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Nutrition program feeding minds at FCC

Cal-Pro-NET trains students into growing food service, education fields.

By Rebekah Miranda
Rampage reporter

For the last seven years, Fresno City College has been home to one of three California Professional Nutrition Education and Training centers (Cal-Pro-NET). The Cal-Pro-NET center here at FCC is an instructional program directed toward child nutrition personnel at the production, directory and administrative levels.

The field of child nutrition is rapidly increasing in California due to the increasing population and depletion of the food service field. Continued state funding has made education accessible and affordable. FCC heads an educational network of 13 colleges that offer similar child nutrition courses.

Helena Kennedy is the on-campus coordinator for the program. Kennedy believes that "good nutrition promotes better learning" and is dedicated to the job of producing and informing other qualified program leaders.

Kennedy said that there are two federally assisted meal programs nationwide that serve more than 28 million meals a day: the National School Lunch program and School Breakfast program. In California, the Department of Education is in charge of administering this program, and nearly 50 percent of the children in schools receive school lunches daily.

"There is a wide variety of job opportunities available," Kennedy said. "Anyone involved in education, nutrition or business management has an excellent chance at a career in child nutrition services."

The salary is appealing as well. Depending on the size of the district and the experience of the director, the starting salary is around $40,000 and in larger districts. A program director can earn more than $100,000 a year.

Included in the study of nutrition in schools, Cal-Pro-NET informs its participants by providing courses, workshops, and conferences.

"The program is perfect for the adult learner. There is a lot of information, but it's taught in groups, and uses hands-on experiences with little lecture," Kennedy said.

"Cal-Pro-NET is a great program for people currently working in the field who want to polish their skills, and we also encourage students who are undecided about a career to consider child nutrition services."

Lisa Altadouka is currently enrolled in the

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Trustee steps down from board

Predecessor appointed to replace Corona.

By Pete Madrid
Rampage reporter

State Center Community College district's board of trustees has replaced Area III trustee Adolfo Corona with past trustee member Ronald Feaver.

Adolfo Corona

Corona has resigned, making the vacancy available and Feaver has been appointed as his interim replacement.

Corona has served on the board since November 2000 and has been appointed as a Fresno County Superior Court judge. Corona will be sworn in on Sept. 19. He begin his term on Sept 22.

"I'm honored by having the opportunity to have served you. I take the support of this entire State Center with me to the bench," Corona said.

The appointment of Feaver, whose term began on Sept. 6, came about as interim chancellor Thomas Crow informed the trustees at their Sept. 2 meeting that trustees could select one of two methods to replace Corona.

Members could make a provisional appointment or hold a special election. All six trustees (Corona abstained) voted in favor of Feaver in accordance with the provision appointment process.

Feaver was Corona's predecessor as the representative from the Fowler, Selma and Kingsburg area for 12 years, and through in retirement, Feaver will step into the trustee position and serve the remaining 14 months of Corona's term.

Board members stated that Feaver does not plan to run for re-election.

"I am delighted to return to the board of

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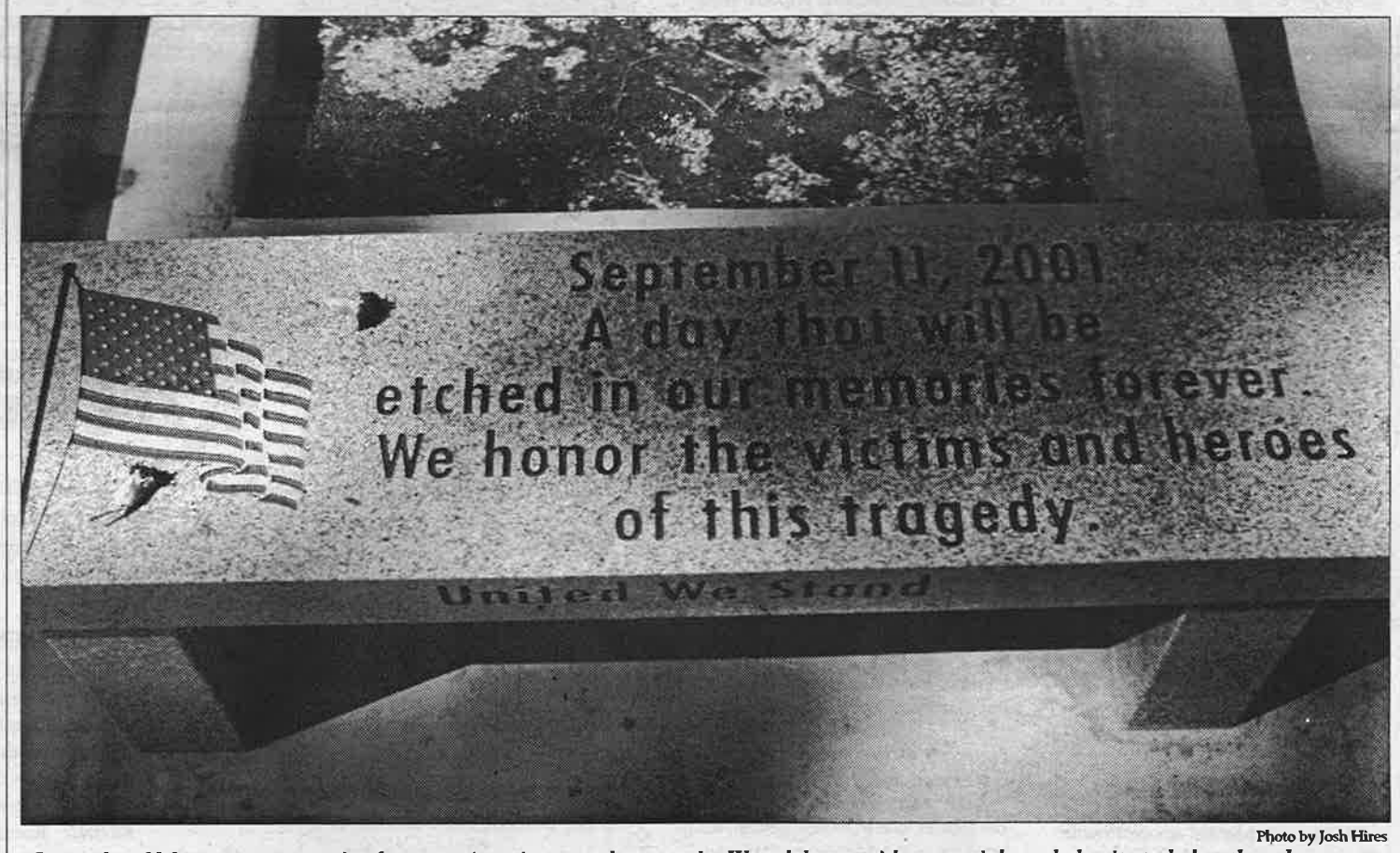

Photo by Josh Hires

September 11 has many memories for us as Americans and as people. We celebrate with memorials and charity to help others less fortunate. Events like the Make-a-Wish Foundation firefighter vs. police officer softball event. Photo essay on Page 8.

Hispanics paving way for others

FCC administrators, students celebrate heritage through higher education.

By Latasha Ball
News editor

Out of 90 cousins, Joaquin Jimenez was one of the few who went to college.

"I won a scholarship my senior year of high school to study in Puerto Rico with several people my own age in 1961. We studied the political and social problems of Central and South America," said Jimenez, now associate dean of financial aid for State Center Community College District.

College gave Jimenez not only educational knowledge but knowledge of the real world as he traveled around the United States, he said.

During the September celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month and Mexican Independence Day, Fresno City College recognizes Hispanic cultures, but often the stories of prominent Hispanics on campus go unheard.

Felix Aquino, vice chancellor of educational services and planning for the district, was the first in his family to go to college. Aquino has only been at SCCCD for a few months, but he has made a career out of trying to help others pursue education.

"There were people who came before me in my path that made it a little easier or less difficult for me, and the payback is that I have to do the same for those who follow me," Aquino said.

Aquino's parents — his father emigrated from Cuba, and his mother is from Puerto Rico — stressed education.

"My father had an eighth-grade education, and my mother had a 12th-grade education," Aquino said. "There was no question that I was going into education."

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News Briefs

FCC employees start book club events

The FCC Faculty and Staff Book Club will hold a discussion of its first book in an event sponsored by the library and President Ned Doffoney.

The first book is titled "Moo," a Jane Smiley comedy about a fictional Midwestern agricultural school called Moo University. The FCC Bookstore has copies of "Moo" available for purchase.

The book club discussion will run from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 26 in the Library Conference Room. Snacks will be provided.

The club has selected its first three titles for discussion, but those in attendance at the discussion will help select future books. More information is available by calling Kenley Neufeld at 442-4600, ext. 8315, or sending an e-mail to kenley.neufeld@scccd.com.

Miss Clovis seeks 2004 FCC hopefuls

The Miss Clovis Scholarship Association is looking for young women to enter its scholarship pageant in February. The deadline to enter the competition is Sept. 20.

Participants in the Miss Clovis Scholarship Pageant must be U.S. citizens between 17 and 24 years old who have never married or had a child.

The scholarship pageant, to be held Feb. 7, 2004, will award a total of $4500 to contestants. Miss Clovis 2004 will participate in the state preliminary to the Miss America competition.

More information is available by calling Claudette Davis at 292-4321, Robin Roth at 244-4797 or by e-mail: subeehuny@yahoo.com.

Submit news briefs

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Meeting Minutes

ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Sept. 2

Student Senate Chambers

- Allocated $500 for Inter-Club Council Institute.
- Approved $500 in discretionary funds for executive board.
- Ratified presidential appointments: Derricka Smith and David Burns, senators; Liz Heitt, president pro tempore.
- Heard report on upcoming Psychological Services screenings: Jocelyn Telo, Psychological Services.
- Discussed voter registration drive starting at Club Rush.
- Identified and discussed areas to conduct campus cleanup project.

Sept. 9

- Heard report on Sept. 2 SCCCD board meeting: Doug Crutchfield, student trustee.
- Heard report on school committees with student openings: Keyan Laghaifar, legislative vice president.
- Heard report on Inter-Club Council Institute: Liz Heitt, president pro tempore.
- Discussed volunteer effort for voter registration drive.
- Heard request for funding of Psychological Services screenings: Christine Szostak, Psychological Services.
- Reviewed first Club Rush of semester.
- Discussed volunteers to participate in College Night on Sept. 10.
- Adopted bill to fund campus/neighborhood cleanup project.
- Approved naming Sept. 27 event "Presidents' Cleanup."
- Formed committee to organize Presidents' Cleanup activities.
- Ratified presidential appointments: Christian Borneman, Erin Brown, Shreyah Shah, Rica Sotto, Janelle Sutton; senators.

STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Board of Trustees

Sept. 2

District Office

- Recognized Adolfo Corona for service as trustee from 2000-03. Corona has been appointed to the Fresno County Superior Court and resigned effective Sept. 5.
- Heard report on Police Academy.
- Authorized agreements: ELS Architectural and Urban Design for design of Old Administration Building, Fresno City College; Arrigoni & Associates Inc. for completion of Phase IV of LAN/WAN project, FCC; Michael Paoli & Associates for environmental services and preparation of environmental impact report, Southeast Center site; Blair, Church & Flynn Consulting Engineers for civil engineering services and design of parking facilities, FCC; Fresno County Superintendent of Schools for early-care and education resource center, FCC; and Clovis Community Development Agency for construction of 2003-04 project house.
- Adopted 2003-04 final budget.
- Decided that vacancy created by resignation of Trustee Corona should be filled by provisional appointment.
- Appointed H. Ronald Feaver as provisional appointee for Trustee Area III, effective Sept. 6.
- Acknowledged Quarterly Financial Status Report as presented.
- Appointed Trustee Phil Forhan as director and Ed Eng as alternate director to Valley Insurance Program JPA Board of Directors for two-year term starting Oct. 1.
- Approved reclassification of Bookstore Sales Clerk I/II to Bookstore Sales Clerk III, Madera Center.
- Approved new permanent, part-time General Utility Worker/Groundskeeper I position effective Sept. 3, Oakhurst Center.
- Received as information financial analyses of enterprise and special revenue operations, and budget transfers and adjustments report.
- Approved investment policy statement for 2003-04 and accepted quarterly performance review, as provided by Fresno County, for quarter ending June 30, 2003.
- Approved list of voluntary payroll deductions for 2003-04, as presented.
- Adopted resolutions authorizing: fund transfer from dormitory revenue fund to dormitory bond interest and redemption fund; and agreements with state Department of Education for courses and training for child-nutrition personnel, Cal-Pro-NET Center, and child care and development block grant, FCC.
- Authorized disposal of district surplus property by auction.
- Accepted dedication of utility easement from Pacific Gas and Electric Co., Madera.
- Approved lease of high-speed digital printer, FCC.
- Awarded bid to Bowen Engineering and Environmental for orchard removal, Willow/International.
- Gave direction regarding State Center Federation of Teachers full-time and California School Employees Association bargaining negotiations, and chancellor search process.
- Rejected claim submitted on behalf of Robert Ellis Bowman Sr.
- Employed Claudia Guadian, English as a Second Language instructor, FCC (categorically funded).
- Accepted resignation from Bernida Webb-Binder, instructor/gallery curator, FCC.
- Employed Joshua Pennington, HR/MIS data researcher, District Office (probationary).

Campus Calendar

Academics

- California Christian College representative — 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 18, Fountain Area
- Fresno Pacific University representative — 4-6:30 p.m. Sept. 25, Yoshino's

Activities

- Club Rush — 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 1, Fountain Area
- Volunteer Fair — 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 17, Campus Mall/Fountain Area
- Vendor Fair — 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 14-16, Campus Mall/Fountain Area

Arts

- Faculty Biennial Show — through Oct. 17, Art Space Gallery
- "Glynn's Crossing" — 7:30 p.m. Oct. 9-11 and Oct. 16-18, 2 p.m. Oct. 11-12 and Oct. 18; Theatre Main Stage

Events

- Fall Job Fair — 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 24, Cafeteria
- Career exploration workshop — 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sept. 24, Career Center
- Career decision-making workshop — 1:30-3:30 p.m. Oct. 8, Career Center

Intramurals

- 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
- 5-on-5 flag football — 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 17, North Field

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- Academic Senate meeting — 3 p.m. Sept. 17, Staff Dining Room
- Associated Student Government meeting — 3:30 p.m., Sept. 23 and Sept. 30, Oct. 7 and Oct. 14; Senate Chambers

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Soccer teams kick off

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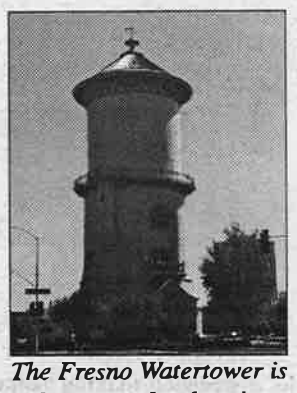

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Corrections

- A story about first-year FCC student Franz Molina in the Sept 3 issue spelled his last name incorrectly
- A story about the fee hikes in the Sept. 3 issue listed the wrong amount of increase: $18 per unit, $7 per unit more than last semester.

Design class dresses up resume

By Rebekah Miranda
Rampage reporter

Students out of the Fresno City College Costume Crafts class build their career skills differently from most.

For them, the job interview starts the moment the curtain rises. This course offers hands-on instruction regarding the details of a crucial performance that goes on backstage.

Classes like this and others that are rich with job opportunity can be found in the Fine, Performing and Communication Arts division.

The Humanities division has now grown and separated into two strong independent divisions. Frank Quintana, the new division's associate dean, said, "The separation of the two gives the college a chance to showcase the strength in every department."

The new division grew equally as large as the Humanities division and separated to focus on the many activities within the division.

The Theater Arts department has a wide variety of classes that are ideal for creative minds and committed hearts.

Throughout the semester, students learn about the details that come with a show.

Backstage, they learn to become well organized and quick in an urgent situation.

Students work together under the pressure of a deadline. They get a chance to play with different mediums when making costumes and building sets, getting a chance to explore their ideas and create an original.

Any student that desires to can play a vital role in an FCC production, without even setting a foot on stage.

Kat Strauss, the student costume designer for the late fall production of "The Jungle Book" says to "try everything. Enroll in something new, you may not even know you like it, or even better, that you're actually good at it.

"The things you learn are great and can be used over and over again," Strauss said. She is one of many taking the Costume Crafts course this semester.

Debbie Shapazian teaches this creative class and has taught at FCC for more than 20 years.

Shapazian even took the same course in 1974 while Tim Quinn was the instructor. Shapazian's Costume Crafts and Dan Wheeler's Stage Crafting classes are great options for any imaginative student.

"The job opportunities backstage are endless, and all are equally essential," says Shapazian.

"Being behind the scenes is exciting and chaotic, but the end results are definitely the best part of being involved in any production," explained Alexis Sadler, a third-year student at FCC and a Theater Arts major.

Sadler's focus is directed mainly toward costume design and theatrical make-up. She, too, is a student costume designer.

Sadler took the Costume Design class last spring, and she is also taking this fall's Costume Crafts class.

Ginger Vinson, also a Theater Arts major and an experienced actor at FCC, was seen last semester in "Teasers" and can now be found in Shapazian's soon-to-be-famous Costume Crafts class.

"I'm curious about all the action backstage, and because my schedule is so conflicting this fall, I can't spend any time auditioning and learning lines. Taking this class was a way for me to still participate," explained Vinson.

A mannequin in Fresno City College's Costume Crafts classroom displays a pattern being worked on in the class. The course allows students to participate in the design of costumes for school theatrical productions.

Photo by Deborah Anderson

Regardless whether you're a Theater Arts major, the Theater Crafts classes provide useful information and a creative outlet.

Tyler Johnsen, a third-semester student, says, "I have an elaborate and very grotesque Halloween costume I want to put together, and this class is going to make it a reality."

A little scary, but a nice illustration of how much fun you can have when trying something new.

ASG president strives for student success

By Latasha Ball
News editor

Like it or not, George Kutnerian has to attend a lot of meetings.

"These are committees where a lot of decision-making happens on campus, and it's important to have student representatives on those committees to make sure that the best interest of students is made," Kutnerian said.

George Kutnerian became Associated Student Government president in April and along with attending meetings, Kutnerian also coordinates on-campus events, such as the voter registration drive to be held this month. He states the more students who turn out to vote, the more they'll affect the policies for community colleges.

George Kutnerian

"We have the budget cuts right now, and students are really the most vulnerable, and I think community college students don't really have a loud voice, and that's why they're an easy target for politicians like the governor," Kutnerian said.

Kutnerian said that the voter registration drive becomes more significant with the scheduled Oct. 7 election on whether to recall Gov. Davis. "I think it's important that students be able to influence the political process, and that's one way students can do that is by getting out and vote."

Along with the vote, a student representation fee will ensure the student voice is heard, Kutnerian said. The fee will go into effect next semester, when students will pay $1 along with their enrollment fees, to help the ASG better represent students when matters such as the budget crisis arise.

"So that can be used, for example, taking a trip to Sacramento and speaking to our state representatives there about issues that are affecting students' lives like budget cuts, the tuition increases and possible cuts of programs" for low income and disabled students, Kutnerian said.

As students need to do their part by voting, they also need to make sure the campus they're fighting for is kept clean and free of litter. As a way to address the problem, ASG will hold campus cleanup — a day dedicated to keeping the grounds clean.

"As the student government, we're trying to make the college experience a better one for our students on campus, and one way that happens is by ensuring that we have a clean campus," Kutnerian said.

Kutnerian, along with other ASG members, aim to spread awareness of their organization and help make students' experiences at FCC more enjoyable.

"I want to make students more aware that we're here to help them, and we can help them with whatever problems they have on campus," said Kutnerian.

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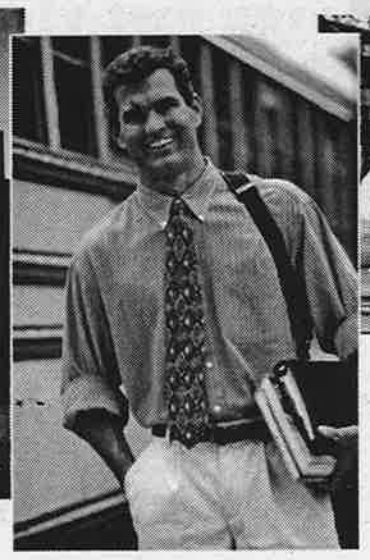

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TRUSTEE: *Corona leaves post for Superior Court*

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trustees at State Community College District, and I look forward to working with my colleagues on the board to assure high-quality academic opportunities for the students we serve," Feaver said.

Some audience members were in favor of Feaver's appointment, while others expressed a concern that the board should delay Feaver's appointment for at least 30 days.

Susan Liberty, interim dean of the Fresno City College humanities division, told trustees of her support for the appointment. Feaver attended many events involving her students while she headed fine and performing arts at FCC, she said.

"He (Feaver) was a true supporter and a very visible person on campus," Liberty said.

"There were a lot of names out there that people would have liked to have submitted and didn't have an opportunity to do so," said Francis Sullivan, theater manager and president of the local chapter of the California School Employees association. He wished the board would have taken at least 30 days to consider this option.

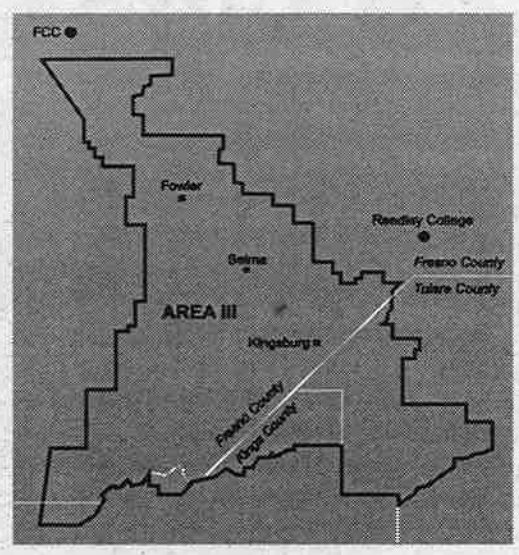
"There was discussion, and it's important in a process like this where different voices are heard, but ultimately the trustees are the ones who are responsible for that decision and the ones that are charged with thinking of what's best for the district and primarily, for the students," said district spokeswoman Teresa Patterson.

"The district policy took into verbatim the Education Code in terms of procedure for the provisional appointment and special election process of a board member. The district was well within it's rights to follow that procedure. The procedure was well within the Brown Act," said Patterson.

The Brown Act states, in part, that the public has a right to speak on any matter under the board's jurisdiction.

SCCCD's registered voters can, under the Education Code, petition the provisional appointment for the vacancy to remain open until it can be filled by special election.

Voters who wish to pursue this petition must acquire signatures from 1.5 percent of those who voted in last year's trustee elections.



Map by Tony Losongco and Teresa Dawson

Area III of the State Center Community College District includes the cities of Fowler, Selma and Kingsburg. All Area III trustees are voted on by the entire district's voters, but they must live in the region pictured at left. Ron Feaver, interim trustee, lives in Fowler.

HISPANIC: *Ethnic group FCC's largest*

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Nearly 7,000 Hispanic students continued their education at FCC last semester, and at 32 percent of the student enrollment, Hispanics have been the largest ethnic group at FCC since spring 2002.

One of those Hispanic students is Nanci Sumaya-Martinez. The third-year FCC student was elected president of Associated Student Government last year.

"I know where I want to go, and I know that I have to do a lot of things to get there, so I just make up my mind and say that I'm going to do it," Sumaya-Martinez said.

A student who went back to school after starting a family, Sumaya-Martinez represents the struggle of many of FCC's Hispanic students.

"My family and my kids support me by just living and trying to get more out of life and more for my family, and knowing that my family's there makes me want to do more and that's why I keep going," Sumaya-Martinez said.

CAL-PRO-NET: *Program offers career choices*

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Menu Planning for Child Nutrition class and works for Clovis Unified School District.

"It is fun. We are learning about the challenges that come with meal planning when you're given a budget," Altadouka said. "The food needs to be nutritious but affordable."

Peg Mericle is associate dean of the FCC Social Science Division, which oversees the Cal-Pro-NET program.

"How could you not support Cal-Pro-NET, it's a great program with a great administrator," Mericle said.

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Tale of Two Towns

Positive thinking fuels downtown rebirth

Susan Morgan

Rome wasn't built in a day, and imagine how long it took to revitalize it. Anyone who has seen the beautiful downtowns of San Francisco, Los Angeles or San Diego pretty much thinks that Fresno is a lost cause.

As I recall one very unhappy camper yelling at me last week: "Fresno sucks! This whole city should be burned down. I'm from L.A., and this place is dumb."

The revitalization of downtown Fresno has been a slow and aching process that as far as most are concerned has reaped more losses than benefits.

I'm not agreeing with the destruction of our historic architecture or neighborhoods in support of new parking for the stadium. I just think we may not be seeing the whole picture.

We are looking at a dirt field with wooden markers in preparation for new buildings, but we don't see the final product, just barren land.

You can't change what's been done, and it seems impossible to stop the plans in process, but you can keep your chin up and not let downtown get you down.

There are many projects in place to try to not only make downtown friendly to Northerners, but to create thousands of jobs and bring retail and consumption to the area.

The biggest projects right now in Fresno are: the $48 million Tower at the Civic Center with a 900-space parking garage; a $120 million, 450,000-square-foot federal courthouse, which will become the city's tallest skyscraper; a bundle of private offices; and a hotel.

The privately owned buildings will be homes to Caltrans, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service, creating 4,230 jobs.

The hotel being built adjacent to the city's Convention Center Exhibit Hall will provide 20,000 square feet of space for banquets and meetings as well as a linked car garage that will hold 1,500 cars.

The results of all these projects are to supply much-needed jobs on our crucially slow Valley economy.

People work downtown. Then they shop before work, on break, or after work, eat in the nearby restaurants or pick up something small for lunch at a bakery, and find a nice bar or coffee house to cruise after work to relax, hang out, and be with co-workers.

It may be discouraging that the new stadium in downtown Fresno didn't turn everything around in downtown, but eventually things will be turned around within time.

Eventually, people will be working there, eating there and buying there, and that's good for those who need jobs, and those with small, quaint businesses that could use the extra revenue.

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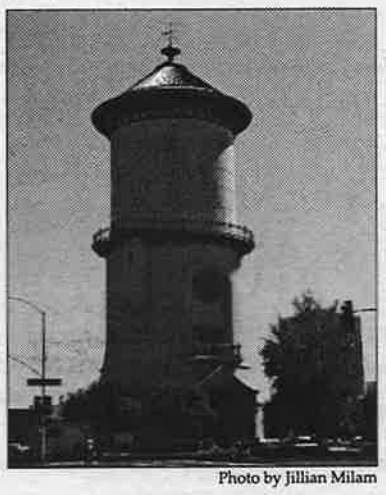

Photo by Jillian Milam

The landmark Water Tower at Fresno and O streets houses a downtown Fresno visitors' center.

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Neighborhood flounders without good residents

Tony Losongco

Fresno city leaders won't solve the question of what to do with downtown until they walk a mile in the voters' shoes. They can start with my downtown-worn sneakers. After all, one mile is about how far I used to walk to get to work.

Until January, I lived in an apartment building in downtown Fresno. It was a beautiful, three-story brick structure on the local register of historic places.

The building had such charm that it had its own name, and I claimed the entire third floor, complete with three bedrooms, a balcony and views of most downtown landmarks for less than $600 a month.

I discovered that I could eat out for breakfast, commute to work and buy a few items on the way home without a car. This was at least three daily car trips fewer than any of my friends, family or co-workers.

I had the opportunity to participate in the growth spurt of downtown Fresno as I never could when I lived outside the neighborhood.

Last year, my neighbors and I learned that the building — actually, the entire block of five historic buildings — would be sold to create a business park.

But don't just focus on where that leaves my neighbors in the building. Imagine how that leaves the neighborhood.

Fresno's Census Tract 1 encompasses almost 50 downtown blocks, including my old apartment. According to the 2000 U.S. Census, 2,613 people live in this section of downtown.

But the Census figures show that 82 percent of the residents are institutionalized in one of three county jail buildings. They're not spending much money downtown.

That leaves very few youth downtown. With much respect to all the prisoners that add so much flavor to my old neighborhood, the city's long-term plan for the area depends on people to get out of the house, spend money and make downtown a part of their free time.

This mix of residents makes the melting pot that Fresno Mayor Alan Autry wanted rather bland.

In fact, his Tale of Two Cities — an affluent north Fresno and an impoverished south — exists downtown on a different plane, in the temples being built to government agencies and the people below whose living depends on recycled cans and coin donations.

Fresno City College students can find interesting things to do downtown. But I doubt that most will make the trek and have an open mind to enjoy what's there.

Fresnans haven't learned that downtown isn't supposed to be like their own neighborhood. Downtown Fresno isn't like most neighborhoods because it's hardly anyone's neighborhood.

• Tony Losongco is editor in chief of The Rampage.

Eighty-two percent of residents are institutionalized in three county jail buildings.

Campus Voices

By Marlena McClain

What would get you to visit downtown Fresno?

Kendra Spankenberg
math
"More efficient public transportation, extended hours at the downtown library and farmers market every day."

Jennifer Davis
English
"It needs to be more like the Tower."

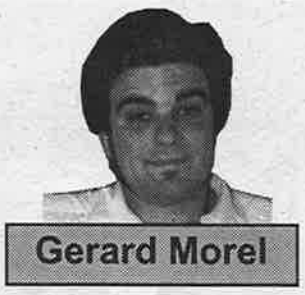
Cecilia Holgion
radiologic technology
"If Tyson Beckford was there, I would go."

Reginette Alexander
social work
"Too dirty. It just looks like a lot of germs everywhere. People don't control their kids."

Mark Eliot
psychology
"Downtown is appealing because the rent is cheap, authentic cultural food and there are women everywhere."

U.S. masks reasons for intervention

Bush's wars cost billions of dollars, thousands of human casualties.



The Bush administration's endeavors in Iraq cost $40 billion per month. But the administration's reason to the American people for war has been diluted by facts that have yet to be proven true.

Meanwhile, the men paying the highest price are American soldiers and our new allies, the Iraqi soldiers. Americans are being put into harm's way to help settle a score for the Bush family.

What will the United States do in other hot spots of the world, like Liberia?

The United States has considered sending peacekeepers to another hot spot, again, as it had in Somalia in 1993, Kosovo in 1999 and Iraq. We are considering putting American troops into harm's way in a volatile situation.

U.S. peacekeepers would definitely encounter rebel forces and the remnants of loyalist forces of former Liberian President Charles Taylor.

Taylor, a degenerative tyrant, has been accused of being the mastermind of numerous wars across West Africa and is wanted by the International War Crimes Court in Sierra Leone.

Many Liberians have begged for American peacekeepers to help bring stability to the country. Many Americans have argued that this would be a just mission, while others have warned that American forces are too thin to take on this mission.

This situation in Liberia is certainly worse than that of prewar Iraq. But there are two driving factors that put the Liberia mission at a disadvantage: Bush didn't have a personal vendetta with Taylor as he had with Saddam Hussein, and Liberia isn't the world's second largest oil-producing nation.

The Bush administration continued to spew venomous propaganda all over the media while asking Congress and the American people to agree to an additional $87 billion to continue its struggle for control of the oil fields of Iraq.

The Bush administration's use of Weapons of Mass Distraction — as I sometimes call them — to convince gullible Americans that this would be a just war can be compared to the persuasive measures of Joseph Goebbels, Adolf Hitler's propaganda minister.

Bush has benefited from a friendly media, which does not criticize or question his administration's push for war. They have portrayed this as grand and glorious.

If Iraq were the largest producer of broccoli, would the Bush administration have pushed for war?

Anybody who believes that this is not a war for oil — companies formerly owned by key members of the Bush administration are vying for the contracts to operate the oil fields — must be on heavy pharmaceuticals.

There is absolutely no question that Saddam Hussein was a belligerent, apathetic, devious tyrant, but the United States did a great disservice to the peace process of the Middle East by creating a new situation.

Trying to bring peace to a region that has been riddled by Israeli-Palestinian strife would have been a much more commendable endeavor for the Bush administration.

President Bush recently realized that the U.S. ground forces in Iraq are increasingly thin. He would like the United Nations to send in "blue helmets" to work under U.S. command.

U.S. allies in the Security Council and in the United Nations alike view this as an unequivocal, arrogant act to retain control. Members of the Security Council are calling for a larger U.N. role and a larger role for the Iraqi people.

The Iraqis view the United States as an opportunistic occupier that is not willing to loosen its grip on their country.

This is far from over; the United States will have to face the prospects of fighting a guerrilla war in Iraq.

The Bush administration's unsubstantiated assertions concerning weapons of mass destruction lured a daft American public into believing that Iraq had been stockpiling and creating chemical weapons.

If Iraq had such weapons, then why weren't they launched against invading American and British forces? Why haven't troops found any buried in the vast desert sands of Iraq?

Such weapons are being produced and stockpiled by the Stalinist regime of North Korea, but the Bush administration doesn't want to flex its muscles against North Korea as it had done with Iraq.

Perhaps it is the fact that North Korea has the bomb and a fanatical army that will fight to the last man. This must be why Bush hasn't gone on a "nation-building" endeavor on the Korean peninsula and has been trying to negotiate with the stubborn nation.

The United States may send peacekeepers to the troubled Liberia. There has been unrest on the streets of Monrovia, the Liberian capital, for 14 years. Taylor, a former warlord, seized power in a coup while civil war continued to rage throughout the country.

He was formally elected in 1997, after civil war claimed more than 200,000 lives. The war resumed after his election.

For those who do not know, Liberia has had close ties with the United States since its inception in 1847. The country was founded by former slaves.

There isn't sufficient food to feed citizens ravaged by political unrest and civil war. Instead of being in school, an estimated 10,000 to 15,000 children are members of the "small boys brigade." These are children as young as 7 years old pulling the triggers of AK-47's and killing their brethren.

Several West African nations have committed more than 3,000 peacekeepers to Liberia and are asking the United States for an additional 2,000.

The United States has committed its $40 billion a month while struggling to tighten its grip on the oil fields of Iraq. This money could have been used on education, health care, civic programs and feeding needy citizens at home and throughout the world.

The best thing for the United States to do, instead of rewarding Bush $87 billion, would be to send humanitarian aid as part of a goodwill effort to feed the malnourished people of Liberia.

The United States cannot afford to police the world; they can, however, afford to feed it.

Our young men and women need not die on the remote desert sand of Iraq to settle a personal vendetta or to die in the jungles of Liberia.

Peace is patriotic.

• *Gerard Morel writes for the Views section of The Rampage.*

Illustration by Jesse Garcia

If Iraq were the largest producer of broccoli, would the Bush administration have pushed for war?

Job hunt works students overtime without help

It's a headache trying to find a really cool job. It shouldn't be that hard for us to get a job because we are young and energetic. But it seems as though all the older people are getting the cool jobs and we're the ones stuck at McDonald's. Don't get me wrong, Mickey D's is OK, but that's not where I am looking.

I just moved to Fresno four months ago from Pasadena, in the Los Angeles area. Let me tell you, it is very stressful being up here without a job. It is very hard to get a job here. What's wrong with Fresno? It seems as if there are fewer job opportunities here for us.

I had a bad experience trying to find a job. I had two interviews at a retail store. I approached the situation with a positive, witty attitude. I was nicely dressed and polite.

Before I went to my first interview, I had talked to the manager, Emilio, on the phone. He told me that the company was under new management and whoever was before him probably threw old applications away.

Emilio told me to come in that Thursday, and he would give me my first interview. I was so happy that I jumped on my cousin's back. I thought that it was finally going to be my big break.

That Thursday, I went into the store thinking that I was going to get my interview. Emilio was on the phone talking.

One of the workers asked me to wait. I had no problem because I really wanted the job and I was trying to show the manager that I had patience.

Fifteen minutes passed, and then one hour and 30 minutes, and what do you know, Emilio finally shows up. I'm thinking that he's not professional about his work. Why would you leave a potential worker standing outside looking crazy?

When he came out, I was upset, but I managed to keep a smile on my face. He told me that I had to come back because he was busy with management business.

I said, "OK, when is it a good time to meet?"

"Monday at 10 a.m., with your school schedule," Emilio said. We shook hands and parted. I was very disappointed and got a bite to eat while griping about my situation.

That Monday, I went in with the same positive attitude. Emilio had the audacity not to show up. How rude, I thought. The workers told me that they didn't know when he was coming in.

OK, why would you tell someone to come in for an interview when you're not going to show up?

I left my schedule with one of the workers. I called earlier that day, and Emilio barked that the person above him said that they weren't hiring.

"Thanks for applying," he said.

I felt that he lied because he told me earlier that they were looking for people to hire.

I was crushed because he made me think that I was going to get the job. But I believe he told me that just to get me off his back.

It's cool, though, because he lost a very good worker.

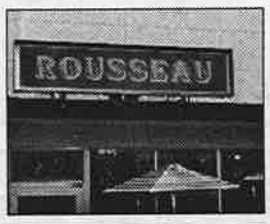
Also, I found a possible solution to my job woes. The Employment Resource Center at Fresno City College offers help to find a cool job.

Sean Henderson, the center's coordinator, said that students trying to find a job should focus on what kind of work they want. Some students go into a field and really don't know what they want to do. The Career Center can help determine students' strengths and weaknesses.

Henderson stressed the benefits of a good resume. The Employment Resource Center can look over your resume.

"Look at as many examples, see what's out there and choose what's important," Henderson said. "Knowing what you want is half the battle."

• *Crissy Winston writes for the Views section of The Rampage.*



Cusine
Fine French cusine offered in the Tower District.
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More fan support for Maná

By Luis Quezada
Pulse editor

A Mexican rock band that formed during the 80's never thought that their music would reach millions of people whose native language is not Spanish. Maná originated in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico and have taken their music to numerous countries such as Brazil, Europe, Italy, Spain, and the United States, among others.

The band consists of Juan Callero (bass), Alex González (drums), Fher Olvera (vocals) and Sergio Vall'n (guitar).

Over the years their music style has changed. "We did a little reflecting, looked at good things and bad things, and wrote a whole bunch of songs. Out of about 30 we picked 12 songs," says González on the bands website. González who is not of Mexican decent, and is Cuban-Colombian met with Olvera in 1985 in Mexico City and then later became part of the band.

Their most recent musical release titled *"Revolución de Amor,"* (Revolution of Love) has caused much radio play with hit songs, which include *"Eres mi Religion,"* (You're my Religion) and *"Mariposa Traicionera,"* (Treasoned Butterfly).

Maná has produced seven albums along their career, but with a different theme in mind every time.

"What's interesting about the band is not having a set style that would limit us, says Olvera on the website. Olvera and González are both songwriters, and they both receive input from members of the band. "That's why we all act as our own producers, we have no structure, no conventions, we just say what we feel," Olvera adds.

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Maná on the set of their video "Angel de Amor," which was the single to their album "Revolución de Amor" which is the material they are currently touring for.

Along their career they have been put in a rivalry with another Spanish rock band named Jaguares, who are also from Maná's hometown. The cause is supposedly the acceptance of Vampiro from their band to the other, but both bands have united at events silencing those speculations.

They have been able to collaborate with other artists, such as Ruben Blades. Maná was invited by Carlos Santana to sing a song titled *"Corazon Espinado,"* (Thorned Heart) on Santana's "Supernatural" album. By participating with Santana, Maná received interest from non-Spanish speaking people. The release of their "MTV Unplugged," album also made possible fans more aware. This introduced more of their music videos from their *"Suenos Liquidos,"* (Liquid Dreams) album to be aired on that network.

Their fans have increased to a wider audience without them having to necessarily do the known cross over.

They recently won a Latin Grammy, at the fourth annual ceremony for best rock album of the year. They had won four Grammy's prior to this one, selling over 16 million copies. In earlier years the band made strong declarations against producer Emilio Estefan, husband of Gloria Estefan, when they did not win a Grammy, saying that the Grammy's had a mafia named Estefan behind them.

Despite the bad moments in their life Maná has been able to succeed with own light.

Fans will be able to enjoy their presence and music because they are currently touring in the United States. The San Diego Sports Arena will be the host to the bands first concert in California on Oct. 1. Other dates are Oct. 3 at the Home Depot Center in Carson, which is located in the Los Angeles area, and Oct. 5 at the Shoreline Amphitheatre in Mountain View, near San Francisco.

They will also be appearing in Nevada, at the Mandalay Bay Hotel in Las Vegas on Oct. 30. Other artist who have performed there have been Brittany Spears and Shakira. Ticket information can be found by going to www.tixtickets.com

Two celebrity deaths in less than 24-hours

Ritter and Cash leave a legacy

By Luis Quezada
Pulse editor

The world of entertainment lost two widely known celebrities in less than a 24-hour period.

John Ritter passed away in the evening of Sept. 11 at the age of 54. Ritter was on the set, filming for his sitcom "Eight Simple Rules For Dating My Teenage Daughter, which airs on ABC. When he suddenly felt a pain in his chest, he was taken to a nearby hospital. Hours later he was pronounced dead due to a heart attack.

John Ritter

Ritter participated in several shows, theater plays and films. Among his most memorable was his role of Jack in "Threes' Company" and the father of Junior in the three parts of "Problem Child."

Johnny Cash passed away the morning of Sept. 12 in Tennessee due to diabetes complications. Cash first began his musical career by singing rock n' roll music. Over the years he made a transition to country music. Music Television (MTV) was among the networks that paid tribute to Cash.

Johnny Cash

Earlier this year there were other celebrities who passed away also.

Among them were Cuban salsa singer Celia Cruz, actor Bob Hope, and actress Katherine Hepburn.

Pulse Brief

2003 Art Faculty Biennial

The Fresno City Colleg Art Space Gallery present 2003 Art Faculty Biennial from September 16 to October 24. Pieces consist from over 30 FCC instructors in Photography, Drawing, Painting, Printmaking, Sculpture, Graphic Design, Ceramics, and Textiles/Fibers. The gallery is located in the Art Home Economics Building near the main fountain on campus.

REEl good films come to Fresno

By Marlena McClain
Rampage reporter

The five-day "Reel Pride" film festival that showcases gay and lesbian films starts Sept. 17.

"Anyone who loves a good film should come to this festival. I am not gay, and I love good films, and this is the greatest film festival in the area," says Stephen Mintz. In last year's festival, well over a thousand people; gay, bisexual and lesbian showed up to this event.

This year Reel Pride will have over 20 films, amazing that this festival is only five days long. When Reel's program director, Stephen Mintz, was asked who started the Reel Pride, and why in Fresno, he said, "It was started by two guys; Ken Friez and Peter Robinson.

It started at Fresno State, showing queer films in Fresno State classroom, and thanks to them, we've come to this wonderful theater." I know, if anyone makes it big, their show will be at the Tower Theater, so considering that gay people aren't ruling the world yet, they might as well get a head start in Fresno.

The film "Laughing Matters," is a one-hour film that introduces a line of lesbian comics. After the show, the audience can participate in questioning the stars.

We always hear about films directed towards gay men, this is a lesbian film for the liberal women out there. Mintz suggests the film "Prey for Rock and Roll, starring Gina Gershon. Directed by Alex Steyermark, it's a 95 minute long film, which contains sexual situations; such as rape and nudity. The film is for adults only but those under the age of 17 can attend if accompanied by an adult.

Photo by Marlena McClain

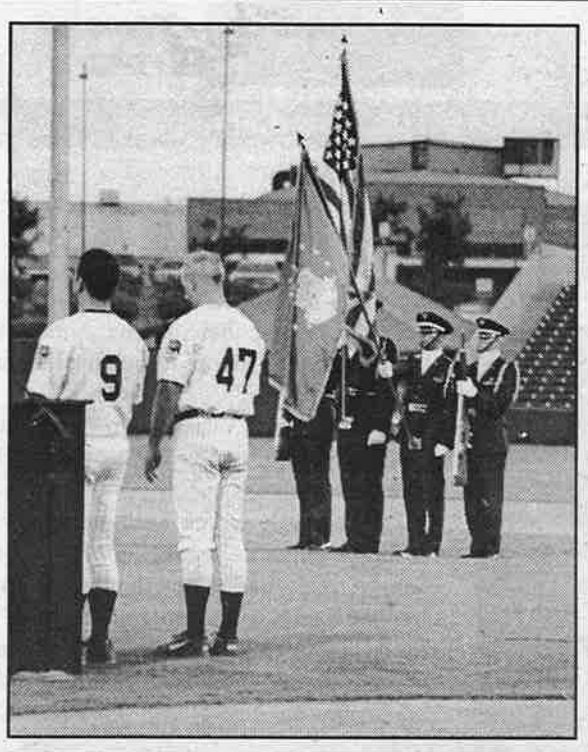
Banners hang high along the Tower District to announce the festival.

Prey for Rock and Roll starts this Friday night at 9:15, for $10. This film deals with a sexy punker, who is suddenly confronted to quit the rock scene, because she made a promise to herself a long time ago, that if she didn't make it big by the age of 40, she'd quit.

A lot of television shows, movies, and film star's can be (in your face) about gay issues, which can be annoying to heterosexual viewers.

"People have to decide on their own what (in your face means to them). Our films ah... are very diverse, so some are more subtle and some are more open, it's an individual decision," said Mintz.

Fresno's finest play with honored firefighters



Left: Isolano(9) and Hayes lead the Pledge of Allegance with the Air Force ROTC honor guard

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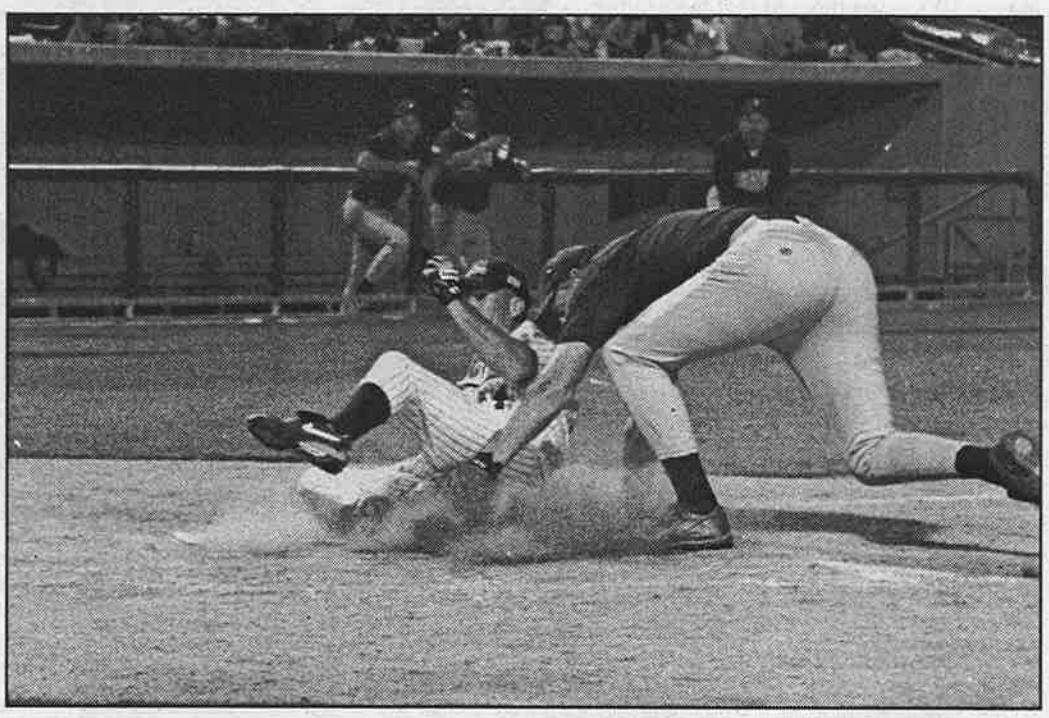
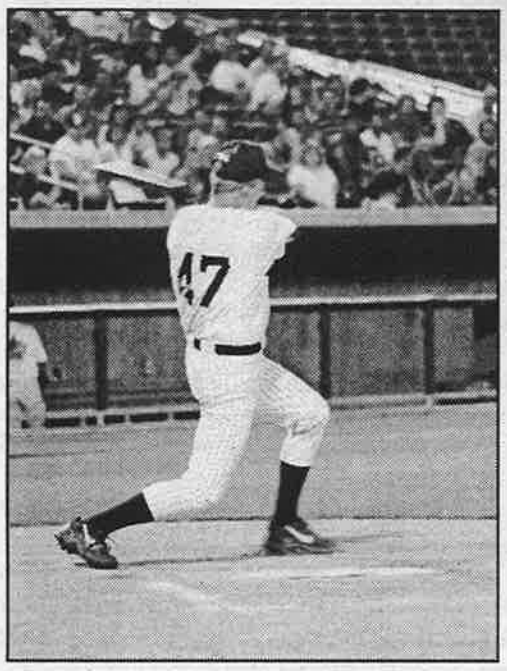


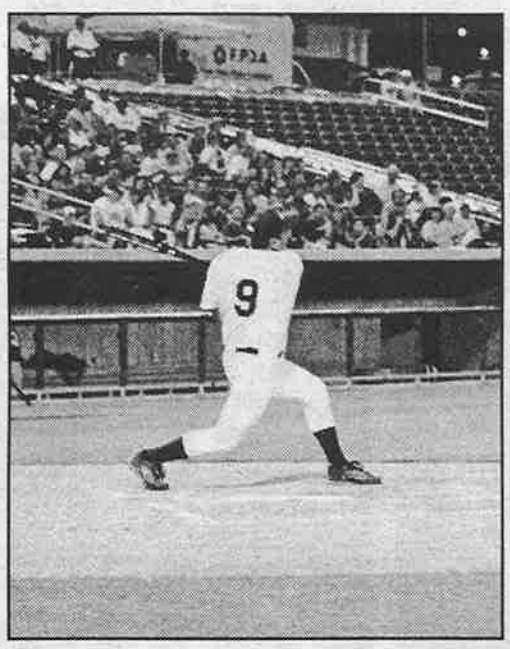
A firefighter slides into home to score the winning run under the tag.



Hayes (47) and Isolano (9) play for charity.

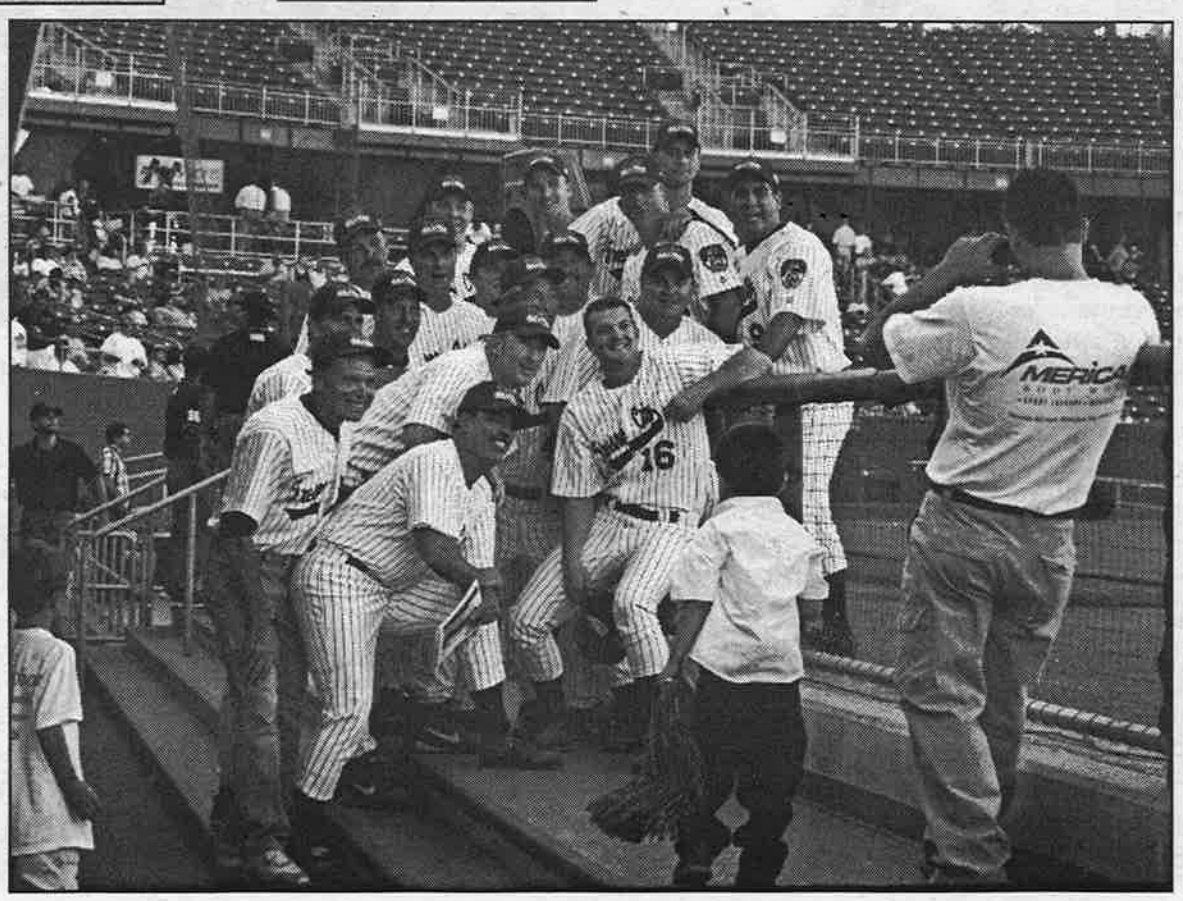
On Sept.11, at Grizzlies Stadium two heroes stepped up to bat for the New York Make-a-Wish Foundation: Andy Isolano of Ladder 108 (ret.) and William "Billy" Hayes of Ladder 45, FDNY.

In December 2001, Pelco brought around 1,000 firefighters to Fresno to honor them for their heroism and sacrifice in the tragedy of 9/11, including Hayes and Isolano. They have been invited back to play in the charity softball game for the Make-a-Wish Foundation, for the second year in a row.



Left: Isolano teases police officers with a snack.

An unidentified "firefighter" is "mauled" by a police dog to keep the crowd going during the seventh inning-strech.



Right: The Fresno firefighters softball team poses for a picture after they defeating the police.

Isolano, who retired after losing 35% of his lung capacity in 9/11, is happy just to be here.

After a moving ceremony with Honor Guards from the Navy, Air Force, Marines, Army, fire and police departments, Hayes and Isolano led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance.

After losing to them last year, the Fresno firefighters got their revenge on the Fresno police officers, taunting them with oversized doughnuts and, later, beating them 17-16. The game was exciting and unpredictable, everything a good softball game should be. The crowd was wild with excitement and, support for the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

When asked what he thought about the game, "You wouldn't believe something good could come out of 9/11 ... this is tremendous," Hayes said.

Cage lights up another match

By Gerard Morel
Rampage reporter

Review
Matchstick Men
Stars:Bruce Altma, Nicolas Cage, Alison Lohman, and Sam Rockwell
Rated: PG-13
Length:116 minutes
Rating: ★★★

In spirit of other movies about the grift and the men who pull it off, like "House of Games," "Matchstick Men" directed by Ridley Scott tells the story of a veteran grifter Roy (Nicolas Cage) and his protégé Frank (Sam Rockwell) who lives off of small time cons.

Their latest scam is selling water filtration systems to poor fools who pay ten times the cost and believe that they had won a prize. The bogus plan is revealed when the car or vacation are actually never collected.

Roy is a mess, he is an agoraphobe and a chain smoker, and lives without any personal relationships outside of his job. He seeks the help of a psychoanalyst (Bruce Altman) to help him obtain pills that will make him feel the same again.

The plot is turned around further when he learns he has a fourteen year-old daughter named Angela (Allison Lohman) living close by with his former wife. Roy's neurosis is heightened by Angela's presence. At first his routine is disrupted, then he begins to have paternal feelings for her and she becomes curious of his secretive career.

Roy tells his daughter the true business he is in and she instantly cons him into showing her a con. She begins to jeopardize the biggest con of Roy's life whilst accumulating a natural gift for conning people out of their money.

Cage turned out a stellar chameleon like performance. This is questionably his best film since his critically acclaimed role in "Adaptation." Another remembered film is "Gone in Sixty Seconds," with Angelina Jolie. Rockwell also turned out another fine performance in the supporting actor role. Cage and Rockwell worked extremely well together, their roles could not have been played by anyone else.

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Roy wonders through an aisle of a grocery store with Angela who is only tossing junk food into the cart.

Misfits proceed with a newer project

By Carl Geissert
Rampage reporter

Review
Misfits
Album: Project 1950
Website: www.misfits.com
Rating: ★★1/2

There are few that would deny the impact the Misfits have had on contemporary music. In their 25 years as a band they have released several short studio albums, countless seven inch eps and have provided inspiration for such bands as Mettallica, Guns N' Roses, Green Day, Marilyn Manson, and Slipknot.

Formed in April 1977 in a small town in New Jersey, founding members Jerry Only and Glenn Danzig set out to make an impression. Naming themselves after Marilyn Monroe's final movie and drawing subject matter from the horror movies out at the time, the bands popularity grew steadily and soon elevated them to one of the top names in punk music.

After a breakup in the mid 80's and a much publicized legal battle over the rights to the songs, the Misfits returned in 1996 with new singer Michale Graves to release "American Psycho" which the band followed up with 1998's "Famous Monsters". Many fans embraced the new albums and despite the loss of vocalist Danzig the misfits continued to grow in popularity.

In 2001, when Graves and drummer Dr. Chudd left to form a new band, Jerry Only was left to rebuild the pieces. Taking over lead vocal duties and enlisting legendary punk drummer Marky Ramone and Dez Cadena of Black Flag to fill in on guitar, the Misfits were once again reborn.

Unfortunately, it's a rebirth that is not welcomed by all. This year the band released "Project 1950" a sub-standard collection of rock n' roll covers from the 50's and early 60's to pay tribute to the bands that provided influence for them.

The album is in a lot of ways lacking, and has left many fans wondering if its time for the Misfits to call it quits. Jerry Only's vocals are noticeably out of tune on "You Belong to Me" and their cover of Jerry Lee Lewis' "Great Balls of Fire" is almost painful to listen to.

The album is not all that bad, in fact their version of Del Shannon's "Runaway" is one of the best I've heard, and also includes a pretty decent version of Bobby Darin's "Dream Lover". "This Magic Moment" and "Only Make Believe" are probably the best songs on the album and make it worth the money.

If you're a hardcore Misfits fan, or enjoy 50's rock n' roll. If you have never heard the Misfits however, this is not the album to start with. I'd suggest "Walk Among Us", "Legacy of Brutality" or "Famous Monsters" instead.

French bistro influenced cuisine

By Gerard Morel
Rampage reporter

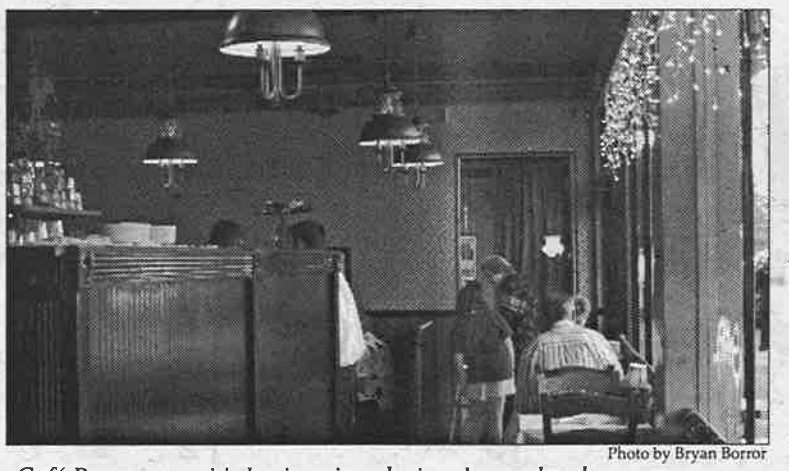


Photo by Bryan Borror

Café Rousseau at it's busiest time during the weekend.

Review
Café Rousseau
Entree Prices: $11.95 to $16.95
Location: 568 E. Olive Ave, in the Tower District
Phone: (559) 445-1536

The French influence is obvious when one steps into Café Rousseau. Decorated in the traditional French bistro fashion, Café Rousseau evokes images of a quaint café on the Left Bank.

Outside, twinkling white lights hang from the windows. Inside copper pots and early 20th century art prints adorn the walls.

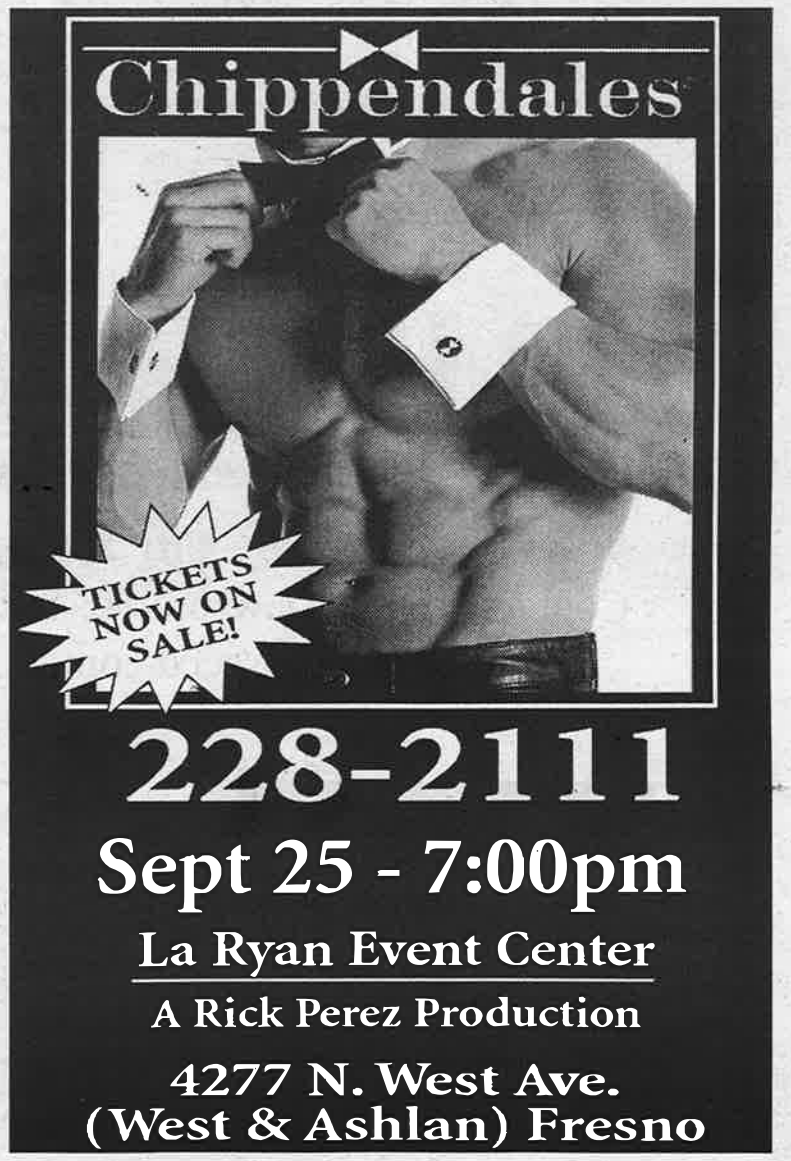
Do not let the ambience intimidate you however, Café Rousseau is very reasonably priced especially considering the quality of cuisine they serve. Entrees range from $11.95 to 16.95.

The eclectic menu can easily satisfy even the most discriminating palate. One can sample anything from the innovative Greek Chicken, stuffed and baked with Feta cheese ($13.95), to the traditional New York Steak ($16.95).

Some important points to note when planning a rendezvous at Café Rousseau are that they only accept cash or check, and one must bring their own wine or beer.

The restaurant charges a small corkage fee of $5 for wine and $0.50 for beer, so one is free to bring their beverage of choice, only adding to the charm of this unique restaurant.

Café Rousseau is nestled in the heart of the historic Tower District at 568 E. Olive Ave. Be sure to call ahead for reservations on Friday and Saturday nights, because they are prone to becoming fairly busy on the weekends. Reservations can be made by calling in advance at (559) 445-1536.



Horoscopes

by Marlena McClai

Aries Cool off your hot head. Use that bowntiful energy, do something less destructive or go run a mile.

Taurus The bling-bling is all about you, watch out you may be a little greedy. So use your patience and un-wind your tensions with a deep tissue massage.

Gemini I see double vision when any Gemini's are around. I see twice the drama, twice the fun and twice the annoyance of any other sign.

Cancer Mr. Crabs is so moody because he doesn't like change or unsympathetic weirdo's hanging around him. To sooth his mushy heart, give him some affection.

Leo The glamorous lioness with bossy intentions of a prima-Madonna yet can be a kind-hearted kitten.

Virgo You are such a worry wart and you're not as innocent as you appear. Like I said to Taurus take a break.

Libra What side are you on? You can barely decide what color you like but at least you do know what you don't like.

Scorpio How am I supposed to know what's going on in your world if you never clue me in on anything? So please *oh mysterious one* express your depressed inner world.

Sagittarius So many places to be, so many people to see. Try not to step on a kind –hearted victim along your way.

Capricorn Some times a little sarca goes a long way, but your ba up plan could have a tad bit m positivity next time.

Aquarius Honesty is the best pol and tactful words are just tac honestly.

Pisces Stop dragging on and about your personal life, pick the pieces and move on.

City Life

by Jesse Garci

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Last week marked the second anniversary of the ***September*** 11 attacks. We still remember the ***tragedy*** that took place when ***terrorists*** seized control of and flew those two ***planes*** into the ***Twin Towers***. Many people lost their ***lives*** or their ***loved ones***. We will never forget those brave ***firemen*** and ***policemen*** who did so much and sacrificed themselves to ***rescue*** so many people. Some died as ***heroes*** trying to regain control of the plane that crashed in that Pennsylvania ***field***. Still more died when a fourth plane destroyed one whole side of the ***Pentagon***. The ***rubble*** of the ***collapsed*** towers stood for almos a year and a half, at ***Ground Zero***, as a ***tribute*** to those whose lives were lost, and to those wh survived. ***Flags*** flew on almost every house for many months after. The ***funeral*** for the last firema was held Sept. 9, almost two years to the day. His body was never found, but he had donated bloo shortly before the attacks and his family chose to bury a vial of his blood. If any good can be said t have come from these events it is that they have brought all ***Americans*** closer together.

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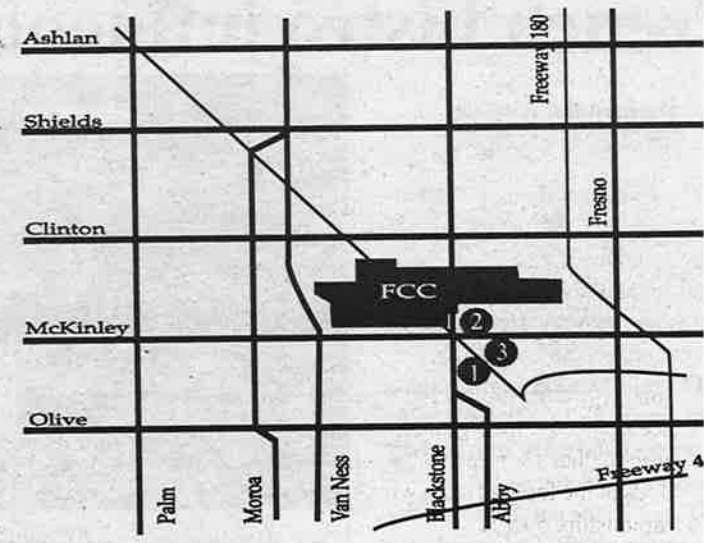

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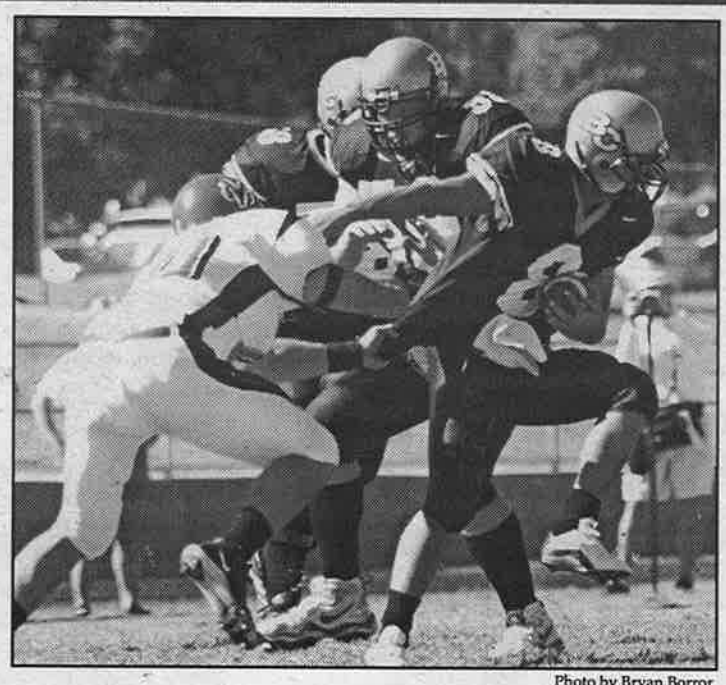

Photo by Bryan Borror

FCC's John Orman reaches for Butte quarterback Rob Freeman.

Fresno City College Football: FCC 14, Butte 5

Defense grabs tough victory

By Josh Butters
Sports Editor

OROVILLE— When the Fresno City College and Butte College football teams face off, high scoring is almost mandatory.

In three previous meetings, the two averaged 86 combined points with the winning team scoring at least 27 points in the last six games of the series.

Someone must have forgotten to tell the teams' defenses that.

In the Rams' victory over the Roadrunners on Sept. 13, both defenses stood strong as FCC defeated Butte 14-5.

The Rams improved to 2-0 while Butte dropped to 1-1.

FCC came into the game ranked No. 5 in the state. Butte was ranked No. 6 in the state.

"We didn't expect this kind of game," said Rams head coach Tony Caviglia. "We knew that they [Butte] had the ability of scoring more points."

Looking like the past would repeat itself, FCC went 80 yards on its first possession, culminating with quarterback Wayne Desmond's 19-yard strike to receiver Terrance Grant.

Answering right back, Butte drove into Ram territory, setting up Garth Archibald's 47-yard field goal cutting FCC's lead to 7-3.

With the offenses unable to produce, the score saw a standstill of more than 18 minutes.

With the ball late into the second quarter, unable to shake Butte defenders, Desmond was sacked for a loss of 20 yards, putting the Rams at their own 4-yard-line.

Forced to punt, FCC's Danny Munster had his kick blocked out of the back of the end zone for the safety, making the score 7-5.

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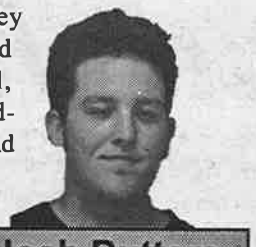
Smells like state titles

Okay Okay, maybe I was a little rough. Last semester I said no one would win a state championship and to defend myself I was right.

All the Fresno City College teams still in competition at the time lost like I said they would. That included softball, baseball, track and field, badminton and men's and women's tennis.



Josh Butters

But it's a brand new year.

Build all your hopes up; it's okay this time. At least one team will win one this year.

With sports gambling being very popular now a days, lets set some odds.

This is the first year FCC will have a women's water polo team. In the past, there was a men's team but was discontinued in the early 1980's. The valley is a hotbed for water polo talent. Merced is ranked No. 1 in the state but isn't in the Rams' conference.

Most likely, the Rams won't win a state title in their first year but wouldn't it be an awesome story?

Odds of the women's water polo team winning the state championship, 35 to 1.

Always in the chase is the football team. Yeah, they only have one returning starter but Rams coach Tony Caviglia knows how to rebuild, he did it after his first season.

The team has what it lacked last season, defense. It will come in use against one of the toughest schedules in the state.

Reedley is the favorite in the Valley Conference but that's where FCC was last season.

Odds of the football team winning the state championship, 5 to 1.

The men's soccer team made it to the state championship game last season but have lost many pivotal players like forward Tim McKinney and Coast Conference player of the year defender Nick Anderson. Five returning players might be enough but the Rams are still one of the top programs in the state.

Odds of the men's soccer team winning the state championship, 12 to 1.

After a third round exit in the Northern California playoffs last season, the women's soccer team is back. In its three playoff games, the Rams gave up one goal. Expectations are high in making the final four.

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Diving right in

Photo by Josh Hires

Lacking the right size of pool, the FCC women's waterpolo team will have home matches off campus at Sanger High.

Rams field first women's water polo team

By Tony Losongco
Editor-in-Chief

While the women's water polo team is playing a scrimmage in the deeper of the two Fresno City College pools, assistant Karyn Klatt whistles a stop to the action. The coach has arrived, and she needs four players to step out and help her bring in a goal — a water polo must-have that FCC doesn't.

"We have goals!" one player yells.

"Singular, not goals," says goalie Martina Otterbeck.

Fresno City College dived head first into a new sport over the summer, and although the players lack a permanent goal or a permanent place on campus to host games, head coach Janell Odom and her athletes couldn't be happier.

On July 1, the athletics department named Odom the first coach of the FCC women's water polo team. Odom's appointment came only 12 weeks before the team's debut.

"The hardest thing has been getting it advertised," Odom said. "The word just didn't spread like we thought it had spread."

The team held a recruiting day Aug. 1 that helped draw players from FCC and Reedley College — Reedley doesn't have a team of its own — and from eight Valley high schools.

Odom must psyche her team up for the first match Sept. 24 at Foothill, a team that has etched a name for itself in the six years since California community colleges began sporting women's water polo teams.

The players and coach say they can't wait for the competition. At the first practice last month, most of the team members had never played with each other, but now they joke around and work together.

"Pretty much, we all mesh together," said Sarah Bergstrom, a first-year Reedley College student who plays hold set, water polo's equivalent to the center in basketball. "I'm loving the practices already, but yeah, I'm ready to start playing."

These athletes don't expect a state title out of their first season. And they won't face many of the state's elite teams such as Northern California power Merced which is ranked No. 1 in the state or the three Southern California teams that have won all of the sport's state titles.

But these athletes play beyond the limitations.

The Rams will have several obstacles to making a splash on the campus radar, including the late addition at FCC and low visibility of water polo as a spectator sport.

Perhaps worste of all for fans, the home games will be at Sanger High.

FCC's two small pools are not big enough to host an actual game, so players focus on conditioning twice a week at FCC

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Junior College football notebook

FCC's Roosevelt Cooks makes impact on defense

By Josh Butters
Sports editor

Sophomore Rams linebacker Roosevelt Cooks had a big game against the Sacramento City Panthers Sept. 6. Cooks tallied 18 tackles—seven unassisted— and two sacks in the 30-19 victory.

"I like hitting people," Cooks said.

In FCC's 14-5 victory over Butte, Cooks had 12 tackles, two sacks and a forced fumble which lead to the game clinching touchdown.

"Roosevelt is a smart player," said Rams head coach Tony Caviglia.

Ruiz makes best of opportunity

Third string linebacker Adam Ruiz came up big in FCC's 14-5 victory over Butte College Sept. 13.

Ruiz had nine tackles, two for losses and an interception.

"It's about being at the right place at the right time," said Ruiz. "I'll take all the opportunities that I can get to play."

"He made some great tackles. He did a good job coming in for us," said Caviglia.

Grant goes for six

Wide Receiver Terrance Grant couldn't be happier in returning to football.

"It feels great to play again," Grant said.

The transfer from Merced College sat out last season and opened the season in convincing fashion.

In FCC's 30-19 victory over Sacramento City College, Grant caught both of quarterback Wayne Desmond's touchdown passes for 40 and 46 yards.

"I did the easy part, catching it," Grant said. "The offensive line did the hard part blocking."

Grant also caught a 19-yard touchdown pass against Butte, again from Desmond.

Wright pounds down field

Rams running back Nate Wright had shown he is a threat every time he touches the ball. After the first two games, Wright has rushed 37 times for 256 yards, an average of 6.9 yards per carry.

Reedley win streak snapped

Reedley College lost to Santa Rosa 35-10, snapping the team's 13-game win streak.

Quarterback Robert Johnson didn't start because of a shoulder injury but was put in it try to help a comeback.

Johnson threw for 410 yards in the Tigers' 38-23 victory against Antelope Valley in its season opener.

Reedley is ranked No. 1 in the state but will fall in this week's poll.

Santa Rosa is ranked No. 10.

American River wins

After going 0-10 in the 2002 season, American River College won its season opener 17-14 over host West Valley when Beavers kicker Ryan Hunting booted a 41-yard field goal with 36 seconds left in the fourth quarter.

Get your tickets

FCC's first home game is Sept. 27 against San Joaquin Delta. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. with the gates opening 90 minutes before game time.

Tickets are $6 for adults, $4 for senior citizens and non-FCC students with ID. FCC students with a current Associated Student Body card get in for free.

Football Capsules

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)
2002: 9-2 overall, 4-1 (Second, Nor Cal Conference)
Last bowl: 2002, Silicon Valley Bowl (defeated West Hills 38-28)
2003: 0-2
Series record: Tied at 3-3
Last played: 2002, FCC 44, Foothill 0
Last Week: Lost to San Mateo 36-0
Notes: In the past two games against Foothill, the Rams have outscored the Owls 96-0.

In the Owls victory against City 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)
2003: 2-0
Series record: FCC leads series 20-7-1
Last played: 2002, FCC 49, Delta 37
Last Week: Defeated Monterey Peninsula 68-23
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.

Photo by Bryan Bor

FCC running back Nate Wright rushes for 149 yards on 14 carries in the Rams' 30-19 victory over Sacramento City College Sept. 6 in both teams' season opener. Wright also had one touchdown.

Football: Rams improve to 2-0

Butte moved the ball downfield, setting up scoring opportunities in FCC's red zone.

With less than 20 seconds remaining in the half, Roadrunners quarterback Rob Freeman was forced out of the pocket. FCC linebacker Roosevelt Cooks chased him down for the sack.

With no timeout remaining, Butte was unable to line up fast enough to spike the ball and stop the clock, missing an opportunity for the go-ahead field goal.

"That was a huge play," Caviglia said. "I thought they had a legitimate chance at getting into the end zone."

With the score looking more like a baseball game, FCC went into the locker room at the break with a 7-5 lead.

Midway into the third quarter, FCC's Adam Ruiz intercepted a Butte pass at the Roadrunners' 31-yard-line. The Rams went four-and-out, squandering a chance to cushion their lead.

Minutes later, Tafa Samuela recovered a Butte fumble in the Roadrunners' territory, but FCC running back Rudy Jones fumbled during the Rams' drive.

After a scoreless third quarter, Cooks broke through Butte's offensive line, forcing a fumble that was recovered by FCC at the Roadrunners' 28-yard-line.

"I wasn't supposed to blitz," Cooks said. "But I had a feeling and I got in there as fast as I could."

On the second play of the drive and without an open receiver, Desmond scrambled to his right dodging defenders and tip-toeing down the sideline on his way into the end zone with 7:50 remaining.

"Big games come down to big plays," Caviglia said. "Fortunately the big play went in our favor."

In Butte's last two possessions, the Roadrunners didn't overcome momentum and FCC was able to run the clock out.

Last season, Butte went 10-1, losing only to the Rams.

"We knew they would come into the game with revenge on their mind," Caviglia said.

FCC has won four straight against the Roadrunners, tying the team's all-time series at 5-5.

The Rams tallied 219 yards offense— 141 rushing, 78 passing- while Butte put up 293 yards offen

The Rams' offensive line whi consists of no returning starte from last year's team, allowed o sack and made way for runni back Nate Wright to rush for 1 yards on 23 carries.

"They're coming togethe Caviglia said. "We're getting b ter every week."

Butte's front line consists of six pl ers that weight at least 300 pounds.

"They were one of the bigg teams I have always play against," Cooks said.

The Rams and the Roadrunn could meet again this year with champions of the Nor-Cal Footh Conference and Valley Confere which Butte and FCC are memb of respectively playing each ot for the Northern California cha pionship and a berth in the state t game.

"That is a long time awa Caviglia said. "It hasn't ev crossed my mind yet."

The Rams face Foothill Sept in Los Altos Hills. Last season, F defeated the Owls 44-0.

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Water polo: Rams home opener on Sept. 26

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and commute between school and Sanger for practices.

"It's pretty local for them," Odom said of the three Reedley players and their Sanger practices. "It's not so local for the kids up at City."

Odom and Klatt also do the commute, since they balance coaching duties at Sanger High.

Despite the obstacles, the team has one major asset: teamwork.

"We've all spent a lot of time getting to know each other," Odom said. She said that after a few practices, the players had worked as though they had been together for months.

During a practice in Sanger, Brittney Weaver, who also will play basketball for FCC this fall, charged toward the goalie, Otterbeck, and cocked her head three times to the left, faking Otterbeck out.

Weaver then shoots the ball into the goal, attracting the reaction of awe-struck teammates and spectators.

"I think she was just cleaning out her ears," a teammate said.

Halfway through the practice, Odom suits up and enters the water to provide instruction and competition. She's defending and blocking, reaching in and intimidating.

"I'm kinda scared of Janell," her opponent calls out. "Does anybody wanna switch?"

Odom stresses fundamentals, and it's clear through her performance in the water that she speaks from experience.

"I don't have this playbook of all these crazy plays that you can run," Odom said. "It's very solid."

Odom's experience comes as an All-American in club-level water polo at UC Davis. As the only person to head the women's water polo team at Sanger High, she took the team to the Central Section playoffs last year.

For Otterbeck, the goalie, the new water polo team came to FCC at just the right time. An alumna of Odom's Sanger High team, Otterbeck could have played at Merced College, the closest college with a water polo team.

> ***"We've spent a lot of time getting to know each other... I don't have this playbook with all these crazy plays that you can run***
>
> **—Fresno City College women's water polo coach Janelle Odom on the first year team**

Otterbeck told her mom that she wanted to stay in the area.

"I wanted to stay close to home, and I knew that Reedley had a good agricultural program," said Otterbeck — or Mo, as her teammates call her. "It's kinda one of those things where one door shuts, and the other door opens."

"She puts her horses second to do this," said Jan Otterbeck, Martina's mother.

But horses and the Sept. 26 home debut aside, the FCC team has to worry about opponents like Foothill.

The team from Los Altos Hills lost 16 games last season to teams ranked in the state's top 10 and finished 8-20, but the Owls made the state final eight in 2000 and 2001.

This year, Foothill will have two tournaments under its belt by the time the team plays FCC.

Bergstrom, a Kingsburg High graduate, is just glad to be playing. Water polo, described by Odom as a combination of soccer, hockey and basketball, provides her with the philosophy that may score FCC some wins this season.

"You get to be nice out of the water and tough in the water."

Volleyball team looks to kill

By Elle Jaramillo
Rampage reporter

The Fresno City College women's volleyball team will have a fresh look to it. Assistant coach Sonny Perez will take charge, while head coach Sherri Hess has taken a family leave for the season.

The Rams consist of eleven players total, 10 of which are freshmen. The one returning veteran being Kirsten Mendietz.

"It's a tight knit of girls," says coach Elder on the subject of the youngness of the team."

"We will be just as successful as last year's team but with more passion" Perez said.

Last year's team made it to the state championship final eight for the first time in school history, winning the Central Valley Conference title on its way.

FCC went 4-4 at the Cuesta College Tournament, including wins against Oxnard and Irvine Valley.

"We did pretty strong for this early in the season," says Rams player Nikki Ciapponi on this past weekends tournament.

Perez came to Fresno City in the 2001-2002 season. He played three years at Cal Poly form 1990-1992 and is very excited about the success of this year's team. Perez and Elder agree that there is a lot of passion for the game in this year's team.

Elder was hired on by Hess. This year of coaching at FCC will be his 8th. He played all four years of high school at Bullard and one year in college. He's been coaching club volleyball for years though.

While both coach's agree that there is a lot of talent and determination on the team, there are two players who stand out and that's returning veteran Mondietz and Ciapponi.

Mondietz went to Sierra High.

"I was always athletic, I didn't want to run and all of my friends were playing," says Mendietz on how she started to play volleyball.

Ciapponi came to FCC from Bullard High where she played all four years of high school.

She says the team is really looking good for this season, besides, isn't that what fresh means anyways.

Volleyball

Coach
Sonny Perez—1st season as Rams head coach

Last Season
24-3 overall, Central Valley Conference champions, went 0-2 in state championships

Key Losses
RS Erin Anderson, DS Lyndsey Collins, MB Rayshell Fambrough, OH Danielle Fries, MB Stacy Goodman, RS Betsey Keller, RS Heather Maney, OH Kelly McLemore, MB Coby Nakamura, S Brianne Stockwell

Key Returners
MB Kristin Mondientz

Butters:

Wrestling is best bet with 3 to 2 odds

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Odds of the women's soccer team winning the state title, 10 to 1.

The women's golf team is much improved from last season. In the Rams' match against Modesto, FCC had a team score of 353. In last season's state championship tournament, winners Mt. San Antonio had a score of 664 over two rounds. FCC score 353 multiplied by two equals 706. Math was never my subject but 706-664 is 32, FCC is a contender.

Odds of women's golf team winning the state championship, 7 to 1.

It's just September and there is already hype for men's basketball.

Tip-off is in November but the Rams went 38-2 last season, setting a school record for most wins in a season.

FCC lost in the state championship game to Los Angeles City College but only by eight points while shooting 39 percent. The Cubs shot 56 points. LACC got lucky, plain and simple.

Returning are state player of the year Tyrone Jackson and Jason Walberg, statistically the best three-point shooter in the state. Sounds good to me so far.

Odds of men's basketball winning the state championship, 9 to 4

The wrestling Rams are the Yankees of grappling, 14 state championships. That's almost a coin flip to win another one since the team fell short last year and have two state individual champions returning in Darrell Goodpastor and Mariano Sanchez.

If you are a betting person—which I am— the wrestling team has the best chance in my book.

Odds of the wrestling team winning state championship, 3 to 2.

There's so many teams and so many chances for a state title. Athletes of FCC, know you're finger size, championship rings are on the horizon.

Rampage Scoreboard

FOOTBALL

Sept. 6
FCC(1-0) 30
Sac City(0-1) 19

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	F
FCC	7	9	7	7	30
SCC	6	0	0	13	19

Ram Stats: QB Wayne Desmond 14 of 26, 202 yds 2 TD, 2 INT; RB Nate Wright 14 carries for 149 yds 1 TD; WR Terrace Grant 4 catches for 97 yards 2 TD

Sept. 13
FCC(2-0) 14
Butte(1-1) 5

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	F
FCC	7	0	0	7	14
Butte	3	2	0	0	5

Ram Stats: RB Nate Wright 23 carries for 107 yards

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

9/17 ..... at Modesto
9/20 ..... at S.J. Delta Tourn.
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

Sept. 12
FCC (2-1-1) 1
DeAnza (N/A) 1
Ram Stats: Joaquin Jaime scores game-tying goal in first half on penalty kick

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 GOLF

Sept. 9
Rams defeat Modesto by forfeit

Low Medalists for FCC:
85—Kay Dunbar
86—Brittany Coolter
87—Emily Johnson
95—Amanda Cogdill
Record: FCC improves to 4-1

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Sept. 11
FCC (3-2) 15
Gavilan (N/A) 0
Goals scored: Kaycee Fontes (4), Amy Spring (2), Meigan Soo (2), Aleisha Tosh (2), Michelle Mancebo (2), Tonya Allen (1), Cynthia Rodriguez (1), Jessica Armeinto (1)

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

9/20 ..... 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.**
11/1at 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.

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 (@ Ohlone)
Home games at Sanger High.

Game of the Week

FCC Rams VS. **DeAnza Dons**

Sport: Women's water polo
When: Sept. 26
Where: Sanger High
Time: 4 p.m.

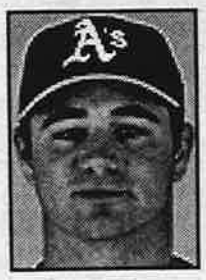
Notes: The match between FCC and DeAnza will mark the first time Rams fans can see their historic team play at home.

— Josh Butters

Alumni Spotlight

Sport: Baseball
Position: Pitcher
Last played for FCC in: 1996
Currently: Starting pitcher for Oakland Athletics

Ram Stat: In his last four starts, Lilly is 4-0 with 26 strike outs, giving up four earned runs with an ERA of 1.53 over 23.4 innings.



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Rams kickoff soccer seasons

Men hope to build on past success

By Joey Perez
Rampage reporter

Fresno City College men's soccer coach Eric Solberg doesn't know what to expect from a team that has four returning starters.

The Rams ended the 2002 season ranked No. 4 in the nation and No. 2 in the state. FCC —winners of the Coast Conference title— came up short in the state championship game, letting Santa Rosa Junior College come from two goals behind to win a second straight title 3-2.

Seven of last year's starters have moved on, making this year's team very inexperienced.

"Definitely not as mature", said Solberg in a comparison of the two teams.

Fifteen freshmen are on this year's roster, making the Rams one of the youngest teams in school history.

The inexperience, and lack of unity, has not kept Solsberg from trying to build a winning team. Solberg is not a stranger to success. In his five year's as coach of the FCC men's soccer team, Solberg has a record of 71-11-19.

"We certainly want to win," Solberg said.

"The Coast Conference is very competitive, and if you can compete in that conference, you're one of the best in the state."

Solberg hopes to find leadership in returning starter Onesta Francis who one of the captains on the team. He has switched positions to provide experience in the backfield, going from Forward to Sweeper.

"You have to be more patient, up front it's more active, in the back you must have discipline", said Francis about his position change.

FCC is also powered by strength in its forwards with players Garret Perez, Raul Rivera, and Victor Lopez.

As a young team, young players tend to look for leadership and help that is why Solberg has five captains, all returnees to the team. "They know the system," Solberg said.

Last season's team was very dominant and played together well, breaking the school record for wins in a season (23) but like any other Junior College team, players transfer to either a UC or State University.

"In JC you lose your guys, you can't rebuild from year to year", said Solsberg who was referring to five players from last years squad who have transferred. Tim McKinney and Correy Edden both were given scholarships to San Jose State.

Sweeper Nick Anderson who was named Coast Conference player of the year, transferred to Cal-Poly and was first team All-American while at FCC being the only one since Solberg has coached. Pete Ramirez who was a 2002 All Nor-Cal player and goalkeeper Anthony Cardiel were two key players that are also gone from last season's top ranked team.

So far, the Rams are 2-1-1 with their only loss being to Hartmell.

In the team's first home game, FCC tied DeAnza 1-1, a team they defeated last year to advance to the State Championships. Joaquin Jaime was the player that scored the only goal for the Rams of a penalty kick.

Apparently the thought of being so close to the state title has motivated the players to the extent of having letters "W.T.L.G" on their warm-up jerseys meaning "win the last game."

Although the FCC men's soccer team may lack experience or may be young, they are a determined group of players with only one goal, and Francis makes that very clear, "Nothing matters but the state championship."

Photo by Bryan Borror

FCC tied DeAnza 1-1 Sept. 9 at Ratcliffe Stadium when FCC's Joaquin Jaime scored on a penalty kick.

Women raise playoff expectations

By Joey Perez
Rampage reporter

The 2003 Fresno City College Women's Soccer team is faster, stronger, and more motivated than ever. "Fitness-wise it's the best team I've ever coached," says Coach Oliver Germond who is in his third year coaching at FCC.

Germond who came to FCC in 2001 after three years at College of the Canyons, has no plans in slowing down his successful way of coaching. Germond as a coach has a vision to turn FCC women's soccer into one of the best in the state.

In just his second year coaching, he guided his team to win the Central Valley Conference championship.

"Our goal every year is to win our conference and do as well as we can in playoffs and eventually win a state title," Germond said.

After winning the conference title, Germond started the first ever summer class in FCC women's soccer history to help soccer players get in shape.

"We worked a lot on fitness and condition which helps us out work other teams," Germond said. The summer class has come into play in the team's two victories over Citrus College and Spokane.

The team has had trouble finishing teams, losing to Diablo Valley 4-3 and College of the Canyons 1-0.

"We need to do a better job at putting teams away," Germond said.

Against DVC, the Rams lost a key player in starting defender Michealla Guadiana who went down with a broken leg.

Guadiana was in her first year and now will receive a medical redshirt, letting her play in the next two seasons.

"It's hard to watch from the sideline, and you want to work with a team you've worked with since July," Guadiana said.

She was very emotional about the players who came up short on the journey to the state title in 2002. "Most of all I wanted to help the returners go further than they did last year, but all I can offer is moral support," Guadiana said. With her missing, teammates have promised to pick up there game and get a lot of victories.

"We play really well together," said Tonya Allen who leads the team in goals scored this year.

Germond says there are a lot of new features that have been added to the team. Beginning, with the increase of incoming freshmen. "Were attracting more and more players from the Valley to come and play and stay at FCC," Germond said.

One thing that cannot be taken away from this year's team is there good work ethic and discipline. "The caliber of players is better then we've ever had," Germond said.

The women's soccer team will have huge challenges this season in defending the CVC title.

"I think we have a lot of potential but just haven't showed it yet," said team captain Amy Spring. With the loss of a starting defender, challenges that wait them this season, the FCC women's soccer team are out to dominate in a world where it's about the battle of the fittest. When asked if the team would win a back to back conference title Allen confidently replied, "Yeah definitely."

Men's Socce

Coach

Eric Solberg
5th season a
Rams head
coach (71-1
19)

Last Season

23-3-3 overall, Coast Conferen
South Division champions, los
Santa Rosa Junior College 3-
Commision on Athletics st
championship game.

Key Losses

MD Rob Hodgkins, F T
McKinney, D Nick Anderson,
Anthony Cardiel, F Mike Gar
D Pete Ramirez, MF P
Polanco, Correy Edden

Key Returners

D Onesta Francis, F Gar
Perez, F Paul Rivera, F Vi
Lopez, MD Larry Vinareal

Women's Soccer

Coach

Oliver Germond—third season as Rams head coach (23-10-9)

Last Season

16-3-4 overall, Central Val
Conference champions, lost
Santa Rosa Junior College
in third round of Northern C
fornia playoffs.

Key Losses

GK Myla Dominguez, D Amar
Jacquez, D Erin Landers,
Melissa Carr, F Sandra Gom
D Dyon Melton

Key Returners

HB Amy Spring, HB Meigan S

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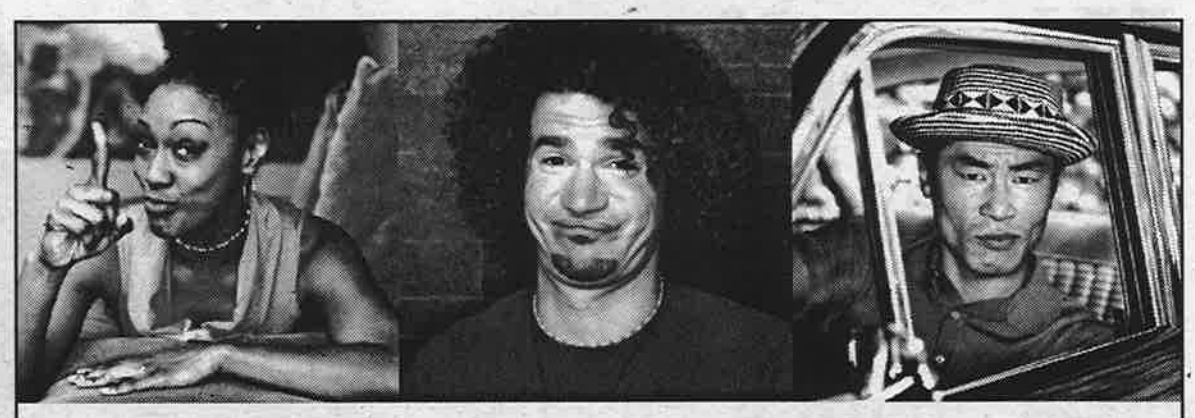

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Wrestling team goes for No. 15

FCC has won eight team and six dual state championships

By Elle Jaramillo
Rampage reporter

The Fresno City College wrestling team is known for it's hard work and determination. Watching them, it's obvious that their goal is to win another team title.

They are hungry for yet another state championship. With 14 state championships, "the biggest challenge this team has is living up to our potential," said Michael Spalliero, of the 165 pound weight class.

With eight state championships and six state dual titles, the team's success stems from hard practice and the desire to win, like they have 18 times before in the past 44 years.

Practice runs Monday through Friday for two and a half hours with a study group on Sunday for the athletes. In a room with wrestling mats on the ground, these athletes work hard and are rewarded with awards, medals and sometimes scholarships.

The FCC wrestling program has been used as a stepping stone for several very successful athletes such like Yero Washington, Stan Greene and Alfonso Turner. Washington wrestled for FCC back in 1994-1995. He was a two time All American in 1996 for Fresno State, and is now a Columbia University wrestling coach while working on an Olympic berth.

These and many more athletes have gone on to become All Americans and earn scholarships to several NCAA Division 1 schools.

The pride and recognition that the team receives is sometimes a motivator for athletes. Other times the motivation is based on personal drive.

Sometimes athletes are on the other end of the spectrum, such as Spalliero, who is here "just out for fun and good times."

Head coach Jared Smith said, "You can't be motivated by another person. Because if you're not motivated then you're not good." Smith is optimistic of this season. He says that the team has a "very tough line with very few holes."

With returning state champions Darrell Goodpastor and Mariano Sanchez, a few key recruits, and some new talent, the team has a very good chance of attaining it's 15th title.

Goodpastor has been wrestling for nearly 14 years. As a student at Buchanan High he made it to the State Championships his junior and senior years.

"There's lot of new guys, but we're growing together as a team." Goodpastor says about the success of this year's team.

Mariano Sanchez has been wrestling for nine years now, four of which were for Reedley High. He made it to the state championships both his junior and senior years and placed 3rd his senior year.

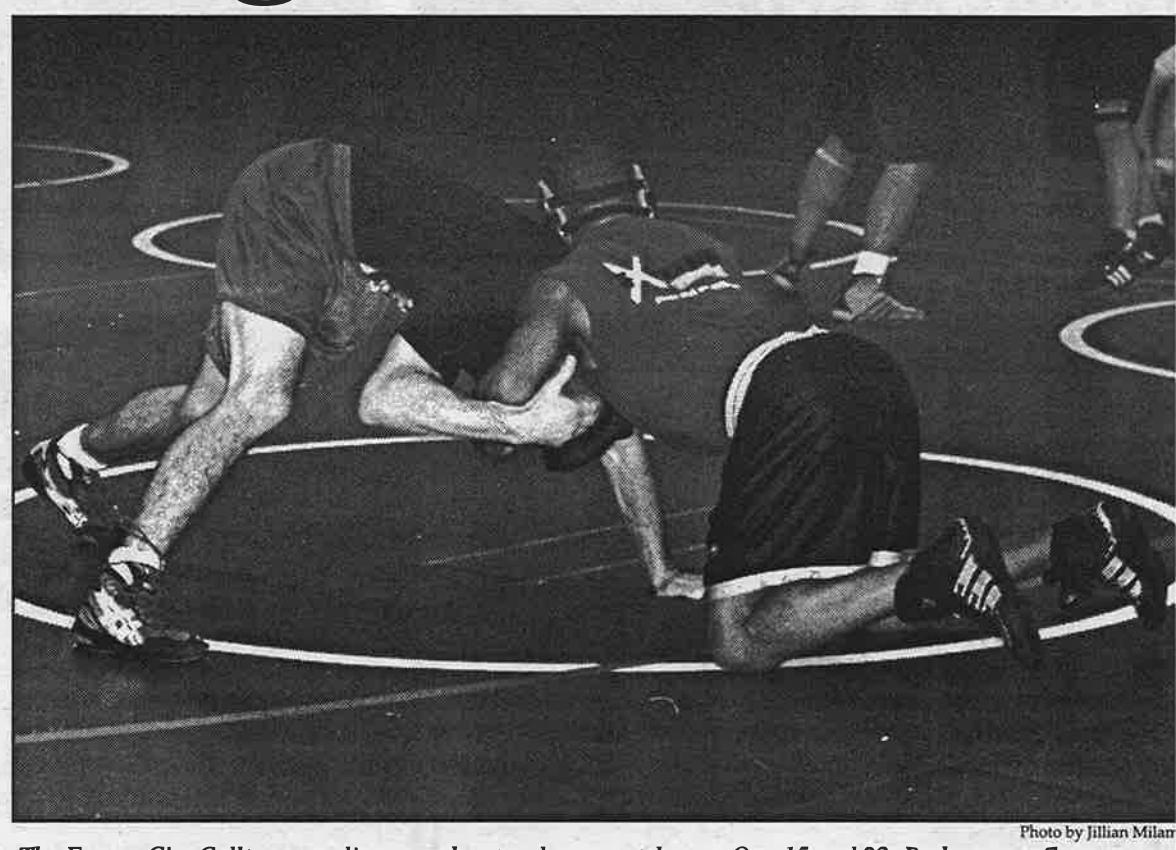
A few of the key recruits mentioned by both assistant coach Randall Craven and Smith were Eduardo Mercardo (Madera High) at 184 pounds, Spalliero from Fresno State at 165 pounds, Will Cantu (Firebaugh High) at 149 pounds and Yasser Pezzat who graduated in 1998 (Exeter High).

While the FCC wrestling program is very successful, it's not widely known. Second year student Casey Keating, a baseball player for Fresno City, didn't know too much about the success of the team, but when told, he said, "That's great! All of the athletes put together a tradition of excellence and the wrestling program only improves that tradition.

The one thing lacking is the student's support. The team has the pride, drive and determination, but they want the student's support.

While they work hard, there's only a few home matches, but the state championships are here in Fresno.

The FCC Rams want you, the students, members of the FCC community, to pack the gym. With students and other supporters to cheer them on they hope to continue what truly is a "tradition of excellence."



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The Fresno City College wrestling team has two home matches on Oct. 15 and 22. Both start at 7 p.m.

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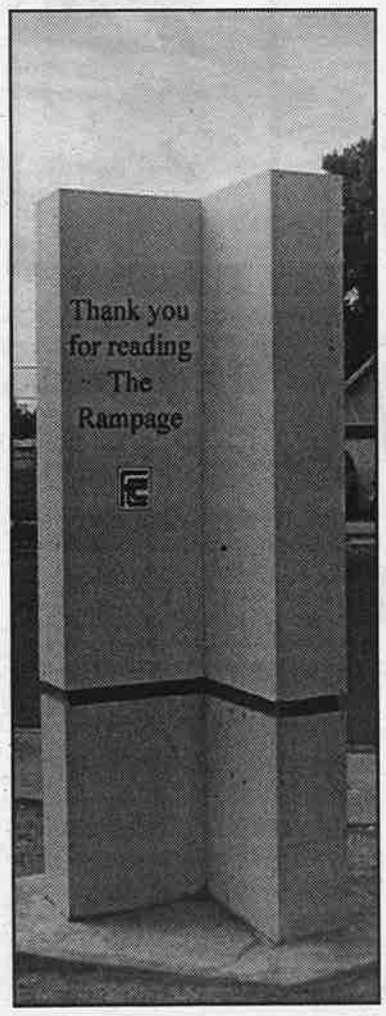

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