Providence Hingano said before the Rams' 51-0 victory of the Siskiyou Saturday.

The playing of games and matches is just as upsetting as the shocking images of middle-easterners celebrating in the streets at the expense of dead

Americans. The people who perished as a result were not New Yorkers, Pentagon employees, people in planes we didn't know, or a football player we didn't have class with. They were Americans. Americans who deserved at least one day of mourning. One day of our thoughts and prayers. By competing, those deaths were put on hold until it was convenient enough to fit in.

The only games that should have been played that day should have been by our younger brothers and sisters in yards and driveways. They were not.

But maybe it is not such a big deal we went along with everyday life and competed in sporting events. After all, we were asked to observe a moment of silence. Right?

## Rams Roundup

By Anthony Galaviz and Kwanza M. Nelum

In the mist of national tragedy, the Fresno City College women's volleyball team still played on.

The day started off gloomy in Fresno. No one would ever think that this day would come, and it finally did. The World Trade Center attacks had affected us all, even in the sports world. No one wanted to play, nor talk, just sit back in awe of this nasty tragedy.

Even though affected, they show the hearts of true Americans. The Rams showed why they were winners against West Hills.

After losing the first set 30-20, the squad rallied the next,

"We were drained emotionally, and it was hard to celebrate," said FCC's Cami Rouse, "Coach looked at the team and told us to get it together."

That's exactly what the Rams did. Emotions were high as they beat West Hills the next set 30-26. As the following set rolled around, the Rams simply leaned on each other and stuck it to West Hills, 30-15. The final set was in the air until the end, but the Rams pulled it out 30-24.

The real moment came at the end of the game when everyone joined hands and formed a circle as big as the gym; every single ethnicity was joining hands, not worried about what color or race or sex.

It was a time of mourning during that moment of silence; a moment to reflect on all that America has done to heal each other at a time of need. The Rams volleyball team showed us something — that they are a team — and the world is a team, and we all can play on.

Because of the untimely death

of Junior Puletapuai, the volleyball team postponed its match against College of the Sequoias on Sept. 14.

### Women's soccer

The Fresno City College team may be young, but the Rams are giving teams headaches.

In the FCC tournament Sept. 8-9, the Rams fought hard against Antelope Valley, Consumnes River and Rio Hondo.

Against Antelope Valley, the Rams soared to a 2-1 win with goals from Corisha Johansen and Alma Aguilar.

In Game 2, Consumnes River College jumped out to a 2-0 lead en route to a 4-0 win.

After the first day of the tournament, Rams coach Oliver Germond was happy about his team performance against Antelope Valley.

"I was pleased with the first half," he said. "We showed a lot of things that we worked on in practice."

Losing 2-1 to Rio Hondo on Sept. 9, Germond felt his team would get better at season's end.

"We need to work on our conditioning," Germond said. "Our main thing is to say positive ... with a full of hard workers and tough competitors, there's no doubt that the win will come."

After hosting the FCC Tournament, the Rams (2-5) defeated Delta 4-2.

### Men's soccer

Good times continue to roll for the City College soccer team.

A 3-0 loss to Yuba College on Aug. 28 turned into a win because Yuba forfeited its win because of ineligible players, according to

Rams coach Eric Solberg.

After that, the Rams rolled into Redding and defeated Shasta College 3-0 behind Sean Sarkisian, Nick Anderson and Robert Perez's goals.

On Sept. 8-9 at the Hancock Tournament, the Rams beat Victor Valley 3-0.

Jason Pasma scored the Rams first goal at the 22nd minute on an assist from Anderson. Joe Romero scored Fresno City's second goal at the 42nd minute.

The Rams tacked on their third goal of the game when Raj Singh scored at the 64th minute.

In the second game, the Rams lost 3-2 to Rio Hondo.

The Rams tied the game 2-2 in the second half, but Rio Hondo got the game winner at the 88th minute.

In their game on Sept. 9, the Rams blanked Santa Barbara 2-0.

Singh and Pasma scored goals for Fresno City.

The Rams (6-1-2) made a statement against West Valley, scoring three goals in the first and second half en route to a 6-0 win.

"We're playing pretty good," Solberg said. "The guys are coming along."

### Women's golf

Fresno City golf coach Rhonda Williams expects her team to contend for the Bay Valley Conference title this season.

Her Rams didn't disappoint against Foothill College on Sept. 4.

Fresno City defeated Foothill 356-368.

The Rams continued to dominate with a victory over Shasta College 359-405 on Sept. 13.

Ann Olson led the Rams, shooting an 83.

No score was reported against College of the Siskiyous on Sept. 11.

### Cross country

The Fresno City College men's and women's teams didn't fare well in their own Invitational Sept. 15 at Woodward Park.

The men's team finished in 17th place with 419 points.

College of the Sequoias took the team title with 27 points.

Antonio Estrada was the highest Rams' finisher coming in 42nd place (22:50) in the 4-mile race.

Ozzie Pina of Mt. San Antonio College was the individual winner, coming in at 20 minutes and 43 seconds.

The women's team had 218 points for an 11th place finish.

Amanda Murphy finished 17th in the 3.1-mile race, coming in at 21:16.

Jenny Bell of Mt. San Antonio College was the top finisher with a time of 19:11 and led her team to the team title with 21 points.

### Wrestling

The Rams dominated their competition at the Modesto Dual Tournament Sept. 15.

Anthony Soltero (174), Russell Miurya (141), Brian Scheesley (197) and Rudy Lopez (157) all went undefeated.

In the finals, the Rams (4-1) beat Sacramento City 25-12.

Fresno City's lone loss was against Palomar 24-15.

### Also ...

Former Fresno City College standouts Gene Johnson and Bill Musick will be inducted into the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame on Nov. 8.

## This week in sports

### Football

**Saturday:** San Jose City College, 7 p.m.

**Sept. 29:** Foothill College, 7 p.m.

### Women's Volleyball

**Today:** at Porterville College, 7 p.m.

**Sept. 21:** Reedley College, 7 p.m.

**Sept. 22:** at Delta Tournament, all day

**Sept. 26:** at Columbia College, 7 p.m.

### Women's soccer

**Thursday:** Sierra College, 7 p.m.

**Friday:** at Hartnell College, 3:30 p.m.

**Sept. 25:** at Consumnes River College, 3:30 p.m.

**Sept. 29:** Cuesta College, 11 a.m.

### Men's soccer

**Friday:** at Consumnes River, 3:30 p.m.

**Sept. 24:** at Hancock, 3 p.m.

**Sept. 27:** at Porterville College, 6 p.m.

### Women's golf

**Thursday:** at Napa Valley College, 12:30 p.m.

**Sept. 25:** Sacramento City College, 12:30 p.m.

Men's and women's cross country

**Saturday:** at Graeagle Invitational, 9 a.m.

**Sept. 28:** at Crystal Springs Invitational, 3 p.m.

### Wrestling

**Today:** Moorpark College, 7 p.m.

**Saturday:** at Sacramento City College Tournament, 9 a.m.

**Sept. 26:** Skyline College, 7 p.m.



## Valley feels the impact



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### Taking it to the streets

Compiled by Jenny Langworthy

Where were you when you heard about last week's terrorist attacks?

"I was at home. I was scared and sad and shocked to hear it. I didn't think that something like that could ever happen."

--Erika Aguilar



"I was at home. I had just woken up, and I turned on the television and I saw it on the news."

--Alex Valle

"I was at home. My daughter's boyfriend called and asked if I had heard about the World Trade Center falling down. I was in total and complete shock."

--Lou Weaver



"I was on the bus on my way to school, and some old guy just started talking to me about it."

--Kristina Chan

"I was at home watching television. I think that the security could have been a lot better. They should have seen the plane coming from a long way off and done something about it."

--Ruth Woodard





# Ellish had good reason to stay open

By Terry Azamber  
Rampage reporter

Art Ellish, interim president of Fresno City College, had a deeply personal reason for keeping the campus open despite the tragedies at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. His stepson is a pilot for American Airlines. He had called the Ellishes on Sept. 9 to let them know he was scheduled to fly from New York to Chicago.

Terrorists hijacked and crashed two airliners into both towers of the World Trade Center in New York, one into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and another outside of Pittsburgh on the morning of Sept. 11. The final death toll is still unknown, but many estimate that more than 5,000 people may have been killed.

"One of the major desires of terrorists when they commit these acts is to shut down our country, and I'll be damned if I contribute to that," Ellish said.

Ellish found solace in his daily routine of running the college while he kept abreast of the news reports through a portable television in his office. There were anx-

ious staff members who had family and friends in New York or employed at the Pentagon.

Ellish beefed up security on the campus to avoid confrontations between students. He asked teachers to excuse any students who were absent that day.

"People were understanding. I'm not going to demean anyone who decided to close up their shop or stay home," said Ellish.

For Ellish, it was important to keep working. In 1986, his son, a student at FCC, was killed in a car accident. The accident happened on a Sunday. Ellish, who was separated from his first wife at the time of his son's death, returned to work the following day.

"I was criticized as an unfeeling human being. But Fresno City College, my job, was my salvation. At work I was surrounded by people who liked and respected me."

Ellish waited anxiously through the newscasts until his stepson called from Chicago to let his family know he was safe. He praised the students for the memorial service that was held the day after the tragedies. He described

the ceremony as moving.

Ernie Garcia, Associated Student Government president, wore a white ribbon to commemorate those who had died. He said there were no more memorial services planned at the time.

"I was shocked, horrified, when I found out what happened." Garcia expressed concerns that there would be a war.

Sergeant Marvin Reyes of the State Community College Police Department said the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon were an act of war. He cautioned that the country needs to make sure its actions in locating and retaliating against the perpetrators are guided by the Constitution.

"We have a history in this country of stepping on the liberties of minorities in times of war such as the Japanese internment after Pearl Harbor. Shock will change into resolve, and the resolve will be to get the bastards. These are the times when law enforcement officers have to ensure the rights of citizens are not trampled on," Reyes said.

He reported that no Middle

Eastern students had complained of harassment, but there were few Muslim or Arab students on the campus the day of the attacks.

Imani Rashid, president of the Islamic Political Party of American Student Alliance, said an Armenian woman had been harassed by other students who made derogatory remarks to her. Rashid said the media was responsible for the fear that Muslim students are feeling.

"We are upset with the media for always describing terrorists as 'Muslim terrorists.' They try to associate the individual with the whole." Rashid complained that Skinheads were never described as Christians. "There are Arab Christians, Arab Jews, Asians who are Muslims."

Rashid was concerned about the media's misinterpretation of Muslim beliefs.

"Human life is very precious. The soul is created by Allah. Islam does not condone suicide or the taking of innocent life. We only fight those who fight us. America throws it off as casualties of war when they hit civilians.

Christians have killed more people than any other religion."

Chancellor Judith Redwine, inspired by a desire to increase her cultural awareness, decided to sit in on a class on American Pluralism this semester. Originally from the Midwest, Redwine said she chose to move here because of the ethnic and cultural diversity in the San Joaquin Valley. The class took on new meaning after the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The event caused her to reflect on her spiritual beliefs.

"We are all members of the human family and spirit. This event is a time to heed the call — we've been given another opportunity to learn we are one. Those attacks could not have happened if the terrorists had any sense that we were united."

Reyes spoke of the need for the country's citizens to unite together. "We are all immigrants and we should cherish our diversity. Liberty and democracy are being challenged. The color red in the flag is the blood that pays for liberty. The price of freedom is high."

## Students' reaction just after the tragedies: shock

By Anthony Losongco  
Special to the Rampage

The terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon struck the student body with immediate feelings of shock, fear, anger and helplessness.

Students on campus, almost all aware of the news within hours, attempted to continue with daily life as they voiced their concerns and contemplated the impact of events.

Four hijacked planes crash-landed on the East Coast on Sept. 11, hitting both towers of the World Trade Center in Manhattan and the Pentagon in Virginia. The ensuing fires collapsed the towers and much of the Pentagon, resulting in major casualties.

The news spread quickly through the FCC campus.

"I received a call from my mother, and she said, 'We are being attacked. The twin towers are falling,'" said Andrea Jones, foreign languages major.

Esmie Lopez, nursing major, was listening to her car radio, and became "concerned" upon hearing the news. "I thought, 'Oh my God, that happened while I was asleep?'"

Students expressed strong emotions about the attack, some placing responsibility on a vari-

ety of groups.

"The CIA and other American spies have been terrorizing other countries for years, and now it's come back on us as a wake up call," said David Brave, sophomore sociology major.

Many said they felt "shocked," "scared," "surprised," "devastated," "defenseless," and "depressed."

Alberto Reyes, first-year student, said he does not "feel safe."

"It scares me that they could do something like that with all the technology we have."

"I think it's a terrible tragedy, and I think whoever did it should be punished in the worst way possible," said Ephraim Aguirre, fourth-year student.

"It is wrong that it happened," said second-year student Samuel Akoidu. "The U.S. government plays a big part in the world and I think it was bound to happen."

Grace Wirt, a campus scheduler, said, "As soon as we figure out who it is, we're going to war."

The tragedy touched several students with a personal connection to Manhattan. Also, emergency measures nationwide, such as business and government closures, affected many students' perspectives.

Christine Habid's class was canceled because the instructor's

brother allegedly boarded one of the hijacked planes.

"It makes me worried and scares the hell out of me," the senior said.

"I'm in shock and in horror," said Judith Dunn, nursing student, whose friend works in the Pentagon. "This hit my family pretty hard."

Jason Cook, computer engineering major, said a classmate was "hysterical" because her husband works in the World Trade Center.

Most students, however, tried to conduct their normal business, attending scheduled classes. Meanwhile, television sets in the cafeteria were tuned to the news, and people discussed the attack both inside and outside of classrooms.

An unidentified female student remarked, "It's sad, but I still have to go to class."

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### Losses

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stepdaughter and son. His immediate family flew to Colorado on Tuesday for a memorial service today.

Heiderich says the immediate pain is gone, but the whole thing still seems a little unreal.

"When you see the movie Independence Day, the first thing you think about is the White House (exploding)," Heiderich said. "To know he could have stopped that from happening in real life, it makes me feel proud. When you think of all the great American leaders to live in that place, it's amazing. George Washington, (Abraham) Lincoln, it's amazing."

Others at FCC also were affected by the tragedies.

The planes that hit and demolished the World Trade Center possibly took the lives of two two family members of FCC student Lemuel Gary IV. Gary had two uncles in the building at the time. One is still missing and the other is presumed dead.

"When my family heard about it, we tried to call," Gary said. "We couldn't get through all day, though. Only to other family members who hadn't really heard anything either."

"Before I knew what was going on, I was kind of (mad) because I usually watch cartoons in



Jason Dahl

the morning, but all that was on was the news. When I finally realized what was going on, I was at a loss for words. I didn't really know what to think about it. I didn't think anything, I couldn't."

Gary was only one of many.

FCC freshman tailback Earl Charles is from Brooklyn, N.Y., and had two family members that he knew of in lower Manhattan at the time.

Charles' aunt works near the World Trade Center but had the day off. His cousin, Sherie, worked in one of the collapsed towers, and Charles and his family had not heard from her immediately after, but later did find out all his family members had been accounted for.

Charles said he called home every 10 minutes when he found out what happened, but it took him three hours to finally contact his family.

Charles wasn't completely immune to tragedy, however. An assistant coach of his high school football team was in one of the towers and was later pronounced dead.

"It was crazy," he said. "I hope they catch who did it."

FCC student Margaret Gaus lost an aunt who was in the World Trade Center. Gaus also has a sister who lives two blocks away from the Pentagon, which was hit minutes after the World Trade Center, but was not injured.

"It is still hard to believe this whole thing took place at all," Heiderich said. "The Greeks can't write drama like this."





Photo by Louis Castro

Most will remember Junior Puletapuai as No. 66 on the Rams football team. He died Sept. 13 after being hit by a train at a crossing at FCC.



Photo by J. Riley

## Junior: His death is mourned by many



Photo by J. Riley

The Amtrak sits on the track shortly after the accident at the Weldon crossing at FCC.

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Puletauai would have wanted them to do.

"The team voted unanimously that we play on Saturday," Caviglia said.

Providence Hingano, who brought Puletauai to his home, couldn't believe what happened.

"Honestly, I'm kind of speechless, man," he said. "But I know he would want us to play on, and we're going to use this to our advantage by dedicating the season to him. He's everyone's brother."

The tracks have been an issue at FCC for years.

"The past two years, we've been working closely," said John Ferdinandi, the chairman of the Fresno Area Residence for Rail Consolidation. "It hasn't happened because there has been no community effort and no political work."

Forty trains pass the campus each day. Thirty are freight trains and 10 are Amtrak trains traveling at high rates of speeds.

Asked about putting an overpass, chancellor of SCCC Judith Redwine said: "Railroad overpass won't work. It would not be necessary. To solve the problem, the tracks need to be moved."

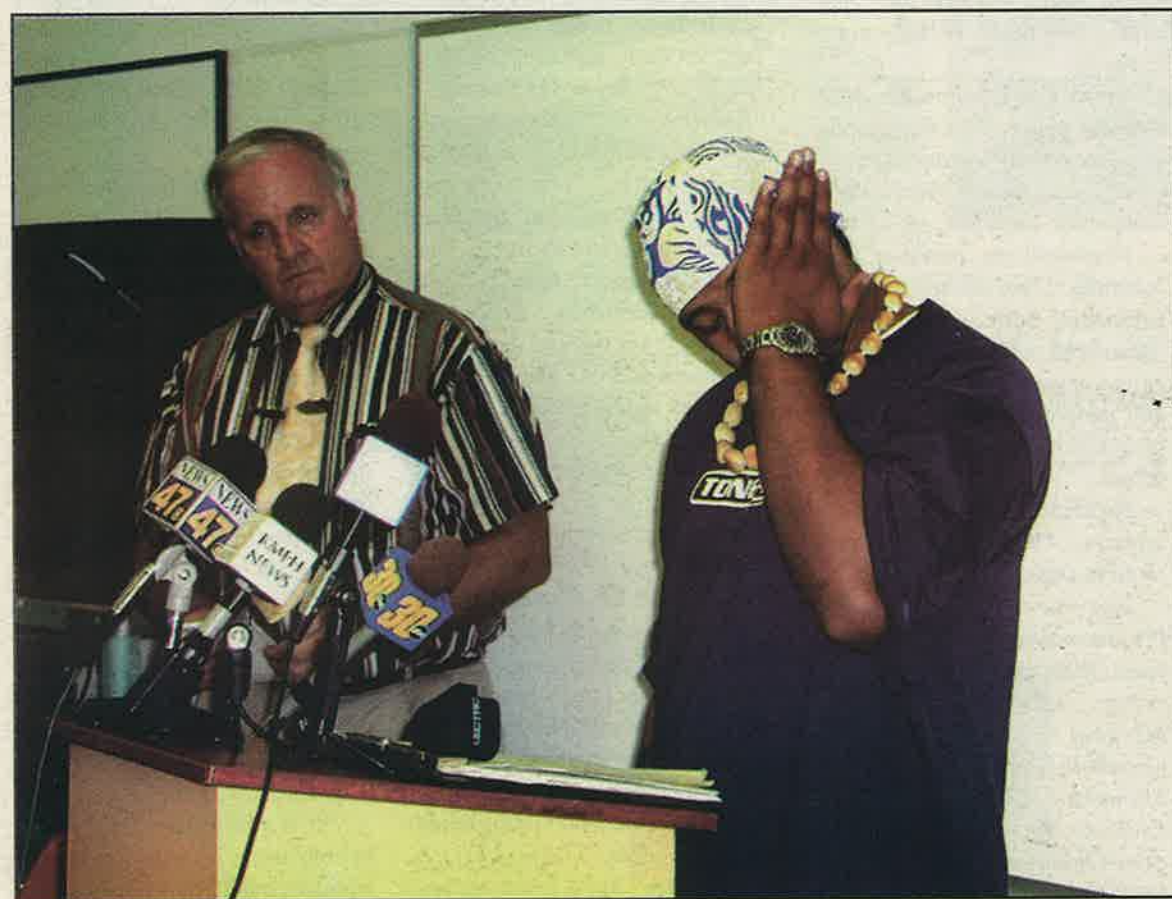


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FCC running back Providence Hingano wipes his eyes while talking about his friend Junior Puletapuai.



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A memorial wreath graces the locker used by Junior Puletapuai.