



## Crime unit at FCC

Campus not immune to gang violence

By Brianna Qullici  
Rampage reporter

It was an act of rivalry between gang members when a fight broke out on the Fresno City College campus Jan. 15.

"There was a brawl between two Asian gangs who have been fighting an on-going war," said Sergeant Anderson of the State Center Community College District. "One group hit another group, and it has been a continuing struggle for leadership of an area."

Fresno's specialized task force Multi Agency Gang Enforcement Consortium was brought on campus the next day as a precaution. "These officers are trained in dealing specifically with gangs. The gang task force identified the people involved in the conflict by the tattoos and other gang affiliated signs," Anderson said.

Anderson said that knives were reportedly involved, but nothing was recovered except a screwdriver. "The screwdriver could have been used to look like knife, but that was the only sort of weapon we found."

The majority of the gang members were not FCC students, but "juveniles who should have been somewhere else. The kids were either high school dropouts or ditching," Anderson said. Two adults and two juveniles were arrested by campus police and now face charges for

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## SSSlithery lessson



Not too many people want to get close to a python that's nearly 15 feet long, but in this case the snake isn't about to cause any harm. Fresno City College's zoology class, taught by Jerry Kirkhart, had the opportunity to dissect the python, which was a donation from Pat Fournier. Fournier, owner of A Reptile Room, gave the snake to zoology student Jeanette Hall, left. Hall, an employee of A Reptile Room, along with Jeff Lewis, top right, and Jennifer Perez, top left, dissected the python. Brandi, a female Burmese python died of intestinal blockage, the autopsy showed. The skin was removed for preservation. Students Breshelle Farb and Sara Ebrahim helped remove the organs for display, and the carcass was immersed in flesh-eating beetles to clean the bones for better observation.

Photos by Lenetta Huxley



A common sight: FCC students wait at the Weldon Avenue crossing.

Photo by Wendy Alexander

## Rail safety scrutinized

By Daren Watkins

Rampage reporter

Each and every day, regardless of the weather, Amtrak and Burlington-Northern Santa Fe trains come through the Fresno City College campus. They blow their horns, disrupt classes and set off car alarms.

However, this is the least of the concerns expressed by students and faculty members. With roughly

25,000 students coming on and off campus each day, and an average of 60 trains tearing through the campus, safety is a huge issue.

In 2001, Fresno led California in railroad incidents. For every 100,000 people, Fresno has had 5.06 deaths, while the national average is 1.29. With the sheer mass of trains, the amount of deaths from train accidents exceeds the number of non-fatal injuries. On average, Fresno has 2.89 injuries per

100,000 people, while the nation has .5 injuries.

The Sept. 13 death of FCC football player Junior Puletapuai, a transfer student from Alaska, rekindled the fire beneath Mayor Alan Autry to move the tracks to the Union Pacific tracks along the Highway 99 corridor. Mayor Autry appointed FCC student Katia Kazovian and district Chancellor

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# Letters to the editor

## London trip a worthy venture

For the past 10 months, the members of Fresno City College's London or Bust Club have been actively involved in fund raising activities ranging from book sales to concerts, and from beerock and candy sales to the production and sale of a college address book. All of this is to help defray the \$6,275 cost each of the 23 students are required to pay to participate in the Spring 2002 Semester in England Program.

The program is sponsored by the State Center Community College District and is coordinated by Centers for Academic Programs Abroad. The program is housed in Dorich House in Kingston University, with classes taught by two instructors from Fresno City College. The eight courses offered are in the humanities and social sciences, and range from Global Social Problems to English Literature. The program includes field trips to historic sites, such as Bath, Oxford and Canterbury as a way of enriching the material presented in class.

In addition to the educational trips and the frequent museum visits that are part of the program, students will also interact directly with British culture by living with a Brit-

## Letters policy

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ish host family for the duration of the program. Overall, the students acquire an enhanced awareness of British culture, history and literature in its genuine environment. The program creates an exceptional opportunity for maturation and cultural awareness that will promote tolerance and personal growth.

The London or Bust Club was established in 1997 to help students with an economic need to earn scholarship money specifically for the program. Students may also acquire some spending money through the club activities. Mercedes Gomez, the London or Bust Club treasurer, says that without the London or Bust Club, "I wouldn't be able to pay for the trip's cost." Gomez has earned about \$2,500 from club activities.

Most of the fund-raising activi-

ties have occurred on the Fresno City College campus, but other activities such as yard sales, concerts and address book sales have involved a lot of off-campus work. All the activities require significant amounts of time, effort and patience. Some students have put in hundreds of hours and become eligible for thousands of dollars of scholarship funds.

Hard work and dedication are what the London or Bust students know most about. Besides attending and studying for classes all semester, they also took time out of their busy schedules to focus for planning and strategizing, and then carrying out dozens of successful fund raisers. So far the club has earned approximately \$12,000, and the funds continue to grow.

There is one added benefit — fund raising has helped students not only acquire funds for the trip, but it also has allowed them the opportunity to become close and establish a strong bond months before the trip itself. According to Gomez, the most beneficial aspect of the London or Bust Club is "meeting the people and establishing a solid relationship before we get to London because since we won't have our families there with us, (it will ensure that) we'll have someone there to share out happiness, sadness and knowledge gained through the trip."

Yasamin Jamali

## In brief

Two job training programs still have openings for students who are interested in receiving a certificate of completion in just eight months. Both programs begin today and conclude Sept. 3.

The Medical Billing Assistant Program helps prepare students to find employment in hospitals, insurance companies or with private physicians. Skills taught include analyzing patient records, completing insurance forms, billing patients and handling correspondence.

The Computerized Accounting Program emphasizes computer training while developing skills necessary for maintaining accounting records.

Fees for either program are only \$11 per unit, in addition to books and supplies.

More information is available by calling the FCC Business Division at 442-8222.

A reading and writing center is now available to help students prepare class assignments in all disciplines. Students using the center are coached through the writing process, helping them produce higher quality essays.

Students having difficulty with reading and writing skills, or who are seeking to improve their grades, are strongly encouraged to use this service. Qualified tutors will be available to assist.

The Writing/Reading Center will be open throughout the semester from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 8 a.m. to noon Friday, in the Tutorial Center, LI 134, upstairs on the mezzanine.

# Campus calendar

## Art

**The Ram's Tale** — The deadline for submissions for the next edition of the Ram's Tale is March 1, 2002. Submit copies of original fiction, essays/autobiographies, poetry, drama/one-act plays, black and white photography, or two-dimensional artwork to the Humanities Division office. For information, call Clay Rooks at 442-4600, ext. 8122, or Zay Guffy-Bill at 442-4600, ext. 8119.

## Events

**Club Rush** — 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. today, campus clubs set up fund raising booths around the fountain area.  
**Reparations lecture** — 1-3 p.m. Feb. 5, as part of African American History Month, history professor Malik Simba and political science professor Sharon Herron will speak at the FCC Theatre. For information, call Homer Green at ext. 8904.  
**Anthropology Club fund raiser** — Noon Feb. 13, in the fountain area.  
**Club Rush** — 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Feb. 27, March 20, campus clubs set up fund raising booths around the fountain area.

## Fairs and festivals

**Volunteer Faire** — 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Feb. 20, booths will be set up in the mall and fountain areas featuring volunteer opportunities.  
**Renaissance Festival** — 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. March 9-10 on the west lawn near the Old Administration Building. Cost: \$4 adults, \$2 children, half off with a non-perishable food

item, with proceeds to Marjoree Mason Center. For information, call Michael Butler at 226-5341.

## Intramurals

**Foosball Tournament** — 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Feb. 8 at the College Center.  
**Air Hockey Tournament** — 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Feb. 22 at the College Center.

**3-on-3 Basketball Tournament** — 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. March 1 at the Gym.  
**3-on-3 Soccer Tournament** — 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. March 15 in the free speech area.

**2-on-2 Volleyball Tournament** — 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. March 29 in the free speech area.

**8-Ball Tournament** — 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. April 5 at College Center.  
**5-on-5 Flag Football Tournament** — 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. April 19 behind the Gym.

For more information on intramural events, call College Activities at 265-5711.

## Stage

**Gospel Night** — 6 p.m. Friday, at the FCC Theatre.  
**Piano recital** — 2:30 p.m. Saturday, at the Recital Hall.

**Dallas Black Dance Theatre** — 7 p.m. Feb. 5-6, presented by Fresno City College and Cal Fed at the Tower Theatre. Tickets: \$10 reserved, \$7.50 with student I.D., available at FCC Business Office and the Tower Theatre box office.  
**Community Concert Band** — 7:30 p.m. Feb. 8, at the FCC Theatre.

# Police log

From the files of the SCCC Police Department

## Jan. 3

• Officer dispatched to Art and Home Economics Building 206 regarding vandalism. Report taken.

## Jan. 4

• Officer observed a vehicle on fire at Blackstone and McKinley avenues. Turned over to Fresno Police Department. Report taken.  
• Officer dispatched to Madera Center regarding vandalism to law. Report taken.

## Jan. 9

• Officer and nurse dispatched to Theatre regarding injured employee. Turned over to nurse. Report taken.

## Jan. 14

• Officer dispatched to Student Services Building regarding disturbance. Parties contacted. Report taken.  
• Officer dispatched to Language Arts Building 125 regarding theft of purse. Report taken.  
• Officer took report regarding petty theft.  
• Officer took report regarding vehicle burglary.

## Jan. 15

• Officer took report regarding possible lodging in Building T-100.  
• Officers dispatched to mall regarding fight. Four individuals arrested. Turned over to Fresno County Jail or Juvenile Hall. Report taken.  
• Sergeant dispatched to Parking Lot P regarding vehicle burglary. Report taken.  
• Officer dispatched to Parking Lot E regarding vehicle burglary. Report taken.  
• Officer dispatched to Greenhouse regarding disturbance. Individuals advised. Report taken.  
• Officer took report regarding vehicle burglary in Parking Lot S.  
• Officer took report regarding vehicle vandalism.

## Jan. 16

• Officer observed suspicious vehicle in Parking Lot P and initiated traffic stop. Check showed both parties unlicensed. Driver arrested, released. Vehicle impounded. Report taken.  
• Officer took report regarding stolen bicycle.

## Jan. 17

• Officer took report of an injured employee.  
• Officer took into custody individual wanted by Fresno police. Report taken.  
• Officer took report regarding vehicle burglary.



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# Students offered a helping hand

## Disabled can benefit from FCC program

By Brianna Quilici  
Rampage reporter

The Disabled Students Programs and Services has provided assistance for students with learning, physical or psychological disabilities since 1970. DSP&S became a landmark program and Fresno City College earned the status of being the first community college in California to offer a comprehensive disabled students program.

"Students need to know that their rights and benefits aren't going to go away. They need to feel safe in this environment," said Janice Emerzian, district director of DSP&S at FCC.

Services are now being offered district wide at several State Center Community College sites, including Reedley College and centers in Clovis, Madera and Oakhurst. There are 1,400 students served at FCC, and an additional 545 at the various sites.

For example, Reedley College has 380 students in DSP&S as compared to 200 last year. The number of participants at the Clovis and Madera centers has increased from 50 to 125, and the program at Oakhurst went from not having any DSP&S students to 40.

"This is the first time in 25 years that Reedley College has added 10 new special classes for DSP&S students to its program. It's been exciting to be able to offer the same quality of services to our DSP&S students at all of our sites in the district," Emerzian said.

"Reedley and the North Centers [Clovis, Madera and Oakhurst] received two new grants this year providing job training and placement in real competitive jobs and student support services which help disabled students transfer to a four year institution," Emerzian said. "We transfer and graduate more students

with disabilities than any other community college in California. Our program is one of the largest and most comprehensive programs for adults with disabilities in the California community colleges."

Other programs the district uses to enable students with disabilities to successfully pursue their educational, vocational and personal goals include: the Transition to College Program, the Adaptive Ornamental Horticulture Program and the High Tech Center.

The Transition to College Program targets high school seniors by giving them assistance to make a smooth transition into college. They are helped with applications, financial aid, registration, counseling, accessing services and learning survival skills. Peer mentoring and a summer bridge program are also available.

The 10-month Adaptive Ornamental Horticulture Program is designed for students with physical and psychological disabilities to integrate into campus life, overcoming barriers and achieving goals. The program does this by teaching skills in plant propagation, foliage plant care, interior plantscaping, floral design, greenhouse production and landscape gardening.

The High Tech Center instructs students with disabilities in the use of the latest adapted computer technology so that they can access the same classes and instruction as students without disabilities. Some of the equipment and software they use include Kurzweil Reader, Duxbury Braille, tactile graphics, electronic text, large-print text, books on tape, screen reading software and speech synthesizers. The district has also hire two alternate media specialists who work with the instructor and counselors to help provide the specific alternate format for each individual's disability.

Gov. Davis signed legislation providing persons with disabilities full and equal access to state programs and services.

"Bill AB677 is the Civil Rights Act for people with disabilities," Emerzian said. "California has

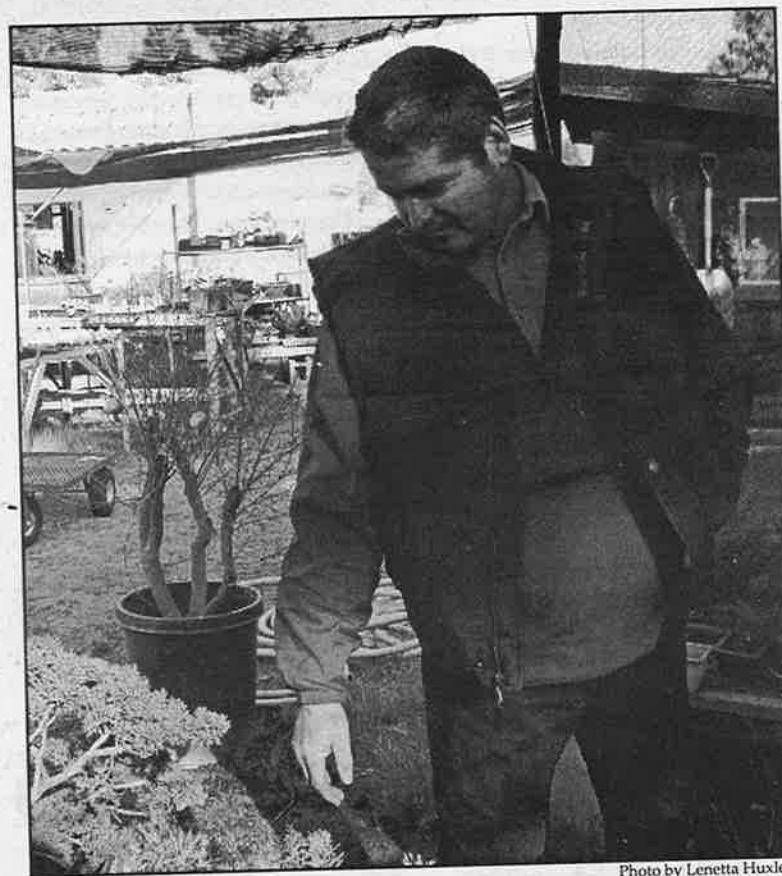


Charles Benner, a teacher's aide, helps out with the Adaptive Ornamental Horticulture Program, which he has graduated from. He is helped by Kori, a student in the program.

been very progressive with how we protect the rights of disabled citizens."

This step is a big one because California is the first state to provide protection to disabled people. "Our battle isn't over yet though. We are always going to be fighting for rights for the disabled; rights to programs and physical access as well as the attitudes of some individuals. Some people don't believe that disabled individuals need to be in a college setting. The ironic thing is the second you ask them if they want to be born with half a brain, or no movement below their waste, or not to see or not to hear, they always respond with 'no.'"

Emerzian, a member of the California Governor's Committee for Employment of Disabled Persons, said the primary role of the state commission is to constantly seek opportunities for employment and for a quality of life for people with disabilities. It primarily focuses on employment but other issues aren't overlooked. The purpose of the committee is to foster unique partnerships, increasing employment opportunities for Californians who have disabilities. It also provides direct services, including technical assistance to employers and employees, development and dissemination of public education materi-

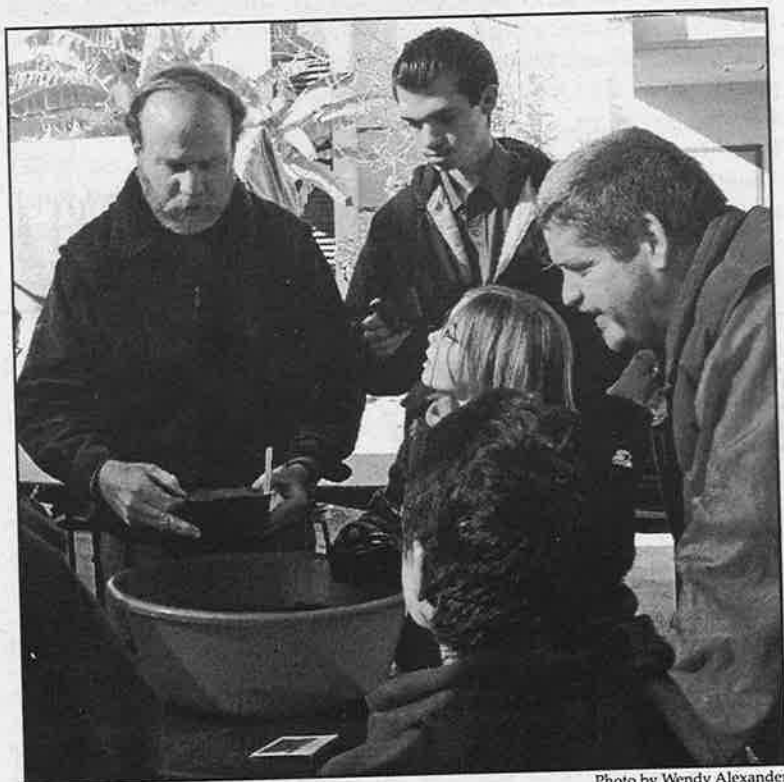


Bob Beaver, a graduate of the horticulture program, is known as "Bonzei Bob," because he mentors students and helps care for and sell the bonzei plants. He also works for Spino's Nursery.

als, formal recognition of outstanding contributions, and development and administration of other special job-related programs.

"We have to provide Braille and electronic text for the blind and sign

language interpreters for the deaf," Emerzian said. "There are over 1,400 disabled students on the FCC campus and we should offer them the best learning environment possible."



Instructor Jerry Hentzler explains a process of the horticulture class.



# Clubs offer alternatives for students

## 34 'flavors' to choose from

By Anthony Longosco  
and Luiz Quezada

Rampage reporter

The booths in today's Club Rush will highlight the diversity of Fresno City College's spring clubs, which have committed to providing their members and the campus with activities this semester.

Thirty-four active clubs will meet this semester, according to the College Activities Office and a Rampage survey of faculty advisers. Together, they serve social, professional, academic, spiritual and political interests.

"The purpose of a club is to get students to become involved in extracurricular activities and to expand their college experience," said Gurdeep Sihota, director of college activities and president of the Cambodian Club and the East Indian Student Association.

Sihota believes that the opportunity to participate in a club is beneficial to a student when he or she decides to apply for scholarships.

About one-third of these groups either have emerged as new clubs or have been re-activated this semester.

Looking for a road trip this semester? Several groups, such as the Pre-Physician's Society and the new Geology Club will organize fun trips in their respective areas of interest.

The Anthropology Club, said club adviser Jill Minar, will raise money this semester to study in Mexico City. Also, the London or Bust Club, under new adviser Tim Quinn, will prepare for a semester in London next year, said current adviser Gerry Bill.

FCC has many cultural clubs, from MEChA to Pan Afrikan Student Union to the Hmong Student Club, which have generally opened their membership and message to students of all ethnic groups.

A handful of religious groups, including Campus Crusade for Christ and the new Upside Down Club, hope to serve FCC's spiritual needs through Bible study, community service and fellowship.

Political organizations such as College Republicans and newly formed Islamic Political Party of America Student Alliance should also be active on campus this semester.

And for those students whose grades can withstand the demands



Photo by Cathy Alexander

Left: London or bust club members sell used books to help earn money to assist in paying their way to London.

Below: Phi Theta Kappa club members Nanci Sumaya (front) and Parveen Bassi (back) volunteer their time assisting fellow students during the first hectic week of the spring 2002 semester.

of a campus club, maybe the academic honor societies, Alpha Gamma Sigma – for grade point averages 3.0 and above – or Phi Theta Kappa – 3.5 and above – deserve consideration.

There are some steps to follow to form a new club. "Basically inform the Associated Student Government what is going on in the club," said Paul Torres, president pro-tem of the Inter Club Council.

Torres, who assists in organizing the Club Rush events that occur on campus, says clubs motivate students to be more active within their campus and to learn leadership skills and learn about how to get along with different attitudes.

"My job is to oversee clubs and organizations here on campus, which includes recognition of the clubs, their active participation in college events and activities, and to provide any type of club support for their enhancement and growth," said Janice Wong, college center assistant.

Once a year, the ICC groups from various colleges meet at San Diego for the leadership conference, where various representatives get the opportunity to interact and discuss the numerous events that occur on their campuses.

The presidents of the clubs meet at noon every Thursday in the Senate Chamber. More information on how to join or start a club can be found by calling the College Activities Office at 265-5711 or Associated Student Government at 442-8275.



Photo by Wendy Alexander

### Upcoming club events

#### Student Paralegal Association

Event: Continuing education workshop

When: Feb. 9

The workshop is the first in a series of planned continuing education workshops for students interested in paralegal professions. Attendants can receive continuing education credits that working paralegals must acquire for their careers. A future workshop in April will cover legal research and the Internet.

Adviser: Brian McCully, ext. 8485

President: Fern Burnett, 221-4307

Meetings: 5:30 p.m. third Monday

#### of the month, Senate Chambers Anthropology Club

Events: Book sales

When: Feb. 13, March 13, April 24 and May 8

Where: Fountain area

The book sales will raise money for members to study in Mexico City this summer. Members also volunteer at the Anthropology Museum, where they give tours, work on art pieces, and man the museum store.

Adviser: Jill Minar, ext. 8360

President: Kristie Jacobsen

Meetings: Wednesdays, 1 p.m., location to be determined

Anthropology Museum: SO-128, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Mondays, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 1-5 p.m.

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursdays, and 1-5 p.m. Friday.

#### Model United Nations

Events: Model U.N. conferences

When: March 2 (Long Beach), March 9 (San Francisco), April 20 (San Diego)

FCC's delegation of Model U.N. members will compete against two-year and four-year colleges in a mock U.N. meeting. Participants pay between \$55 and \$85 per conference.

Adviser: James Joseph, ext. 8372

Meetings: 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mondays and 2 p.m. Thursdays, Senate Chambers (members may attend any meeting time)

# Campus gears up for Black History Month

By Megan Edwards  
Rampage reporter

It is almost February and that means it is time for Black History Month. Fresno City College has a long tradition of recognizing and celebrating this month with a number of events that include students as well as members of the commu-

nity.

This year, Black History Month will kick off with opening ceremonies in the College Theatre at noon and 7 p.m. Friday. Included in the ceremonies are a number of guest speakers and a gospel extravaganza. Different gospel groups from Fresno-area churches are invited to sing.

There is also a performance by the Dallas Black Dance Theatre, presented by FCC and Cal Fed at 7 p.m. Feb. 5 and 6 at the Tower Theatre. The Dallas Black Dance Theatre production seeks to include members of the community as about 1,400 elementary school students from throughout Fresno county are invited to attend the per-

formance.

Tickets for the dance performance are available at the Business Office or the Tower Theatre box office for \$10 reserved seats and \$7.50 for those with student I.D. Tickets purchased at Tower Theatre will have a \$2.50 surcharge.

The events of Black History Month have always been well sup-

ported on campus and a large turnout is expected.

"I think it's a great way to share the culture with the campus and community and educate them on the history of African-Americans and their accomplishments," said Gurdeep Sihota, director of College Activities.



# New FCC Web site unveiled on the net

**By Anthony Longosco**  
Rampage reporter

Fresno City College unveiled a revamped Web site during the winter break, a bold project best described as a "work in progress."

That's the assessment of public information officer Kathy Bonilla, charged with organizing a bright, versatile and user-friendly site for the college community.

"It turned out to be a much larger task than we had anticipated," said Bonilla, who acknowledged that several of the nearly 600 pages created for the site are still under construction.

Students who navigated the new site expressed satisfaction, however, for the appearance and unprecedented access to student services.

"I'm really excited about it," said Jackie Predmore, a liberal arts major. "I was able to find out my grades before I got [them] in the mail."

The site offers basic information about the campus and its academic

programs, and looks similar to the FCC catalog.

But the difference is evident on the interactive areas of the site. The WebAdvisor feature allows students to register for classes and check their grades online. An interactive campus map computes driving directions to school.

Predmore, in her final year at FCC, even completed her graduation application online.

Courtney Pollak, an English major, said, "I thought it looked pretty easy to find stuff...just kind of point and click, and you're there."

Technical problems persist, however. Some students reported the site had been down shortly before the semester began. Also, security measures on WebAdvisor warn visitors not to use the "Back" button on their browsers to refer to previous pages.

"[A site] is always a work in progress," said Bonilla, aware of the glitches. She suggested that custom browser settings, such as

memory cache, cause the site to perform differently on individual computers.

FCC officials have met with Fresno-based Madison Avenue Group Inc. for over three months to implement the new site. State Center Community College District placed the school second in line – after its own – for development, and Madison will serve as Webmaster until December. The district's other centers also will develop new sites.

The first phase of the project, focused on academic divisions and student services pages, is now complete. Work has begun on faculty pages and other areas. The sports information page, while posted, is still under construction.

Currently, the content of the pages originates from school staff and is forwarded to Madison to post on the site. But, Bonilla said, her office has worked closely with departments so they can someday control their own content. This may allow departments like the Business Office to collect fees online, an idea

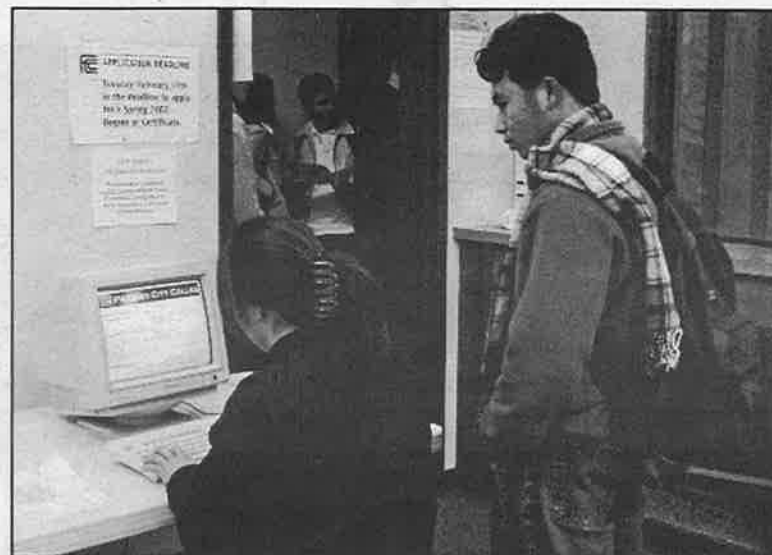


Photo by Wendy Alexander

Long Lee waits while Ying Xiong registers for spring classes on-line.

now under consideration.

Predmore welcomes the prospect of reducing lines for registration and financial aid, especially for new students.

"It takes out the confusion of going down to a big campus that you're unfamiliar with and getting lost," she said.

Bonilla, having stood in long

registration lines herself, recognizes the benefits of the Web site to all students.

"It provides us with a great opportunity to promote our own programs, and the district's as well."

The FCC Web site is at [www.fresnocitycollege.com](http://www.fresnocitycollege.com). Registration on WebAdvisor is available at [webadvisor.scccd.com](http://webadvisor.scccd.com).

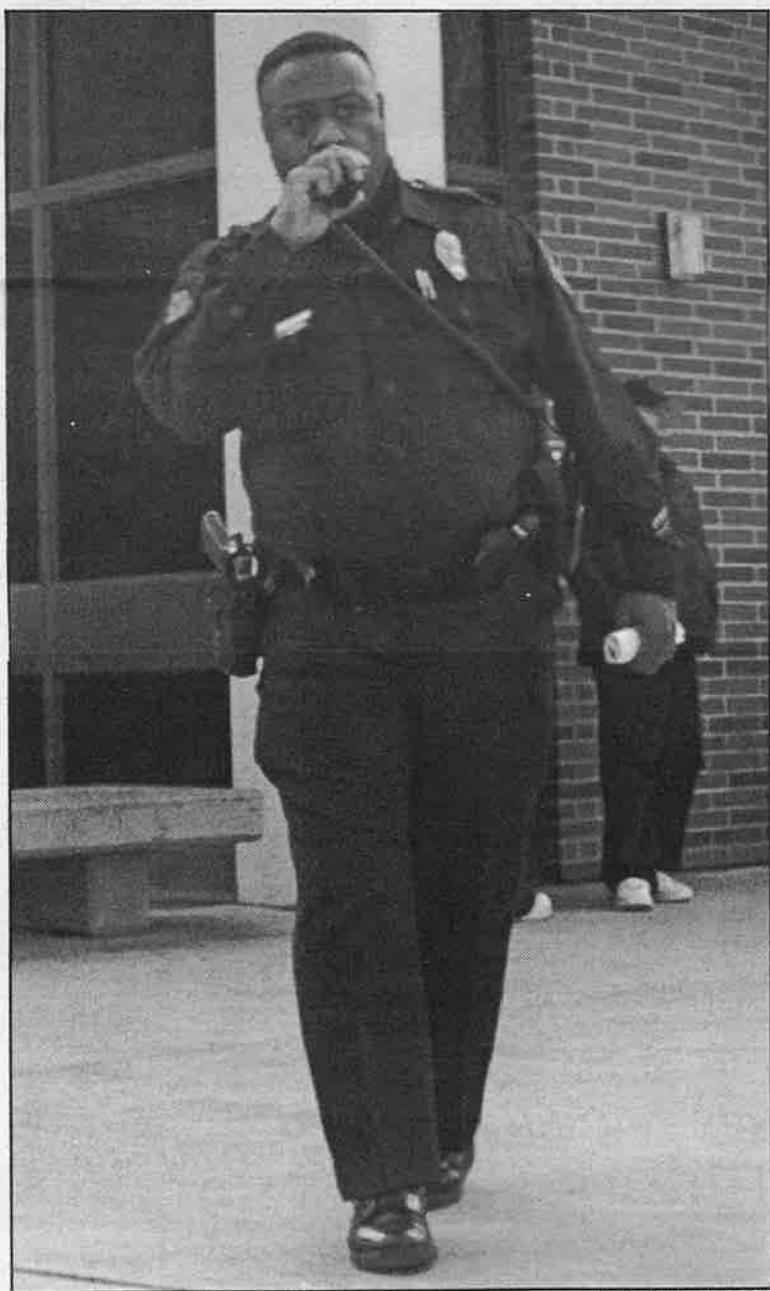


Photo by Cathy Alexander

The Fresno Police Department made its presence known after an incident on campus during the first week of school.

## Gangs

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assault with a deadly weapon. "[Campus police] response time was excellent. The officers were able to arrest four people and stop the brawl."

Anderson said the campus is in no real danger of gang wars. "Gangsters only go after other gangsters, unless you're the person caught in the middle. Students on campus

don't tell [the campus police] about violence and threats they see, so we can't do anything to prevent them from happening."

The only problem the police face is that they cannot "stop things from happening on this campus because it is big and spread out," Anderson said. "We can help prevent incidents if students tell us what they hear and see, but until that happens, fights on campus are going to continue."



Photo by Jenny Langworthy

Police on Monday ticketed 48 students for trespassing across the tracks when warning lights were flashing.

## Rail

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Judith Redwine to part of a task force dedicated to moving the tracks.

"The short-term goal of the task force is to get the trains to slow down," said Randy Reed, who has worked as a spokesperson with the city of Fresno for the last eight months. "Slowing down the trains to 35 mph will help out a lot until we can get the trains moved to the Union Pacific tracks."

This will not be easy for the task force, which will set its agenda during its second meeting today. Currently, Amtrak is allowed to go 79 mph, while freight trains can travel up to 59 mph. Even at these speeds, a freight train would take about one and one-half miles to stop, while a passenger train would take just over one mile.

Tom Bailey, a member of Fresno Area Residents for Rail Consolidation (FARRC) and also a member of the mayor's task force on the relocation of the BNSF tracks, realizes this is something that is going to take a long time. "We would be really happy if [the rail consolidation] took place in the next eight

years. We know it is not going to happen for at least five years."

The mayor's task force, which held its first meeting during the first few days in January, is looking forward to addressing the issues that have already been brought up, and searching for any new ones that might come about during this endeavor to make everyone safer in the Fresno area.

Nearly 40 officers from the Fresno Police Department, FCC campus police, along with Amtrak, and BNSF police with Operation Life Saver are also getting involved. On Jan. 28, the departments ran a train up and down the BNSF tracks from Fig Garden to the Calwa area looking for people going around the crossing arms and walking across the tracks while the arms are down. The city of Fresno recently received a \$96,000 grant to pay for eight operations over the next two years. This was part of the first one.

"Education wasn't working; enforcement does," said Fresno police officer Gary Beer. "You can be standing right there, and they still cross when the guards are down."

FCC students were some of the first to experience Operation Life Saver firsthand. As the railroad

warning system activated to alert of an approaching train, a car crossed the tracks and a student walked over the crossing at Weldon without taking note of the bells and flashing lights.

A Fresno police officer immediately pulled over the car, while a campus police officer cited the pedestrian. Even though the guards were not lowered, they had crossed while the warning system was activated. During this phase of Operation Life Saver, 48 tickets were handed out for those persons who broke the law.

"When those lights began to flash and those bells began to sound, that's all it takes," said Fresno police officer Mike Troehler. "You are required to stop, whether you're a pedestrian or a motorist."

Fines for crossing the tracks illegally while driving are \$271.

The creation of the task force, the involvement of the local police department, and the availability of funds to research the issues that have been brought up about the safety of the rails running through the city shows "the mayor's strong passion for moving the tracks," Reed said.



# Things you learn waiting in line

I've come to the conclusion that while standing in line for much of the time, you learn a lot of things — things about yourself as well as the people around you. Standing together for hours in the cold is a real bonding experience.



**Katharine Strauss**

I got an honorary summons to stand in line for three hours, while it was 40 degrees outside, to collect a large sum of the government's money. Standing in line is not a favorite American pastime, but when you have to do it, you have to do it. I sacrificed an English class that I probably should have kept, but I'd already been in line two hours and it was another hour to the front. I knew if I left, I'd have to wait another four hours.

I wasn't going to do that, so I had to pass on the class. I decided to make the best of it and talk to those around me, only to learn that I was standing next to very interesting people. I got to learn more about these people as we talked, and found I had a lot more in common with them than one would think.

Having all this time on your hands is a good motive to people watch. It's only when you are standing still that you notice those walking around you. And the conversations you overhear, it's amazing

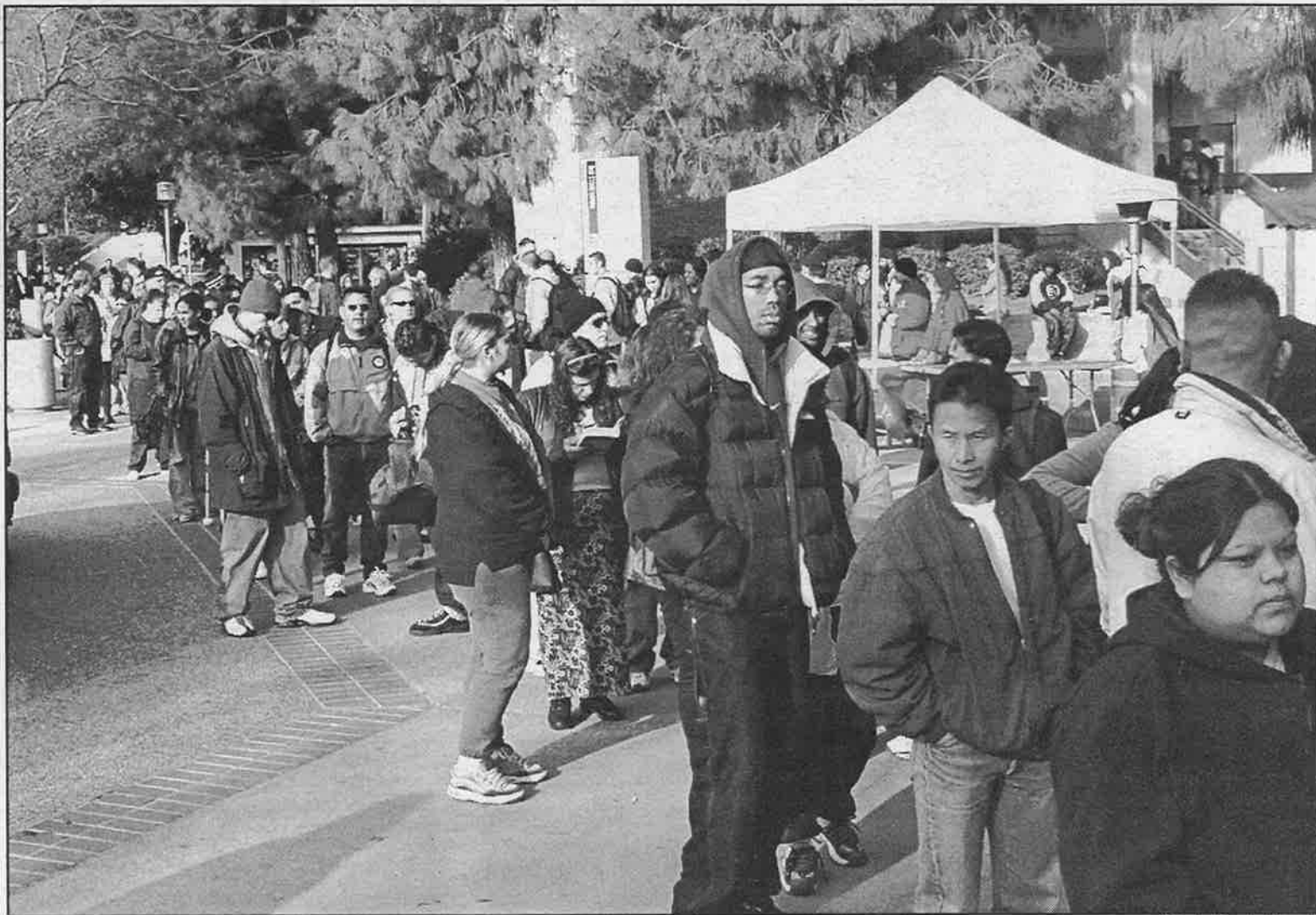


Photo by Wendy Alexander

*Don't fret about standing in line so long — you might even meet some new friends, even if it involves waiting in 40-degree temperatures.*

what people will talk about when surrounded by people. Some things should be kept between those people, just those people. I say this almost hypocritically because I'm sure if anyone overheard some of

the topics of conversation that myself and those I was talking to had been discussing, they would have thought the same thing. It's not often you get into a conversation about how you have a certain bath-

room that you will only use, even if it is across campus.

Lines are a wonderful time to be social, even if you consider yourself anti-social. What better way to pass the time than to talk to those

around you. Get to know them, it makes for a more comfortable time. Who knows, you may learn something you never knew about from the experience.

## Don't play in the elevator!

Why are emergency call buttons on campus elevators being misused?



**Dianne Page**

I am a wheelchair bound student at Fresno City College. It is an absolute necessity that I use the

Rampage reporter  
**Opinion**

Math Science elevator to get to my math class, which is on the second floor. On Jan. 22, at approximately 11 a.m., a student who was physically able to use the stairs was misusing the elevator and pushing the emergency call button. The next day, at approximately noon, on the second floor of the same building, another student who was not handicapped pushed the emergency call buttons again.

I am not only wheelchair bound, but I also have other medical conditions such as epilepsy. In the event of a seizure without emergency response, I could die. My fear is that playing with emergency call buttons could slow the response time down because campus police will think it is a prank.

I had also been a witness to these pranks by students. Elevators are clearly marked for handicapped stu-

dents and its off use. Not only is it disrespectful to push the emergency response buttons, it is dangerous and needs to be stopped.

I think this should stop. People are acting like kids. We are not kids. We are women and men, but you're not thinking like adults.

You are all acting like kids if you keep doing it. This will stop, ladies and gentlemen.

### -Winter Break Activities-

When school started we interviewed some students asking them what they did over vacation. These are some of the more popular responses.

- Working
- Scuba diving
- Skiing
- Duck hunting
- Travel with friends
- Went to the movies

— compiled by Liz Speer

## Taking it to the streets

Compiled by Jenny Langworthy

*What was your New Year's resolution, and are you still keeping it?*

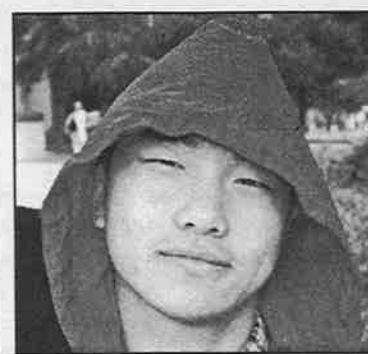
"My resolution was to stop spending money on weed, and yes, I'm keeping it so far."

— Carole Whitty



"I usually say that I'm going to stop smoking, but this year I decided not to."

— Joel Bryant



"Every time I come up with one I never follow through, so I just didn't bother."

— Jim Jones & Rooney



"I didn't have one. Nothing really came to mind."

— Nathan Zeineh



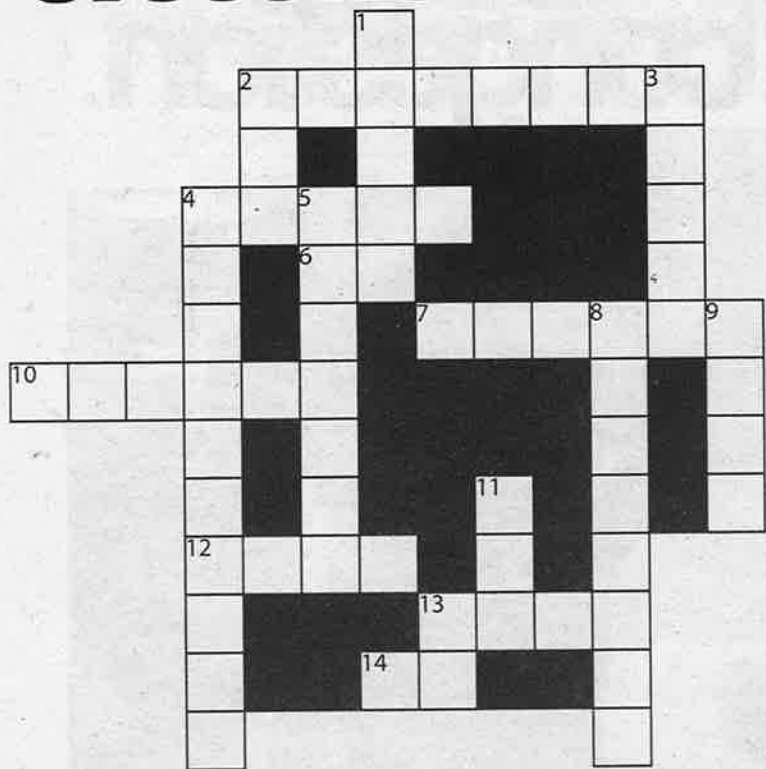
"I just want to complete my classes and transfer to DeVry."

— Pao Her





# Crossword



## Across

2. something many people wish their ex. had
4. The location of one of the semester abroad programs
6. elemental symbol for rhodium
7. in synchronous (no. not N\*Sync)
10. hint at something
12. something many students and professors seem to lack
13. khaki color
14. sounds like 11 down

## Down

1. play about red-headed orphan
2. half a ton
3. last name of Avery Brooks character on Star Trek: DS9
4. closing statement of a letter before sender's name
5. flammable insecticide chemical
8. a mythical female demon
9. U.S. constructed space program
11. you might be up a creek without this
13. Abbr. for a medical official

# Say

## What?



**“Him, his, he; you refer to it as if it is a living being.”**

*With this feature we are testing your cinematic intellect. Check the answer box on page 9 for the SayWhat and Crossword answers.*

# Political correctness affects society in total

Education in the United States just isn't what it used to be. The past two decades have seen a steady decline in test scores, as well as the overall quality of education, a trend that is painfully obvious to anyone who has recently attended any of our public schools.

So what, if anything, is responsible for the downward spiral of American education? Many people, myself included would blame political correctness, a movement that oddly enough, is aimed at opening minds and expanding multi-cultural awareness.

At the core of the politically cor-

rect ideology is the belief that all education is political. Race, gender and class issues have saturated all aspects of our public schools.

So, in an effort to make our schools less culturally biased and more attentive to the feelings of its students, our schools have opted to teach our children in a more politically correct manner. Many elementary schools have stopped grading assignments for spelling and grammar, asserting that it's the effort that's important. High schools are removing Shakespeare from their curriculums, in order to make room for more "politically correct" authors from other cultures.

And perhaps most ironically, when third world authors find their way into the curriculum, it is not the classic authors of that culture, but rather more recent, politically

correct works.

Even math and science are not safe. A recent study conducted by the state of New York concluded that no topic was culture free, labeling math and science programs as culturally biased because they "failed to give credit to contributions from other cultures".

Maybe I'm wrong, but it seems to me that political correctness in America has gotten out of hand. Have we reached the point as a country that education takes a back seat to our fear of offending people? I personally feel that we should spend less time worrying about representing all cultures equally, and more about providing quality education to our children.



**Carl Geissert**  
Rampage reporter  
Opinion

# Friendships: Is it as good for you as it is them?

Friendship is something that is very important to the development of a person's psyche. Not only are friends there in our times of need, they also help in our inter-social skills. However, how many of us really have the friends we think we have?

Have you ever been so depressed that you couldn't get yourself to pick up the phone to call someone? Well, picture being that depressed for over a week. And at the end of the week you realize that your phone has not rung once. Apparently your friends don't appear to be worried that you haven't called

them, or just don't care either way. So you decide to test that theory. A month later, you finally get your first call from a friend, but then instead of asking how you're doing and why you haven't called, they ask you to put in a good word for them at work.

Seems unlikely? That's what I thought, too ... but I was wrong, apparently, because a similar situation has happened to me before.

Did you ever hear the expression of don't look a gift horse in the mouth? Well many people say that about friendship, too. If someone reaches out their hand to you to be your friend, don't ask, "what will I get out of it?" Well, I say you should look that gift horse in the mouth to make sure it isn't diseased. Because sometimes "friends" are only your friend when it suits their advantages

and they don't really care what you are going through.

Now don't get me wrong, I still respect friendship and hold it in the utmost regard. I believe that it is very important in someone's life. It's someone to share the good times with, and the bad. It's someone's shoulder to cry on, and for someone to cry on your shoulder.

It's someone who actually cares about you when you discover that your former significant other doesn't give a flim-flam that you are in need of fixing some problems, even if this does only lead to friendship.

And it's someone who you are able to support when that person's grandmother dies and, in turn, be able to expect them to be there when you go to your grandmother's funeral.



**J. Riley**  
Entertainment editor  
Opinion

# Religious message: back to basics

**By Sakina Zaky**  
Opinion

In the wake of the horrific events of Sept. 11, many are now in search of God. Religions the world over basically teach the same things: to believe in something other than ourselves, to practice good morals, and to try and live in peace with each other. The problems come in view when we refuse to know one another.

Although some of us would never think of changing our religious beliefs, it might be a good

idea if we study with each other, and compare notes. This action can only improve our understanding of the universe, and the cosmic consciousness of its Creator.

One thing we all now know for sure is that mankind is not the supreme deity, because we still work very hard to find ways to destroy each other. Have we become that insecure as a race?

Since there are only two races of people on the Earth, the Jinn (Alien) and Humans, we should come together in peace and try to help each other survive total self-destruction.

Many out there are anxiously awaiting the moment that they can turn the keys of mass destruction, but what we should all be doing is praying for truth, justice, peace, and harmony for all.

We are sliding on our last leg right now and we had better get back to the basics of religion soon, for we don't have time to procrastinate, while putting the burden off onto the next generation. Because we just may very well be the last.

Now that's something to think about!



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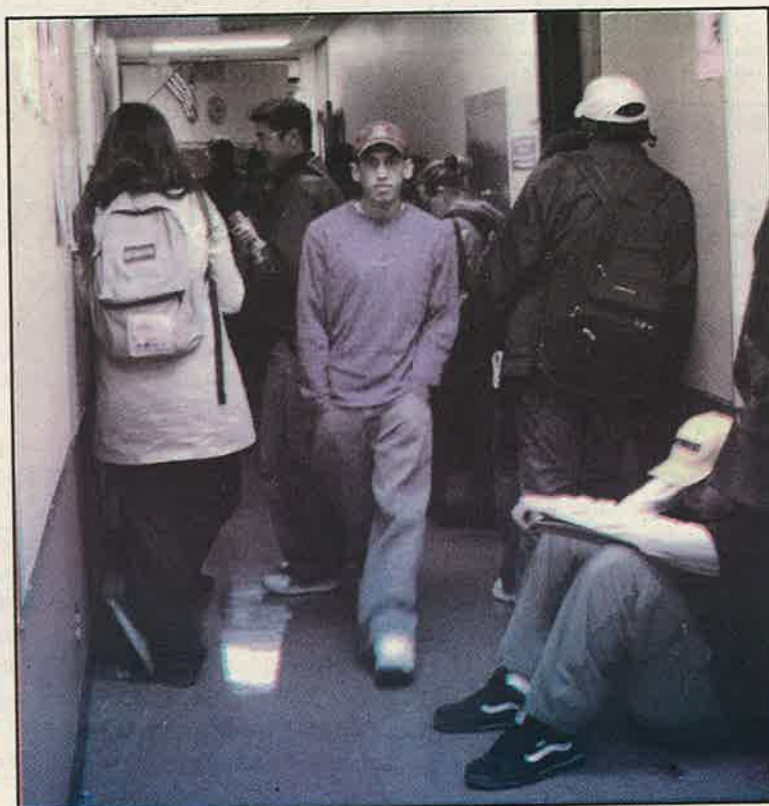


## campus congestion



*Students can always count on one thing during the first week of school: long lines at every turn and the frustration of trying to find a parking space. No matter what building they had to stand in front of while waiting for financial aid, buying books or registration, most suffered that age-old saying: hurry up and wait!*

**Photos by Wendy Alexander**





# Going 'Yonkers' during auditions for FCC play

By Megan Edwards  
Rampage reporter

A hallway in the Theatre Arts Department was buzzing with activity at about 5 p.m. Jan. 17-18 as hopeful actors and actresses lined up to try out for the production of "Lost in Yonkers" by Neil Simon.

Thespians lingered anxiously about the edges of the hall, murmuring lines, reading monologues, or laughing off their stage fright among friends.

Freshman Jennifer Rowe was trying out for the role of Aunt Bella. When asked if she was nervous, she laughed and sarcastically remarked, "No..." and added a little more seriously, and a little more quietly, "...yes."

For the most part, everyone there was a bit apprehensive, and rightly so. It's not easy to stand before the professor of theater and convince him that you're someone that you're not. And this spring production of "Lost in Yonkers" is one of the more anticipated plays this year



Photos by Cathy Alexander

Chuck Erven looks over his notes on the auditions.

at Fresno City.

Despite the anxieties of the students, professor of theater Chuck Erven is optimistic about the acting talents of this semester's students.

"I think there are some really solid student actors, and we've even pulled some from the community," Erven said.

Competition is tough. More than twenty people, students and others showed up to audition on the first night alone for just seven roles.

One aspiring young actor of 13 came to try out. "My mom read about [the audition] in the paper and thought I should give it a try," said seventh grader Stephen Planting.

Erven expects the play to be a great success.

"The play is really funny and really moving. The characters are so three dimensional, it's an actor's

dream. For the audience, it has moments where you may be laughing and then you're crying, and you don't even know you've been manipulated.

"Everyone should come and see it."



Josh Harris performs his piece to Erven during the auditions.

# 'Cruddy' leaves a morbid feeling



Carl Geissert  
Rampage reporter  
Book review

Have you ever seen something so horrifying that you were unable to turn your eyes away? This is the feeling you get as you read Lynda Barry's latest novel "Cruddy." Utterly repulsive but strangely funny, one can't help but be morbidly fascinated by this gruesome coming of age story.

It is the story of Rebecca Rohbeson, a confused 16 year old who, five years earlier was found wandering the desert covered in blood, the only survivor of a brutal killing spree. As we follow her through her present life, we slowly piece together the horrible story of what actually happened that fateful day in the desert.

The book masterfully intertwines two stories set five years apart, both littered with depressing landscapes, and packed full of interesting characters, described so vividly that you almost feel you

know them.

Barry, a cartoonist and writer from Evanston, Ill., does a convincing job of making the story believable, the characters are well thought out and as she describes the scenery you can almost smell the stale cigarette smoke and homemade liquor on her fathers breath.

"Cruddy" is definitely not for everyone, but if you're up to it, this book is definitely worth reading. But I warn you, once you start reading, you may not be able to put it down.



The cover of "Cruddy" by Lynda Barry

## Cast list for "Lost in Yonkers"

Opening on March 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Jay - Tal Eslick  
Arty - Gianni Danisi  
Eddie - Bryce Thruston  
Bella - Kendra Russomano  
Grandma Kunitz - Dolores M. Golightly  
Louie - Conrad Arredondo  
Gert - Kim Del Pozo

Stage manager - Kandace Stokes

## 18 Recommendations

Just a few humble suggestions from the editorial staff

### Movie to see: Black Hawk Down

A war movie starring Josh Hartnett and Ewan McGregor.

### Video to rent: Memento

Can't help but watch a movie about a man with a lack of short-term memory, searching for his wife's killer.

### CD to burn: GreenDay International Superhits

A compilation CD of the latest and greatest of Billy Joe and the gang.

### Book to read: The Divide

The story of how a man, altered before birth to become the next step in human evolution, starts to lose his mind to another personality within himself.

### Website view: www.planetgig.com

A website in which you can find out information on many local bands in Fresno.

### Place to go: Brix

Located in The Tower District and on Blackstone. The food is tasty, the atmosphere is great, and they sometimes have live music.

### Live event: Concert at Pizza Land

Numbhead comes to a small mom and pop pizza parlor at Ashlan and Marks. Alternative music for all ages, Saturday Feb. 9 at 8 p.m.

### Game to play: SSX Tricky on Playstation 2

Snowboarding game that's SICK!!! Dude, you gotta play this one!

### Television show to watch: Alias

Aires Sunday nights at 9 p.m. on ABC, starring a woman who is a double agent for the CIA and SD6.

### Poem to recite: A Valediction: Forbidding Mourning

A poem by John Donne about why you shouldn't mourn when someone dies.

## Answer Box

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

CROSSWORD - Across: 2. Kindness 4. Spain 6. Re 7. Unison  
Down: 1. Annie 2. Kip 3. Sisko 4. Salvation 5. Arsenic 8. Succubus 9. NASA 10. Car 13. Dr.  
"Say What?" - Sam Neill, "Bicentennial Man"

# Dallas dance troupe 'towers' in Fresno

By Liz Speer  
Rampage reporter

The Tower Theatre will be pulsing to the rhythm of the Dallas Black Dance Theatre on Feb. 5-6. The performance will unravel as 13 multi-ethnic professional dancers take the stage and perform a variety of dance styles including: modern, jazz, ethnic and spiritual.

The Dallas Black Dance Theatre is celebrating its 25th season and is the oldest ongoing professional dance company in Dallas. It was founded in 1976, and since then has been helping to bridge the gap between cultures through performance and educational programs open to diverse communities. The Dallas Black Dance Theatre has been able to reach audiences nation-

ally and internationally on tours with the goal of providing dance opportunities for minorities.

This event is in recognition of African-American History Month, and tickets can be purchased at the Fresno City College Business Of-

fice and at Tower Theatre for \$15/VIP, \$10/reserved, and \$7.50 with student ID.

Proceeds will benefit the FCC multi-cultural programs. For more information, contact Gurdeep Sihota at 265-5711.





# T. rex comes to the Fresno Met – are you scared?

By J. Riley

Entertainment editor

How would you like to meet a T. rex up close? Well, you have been given a chance by the Fresno Metropolitan Museum with its new exhibit, "A T. rex Named SUE." The exhibit, which began Jan. 26, features a 45-foot articulated cast skeleton of SUE, supposedly the most complete and best-preserved Tyrannosaurus rex ever discovered.

Not only does the exhibit allow you the opportunity to get face to face with one of the fiercest creatures from the age of the dinosaurs, it also features video footage, free standing interactive exhibits in both English and Spanish, and interactive anatomical models that will allow visitors to control the movements of a T. rex.

SUE is 12 feet tall as mounted (13 feet in full stance), is 42 feet long. She is estimated to have weighed seven tons while alive, now weighing nearly one ton, and has 58 very sharp teeth. She is 67 million years old, and yet she is still visiting Fresno. For more information on SUE visit [www.fnmh.org/sue/default.html](http://www.fnmh.org/sue/default.html).

There are also many special events taking place, which might be of interest to the common, and even the uncommon, museum-goer. Today for example, an event titled, "Dinosaurs!," a lecture and discussion on the dinosaurs and their abrupt extinction. Also, there are events such as, "Things that go Bump in the Night," a lecture on T. rex on Feb. 6; "Digging up Dinosaurs!" on Feb. 21; "Sleeping with SUE!" which provides parents with the knowledge that their kids are

safe camping with the dinosaurs on March 15-16; "Dinosaurs and Other Mesozoic Reptiles of California," a presentation highlighting many Californian discoveries, April 10; "Breakfast with the Dinosaurs!," a breakfast event sponsored by McDonald's with many dinosaur-related activities, April 20; and there are many more events scheduled.

Not only is McDonald's hosting the "Breakfast with the Dinosaurs!," but is also having a fund raiser for the local Ronald McDonald House Char-

ties. At 72 local McDonald's Restaurants, you can give a donation and receive little paper footprints called "Footies." The Footies have a signature line for the donor to sign their name or write a special message. The completed Footies will be displayed in the restaurant area of the McDonald's in which you donate the money.

There are many

events and displays at the Fresno Met. Most are entertaining, some are fun, and all are educational. For more information about the events during the SUE exhibit, visit [www.fresnomet.org](http://www.fresnomet.org).



Photo courtesy of The Fresno Metropolitan Museum.

## Horoscopes

By Jacob Franks



**Aries (March 21-April 20)**

You'll soon come to realize that you need to lose some weight. Here's a thought, PUT THE HAMBURGER DOWN!!!



**Taurus (April 21-May 20)**

The voice that's in your head telling you to burn things isn't real. Seek professional help right now ... GO!



**Gemini (May 21-June 21)**

If you decide to fly this month resist the urge to light your shoes on fire. This may arouse suspicion in your fellow passengers.



**Cancer (June 22-July 22)**

This month be especially wary of people who call themselves the devil. They may just be right.



**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)**

No matter how much you squint this month your partner is still going to be ugly when they wake up in the morning.



**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

Yeah, keep telling yourself that your partner isn't cheating ... That should make it all (cough) better.



**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**

Hey baby, do me a favor get those purple hairs on your neck checked out ... then we'll talk.



**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)**

It's all well and good to talk to yourself in public, but make sure it ends there, OK?



**Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)**

You might as well give up. You've never gotten your parents to do anything with their lives and you never will.



**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)**

Now, on a serious note, some advice that you might need in the next few days. Walk towards the bright light, or not, I really don't care.



**Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)**

It's fine that you like hairy women, but be very cautious of those with deep voices and Adam's apples.



**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)**

It's time to reacquaint yourself with an old friend ... Her name is Greasy Burger.

## In Brief Bio

On Tara Boyd

Walking among the crowds on campus it is impossible to look at each face and guess the talents possessed by individuals. But one talented woman on campus who stands out and deserves recognition is a dance student by the name of Tara Boyd.

If you were lucky enough to attend any of the Fresno City College dance performances last semester, you have probably seen Boyd in action. She performed in six of the eight scheduled performances doing dances such as "Momentary Transit" and "Moon Light," a courtship dance from the Massi Tribe, and has even choreographed her own routines.

Boyd started dancing in junior high and then was accepted into Roosevelt High School's dance program. From there she performed ballet, tap and jazz throughout the Central Valley and elsewhere.

Her extraordinary talent landed Boyd the Moty Polito Dance Scholarship. Boyd's next step, no pun intended, is to move to Atlanta and audition for the Atlanta Academy School of Dance. Someday, Boyd hopes to become a dance teacher for the inner city under privileged children.

— compiled by Liz Speer

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# Barron sings at Carnegie Hall

## Sighted helping the sightless

**Luis Quezada**  
Rampage reporter

Choral director Robert Shaw began with the desire of allowing choral directors from across the nation to perform at the prestigious Carnegie Hall in New York City – 10 years ago. After Shaw's death, Andre Previn began to conduct the performances.

Julie Barron, director of vocal music at Fresno City College sent an audition tape – like many other choral directors across the United States – to participate in the annual Carnegie Hall performance.

Previn met with Barron and the other 134 choral directors chosen at the Carnegie Hall Choral Workshop during winter break.

"I used to stand in my crib and entertain," Barron said. As she remembers her mother saying, Barron began singing "ever since I came out of the womb."

"A German Requiem," a soprano composed by Johannes Brahms, was the piece Barron chose to enlighten her performance.



Photo by Jenny Langworthy  
Julie Barron singing in the Jazz concert last Fall.

The hall seats filled from top to bottom, and set an "awesome" setting for her performance, Barron said. These types of events allow Barron to share her experiences and knowledge with her students, appreciating the accomplishments of life.

**Jenny Langworthy**  
Rampage reporter

Jim Jones is just like any other student at Fresno City College. He attends class, talks to friends, catches the bus home and hangs out with his best friend, his guide dog, Rooney.

Jones is blind, and Rooney helps Jim get where he needs to go, carefully guiding him around obstacles such as poles, trees and people. Rooney also helps Jim get up and down stairs, through doors and on and off the bus.

Jones wants to make it known to other students, seeing and blind, that guide dogs can do much more than we may give them credit for. Without Rooney, attending classes would go a lot slower. Even with Rooney there are still some challenges.

Like any dog will do, Rooney will occasionally get distracted or try to take off after a squirrel or go for a dip in the water fountain. Jones has also found that it is often quite a chore to find books written in Braille, especially in the school library.

Jones says he still has some problems with people seeing the dog and automatically wanting to

pet it. When on duty, Rooney can easily be distracted by people petting him and lose focus on his job of helping and protecting Jones.

Rooney is actually Jim's second dog. The first one didn't work out and had to be sent back to Guide Dogs for the Blind. Many dogs that are sent back can be retrained but others must be dropped and are given back to the person that trained them or adopted out to the general public.

Rooney is trained to be loyal to Jones and to keep him safe. When crossing a street, for example, Rooney is trained to stop at the curb, let Jones find the curb with his foot, and then, when given a signal, lead him across, stopping also on the other side to again let Jones find the curb. This same principle of finding an obstacle with the foot is applied when going up or down stairs. Rooney will stop next to the



Photo by Jenny Langworthy  
Jones is led to the stairs by Rooney.

himself into it. He will then instruct Rooney to go under the desk where he will lay and wait for his next command.

Jones attended Hoover High School, which is the only high school in Fresno that has facilities for blind students. GDB prefers for students to be out of high school



Photo by Jenny Langworthy

Rooney guides Jones across the campus, ignoring everyone else.

step and allow Jim to find it, then slowly guide him up or down.

Certain obstacles, Jones admits, are more difficult for Rooney to find or point out. Benches or chairs, for example, must first be stopped at, allowing Jones to find them with his hand or foot. When sitting at a desk for class Jim must first find the chair then carefully maneuver

before they receive a dog, so Jones used a white cane.

For information about GDB or to raise a puppy, call Guide Dogs for the Blind at 1-800-295-4050 or write to them at Guide Dogs for the Blind, P.O. Box 151200, San Rafael, CA 94915. You can also visit their Web site at [www.guidedogs.com](http://www.guidedogs.com)

## Local band listings in early Feb.

### Friday Feb.1:

**Tequila Rose** – Classic Rock covers – 9 p.m. – Chuy's – Shaw and Marks – All ages – Free

**808** – Alternative – 10 p.m. – Gravity – Shaw and Fresno St. – 21 and over – \$5 cover

**Mindtrap** – Hard Rock – 9 p.m. – Tapper (in Visalia) – 1343 S. Mooney – 21 and over

**Ploy** – Hard Rock – 9:30 p.m. – Zapp's Park – Blackstone and Olive – 21 and over – \$3 cover

**Asunder** – Hardcore – 9 p.m. – Tapper (in Visalia) – 1343 S. Mooney – 21 and over

### Saturday Feb.2:

**Tequila Rose** – Classic Rock covers – 9 p.m. – Beer Hunter – Ashlan and Freeway 99 – 21 and over – \$3 cover

**Ploy** – Hard Rock – 9 p.m. – Club Fred – Tower District – 21 and over – \$5 cover

**Numbhead** – Alternative – 8 p.m. – Pizza Land – Ashlan and Marks – All ages

**Asunder** – Hardcore – 9 p.m. – Tapper (in Visalia) – 1343 S. Mooney – 21 and over

### Friday Feb. 8:

**Night Train** – Guns N' Roses Tribute – 11 p.m. – Paladino's (in Tarsana, CA) – 6010 Reseda Blvd. – 21 and over – 10\$ cover

**Straight Up Sinners** – Blues – 8 p.m. – Lemoore Naval Air Station

**Asunder** – Hardcore – 8 p.m. – Jerry's Pizza (in Bakersfield) – 1817 Chester Ave.

### Saturday Feb. 9:

**Pray for Mojo** – Hard Rock – 9:30 p.m. – The Pub (in Reedley) – 1041 G St. – 21 and over – Free

**808** – Alternative – 9:30 p.m. – Zapp's Park – Blackstone and Olive – 21 and over – \$3 cover

**Lucid** – Hardcore – 8:30 p.m. – Tapper (in Visalia) – 1343 S. Mooney – 21 and over

**Numbhead** – Alternative – 8 p.m. – Pizza Land – Ashlan and Marks – All ages

-Recieved from PlanetGig.com

## Hill joins 'Malcolm'

**Theresa Carr**  
Rampage reporter

Aaron Hill, a student at FCC, will guest star in "Malcom in the Middle" on Super Bowl Sunday on the FOX network at 8 p.m. He will be playing the role of George, the bully in two episodes starring Freddie Munoz, Magic Johnson, and Susan Sarandon.

Hill, a former football player for Clovis High School, also enjoys baseball, wrestling, and weight lifting. His first national

commercial was 7-up starring Orlando Jones two years ago, which Hill filmed in his football uniform. He also landed another FOX sports commercial as a wrestling champ. Last week he filmed another starring role in the Nickelodeon series "The Brothers Garcia" to debut in February and has a co-starring role upcoming on the "Mann Show".

Hill's talent manager is Carolyn DeVore of DeVore Talent and Casting, located in Fresno. DeVore was an agent in Hollywood for over a decade.

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The members of No One, a band from Chicago, pose for the cover of their self-titled debut CD.

## No One proves they are someone

Question: What is "No One"? It's not a person, place, or thing; what could it be? Well I will let you in on a little secret No One is one of the hottest bands to bring out an album this winter. This band is made up of four guys from Chicago; lead singer Murk, guitarist B-Larz, bassist Flare, and drummer Billy K. There is a pretty funny story for how they got their name. They all were in different bands that have broken up and they all met and started playing together and they said, 'we are all no one,' so that is how they got their name.

From start to finish, their debut self-titled album brings a lot of different musical styles together to create something new, with a mixture

of hardcore new age metal like Pantera with melodic alternativeness of Staind. Every

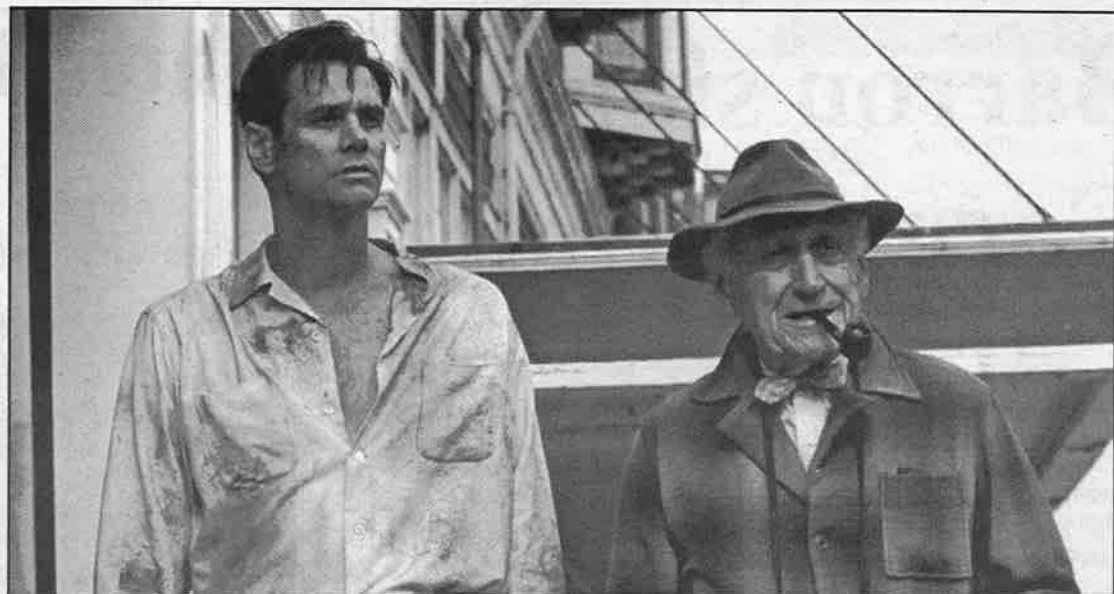
Band: No One  
Album: No One  
Website: [noonemusic.com](http://noonemusic.com)  
Rating: Really Cool



Nick Bergstrom  
Rampage reporter  
Music review

song has something new to bring to the table. Songs such as "Down On Me" which is about the prison a young band who just gets on their feet. With the fast pace beat mixed with the pounding bass and thrashing guitar, when you put the growling vocals along with the music you have a really cool sound. My personal favorite song on the album "Chemical", just rocks with the pounding intro, which delivers the song into the fast chorus. I think Murk has one of the coolest voices I have ever heard.

If you would like to know more about this really cool band you can go to their web-site [www.noonemusic.com](http://www.noonemusic.com) and check them out for yourself.



Jim Carrey and James Whitmore, after Carrey's character (Peter Appleton) is found on the beach.

## 'The Majestic' will 'Carrey' you away

After a number of humorous movies such as "Ace Ventura," "Cable Guy," and "The Mask," Jim

Carrey sets out to prove that even he has a serious side. "The Majestic" is set in a time at the height of McCarthyism, and people associated with the film industry, were being called before the committee on charges of links to communism.

Peter Appleton (Carrey), a screenwriter in Hollywood, arrives at work one day to find his office empty and charges of such activities hanging over his head. After getting extremely drunk, he decides to drive up the coast and ends up crossing a one-way bridge. A lone opossum crossing the road causes Appleton to swerve his car and end up in the swiftly moving river below.

The next thing Appleton knows, he is waking up on a beach not sure of who he is, where he is from or how he got there. A resident of a nearby town, known as Lawson, finds him and brings him to see Doc Stanton (David Ogden Stiers, who

played Charles Winchester in the long-running 1970s TV hit M\*A\*S\*H). Lawson is a small town along the California coast that lost 62 young men during the war.

While waiting for the doctor in the local diner, Appleton is spotted by Harry Trimble (Martin Landau), the father of a local boy named Luke Trimble who went missing in the fight for his country. Appleton looks so similar to Luke that Harry mistakes Appleton for his son. Harry tells the town sheriff that the Appleton is, in fact, his son, Luke.

This information sets off a chain of events. When Doc's daughter, Adelle (Laurie Holden), returns from law school she is shocked to learn that her fiancée (Luke), believed to be dead, has returned. She and the rest of the town do their best to help "Luke" regain his memory and at the same time, "Luke" brings back a spirit and a life that has long been absent from this town.

The Majestic has qualities that make it different from any other movie. A typical movie can mostly be put into one category. Comedy, tragedy, drama and action are the most common. The Majestic, however, has elements of all these.

Seeing a movie, even for the very first time, has begun to lose its magic over the years because

movies have become too predictable. By the time you get halfway through the movie, you can pretty much guess what is going to happen in the end so there is no point in watching it. The Majestic has gotten past this problem and leaves you guessing the whole way through. The very instant you think you know what is going to happen, something changes and you are taken by complete surprise. It is refreshing to see a movie that does not seem like the plot was written by a 12-year-old child.

The soundtrack also adds a sense of reality to the film. Songs such as "Stranger on the Shore" and some fine roadhouse boogie give a feeling of the time period and also the feelings and emotions of the characters.

If there is a way to judge what is the "perfect movie," or if there even is such a thing, "The Majestic" is it. No adjustment could have made it better. No actors could have been better suited for their parts. No lengthening or shortening was needed. Every aspect of the film was just as it should have been and, because of that, "The Majestic" deserves the title of the perfect film. No other film has ever or will ever surpass "The Majestic."



Jenny Langworthy  
Rampage reporter  
Movie review

## StoryTime

This is a new feature in which we showcase a fictional, multi-part short story.

He called me Jonathan Anders, the guru of modern science fiction. How was I to know just how true that was. Not only had I inspired some writers, but some scientists as well... including him.

It was the year 2001. I had found the most perfect angel that had ever graced this Earth, Elisabeth Kalarjian, and we fell in love. Shortly after having met her, I proposed. She told me that every fiber in her being wanted to say yes, but she had to wait because her father wouldn't let her get engaged so early in her life. So we agreed to postpone the engagement a year. That following year, to the minute, I proposed again... but she turned me down, and told me she never wanted to see me again. I was utterly crushed, and life no longer held any meaning. That must have been why I took that plane trip to Alaska, because I no longer had any fear of something happening. Before that I had an extreme phobia of planes. Little did I know that the psychological effects of phobias work in reverse.

It was a small two-man plane. We were flying over the

Klondike in the wintertime. The engine cut out, and the plane went down. The pilot managed to keep the nose of the plane up, but we still crashed into the sheets of snow, and dug into the snow, freezing to death on impact.

You'd think that would be the end of the story, wouldn't you. Part of me wished that it had been, at least part of me did. But remember that scientist I mentioned earlier? Well in the year 2073, the scientist, Richard Carn, was a cryo-engineer. He had been studying the effects of freezing living tissue. But the government's bans on animal research and human volunteering had caused his research to meet an impasse. Then he was informed about the findings of a crashed plane recently discovered in the Klondike. He took the first Flutter out there. Although he couldn't do tests on living tissue, a body already frozen decades ago would be considered dead. And since the plane crash had two frozen bodies inside, he had his test subjects.

He first tried to revive the pilot in his lab in Vancouver. According to the files I read, the pilot lasted only 3 weeks,

but provided Carn with enough information to make the revival permanent with me. And so, with a touch of irony, Carn revived me on Easter Day, 2074.

At first my memory was Swiss cheese, and I couldn't even tell him my name. But he took my now out-of-date license and scanned it into the computer. Once the Global-Net search was complete, Carn gave me the run-down on who I was. Unfortunately for the society of the turn of the century, the records of that era were incomplete because of World War III. My name came up, but mainly information about the books I had written, the plays I produced, and the television shows I created. Very few bits of info on my personal life. But I found it odd, that these things I had supposedly done, were not even published in my time. I figured that after my accident, someone sifted through my computer files, and decided to publish the works of the late Jonathan Anders.

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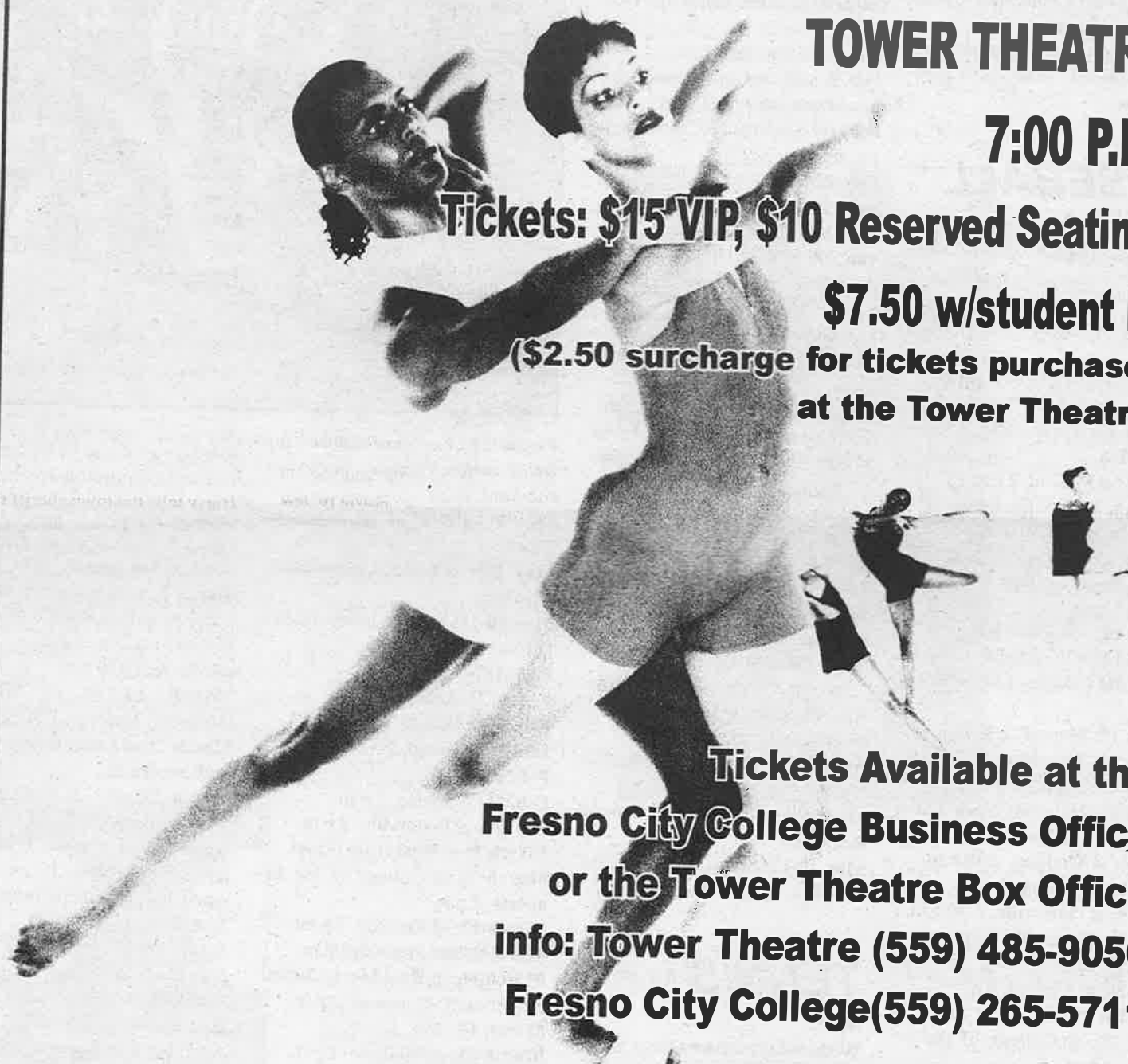
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# FEBRUARY



# Schedules

## BADMINTON

**March 16:** Pre-Season Tournament at Mission, 10 a.m.  
**March 19:** Santa Rosa, 1 p.m.  
**March 21:** De Anza, 3 p.m.  
**April 2:** Skyline, 3 p.m.  
**April 4:** at City College of San Francisco, 4 p.m.  
**April 9:** at Santa Rosa, 1 p.m.  
**April 16:** at De Anza, 3 p.m.  
**April 18:** Mission, 3 p.m.  
**April 23:** at Skyline, 3 p.m.  
**April 25:** City College of San Francisco, 3 p.m.  
**April 30:** at Mission, 3 p.m.  
**May 4:** Coast Conference Championships, 10 a.m.  
**May 9:** Team State Championships  
**May 10-11:** Individual State Championships

## BASEBALL

**Friday-Sunday:** Fresno City/Merced Tournament, TBA  
**Feb. 7-9:** Fresno City Tournament, TBA  
**Feb. 13:** at San Joaquin Delta, 2 p.m.  
**Feb. 15:** Solano, 6 p.m.  
**Feb. 16:** Solano (DH), 11 a.m.  
**Feb. 21-23:** Fresno City Tournament, TBA  
**Feb. 28:** at Merced, 2 p.m.  
**March 2:** Porterville, 1 p.m.  
**March 5:** Taft, 2:30 p.m.  
**March 7:** Reedley, 2:30 p.m.  
**March 9:** at College of the Sequoias, 1 p.m.  
**March 12:** Modesto, 2:30 p.m.  
**March 14:** at West Hills, 2:30 p.m.  
**March 16:** College of the Sequoias, 1 p.m.  
**March 19:** Merced, 2:30 p.m.  
**March 21:** West Hills, 2:30 p.m.  
**March 23:** at Taft, 1 p.m.  
**March 26-28:** at Hancock Easter Tournament, TBA  
**April 4:** at Modesto, 2:30 p.m.  
**April 6:** at Reedley, 1 p.m.  
**April 9:** at Porterville, 2:30 p.m.  
**April 11:** Porterville, 2:30 p.m.  
**April 13:** Taft, 1 p.m.  
**April 16:** at Merced, 6 p.m.  
**April 18:** Reedley, 2:30 p.m.  
**April 20:** at College of the Sequoias, 1 p.m.  
**April 23:** Modesto, 2:30 p.m.  
**April 25:** at West Hills, 2:30 p.m.  
**April 27:** TBA, 1 p.m.  
**April 30:** TBA, 2:30 p.m.  
**May 2:** TBA, 2:30 p.m.  
**May 10-12:** Regionals, TBA  
**May 17-19:** Super Regionals, TBA  
**May 25-27:** State Championships, Fresno, TBA

## GOLF

**Monday-Tuesday:** at Bakersfield Tournament, noon  
**Feb. 12:** at Monterey Peninsula, Noon  
**Feb. 15:** at Hancock, 1 p.m.  
**March 5:** CVC League Mini Tournament, Noon  
**March 7:** at College of the Sequoias, noon  
**March 12:** at Modesto, noon  
**March 14:** at Reedley, 1 p.m.  
**March 19:** Bye  
**March 21:** CVC League Mini Tournament, noon

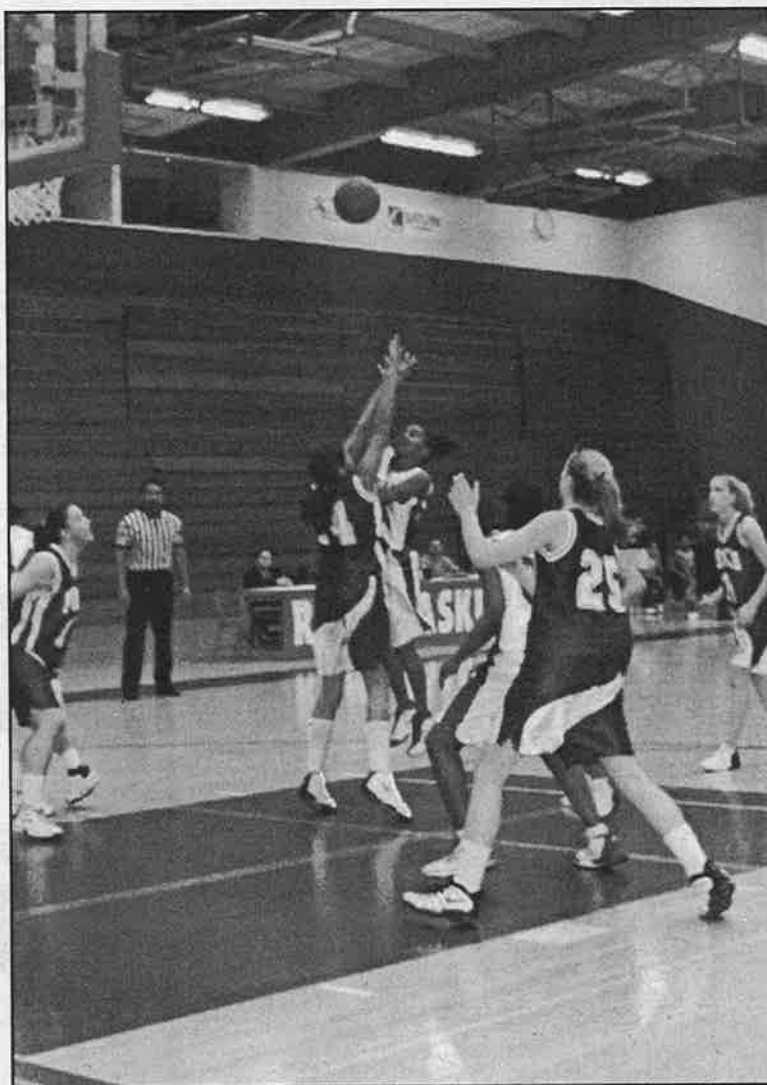
**March 25-26:** at College of the Sequoias Tournament, 8 a.m.  
**April 1:** at College of the Sequoias, Noon  
**April 4:** at Modesto, noon  
**April 9:** at Reedley, 1 p.m.  
**April 11:** Bye  
**April 16:** CVC League Mini Tournament, noon  
**April 18:** at College of the Sequoias, noon  
**April 23:** at Modesto, noon  
**April 25:** at Reedley, 1 p.m.

## SOFTBALL

**Saturday:** West Valley (DH), 11 a.m.  
**Feb. 7:** at Cuesta, 2 p.m.  
**Feb. 9:** at Delta College/College of San Mateo, noon & 2 p.m.  
**Feb. 16:** Sacramento City College, 1 p.m.  
**Feb. 22-24:** at Bakersfield (Tournament of Champions)  
**Feb. 26:** Taft (DH), 1 p.m.  
**Feb. 28:** at West Hills, 2 p.m.  
**March 5:** at Porterville (DH), 1 p.m.  
**March 7:** Reedley, 2 p.m.  
**March 9-10:** at Ohlone. Tournament  
**March 12:** Merced (DH), 1 p.m.  
**March 14:** Modesto (DH), 1 p.m.  
**March 16-17:** Bash at Buchanan, TBA  
**March 21:** at College of the Sequoias, 1 p.m.  
**April 2:** West Hills (DH), 2 p.m.  
**April 4:** at Taft, 2 p.m.  
**April 9:** at Reedley (DH), 2 p.m.  
**April 11:** Porterville, 2 p.m.  
**April 16:** at Modesto, 2 p.m.  
**April 18:** at Merced, 2 p.m.  
**April 20-21:** at Merced Tournament  
**April 23:** College of the Sequoias, 2 p.m.  
**May 4-5:** Northern California Regionals  
**May 10-12:** State Championships, Fresno

## TENNIS

**MEN**  
**Wednesday:** at Santa Rosa, 3 p.m.  
**Thursday-Saturday:** at Modesto Invitational, All-Day  
**Feb. 13:** at Ventura, 2 p.m.  
**Feb. 16:** Bakersfield, 11 a.m.  
**Feb. 22:** at UC-Santa Cruz, 2 p.m.  
**Feb. 26:** at Modesto, 2p.m.  
**Feb. 28:** at Porterville, 2 p.m.  
**March 2:** Santa Barbara, 2 p.m.  
**March 7:** at College of the Sequoias, 2 p.m.  
**March 12:** at Reedley, 2 p.m.  
**March 14:** at Dominican University, 2 p.m.  
**March 15:** at Sonoma State, 2 p.m.  
**March 21:** Modesto, 2 p.m.  
**April 2:** College of the Sequoias, 2 p.m.  
**April 4:** Reedley, 2 p.m.  
**April 9:** Porterville, 2 p.m.  
**April 16:** at NorCal quarterfinals, TBA  
**April 18-20:** CVC Tournament, All-Day  
**April 23:** at NorCal Semifinals, TBA  
**April 25-28:** at Ojai Tournament, TBA



Fresno City College's women's basketball team, which beat Modesto 64-57 on Jan. 19, faces Taft at home at 7 tonight.

**May 1:** at NorCal Team Finals, TBA  
**May 2-4:** at NorCal Individuals, All-Day  
**May 10-11:** State Individuals, San Diego  
**WOMEN**  
**Feb. 8:** DeAnza, TBA  
**Feb. 15:** Mission, 10:30 a.m.  
**Feb. 19:** Merced, 2 p.m.  
**Feb. 21:** Bye  
**Feb. 26:** Modesto, 2 p.m.  
**Feb. 28:** at Porterville, 2 p.m.  
**March 5:** at West Hills, 2 p.m.  
**March 7:** at College of the Sequoias, 2 p.m.  
**March 12:** at Reedley, 2 p.m.  
**March 14:** at Merced, 2 p.m.  
**March 16:** at Dual Meet - American River, 9:30 a.m. & 2 p.m.  
**March 19:** Bye  
**March 21:** at Modesto, 2 p.m.  
**April 2:** College of the Sequoias, 2 p.m.  
**April 4:** Reedley, 2 p.m.  
**April 9:** Porterville, 2 p.m.  
**April 11:** West Hills, 2 p.m.  
**April 18-20:** at CVC Tournament, All-Day  
**April 23:** at NorCal Semifinal, TBA  
**April 25-28:** at Ojai Tournament, TBA  
**May 1:** at NorCal Finals, TBA  
**May 2-4:** at NorCal Tournament, TBA  
**May 9:** at State Finals, TBA  
**May 10-11:** at State Tournament, TBA

## TRACK & FIELD

**Thursday-Friday:** Time Trials, 2 p.m.  
**Feb. 16:** at CVC Preview, Modesto,

11 a.m.  
**Feb. 23:** College of the Sequoias, Reedley, San Joaquin Delta, 10 a.m.  
**March 2:** at Sacramento (Merced, Yuba, American River), 11 a.m.  
**March 9:** at Beaver Relays - American River, 11:30 a.m.  
**March 14-15:** at Modesto (Modesto, Merced), 1:30 p.m.  
**March 22:** at Easter Relays - Santa Barbara, 9 a.m.  
**March 23:** at U.S. College Elite Meet - San Diego, 2 p.m.  
**April 5:** Bob Mathias Fresno Relays - Fresno State, 10 a.m.  
**April 13:** at Jenner Classic - San Jose, 10 a.m.  
**April 16-17:** at NorCal Multi Events - Sacramento, noon  
**April 19:** At Mt. San Antonio Relays, 8 a.m.  
**April 20:** at College of the Sequoias Twilight Meet, 3 p.m.  
**April 22:** at CVC 10,000 meters and Hammer Championship - Merced, 5 p.m.  
**April 26:** at CVC Championships - Merced, 5 p.m.  
**May 4:** at NorCal Trials - Chabot, 9 a.m.  
**May 10:** at NorCal Finals - Modesto, 3:30 p.m.  
**May 11:** at NorCal Finals - Modesto, 10 a.m.  
**May 17-18:** at State Championships - Santa Barbara, 10 a.m.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

**Nov. 10:** I. College of Marin 68-52  
**Nov. 16:** d. Modesto 60-49  
**Nov. 17:** d. Porterville 82-78  
**Nov. 18:** I. West L.A. 69-59  
**Nov. 20:** I. Hancock 68-62

**Nov. 23:** I. Solano 63-54  
**Nov. 24:** d. Los Medanos 77-54  
**Nov. 29:** I. Mount San Antonio 76-60  
**Nov. 30:** d. DeAnza 65-59  
**Dec. 1:** d. Antelope Valley 62-47  
**Dec. 2:** I. San Joaquin Delta 85-75  
**Dec. 6:** d. Los Medanos 80-56  
**Dec. 7:** I. Contra Costa 76-42  
**Dec. 8:** d. Porterville 70-58  
**Dec. 14:** I. Sierra 87-59  
**Dec. 15:** d. DeAnza 62-57  
**Dec. 16:** I. College of the Sequoias 62-51  
**Dec. 18:** d. Merritt 51-47 (OT)  
**Dec. 27:** I. Pasadena 78-56  
**Dec. 28:** d. Feather River 86-54  
**Dec. 29:** I. Santa Rosa 67-49  
**Jan. 9:** d. Porterville 73-71  
**Jan. 16:** I. Merced 55-52  
**Jan. 19:** d. Modesto 64-57  
**Jan. 23:** I. Reedley 86-75  
**Jan. 26:** d. College of the Sequoias 72-61  
**Jan. 30:** Taft, 7 p.m.  
**Feb. 2:** at Porterville, 5 p.m.  
**Feb. 9:** Merced, 7 p.m.  
**Feb. 13:** at Modesto, 5 p.m.  
**Feb. 16:** Reedley, 5 p.m.  
**Feb. 20:** College of Sequoias, 7 p.m.  
**Feb. 23:** at Taft, 7 p.m.  
**Feb. 28:** State playoffs  
**March 4:** State playoffs  
**March 7:** State playoffs  
**March 14-17:** State finals

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

**Nov. 9:** d. Miramar Naval Air Station 82-51  
**Nov. 10:** d. Edwards Air Force Base 107-102  
**Nov. 11:** I. Fresno Pacific Alumni 85-81  
**Nov. 15:** d. Ventura 67-65  
**Nov. 16:** I. City College of San Francisco 72-70  
**Nov. 17:** d. Porterville 76-69  
**Nov. 20:** d. Hartnell, 76-70  
**Nov. 29:** I. Santa Rosa 74-70  
**Nov. 30:** d. College of the Siskiyous 71-68  
**Dec. 1:** d. Hartnell 84-74  
**Dec. 5:** I. San Joaquin Delta 65-62  
**Dec. 6:** d. College of Marin 72-62  
**Dec. 7:** I. Columbia 72-61  
**Dec. 12:** d. Lemoore Naval Air Station 106-81  
**Dec. 14:** d. Hancock 86-77  
**Jan. 4:** d. Lemoore Naval Air Station 87-59  
**Jan. 5:** d. Fresno Pacific Alumni 99-95  
**Jan. 9:** d. Reedley 62-61  
**Jan. 12:** d. West Hills 69-56  
**Jan. 16:** d. Columbia 97-91  
**Jan. 19:** d. Porterville, 81-76  
**Jan. 23:** I. Merced 98-90  
**Jan. 26:** d. College of the Sequoias 81-77  
**Today:** at Modesto, 7 p.m.  
**Saturday:** Reedley, 7 p.m.  
**Feb. 6:** at West Hills, 7 p.m.  
**Feb. 9:** at Columbia, 7 p.m.  
**Feb. 13:** Porterville, 7 p.m.  
**Feb. 16:** Merced, 7 p.m.  
**Feb. 20:** at College of Sequoias, p.m.  
**Feb. 23:** Modesto, 7 p.m.  
**March 1-2:** State playoffs  
**March 6:** State playoffs  
**March 9:** State playoffs  
**March 15-17:** State finals



# Rams No. 3 in state

FCC hosts No. 1 Sac City at 2 p.m. Sunday at Euless Park

By Anthony Galaviz  
Sports Editor

Fresno City College baseball coach Ron Scott can only hope for the best this season. Coming off a 20-5 record last season and losing in the state championship to Riverside 13-6, Scott has his eyes focused on a Central Valley Conference title.

"Our first realistic goal is to win the league," Scott said. "We have a strong defense and pitching to do that."

The Rams, ranked No. 3 in the state preseason poll, were CVC champions in 1998-2000 before finishing second last season to College of the Sequoias.

Losing standouts Jon Asahina, Tyler Hergenrader and Matt Rico, FCC will look for strong defense and pitching to keep its hopes for a CVC title.

"We lost a lot," Scott said of Asahina, Hergenrader and Rico. "But I think we'll be all right."

The Rams return four position player starters and several quality pitchers.

Craig Click, Robert Mosqueda, Brett Lindgren and Clint McGill will likely start in the infield.

"They are all great players," Scott said. "They also have great double-combination plays."

Dayton Buller, a former 18th round draft pick of the San Francisco Giants, is one of the top catchers in the state.

Scott hopes to get productive results out of Jason Pasma and B.J. Weidenbach.

Pasma, who played for the FCC soccer team this season and named the most valuable player in the CVC, is back after suffering a bro-

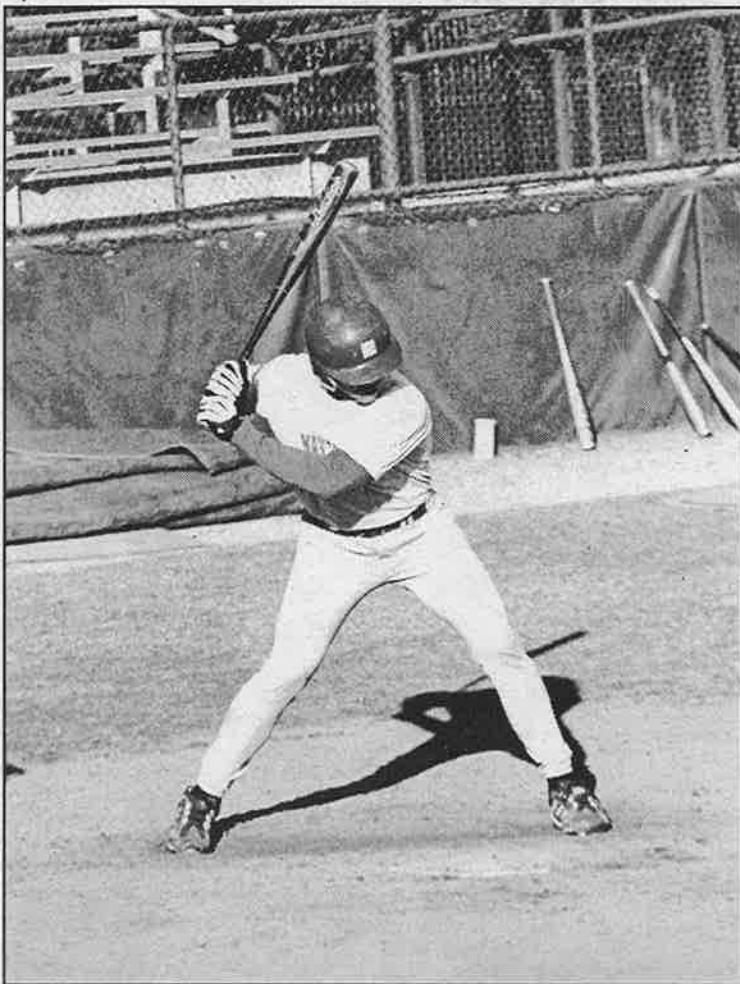


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Fresno City College is ranked No. 3 in the state by Collegiate Baseball.

ken right ankle during a softball game last season.

Chris Davis, who was selected by the New York Mets in the 42nd round last season, will be one of the starters Scott will rely on.

"Overall, we have good speed," Scott said. "We certainly don't have the kind of production we had last season. But I think it's going to be a competitive league."

Also...

Click and Shannon were named to the pre-season All-American team.

## RAMS AT A GLANCE

**Coach:** Ron Scott (14th year, 473-170, 736)

**2001:** State runner-up. Lost to Riverside 17-12

**Key losses:** Jon Asahina, Tyler Hergenrader, Derek Mills, Matt Rico.

**Key returners:** C Dayton Buller, IF Craig Click, IF Clint McGill, IF Robert Mosqueda, OF Tom Shannon, P Chris Davis, P David Griffin.

**Key newcomers:** P Danny de la O, IF B.J. Wedienbach, IF Brett Lindgren, IF Billy Richardson.

### Pre-season rankings

By COLLEGIATE  
BASEBALL  
Rank Team

1. Sacramento City
2. Riverside
3. Fresno City
4. Santa Ana
5. Cypress
6. Orange Coast
7. Santa Rosa
8. Sequoias
9. L.A. Harbor
10. Grossmont
11. Cerritos
12. Glendale
13. Cuesta
14. Feather River
15. Saddleback
16. Cosumnes River
17. American River
18. Modesto
19. West Valley
20. Chaffey

**Other teams:** San Bernardino, Canada, Marin, Hancock, El Camino, Chabot, Palomar, Merced, Lassen, Sierra, Marin, Cabrillo, Diablo Valley, Ohlone, Modesto, Citrus, Long Beach City

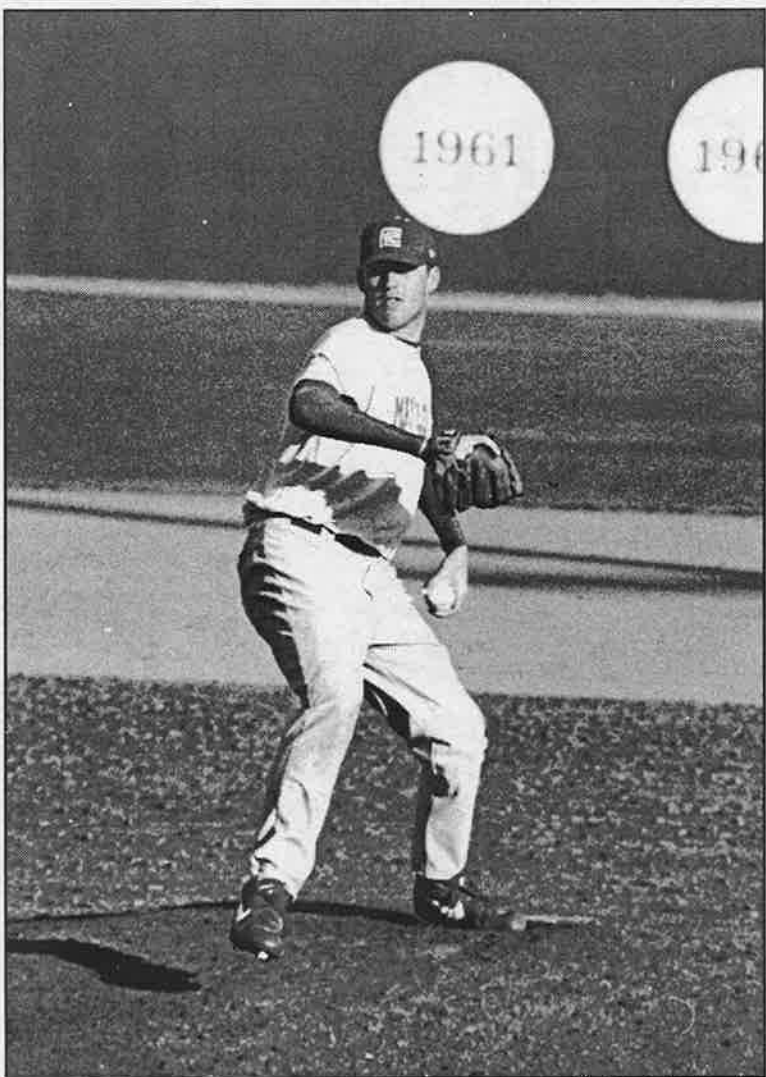


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FCC begins its season Friday-Sunday hosting the Fresno City/Merced Tournament. The Rams will play No. 7 Santa Rosa at 2 p.m. Saturday.

# FCC sets sights on state finals

The Rampage

Fresno City College softball coach Rhonda Williams wants her team to be competitive. After last season's 2-1 North California Regional playoff loss to Santa Rosa, Williams would like nothing more than to get back into the playoffs.

"We want to be competitive at the state level," Williams said.

Though it lost first-team infielder Sara Spencer, second-team first base Christine Fajardo and outfield Lisa Phelan, the Rams will have to rely on pitching and defense.

Pitcher Danielle Parks hopes this season will be a good one.

"We hope to have a successful

## RAMS AT A GLANCE

**Coach:** Rhonda Williams (Eight year, 201-122, 622)

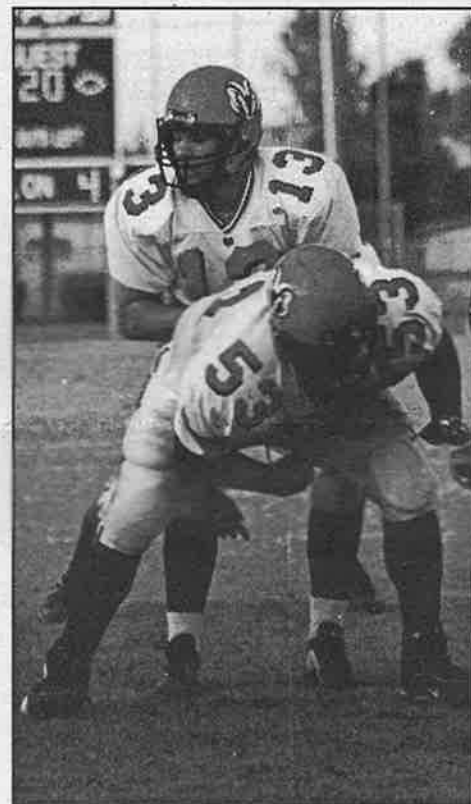
**2001:** 27-15

**Key losses:** Kelly Gentry, Sara Spencer, Lisa Phelan

**Key returners:** P Rochelle DeAmaral, 1B Jenn Downs, Stacie Ihde, OF/IF Dana Serrato

season," she said. "Our goal is to make it to the state finals."

FCC will begin its season Saturday hosting West Valley College at 11 a.m.



Mark Hetherington (13) is one of the 35 players returning for their sophomore season. Hetherington finished No. 5 among quarterbacks in the state last season with 2,343 yards passing. Tony Ward (53) also will return for his final season with the Rams. FCC's season ended Dec. 1 when it lost to City College of San Francisco 19-7 for the Northern California championship.

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# Rams seeks home game vs. state champ

By Anthony Galaviz  
Sports editor

The way Fresno City College football coach Tony Caviglia sees it, the Dec. 1 19-7 loss to eventual state champion City College of San Francisco was nothing more than a momentum booster for next season.

"We're going to make a big push next season," Caviglia said. "That was a tough loss against San Francisco."

The Rams are tentatively scheduled to play San Francisco next season.

Caviglia hopes to have a home game against San Francisco.

Quarterback Mark Hetherington will return for his sophomore season, along with running back Earl Charles, wide receiver Willie Johnson and 33 other players.

"We have a lot of a lot of good players coming back" Caviglia says.

In its game against San Francisco, FCC got off to an early start scoring on a block punt by Miguel Ruiz who

ran in 16-yards for an early 7-0 lead. After that, it was bad news for FCC.

Hetherington left the game with a minute, 33 seconds remaining in the second quarter because he lost feel in both hands. Backup freshman quarterback Mike Van Worth finished for the Rams in a game San Francisco dominated after the first quarter.

With the combo of Hetherington and Van Worth coming back for their final year, FCC will not have any problems at that position. Likewise at the running back, wide receiver and defensive positions.

Hetherington finished the season as the No. 5 quarterback in the state. He completed 146 of 250 passes for 2,343 yards and had a rating of 170.

Charles rushed 129 times for 1,035 yards with 12 touchdowns.

The Rams were third in the state in team offense (2,185 rushes, 2,644 passing, 4,832 yards).

The defense gave up 874 rushing yards and 1,653 passing yards.



# Rams men knock off Sequoias

## Johnson's steal sparks key victory

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Willie Johnson isn't used to being in the spotlight. The way his basketball season is going, he might as well get used to it.

The 6-foot-5 freshman forward forced a turnover with six seconds left and the ball went to Shansan Chambers who made both free-throws to give Fresno City College an 81-77 Central Valley Conference victory over College of the Sequoias Saturday before 500 fans at FCC gym.

"We just played hard," Johnson said. "I got to give a lot of credit to my team."

FCC coach Mark Mendez is grateful to have Johnson on the team.

"Willie is a big time player," he said. "We got to get the ball in Willie's hands."

Johnson admitted that Wednesday's Merced loss was more than a rude awakening for the team.

"We got a wake-up call," said Johnson, who shot 6 of 12 from the field for 19 points. "We all clicked

(tonight)."

FCC remains tied with Columbia for first place in the CVC.

After jumping out to a 14-0 first half lead, the Giants rallied behind 6-foot-6 sophomore center Fabian Pinnock.

Pinnock scored Sequoias' 4 of 6 early second half points to cut FCC's lead to 51-44. The Giants took its first lead of the game when Ty McCord's 3-pointer gave Sequoias a 70-69 lead. Pinnock later added a dunk to give the Giants a 72-71 lead.

FCC regained the lead on Deshawn Anderson's 15-footer. The Rams held on for the win.

"COS is good team," Mendez said. "We didn't lose our composure."

Mendez added the Rams' early start helped the team throughout the game.

"That's been our Achilles' heel," Mendez referring to past slow starts. "It was a good team effort."

The Rams were hot throughout the game shooting 27 of 46 (.587) from the field.

Pinnock finished the game with 29 points for Sequoias.

Anderson shot 6 of 10 from the field and was 2 of 6 from 3-point range for 17 points. Chambers finished with 12 points.

FCC will travel to play Modesto Junior College today at 7 p.m.



Photo by Lenetta Huxley

FCC's Willie Johnson (32), who scored 19 points, takes it to the hoop against College of the Sequoias Saturday. Johnson later made a steal to help the Rams clinch an 81-77 victory.



## Kircher leads FCC past COS



Cassandra Chambers goes for two in FCC's 64-57 victory over Modesto on Jan. 19. The Rams, who lost to Reedley 86-75 on Jan. 23, came back Saturday to defeat College of the Sequoias 72-61 behind Heather Kircher's 25 points and Chambers' 17. The Rams led 35-27 at halftime. Four FCC players scored in double figures. Niki Williams chipped in with 12 points and Amanda Viera, had 11 points.

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