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Budget woes will affect all services

Classes, programs take major funding cutbacks.

By Pete Madrid

Rampage reporter

Fresno City College students will shoulder a 63 percent increase in tuition fees this semester over last semester. The California state budget crisis resulted in many financial cutbacks at public schools. FCC was no exception.

The result is that FCC students will be paying \$18 more per unit for enrollment.

FCC's procedure for payment includes

resident, out-of-state and international students.

"We will obviously be affected by the \$7 raise in the tuition fee, but people have to realize why they are going to school," said FCC student Katrina Azezel, "and they are going to have to find other ways to pay for the fee increase."

State Center Community College District officials fought a state order to require that students immediately be

invoiced for the \$7-per-unit difference.

"We're hoping the students will come in, but we won't be disenrolling anybody at this point for lack of fee payment," said Thomas Crow, interim chancellor of the district.

Crow added that the consequences to students of not paying will be delayed until they enroll for the spring semester or request transcripts and other services, as opposed to dropping them immediately. But the district's burden, the interim chancellor said, is to urge students to pay as soon as possible.

"Probably the most disappointing thing we have with the fee increase is that the additional money does not go to

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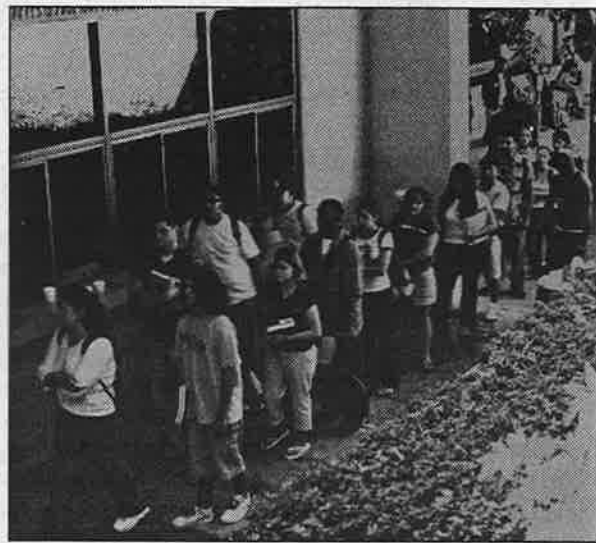
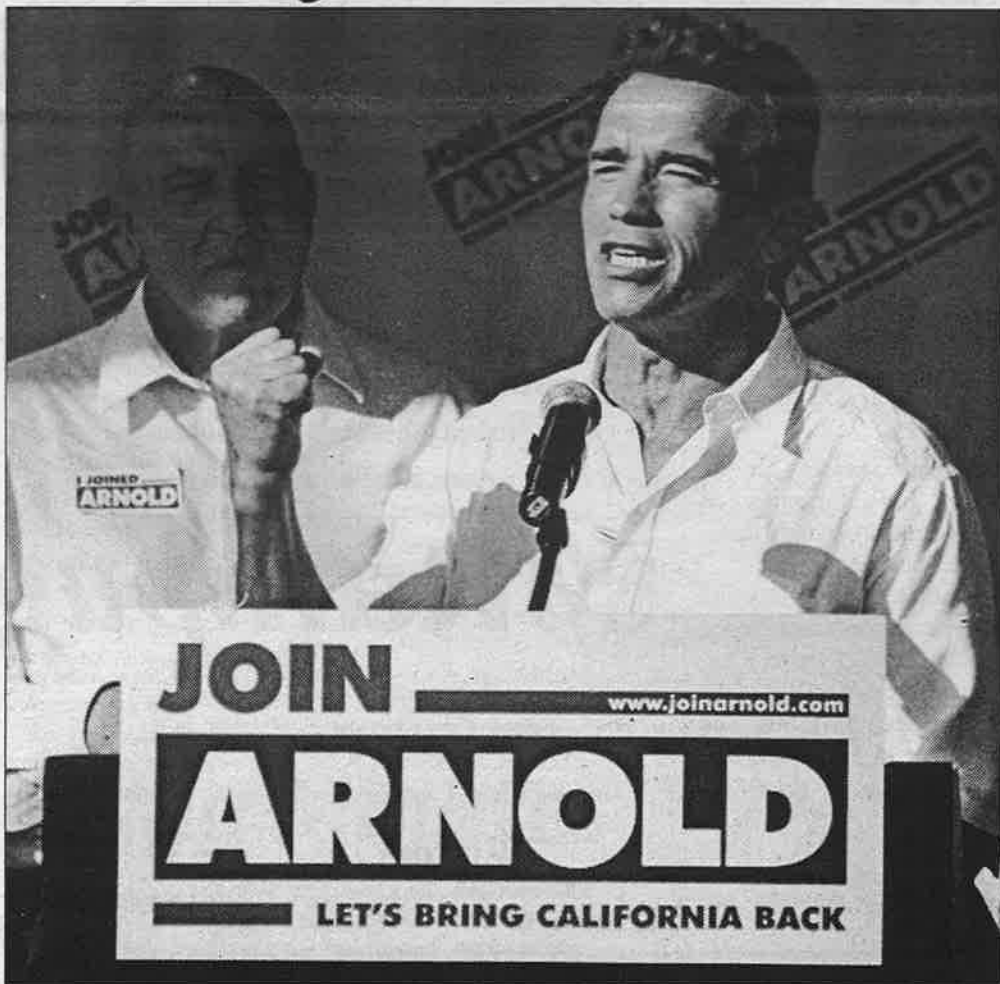


Photo by Deborah Anderson

Students wait outside the Admissions and Records Office.

Hey Arnold



Arnold Schwarzenegger drew a crowd of about 3,000 at Fresno's Riverpark shopping center.

Schwarzenegger highlights issues of political campaign in Fresno, Aug. 28.

By Latasha Ball

News editor

As the school's Associated Student Government urges Fresno City College students to vote in the Oct. 7 recall election, an actor-turned-Republican-candidate, made his own pitch in a campaign stop in Fresno.

Arnold Schwarzenegger drew a crowd of about 3,000 people to the River Park shopping center Thursday and charged up his audience with his views about education, budget cuts, and taxes.

"We are the luckiest people on the earth,

because we live in a country where we the people have the right to decide if the politicians are doing their job and if they don't, we have the obligation to rise up to take back the government and do the job ourselves," said Schwarzenegger.

Current California Gov. Davis faces the recall election after more than 300,000 people signed petitions to consider his removal. Schwarzenegger then joined more than 100 candidates, including Democratic Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante, who entered the race to replace Davis if he is recalled.

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Chancellor promises to stay on top of things

By Latasha Ball

News editor

Coming back to school, students see familiar faces and some new ones. One of those new faces that may have been seen around Fresno City College on the first day of school is Thomas A. Crow, the interim chancellor of State Center Community College District.

Crow was asked by the district's trustees in April to fill in as chancellor for a year due to the reassignment of then-Chancellor Judith Redwine.

Crow served as president of Reedley College and has worked within the district for more than 13 years. It's because of this that he

said he is ready to face any challenges that lie ahead in his new position.

"I was aware of the workings of the district, so coming in and making new relationships and gearing up to what the job challenges are and to get a handle on everything," Crow said.

As the administrative head of the district, Crow is responsible for staying on top of not only the development of a new college, now called Willow/International, but

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Thomas Crow

International student finds a home at FCC

By Latasha Ball

News editor

As few students may know, Fresno City College is known for its rich culture of students, to its high number of success among students who graduate. It's for this reason that Franz Molia chose to come to FCC from his native Bolivia.

"A friend who was studying here at Fresno City College told me about Steve — my tennis coach — and the program here, and he said I should come to school here," said Molia, who is studying at FCC on a tennis scholarship.

Molia, grew up with an interest in wines. As the only son in his family, he will someday inherit the family winery. He decided to ma-

jor in enology—the study of wine making. Within his tennis scholarship, Molia had his choice of schools on the East Coast on a tennis scholarship, but he chose to come to FCC and transfer to California State University, Fresno.

"There's no enology program in the East Coast, and Fresno State has the second-best program in the nation," Molia said.

For many international students, Fresno is quite different from their country, and they have to get used to the American way of living, including the climate and the different meal times Molia said.

On the other hand, Molia agrees this is a new experience for him, and it's something he likes.

"I used to travel a lot, but I like

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Letters to the editor

I'm a first-semester student at Fresno City College. My first day, I was nervous, but it was an exciting day. The second day, I was less nervous and experienced—another exciting day.

My third day, my college excitement was brought down while waiting in line to drop off my add slip at the Student Services building. Apparently, someone stole my wallet out of my backpack while I was wearing it!

Still in shock, I called my dad to tell him what had happened. I was hoping I had left my wallet at home. We reported it to the campus police, and later, my dad and I backtracked the event.

Yes, my dad found my wallet in the Student Services men's restroom trash bin without the cash. Unfortunately, that stolen money was going toward buying my books. This is why I am writing and expressing my disappointment in my peers.

My advice: If you hear any loud clearing of the throat more than once around you, check for your money or wallet because someone just might have unzipped your backpack and zipped it back up without any conscience.

Leticia Lopez
FCC student

Letters policy

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News briefs

Drop time

The deadline is approaching to drop a full-term class without an academic penalty. After Friday, students who drop courses will receive a "W" on their permanent records.

Students also can register late for fall 2003 classes until Friday.

The admissions office, located on the lower level of the Student Services building, will be open to accommodate drop and add requests during the following hours: 8 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday.

Splitting up

The Humanities Division split into two separate academic divisions over the summer, spinning several departments off into the Division of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts.

The new division will incorporate the Art, Music, Theatre Arts, Journalism and Speech departments.

Frank Quintana, former director of Extended Opportunity Programs and Services, took over the new division on July 1. Lee Farley replaces Quintana as EOPS director.

The addition of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts creates the seventh academic unit at Fresno City College. The other six divisions are: Applied Technology; Business; Health Sciences; Humanities; Math, Science and Engineering; and Social Science.

Library group looks for advisers

The Fresno City College Friends of the Library is putting together its first advisory board, and the group invites students and community members to serve in supporting the school library.

Those interested in joining the Friends of the Library advisory board will help sustain the library's service mission, which is to enhance and augment its programs and holdings.

Friends of the Library will hold its first meeting at 2 p.m. on Monday in the FCC Library conference room. The organization needs volunteers with a variety of experiences and skills who may need to commit to one meeting per month.

The schedule is tentative.

More information on the advisory board and Friends of the Library is available by contacting Donna Chandler at 442-4600, ext. 8150.

Covering Medical

Responding to high numbers of young adults without health insurance, the Community College League of California offers medical coverage to uninsured community college students.

The league serves about a thousand students throughout the California community colleges system. U.S. residents must be enrolled in six or more units to be eligible, and all properly credentialed international students qualify.

The plan's medical benefits include doctor visits, hospitalization, surgery, mental health treatment and prescription drug coverage starting at \$54 a month. Students can also get optional dental benefits.

Details about the Community College League's student health coverage plans are available by calling 800-853-5899 or online at www.somerton-ins.com.

Center to hold career workshops

The Career Center will kick off its series of workshops next week to aid FCC students in their search for work.

The first workshop, scheduled from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sept. 10, will cover self-assessment. Students will

explore and identify their interests and personality using a self-directed search and various activities.

The self-assessment materials cost is \$14, but most workshops in the series are free.

Sign-ups and additional information on the workshop series are available by calling the Career Center at 442-4600, x8291.

Transfer schools descend on FCC

Four-year colleges and armed forces representatives will visit the FCC campus for an event geared at giving students access to transfer options.

The Transfer Center will hold its annual College and University Transfer Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 10 on the College Mall.

Schools in the University of California and California State University systems will bring representatives to answer student questions. Air Force and Army ROTC representatives also will be available at Transfer Day.

At the event, students can get applications and information on admissions, student services, financial aid and housing.

Details about Transfer Day and more information about transferring are available at the Transfer Center, located on the upper level of the Student Services building. The phone number is 442-4600, ext. 8290.

Campus Calendar

ACTIVITIES

- Club Rush — 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday and Oct. 1, Fountain Area
- Mexican Independence Day Celebration — 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 16, Free Speech Area
- Volunteer Fair — 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 17, Campus Mall/Fountain Area

ARTS

- Faculty Biennial Show — Thursday-Oct. 17, Art Space Gallery

INTRAMURALS

- 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament — 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 12, Gym
- 2-on-2 Volleyball — 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 19, Free Speech Area
- 3-on-3 Soccer — 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 3, North Field

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

- Academic Senate Meeting — Wednesday, Staff Dining Room
- Associated Student Government — 3:30 p.m. Tuesday and Sept. 16, 23 and 30; College Center
- Classified Senate Meeting — 2 p.m. Sept. 17, LI-103

Police log

From the files of the SCCCD Police Department
Compiled by Rebekah Miranda

Aug. 18

- Officer reports vehicle vandalism.

Aug. 19

- Report taken of a general incident.

Aug. 20

- Report taken of burglary in Lot F.
- Student with severe muscle spasms treated by nurse.
- Petty theft reported.
- Report taken of general incident.
- Traffic stop made. Drivers license was suspended, vehicle was then towed.

Aug. 26

- Nurse reports an injured staff member, treated by nurse.
- Report taken of burglary.
- Report taken of vehicle burglary.

Aug. 27

- Vehicle burglary reported.
- Report taken of general incident.
- Vehicle burglary reported.
- Officer reports a petty theft.
- Officer reports separate petty-theft incident.
- Officer reports of a hit and run.
- Report taken of bicycle theft.

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- Report taken of possible domestic violence.
- Report taken of theft in Bookstore. Individual was arrested, cited and then released.
- Officer reports theft of a textbook.
- Officer reports theft of a vehicle accessory.



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District Web site reveals issues of privacy

Users can access grades linked to student IDs.

By Tony Losongco

Editor in chief

A Web site run by State Center Community College District reveals grade and demographic profiles about any student or class in the district, prompting some Fresno City College students to ask why personal information on the Internet is connected to their student identification numbers.

Despite a wealth of trend information on collective FCC groups — classes, departments and the school at large — FCC student Chris Orosco questions the district's motives for posting his and other students' grades for public viewing.

"It would be better off being confidential to school officials ... as opposed to just any person that might randomly get my number or anyone else's, for that matter," said Orosco, a psychology major.

Armed with only a seven-digit school ID number and the Web site address to the district's Institutional Research office, users can find a student's classes and grades for the last six semesters. The site also lists the sex, ethnicity and an age range of the student.

"I believe that you can just go by a general performance level for the school," Orosco said. He suggested that campus policy-makers use "general observations of those students' performances to see where they make improvements."

John Cummings, district dean who oversees Institutional Research and the Admissions and Records Office, said that the Web site mostly serves faculty.

"We were deluged as institutional researchers by the requests that came in," Cummings said of reviews of each academic department and other reporting needs. "The technology ... that was available to us allows us to take what would be years worth of work and basically synthesize it."

Cummings said the database that the Web site plugs into offers officials a glimpse into the effectiveness of class instruction, preparation of students before they arrive in college and their eventual success at the university level.

"We're looking for trends and trend analy-

sis more than we're looking for any one student," Cummings said. "We try to take the guesswork out of, 'I think my students [are] better because of this or because I'm teaching a certain way.'"

The section listing student ID numbers consists of Partnership for Excellence baseline data.

Through PFE, the state tracks performance goals at its community colleges such as graduation, transfer rates and grades.

Some FCC students said that in their larger classes, instructors post grades in public, where grades are listed along with student ID numbers.

Orosco added that he accesses his grades online using his student ID number on another district Web site.

Cummings acknowledged that users can enter student ID numbers on the PFE section of the Institutional Research site to find demographic and grade information, but he said students' identities were still protected.

"The site itself has no reference to people or faculty," Cummings said. "We keep it that way because we don't want anyone under any circumstances to be identified."

But a review of links on the California Association for Institutional Research Web site — representing six of SCCC's peers — does not seem to show any association between individual students and data about them on other community college Web sites.

Los Rios Community College District in Sacramento, for example, requires those outside the district to call or e-mail its Office of Institutional Research to obtain specific information on its three colleges.

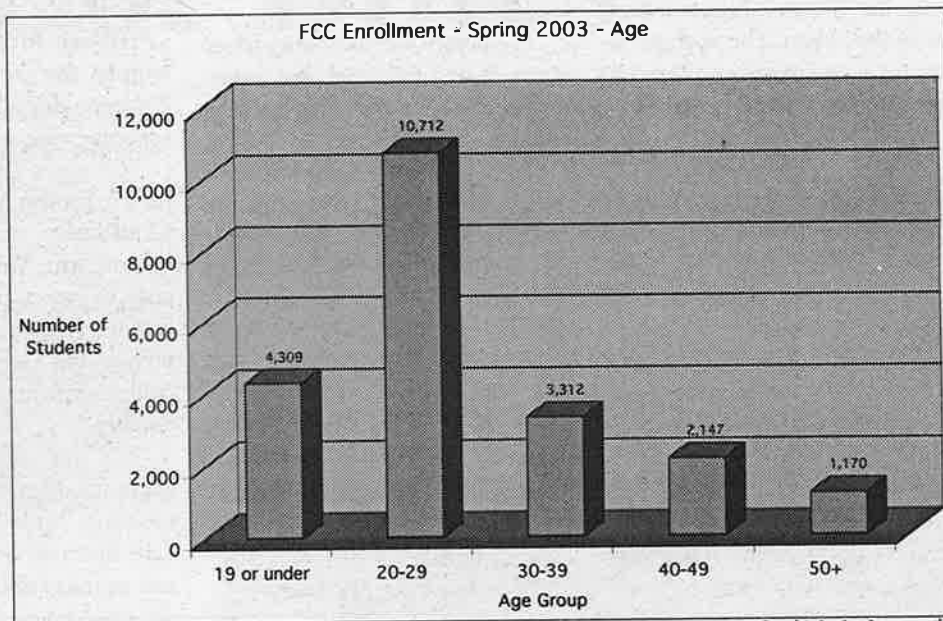
The office at California State University, Fresno, offers summaries on its Web site, as SCCC does, on ethnicity, majors and other levels. But the university posts no information on the Web site linking individual students with their profile.

Cummings defended the use of student ID numbers as an effective privacy tool since the numbers were implemented in 1998.

"They should be concerned if I were using their Social Security numbers," Cummings said of the previous district identification system. He explained that the district only collects Social Security numbers to comply with federal and state requests for the numbers to link with individuals.

On the second day of fall classes, Lisa Williams calmly pored over the Web site information. "I don't think it'd bother me too

Hispanics, twenties age group continue FCC growth trend



By Tony Losongco

Editor in chief

Hispanics and the 20-something student population continued their growth at Fresno City College last semester, information posted last month by the district's research arm reveals.

Last semester, FCC's Hispanic enrollment stood at 6,971, 3.8 percent higher than the spring 2002 semester, when Hispanics became the school's largest ethnic group, according to data from Institutional Research, a department of State Center Community College District.

About 32 percent of students reported themselves as Hispanic, 0.8 percentage points more than the white population. Asian/Pacific Islanders (14 percent), African-Americans (8 percent) and American Indians (1 percent) complete the list of ethnic groups. Institutional Research reports 13 percent as "race/ethnicity unknown."

much," the first-semester FCC student said.

Williams acknowledged that the Internet allows greater access to student records, but she added that the student ID number in most cases is enough to trace a particular student.

The 20-29 age group made up 49.4 percent of FCC enrollment last semester — more than double any other single demographic of students. The number of 20-something students has risen four semesters in a row.

After the 20-29 population, teenage students were the largest age group (20 percent), followed by students in their 30s (15 percent), 40s (10 percent) and students 50 and older (5 percent).

Student enrollment dropped in two categories:

- Ninety-eight fewer African-American students last semester marked a 5.5 percent drop from the previous spring. Last semester, the school recorded 1,672 African-Americans.

- Enrollment in the 35-49 age group fell slightly between the last two spring semesters, from 3,590 to 3,550. The age range accounts for 16 percent of all FCC students.

The Institutional Research numbers show several trends last semester that held from the year before:

- FCC's total enrollment was 21,682, down 5 percent from the record-high fall 2002 population, but up more than 4 percent than spring 2002. The Web site shows that school enrollment tends to yo-yo between semesters, increasing in the fall and dropping in the spring term.

- Collectively, the highest grade-point averages were earned by students 50 and older (3.06), whites (2.69) and women (2.46). On the other hand, teenage students (2.09), African-Americans (2.00) and men (2.30) held GPAs on the low end of the spectrum.

- Women represented 54 percent of the student population, up from 53 percent in spring 2002.

- Almost two-thirds of students attended part time — 11 units or fewer.

"But I'm sure there are people that could go into that" and find out entire profiles, which would make her uncomfortable, Williams said. "I don't know how many people would actually take the time to do that."

Meeting Minutes

STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT Board of Trustees Aug. 5

Clovis Center

- Recognized outgoing student trustees: Natalie Alquinon, Reedley College; and George Kutnerian, Fresno City College.
- Administered oath of allegiance to new student trustees: Norma Lara, Reedley; and Doug Crutchfield, FCC.
- Heard reports on the Clovis Center: Don Yeager, North Centers vice chancellor; Terry Kershaw, interim vice chancellor, educational services and planning; and students Holly McKay

and Dustin Evenson.

- Approved student representation fee at FCC for spring 2004 and each semester thereafter.
- Adopted resolutions authorizing: dedication of street right-of-way easement to city of Fresno regarding Willow/International site; dissolution of Regional Energy Management Coalition Joint Powers Agency; agreement with state Department of Education regarding Child and Adult Care Food Program and Cal-Pro-Net, FCC; WorkAbility III agreement with state Department of Rehabilitation, Reedley; agreement with state Department of Education for construction sector grant, work-based learning system and resource

library, State Center Consortium.

- Approved employment of part-time faculty on adjunct faculty salary schedule for FCC, Reedley and North Centers for summer 2003.
- Approved new categorically funded position, Director of Advanced Transportation Technology Center, FCC.
- Approved three permanent part-time piano accompanist positions for Fine, Performing and Communication Arts Division, FCC.
- Approved district membership in Association of Community College Trustees and Community College League of California.
- Approved out-of-state travel for 15 FCC students to attend the Oregon

Shakespeare Festival at no cost to district.

- Authorized interfund transfer for the quarter ending June 30.
- Adopted schedule of materials fees for 2003-04 fiscal year.
- Approved master list of district bank accounts and authorized signatories.
- Accepted Upward Bound Grant with the U.S. Department of Education, FCC.
- Approved amendment to Independent Living Program agreement, FCC.
- Accepted room modifications construction project for various buildings at FCC.
- Awarded bid #0304-03 to Central Boiler & Industrial Service for boiler repairs at FCC.
- Approved participation in U.S. Communities

Government Purchasing Alliance for purchase of classroom and office furniture for Madera 1B, Madera Center.

- Employed certificated persons: Carole Fernandez, licensed vocational nursing instructor, Madera (temporary contract); Susanne Koch-Krueger, general biology/human anatomy/physiology instructor, FCC (temporary contract); Greg Peterson, information systems instructor, FCC (temporary contract); Shelly Sorensen, dental assisting instructor, Reedley (first contract); Mary Ann Valentino, psychology instructor, FCC (temporary contract); Angelica Velasquez, natural resources instructor, Reedley (first contract);

From school organizations and Rampage staff

and Keith Zieles, aviation maintenance technology instructor, Reedley (first contract).

- Approved change of duty days: Jeanine Castle, EOPS/CARE counselor, FCC; Richard Hoffman, coordinator, Oakhurst Center; and Timothy Mascarenas, instructor, FCC.
- Accepted resignation from Candace Houghton, instructor/coordinator, FCC.
- Employed Tamara Maddox, accounting clerk III, FCC (probationary).
- Promoted employees: Joyce Hutchison, office assistant I, FCC, to department secretary, Clovis; Alemario Padua, accounting tech I to accounting tech II, FCC; and Mariposa Ramirez, accounting clerk I, District

Office, to accounting clerk III, FCC.

ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT Aug. 26

Senate Chambers College Center

- Discussed recruiting volunteers for voter registration drive Sept. 3-22.
- Considered recording and recognizing semester's volunteers.
- Reviewed progress of Welcome Week.
- Heard presentation on group dynamics, building leadership, time management: Christine Szostak, Psychological Services trainee.
- Proposed one-day campus cleanup Sept. 27.

Budget: Officials urge students to make use of financial aid

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community colleges," Crow said. "It goes into the state of California general fund for them to use."

Still Crow offers students encouragement: "First of all, it's still by far the cheapest higher education in the nation. The average tuition for a community college nationwide is between \$45 and \$50 a unit."

Besides the fee increase, FCC will take cuts throughout the curriculum and services. Officials said that FCC may face 10 to 15 percent fewer class offerings than last year and 10 to 15 percent fewer games in all sports. They also anticipate longer lines for most services and shorter hours for many of those services.

"We're having to be very creative in how we still provide the same services to the students on less dollars," said Susan Yates, FCC athletics director.

letics director.

"The library has always been underfunded," said David Racki, access service librarian. "And what we do have is even less money now because of the shortfall in Sacramento."

The library will offer fewer hours during the week and Saturday hours have been cut back as well.

Terry Klee is trying to balance a family and attend college at the same time.

"I'm disabled, I don't work, so try to go to college on that and feeding four kids and a wife on top of it," Klee said. "There's no state funding, so because of that the classes you need to better yourself are not available."

Yet Klee will not deny himself his valued education, and offers reassurances to other FCC students.

"Don't give up," he says.

Azezel, is paying for her education with the help of her parents.

"I don't think it's that bad, because I originally was going to a four year university and it's a lot cheaper than the regular tuition [at a four-year school]," she said.

Hillary McCan, the spokeswoman for Gov. Davis said the Governor did all he could for the schools in the state.

"Governor Davis worked very hard to protect funding for both K-12 education and higher education in California," said McCan. "There's also fee increases that will be difficult for students to face, but even without that California community colleges remain the best value in the country."

FCC president Ned Doffoney acknowledges the gravity of the situation. "Surely these are significant financial concerns, but these are manageable financial con-

cerns," he said.

"This is an opportunity of a lifetime. College education is afforded to very few people in the world. ... you can't give up, it's too important to let obstacles, however great or small, be the determining factor," said Doffoney.

Frank Ramon, Director of Financial Aid said students still have alternatives to help pay for college. "The good news is this: If the fees have gone up for everyone a student can still apply for financial aid and generate at least a dollar need and if that happens, then they are eligible for a fee waiver to waive the increase, or any other future increases in enrollment fees."

"I would highly recommend that the students who are in need of work to go to the Employment Resources Center and apply for our positions," said Robert Fox, Dean of student services. These jobs use

students' expertise or skills in certain areas to assist other students in those same areas of study. Laboratory assistance positions may also be open.

"There's money somewhere, as far as the help and hopefully it's enough to help you at least enroll and help pay for books," says Ken Chavez, Extended Opportunity Programs and Services counselor. "Even if you have to take out a loan, it's something that has to be done because education is so important."

Tiana Corrales, a business administration student, realizes the importance of her education and will not let the fee increase deter her ambition.

"Most people are finding the fee increase as a hardship, but as for me I'm not going to let anything stand in the way of my dream," Corrales said, "I'm going to make it no matter how hard it gets."

Arnold: Candidate invites Fresno crowd's support as a fellow Californian

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Gregory Ramirez, an FCC English teacher, waited more than two hours to hear what the Republican had to offer, but said he was pleased with what he heard. "Out of all the candidates, I'm leaning towards him because he knows people that would really help out," Ramirez said.

Much of the crowd seemed star-struck by the actor, but he told the audience that he was a fellow Californian who made his appearance in Fresno because he wants to make a difference in the way government is run in Sacramento.

"I am not here today as a movie star,"

Schwarzenegger said. "I am not here as the Terminator or the guy that fought the predator or anything like that. I'm here today as a fellow citizen who cares about his state."

In his plan to restore California, Schwarzenegger's campaign wants to protect educational funding for students, reduce electrical rates for residents and businesses, and reconstruct the \$20 billion dollar inherited debt from Sacramento.

"Our people are doing their part, working hard, paying their taxes and raising families and providing their children with the tools to succeed. But California's politicians haven't done their part. My elec-

tion as governor will send a message to end business as usual in Sacramento," said Schwarzenegger.

As many people agreed that his speech wasn't very specific about how he would go about making changes as governor, Ramirez said he would be just as qualified as any of the other 100 candidates to make the best decisions for California.

"I don't think he could do much worse than what's going on right now with Gray Davis, but I do think he would do a better job than [Cruz] Bustamante," said Ramirez,

referring to the California lieutenant governor.

As the Sept. 22 deadline to vote approaches, Schwarzenegger said that these changes can't be done by him alone. It's the people of California who are going to help him make Sacramento a different place, he said.

"We're going to take the government back and change things in this state," said Schwarzenegger who also added, "I can't do it by myself, and I know that together we can do great things."

Chancellor: Crow credits administrators

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also the \$25 million renovation project for FCC's Old Administration Building.

Crow's job also requires making sure students' needs are met despite issues like parking and budget cuts.

"First of all is the statewide budget cuts," Crow said, "and those have had some really devastating effects on our opportunities to deliver services and classes like we had been in the past few years."

"So you're seeing it as students: Fewer classes, longer lines, hours

of operation are not quite as long as they used to be, and that's something that is a statewide problem," Crow said.

Crow credits the administrators throughout the district with helping to address issues at FCC and the other district campuses.

"You have good people in all their roles they do on campus, so it makes a lot of coordination helping people solve their problems on the campus so they can get their job done," Crow said, "and I'm blessed to have a great group of profession-

als that I'm working with."

As many administrators and the other professions at Fresno City College are here to ensure the education and success of students, Crow is happy being a part of helping students succeed in their life endeavors.

"FCC is a wonderful college, and you see the many people who go on to succeed in their dreams and go onto bigger and better of whatever their life has to bring them, and we're just happy to be a part to facilitate those dreams," Crow said.

Students: Bolivia native enjoys college

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it here," said Molia, who arrived two weeks before the first day of classes. "It's a new life and a new experience."

After obtaining his bachelor's in enology from Fresno State, Molia will return to Bolivia to take over the family winery business. "My family in Bolivia has a winery and I'm going to inherit it since I'm the only son in the family," said Molia.

But in the meantime, he's enjoying his time at FCC with his fellow tennis players and is looking forward to venturing out.

"Fresno City College is nice. I like my friends on my tennis team, and I feel comfortable here," Molia said during the first week of classes. "I've only been in Fresno for two weeks, so I want to get out and meet more people."

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Students misuse their money and shouldn't own credit cards, says an FCC graduate.

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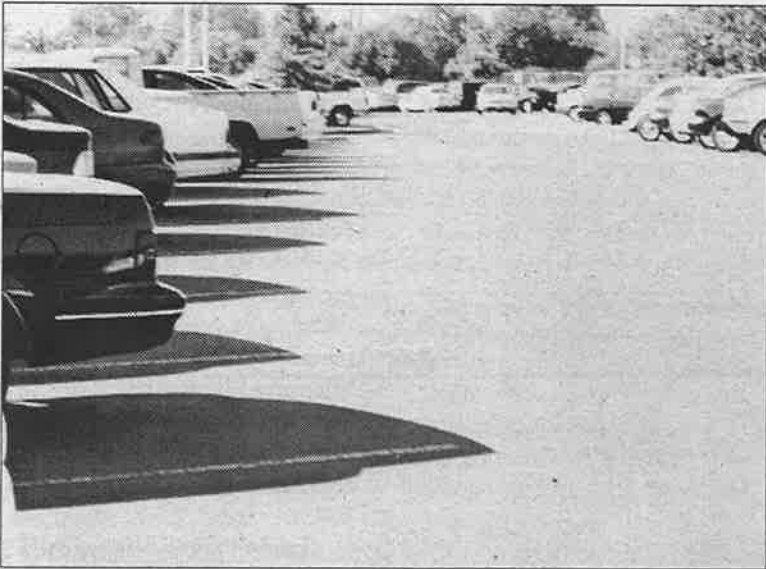
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Parking Lot Blues



Two views of the Fresno City College parking lots show how availability of spots can vary. At left, drivers have only full rows of parked vehicles to navigate through on the east side of campus during a class day. If drivers are patient enough to wait until a school holiday, they can have a staff parking section south of the FCC Library all to themselves on Labor Day, as the photo at right shows.

Photos by Jillian Milam (left) and Bryan Borrer (right)



FCC needs a garage

By Susan Morgan
Rampage reporter

Is it your first semester at Fresno City College? If your first experience was anything like mine, I apologize.

As I recall, I spent more than an hour and a half in hysterics trying to find somewhere to put my car and gave up all hope of getting to my first class.

Yet my experience wasn't as traumatic as friend Candyss' was. She just pulled over on the side of the road crying, calling her mom on her cell phone telling her she was quitting school.

I know people who parked in the lot at Fresno High School and just walked all the way to FCC.

For the first couple of weeks, it didn't matter how early I came for a spot; everyone else seemed to come just as early as I did, and I was still an emotional wreck.

Does FCC has a parking problem?

At what point does our college decide that this is an issue that needs to be assessed? We call the parking permits "hunting passes," for crying out loud.

New students have emotional breakdowns in the parking lot before they even step in a class, and it's a strong reason to drop a 10 a.m. class or drop out of school altogether.

Nolan Wallace, a second-semester student at FCC, drives to his 8 a.m. class.

"It sucks," Wallace said of the parking situation. "Seriously, it takes me 20 minutes to park because I have to drive by my first class to see if there's a spot, then I always end up on the other side of the train tracks."

"They need a parking garage like Edwards Theatre."

Didn't Nolan touch on something truly great?

Some would say the problem is with the number of spaces. More permits are sold than we have room. We are not all here at the same time, even though it sometimes may seem like it.

Perhaps there is a more technical way of solving this problem such as figuring how many people per hour are attending class. Then sell only the average of permits per hour plus maybe 75 or so extra for leeway.

Yet I think there is an easier solution, which Nolan mentioned: a parking garage.

People have said it time after time, but is anyone listening? They could build it during summer session because there is less need for spaces and stop construction during fall and spring. In two summers, it could be done.

The problem here? That it wasn't started two summers ago.

Problem's not that bad

By Luis Quezada
Pulse editor

Every semester, Fresno City College students are faced with the chaos of trying to park on campus. Even though it doesn't guarantee a parking spot, arriving early is what most of us students do to find parking.

You're better off parking away from campus for the first couple of weeks. Just make sure it's not on a street that has "No Parking At Any Time" signs. The last thing you want is a pricey parking ticket.

Most residents around FCC are pretty understanding about us parking near their homes, as long as respect is being showed and no drive ways are being blocked. Yeah, you're going to have to walk, but that's great exercise.

Besides, it prevents you from being late to your first class and possibly getting into an accident with another driver to get a spot.

You'll also cut down on the amount of gas being wasted. These days, almost no one can afford wasting gas with the prices skyrocketing to more than \$2 per gallon lately.

By the time you park off campus and walk to campus, you'll still see the driver who was behind you still circling the parking lot trying to find an empty stall.

Besides wouldn't you much rather be in

the shade or in a nice air conditioned building than wondering in the hot summer sun. Even if you have air conditioning in your car that also uses up a lot of gas.

The parking situation is likely to get better after a couple of weeks, when all the stragglers decide not to bother showing up to their classes anymore or simply make other arrangements.

That's when I would recommend purchasing a parking permit. Do you want a parking permit when you're probably not going to be able to use it?

These are a few of my humble recommendations.

The idea of building a multilevel parking structure has been raised over the years, but don't expect to see that happen any time soon.

It has been said that in order to do that it would cost several bundles of money to carry on the project.

The funds and approvals would be needed first before any of this could begin any action of any sort.

Although it should be done in the long run.

After all, where are our parking fees going? If this college is here for us and because of us, then student needs should be met.

Campus Voices

By Marlena McClain
Photos by Teresa Dawson

How can the administration and students address the issue of parking?



FCC should build a four-story building for parking.

Daniel Nunez
business administration



FCC should plan for the future and buy more land.

Marlyna Sandoval
general education



Stop selling daily parking permits. If you pay \$17 for a permit, then the daily parking permit person is taking my already-paid spot.

Tiffini Divens
general education



Make the private parking public.

Michael Spalliero
undecided



Make double-decker parking lots.

Joe Rico
liberal studies

College students learn about credit the hard way

FCC graduate recounts her story of charge cards gained and lost.

As I was paying my backlog of bills online last week — \$40 here, \$100 there — I couldn't help but think about my dark days of credit. Alas, those days of loving my purchases but hating my bills are over; it's more of a love-repent relationship now than a love-hate one.

A roommate of mine, Fresno City College graduate LeiAnn Patzer, understands my situation but offers no sympathy. In her first semester at FCC in 1994, she applied for and got her first Visa card "with a credit limit of \$300, which I promptly maxed out," she said.

"I saw this really cool T-shirt for it," added Patzer, 27. "I have no idea where it is now."

After an extravagant Red Lobster dinner with her mother and a talk with her best friend,

who had recently become a credit-card holder, Patzer's "one credit card turned into two or three, because so-and-so gave me credit," she said.

Patzer named the 12 credit cards she had by age 20: major credit cards, department store cards, the card her work required in order to apply employee discounts, even gas cards. She found getting new cards to be easy.

"All you had to do was apply, and they approved me," she said. But the fine print she had ignored while applying for the cards emerged when she received the flood of bills.

"It was the debt ratio that always got me in trouble," she said. Patzer racked up a \$1300 balance on her Sears card, but discovered that her required

minimum payment of \$5 didn't pay off the 20-some bucks in monthly finance charges. "Who reads the fine print, anyway?"

Since her part-time job didn't cover all the bills, soon phone calls and letters followed from creditors.

"The worst feeling is when everyone's calling you asking for money and threatening, and you like question what they're gonna do," she said. "Are they gonna take legal action? Are they going to garnish my wages?"

Unfortunately, many young adults numb themselves to the consequences of debt because of the crash-and-burn nature of credit cards. When misbehaving consumers mess up, there's always a piece of plastic ready to help them pick up where they left off. Creditors so quickly comfort them that wayward debtors never reflect on the basic lessons of credit.

One degree and nine years later, Patzer has a home and a positive outlook, but she still owes about \$11,000 in credit-card debt. "Hell no," she said when asked whether young people

"I didn't know that my little T-shirt at Fresno City College was gonna cost me thousands."

— FCC graduate LeiAnn Patzer, on applying for her first credit card

understand basic credit concepts.

"I don't think that anyone under 25 should get a credit card," she said. "I figure you can't rent a car until you're 25. You should not get a credit card until you're 25."

Patzer said her bills and the negative marks in her credit report have caused her monthly stress. "You have to be willing to sit with whatever's on your record for seven years, and they don't tell you that," she said of the credit file and fine print.

By the way, if you haven't seen your credit file, a negative credit report looks like a bird dropping on your car that you're not allowed to wipe off for seven years.

Patzer recently ended a part-

time job to supplement the income from her full-time job and pay off bills, but she wished she hadn't needed the second job in the first place.

"How much fun is it to have credit and have all this money that you're paying on this credit when you don't have any time to enjoy it because you don't have any time off?" she said. "I didn't have anything to show for that credit except for the bill."

"I didn't know that my little T-shirt at Fresno City College was gonna cost me thousands, anyway."

Tony Losongco is editor in chief of The Rampage.



Tony Losongco

Downloaders of music need to be more honest

Everyone is so hyped up about downloading music off the Internet. Personally, I'm torn up about the issue. I am a big fan of Janet Jackson, and I would never download her album. Well, maybe a couple of songs I don't have.

Downloading music is not necessarily wrong. Sometimes a single track is great, but overall, the compact disc is wack, so why should you spend your \$12 to \$15 on the artist?

We do have our greatest-of-all-time CDs, which compile your favorite songs. If the album is awesome, then buy it. But great artists are losing profits because of our unwillingness to pay.

An example of this is rapper Eminem: He lost money last year due to fans downloading his album off the Internet so they could hear it first.

That's not right. If you are a fan, then be a fan and go out and buy that album.

That brings me back to my stance on Janet Jackson. I could never download the whole album. It's out of respect.

But consider some songs that are hard to find, like "oldies but goodies." The artist and the record company already have made their money. So why should it hurt them to download their music?

Let's take Janet's brother, Michael Jackson, as an example. Come on now, why should he care about someone downloading a few of his old hits from "Thriller"

or other albums? He is already exceedingly rich and famous for every little thing that he does.

I can understand the record companies and their position on copyrights. They own that product, but they don't own the Internet.

The Internet is here for us, so why not take advantage of that? It's there for a perfectly good reason.

But I can't understand some frustrated consumers who rush too quickly to the free alternative. They always want to leech off someone else's CD or download the

tracks because they're way too cheap to go pay.

I believe if you want the CD badly enough, go get it. Save your junk change. It doesn't hurt to go out and buy a CD.

But if you're not sure about an artist's work and want to preview it first to hear how it sounds, then hey, that's where the Internet's good for.

I have a friend who likes to leech off my CDs. "Go buy your own," I say to my friend. "Why should you let someone get what you worked so hard for free?"

That's what the artists are saying about people that are downloading their music. This issue is very serious, and people are taking it lightly. The artists are losing profit since we've discovered a way to get everything for nothing.

Crissy Winston writes for the Views section of The Rampage.



Crissy Winston

Comic books teach key lessons

Impact on young readers extends beyond entertainment, excitement.

Getting a child to read is one thing that every parent must do in order for that child to get ahead. However, in the 21st century, more parents are finding their children struggling to read a simple word. Children start to think they might never learn to read.

Several companies charge hundreds of dollars to help parents out. However, the best source of help happens to be one of the cheapest.

Plus, if kept in a fair enough condition, that source could be worth something years down the line.

What I am talking about is comic books.

Companies such as Marvel and DC Comics print and publish comics, putting out titles to comic-book stores every Wednesday.

(I have no idea why they picked Wednesday; it's just that way).

A child not only can learn how to read with comics but can be entertained at the same time.

After all, they see the pictures and the thought bubbles in the comics, but they do not know what the words are and what they mean.

That is when a child becomes determined to find out what is being said.

The problem is that parents do not like many of the titles out

there because of violence and gore in those comics. Most of the time, unless it happens to be an adult comic, no violence is ever shown at all; however, parents complain that it's in the comics in the first place.

That issue aside, comics should be looked upon as a way to get a child interested in reading.

I remember trying to learn how to read as a child, and I found that it was getting harder and harder for me to read. It did not help matters at the time that I had the slow start of Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder — or ADHD — that slowed me down

in learning to read.

My mother once told me that while other kids were reading, I still had not learned how to read.

However, thanks to my father, I learned to read because of the

comics that he would get every week.

For me, the stories were very interesting. I wanted to find out what in the world was going on most of the time, and I really was starting to get tired of just looking at the pictures.

I know what you might be thinking. Why not just use a system such as "Hooked on Phonics" to get my child to learn how to read? But most of the time, the child does not have the



Felix Sanchez

patience for it.

It can be used, but parents often wonder whether the child likes it and end up wasting money when they find out that their child does not want to use the system.

Moreover, these companies no longer do a money-back offer. So once you buy the product, you can no longer send it back and get a refund. Parents don't like that, and they do not know about that until after the product has gotten to them.

With comics, the investment is actually worth something. After all, comics only cost \$2.15 per issue depending on the size. The price goes up as the size of the comic book gets bigger.

More often than not, however, it's worth it to spend the money for a cliffhanging issue that leaves readers in suspense since a story continues into another title the next week or month. The reader can't wait for the next issue to come out.

Getting a child into comics not only is a good choice, it might be one of the best. Not only for the wallet, but also for the long run when the reading comprehension starts to climb faster than what a parent normally thought would happen.

Felix Sanchez writes for the Views section of The Rampage.

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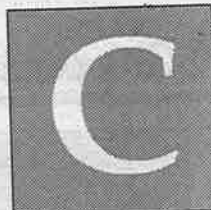


Riverdale's return album "Phase Three" marks their return to music after a five year absence to music.

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Cher's last stop in Fresno

By Susan Morgan
Rampage reporter

The four-lettered diva will make a final appearance in the valley, at the Selland Arena on September 3, 2003. Cher is coming to town and with her she brings a horde of costume changes, wigs, Cyndi Lauper and a whole lot of attitude.

The 56-year-old pop icon is currently touring around the world on her Farewell Tour. Cher's making a stop in Fresno to delight her fans with her extravagant stage show and dramatic spectacle.

During her concert she will make dozens of costume changes and among those are the mohawk warrior, disco dolly, and hippie chick. None of these compare to her breathe taking entrance when she is lowered from a bejeweled chandelier wearing white furry goddess clothing.

The extremely exhausting performance due to the props leaves fans in disbelief of how someone who's been around as long as Cher can still have the energy to do it night after night. When asked what it must be like for her, Cher responded with this on her web site, "I'm old for this-all right? This kind of thing can kick a girl's [behind]of 25!"

The musical repetoire includes hit songs such as "Song's for the Lonely", "Believe", and "It's In His Kiss". Cher isn't the only reason why you would want to go to the concert. Miss unusual, Cyndi Lauper is expected to get the crowds pumped with songs like "Girls Just Want To Have Fun" and "True Colors".

If you happen to be in the front row for her show bring a cell phone and she might sing into it like she did for a fan at a previous concert.

Ticket prices fare from \$60.25 to \$76.25 and are available through Ticketmaster outlets. If you're lucky you might be able to get tickets to a concert expected to be sold out.



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Cher will delight her fans at the Selland Arena for the last time in the valley on September 3, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.

Summer film picks and kicks

By Jen Langworthy and Felix Sanchez
Contributing writer/Rampage reporter

Spy Kids 3-D - ★★★★★

Follow along in 3-D as Juni, his grandfather and a group of beta testers race to save Carmen and defeat the Toymaker inside of his own video game. Make sure you have your 3-D glasses.

Finding Nemo - ★★★★★

Yet another Disney/Pixar collaboration takes us under the ocean to "sea" things from a fish's point of view. A great way to entertain your kids for a couple hours and teach them a little about ocean life.

Seabiscuit - ★★★★★

Based on the true story of a famous racehorse and how he came to fame. We do have to say, though, that Tobey McGuire (Spider-Man) doesn't look that great with red hair.

Pirates of the Caribbean - ★★★★★
(though we almost had to dock for Disney making a PG-13 movie.)

For those who have been to Disneyland and ridden "Pirates" you might be surprised at how much of a storyline has been interjected into the slow-paced boat ride. Don't worry though, they still have a cannon fight.

Matrix Reloaded - ★★★★★

This movie brings us back to the world of the Matrix and the people that are there. It is now two years later and we find out that several more people have been freed. This is also the first time that we actually get to see Zion for the first time in the movie trilogy.

Hulk - ★★★★★

This movie brings the comic book hero to life in a way that has never been viewed before on the screen. Bruce Banner is our hero that is nailed by Gamma Radiation, changed from within, and then becomes the Hulk whenever he gets mad. Some odd filming techniques give the movie an interesting comic book look.

League of Extraordinary Gentlemen (LXG) - ★★★★★

Loosely based on the comic, several people are brought together to stop a madman from world domination. This is a story that spans the world in its own time period, and for the time period brings several elements into the entire thing that one would never have seen in there before.

Gigli - ????

Unfortunately, we regret to say that we can't give you a review of this movie because we were all too scared to go see it.

Bravo crosses 'straight' line T.V.'s first gay dating : Makeover Men

By Jen Langworthy
Contributing writer

We all know the story: boy meets girl, boy and girl fall in love and get married. Well, Bravo has rewritten this fairy tale with their new reality show, Boy Meets Boy.

Before you get a picture in your mind of shows like "The Bachelor" or the old classic "Singled Out", we should tell you that Boy Meets Boy is a little different. It is television's first gay dating show. James, the leading man, will choose from 15 "mates". What James doesn't know, is that some of them...are straight.

As the first episode begins, the audience knows that some of the mates are straight, though we don't know who or how many (it has since been determined that there is a total of seven straight mates). The only ones who know, besides the audience, are those who are straight.

Over the course of each episode

James goes on outings with the guys and has one-on-one dates to get to know them better. At the end of the day, the mates are put into groups and James must choose who stays and who goes.

At the end of the fourth episode, after James has been mentally and emotionally exhausted, the show's host, Dani Behr, asks James to sit down as she reveals the final twist. James has eliminated 12 mates and become even closer to the three who remain. Then Behr drops the bomb, "Of the three mates who remain, Wes, Franklin and Brian, one of them...is straight."

James will have to use his "gaydar" to determine who is straight before making his final choice. If he chooses one of the gay ones then the two of them will enjoy a trip to New Zealand and James will win \$25,000. If he chooses the straight mate, then that mate will win the \$25,000.

By Jen Langworthy
Contributing Writer

Straight men of New York, watch out! The Fab 5 are coming after you. Bravo's hit new makeover show, Queer Eye for the Straight Guy, takes five gay men and turns them loose on the fashion challenged, male populous of the New York area.

Each of the guys specializes in a different area and offers his wisdom to the "victim". Carson Kressley is in charge of fashion and has very strong opinions on what is haute couture. Kyan Douglas is in charge of grooming and will always encourage guys with longer hair to chop it and donate to Locks of Love (a charity that makes wigs for kids with cancer). Ted Allen is the food and wine connoisseur. He teaches guests how to prepare and serve food to fit their new

style. Thom Filicia takes care of interior design from fresh paint to votive candles. And Jai Rodriguez finishes things up with a little bit of culture ranging from music selections to how to work a crowd.

Each episode of the show is a great opportunity to pick up some great style tips. "Boxers are hot. And by boxers I mean guys who box, not the underwear. So get rid of 'em.," says Kressley. If you miss one, or you would like to check out others from each of the Fab 5, then check out the website at bravotv.com.

New episodes air every Tuesday at 10 p.m. on Bravo.

Things we did on campus.



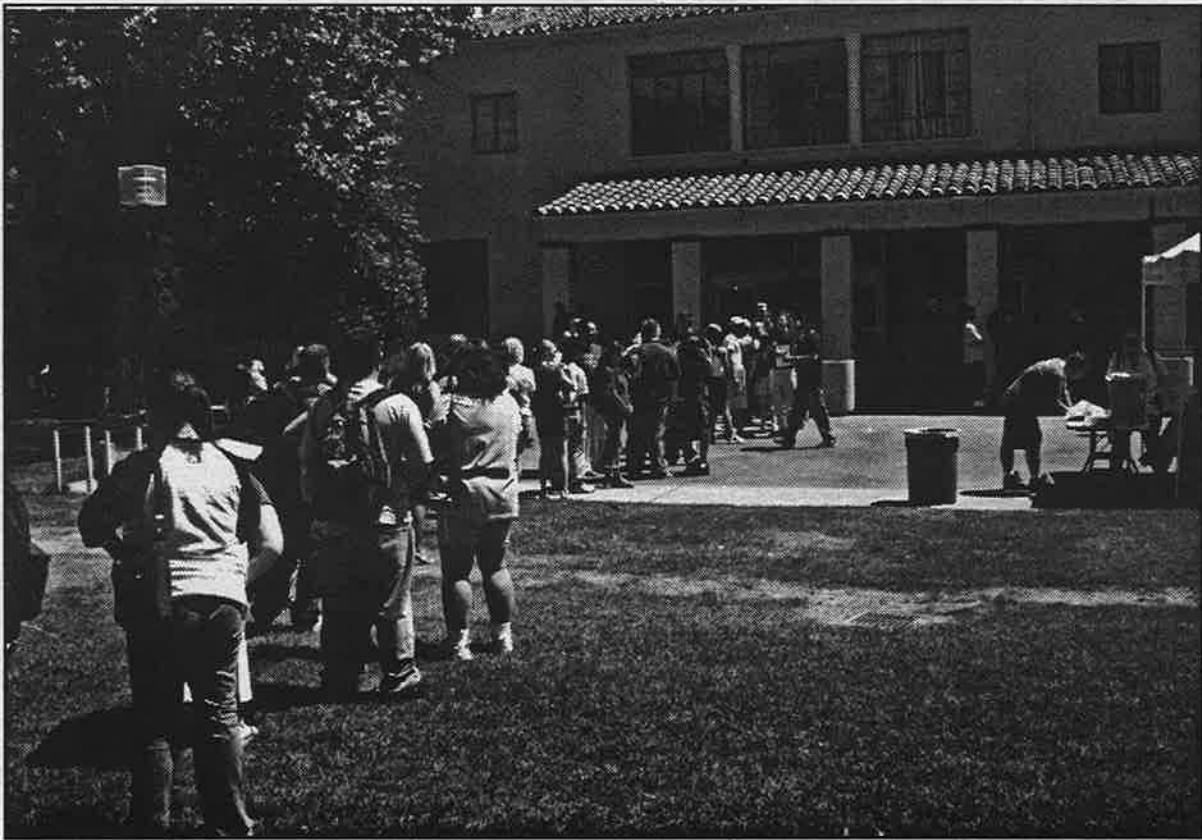
Left: You went to the library, and did not stand in line. You just sat there and took advantage of the time to catch up on class work.
Photo by Keith Kountz



Photo by Jillian Milam
Above: Some people just like to sit and relax between classes at the fountain.



Photo by Lenetta Huxley
Above: Many vendors come on to the campus. You could spend time shopping or winning a free meal.



Left: Most of us have seen this before and mabe you are here right now, this is one way to spend some of your time.
Photo by Marlena McClain

After five years Riverdales return

By Carl Geissert
Entertainment editor

Five years ago, pop-punk trio the Riverdales broke up promptly after releasing what was quite possibly one of the best punk albums of the 1990s. Raw, energetic, and above all catchy as hell, "Storm the Streets" was a 10-song masterpiece, finding greatness in its simplicity that hadn't been heard since the hey day of the Ramones back in the late '70s and early '80s.

It's been a long five years for fans of the band, but recently prayers were answered. On July 25, the newly reunited Riverdales unveiled "Phase Three," a perfect blending of pop and punk, full of in-

fectious melodies that will bore their way deep into your brain and get stuck there for months on end.

The goal: To create good rock 'n' roll music that you didn't have to think too hard about to enjoy. Borrowing their name from the suburban town that served as the setting of the classic "Archie" comic books, and drawing influence heavily from the Ramones, Ben Foster (guitar and vocals), Dan Schaffer (bass and vocals), and Danny Sullivan (drums) set out to prove that good music does not need to be complex, or even original.

In fact, according to Foster, originality isn't what rock music is all about. Foster, in a July 1995 interview with

Artist: Riverdales
Album: "Phase Three"
Rating: ★★★★★

Maximumrocknroll, said, "Rock 'n' roll is about recycling the same old riffs and putting your own twist on them."

"Outta My Heart" and "Last Stop Tokyo" are songs on this release, although there isn't really any bad song on "Phase Three." If you're looking for something groundbreaking, full of flashy guitar solos and complex chord changes, this probably isn't the album for you. But if you want to hear



good album with fun lyrics, and lots of energy, this album will not disappoint. Five years of absence can help create terrific music.

Radiohead brings new sound to music

By Gerard Morel
Rampage reporter

Radiohead released its sixth studio LP, "Hail to the Thief," June 23 with wide critical acclaim. The band reaches its apex with every new album, and this one is no different.

Around every Radiohead release date there is a certain amount of hype that is generated by the media and circulated around the press; this time wasn't any different.

If one can stand the minimalism in the lyrics and the countless moans and groans of Thom Yorke then the listener may find this album to be enjoyable and an excellent choice. One must simply choose to believe the hype.

In "Hail to the Thief," Radiohead

continues with its avant-garde musical innovations. Such innovations include, futuristic drumbeats, which, could be easily mistaken for a drum machine, and lead singer Yorke's minimalist lyrics.

Both of the previous have been mainstays with the band since their fourth LP "Kid A," though the band has brought some additional rock elements back into their repertoire with the new LP.

Tracks to listen to are; "Where I End and You Begin," "Myxomatosis," "Scatterbrain," and the tour de force "Wolf at the Door." Each song has a distinct meaning and purpose, though, "Wolf at the Door," is the best track on the LP.

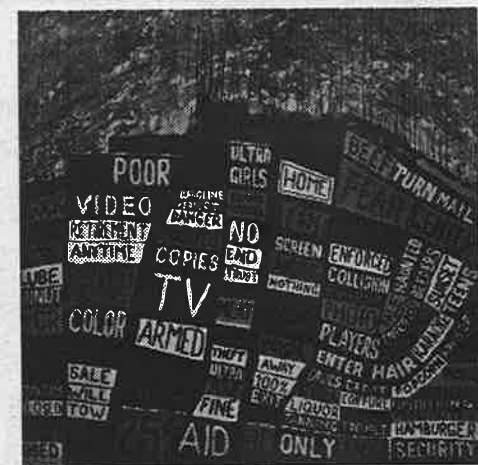
The track, like the LP and its cover is a satire on the Bush administration and the severe consequences of capitalism. The

Artist: Radiohead
Album: "Hail To The Thief"
Website: www.radiohead.com
Rating: ★★★★★

song is a melancholy ballad sung by Yorke with a monotone voice, it reaches its crescendo through its pure harmonic melody and its flowing chorus.

The critical acclaim that comes along with every album release for Radiohead isn't anything new.

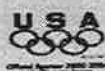
They have been penned geniuses since their second LP "The Bends," and been proclaimed as the saviors of rock n' roll. "Hail to the Thief," is a gentle, brutal, subliminal and blunt approach to protest. This LP's mes-



sage may seem contrary to common sense, yet perhaps its satire is a true paradox. Their fans will indeed enjoy the versatile music style this band has to offer. Including several instruments that aren't identifiable.

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Horoscopes

by Luis Quezada

Aries



Dedicate time to your priorities. Get your work done like it's supposed to. There will be time to relax and enjoy yourself once you have finished.



Taurus

Now would be the right time to make amends with that one person you were having conflicts with. There's no better human being than the one who can forgive.



Gemini

It's time you take on the initiative and do what you have been wanting, but hadn't put the time and effort into doing it.

Cancer



Life isn't just fun and games. It's time to reflect upon yourself and see what you need to be complete. Stop wasting your time on foolish things.



Leo

Step away from negativity. Surround yourself by nature and peace. Meditate and find out where you ultimately want to go in life.



Virgo

Stop making excuses. They will get you nowhere. Complete the tasks you are required and enjoy the wonderful results.

Libra



Learn to accept other for who they are. Diversity is what makes the world a great place to live in.

Scorpio



Take a break from your schedule and reach out to those you love. It's never too late. Quality is more important than quantity.

Sagittarius



Expect a visit from a friend you have been wanting to see. There is a lot of catching up to do on several issues that you have been putting off to the side for quite some time now.

Capricorn



Although you're tired of the same routine, it will lead down the path of great success. Don't give up and hang in there.



Aquarius

Don't wait any longer and find out that secret that has been tormenting you for months. You will feel more relieved once this is over with.

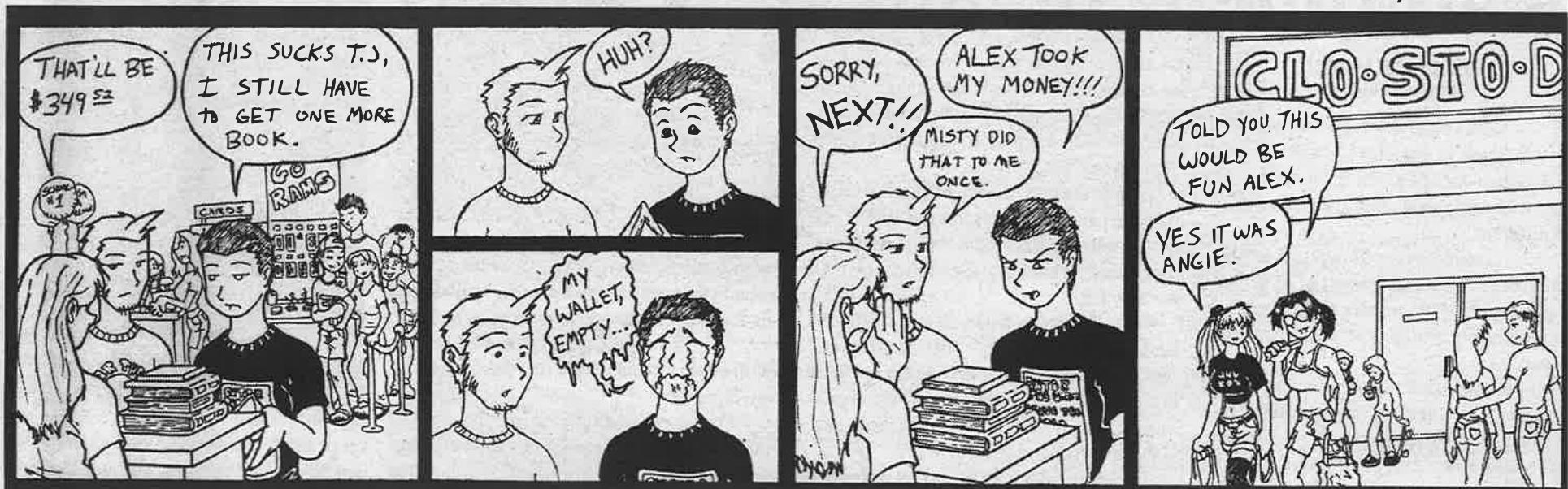


Pisces

No one is perfect and it's fine to make mistakes. The important thing is to admit your mistakes and learn from them to make things easier.

City Life

by Jesse Garcia



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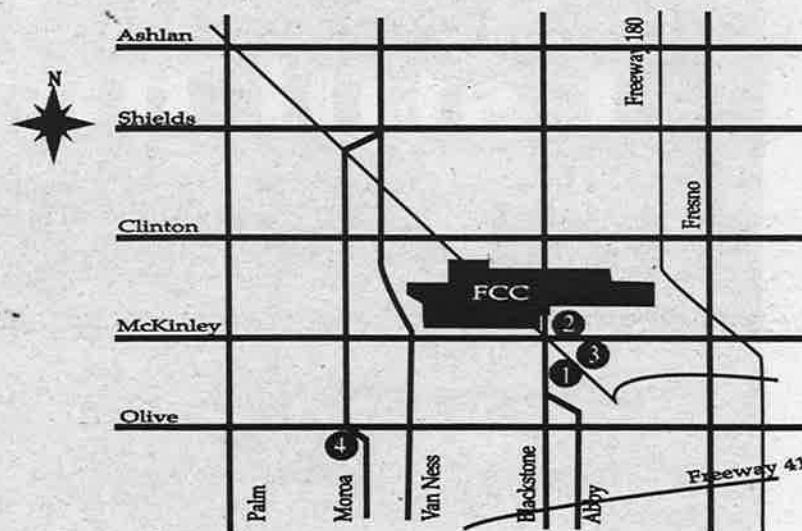
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Welcome back, students. I hope you got all your **shopping** done. You're going to want to have all of your **supplies** when you start your new **classes**. **Welcome week** always kicks off the new semester with lots of interesting activities, like **club rush**, and if you're feeling the **confusion**, don't worry, someone will be there to help you. You might want to get here a little earlier this week, unless you want to circle the **parking** lot a few times looking for an empty stall. Don't be **tardy** for your classes and be sure to read the **syllabus** so you know when your **homework** is due. If you need to add a class you'll have to deal with the long **lines** at the **registration** desk, and remember to drop the classes you don't want before the **drop date**. **Yoshino's** is a great place to go for some lunch but get there early or it tends to get rather **crowded**. If you need to check your e-mail or type a paper you can use the **computers** in the media center next to the **library**. Fees are getting raised so hopefully you applied for one of the **scholarships** offered in the financial aid office. And, remember, if you want to know what's happening around campus, you have to read the **Rampage**.

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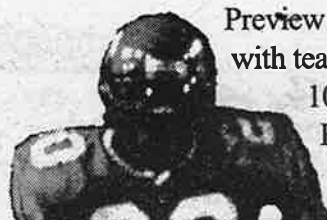
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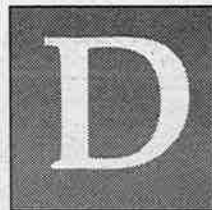
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Preview of football season
with team capsules of all
10 regular season
Ram opponents

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Rampage Sports



September 3, 2003

Brand new Rams



Quarterback Wayne Desmond throws to wide receivers in preparation for the upcoming season.

Photo by Bryan Borrer

FCC still searches for state title

By Josh Butters

Sports Editor

For three seasons, the Fresno City College football team has been on the verge of a state championship. The team has had it right there, in its grasp, but with no success.

In the last three years, the Rams are 29-1 in the regular season but 0-3 in Northern California state championship games, losing to City College of San Francisco twice and Reedley last year. Both teams went on to win state and national titles. FCC went home with nothing.

Another season has started. It's another chance for the Rams to win their first state championship in 30 years.

Before FCC can get over the hump of losing in the postseason, the team must overcome difficulties.

The Rams will face a problem that any junior college athletic team can have on any given year, a high turnover rate.

FCC will have one returning starter from last season's team. The Rams will have to replace three JC Grid-Wire All-Americans that moved on to Division I schools: Quarterback Mark Hetherington (Idaho State), Tailback Earl Charles (Marshall) and Wide Receiver Willie Johnson (Nevada).

"We have an inexperienced team," said Rams head coach Tony Caviglia. "But we have some tough and talented players."

"We have more team speed this year."

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Time to whip out a little more cash

With student tuition going up to \$18 a unit, it's time to make another sacrifice.

Yes, that's right, you should have to poke your hand back into your pants pocket, pull out your wallet and pull another greenback out.

In times of need everyone needs to step up and do their part to fix the budget crunch and help at what has been hit hard, junior college sports.

This season, teams will play fewer games and even less teams will make the postseason. In men's basketball, 32 teams will make the playoffs, cut in half from last season's 64.

The baseball playoffs will most likely get knocked down to single elimination, different from the regular double, elimination, best of three

formats the sport has enjoyed in its most recent history.

So what can the school do?

How can the athletic patrons help?

Raise ticket prices.

With the purchase of an Associated Student Body card, students can get into regular season games for any sports for free.

In the playoffs, a discount is given.

Across the board, ticket prices should be hiked a dollar. Some people enjoy the free entertainment—be it the football game or the cheerleader, you be the judge—but a dollar wouldn't hurt anybody and it would help out a lot.

Yes, attendance will most likely go down but it can be a temporary way to get some quick cash to pay for the athletic expenses.

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Punting on fourth and long

By Josh Butters

Sports Editor

On the sidelines of the Fresno City College football field, 19-year-old Danny Munster is teased by his fellow teammates.

Jokes are made at his expense for the fact that he sits on the lowest rung of the football ladder, him being the team's punter and all.

There is the debate that kickers aren't even real football players, that they don't get hit or make tackles but still get their part of the glory that can come with the territory.

If Munster had it his way, he would still be out there like the others, taking his hits and putting some on the opponents every chance there was.

Munster has always been around football. He has been playing since he was in elementary school.

All his brothers played football.

"I was always going to their games," Munster said. "I guess I



Photos by Bryan Borrer/Photo Illustration by Josh Butters

Danny Munster has survived multiple battles with cancer.

felt like I had to follow in their footsteps."

While at Clovis High, Munster played defensive end until his junior year when he started to have a pain in his arm.

"I told the trainer that my wrist was hurting," Munster said. "He thought it was just a sprain so I just played through the pain."

The pain began to grow as time went on until it became unbearable.

There would be a throbbing pain, even if he was just sitting around doing nothing to agitate the injury. It was time to go to the doctor.

X-rays were taken of his arm. No breaks were found. The problem was something worse.

In the X-ray, there was a thick black discoloration, a tumor.

Not knowing the seriousness, Munster wanted to know how

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Fresno City College offensive linemen set up for drills during preseason at Ratcliffe Stadium.

Photo by Bryan Borror

FRESNO CITY RAMS

Stadium: Ratcliffe (13,000)
Colors: Red and White
Coach: Tony Caviglia (5th year, 38-6)

2002: 9-2 overall, 4-1 (Second, Valley Conference)

Last bowl: 2002 Northern California championship game (lost to Reedley 39-28)

State titles: 4 (1968-69, 72-73)

Key losses: QB Mark Hetherington; DLs George Benson, Jacob Leota; RBs Earl Charles (All-American first team offense selection), Daniel Idiart, Arthur Isa; WRs Willie Johnson (All-American first team offense selection), Covell Crosby; OLs David Dirkmaat; SS Matt Giordano; FSs Rodney Woods, Ray Hightower; FB Joe Tamasello

Notes: With one of the toughest schedules in the state, FCC will play four teams that were ranked in the top 20 in the nation at some point last season including defending national champion Reedley. Three of those games are on the road (at Butte, at Foothill, at Reedley).

FCC coach Tony Caviglia is the only Rams coach to defeat Butte in Oroville.

GAME 1 SACRAMENTO CITY PANTHERS

When: Sept. 6.
Where: Sacramento
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Sacramento
Stadium: Hughes (22,000)
Colors: Maroon and Gold
Coach: Gary Garabato (2nd year, 3-7)

2001: 3-7 overall, 1-4 (Fifth, Nor Cal Conference)

Last bowl: 2000 Shrine Bowl (defeated College of the Redwoods, 59-22)

State titles: 4 (1927, '29, 81-82)
Series record: FCC leads series 20-11

Last played: 2002, FCC 56, Sacramento 34

Key losses: CB Rob Price; WR Phil Goodman (All-American first team selection); LBs Dominic Bosch, LaMont Providence; CB Harold Domingue; RB Terrance Lee; QB Emiliano Salazar; OL Perry Thompson

Notes: Look for the panthers to win a couple more games than they did last year but not many. A post-season bowl is still possible though.

SCC starts the season ranked No. 13 in Northern California.

GAME 2 BUTTE ROADRUNNERS

When: Sept. 13.
Where: Oroville
Time: 1 p.m.
Location: Oroville
Stadium: Cowan (2,300)
Colors: Black and Gold
Coach: Craig Rigsbee (14th season, 112-25-2)

2002: 10-1, 5-0 (First, Nor Cal Conference)

Last bowl: 2002, Tri Counties Bank Holiday Bowl (defeated San Joaquin Delta 37-20)

State titles: N/A
Series record: Butte leads series 5-4

Last played: 2002, FCC 55, Butte 42

Key losses: QB Aaron Rodgers (Region I Offensive player of the year); RB William Shoulders (All-California Region I first team offense selection) FB Leyland Henry; FL Bobby Bernal; TE Marty Schulp; DLs Ed Smith, Andrew Richardson; LBs Joe Munson, Cam Yeow, Jared Smith; OLs Rob Christie, Scott Lee; DB Roderick Stallings; TE Garrett Cross (All-American first team selection); LB

Cam Yeow (All-California first team defense selection)

Notes: Probably the most difficult task of the Rams' season will be a victory on the Owls home field.

Even with a loss to the Roadrunners, it would still be possible for FCC and Butte to face again in the Northern California championship game with the winners of the NorCal and Valley Conferences playing each other for the title.

The Roadrunners are ranked No. 5 in the state, No. 3 in Northern California.

GAME 3 FOOTHILL OWLS

When: Sept. 20.
Where: Los Altos Hills.
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Los Altos Hills
Stadium: Foothill (5,000)
Colors: Red and Black
Coach: Marshall Sperbeck (11th year, 78-40)

2001: 9-2 overall, 4-1 (Second, Nor Cal Conference)

Last bowl: 2002, Silicon Valley Bowl (defeated West Hills 38-28)

State titles: N/A
Series record: Tied at 3-3

Last played: 2002, FCC 44, Foothill 0

Key losses: RB Steven Holloway; WRs Nate Ramezane, Rob Mamula; DLs Joe Maningo, Jonathan Turrell; OLs Chauncey Bailey, Lanakila Kaoni, Scott Jobe, Sione Tuipulotu and Siuta Helu; LB Joe Maningo (All-California Region I defensive player of the year); DB Tyrone James

Notes: In the past two games against Foothill, the Rams have outscored the Owls 96-0.

In the Owls victory against Community College of San Francisco last season, Foothill broke the Rams national record 42-game win streak.

GAME 4 SAN JOAQUIN DELTA MUSTANGS

When: Sept. 27.
Where: Ratcliffe Stadium
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Stockton
Stadium: DeRicco Field (N/A)
Colors: Black and Gold
Coach: Gary Barlow (Third season, 17-5)

2002: 9-2 overall, 5-0 (First, Mid-Empire Conference)

Last bowl: 2002, Tri Counties Bank Holiday Bowl (lost to Butte 37-20)

State titles: N/A
Series record: FCC leads series 20-7-1

Last played: 2002, FCC 49, Delta 37

Key losses: QB Dan Taylor; WR Jomo Wilson; OL Austin Dumlao; DL Lamar Maxey; DBs Joseph Brown

Notes: Due to format, the Mustangs could go 10-0 and not be invited to the Northern Championship game, not being in a conference that earns a bid.

SJD is ranked No. 14 in the state, No. 7 in Northern California.

GAME 5 DIABLO VALLEY VIKINGS

When: Oct. 4.
Where: Pleasant Hill
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Pleasant Hill
Stadium: Viking Field (5,000)
Colors: Green and White
Coach: Ralph DePew (Ninth year, 22-58)

2002: 1-9, 1-4 (Sixth, Golden Gate Conference)

Last bowl: 1992, (N/A)

State titles: N/A
Series record: FCC leads series 3-0

Last played: 2002, FCC 49, Diablo Valley 14

Key losses: WRs Marcus Murrell and Paul Alberta; QB Ken Edwards. LB's Nick Quinones; Rob Harter; DB Maurice Lyles; Wallace Dixon

Notes: In Coach Depew's tenure at DVC, the Vikings have made a post-season bowl. Expect that statement to still be true at this season.

GAME 6 WEST HILLS FALCONS

When: Oct. 18.
Where: Ratcliffe Stadium
Time: 7 p.m.
Colors: Blue, Red and White
Location: Coalinga
Stadium: Memorial Bowl (4,200)

Coach: Mark Gritton (Eighth season, 30-40)

2002: 6-5 overall, 3-2 (Third, Valley Conference)

Last bowl: 2002 Silicon Valley Bowl (lost to Foothill 38-28)

State titles: N/A
Series record: FCC leads series 22-6-1

Last played: 2002, FCC 49, West Hills 7

Key losses: QB Kyle Rening; RBs Adarius Brown, Dwayne Wright; P Jose Neill; LB Katrell Collier; OLs J. Loussaint (All-American first team offense selection), Carlos Rojas, Tony Austin; DB Don Allison

Notes: The Falcons have eight starters returning from last year's team, three offense, five defense. The team will have a total of 19 freshmen and only 19 sophomores.

Leading the Falcons at quarterback is Brad Tredway, a transfer from Reedley.

"We are going to be very young," said Falcons head coach Mark Gritton. "I think we'll have more speed than we've had in the past."

GAME 7 COLLEGE OF THE SEQUOIAS GIANTS

When: Oct. 25.
Where: Visalia.
Time: 7 p.m.
Colors: Orange and Blue
Location: Visalia
Stadium: Mineral King Bowl (7,142)

Coach: Roger Kelly (15th season, 73-71-2)

2001: 4-6 overall, 0-5 (Sixth, VC)

Last bowl: 1998 Hawaii Punch Bowl (lost to San Francisco 55-16)

State titles: 1 (N/A)

Series record: FCC leads series 24-3

Last played: 2002, FCC 49, Sequoias 27

Key losses: QB Jason Baca; LB Mike Stephens; WR Kevin Marrero; OL Jeremy Ogle; LB Cedric Taylor; DB Shaun Laird; WR/KR Eddie Renteria; TB Eddie Seymour

Notes: Despite starting the season 4-1 last year, the Giants finished

losing their last five, all Valley Conference matchups. A wave of young players last year will look to be the core of the team this season with that added experience. With the same kind of start as last year and a couple of VC wins, COS is very likely to make its first bowl since 1998.

With a very competitive VC, COS could mix it up come conference time, being a sleeper team.

GAME 8

MODESTO PIRATES

When: Nov. 9.

Where: Ratcliffe Stadium

Time: 7 p.m.

Colors: Royal Blue and White

Location: Modesto

Stadium: Modesto Junior College (N/A)

Coach: Sam Young (Fourth season, 22-11)

2002: 6-5 overall, 2-3 (Fourth, VC)

Last bowl: 2002 Pacific Graffiti Bowl (defeated Shasta 58-37)

State titles: None

Series record: FCC leads series 27-10-1

Last played: 2002, FCC 55, Modesto 21

Key losses: OLs Dwaine Herton, Ryan Marohl; RB John Benton; QB Nick Brown; DL Jason Yamamoto; DB Jamone Collins; LB Ryan Estes (All-VC selection)

Notes: Expect the Pirates to be around the .500 mark again this season. MJC enters the season ranked No. 20 in the state, No. 9 in Northern California.

GAME 9

MERCED

BLUE DEVILS

When: Nov. 8.

Where: Ratcliffe Stadium.

Time: 7 p.m.

Colors: Navy Blue & Gold

Location: Merced

Stadium: Stadium 76 (8,000)

Coach: Tony Lewis (15th year, 79-68-2)



Photo by Bryan Borrer

Sophomore Ram Jacob Houston leads stretching during football practice. FCC opens the season Saturday at Sacramento City College.

2001: 4-6 overall, 1-4 (Fifth, VC)

Last bowl: 1997 Elks Bowl Classic (defeated College of the Sequoias 31-14)

State titles: N/A

Series record: FCC leads series 12-9

Last played: 2002, FCC 44, Merced 14

Key losses: RB Shawn Harris; TE Justin Harris; WRs Leon Hall and Jeremy Joe; OT Ralph Sanders; DTs Josh Calvert and Greg Bryant; DE Tremaine Mobley (All-VC selection); LB Branden Dart; CB Ricky Guzman; FS Donnie Drake; SS John Davis; K Brian Murry and P Justin Harris; OL Jamison Hyatt

Notes: The Blue Devils open the

season ranked No. 18 in Northern California.

GAME 10

REEDLEY TIGERS

When: Nov. 15.

Where: Reedley

Time: 7 p.m.

Colors: Orange & Black

Location: Reedley

Stadium: Reedley High (5,000)

Coach: Michael White (14th year, 58-75-1)

2001: 12-0 overall, 5-0 (First, VC)

Last bowl: 2002 California Community College State Championship (defeated College of the Canyons 35-15)

State titles: 2 (N/A, 2002)

Series record: FCC leads series 36-9

Last played: 2002, FCC 28, Reedley 39

Key losses: LBs Craig Harvey (All-California Region II first team defensive team selection), R.J. Pullings; OL Donyell Booker (All-America defensive player of the year); DLs Doug Langenfeld (All-California Region II first team defense selection), Rayshun Crosby, Phillip Jackson; LB Rod Jones; WRs William Richardson, Vincent Mitchell; DB Lionell Green (All-California Region II first team defense selection)

Notes: Not only are the Tigers defending state champions but national champions as well. Reedley

coach Michael White was named national coach of the year.

The Tigers are favored to repeat as champions, being ranked No. 1 in the state.

After being known for its tough defense last season, All-California first team offense selection QB Robert Johnson looks to give the Tiger offense bragging rights.

Johnson can make something out of nothing, finding an open receiver or taking off himself. Johnson is very difficult to get down because of his ability to break tackles and his speed.

Johnson's play made the difference in Reedley's two victories over FCC last season in the regular season finale and in the Northern California championship game.

Rampage Scoreboard

FOOTBALL

9/16 at Sacramento
9/13 at Butte, 1 p.m.
9/20 at Foothill
9/27 **San Joaquin Delta**
10/4 at Diablo Valley
10/18 **West Hills**
10/25 at Sequoias
11/1 **Modesto**
11/8 **Merced**
11/15 at Reedley
All games start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

VOLLEYBALL

9/6 at Cuesta Town.
9/16 **Amer. River, 6 p.m.**
9/17 at Modesto
9/20 at S.J. Delta Town.
9/24 **Taft, 6 p.m.**
9/27 at Yuba/Butte Classic
10/1 at Porterville
10/3 **Sequoias**
10/8 at Merced
10/10 at West Hills
10/15 **Columbia**
10/17 at Reedley
10/22 **Modesto**
10/26 **FCC Classic**
10/29 at Taft
10/31 **Porterville**
11/5 at Sequoias
11/7 **Merced**
11/12 **West Hills**
11/14 at Columbia
11/19 **Reedley**
All matches start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

MEN'S SOCCER

8/29-31 at Hartnell Tournament
9/2 at Diablo Valley, 3:30 p.m.
9/9 **DeAnza**
9/12 at Evergreen
9/16 at Cañada
9/19 **San Francisco**
9/23 **Hartnell**
9/26 at Ohlone
9/30 **Chabot**
10/3 at Cabrillo
10/7 at Mission
10/10 **Skyline**
10/14 at Foothill
10/21 **West Valley**
10/24 at Las Positas
10/28 at Skyline, 1:30 p.m.
10/31 **Foothill, 3 p.m.**
11/7 at West Valley, 3 p.m.
11/11 **Las Positas, 3 p.m.**
All games start at 4 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

8/30-31 at Oxnard Tournament
9/2 at Diablo Valley, 3:30 p.m.
9/6 at Canyons, 5 p.m.
9/11 at Gavilan, 3 p.m.
9/13 **Cuesta, 11 a.m.**
9/18 at Chaffee, 3 p.m.
9/19 at Mount San Antonio, 2 p.m.
9/23 at Chabot, 2 p.m.
9/30 **Hartnell, 2 p.m.**
10/7 at Modesto, 3:30 p.m.
10/9 at West Hills, 5 p.m.
10/14 **Sequoias, 6 p.m.**
10/16 **Modesto, 3:30 p.m.**
10/21 **West Hills, 2 p.m.**

10/23 at Sequoias, 3:30 p.m.
10/30 at Modesto, 3:30 p.m.
11/4 at West Hills, 5 p.m.
11/6 **Sequoias, 6 p.m.**

WRESTLING

9/13 at Palomar (d), 4 p.m.
9/20 at S.J. Delta (dt)
9/27 at Sacramento (t)
10/1 at Chabot (d), 6 p.m.
10/4 at Golden West (t)
10/8 at West Valley (d), 7 p.m.
10/11 at Sierra (dt)
10/15 **Moorpark (d), 7 p.m.**
10/22 **Skyline (d), 7 p.m.**
11/1 at State Championship (d)
11/15 at Cal Poly (t)
12/6 at North Regional
12/13 State Championship (t)
(d), dual; (t), tourney
All matches start at 9 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

WOMEN'S GOLF

9/9 at Modesto
9/16 **Sacramento**
9/18 **Foothill**
9/25 at Sequoias
10/2 at Sacramento
10/7 **Modesto**
10/9 **Sequoias/Napa Valley**
10/14 at Foothill
10/21 **Sequoias**
10/23 at Sac/Sierra
10/30 at Sac/Sierra, 11:30 a.m.
11/10 at NorCal Tourney
11/17 at State Championships
All matches start at 12:30 p.m.

unless otherwise noted.
Home matches at Fig Garden Country Club.

WATER POLO

9/24 at Foothill
9/26 at DeAnza
10/1 **San Mateo**
10/3 at West Valley
10/8 **Ohlone**
10/15 **Chabot**
10/17 **Foothill**
10/22 **DeAnza**
10/24 at San Mateo
10/29 **West Valley**
10/31 at Ohlone
11/8 vs. Chabot*
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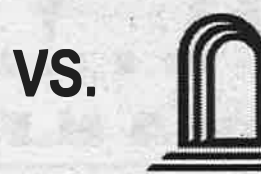
CROSS COUNTRY

9/13 **Fresno Invitational**
9/18-21 at Two Rivers Running Camp
9/27 at Sierra Invitational
10/2 at Lou Vasquez Invitational
10/10 at River City Invitational
10/18 at Crystal Springs Invitational
10/28-11/1 at Conference Championships
11/7 at NorCal Championship
11/22 State Championships
Home meets at Woodward Park.
*For all sports, home dates are in bold

Game of the Week



FCC Rams



DeAnza Dons

Sport: Men's Soccer
When: Sept. 9, 2003
Where: Ratcliffe Stadium
Time: 4 p.m.

Notes: DeAnza will be looking for revenge against the Rams, who knocked the Dons out of the state playoffs last season with a 1-0 quarterfinal win.

— Josh Butters

Alumni Spotlight

Sport: Football
Position: Strong Safety
Last played for FCC in: 2002
Currently: Junior at University of California, Berkeley

Ram Stat: In Cal's 42-28 loss to No. 6 Kansas State in the Bears' season opener, Giordano led his team with nine tackles.



Matt Giordano

Munster: Named 2002 All-Valley Conference selection

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long until he could play football again once a recovery was made.

"The doctors told me that playing football again should be the least of my worries," Munster said.

He would have surgery to remove the tumor but it would return, this time in the radius bone of his arm.

That bone was then removed in another surgery. Munster's fibula bone, which is located just below the knee and doesn't provide much support or strength to the leg, was successfully grafted to his arm to replace his radius.

Everything seemed fine and wanting to continue playing football, Munster wore a molded arm brace that provided enough protection for his doctor to clear him to play.

Not able to play his old position due to the risk of injury, Munster focused on punting,

proving his doctors that said he would never play football again wrong.

After his senior year in high school, Munster played in the City/County All-Star football game, the first ever held at Grizzlies Stadium.

Munster's fight was not over though, returning once again, cancer spread to his right lung and after another surgery, it would spread once again to his left lung.

"I spent a lot of time in the hospital," Munster said. "It got to the point where they knew me by name at Children's hospital."

Wanting to still play football, Munster came to FCC. Last season he was named an All Valley Conference and All-California Region II first team selection. He has received letters of interest from four-year schools

"You never know what's going to happen but if I can get through that, I can get through anything."
—Fresno City College punter **Danny Munster** on his multiple battles with cancer.

like Nebraska, Colorado and Oregon State.

"I want to play at a Division I school," Munster said. "This year I want to repeat as All-Conference and hopefully be an All-American. I want to do my part in helping the team over the hump of losing in the Northern California championship game."

"I'll always want to be out there. I'd rather be doing drills than sitting around and just kicking the ball for 20 minutes but I'll deal with it."

"Danny has a Division I leg,"

said Rams head coach Tony Caviglia.

"He's been through a lot and because he is such a competitive person, he has been able to pull through it."

Now Munster's concern is not with himself, but one of his older brothers, Jeff

who is one of the reason's he began playing football in the first place.

Jeff enlisted into the Army and is currently a member of the 101st Airborne Division, serving in Northern Iraq. His job being in charge of weapons, taking them apart, cleaning them and making sure they work correctly.

"It's a whole different perspective," Danny said. "You see it on T.V. but once you know someone over there, it's a whole different experience."

His brother has been in the

town of Mosul for about five months. When combat was heavy Danny didn't hear from Jeff that much. Now, Danny hears from him almost once a week, be it by phone or email.

"He's always asking how football is going," Munster said.

With all that's happened, Munster has found his faith and trusts that his brother will come home safely.

After a total of five surgeries, Munster hopes he is in the clear now. He still goes to the doctors for checkups, just to make sure nothing is wrong.

Munster knows there is a chance that the cancer could return again but he doesn't let the thought of it bother him.

"It's made me stronger as a person," Munster said.

"You never know what's going to happen but if I can get through that, I can get through anything."

That must include a little teasing between teammates.



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Junior College Preseason Football Rankings

State Poll

Rank	Team	'02 Rec.
1	Reedley	12-0
2	Canyons	10-2
3	San Francisco	9-2
4	Palomar	10-1
5	Butte	10-1
6	Fresno	9-2
7	Pasadena	8-3
8	Chaffey	9-2
9	Foothill	9-2
10	Cerritos	8-3
11	Saddleback	9-2
12	Grossmont	9-2
13	Moorpark	10-1
14	San Joa. Delta	9-2
15	Long Beach	8-3

NorCal Poll

Rank	Team	'02 Rec.
1	Reedley	12-0
2	San Francisco	9-2
3	Butte	10-1
4	Fresno	9-2
5	Foothill	9-2
6	Santa Rosa	8-3
7	San Joa. Delta	9-2
8	San Mateo	8-3
9	Modesto	6-5
10	Sierra	10-1
11	Laney	6-5
12	West Hills	6-5
13	Sacramento	3-7
14	Shasta	5-6
15	Chabot	4-6

SoCal Poll

Rank	Team	'02 Rec.
1	Palomar	10-1
2	Pasadena	8-3
3	Canyons	10-2
4	Chaffey	9-2
5	Saddleback	9-2
6	Cerritos	8-3
7	Grossmont	9-2
8	Long Beach	8-3
9	Moorpark	10-1
10	Mt. San Antonio	4-6
11	Compton	7-3
12	El Camino	3-7
13	LA Harbor	8-3
14	Mt. San Jacinto	6-5
15	Riverside	5-5

2002 Junior College Bowl Results

Northern California Championship at Reedley: Reedley (11-0) 39, Fresno (9-2) 28

Verizon Southern California Bowl at Rancho Cucamonga: Canyons (10-1) 52, Chaffey (10-1) 27

Nov. 30 Capital Shrine Bowl at Sacramento: Sierra (10-1) 13, Laney (6-5) 7

Dec. 7 CLO Bowl at Santa Rosa: Santa Rosa (8-3) 63, Feather River (6-5) 13

East County Bowl at Pittsburg: Los Medanos (7-4) 35, Hartnell (5-6) 20

Pacific Graffiti Bowl at Modesto: Modesto (6-5) 58, Shasta (5-6) 37

San Francisco Hawaiian Punch Bowl: San Francisco (9-2) 44, San Mateo (8-3) 6

Silicon Valley Bowl at Los Altos Hills: Foothill (9-2) 38, West Hills (6-5) 28

Tri-Counties Bank Holiday Bowl at Oroville: Butte (10-1) 37, San Joaquin Delta (9-2) 20

Cerritos Strawberry Bowl at Norwalk: Saddleback (9-2) 35, Cerritos (8-3) 28 (OT)

Shrine Potato Bowl at Bakersfield: Moorpark (10-1) 55, Pasadena (8-3) 28

Southwestern College South County Bowl at Chula Vista: Palomar (10-1) 20, Grossmont (9-2) 19

US Bank Beach Bowl at Santa Monica: Los Angeles Harbor (8-3) 27, Mt. San Jacinto (6-5) 7

Western State Bowl at Long Beach: Long Beach (8-3) 52, Compton (7-3) 24

Dec. 14 California Community Colleges COA Championship, Reedley (12-0) 35, College of the Canyons (10-2) 14

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Football: Rams ranked No. 6 in state

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Then there's the team's schedule. With this and last season having a home and home schedule, the benefit of having six home games last season means six on the road this year.

On the road FCC will have to face Butte, Foothill, College of the Sequoias and Reedley, all games the Rams can lose.

Butte is one of the toughest places to play. FCC has won in Oroville only once in school history. Last season, Butte's lone loss was to the Rams.

Last season, Foothill defeated CCSF at home, breaking the Rams' national record 42-game win-streak.

Only 4-6 last year, but COS has a handful of returning players from a team that last season was packed with freshmen talent.

FCC's two losses in last year's 9-2 season both came at the hands of Reedley, one in the last game of the regular season and in the Northern California championship game.

The Tigers come into the season favored to repeat as state champions, being ranked No. 1 in the state.

This year, polls don't matter at the end of the regular season. Moving on to the NorCal championship game will be the champions of the NorCal football conference and the Valley Conference, shutting out even the possibilities of most teams to even have a chance at a state title.

Quarterbacks

With the loss of All-American honorable mention Mark Hetherington, a new quarterback will be put in place. Wayne Desmond, Hetherington's backup last season, returns. In times taking the snap last year, Desmond went 18 of 24, throwing 4 touchdowns and no interceptions.

Freshmen quarterbacks include Corey Brown of Merced High and Nathan Wilson of Long Beach Poly.

Running Backs

Probably the hardest to replace on last year's squad is first team All-American Earl Charles who run for 1578 yards and 19 TDs last season.

Rudy Jones is the best bet at RB. The transfer from Sierra last season ran for 1144 yards and 20 TDs.

Other RBs include Chandres Carthen (transfer from Sierra), Terrell Howard (Silver Creek) and Nate Wright (Riverside).

At Fullback are Kevin Johnson (Dunbar of Wash. DC), and Richard Gonzalez.

"They both will both receiving sufficient playing time," said Caviglia. Corey Jackson (Bullard) moves from RB to fullback for some added depth at the position.

Wide Receivers

FCC will find strength in a solid receiving core. Last season Billy Jack Erdman (Clovis) caught only two passes, but for 1 TD and 80 yards. DeAngelo Ramsey (Buchanan) will be a player to look out for.

"Ramsey is one of our top incoming players," Caviglia said.

Other WRs include Thomas and Corey Bennett (Killian Miami, FL), Jason Washington (El Cerrito), Terrance Grant (Roosevelt), Justin Janzier (Clovis West), Shawn White (Herbon Ac. of Quebec) and Carl Bolden (Central).

"Our offense is designed to be balanced," Caviglia said. "All our receivers will be catching passes."

Tight Ends

Connor Long (Clovis West) returns from last year's team, the lone sophomore at the position.

Freshmen include Ryan Hallenbeck (Faith Bapt.), Maurice Austin (Dos Palos) and Scott Bryant (Oakland Tech.).

Offensive line

Size isn't a problem when it comes to offensive line. All of them average 6-4, 290 pounds. Jack Kellum (Clovis) is lone player that had any starts last season. There is also Kalavi Blanchard, Pat So'oalo and Palauni MaSun, all from Hawaii.

Defensive line

On the defensive line are returners Jacob Houston (Sanger), Benito Reyes (Kailu), Tafa Samuela (Waipahu), Deke Bake (Cordova) and Marcus Clemons (Astronaut).

Linebackers

FCC will be stacked when it comes to linebackers. Dion Jay Brookter (Bullard) is a transfer from Utah State, one of the lower Division I schools.

Returning is Roosevelt Cooks (Yosemite) who registered a couple of sacks last season, Danny Finnegan (Clovis West) and Ta'amilo Ta'amilo (Kailua) and Jeremiah Leota (Waipahu).

"We expect these guys to have a huge leadership role," Caviglia said.

Defensive Backs

Looking for good pass defense will be the secondary. Steve Simonton (Pittsburg) is the only returning starter on the team.

There is also Mike Ware (McLane), James Brown (Merced), Aris Borjas (Clovis), Nate Brown (Edison) and Roc Green (Edison).

Special Teams

FCC will look to freshman Giancarlo Martinelli (Merced) for extra points and field goals, a place where the Rams had problems last season.

Danny Munster, an All-California Region II selection will take care of the punting.

"Danny has a Division I leg," Caviglia said.

Butters:

Though a dollar isn't much, it can go a long way

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football team makes a post-season bowl game.

For men's basketball, at least seven home games with 1,500 people means another \$10,500.

For baseball, 100 people multiplied by about 20 games means \$2,000.

Added all together, all the other minor sports like volleyball, wrestling and men's and women's soccer could bring in at least another \$5,000.

All together, adding a dollar to ticket prices would bring in at least \$33,500 extra to the school.

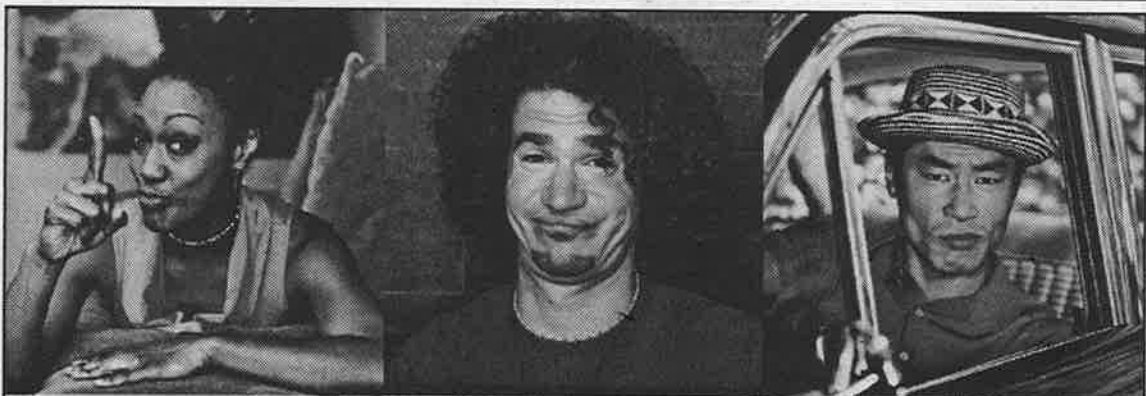
This newfound money could help to pay for travel, lodging, equipment, official, uniforms, etc...

All these estimates are lowball too, considering if attendance did go down drastically. Raising the ticket prices could even gather up to \$40,000, maybe even \$45,000.

A dollar isn't that much, if you can't afford it; you have no reason to be going to college where you have to pay much more for your education than a dollar.

A dollar more would still be cheaper than going to watch a game for high school or Fresno State or a movie. It would still be the best bargain in town and the entertainment would still be worth every penny, unless of course you're there for the cheerleaders.

□ Josh Butters is the Sports editor for the Rampage.



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