

## District police keep watchful eye on FCC

By Latasha Ball  
Rampage reporter

Every day, police officers risk their lives for the young and old alike, not taking into consideration who they are, or even where they come from. The State Center Community College District Police Department takes pride in protecting the students of not only Fresno City College, but the district's other campuses as well.

"We provide not only law enforcement services but what I call convenient services to people," said SCCC Police Chief, Marvin Reyes, who explains that they do more than just protect and serve the public, but they also care about making the experience of FCC students easier and more enjoyable.

"If you had to have your car jumped one time or had to have someone unlock your car, you've made all your money back," said Sergeant Charlie Anderson, who has been working for the SCCC Police Department for 27 years.

The responsibilities of the SCCC Police Department go above and beyond courtesy calls. "We try to have an officer here 24 hours a day on campus to protect the property, buildings and handle anything that goes down like burglar alarms and fire alarms," said Anderson.

"You have to understand that people actually put their lives on the line every night for a special purpose," said Ramon Ruiz, police cadet, who also added "We're willing to lose our lives for another officer as well as the community themselves."

According to the National League of Cities, 41 percent of the

larger American cities surveyed, said students have been seriously injured or even killed due to violence. "There are not many people that you meet who are willing to give their life for a stranger and I can speak for all of us here who would do that in a heartbeat," said Jeremy DeMoss, on behalf of his fellow trainees at the Fresno City College Police Academy.

All police officers, including the SCCC police officers, have the same responsibility to serve and protect the public, along with being mentors. "I joined the academy because I want to be a mentor to the young kids that are coming out," said police cadet, Tim Smith. A problem festering at FCC is the need for more police officers on campus and throughout the surrounding colleges. "I think when we build the new Clovis facility at Willow and International, the district needs to seriously review its police staffing levels so we can provide a meaningful service there," said Reyes.

According to the California State University, Fresno, Police Department web site, they are staffed with 20 full-time peace officers and five trained dispatchers to serve a student population of 20,000 students. In comparison to Fresno City College who has 13 full-time officers, two full time dispatchers and five student dispatchers to serve the population of 22,000 students.

"There are 13 sworn officers that we have including myself. That's taking into account four counties, 6,000 square miles, Oakhurst and Reedley," stated Reyes.

Fresno City College monitors a

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Photo by Lenette Huxley

FCC's Tim McKinney makes a rush towards DeAnza's goal in a 1-0 victory against the Dons, on Nov. 23.

## Men advance to soccer semifinals

### Home win puts FCC in state Final Four

By Josh Butters  
Sports editor

FCC's men's soccer team will pack its bags for a trip to the Lemoore Soccer Complex on Dec. 7-8 for the California Community College championships.

The Rams advanced to the state semifinals after defeating No. 3 seed DeAnza 1-0 on Nov. 26 at Ratcliffe Stadium.

The lone goal came on a Larry Villareal cross that was shot by 1st team all Coast Conference forward Tim McKinney in the 7th minute of play.

"Larry told me he was going to try and get me a ball," said McKinney. "He did and I beat the keeper and it went in."

FCC's berth in the final four marks Coach Eric Solberg's second in his fourth year at FCC. The first

was in the 2000 season.

"The game could of went either way," said Solberg. "Beating those guys [DeAnza] 1-0 is a huge accomplishment."

Solberg was also named CC and Northern California coach of the year.

The Rams improved to 21-2-3 on the season, setting a school record for victories in a year.

In the first two rounds of the

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Photo by Margo Woodward

Visitors stroll the grounds of the Old Administration Building during a public tour. Measure E will help modernize and restore the building.

## District plans bond spending

Now that Measure E and Proposition 47 have passed, SCCC must decide when and how to carry out voters' Nov. 5 mandate

By Luis Quezada  
Rampage reporter

The election results were in favor for major improvements for State Center Community College, especially Fresno City College.

"I'm so pleased that we were collectively able to accomplish that toward the district, it's a quantum leap for, with respect to our facilities," said Judith Redwine, chancellor of SCCC.

The bond will provide sufficient space for classrooms, which would occur with the renovation of the Old Administration Building, more parking spaces,

improvements for Applied Technology courses and the Fire and Police Academies.

"I think that the bond measure passing is a terrific opportunity for Fresno City College and for the Fresno community. I think that the college will reinvent in the same format that was invested initially for the future of this valley and for the future of this college," said Ned Doffoney, FCC president.

FCC continues to accommodate more student enrollment year after year and this approval is expected to help. "We never could have, could hoped to make the progress that we were making with this bond mea

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# News briefs

## FCC collects for needy students

FCC is pushing to collect enough donations for 300 gift baskets for deserving students this holiday season. Those students in need this year will receive food, toys and gift certificates from the staff and student donations.

Last year FCC's Holiday Baskets Committee assembled 250 baskets, which went to students that the campus departments nominated.

Those wanting to help can stop by the Business Office Cashier's window by Dec. 11 to submit a form and tax-deductible donation. Any amount will be accepted; \$25 funds an entire basket. A thank-you card in the Administration Building will recognize the donors.

For more information on the holiday gift basket collections, contact Gurdeep Sihota in the College Activities office, 265-5711.

## Bookstore fills donor's stocking

The FCC Bookstore is also spreading holiday cheer with its own donation drive. For a lucky donor who gives money, gifts or canned food, the Bookstore will reward that person with a special prize.

The Bookstore's campaign will benefit FCC families. Donors can go to the Bookstore and give a cash donation, contribute a canned food item, or pick a star that represents a gift for a child.

Donors can fill out an entry form

## News briefs policy

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at the Bookstore, and at the end of the drive Dec. 16, the Bookstore will hold its "Great Stocking Raffle" at noon.

## Offices take Winter Break too

After students leave campus for Winter Break, Fresno City College offices will close for a week between Christmas and New Year's Day.

The Winter Break officially takes place between Dec. 23 and Jan. 3, after finals week. Campus offices will open Dec. 23 and Dec. 24 before closing Christmas Day. Offices will reopen Jan. 2 for the spring semester. Spring 2003 classes will begin Jan. 13.

The regular hours for the Admissions and Records Office, located in the lower level of the Student Services building, are: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday. The office will open 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays from Jan. 11 to Feb. 1.

## FCC applauds employers

FCC will honor the businesses that interview and employ its students — and those students who work for them — at the fourth annual Employer Recognition Luncheon Thursday.

Ernest Smith, associate dean of students of workforce development and special services, will help congratulate more than 500 companies where FCC students seek jobs. Stacy Anctil of Valley Service Connection Inc. will receive the Employer Spotlight Award.

Eight students representing the FCC academic divisions also will receive incentive awards. All eight are employed by valley businesses. The Employer Recognition Luncheon will take place from noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the Cafeteria.

The incentive award winners are: David Barnes, air conditioning major, employed by Bell-Aire Heating and Cooling; Anissa Mull, fire technology, American Ambulance; Yesenia Zamora, business technology, County Department of Children & Family Services; Tracy Boyett, registered nursing, Clovis Community Hospital; Vivian Lucchesi, art, Countrywide Mortgage; Thomas Barnes, general education, U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development; Richard Lopez, water science, Westlands Water District; and Mary Galvan, child development, Webster Elementary Children's Center.

# Police log

From the files of the SCCC Police Department

## Nov. 15

- District Service Officer to report regarding vandalism at Eules Pa
- DSO dispatched to field house regarding vandalism, discovered student injured. Student went to Nurse for treatment. Report taken.
- DSO took report regarding vandalism to sign in Parking Lot T.
- Officers observed and contacted truant students on DeWolfe camp. Turned over to Fresno Police.

## Nov. 18

- Sergeant took report regarding theft at Career and Technology cen
- Officer took report regarding theft of backpack from the bookstore
- Officer dispatched to library regarding disruptive student. Student advised. Report taken.

## Nov. 19

- Officer took report regarding theft from T-207.
- Officer took report regarding theft.
- Officer took report regarding stolen wallet.
- Officer took report regarding vehicle burglary.
- Officer observed vehicle traveling at an unsafe speed, initiated stop cited and released driver.

## Nov. 21

- DSO took report of vandalism.
- Officer observed speeding vehicle on campus, initiated traffic stop. Diver cited.
- Officer took report regarding non-injury hit and run.

## Nov. 23

- Officer took a report regarding stolen bike.
- Officer took report regarding vehicle collision.
- Officer took report regarding ill spectator.

## Nov. 25

- Officer took late report regarding student being harassed by another student.
- Officer took report regarding theft from vehicle in Parking Lot D.

## Nov. 26

- Officer took report regarding burglary from Parking Lot F.
- Sergeant took report regarding theft of backpack.
- Officer took report regarding vehicle burglary.

# Campus calendar

## Events

Employer Recognition Luncheon — noon to 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Cafeteria  
"Great Stocking Raffle" Drawing — noon, Dec. 16, Bookstore  
Police Academy Graduation — 3 p.m., Dec. 20, Theatre

## Activities

Holiday Gift Basket Donations — through Dec. 11, Business Office

## Public Affairs

SCCCD Board of Trustees Meeting — 4 p.m., Tuesday, District Office

## Arts

Margaret Hudson "In Retrospect" Exhibit — through Dec. 13, Art Space Gallery  
Woodwind Choir — 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Recital Hall  
"Sylvia" Theater Production — 7:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Saturday; 7:30 p.m., Dec. 12-13; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Dec. 14; Studio Theatre  
"City Dances - In the Studio" Production — 8 p.m., Thursday and Friday; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday; Dance Studio  
"The Pirates of Penzance" Production — 7:30 p.m., Friday and Sat-

urday; 2 p.m., Sunday; Theatre Piano Recital — 4 p.m., Saturday, Recital Hall  
Community Concert Band Holiday Concert — 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Tower Theatre  
Student Voice Recital — 7:30 p.m., Monday, Recital Hall  
Brass & Percussion Ensemble — 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Theatre  
FCC Concert Band — 7:30 p.m., Dec. 11, Theatre  
Jazz Ensemble — 7:30 p.m., Dec. 12, Theatre  
Choral Music Holiday Concert — 7:30 p.m., Dec. 13, St. Therese Church

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# Four foreign study programs to take flight next year

By Tony Losongco

News editor

State Center Community College District's study abroad programs demand months of planning. But those who have taken the time to prepare for study abroad say the experience was definitely worth the wait.

The district has held informational meetings throughout the fall semester for its four spring and summer 2003 study abroad programs, drawing dozens of Fresno City College students who start raising money and making arrangements for the trip.

Yasamin Jamali, a third-year FCC student, went to England last semester through the district's study abroad program. She joined FCC's London or Bust Club in its fund-raising activities to help earn money for the program — more than \$6,000.

"Well for me, I started a year prior to the [program], and during that time I was working two jobs," Jamali said. "On top of that, you need spending money, at least \$2,000."

Now back in Fresno, Jamali said the program paid big dividends upon her return.

"It's made me a more independent person," Jamali said. "It has taught me to be

more responsible in my studies, and it's made me realize how important these types of programs are, because you get to meet different people."

For anthropology major Kristie Jacobsen, the Mexico summer program brought home the importance of firsthand learning. Before studying abroad, she took an on-campus course that covered the same material — Mexican archaeological ruins — through textbooks.

"You only can look at so many pictures, look at so many drawings...you don't really get a true sense of what you're encountering until you actually go there and see it," Jacobsen said. "I didn't quite understand how enormous the actual structures were."

Jacobsen said her experience in the study abroad program enhanced her overall education. "You really develop lifelong friendships. Personally just from the learning experience, [it] makes me even more interested and more committed" to the field of anthropology.

Kim Quesada, the district's study abroad coordinator, said almost 40 FCC students joined the 2002 programs in England, Spain and Mexico. She expects a new criminology summer program in London to attract additional FCC students.

"The district welcomes any new study abroad programs, and we always are encouraging our faculty to develop new programs," Quesada said. "One of the factors that dictates how long we will continue with a program is how well it is received by the students."

Quesada cited a former district program in Costa Rica that was discontinued due to low student response.

The program costs often compel students to plan early. Quesada said that the semester

## More Info

**Upcoming informational meetings:**  
 England - criminology summer program  
 6 p.m., Thursday, District Office  
 Spain - summer program  
 6 p.m., Dec. 11, District Office  
 For more information on study abroad programs, contact Kim Quesada at 244-5906.

in England, which costs about \$6,800, pays for airfare, housing with a British family, and other expenses excluding the district's \$11-per-unit tuition.

"Those fees are hard to raise," Quesada said. "And it's a big sacrifice for the students." For the summer programs, Quesada added, she has been told that financial aid does not cover study abroad unless a student has unused funds remaining for the summer term.

While Jacobsen said her pre-program planning took about six months "trying to get the funds available" for her summer program,

Quesada suggested that potential England travelers plan between nine months to a year in advance.

Interested students can attend infor-

mational meetings as early as September of the previous year. Quesada said they write a one-page essay outlining their reasons for study abroad.

"Typically, the way they respond is that they want to see what's out there," Quesada said. "When they come back, they are chomping at the bit to go back again."

Jamali felt that her British experience was important to her because she could not duplicate it in America. After reading novelist Jane Austen's works in class, she had the chance to visit the author's home in England.

"And also because of the courses they offered, you could take them here, but to take them over there would be so much more beneficial because you actually get to see and experience things you wouldn't see in class," Jamali said.

However, both Jamali and Jacobsen said the programs taught them about life back home. "I not only learned more about British culture and history, but I learned a lot about American culture and history," Jamali said.

"Just learning about the basics is just like learning about any other country," Jacobsen said. She added that the Mexico program taught her about "going outside of your comfort zone, going outside of the box."

Jamali summed up the experience for the program's promotional materials: "Studying abroad is a wonderful opportunity that everyone should take advantage of, because you will learn so much about yourself and other cultures."

"You will get to experience and see things that you have always dreamed of, and most importantly, you'll come back a more culturally tolerant and mature individual," Jamali said.



FCC student Sara Ramirez prepares for a math exam in the study-friendly surroundings of the Tutorial Center. The Center provides help with writing, test preparation and general assignments for students throughout the State Center Community College District.

Photo by Emily Atkinson

# Students seek finals week help

*Tutorial Center sees influx of nervous test takers and those afflicted with writer's block*

By Josh Harding

Rampage reporter

Finals are almost here, bringing either relief or stress, or maybe both based on your performance throughout the semester. Some students have kept high enough grades so far that the final exam is of little concern, while some of us are riding on the borderline of a letter grade and are counting on doing well at finals for one last boost. Some of us just want to get it over with.

Second-year student Isabella Pazoua is feeling the crunch.

"Right now it's really hectic already," said the English major. "I can't believe finals have already come up."

Pazoua doesn't have to worry about in-class exams as much as she does the deadlines for the final essays due in many of her classes. She uses the library or Tutorial Center as peaceful setting to study and catch up on her work.

"I think it's [Tutorial Center] a really great help. I concentrate way better there than just outside or somewhere else," said Pazoua.

Shawn Ruble is a social science major, he is an older student, this is his second year at FCC. Ruble is holding an A in all his classes and has little at stake come finals week.

"Finals are good, I've got good grades so I'm not really concerned," said Ruble. "I'll just study like I do for any other test and it'll all be over soon enough."

Ruble also makes use of the Tutorial Center and library as study grounds. The rock and mineral samples housed in the library were especially useful to him for a geology class he is taking. He believes all the information students need is made available to them.

"When these resources are available, the only reason you wouldn't know it, I guess, is if you didn't take the time to go do it," said Ruble.

Undoubtedly, the tutorial center becomes a popular place at this time in the semester. Its main installation down the hall from the library has a study area, computers and student tutors to answer questions and assist with a variety of subjects. Johnny Pena is a student tutor; he has been at FCC for nearly 2 years and is working at multiple science and math majors. In tutoring students he has seen a common problem.

"A lot of the times students are very focused on a certain line of thought", recalled

Pena "the rest of the stuff they won't really study and that's where they have the most problems, and they come in knowing little to nothing".

Pena often has to cram an entire semester's worth of information into students who have become hung up early on. As for his own finals Pena admits he has been slacking on studying a little, but feels confident that he will do all right. He's anticipating his cumulative physics final to be the most difficult and for good reason.

"As a matter of fact I didn't take any notes this semester", laughed Pena when asked about his preparation toward the test.

Pena is one of about 73 other student aide tutors who work in the main branch of the tutorial services. The services also include a larger computer lab located in the same building and a math lab located in the math and science building. Students can receive help by either appointment or on a walk-in basis. Dr. John Spolsdoff, director of honors and student success oversees the tutorial services and notes a growing trend in students using the service.

"Some three years ago we generally would have on the whole an average of 800 to 1,200 students per semester. Last spring semester we had 5,987 different students come through the tutorial center...and as of last week we've passed 6,000 students," said John Spolsdoff, director of Student Services and Honors, oversees the Tutorial Center's activities.

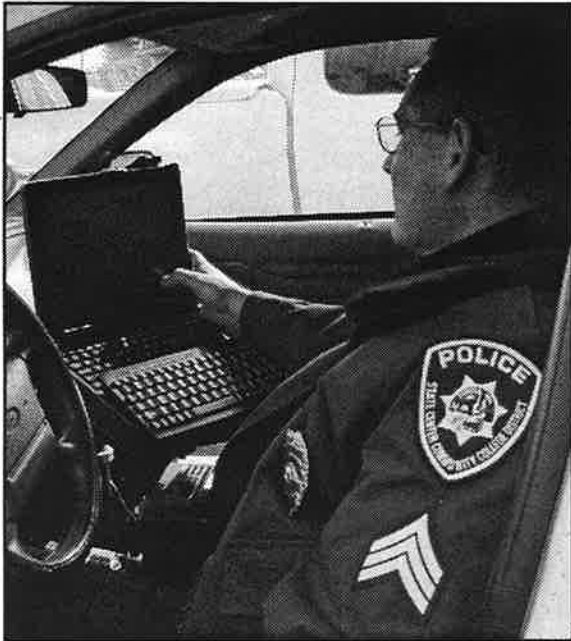
He adds that about 85 percent of the students have made repeated visitations to the Tutorial Center. The service is open to any student from this district; students from the Clovis center or Reedley College often stop by for help. Tutors receive training in how to assist students under different circumstances; with finals so close stress and anxiety are becoming a more prominent characteristic in students seeking help. Spolsdoff is confident in his staff being able to make it through the crush.

"Look at it with sensitivity," Spolsdoff tells his tutors "and with the ability to meet their needs. Then afterwards with a sense of humor and not as a personal thing."

The semester may be winding down, but the tension is building for some. If you've made it this far you've probably put in at least some time and effort. So you're seriously stressing out over some class just remember this: it's only because you care, and that's a good thing.



Sergeant Charlie Anderson displays the computer technology installed in his squad car. Anderson has been working for the SCCC Police Department for 27 years and is a graduate of the FCC Police Academy.



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larger area compared to Fresno State, and also has to take into consideration travel time and distance to the other campuses in the district.

"If we are here which we are most of the time, and something occurs in one of those distant locations, even if we know about it, it takes us travel time to get there to deal with the problem," said Reyes.

One technique that will assist the SCCC police officers on monitoring all the colleges is security cameras. "Yes, I feel very strongly regarding the need for such technology. In fact, we're working right now on installing cameras at the Madera Center," said Reyes.

Reyes added, "without the ability to see what's occurring there, it's really hard pressed to provide a meaning level of service in this area, with the officers we have on staff right now."

"I would like to put a couple of cameras to look into the parking lots so I could see what cars go in and out because if you know what you're looking for, then you can go back in your records, find it in the system, get the plate number and go looking for your suspect," said Anderson.

The SCCC Police Department has written agreements with local agencies to help respond to any problems that may arise at the other campuses. "If they have a crime at the north centers, we would contact the sheriff's department or the CHP [California Highway Patrol] to send an officer who is on duty,"

said Anderson.

On the other hand, that can change if the SCCC Police Department receives the level of service it needs. "We can provide at least some level of safety for both facilities providing that we get the level of staffing that we need," said Reyes.

Many officers are not equipped to handle problems that occur in today's society. "Officers are really ill-suited in many ways to deal with the long festering problems that occur in our neighborhoods," said Reyes.

As a result, FCC Police Academy was established to better prepare future police officers. "You train for the worst and hope for the best," said Ruiz.

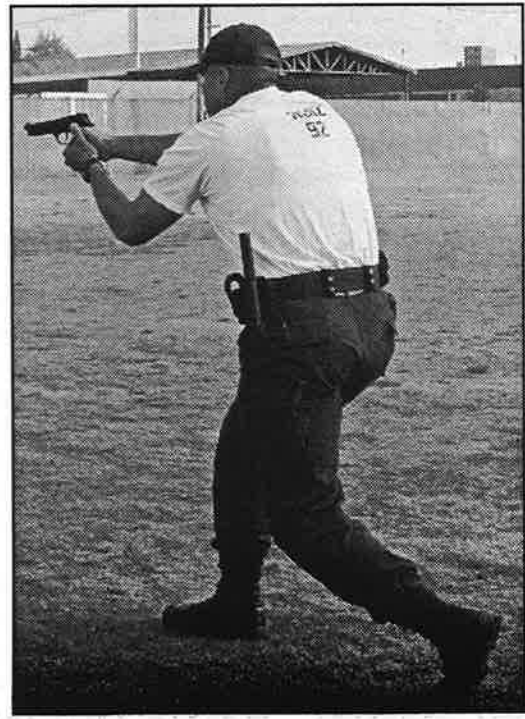
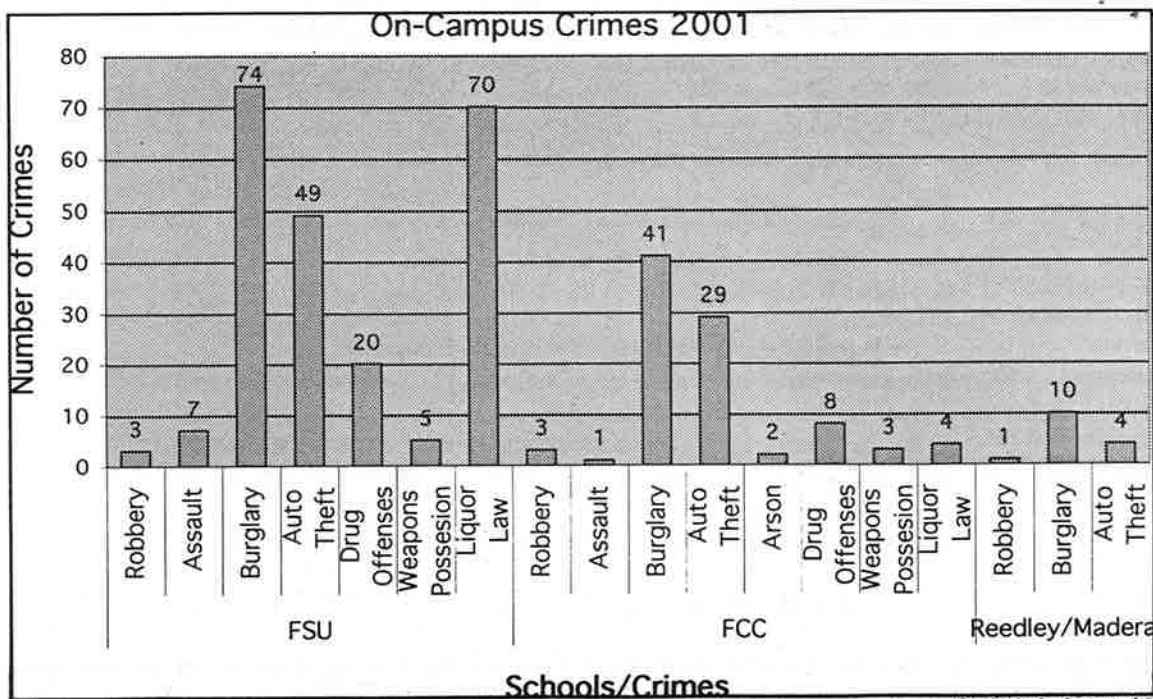
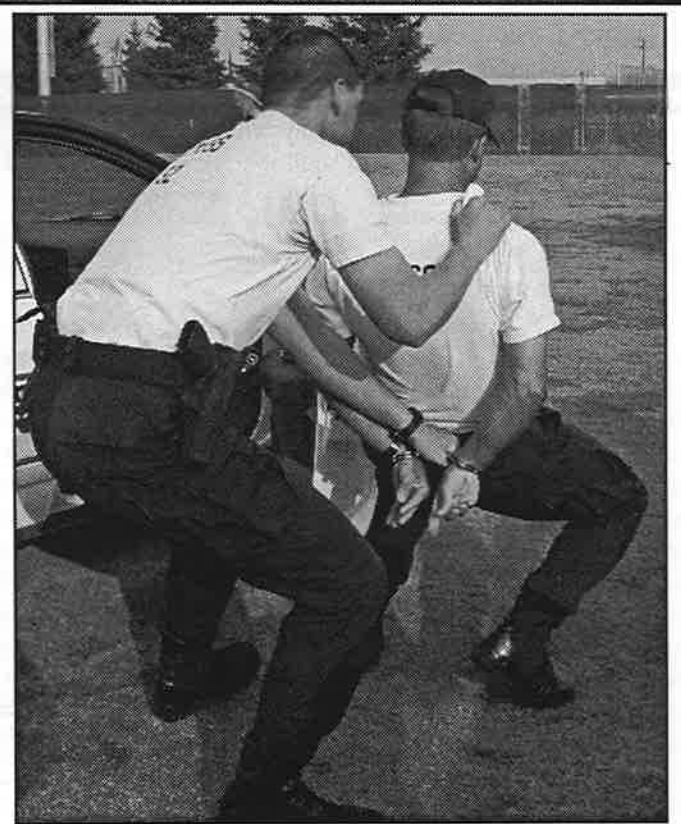
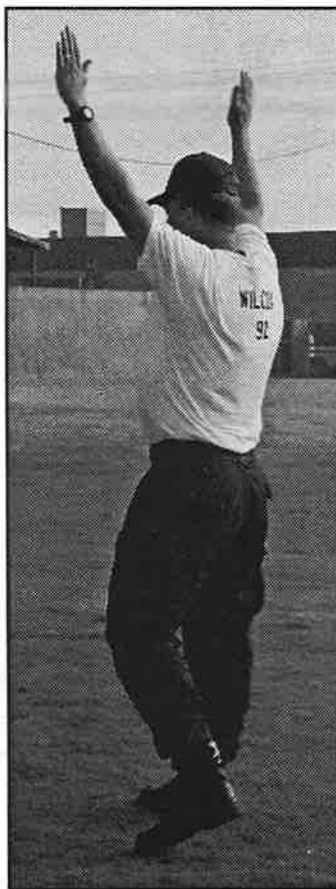
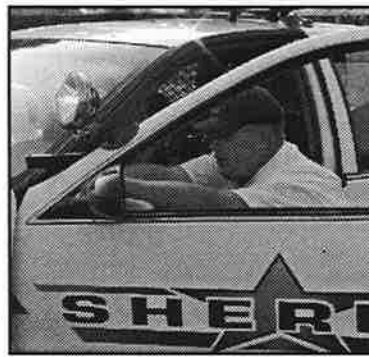
"Anytime you can get more training with law enforcement, you'll be better off in the long run," said Anderson, a graduate of the FCC police academy. He started to work for the SCCC Police Department 27 years ago, and has nothing but praise for the academy.

"I have a lot of respect for the people I went to the academy with," said Anderson.

The SCCC Police Department would gladly assist the FCC Police Academy if it needs anything to further training. "If they needed something from us, we would work with them," said Anderson.

Regardless, the SCCC Police Department is heading in a promising direction. "We're pretty innovated and fairly equipped with everything we need to do the job. I think the future's only going to get better if we keep moving in the direction that we're going," said Anderson.

# Future OFFICERS on the PROWL



FCC Police Academy, class No. 92, shows what they are made of in one of many training exercises on arresting procedures. They graduate Dec. 20, after completing five months of training. The cadets pictured above are: Ramon Ruiz, Jeremy DeMoss, Scott Machado, Tim Smith and Mark Wilcox.

Photos by Wendy Alexander



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sure, never, and yet it's all facilities that are desperately needed in this district, if we are to be able to continue to meet our increasing enrollment," Redwine said.

Jerry Duncan, Fresno City Councilman was in favor of the bond and encouraged voters of Northeast Fresno to vote in favor of the bond. John Wallace, Bond Campaign Co-Chair was able to have the bond measure approved by the Board of Trustees at SCCC for the November ballot. He expressed how he hoped the measure would have the letter "E" to represent education, employees, economic impact and excellence.

That is just what some FCC students are hoping to see reflected. Nancy Sumaya-Martinez, Student Body President at FCC showed her interest in providing offices for part-time instructors so that they are able to meet with students for additional help. Kenneth Webb a cadet in the Police Academy feels that there should be more enhanced and additional instruction and training opportunities.

Bruce Morris a resident in the FCC area was also in support of the bond because his grandfather was a professor in the OAB and he and his parents have lived in the area since 1928. However Morris does not support the idea of building a campus on International Avenue because the City Council is also opposed, so therefore Morris thinks SCCC will get a variance to the acceptance of the land. He would support the idea if land were purchased near Roosevelt or any other Central Fresno High School.

Mariposa Ramirez, an FCC student has one thing on her mind and that is to improve parking on campus. Students are faced with parking problems every semester, especially with the first week of school, causing students to arrive late to their first class.

"That is a continual problem,

unfortunately I never met a college student who didn't have a problem with parking, no matter what era it was in or what part of the country or what type of college," Redwine said. Redwine recommends students take courses at other colleges such as Reedley and Madera to cut down on the parking situation.

With the expected \$16 million, next year, parking will be one of the first priorities to be implemented. "There are a number of ideas that will enhance the number of parking spaces on the campus, to providing the most site parking, to providing special spotted parking as differentially to assure that there is a possibility of drab parking from one site, so there is lots of ideas, a lot of those have been actually determined to be focal point ideas of parking and we will receive a lot of input," Doffoney said.

In 2005 another \$50 million are expected to be received to continue the reconstruction of FCC. The OAB will be up and running in the future, but some arrangements need to be made before anything occurs. "We're to soon to do that yet, there are some legal requirements that must be put in place before we can actually plan the facilities, [it's] certain to have a college plan," Doffoney said.

Since there is so much planning, action is not being delayed. "We will begin immediately, for example to advertise to all the professionals that would be the engineers, architects, construction companies, so that they know the full scale of the projects that will be available, that's the way they prefer it and then they will pick and choose which building or project they want to work on, so we will then begin with that immediately," Redwine said.

There are two areas that need to be searched for in specific. "When we're looking for architectural services for the Old Administration Building, we'll need to have at least two sets of skills, somebody who has respect for buildings that are for buildings on a historic preservation list and have some sense of what to do with them, to put them back to

use and still preserve the historic dimensions of the building, but secondly we need someone who is familiar with the Office of State Architects in Sacramento and all of the regulations that need to be abided by with the respect of the state," Redwine said.

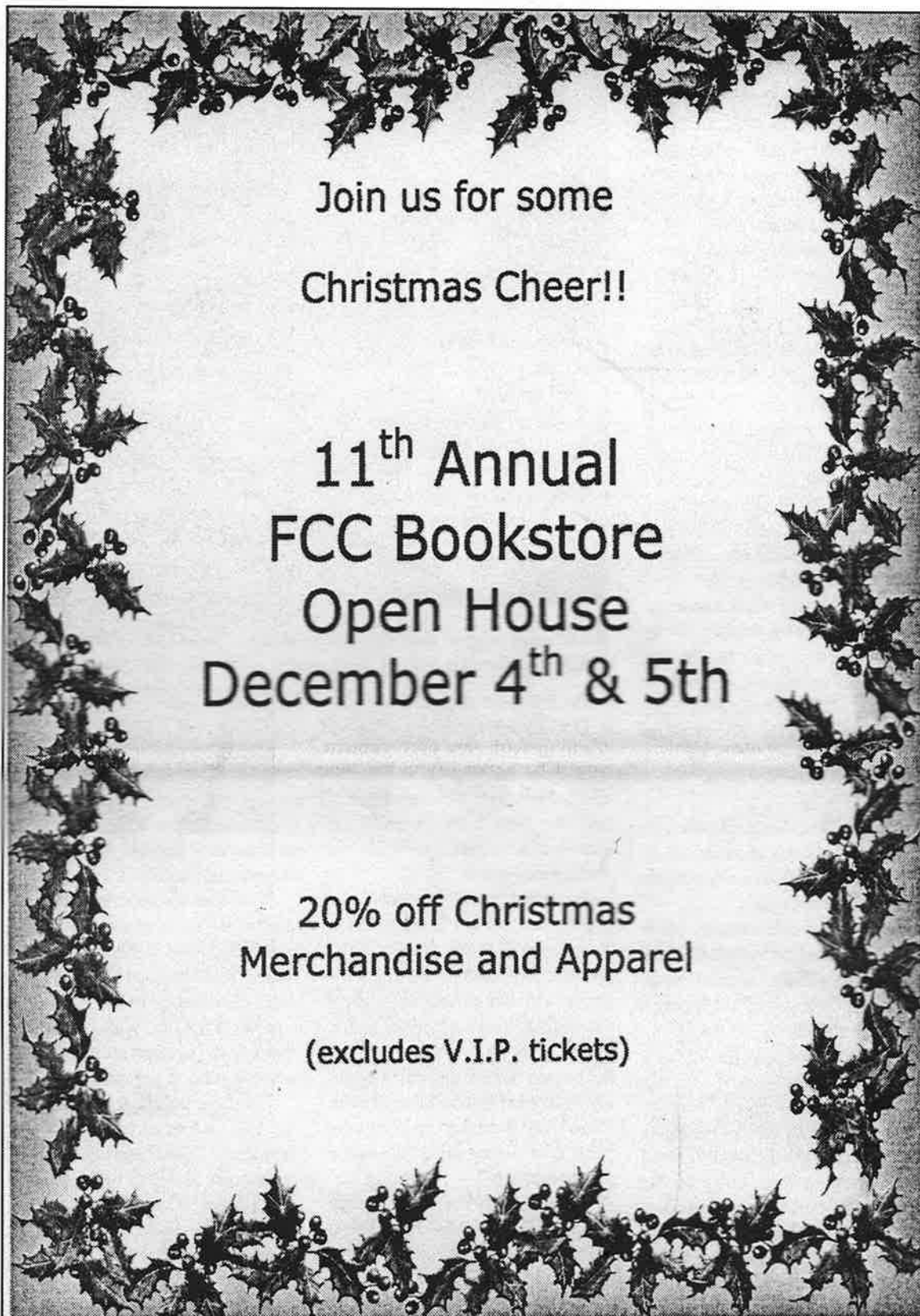
They might find one architect that can do both or possibly not. They're not sure where they'll come from, but it's positive that they will require having those two skills, Redwine mentioned. She

anticipates that the selection of the architects will take four to six months and the design of the interior 12 to 15 months.

Other plans are to accommodate students at another campus. "The plan is for the South East center to be composed of programs that are available at the current Career and Technology Center, plus credit programs, so it will be a comprehensive center," Redwine said. These programs are general and applied education, as well as services that

include the Child Development Center located on Annadale Street.

With all of this in mind SCCC is on its way to a transformational future, with a few goals in mind. "I would like to see our colleges have national recognition, I would like to see us become more involved in international education, so that when our students leave here they truly will have their global citizenship and they're prepared to function in a global community," Redwine said.



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# Holidays reflect family values

By Tony Losongco

News editor

While most Americans prepare for Christmas, Fresno City College students of other cultures and religions will celebrate a variety of holiday traditions. But as different as Hanukkah, Hmong New Year and Ramadan are, they all spring from a focus on family and morality.

Many of these observances will go unnoticed on the FCC campus, as timing after finals week or low student participation contribute to their low profile. But FCC students and staff hold to their traditions during the Christmas holiday season.

Forouz Radnejad, adviser to FCC's Muslim Student Organization, is observing Ramadan, the Islamic calendar's holiest month. This year Ramadan ends Wednesday, concluding a month of daily fasting, family time each evening, and constant faith and reflection.

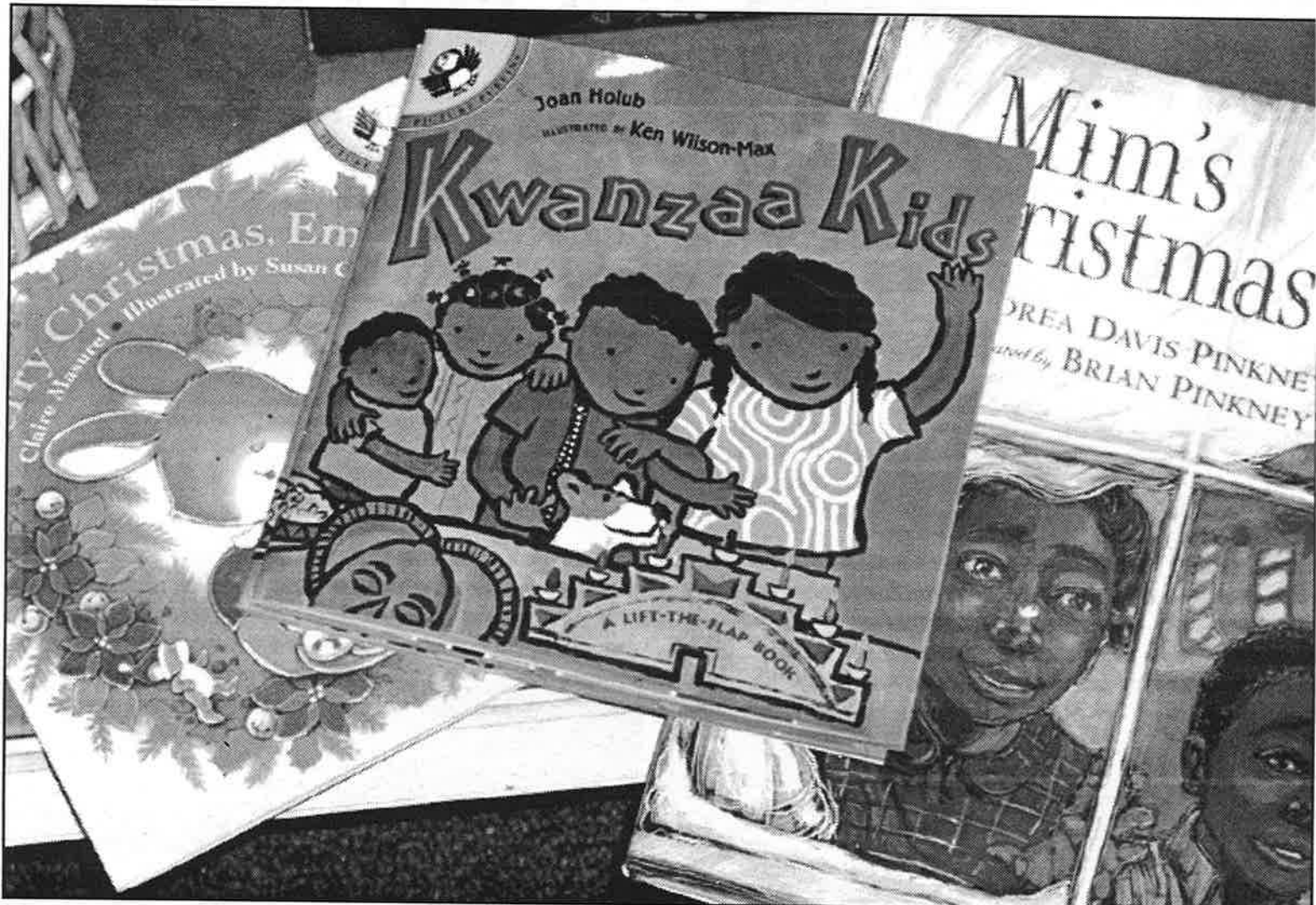
"Those nights the angels are coming on Earth and are taking your prayers to God," Radnejad said. "His mercy is in even a higher level those specific nights."

Daniel Kline, a vocal music student, celebrates Hanukkah, the remembrance of a miracle after the Maccabees reclaimed a temple in 165 B.C. "The story also goes about how there is enough oil to dedicate for the temple for one night, and it lasted for eight," Kline said.

The Jewish calendar observes its holidays beginning at sundown, so the last of Hanukkah's eight nights starts Friday evening.

Some other celebrations, while not recognized as religious holidays, have strong cultural roots. Kwanzaa, established in 1966 by a California State University, Long Beach professor, has grown as a seven-day celebration of African-American culture.

Kwanzaa uses each of the seven days to promote a different cultural value, moving from unity on the first day to faith on the final day. The holiday draws people of various religions and cultural backgrounds while promoting pan-African values.



Books on display in the FCC bookstore help explain to children the traditions of Christmas and Kwanzaa. Kwanzaa, created in 1966 by a California State University, Long Beach professor, celebrates the core values pan-African culture such as faith and unity

On the same days as Kwanzaa — Dec. 26 through Jan. 1 — many FCC students celebrate Hmong New Year. According to Minnesota-based Hmong Cultural Center Inc., the New Year observes the victory of a shaman Txoov Siv Yis over an evil spirit.

For Jenny, an FCC psychology major, the annual Hmong New Year festival at the Fresno Fairgrounds means a chance to get together with her community. Jenny asked not to disclose her last name.

"Seeing people that you've never seen before, and catching up with old friends you haven't seen for so long" are a feature of Hmong New Year, Jenny said. "It's like a yearly reunion."

These observances often urge people to understand and help people through prayer, charity and austerity. Through the fasting of Ramadan, Radnejad said, "you

may get to experience what hunger means. Talking about it and feeling it are two different things."

Radnejad, an FCC counselor, recognized some of the challenges for her and other Muslims at FCC to observe Ramadan in a work or campus environment.

"As far as my experience is concerned, my colleagues respect me not going for a coffee break with them," Radnejad said. "I easily can work 10 minutes less here and 15 minutes less there. But when I think that I have [a] contract and God is watching me, then I have to work."

All these holidays, members of the FCC community said, allow families to spend time together and revisit core values of their religions or cultures. Christians and other groups, they said, sometimes get the wrong idea about their traditions and values.

For example, Radnejad said that

some people equate her religion of Islam with bad or faithless people. "No religion recommends people to lie or to kill or to use deception for getting your way," she said.

"Unfortunately, with all the misconception and the bad advertisement," Radnejad added, "I believe that a lot of people don't know anything about it, or if they know anything they associate it with wrong information."

However, Radnejad cited an annual interfaith concert through Fresno Metro Ministry as a step toward understanding. She said this year's Nov. 24 service included Islam for the first time.

"I think that is a very big change," Radnejad said. "Hopefully in [the] near future, we can communicate freely and understand each other better."

For Jews, Kline said, Hanukkah is less significant than Christians

might believe. "Hanukkah is an important holiday, it's a remembrance of this miracle... but it's nowhere near, I would assume, as important" as Rosh Hashanah and the weekly Sabbath, he said.

"The reason that it gets as much press is that it happens to fall so close to the Christmas season," Kline added. He said that the common practice of giving gifts each night of Hanukkah originates from the Christmas tradition.

"It's more about family and getting together," Kline said of Hanukkah. "One of the major draws of the Jewish religion, at least to me, is the sense of community."

Jenny said that Hmong and non-Hmong alike benefit from what the New Year celebration has to offer. "They just go and mingle and look around and try new things," she said. "It's very open. It's not like we're only closed to the culture."

## FCC counselor honored at annual EOP&S conference

By Sakina N. Zaky

Rampage reporter

Pauline Fuller, a counselor at Fresno City College since 1977, was recently honored at the annual California Community College Extended Opportunity Program Services Association conference.

The conference was held Oct. 17 to honor some of the counselors at FCC's Extended Opportunity Programs and Services, a program to help students make it through college. Those attending the conference included administrators, counselors and clerical help.

During the EOPS conferences, there were many workshops and awards. Fuller was one of the counselors giving a workshop entitled "What's your personal purpose have to do with it!"

Fuller said, "We must, as counselors, advisers and community leaders, be the role models for our students."

During the conference she talked about how the personal purpose of a counselor can make the difference for students by giving them knowledge of the program's guidelines, be a role model for them, really caring, and being understanding, with a willingness to explore ways to properly assist the students.

She also addressed the need for the counselors to evaluate the real reasons for working in the program, asking, was it job security, vacation time, career advancement or recognition? Fuller also encouraged the counselors to create a warm and caring atmosphere for the students to enter, allowing students the opportunity to share their concerns, whether positive or negative, while respecting the student's cultural diversities.

She said, "I like the flexibility of becoming a professional and being a friend to the students. You have to be a resource and an advocate, because we're connected with all students of all races, creeds

and colors, and our purpose is to serve the student."

Fuller was also awarded a 25-year service award. Being a resident of the San Joaquin Valley, she was born and raised in Madera. After graduating from Madera High, she attended Fresno City College and worked as a peer-adviser and tutor for the EOPS program. After graduating from Fresno City College with an associate of arts degree in sociology, she transferred to California State University, Fresno, where she was on the EOPS team there. She graduated from Fresno State with a bachelor's in sociology and a master's in counseling.

Fuller, who has worked as a counselor at Fresno City College since 1977, said, "I feel one thing that's important is giving back. With this service, EOPS allows students to become academically successful. Sometimes, it's not as important to attend meetings as it is to serve the students."

One of the students whom Fuller counsels through the EOPS program, who preferred to remain anonymous, said, "Ms.

Fuller is a life saver. Had it not been for her, I think I would have committed suicide. I had a really big problem, and even though she was very busy, she took the time out of her busy schedule to assist me, even though I didn't have an appointment. Not only did she direct me to the correct source to solve my problem, she was also there to comfort me and give me encouragement to continue with my education."

The Fresno City College EOPS offers personal counseling services, career planning, course selection, student skills development, progress monitoring, advisement, childcare, book grants and loans for students who need extra help. The main purpose of the program is to provide assistance to low-income and under-represented students with academic, personal and tutoring assistance, while trying to enhance their knowledge to achieve a better future for them.



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# METROID, the saga still continues

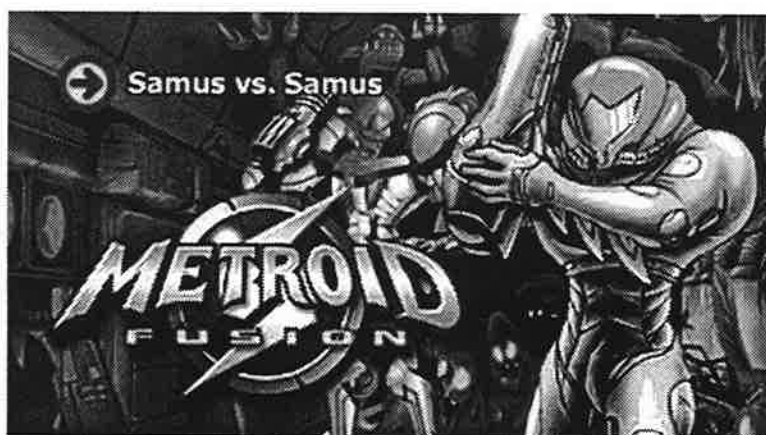
When it started in 1987 as a first of its kind, "METROID" turned out to be a very good game. The first "METROID" exploded onto the gaming scene, the first game to offer a save feature using passwords. It was also the first game not only



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to feature an athletic person — masked throughout the entire game. At the end we find out the masked athletic person is a woman named Samus Aran. She came back for two more games, "METROID II: Return of Samus," and then again in "Super METROID." Both games added new features to the suit along with the now classic Screw Attack and Varia. In the second game, a Spring ball (which would let Samus jump in ball form) was added along with the Spider Ball, which gave Samus the power to climb walls and stick to roofs. In "Super METROID" she then returned to face off against some old enemies. A new item that was added in this game is the gravity suit, which allows Samus to move faster in water areas of the game. In addition, Samus gained a speed booster and a grappling beam, both of which would become great aids.

Now Samus returns yet again,



but this time for two different games. The one for the new Game Cube is called "METROID Prime." And for the Game Boy Advance there is "METROID Fusion," which tracks right after "Super METROID."

In "METROID Fusion" you return once again to planet SR388, where you go to the research station above the planet. At the start of the game, you no longer have the suit that you are used to using from the first three games. Instead, you find that you are given a new fusion suit similar to your old suit, but not as powerful.

Your enemy is a virus creature known only as "X," which is the main reason you ended up with the fusion suit.

As you go through the game, there are different areas and missions that you have to complete in order to regain items and grow stronger. Unlike past games, you

have a companion accompanying you through the game. The ship you arrived on tells you what is going on in other parts of the station.

There are six different areas known as sectors in the game, as well as a main deck and a restricted section for a grand total of eight sectors. However, each of the different sectors is a different environment that you have to deal with.

From a night environment to a lava environment, the ship-board computer that you talk with throughout the game will only let you into areas that you are ready to go into. However, as you grow stronger, you will be able to access different areas of the game without the computer's aide. If you think you will face someone that you've met in the three previous games, you would be right and wrong at the same time. Given the title on the Nintendo web site ([www.nintendo.com](http://www.nintendo.com)), the one that you are going up against in this game happens to be yourself, or at least a parasitic version of Samus. However, as the game goes on the computer from the ship will continue to tell you that you cannot fight the parasite.

There are new, different creatures

and worlds to explore in this game. Trying to beat the game while at the same time getting everything will take one time. However, after you continue to learn the game and remember where everything in the game is, then you would be able to get everything else as well.

One added extra benefit to this game after you beat the game is a new feature. The map that you get in the game will change once you go through. Once it changes, the map will let you know where all of the other items that you missed during the game are, giving you the chance of getting them in the end. Once you learn where everything is and how to get past certain creatures and get other added items that you are going to need, you might actually get the best ending in the game. However, that is up to you, my friend.

## Cassettes on the way out too soon

In the ever-changing world of music, there is one thing that is going to be leaving us, and there is nothing that we can do about it except collect them like crazy. That is cassette tapes.

Everything in our world is changing over to compact discs. I remember when one could walk into a music store and see that half the store was CD's while the other half was tapes. However, as more and more CD players came onto the scene, the prices dropped like a lead weight. This will soon result in tapes, the cheapest thing on the market, going extinct.

These days if you go to either a K-Mart or a Walmart, you will discover that the most basic of CD players is cheap when it comes to price. However, you will also discover that when it comes to your cheapest CD player, you also lose some added items with everything that you might gain.

If you want a CD player with radio, and you discover one that happens to be \$24.95.

The \$24.95 player that you get, you get these with it. CD Player and tuner with base boost. What you do not get with it is shock, to make sure

that even when the CD player hits a bump, that it does not skip while playing, and the tuner for the radio is not a digital which actually helps focus in the radio, is actually a scroll bar.

However, the main point is not what kind of bad CD players that you can get — it is the fact that those who still cannot afford to get CD players have to get tape players.

And the fact that the tape section of the music store has dwindled down to two small sections either in the back of the store where no one sees them right away, or in the front somewhere to make sure that the tapes do not get stolen at all.

Not everyone can get a CD player with what prices are like out there.

CD players aren't convenient if you're a jogger either. Who actually wants to go jogging and have to hold onto the CD player the entire time? After all, that is why tape players have a belt clip, so that both hands are freed while you are jogging.

With a CD player, however, there is no belt clip, which means that one has to hold onto the player.

From what stores are saying by early next year tapes will stop being made altogether. Just get tapes while you still can since in a few years they are going to be worth something more than CD's will be.



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# Point/Counterpoint

Opposing viewpoints on the same subject

## U.S. all about world domination

Americans are so engrossed in immoralities and violence these days, that they can no longer see the trees for the forest. In a recent media report, it was revealed that in an international survey, Americans



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cans fell to eighth place of those between the age of 18 to 25 who knew where Iraq was located on the map, and which state was where in the U.S. Hence, we don't need to wonder

what it is like to be ignorant.

It seems that most Americans don't know their "ask-me-no-questions" from a hole in the ground. Thus, the question is, how can they possibly hope to lead the world as the best example of justice?

Shame has already fallen across the faces of the mothers and fathers who didn't teach their children good morals and spiritual health (which can be clearly seen in shows like Jerry Springer and Jennie Jones). It breaks my heart to know that Americans are so unaware of reality.

The U.S.A. has done so much dirt around the world, that no one really likes the people of America, who seek their worldly accomplishments through money and world power. Americans don't truly understand that it was the seven deadly sins that were the downfall of many a great nation before them.

Yet, Americans are geared up to fight against the forces of Islam. They claim to be fighting terrorism, but, truth be told, it's a fight against the Divine Light of God.

Islam was such a silent revolution folks were surprised to learn that there are more than one billion Muslims in the earth.

The Americans may fight against the Muslims in Africa, Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Indonesia or Korea, but Muslims will eventually inherit the earth. Instead of wanting to learn more about this most perfect life-style of Islam, Americans tend to want to exchange real peace for selfish worldly monetary gains and power. How unaware Americans are!

How would Americans like it if some super powerful nation entered their country, to order them about? Americans would never be able to handle it. They were shaken to the core with the horrific events of 9/11, which is nothing in comparison to the mess that is about to hit the fan. How unaware are the lazy Americans, who see everything as show-biz!

With Americans, it's all about reality T.V., get-rich schemes and controlling the entire earth.

## C'mon, give the U.S. a break

Americans carry a heavy burden representing the world's only superpower. I must admit, there are numerous Americans — the Osbournes and Rush Limbaugh to name a few — that I

wouldn't pick for my geography team.

Certainly our political system has grown beyond its roots: the town hall meeting, the compromise of ordinary citizens, fair representation.

When a city like Cincinnati, Ohio, grows as large as, well, Cincinnati, it fails to spot Jerry Springer on the political radar. Hence, Cincinnati elected Springer mayor in 1977.

So our individuals make mistakes. In a National Geographic-Roper Global Geographic Literacy Survey, they made plenty of mistakes, finishing eighth among nine countries.

But look closely, and you only see nine countries ... four competitors with virtually no ethnic diversity, eight competitors all with fewer people than the United States.

Let's consider how well we do against our real peers, the countries that have a large population closer to the United States' total. Indonesia has about 230 million people, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. It's ethnically diverse, and yet the country by no means sets the standard for basic human rights.

A recent nightclub bombing on the island of Bali highlights Indonesia's internal struggle over whether to embrace terrorism the likes of al-Qaeda.

Russia, at 145 million people, has one of the world's largest and most diverse populations. The end of the Cold War left Russia with unprecedented freedoms. However, that same freedom is now ruled by corruption, lawlessness and mafia violence.

Even in developed Japan, 127 million strong, the government suffers from political corruption, and its homogeneous population delegates to second-class status its largest minority, a half-percent of Koreans.

The U.S. system has survived even when our population has become too big for the traditional town hall. Our Constitution is as alive and well as the Osbourne family and Rush Limbaugh it deigns to protect.

As Americans, we have a duty to respect one another, as well as other countries. But cut us some slack. We have the burden of keeping delicate balance among nations.

The Americans' true ignorance concerns that which makes other countries so afraid. Are multiparty elections unfair? Is the peaceful transfer of power scary? Is the freedom of speech speaking too loudly?



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# Adding a personal touch

Fads come and go. Unfortunately tattoos are forever.

You have to spend a long time finding the right tattoo that you're going to be willing to live the rest of your life with, unless you're willing to get it removed later on for loads of money and more pain than getting it in the first place.

If you are the trend following type wanting to follow what's 'in' then you undoubtedly have looked into tribal tattoos, hearts, and roses on your ankle or anything else that was hot at the time without thinking of the ramifications of the long-term wear.

Unlike clothing you can't store it in the back of your closet or donate it to the thrift store when its trend dies out — you're stuck with it.

You have to put a lot of thought into getting a tattoo. Do lots of

research and have some knowledge

before jumping onto the tattoo bandwagon. I spent three years looking for the best design for the tattoo I wanted.

While I was looking for just the right tattoo design I put a lot of time into the process of getting a tattoo and all the do's and don't's and asked a lot of people with tattoos of their experiences and recommendations of the best places to go.

I've spent the past year

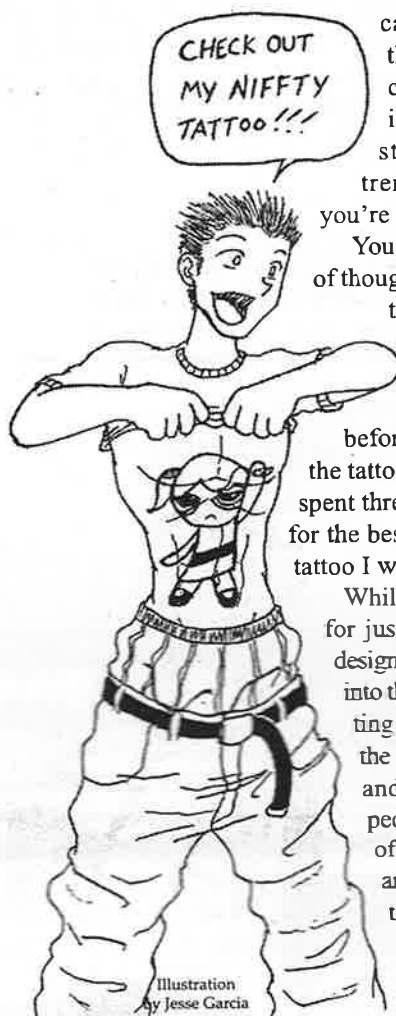


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Opinion

really making sure I liked the design and that it's just right for me.

I've also been procrastinating because I still have to build up the courage to actually get it. I want to make sure that this is really something I want to have for the rest of my life, that I won't learn to hate it as my tastes throughout time change.

As my mom puts it, it's like spray-painting over a great work of art. I see it as enhancing it by adding eye-appealing details.

You also need to put a load of thought into where you want to put it. You might want to put it in a place where it can easily be covered for more conservative moments.

It's probably not the best thing to have it waving at someone when you're interviewing at Yale or for that big corporate job.

I love little tattoos in strategic places — there's an air of mystery and excitement to them. What scares me is people who are human canvases.

When someone goes overboard and is covered head to toe in body art it becomes too much. Although, I have seen some amazing tattoos with awe-inspiring details that I can't believe is on someone's back.

You also have to be prepared to take lots of care of the tattoo. It's basically an open wound. Leaving it unattended can lead to infections or scarring that can ruin the tattoo with lots of time and money put into it.

You need to do research on tattoo parlors. You want a clean sterile environment that has been evaluated by the health board. Ask if you can watch them work and check out their portfolios.

Ask lots of questions, they are there to help you feel as comfortable as possible with your decision to get a tattoo.

And if you want pictures of your new prize get it right after they put ointment on it so the colors are vibrant before it starts its healing process.

If you put a lot of thought and effort into it, you're going to love your tattoo that hopefully you're going to love for the rest of your life. Maybe I'll see you in the chair.

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# Making Bouquets for Veterans

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Fresno City College's adaptive horticulture class provides an opportunity for physically and developmentally disabled students to learn about ornamental horticulture, from growing plants to providing floral arrangements at functions like the recent Veterans Day Memorial ceremony. The production line from left, Charles Bennee, Lisette Gonzalez, Yolanda Welch, Marcus Orum work under the moral support and supervision of Stan Simas.



Jerry Hentzler, right, instructor of the adaptive horticulture class, shows Yesenia Esparza, left, and Ron Wells how to wrap flowers for the veterans.

From left, Vong Yang, Monica Nuncio, Christopher Johnson, fluff, snip and put the carnations in vials of water. Looking on in the back row are Davey McIntosh and Bill Lainson.



Ron Wells wraps one of the 200 bouquets needed for the Veteran's Memorial Celebration.



Olivia De La Rosa assembles the flowers in the arrangement for the wreath.

Billy Patton, foreground, adds the finishing touches, putting the flag on the bouquets for the veterans. In the background, instructor Jerry Hentzler wraps tissue paper around the bouquets.



Gurdeep Sihota, student activities director, passes out bouquets to a veteran from Clovis at the Veterans Day Memorial ceremony.



Two marines present the wreath of flowers at the Veterans Day Memorial ceremony on Friday, Nov. 8 at Fresno City College.



# FCC's City Dances will move you

By Megan Edwards  
Entertainment editor

"People can enter dance through many doors," said Fresno City College dance instructor Janice Jansen with a proud smile, "I like to try to present a number of them."

FCC will open these doors with "City Dances — In the Studio," directed by Jansen on Thursday, Dec. 5 through Sunday Dec. 8.

Jansen has been helping "City Dances" put on this show every semester since 1976. "I'm really excited about it," she said. "There's a lot of wonderful, young energy."

The dance performance is an eclectic collection of various forms of dance as well as a variety of choreographers who put the dances together. The dances are choreographed by instructors as well as advanced students.

The pieces are based on a foundation of modern dance. But still, "we have a lot of variety even within modern dance," said Jansen.

Six of the dancers will be moving in abstract, linear shapes in Debra DeRosa-Parola's work, "Interior Scape," which first appeared on the stage in 1994.

You'll see tiptoeing ballerinas and other fairytale elements in Laura Harris' first work for FCC, "Enchanted Summers."

Dallas Arango will bring influences from flamenco dancing to the stage in her "Flamenco-esque."

Jansen has brought her "Kanon" back to life "because it's just pretty," she said. It was

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"City Dances — In the Studio" will present FCC audiences with various forms of modern dance from the common tutu to linear forms of geometrical design Thursday, Dec. 5, through Sunday, Dec. 8. Dance instructor Janice Jansen has been helping bring "City Dances" to the stage since 1976.

Photos by Lenetta Huxley

originally performed as part of the first "City Dances" concert in 1976.

Jacque Rodgers' first solo choreography created an emotional journey with "No Restraints."

Kara Bithell used improvisational dance to create her piece, "I've Got What I Want For Now... I Think," to music by Patsy Cline. Program notes for this dance read, "A man falls in love with a broken chair. It is the only meaning in his life..."

Jansen said, "We always think we need this thing or that somebody to be happy and [Bithell] is trying to prove the opposite."

Tracy Conner honors her inspiration Bob Fosse with her work, "The Roaring '20s," which, said dancer Kenneth Martinez, "is just a lot of fun."

These are only a few of the dances that will be performed. From the average tutu, to the fiery heelwork of flamenco, to abstract, geometrical dance, "City Dances" aims to

please their audience.

"With so much variety, people usually find something they really like," said Jansen.

On Dec. 8, the evening performance will help to raise funds for the American College Dance Festival through the SCCC Foundation.

Funds will help students travel to festivals that are held in other states and will also go toward building the newly formed FCC dance club, Dansations. This performance, unlike the others will include works from this club.

Martinez said that people should come see the recital to "enjoy themselves, to learn something about dancing, and gain respect for it."

If you're planning on seeing the show, make sure to arrive early for a ticket because "we usually pack them in," said Jansen. For talent breeds popularity, and thus seating is rare.

As a class at FCC, City Dances makes this annual concert its main goal. Students audition for each piece and work hard from August to December.

The most difficult part of dance, said Martinez is "memorizing movement. There's always some way you can improve, but I'm learning a lot from my instructors and my fellow dancers. They're great."

"We're like a family," he added with a proud smile.

Performances will be held at 8 p.m. in the Gym, room G-101. There will also be a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$7 for students, seniors and groups.

Advance tickets can be purchased at the FCC Box Office at 442-8221. The Box Office is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

For more information about the program, call Jansen at 442-4600 ext. 8442.

## Shakespeare actors provide laughs

By Megan Edwards  
Entertainment editor

"Two households, both alike in dignity, in fair Fresno City College where we lay our scene..."

The traveling thespians of the famous Oregon Shakespeare Festival graced the stage of the FCC theatre on Monday, Nov. 18, through Wednesday, Nov. 20. The festival concluded with a fabulous performance of their "Communication Breakdown" at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 20.

The performance began by bringing each actor and actress onto the stage, tripping over one another's sentences, talking over each other, messing up lines, and even answering a cell phone.

Obviously, such blunders of acting were intentional to establish the premise of "Communication Breakdown," for almost immediately, these masters of the stage assumed near perfection in performance, at least to these untrained eyes.

I know little about theatre. My only advantage on this night was that I am much acquainted with the

art of word play through my study as an English major and was thus awestruck by the beauty of the pieces these actors performed.

They didn't limit themselves to acts of Shakespeare but also incorporated pieces by Robert E. Lee, Dr. Suess, Peter Cook and Dudley Moore. This made for a beautiful concoction of humor, satire and deep political commentary.

How much better can it get than when William Shakespeare meets Monty Python? And how common is it to see Juliet Capulet bust out a song from "The Little Shop of Horrors?"

The actors were brilliant; who would doubt it? I mean, they do belong to an exclusive acting organization of 75 members, who receive more than 2,000 applicants a year and perform for thousands of students and fans. How could you expect anything below brilliance?

After they got through the initial premise, the words flowed. The dynamics between these professionals was amazing. With such re-

finéd talents, they exchange dialogue without tripping over a word. I was almost lost in the flow as they swatted over lines left and right like a tennis match. They were masters of expression, drawing humor out of seemingly boring lines.

"Do you quarrel, sir?" The famous line seems drab in black and white, but when accented by a sword fight, where their swords were loafs of bread, it came to life in a hilarious parody.

Through they had few props, besides a couple of hats and a typewriter, and no sets, these actors were able to set the scene through movements, vocal inflections and, of course, their words, celebrating the way Shakespeare is supposed to be performed. For the most important element is the language. And the language was beautiful.

There was plenty of word play, symbolism, philosophy and iambic pentameter to be had. All the writers they chose are geniuses in the English language, and listening to their work was so humbling that I



Photo by Lenetta Huxley

Andy Carey, kneeling, and Gerson Dacannay perform a scene from "Romeo and Juliet."

can hardly type this now.

And of least importance, they include an intermission heightened by delightful cookies, my favorite.

"Communication Breakdown" was performed by actors Andy Carey, Gerson Dacannay, Deidre Henry and James Ingersoll.

The Oregon Shakespeare Festival makes it a mission to "create fresh and bold interpretations of classic and contemporary plays in repertory, shaped by the diversity

of American culture, using Shakespeare as a standard and inspiration," says their web site [www.osfashland.org](http://www.osfashland.org).

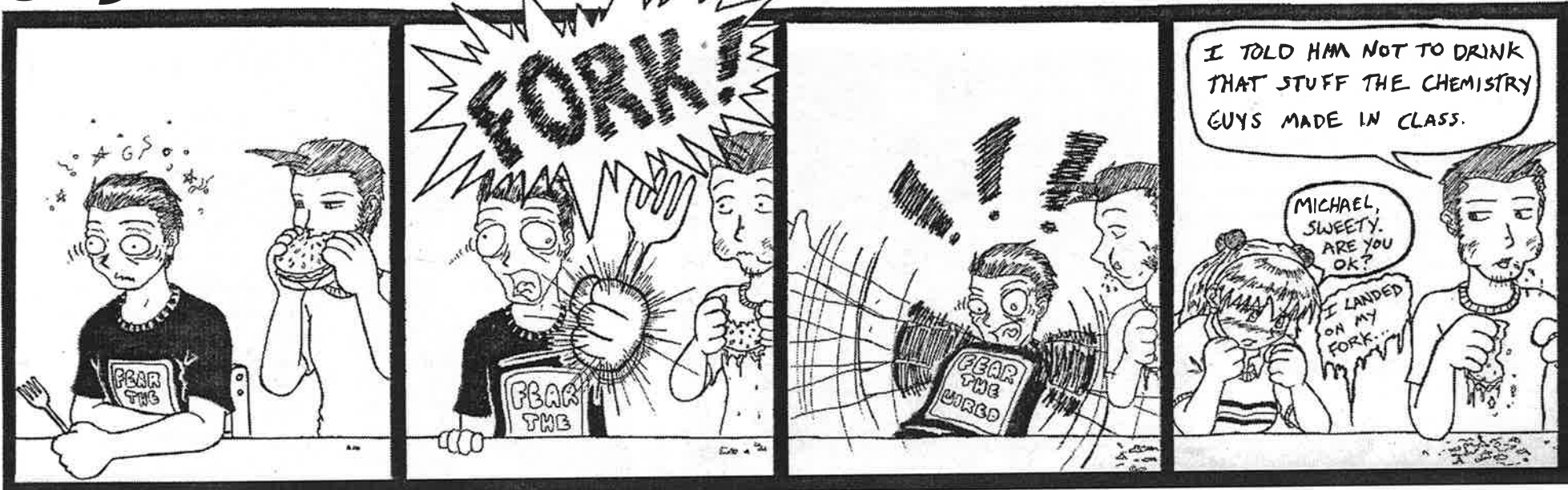
They send actors and actresses all over the West Coast to perform for and educate students the importance of theatrical arts. I believe we are lucky to have had them.

And so we bid "adieu, adieu" to this year's visit from the actors of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. "Parting is such sweet sorrow."



City Life

by Jesse Garcia



Inside Joke

by J. Riley and Jesse Garcia



Crossword

10 Recs.

Just a few recommendations from the editorial staff

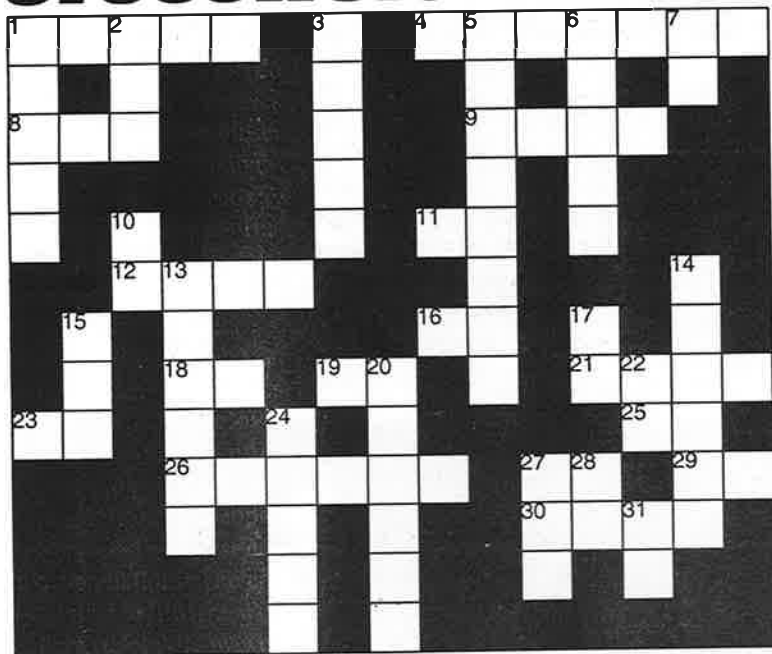
- **Movie to see:** "Die Another Day"; The newest installment of the James Bond Saga.
- **Video to rent:** "Ghost World"; Based on the comic book of the same name. The story of a girl's life after high school.
- **CD to listen to:** "Barking Dogs"; You've heard them on the radio — you know there ain't nothing cuter than dogs barking Christmas carols.
- **Book to read:** "The Darwin Awards"; Based on the popular website. Stories of people who have done really stupid things.
- **Website to view:** [www.darwinawards.com](http://www.darwinawards.com); Dedicated to individuals who ensure the long-term survival of our species by removing themselves from the gene pool in a sublimely idiotic fashion.
- **Place to go:** Funcholand; Cool store to buy and sell new and used video game and computer stuff.
- **Live event:** "Sylvia"; A talking dog and a twisted man-woman-dog love triangle, what more could you ask for.
- **Game to play:** "Treasure Planet"; The new Playstation game is based on the new Disney film based on Robert Louis Stevenson's "Treasure Island."
- **Television show to watch:** "Sue Thomas F.B. Eye"; New show on PAX based on the true life story of a deaf woman who went to work for the F.B.I.
- **Best deal in town:** Salvation Army; On most holidays you can get clothes for 75% off of their already cheap prices.

Say What?



"Mr. Humphries, come, sit down next to me and give me a baby."

With this feature we are testing your cinematic intellect. Check the answer box below for the SayWhat and Crossword answers.



Across

1. Stated number of amount, or a limit on numbers
4. Airport code TAO
8. Intend
9. A British nobleman of high rank
11. Aluminium
12. Please reply
16. Arizona
18. Radio frequency
19. Free agent
21. Hard and cold in one's nature
23. Commercial
25. After noon
26. Long pointed metal pin
27. Doctor of medicine
29. Example
30. Rock in a very hot liquid state flowing from a mountain

Down

1. Be afraid
2. Measure of electrical resistance
3. Woman who has magic powers
5. Imagine as perfect
6. Narrow valley made by a stream running through it
7. In the condition of
10. Wide receiver (football)
13. Become smaller, as from the effect of heat or water
14. Airport code NOU
15. Sweet potato
17. Road
20. Floating
22. Opus
24. '\_\_\_ State' is the nickname of Georgia
27. Major League Baseball
28. District attorney
31. Virginia

Answer Box

These are the answers for this issue's crossword puzzle and this issue's "Say What?"

CROSSWORD - Across: 1. Quote 4. Qingdao 8. Alm 9. Earl 11. AL12. RSP 16. AZ 18. RF 21. Dow 23. CM 25. PM 26. Needle 27. MD 29. EX 30. Lava Down: 1. Quail 2. OHM 3. Wich 5. Idealize 6. George 7. AS 10. WR 13. Shrink 14. Noun 15. Yam 17. RD 20. Affair 22. OP 24. Peach 27. MLB 28. DA 31. VA SAY WHAT? - Mrs. Slocombe - "Are You Being Served?"

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# Sylvia expects laughs

Luis Quezada  
Rampage reporter

"[Sylvia] is absolutely uninhibited — she's a dog, after all," said Theatre Arts Director C. Tim Quinn, who is directing "Sylvia," his last play at FCC.

"There are a lot of loyalty issues brought up in the play. In my opinion, most folks in their mid fifties that have been married for awhile, like Greg and Kate, begin taking each other for granted. These relationships get a little shaky at times."

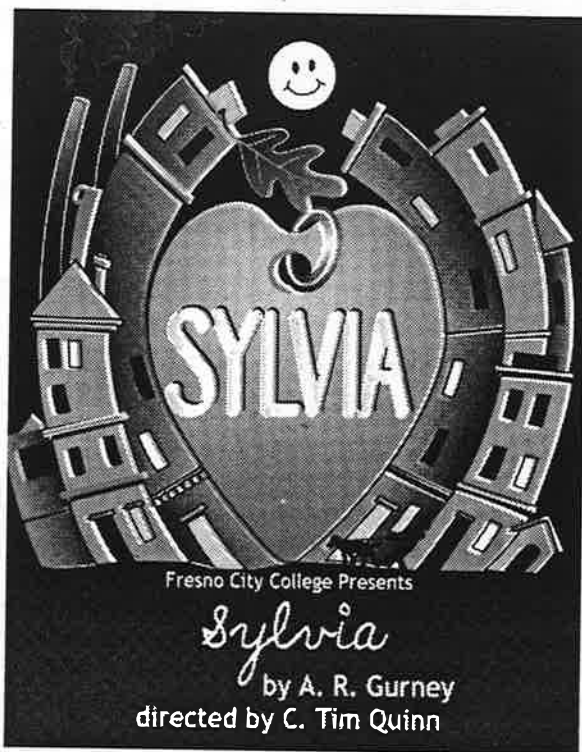
After 35 years of staging 150 productions, he has decided to retire after he teaches the semester in England course next semester. Quinn expects to continue directing in Ireland after that.

"Sylvia" is a comedy by A. R. Gurney that will be performed at the Fresno City College Studio Theatre.

Jason Tatham will play Greg, and Jennifer Rowe will play Kate. Greg and Kate are a middle-aged couple from Manhattan who decide to return to the city after raising children in the suburbs.

Sylvia, played by Kandace Stokes, is lovely and street smart and offers Greg an exit from his job frustrations and the uncertainties of middle life. Sylvia also seems to be Kate's rival for Greg's affection.

Michael Dias, who was casted by Quinn, plays three roles in the play: the part of Tom, a biophilic who befriends Greg; Phyllis, an alcoholic in recovery who is a friend and sorority sister of Kate; and Leslie, a transvestite counselor in marriage.



"Sylvia" will begin at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 5 and continue through Dec. 14. There will be 2 p.m. matinees on Dec. 7 and 12. Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$8 for students, seniors and groups.

For more information, contact the Theatre Box Office at 442-8221. Seating is limited.

# Bad boy Bonds is back with a big bang

Pierce Brosnan is back as 007 James Bond for yet another explosive hit. This time, however, while things seem to get off to a great start, it turns out that something went seriously wrong.

The normal cast was there: M (Judi Dench) returns yet again to



Felix Sanchez  
Rampage reporter  
Movie Review

disapprove of Bond's every move, to the point of taking away his license to kill.

Q (John Cleese) is also back, but this time

it's a new Q that returns since the death of the previous Q in 2001.

Q gives Bond two new items that should help out along the way. First, he gives him a ring that when twisted right will shatter even bulletproof glass. The other thing that Q gives Bond is his new car. And like every movie, it happens to be state of the art.

When the car first rolls out, we see nothing at all — it looks like Bond is being given a flat bed rail car. However, when Q walks around it, we see the one thing that we cannot see. The car has a cloaking device inside, which renders it totally invisible.

Movie: "Die Another Day"  
Rating: ★★★★★  
Web site:  
<http://www.Bondbond.com/>

Last but not least, rounding out the group is the one person that is never left out of any Bond film — Miss Money Penny (Samantha Bond).

In this latest adventure, Bond starts out with a great surfing sequence. Shortly after arriving at the base that he's supposed to be going to, he finds out that something has gone wrong and that he's in very deep trouble. Shortly after all hell breaks loose, we are off on the very first chase scene of the movie.

Just when you think the chase will never end, it does, and that is when things turn for the worst for Bond.

Bond ends up traveling all over the world to not only find out who had betrayed, but also to make another startling discovery. The one that he thought he had killed at the beginning of the film comes back to, as Bond would put it, "die another day."

This Bond is a very hot Bond. If they continue with what they are going for in this series, it will only continue to get better.

# Religion won't be the same

Gael García Bernal has proven to be an actor known for taking on difficult roles, as he has demonstrated in his first Mexican film "Cerebro," (Brain) and recently in films like



Luis Quezada  
Rampage reporter  
Movie Review

"Amorres Perros," (Love's A Bitch) and "Y Tu Mamá También" (And Your Mother Too). The 23 year-old did not make an exception in his current role in "El Crimen Del Padre Amaro" (The Crime Of Father Amaro). In this film he gives life to Father Amaro, a young priest who is appointed to a Catholic Church. It's based on a novel written in 1975 by Portuguese author José María Eca de Queiroz that was adapted by Mexican writer Vicente Leñero and directed by Carlos Carrera.

Having seen his two previous films, I wanted to see the story unfold in front of my eyes. Father Amaro finds himself in a new town, where he tries to accommodate himself.

The first pointer in which this film spells controversy is when Father Amaro is aware that the head priest of the church he is part of, Father Benito played by Sancho Gracia, sleeps with a woman called 'Sanjuanera,' played by Angélica Aragón.

Ana Claudia Talancón plays the role of Amelia, the 'Sanjuanera's' daughter, who lays eyes on Father Amaro, without knowing he's a priest. She has a boyfriend who is a newspaper reporter. Their relationship is problematic because her boyfriend realizes that she dedicates more time to church than she should to him.

When Amelia realizes that Fa-

Movie: "El Crimen Del Padre Amaro"  
Rating: ★★★★★  
Web site:  
[www.padreamaromovie.com](http://www.padreamaromovie.com)

ther Amaro is a priest that doesn't stop her from having strong feelings toward him. As much as Father Amaro tries to put a limit, he is betrayed by his manly feelings. Amelia and him sleep with each other. During their physical encounters they make people think that he's preparing her to become a nun. Boy, are they being fooled.

Father Benito figures it out and Father Amaro gets into an argument where he explodes and tells him about him sleeping with Amelia's mother. Just when I thought the story had made its point, things get worse. Amelia then turns out to be pregnant. Father Amaro is then faced with a hard decision.

This Oscar film nominee talks about issues that are controversial. Abortion, corruption, dishonesty in religion, drug smuggling, disobeying commandments and pregnancy. The Catholic Church has come out in Mexico voicing their dissatisfaction with the film.

I think the film is great because it covers issues that not many people are willing to talk about. Alameda Films has gained a reputation of having the bravery to take issues like theses to the big screen. Thanks to Columbia Pictures the film was able to be distributed to the United States. I'm willing to say that there has been real life similarities with this film, that no-one knows the real truth, because it's well hidden as this film represents.

Gael was questioned about his belief in God in August of this year, when he was accompanied with his girlfriend Niké to the premiere of this film in Mexico and this is what he had to say in an interview in

Spanish: "I'm emotionally atheist, but culturally catholic, so thanks to God I'm atheist." He was baptized at the age of 12; he did his first communion and also participated in skits as baby God.

This native of Guadalajara, Jalisco is the son of acting parents Juan Jose Garcia and Patricia Bernal and nephew of photographer Mariana Yazbek. "When I act, I feel with fictitious stimulants in a way that appears to be real, because the most difficult is to act and that they believe it, that it appears as if that is how you are," García Bernal said.

If you want a different perspective on religion, this is the film to view. It's subtitled in English and rated "R," meaning it contains adult language and brief nudity.

If you're a fan of foreign films, I also recommend "Pantaleón Y Las Visitadoras," (Pantaleón And The Visitors) with Angie Cepeda, which I give three stars and is now in theaters. Expect to see "Sin Ton Ni Sonia," a Mexican comedy that will be showing in the U.S. next year.

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# Skinlab CD is 'revolting'

The Revolting Room is just that revolting with the sound that rivals bands like Powerman 5000, and The Union Underground. Which have a very bass filled sound with easy guitar riffs and mono-toned vocals. Skinlab fits into this category. I personally don't really like this style of metal it is a very repetitive style. With songs like "Come Get It", and "Purify" are two of the tracks that fit into this genre. The vocalist and bassist Steev with his very monotone voice actually board me to sleep and the repetitive guitar doesn't help that. With the voice distortions and heavy guitar played by guitarists Snake and Glenn just don't create a great sound.



**Nick Bergstrom**  
Rampage reporter  
Music review

Songs like "Come Get It" with the distorted guitar and strange lyrics just make this song just like the other weird rock band. This is the best song on the album but it isn't all that great. With the low singing voice and the distortion added to his voice just pushes me away.

"Purify" is the fourth track on this album, which is about one of his close friends who was in trouble. With the very repetitive lyrics I think the word Purify is said about 25 times throughout this song how many of times can you actually get away with saying the same word. The music just didn't sit very well in my ear, and I think this band can be better then it is. I am sure there



Band: Skinlab  
Album: "Revolting Room"  
Website: [www.skinlab.com](http://www.skinlab.com)  
Rating: ♂

are some out their who will enjoy Skinlab but I don't.

If you want to know more about this band go to [www.skinlab.com](http://www.skinlab.com) for more info.

## Music scene

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### Wednesday, Dec. 4

■ **Wicked Dreams:** Skeeko's, 520 N. Gateway, Madera, 674-7060, 9 p.m., no cover, ages 21 and over.

### Thursday, Dec. 5

■ **Wicked Dreams:** Skeeko's, 520 N. Gateway, Madera, 674-7060, 9 p.m., no cover, ages 21 and over.

■ **TEQUILA ROSE:** Crossroads, 3315 N. Cedar, Fresno, 222-2233, 9 p.m., no cover, ages 21 and over.

### Friday, Dec. 6

■ **Old Time Rock and Roll:** Cedar Lanes Lounge, 3131 N. Cedar Ave., Fresno, 222-4424, 9 p.m., no cover, ages 21 and over.

■ **Wicked Dreams:** Skeeko's, 520 N. Gateway, Madera, 674-7060, 9 p.m., no cover, ages 21 and over.

■ **TEQUILA ROSE:** Crossroads, 3315 N. Cedar, Fresno, 222-2233, 9 p.m., no cover, ages 21 and over.

■ **MINDTRAP:** J Street Bar and Grill, 27 N. Tower Square, Tulare, 688-7535, 9 p.m., \$3, ages 21 and over.

■ **2 a.m. Orchestra:** Borders Books and Music, 7722 N. Blackstone, 435-5501, 9 p.m., no cover, all ages.

■ **Blue Dot:** Borders Books and Music, 7722 N. Blackstone, 435-5501, 8 p.m., no cover, all ages.

### Saturday, Dec. 7

■ **Old Time Rock and Roll:** Cedar Lanes Lounge, 3131 N. Cedar Ave., Fresno, 222-4424, 9 p.m., no cover, ages 21 and over.

■ **Wicked Dreams:** Skeeko's, 520 N. Gateway, Madera, 674-7060, 9 p.m., no cover, ages 21 and over.

■ **Mojo:** The Pub, 1041 G. Street, Reedley, 10 p.m., no cover, ages 21 and over.

■ **TEQUILA ROSE:** Crossroads, 3315 N. Cedar, Fresno, 222-2233, 9 p.m., no cover, ages 21 and over.

■ **2 a.m. Orchestra:** Kings Men Coffee House, 1495 N. Van Ness, Fresno, 307-5329, 8 p.m., no cover, all ages.

■ **ASUNDER:** Fresno Convention Center, 848 M Street, Fresno, 498-4000, 12 p.m., cover unknown, all ages.

### Sunday, Dec. 8

■ **80 Proof Blues Band:** Zapp's Park, 1105 N. Blackstone Ave., Fresno, 266-0334, 9 p.m., \$2, ages 21 and over.

### Monday, Dec. 9

■ **80 Proof Blues Band:** Zapp's Park, 1105 N. Blackstone Ave., Fresno, 266-0334, 9 p.m., \$2, ages 21 and over.

■ **Societys First:** The Pub, 1041 G St., Reedley 7:30 p.m., no cover, all ages.



### Wednesday, Dec. 11:

■ **Wicked Dreams:** Skeeko's, 520 N. Gateway Drive, Madera, 674-7060, 9 p.m., no cover, ages 21 and over.

■ **TEQUILA ROSE:** Crossroads, 3315 N. Cedar Ave., Fresno, 222-2233, 9 p.m., no cover, ages 21 and over.

■ **Ted Nunes:** Brewbaker's Restaurant, 219 E. Main St., Visalia, 738-5752, 6:30 p.m., no cover, all ages.

### Friday, Dec. 13

■ **PhatHead:** Ewell's, 5718 E. Kings Canyon Road, Fresno, 9:30 p.m., \$3, ages 21 and over.

■ **Wicked Dreams:** Skeeko's, 520 N. Gateway Drive, Madera, 674-7060, 9 p.m., no cover, ages 21 and over.

■ **Mercury Bullet:** Kuppajoe, 3673 N. First St., Fresno, 279-3320, 8 p.m., \$5, all ages.

■ **Red Room:** J Street Bar and Grill, 27 N. Tower Square, Tulare, 688-7535, 9:30 p.m., \$3, ages 21 and over.

■ **TEQUILA ROSE:** Crossroads, 3315 N. Cedar Ave., Fresno, 222-2233, 9 p.m., no cover, ages 21 and over.

■ **Spreadneedle:** J Street Bar and Grill, 27 N. Tower Square, Tulare, 688-7535, 9 p.m., \$3, ages 21 and over.

### Saturday, Dec. 14

■ **Mojo:** RB Bar, 195 W. Jayne Ave., Tipton, 752-9994, 10 p.m., no cover, ages 21 and over.

■ **Wicked Dreams:** Skeeko's, 520 N. Gateway Drive, Madera, 674-7060, 9 p.m., no cover, ages 21 and over.

■ **TEQUILA ROSE:** Crossroads, 3315 N. Cedar Ave., Fresno, 222-2233, 9 p.m., no cover, ages 21 and over.

■ **Mojo:** Porterville Developmental Center, 26501 Avenue 14, Porterville, 782-2222, 6 p.m., no cover, ages 21 and over.

■ **FALSETT:** Hi-Tech's Full Center, 3030 N. Blackstone Ave., Fresno, 441-1111, 6 p.m., \$8 advance, \$10 at the door, all ages.

### Monday, Dec. 16

■ **80 Proof Blues Band:** Zapp's Park, 1105 N. Blackstone Ave., Fresno, 266-0334, 9 p.m., \$2, ages 21 and over.

## Make a point with Spike 1000

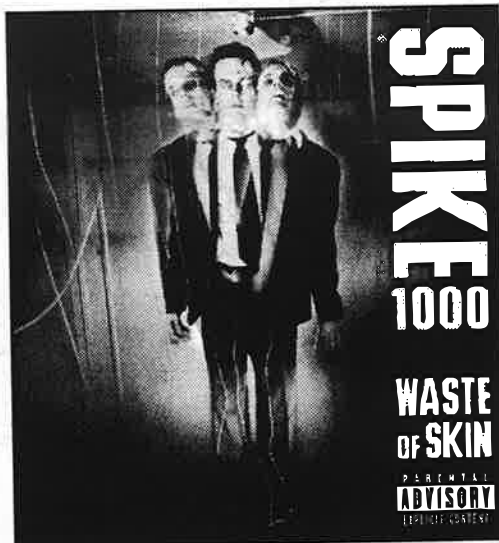
Spike 1000 is one of the newest and coolest bands to hit the rock scene in some time. With they're very heavy and yet calm musical style with the female vocalist, which adds a cool twist to their sound. The vocalist Shannon Harris mixes rhythmic rap core, and nice singing voice, to add that much more to the heaviness of the band. The guitar player Bill Thompson, using some very awesome rhythmic style with lead overtones. With the pulsating bass played by M. Fat which adds another dimension to their music. Mix all of these with the drummer and they just rock.



**Nick Bergstrom**  
Rampage reporter  
Music review

With songs like "Make me Suffer", "Measure Me", and "Take Me Over" the main tracks on their Debut album Waste Of Skin. They burst on to the scene opening for bands like Staind, Cold, and Korn, to make a name for themselves with their wild live performances.

The band with their incredible sound is rapid through this entire album. With the awesomely rhythmic style like in the song "Measure Me" with the great contrasting vocals starting with Harris singing and enters the very angry chorus. The drummer bases this song on contrast with the bass the Guitar, and the switching of tempos. This is one of the cooler songs on the album.

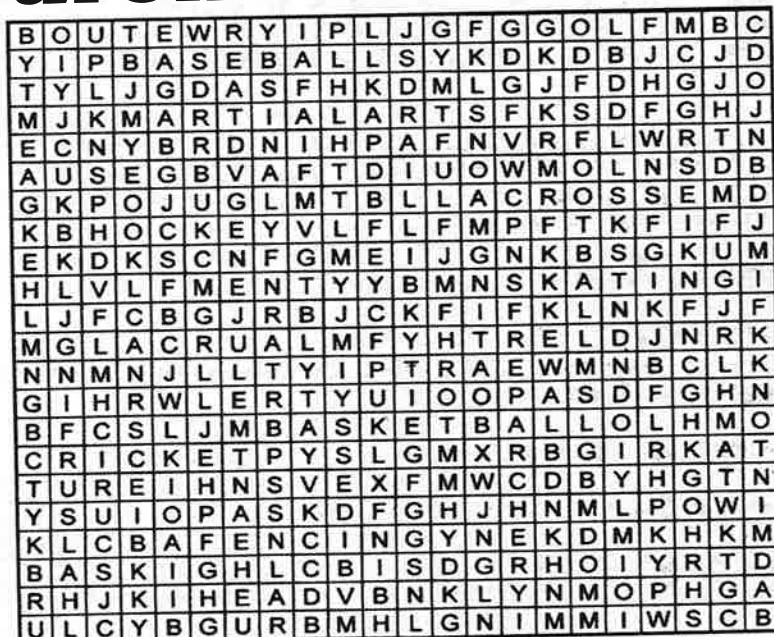


Band: Spike 1000  
Album: "Waste of Skin"  
Rating: ♂♂♂♂

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# Should college athletes be paid to compete?

**Athletes spend as much time and effort in practice as students with part time jobs located on campus**

It happens all too often that a college athlete is caught receiving "extra benefits" from schools and boosters. Sacramento Kings forward Chris Webber was found to have taken over \$100,000 worth of these benefits from a booster while he was on the University of Michigan basketball team along with some of his other college teammates on what was called the "Fab Five".



**Josh Butters**  
Sports Editor  
Commentary

The school was forced to forfeit championships and games, having to take down banners and was put on probation where the team cannot participate in the postseason for two years.

During college, athletes are considered amateurs and are not to receive payment for playing. This happens with gifts like cars, jewelry and cash. The question is whether college athletes should be able to receive payment for playing.

Schools are making money off athletics. Be it through ticket sales, television contracts, sponsorships, concessions and apparel like team jerseys.

Some think it is a double standard that the schools make money and turn right around and tell athletes that it is against the rules for them to be bought dinner or to be given free things.

Students can work in the school library and make money so why can't an athlete be paid while working as much or twice as hard as that same student in the library?

Athletes dedicate themselves to sports just as a nonathletic student would a job. Coaches can be considered their bosses. You don't do what the boss says and you get fired. Don't do what coach tells you to then you get cut.

Competing in sports parallels to a real world working atmosphere. Your teammates are your co-workers, it requires discipline to show up and give it your best, time management is needed to balance practice and schoolwork, and the list goes on and on.

Some athletes are given scholarships to attend school. A good education is considered as "payment" for those who come to play a sport for a school in that it is a tradeoff.

Some students that just come to learn are given scholarships also for just going to school and have the same responsibility as a student-athlete to pass classes and gradu-

ate.

What about that walk-on who has no scholarship and dedicates himself like one that does have a scholarship to play? He or she deserves something in revenue, don't they?

Let's compare a regular student and a student-athlete.

The regular student gets a full ride and finds him/herself with a job on campus. The student will receive financial aid and payment for working on campus.

The walk-on may or may not of gotten a scholarship based on their academic abilities but let's presume he did so both walk-ons and athletes on scholarship have equal revenue when it comes to financial aid. He/she will receive financial aid and that's it. Even though they work at their sports like a job, nothing.

Some athletes may be just three to four years away from a multi-million dollar contract from a professional franchise but most student-athletes don't have the ability to go that far.

A future professional athlete would be able to shake it off for a few years but that student in the majority who just loves their sport and wants to compete it out of luck, which is too bad.

Finances shouldn't be an issue for those in the majority.

## Men's basketball team perfect at 6-0

**Walberg says team can improve on defensive side of the ball**

**By Josh Butters**  
Sports editor

The FCC Rams are off to a fast start as the men's basketball team continues to go through the tough stretch of their schedule.

The men's basketball team currently have a 6-0 record and are hoping to continue winning.

Coach Vance Walberg is delighted with the team's early success. "You can't be disappointed with the start that we have had," said Walberg. "We still have some things we need to work on though."

The team will look to work on their defense. The Rams are one of the worse defensive teams in the state, ranked 87th out of 91.

"We need to improve on defense," says Walberg. "We play a different style of basketball but we have been giving up a lot of points per game."

The style the team plays may be different from other teams but the Rams are able to play transition basketball and light up their opponents on the scoreboard.

On Nov. 20, FCC defeated Foothill College 139-76. Rams Ski Davis had 24 points, 11 rebounds and Tyrone Jackson had 19 points, 13 assists for double doubles.

Walberg is also awaiting the arrival of two players from the FCC

football team.

Sophomore receiver Willie Johnson and freshman backup quarterback Wayne Desmond will be ready to play after the end of the football season.

Johnson was last year's Central Valley Conference MVP and will greatly contribute to the team. "With the kind of stats he had last year," says Walberg, "Willie will be a tremendous fit to the team. Both players will give us the depth we need."

FCC will travel to Modesto Dec. 11-14 to participate in the Modesto Junior College Tournament and to San Diego for the Cuyamaca College Tournament Dec. 20-22.

The Rams' home opener will be on Jan. 11 in the FCC gym at 7 p.m. "We want the home games to be sold out," said forward Carl Le. "We want all those seats to be filled up."

### Wrestling

The Rams finished the season the same way they started it, with a loss against Palomar at home.

But this time it was in the state dual championship.

FCC hosted Palomar on Nov. 10 and were defeated 22-13.

The Rams were the defending state dual champions.

## FCC Women's basketball schedule and roster

#	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown(HS)
N/A	Cicely House	G	5-6	Fr	Fresno (Fresno)
11	Nicole House	G	5-5	So	Fresno (Fresno)
12	Paula Gonzales	G	5-7	Fr	Merced (Merced)
14	Anoush Kirakosian	G	5-4	Fr	Fresno (Bullard)
21	Kristin Mondientz	F	6-0	Fr	Tollhouse (Sierra)
22	Laura Zaukaite	F	6-0	Fr	Klaipeda, Lithuania (Merced)
32	Ninon Salemon	G	5-8	Fr	Bogor West Java (Mardi Yuana)
33	Amanda Vierra	C	6-1	So	Fresno (Hoover)
34	Shanae Ross	G	5-8	Fr	Hanford (Hanford)
42	Akyya Mayberry	G	5-5	Fr	Fresno (Edison)
44	Sonya Wray	F	5-8	Fr	Fresno (Edison)
55	Toshina Yancey	C	6-1	Fr	Fresno (Edison)

Dec. 5-8: College of the Sequoias Tournament, Visalia TBA

Dec. 12-14: Merritt College Tournament, Oakland TBA

Dec. 21: Sacramento City College, Sacramento 5 p.m.

Dec. 27-29: San Jose City College Tournament, San Jose TBA

Jan. 3: Merritt College, Oakland 6 p.m.

Jan. 11: Porterville College, Fresno 5 p.m.

Jan. 15: Modesto Junior College, Fresno 5 p.m.

Jan. 18: Reedley College, Reedley 7 p.m.

Jan. 22: Merced College, Merced 5 p.m.

Jan. 25: Taft College, Fresno 5 p.m.

Jan. 29: College of the Sequoias, Fresno 7 p.m.

Feb. 5: Porterville College, Porterville 7 p.m.

Feb. 8: Modesto Junior College, Modesto 5 p.m.

Feb. 12: Reedley College, Fresno 5 p.m.

Feb. 15: Merced College, Fresno 5 p.m.

Feb. 19: Taft College, Taft 7 p.m.

Feb. 22: College of the Sequoias, Fresno 7 p.m.

Feb. 28 or March 1: Regional Playoffs-1st Round, TBA TBA

Mar. 4 or 5: Regional Playoffs, Second round, TBA TBA

Mar. 7 or 8: Regional Playoffs, Third round, TBA TBA

Mar. 13-16: State Finals, University of San Diego, TBA

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# FCC's Lee out to prove himself

By Josh Butters  
Sports editor

Carl Lee is out to prove people wrong. After sitting out last year, the 20-year-old sophomore has returned, ready to graduate and move on to bigger and better things on and off the court.

Lee, a forward for the Fresno City College men's basketball team has gone through turmoil during his years at the school. Vance Walberg is the fourth coach in Lee's three years at FCC.

Former FCC coach Denny Aye recruited Lee but Lee played for his replacement Peter Sharkey who was coach for only one season.

Last year while Lee sat out, Mark Mendez was the Rams coach who was also at FCC for only one year because of a questionable resume.

Over the summer, Walberg was hired into the FCC coaching position which had been filled with controversy in the past few years.

"I considered transferring," says Lee of the FCC coaching situation. "But I knew Coach Walberg had a history of winning so I decided to stay."

It's hard to believe Lee didn't even play high school basketball; he didn't even pick up a basketball until he was 14-years-old.

"I began to play competitive ball

at [age] 16," said Lee. "I was on a traveling youth team that went from state to state."

Lee attended Newton High in New York, and almost had to go to a prep school for college but then the phone rang.

"I got a call from Coach Aye," said Lee. "He told me about the school's program and the opportunities I could have if I decided to come to FCC."

And so he did. After his freshman year, Lee had to sit out for a season.

"It was real hard," says Lee of sitting out. "I saw all my friends playing basketball and graduating. I got my grades together and hopefully I will be the next to move on."

Before he moves on, Lee will do all he can for the Rams and his teammates.

"I just try to do what I can to help the team," says Lee. "Even if it means scoring no points but getting 20 rebounds, that is what I'll do to help my team win."

Helping his team win is what has gained Lee the interest of schools like Temple, Pittsburgh, San Diego State and Brigham Young.

"I want to play at the next level," says Lee. "I would like to go home and play in the Big East."

"He's a very talented player," says Walberg of Lee. "He has some of the best post moves I have ever

seen. There is no doubt he can play at the next level."

"He keeps getting better every day and at the end of the year Carl will be a great player."

Coach Walberg has helped Lee by emphasizing the important things for success in basketball. "He pushed me," says Lee.

"He helps me be prepared for the games and he preaches mental toughness. I need to be mentally tough."

Despite working hard on the

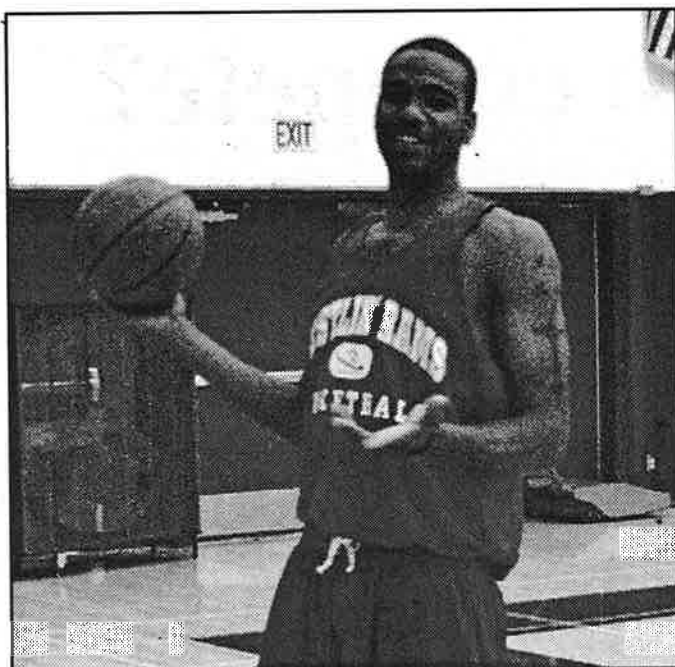


Photo by Lenetta Huxley

Carl Lee is in the eyes of recruiters from universities such as Temple, San Diego State, Pittsburg and Brigham Young

court, Lee is young at heart. "In my free time I like to go out and have fun," says Lee. "I'm always up for a good movie."

"Sometimes I just want to kick back and play video games. I want to do things that a regular kid would want to do."

Lee doesn't kick back in the classroom, he's past that. If any one doubts him, they won't once he proves himself.

After all, he is out to prove people wrong.

## Soccer, continued from page 1

NorCal regionals, FCC defeated Hartnell 3-0 and Chabot 4-1.

FCC's defense has gave up only one goal in their three playoff games. "Our defense has been our backbone this entire season," said Solberg.

The team's defense includes CC Player of the Year Nick Anderson, 1<sup>st</sup> Team All CC defender Pete Ramirez and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All CC middle defender Rob Hodgkins.

The Rams will take on Mt. San Antonio who upset No. 1 seed Santa Ana in the Southern California playoffs on Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. with the victor taking on the winner of Santa Rosa and Pasadena.

Santa Rosa earned their trip to the semifinals by defeating Contra Costa 3-1. Pasadena beat Glendale 3-0 for their spot in the final four.

The Rams had three goals for the year, win their conference, make it to the final four and win a state championship. Two goals down, one to go.

This is what we've been working for," said McKinney. "A trip to the final four. Now our goal is to win state."

Other Rams taking league honors are midfielder Joaquin Jaime (2<sup>nd</sup> Team All CC), forward Correy Eden (2<sup>nd</sup> Team All CC), midfielder Onesta Francis (2<sup>nd</sup> Team All CC) and goalkeeper Anthony Cardiel (1<sup>st</sup> Team All CC).

## Ratcliffe Stadium has come long way in its 76 years

Once shared by both Fresno State Bulldogs and FCC Rams

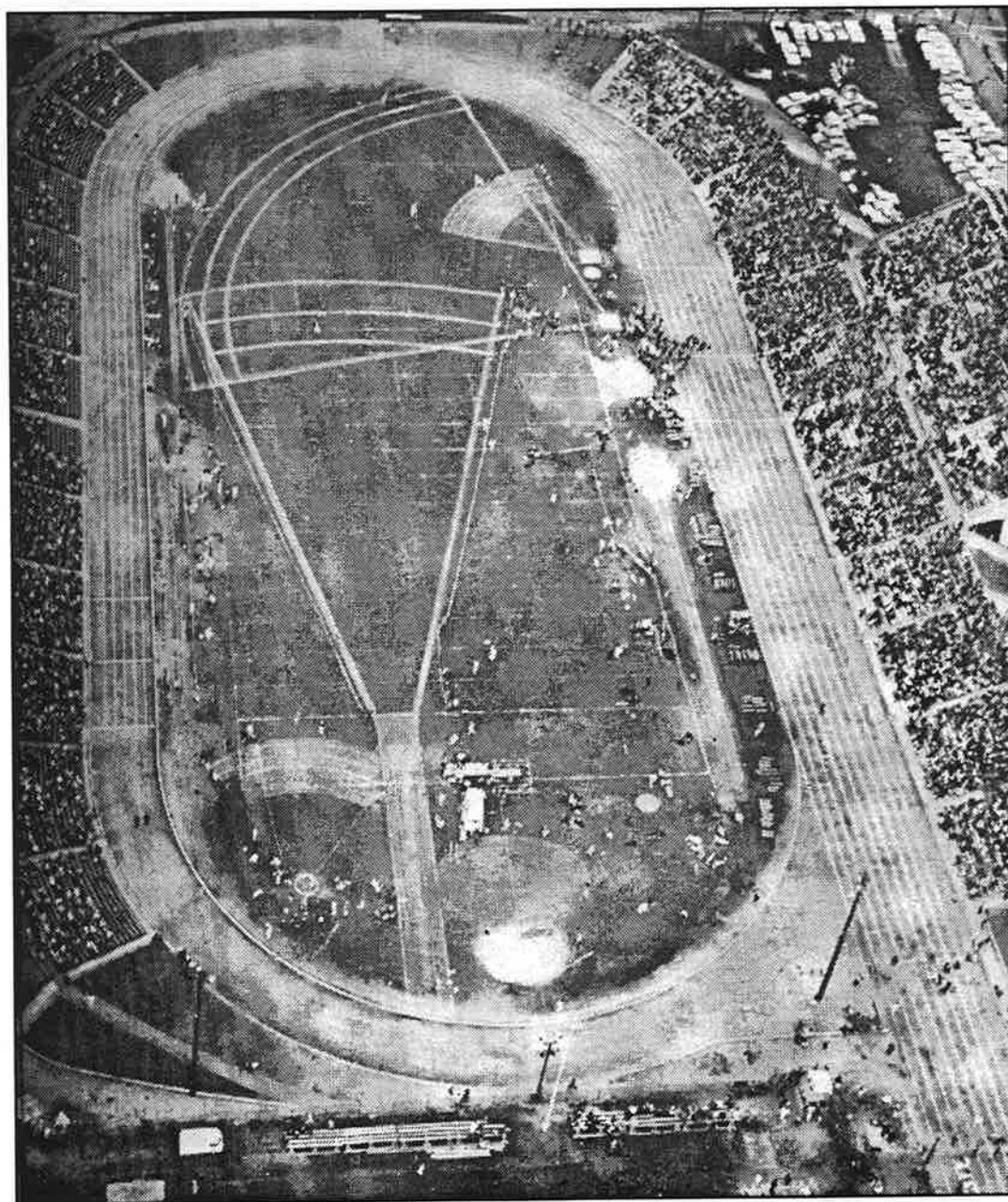


Photo courtesy of The Fresno Bee

(Above) Ratcliffe Stadium in 1958 during a track and field meet. During football seasons before Bulldog Stadium was built, FCC would hold home games at McLane High while Fresno State would use Ratcliffe Stadium for their home games.

By Josh Butters  
Sports editor

At one time in history, people flocked to it by the thousands for athletics, concerts and anything else it could accommodate. Ratcliffe Stadium is filled with the history that has made it what it is.

Built in the United States' "Golden Era of Sports," Ratcliffe Stadium was dedicated in 1926 on a campus, which would later become Fresno City College. Since then, the stadium has been renovated time and again to become what it is today.

In 1942, the stadium was expanded with a high-rise grandstand on the west side, elevating the seating capacity to more than 13,000.

Until Bulldog Stadium was built, the Fresno City College and Fresno State football teams shared Ratcliffe Stadium, which was named after Fresno States first football coach, Emory Ratcliffe. The sharing of the stadium meant FCC held home games on a regular basis at McLane High while the Bulldogs used Ratcliffe Stadium.

In 1972, talks about tearing down Ratcliffe Stadium arose with the consideration of building a 20,000-seat stadium. In the end, improvements were just made.

The field house was built in 1976 next to the northeast corner of the stadium, which has classrooms, offices, locker, training and weight rooms.

In the late 1970's, better lighting was installed along with aluminum seating and new restrooms.

Ratcliffe Stadium was once known as the place "Where World Records are Broken" in track and field when the stadium had a cinder track. In 1986, FCC built all-weather track and field facilities including a nine-lane Intrac polyurethane surface.

The stadium has gone through beautification processes through the more recent years. In the early 1990's, greenery with young trees and new concrete was laid under the high-rise grandstand on the side of Blackstone Avenue.

Ratcliffe Stadium's newest improvements have been new fencing and the installation of the FCC football Wall of Fame.

One of the most noteworthy events in the stadium's history was hosting a Rolling Stones concert in the late 1960's where over 17,000 people attended.

FCC football flourished just after the middle of the century. Rams' games regularly had better attendance than those of their Fresno State counterparts. Attendance began to die down with the interest of local rivalry with the junior college team rosters being filled with more out-of-area talent.

Ratcliffe Stadium is past its prime but an estimated 11,000 people went to this year's "Battle of the Pump" between FCC and Reedley. The turnout was a reminder of what once was a great period for FCC. Ratcliffe Stadium could become the place to be once again but we'll have to wait until next year to find out if the support has come back for good.



## Fresno City College Rams Bowl history: 1948-2001

1948: Olive Bowl (lost Visalia JC 20-0)  
 1952: Potato Bowl (lost Bakersfield College 25-19)  
 1958: Sequoia Bowl (defeated Sacramento City 27-19)  
 1960: Sequoia Bowl (defeated Hartnell 22-16)  
 1964: Lettuce Bowl (defeated Monterey Peninsula 22-14)  
 1966: Potato Bowl (lost Fullerton 32-12)  
 1968: State playoffs (defeated College of Marin 20-13)  
 1968: State playoffs (defeated El Camino 25-8)  
 1968: State championship (defeated East LA College 16-7)  
 1969: State playoffs (defeated LA Harbor College 36-13)  
 1969: State championship (defeated Fullerton 28-9)  
 1972: State playoffs (defeated Cerritos 12-10)  
 1972: State playoffs (defeated Chabot 39-26)  
 1972: State championship (defeated Pasadena 21-7)  
 1973: State playoffs (defeated Contra Costa 42-14)  
 1973: State playoffs (defeated College of San Mateo 21-2)  
 1973: State championship (tied LA City 10-10)  
 1975: Potato Bowl (lost LA Valley 27-9)  
 1988: Elks Bowl (lost Merced 21-17)  
 1989: Elks Bowl (lost Merced 27-11)  
 1990: Producers Dairy Bowl (lost Butte 51-21)  
 1992: Producers Dairy Bowl (defeated Gavilan 37-6)  
 1993: Producers Dairy Bowl (defeated Long Beach 18-15)  
 1994: Producers Dairy Bowl (lost Butte 28-24)  
 1996: Producers Dairy Bowl (lost Gavilan 20-18)  
 1999: Silicon Valley Bowl (lost Foothill 31-0)  
 2000: Hawaiian Punch Bowl (lost CC of San Francisco 41-7)  
 2001: Hawaiian Punch Bowl (lost CC of San Francisco 19-7)

## Rams vs. Tigers: The rematch

By Anthony Galaviz  
 Rampage reporter

**No. 2 Fresno City (9-1) at No. 1 Reedley (10-0). Time:** 1 p.m.  
**When:** Saturday. **Where:** Reedley High Stadium. **Radio:** KFIG-1430.

**WHEN FCC HAS THE BALL**  
 Quarterback Mark Hetherington has completed 58% of his passes for 2,265 yards and has thrown six interceptions in nine games. Tailback Earl Charles rushed for 103 yards against Reedley on Nov. 23, but didn't score a touchdown. Charles rushed for 1,578 yards to lead the Valley Conference and has 19 touchdowns for the season. Willie Johnson is averaging 5.8 yards a catch for 1,015 yards with 14 touchdowns including a 6-yard pass from Hetherington in the second quarter against Reedley. The Rams will get an added boost on defense when Matt Giordano returns after missing the Nov. 23 game because of a concussion he sustained against Merced. Giordano's replacement, Leonard Davis, intercepted Robert Johnson's pass in the third quarter.

**WHEN REEDLEY HAS THE BALL**  
 Johnson has completed 157

passes for 2,122 yards and 19 touchdowns with nine interceptions in 250 attempts. Johnson has rushed for 478 yards on 98 carries and six touchdowns. Johnson averages 4.9 yards a carry. Johnson is the player of the year in the Valley Conference. Backup tailback Jamayes Dixon rushed for 76 yards on 19 carries against the Rams. Dixon replaced starter Jurrell Elmore who's been out with a season-ending knee injury. Edgar Denton is another backup tailback filling in for Elmore. Wide receiver Bryant Stewart is averaging 6.4 yards a catch for 1,069 yards and 13 touchdowns. Stewart caught two touchdown passes of 40 and 53 yards in its last meeting against FCC.

### KEYS TO FCC VICTORY

**Establish the running and passing game:** This is how the Rams got to be No. 1 for the most of this year. The Rams' offense only got 288 yards against the Tigers in its last meeting. The passing game only generated 194 yards against a Reedley defense led by Valley Conference's defensive player of the year Donyell Booker.

**Avoid turnovers:** The Rams have to take care of the ball. FCC

had two fumbles against Reedley but didn't lose any.

**Stopping Johnson:** Johnson is one of the reasons why the Tigers remain undefeated. The freshman from Americus, Ga. has found open receivers because of his scrambling play. The Rams have to put pressure on Johnson and the secondary to stop the long passing plays.

**Kicking:** If the game comes down to a field goal, the Rams must rely on freshman James Scott. Scott missed field goals of 38 and 25. Both were blocked in its last game against Reedley. Scott is 4 of 8 on field goals this season, and has made 57 of 67 extra points.

### WEATHER REPORT

According to weather.com Saturday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with temperature expected to reach 53 degrees at kickoff.

### HOW THEY COMPARE

	FCC	REE
Scoring	43.3	42.1
Points allowed	22.3	14.3
Passing offense	261.1	243.3
Rushing offense	251.2	201.0
Total offense	512.3	444.3
Passing defense	247.8	196.4
Rushing defense	105.5	360.0
Total defense	353.3	232.4

## Northern California championship team rosters and schedules

### FRESNO CITY COLLEGE

No. Name Pos Ht Wt Yr

2 Jonathan Holland DB, 6-1, 170, So.  
 3 Jason Bland WR, 6-0, 205, So.  
 4 Covell Crosby WR, 6-2, 180, So.  
 5 Joe Tomasello FB, 6-0, 220, So.  
 6 Willie Johnson WR, 6-5, 205, So.  
 7 Rodney Woods FS, 5-10, 180, So.  
 8 Ray Hightower FS, 5-11, 175, So.  
 9 Tommy Briggs TE, 6-5, 255, So.  
 10 Daniel Idiart RB, 6-0, 175, So.  
 11 Ed Mitchell LB, 6-0, 210, Fr.  
 13 Mark Hetherington QB, 6-2, 225, So.  
 14 Wayne Desmond QB, 6-2, 210, Fr.  
 15 Danny Peracchi DB, 6-4, 200, Fr.  
 16 Mike Van Worth FB, 6-0, 245, So.  
 17 Josh Costa LB, 6-2, 235, So.  
 18 Jason Washington WR, 6-4, 185, So.  
 20 Earl Charles RB, 6-0, 205, So.  
 21 Steve Simonton DB, 5-9, 170, Fr.  
 22 Marquell Stinson LB, 6-3, 235, So.  
 23 Billy Jack Erdman WR, 5-10, 170, Fr.  
 24 Matt Giordano SS, 6-0, 200, So.  
 25 Ron Warsinger DB, 5-9, 160, Fr.  
 26 Leonard Davis RB, 5-10, 205, Fr.  
 28 Corey Jackson RB, 5-9, 190, Fr.  
 29 Marquis Roberts DB, 5-10, 185, Fr.  
 30 James Scott K, 6-0, 170, Fr.  
 31 Arthur Isa RB, 5-9, 170, So.  
 32 Cory Logan DB, 5-11, 175, So.  
 33 Andrew Havens FB, 6-0, 213, Fr.  
 34 Terrell Howard RB, 6-1, 210, Fr.  
 35 Roosevelt Cooks LB, 5-10, 210, Fr.  
 36 Reyn Gibson DB, 6-0, 185, Fr.  
 37 Jeremiah Leota LB, 5-10, 210, Fr.  
 38 Ta'amilo Ta'amilo DB, 5-11, 205, Fr.  
 42 Adam Wagner LB, 6-1, 220, So.  
 44 Tyrone Wilson FB, 6-1, 243, So.  
 45 Daniel Ching DB, 6-2, 195, Fr.  
 46 Nate Brown DB, 5-10, 175, Fr.  
 47 Christopher Williams LB, 6-2, 227, Fr.  
 49 Danny Munster P, 6-3, 202, Fr.  
 50 Jacob Houston DL, 6-3, 235, Fr.  
 51 Dek Bake DE, 6-2, 230, Fr.  
 52 Adam Fain DL, 6-3, 245, So.  
 53 Anthony Ward OL, 6-1, 270, So.  
 55 Brandon Wheeler LB, 6-3, 240, So.  
 57 Chris Cerkueira LB, 5-10, 210, Fr.  
 58 Danny Finnegan LB, 6-0, 220, Fr.  
 59 Benito Reyes LB, 6-1, 245, Fr.  
 60 Jordan Urbano OL, 6-1, 290, Fr.

62 David Dirkmaat OL, 6-8, 280, So.  
 64 Niko Alo OL, 6-1, 250, Fr.  
 65 Joe Krumpleman OL, 6-4, 285, So.  
 66 Jacob Leota DL, 6-2, 250, So.  
 68 Cody Fannin C, 6-2, 280, So.  
 72 Justin Rich OL, 6-5, 285, So.  
 73 Chris Bessinger DL, 6-0, 250, So.  
 74 Matt Kutz OL, 6-4, 270, Fr.  
 75 Kurt Walton OL, 6-5, 300, So.  
 77 Juan Cuenca OL, 6-0, 270, So.  
 78 Brian Holness OL, 6-3, 300, Fr.  
 79 Jake Kellom OL, 6-5, 265, Fr.  
 84 Conner Long TE, 6-0, 220, Fr.  
 85 Justin Janzer WR, 5-11, 170, Fr.  
 86 Kyle Cogburn DL, 6-4, 265, Fr.  
 88 Tony Curtis TE, 6-6, 250, So.  
 91 Tafa Samuela DL, 6-2, 250, Fr.  
 94 Kirk Johnson DE, 6-1, 240, So.  
 95 Leonard Fanoti DL, 5-9, 245, Fr.  
 96 Lavar House DL, 6-4, 255, So.  
 97 Richard Morales DL, 6-3, 240, So.  
 98 Ali Bahrami DL, 6-1, 220, So.  
 99 George Benson DL, 6-3, 285, So.

### SCHEDULE

Sept. 14: FCC 56, Sacramento 34  
 Sept. 21: FCC 55, Butte 42  
 Sept. 28: FCC 44, Foothill 0  
 Oct. 5: FCC 49, Delta 37  
 Oct. 12: FCC 61, Diablo Valley 14  
 Oct. 26: FCC 48, West Hills 7\*  
 Nov. 2: FCC 48, College of the Sequoias, 27\*  
 Nov. 9: FCC 55, Modesto 21\*  
 Nov. 16: FCC 44, Merced 14\*  
 Nov. 23: Reedley 28, FCC 21\*  
**Saturday: FCC at Reedley, 1 p.m.\***  
**\*Valley Conference games\***  
**\*\*Northern California championship**

### REEDLEY COLLEGE

No. Name Position Ht. Wt. Yr.  
 1 Lionell Green DB 6-1 175 S  
 2 Tyree King RB 5-8 165 S  
 3 Aaron Rankin RB 5-11 200 F

4 Jerrand Nesmith R 5-11- 160 S  
 6 Derwin Straughter DB 5-8- 165 F  
 7 Derrick Burket R 6-0- 170 F  
 8 Bryant Stewart R 6-0 197 S  
 9 Eloyie Walters DB 6-2 190 S  
 10 R.J. Pullings LB 6-1 245 S  
 11 Edgar Denton RB 5-10 217 S  
 12 Vincent Mitchell R 6-4 180 S  
 13 Charles Harris DB 6-2 213 S  
 14 Bradley Tredway QB 6-2 220 F  
 15 Eddie Mann LB 6-0 250 S  
 16 Craig Harvey LB 6-2 255 S  
 18 Dustin Hofmann QB 6-0 180 F  
 19 Robert Johnson QB 6-2 195 F  
 20 Jurrel Elmore RB 5-7 185 S  
 21 Chalemaye Petitfere DB 6-0 190 F  
 22 Christopher Nathan DB 6-0 170 S  
 23 Ray Gamez DB 5-9 180 S  
 24 Korey Mitchell RB 6-0 215 F  
 25 Jamayes Dixon RB 5-9 190 F  
 26 Anthony Moody DB 5-11 215 S  
 27 Sam Maestas RB 5-10 205 F  
 28 Lambert Watts RB 5-11 181 F  
 30 Melvin Webber, Jr. DB 5-11 170 F  
 31 Ted Telemaque RB 5-11 195 F  
 32 Pat Lau, Jr. RB 5-9 190 S  
 33 Kelvin Roberts DB 5-11 229 F  
 34 Roger Butler, Jr. RB 5-8 185 F  
 35 Justin Johnson DB 6-2 210 S

Rams running back  
 Earl Charles  
 Photo by Wendy Alexander

36 Karl Ressler DB 6-2 170 F  
 40 André Williams DB 5-11 210 S  
 41 Rico Middlebrooks DB 6-0 203 F  
 42 Charone Curry RB 5-11 245 S  
 43 Marquis Jones DL 6-0 220 S  
 44 Isacc Zuniga TE 6-3 280 F  
 45 Marquese Bacon RB 6-1 235 F  
 49 Carlos Ross DB 5-10 180 F  
 50 Riley Young LB 6-2 230 S  
 51 Jahi Green DL 6-4 227 F  
 52 Rayshun Crosby DL 6-2 270 S  
 53 Marcus Campbell DL 6-4 320 F

54 Donyell Booker DL 6-2 295 S  
 55 Charles Glover DL 6-4 250 F  
 56 Rod Jones DB 6-1 205 S  
 57 Theodore Clark OL 6-0 290 S  
 58 Joseph Almeida OL 6-0 280 S  
 59 Sylvester Brinkley LB 6-4 220 F  
 60 Stanley Clark, Jr. LB 6-7 230 F  
 61 Ryan James LB 6-2 245 S  
 62 Markeith Berry OL 6-4 280 S  
 63 John Rice LB 5-10 190 F  
 64 Dwayne Ruffin DL 6-1 254 S  
 65 Gerald Wilson LB 6-1 260 F  
 66 Jesse Lira DL 6-0 210 F  
 67 Chris Samuels OL 6-3 266 F  
 68 Doug Langenfeld DL 6-4 245 S  
 69 Marc Reddy PK 5-11 180 S  
 70 Jeff Whited OL 6-5 287 F  
 71 Brian Kruep OL 6-3 300 F  
 72 Alandee Brown OL 6-6 290 S  
 73 Joel Renaud OL 6-7 320 F  
 74 Walter Hill OL 6-5 336 F  
 75 Charles Crawley OL 6-4 296 F  
 76 Kelvin Hyman DL 6-2 350 S  
 77 Erik Griffis OL 6-7 305 F  
 78 Nathan Saari OL 6-2 326 S  
 79 Greg Huffman PK/P 6-4 220 F  
 80 McRuben Fleurinord WR 6-3 210 F  
 81 Pierre Fenn WR 6-0 175 F  
 82 Dwayne Slay DB 6-4 205 F  
 83 Rony Saintil R 6-4 190 F  
 84 Reggie Dicks TE 6-3 255 F  
 85 André Eason WR 6-0 188 F  
 86 Greg Moise R 5-9 165 F  
 87 Joseph Lake TE 6-5 273 F  
 88 Brett Guestin TE 6-4 250 F  
 89 Lester Shelton R 5-11 170 F

### SCHEDULE

Sept. 14: Reedley 46, Antelope Valley 41  
 Sept. 21: Reedley 31, Santa Rosa 23  
 Sept. 28: Reedley 52, Contra Costa 0  
 Oct. 4: Reedley 49, Solano 14  
 Oct. 12: Reedley 56, Sacramento City 5  
 Oct. 26: Reedley 60, College of the Sequoias 7\*  
 Nov. 2: Reedley 34, Modesto 25\*  
 Nov. 9: Reedley 28, Merced 7\*  
 Nov. 16: Reedley 37, West Hills 0\*  
 Nov. 23: Reedley 28, FCC 21\*  
**FCC at Reedley, 1 p.m.\*\***  
**\*Valley Conference games**



# FCC gets NorCal title shot

**Tigers win first VC title since 1997:  
Must face revenge-minded Rams**

**By Anthony Galaviz**  
Rampage reporter

As the final seconds winded down, the Fresno City College football team hopes of going to the state championships were seemingly gone.

When the clock struck zero, Reedley College celebrated its Valley Conference title in five years defeating the Rams 28-21 before an estimated 11,000 at Ratcliffe Stadium, dashing FCC's hopes of going to the Northern California championship.

But, the Rams got renewed life on Nov. 24 when it was announced by the Commission on Athletics that FCC will meet Reedley at 1 p.m. Saturday in the NorCal championship game at Reedley High.

"It feels great to have a second chance," FCC coach Tony Caviglia said. "It's another opportunity to try to win the Northern California championship."

The Rams' 15-game home win streak and 30-game regular season win streak came to an end.

"They are a very emotional group," Caviglia said. "We haven't lost a game around here. It was very emotional in the locker room."

"We just got to learn from our mistakes."

Saturday's winner will move on to the state championships Dec. 14 at Bakersfield College against the winner between Chaffey and College of the Canyons.

The announcement by the COA came to a surprise for Reedley coach Michael White.

"It's hard to beat somebody

twice in one season," he said. "They got all of the emotions on their side and that concerns me."

The Rams hope to advance to the state championships for the first time since 1973 when it tied LA City College 10-10.

This will be FCC's third trip in three years to the NorCal championship game. City College of San Francisco defeated FCC 41-7 in 2000 and 19-7 in 2001.

"You can't really dwell on the past," Caviglia said. "Our players want to win so bad. Their emotions are sky-high and I understand what they're going through. They don't like to lose."

FCC athletic director Susan Yates was pleasantly surprised to hear about the rematch, and said Saturday's game is wonderful for the central San Joaquin Valley.

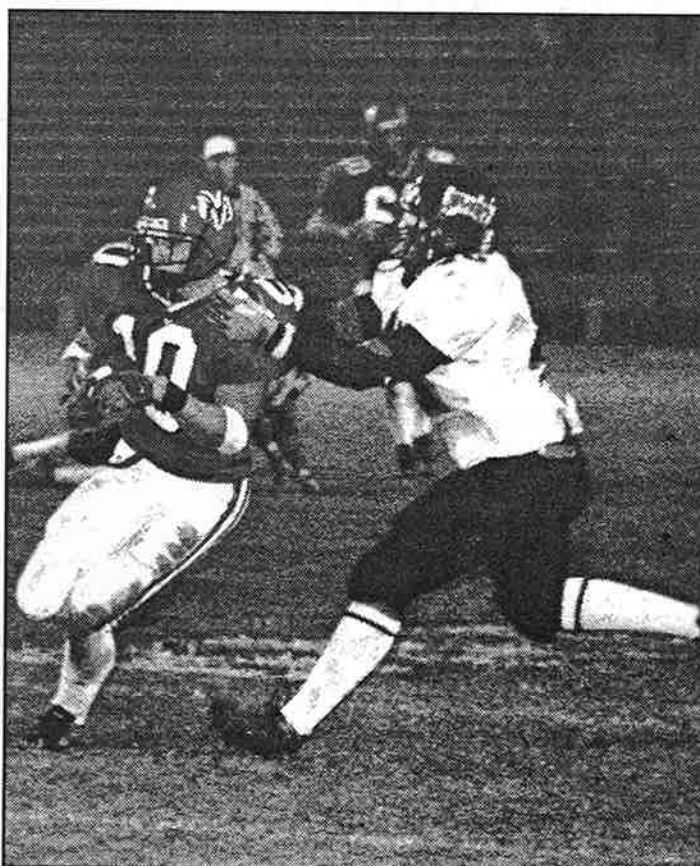
"I'm delighted," she said. "I think this is a wonderful rematch for this community. They both played with class (the last time they played). They were supportive. I think that was the game the community could be proud of."

The Tigers won the "Battle of the Pump" game with an all-around effort by quarterback Robert Johnson.

Johnson threw for 240 yards and three touchdowns, twice escaping near sacks before finding his receivers in the end zone.

Bryant Stewart, who had to leave the game in the third quarter because of a rib injury, caught two touchdown passes of 40 and 53 yards.

"Johnson was unbelievable," Caviglia said. "He's a real



Special to the Rampage, Photo by Josh Hires  
FCC's Daniel Idiart attempts to break away from a Reedley defender during the "Battle of the Pump" on Nov. 23

playmaker. We did a good job on him, except on his scrambling."

Stewart is probable for Saturday's game.

Rams tailback Earl Charles had 113 yards on 20 carries against a Reedley team that is ranked No. 3 in the state.

The Tigers jumped out to an 14-0 lead over the Rams on Johnson's 40-yard pass to Bryant Stewart and on a Jamayes Dixon 5-yard dash to the end zone.

The Rams cut the Tigers lead down 14-7 on Mark Hetherington's 6-yard pass to Willie Johnson.

FCC tied the game 14-14 in the

second quarter when Adam Wagner fell on Robert Johnson's fumble in the Reedley end zone.

Just as the Rams got motivation on its side, Johnson scrambled from two Rams defenders and found Bryant Stewart for a 53-yard scoring pass.

Contra Costa College coach Jose Ortega, whose team lost to Reedley 52-0 earlier this season, didn't offer a prediction for Saturday's game.

"In my opinion, that's the best Reedley team I've seen," he said. "Fresno has to be special to beat Reedley."

## They said it

"We've got a few more things that we did not show and they'll carry over in our plan for (Saturday). And we're expecting a lot more deep balls from Fresno next time. The safe plays like draw passes and screen plays tend not to work on a defense like ours," **Reedley coach Michael White told the Reedley Exponent.**

"If you would of asked us in August you have a choice to win the conference championship or go to the state championship game, what would you rather do? Without a doubt, have a chance to win the state championship." **FCC coach Tony Caviglia.**

"It's always hard to predict. They're two evenly matched teams. It's difficult to beat a team twice in one season," **Modesto coach Sam Young.**

"They're both excellent football teams. It's always tough to beat a team twice in one season. It's a toss-up," **College of the Sequoias coach Roger Kelly.**

"Both teams are very well coached. I think it's going to be difficult to beat a team twice in one season, but with Reedley's depth, I think they may be able to do that. I think it's going to come down with the teams that makes the least turnovers," **West Hills coach Mark Gritton.**

## JC football notebook: Tickets now on sale for Dec. 7 NorCal championship game

**By Josh Butters**  
Sports editor

Tickets are on sale for Saturday's Northern California championship game between FCC and Reedley.

Tickets went on sale Monday at both FCC's Manchester Educational Center from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and the FCC theatre box office from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. General admission is \$6 and \$3 for students with ID. Children under 5 are free.

The game will be played at 1 p.m. at Reedley High Stadium. The stadium has a capacity of 5,000, but Reedley College is working with the high school to bring in bleachers and increase seating capacity to 7,000.

The winner plays the Southern California champion for the state title Dec. 14 at Bakersfield College. Chaffey hosts Canyons in the Southern California

### Score galore

Solano and Marin played in the highest scoring regulation junior college game ever. In the end, Solano came out with a 72-69 victory.

Despite losing, Marin quarterback Geary Davenport threw for 781 yards and nine touchdowns.

### San Joaquin Delta finishes regular season 9-1

San Joaquin Delta finished the regular season with their only loss coming at the hands of FCC 49-37. The Mustangs defeated American River 37-18 on Nov. 23 to finish the regular season.

Delta will play in the Tri Counties Bank Holiday Bowl against Butte in Oroville. The Mustangs are No. 4 in NorCal.

### Butte falls short of NorCal championship berth

Butte finished the regular season 9-1, losing only to FCC earlier in the season. The Roadrunners defeated City College of San Francisco 35-10, giving the Rams their second loss of the season.

### FCC streaks snapped

Many FCC streaks were snapped when Reedley defeated Rams on Nov. 23. The list includes streaks of regular season victories (30), home victories (15), and "Battle of the Pump" victories (4).

### On Air

KFIG-1430 (ESPN radio) will broadcast Saturday's Northern California championship game between FCC and Reedley at 1 p.m.

### First bowl in the books

Sierra College defeated Laney

13-7 in the Capital Shrine Bowl on Nov. 30. Laney running back Rodney Roy scored a touchdown on a 1-yard-run with 5:43 left in the fourth quarter to tie the score at 7-7 but Sierra's Chaundres Carthen returned the kickoff 99 yards for a touchdown.

Sierra finished the season 10-1 and Laney completed the year 6-5.

### All-CVC Rams

Rams that made the Valley Conference All conference team include defensive lineman Chris Bessinger; linebackers Marquel Stinson and Adam Wagner; defensive backs Rodney Woods and Matt Giorando; quarterback Mark Hetherington; running back Earl Charles; receiver Willie Johnson, punter Danny Munster and offensive linemen David Dirkmaat and Cody Fannin.

Joe Tomasello made all CVC honors as an all-purpose player and Rodney Woods as a specialist.

### Injury Report

FCC strong safety Matt Giordano suffered a concussion in FCC's 44-14 victory against Merced. Giorando sat out on Nov. 23 against Reedley but is expected to play on Saturday in the FCC/Reedley rematch.

## Final Valley Conference Standings

Team	Con	Ove
	W L	W
Reedley	5 0	10
Fresno City	4 1	9
West Hills	3 2	6
Modesto	2 3	5
Merced	1 4	4
Sequoias	0 5	4

## Bowl Schedule

### SATURDAY NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIP

In Reedley  
#1N Reedley (10-0) vs. #2N Fresno (9-1), 1 p.m.

### STRAWBERRY BOWL

In Norwalk  
#7S Cerritos (8-2) vs. #8S Saddleback (8-2), 7 p.m.

### CLO BOWL

In Santa Rosa  
#9N Santa Rosa (7-3) vs. #14N Feather River (6-4), 1 p.m.

### EAST COUNTY BOWL

In Pittsburg  
#13N Los Medanos (6-4) vs. #16N Hartnell (5-5), 1 p.m.

### PACIFIC GRAFFITI BOWL

In Modesto  
#12N Modesto (5-5) vs. #15N Shasta (5-5), 1 p.m.

### HAWAIIAN PUNCH BOWL

In San Francisco  
#6N City College of San Francisco (8-2) vs. #8N San Mateo (8-2), 1 p.m.

### SHRINE POTATO BOWL

In Bakersfield  
#5S Moorpark (9-1) vs. #6S Pasadena (8-2), 1 p.m.

### SILICON VALLEY BOWL

In Los Altos Hills  
#5N Foothill (8-2) vs. #10N West Hills (6-4), 1 p.m.

### SOUTH COUNTY BOWL

In Chula Vista  
#3S Palomar (9-1) vs. #4S Grossmont (9-1), 5 p.m.

### TRI COUNTIES BANK HOLIDAY BOWL

In Oroville  
#3N Butte (9-1) vs. #4N San Joaquin Delta (9-1), Noon

### US BANK BEACH BOWL

In Santa Monica  
#11S Los Angeles Harbor (7-3) vs. #12S Mt. San Jacinto (6-4), 1 p.m.

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BOWL

In Rancho Cucamonga  
#1S Chaffey (10-0) vs. #2S Canyons (9-1), 1 p.m.

### WESTERN STATE BOWL

In Long Beach  
#9S Long Beach (7-3) vs. #10S Compton (7-2), 1 p.m.



# Young Rams hope to improve

## Rams off to 1-4 start, will play at COS Tournament

By Josh Harding  
Rampage reporter

There's a lot of fresh talent on the women's basketball team this year; but they may still be a little too green on the court. Of the 12 players on the roster only two were on last year's squad.

The team has started the season 1-4 and are focusing primarily on getting the court time and necessary experience they'll need to win games.

"This is the second year of a rebuilding process; we think we're going to do OK and next year I think we're going to be very, very, very, very good," Rams coach Donnie Johnson said of this year's team.

Two years ago the team graduated nine sophomores; five of them were Division 1 players, two of them were Division 2. They have been working on recovering from the loss since then.

The new team is composed of virtually all freshmen with five girls coming in from Fresno Unified High Schools.

Edison High gives three players; 5'5 guard Akyya Mayberry, 5'8 forward Sonya Wray and 6'1 center Toshina Yancey. From Fresno High 5'6 guard Cicely House joins her sister; 5'5 guard and returning player Nicole House to the FCC squad.

From Bullard High comes 5'4 guard Anoush Kirakosian. Shanae Ross, a 5'8 guard from Hanford High is also new to the team. From Sierra High comes 6'0 guard Kristen Mondientz. Merced High contributes two new players; 5'7 guard Paula Gonzales and 6'0 forward Laura Zaukaite.

Zaukaite and another player, 5'8 guard Ninon Salemon exchange students; not only new to the team, but relatively new to America. Zaukaite is originally from Klaipeda, Lithuania and Salemon hails from Indonesia.

"Last year I was at Merced High School as an exchange student," says Zaukaite. "I love California weather and I just decided to stay

### More Info

For FCC Women's basketball remaining schedule and team roster See page 16

here."

Zaukaite says that it is very cold in her country during the winter and she is not a big fan of the snow. She also recalls the Hollywood movies she would watch with her friends back in Lithuania and how they added to her love of California. At FCC she is presently taking general education classes and may pursue a major in either psychology or Journalism.

"I like to travel, I like getting to know new people," said Zaukaite.

Concerning basketball Zaukaite says she is working on adjusting to the slight differences between American basketball and European basketball; these are mostly small style differences in stepping and passing says Zaukaite.

Returning center Amanda Vierra knows her team will need to work hard to get back to where they once were. Vierra is trying to help out her teammates as much as she can before she graduates.

"I try to be a leader as much as I can. I basically play and hope they follow by example," Vierra said.

Coach Johnson sees potential in his players once they establish themselves later on down the line. He mentions three prospects that he hopes to have on the team by next semester. Two are currently playing for the volleyball team; Johnson expects to have them after the volleyball state tournament is over. The other one is an exchange student from Taiwan who is currently trying to get settled in as a student.

They have the chance to grow together as a team, maybe more than your average group; with so many brand new players they can't depend on only a few individuals to hold up the slack. The season has



Photo by Margo Woodward

only begun; there is definite room for improvement for the women's basketball team, but there is plenty of time to make it happen.

### Women's Soccer

The FCC women's team lost in the third round of the NorCal playoffs 1-0 to No. 2 seed Santa Rosa.

The Rams made it through the first two rounds without scoring a goal and winning on penalty kicks.

Santa Rosa scored the game winning goal in the 85th minute.

FCC finished the year with a 16-3-4 record, tying the school record for victories in a season.

(above) FCC's Ninon Salemon advances the ball up the court on Nov. 22 against Sacramento City College in the FCC gym. (right) Rams' coach Donnie Johnson addresses a player.

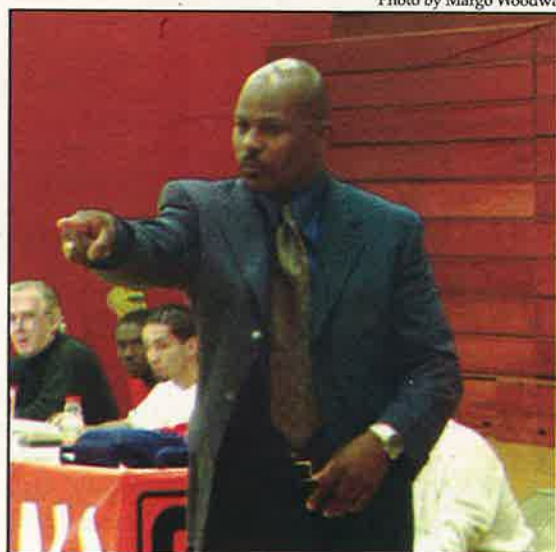


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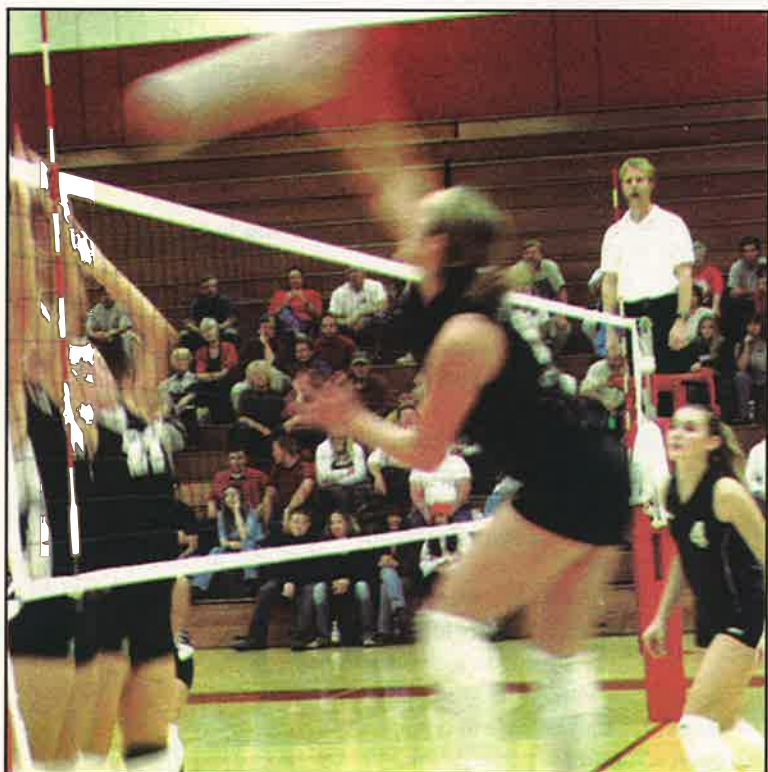


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FCC goes into the state championships with a 24-1 record.

### The Rampage

For the first time in school history, the Fresno City College volleyball advanced to the state championships.

The Rams made quick work of Shasta College 30-20, 30-19, 30-26 in round 2 of the state playoffs.

Afterward, Rams coach Sheri Hess broke the news to the Rams that it was their first trip to state championships.

"They came a long way," Hess said. "They are hungry right now."

Rams assistant Adam Parks agrees.

"We were excited," he said. "We got a good squad this year."

The state championship begins

Friday at San Joaquin Delta in Stockton.

The Rams open against San Bernardino Valley College at 8 p.m. Time of the match wasn't available.

In Game 3, FCC struggled through most of the match before taking the lead for good 29-26.

"We were anxious," freshman Betsey Keller said. "I think we were looking ahead to state, but everybody stepped up."

Setter Brianne Stockwell, who led the Rams with 51 assists, said the Rams looked ahead in Game 3.

"We got a little bit ahead of ourselves," she said. "We picked it up, and our defensive have been aggressive."

FCC is ranked No. 5 in the Cali-

fornia Community College women's volleyball.

Other teams in the state final eight are:

West Valley, San Joaquin Delta, Sacramento City, Moorpark, Orange Coast and Golden West.

### Also

Stacy Goodman and Kelly McLemore were named to the all-state team. This is the first time that two FCC players were selected. McLemore was the Central Valley Conference's most valuable player.

Goodman was first team All-CVC. Goodman suffered a season-ending injury on Oct. 27 against defending state champion Golden West.