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Jungle fever
FCC actors put on a production of "The Jungle Book."
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Teams, fans riot



17 players punished, 2 dismissed

By Jack Phillips
Sports editor

Seventeen Fresno City and Reedley college football players have been punished by district and athletic officials in connection with a riot that occurred after the teams' Nov. 15 game.

The incident erupted when the teams met at midfield for traditional post-game handshakes and players from both sides began arguing. Moments later, members of the two teams were involved in an all-out fight.

"There is no place for that in football," said FCC fifth year head coach Tony Cavaglia.

Coaches and school officials were able to

break the teams apart but a second wave of trouble began as FCC fans moved toward the field. Some players began running and throwing punches, as well as kicking.

With the fight now growing against the spectator barrier on the west side of the field, fans became involved, exchanging blows with some of the players. Police were able to diffuse the situation with the use of pepper spray, but not before a member of the Reedley coaching staff sustained an injury.

After being struck in the head with a thrown helmet, Reedley assistant coach Shane Beatty needed stitches to his forehead to close a gash. About 200 people were involved but no others were seriously injured.

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Above: Fresno City and Reedley college football players. Below: Reedley's Aaron Rankin punches FCC's Ryan Hallenbeck.

Photos by Bryan Borrer (top) and Keith Kountz (left)

Reserved seats draw fire

Faculty oppose plan to save athletes spots in 25 general education classes

By Melissa Whittle
Rampage reporter

The Fresno City College Academic Senate voiced so much concern last month about a reserved-seating proposal for athletes that school officials postponed its implementation for the spring semester.

The initial policy would have reserved 10 seats in 25 general education classes, totaling 250 seats.

The seats were to be reserved in classes like basic math and English.

Michael Roberts, president of the Academic Senate, said the

policy was created by input from counseling, the athletics program and FCC dean of instruction Deborah Ikeda.

"The senate as a body felt that [the policy] was unfair to all students to provide such an advantage to students that have not yet arrived," Roberts said.

Roberts also said that even though it would have had a limited effect on instructors, it would have prevented most FCC students from registering.

After opposition by faculty at the Academic Senate's Nov. 5 meeting, administrators rescinded the proposal. A task force has been put

together to come up with a compromise, Roberts said.

"We were opposed to the policy not because of the athletes, but because on the surface, it was unfair," Roberts said. "But we also believed that a solution could be worked out with the athletic program so that academically as well as athletically the students could succeed."

When Ikeda spoke to the Academic Senate on Nov. 19, she shared her thoughts and reasonings on the policy.

"I think the goal was good, but the execution was poor," she said. "That is as much my fault as anybody else's."

Ikeda said a reserved-seating policy was the best possible solution to address academic issues for

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Burglary hits office of FCC instructor

By Ambra Chavira
Special to The Rampage

A burglary struck the Fresno City College Theatre last month when an estimated \$3,589 in equipment was stolen, including property from the office of theater arts instructor Dan Wheeler.

According to Sgt. Charles Anderson of the State Center Community College District's police department, the incident occurred between Nov. 1 and Nov. 3. District police received a call regarding the burglary from Francis Sullivan, the theater manager, at 7:40 a.m. on Nov. 3.

"We've got some people com-

ing around late at night," Anderson said. "Nothing definite; in other words, we don't know who it is."

Objects stolen include \$2,500 in computer software, a scanner, a zip drive and Wheeler's personal paint brushes.

That same weekend, one or more people broke into the women's restroom and punched a hole in the ceiling thinking they could progress through the building, Anderson said. The attic walls are constructed to prevent such passage.

The burglars, he added, "knocked pins out of the door on the second floor to get into the theater. Why'd they do that?"

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Letters to the Editor

Do excellent work, get an excellent grade

Upon reading Gerard Morel's view regarding the grading system utilized by Fresno City College instructors ["FCC instructors don't make their policies clear, fair," Nov. 12], I was not only perplexed, but also angered.

Morel's comment regarding the abolishment of unnecessary classes is full of arrogance. We individuals as students attend college to receive an education in order to become well-rounded individuals within today's society.

Sure, classes exist that are irrelevant to our major, yet we enroll in those classes to obtain an understanding of the world in which we live.

If you would rather not enroll in these "irrelevant" classes, why not attend a trade school where you obtain a specific skill, without these filler, general education requirements?

As college students, it is assumed that we have the ability to determine what those teaching classes expect of students. This isn't high school.

Though some instructors may be elastic regarding expectations of an assignment or when it will be due, most instructors assign projects, defining expectations in black and white. I think we all know what happens when we submit an assign-

I think we all know what happens when we submit an assignment without applying any effort or don't go to class.

ment without applying any effort or don't go to class. We get a poor grade.

The basis of grading is determined not only by the student's ability to regurgitate information, answering questions on an exam, but the ability to apply this knowledge.

There will always be that one student who is a genius, requiring minimal amounts of time to study the material, whereas the remaining students in the class require extensive studying.

With the exception of students who have learning disabilities, the

amount of effort students devote to understanding course material will correlate with their knowledge of the subject material.

If you study for an exam, understand and can apply the knowledge, you will get a good grade in the class, such as an A. Also, if you plan on applying to graduate school, most schools do not accept a pass/fail grading system. The method in which instructors present their curriculum is dependent on personal preference.

As a graduate of the University of California at Riverside, I've had professors who do not assign a textbook, yet tested students on lecture material and application of knowledge. Does that seem fair?

The methods in which instructors present their curriculum at FCC are perfectly fine. If a student has a question regarding an instructor's grading basis, ask. By taking general education requirements, we're expanding our knowledge and understanding of society, thinking outside of the box.

We wouldn't all want to be square pegs trying to fit into round holes, would we?

Peter N. Weber
FCC student
UC Riverside graduate, 2003

School success starts when the excuses end

After returning to our wonderful school for one last semester prior to my transfer to California State University, Fresno, I have a few questions and comments:

- Why does the Fresno City College police force drive a standard-size police car while making its rounds? In this time of budget crisis in California, would a bicycle not be more fuel-efficient?

By the looks of our men in blue, a few laps around campus on a 10-speed would do a world of wonder.

Maybe we could downsize them into a golf cart. The Catalina Island police force drives golf carts. Is this gas hog of a car needed for high-speed chases across campus?

- Why can't people be on time to class? This walking in late is not doing anyone any favors including themselves. When an assignment is given by the teachers, why all the complaining?

If you don't want to be here, find the exit. Are we not all here to invest in our future? What are you going to do when you finally land that \$100,000-a-year job? Arrive late every day? Complain about added work?

Don't blame being late on parking. In the real world, there are no excuses. "Leave earlier" is what your employer will tell you.

- Some students seek out the responsible ones. They must have a honing device in their backpacks. They come to class the first two weeks to find their savior.

Why should I help you? What

If you don't want to be here, find the exit. Are we not all here to invest in our future?

do you have to offer me in return? I can never count on you to give me notes if I am on my deathbed and not able to come to class. We are in competition with each other when it comes to that \$100,000-per-year job.

- Cell phones and cigarettes? So often I pass people on the phone with cigarettes in their mouths complaining about the cost of school. Quit smoking, and throw away the phone. Look at the savings!

Wait until you transfer to a university. Your first cost is \$64 for parking; this guarantees you to be within a mile of your first class. Health fees for God knows what, student body fees — they charge for everything. The money stops around \$2,000 per semester.

- Teachers that on their syllabus sound as mean and tough as Ebenezer Scrooge are not forgiving at all. Mr. and Mrs. Never-Go-To-Class come up with a tear-jerking story, and they allow them to turn in work late.

So why is mine on time? Do I

get extra points for doing what I was told to do? Don't get me wrong. The majority of the staff is great; by remaining tough, they teach us all life lessons.

- How about these great printers in the Media Center? Maybe if we sell the police car, we could afford modern printers and get rid of the dot-matrix ones!

Even with all this grumbling, I have had great experiences here. Thanks for the memories, FCC; I appreciate all that you have done for me.

John Wright
FCC student

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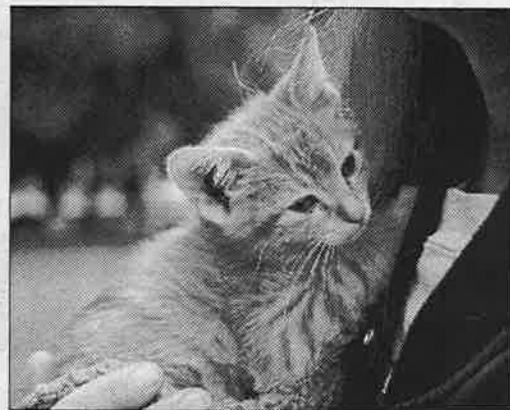
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Campus Calendar

Academics

- California Christian College representative — 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 3-4, Fountain Area
- Fresno Pacific University representative — 4-6:30 p.m. Dec. 4, Yoshino's

Arts

- "Señales desde la Barranca" ("Signs from the Gorge") by Armando Brito — through Dec. 12, Art Space Gallery
- "Jungle Book" — 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4-6 and Dec. 11-13, 10 a.m. Dec. 5 and 12-13, 1 p.m. Dec. 5 and 12, 2 p.m. Dec. 6 and 13; Studio Theatre (TA-105)
- "City Dances in the Studio"

- 8 p.m. Dec. 4-6, 2 p.m. Dec. 7; Dance Studio (Gym)
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- Brass/percussion concert — 7:30 p.m. Dec. 9, Theatre Main Stage
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Public Affairs

- Academic Senate meeting — 3-4:30 p.m. Dec. 3, Staff Dining Room
- Associated Student Government meetings — 3:30 p.m. Dec. 9 and 16, Student Senate Chambers
- SCCC Board of Trustees meeting — 4:30 p.m. Dec. 9, District Office

Dancing Ways



Gabriell Lira, 4, of the Choinumni tribe performs a fancy shawl dance in the Free Speech Area on Nov. 24. The Native American Indian Student Association put on a pow-wow for Native American Awareness Month. NAISA raised money for college scholarships by selling Indian tacos.

Photo by Deborah Anderson



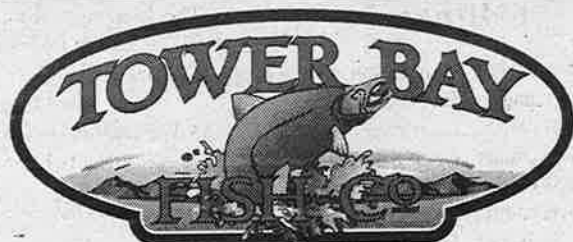
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SEATS: spots for athletes discussed

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athletes.

"This has been going on for years at Reedley [College] quite frankly, and that's how they supported their student athletes," Ikeda said. "We were simply doing what had been offered to our colleagues at the other colleges."

At the meeting, an instructor asked whether a registration privilege for students who were not yet enrolled could be extended to continuing students such as single mothers.

Ikeda said that's not the way registration works.

"Priority registration is for students who are contributing physically to the college. ... so if you are contributing to this college you're a member to this college," Ikeda said. "You are a recognized entity, you're entitled to priority registration and that's my policy."

Linda DeKruif, a member of the Academic Senate who teaches women's studies, objected to the reserved seating.

"No one should have reserved

seating," DeKruif said. "All classes should be equally accessible."

Mark Stevens, an FCC physical education instructor, acknowledged the merits of both sides of the reserved-seating issue.

"People should have the same opportunities," Stevens said. "I think it's a privilege to go to school, yet I can see the rationale behind that policy."

A former FCC coach, Stevens said he has dealt with registration issues for athletes.

"I understand what they are trying to do, but it sometimes affects the other students here getting an education," Stevens said.

FCC student Arlono Brown, who played football in high school, said that the policy should have been implemented.

"I think they should do it. Not only because they're athletes, they're representing the school they play for," Brown said. "In order to play a sport, they have to maintain a certain grade-point average, and if they don't have the right classes to be able to get that GPA, their athleticism will

be totally irrelevant."

Brown doesn't play a sport for FCC, but he gets reserved seating through his membership in the Future Nurses program.

"I think it's the only program at City where they reserve classes for us so they can meet the demand of the nursing shortage," Brown said. "But I think if they do that, they will also have to make it mandatory for them to go to class, so they're not just getting these classes."

Cassandra Chambers, a guard on FCC's women's basketball team, said she doubts reserved seating would benefit many athletes, anyway.

"Most of the people now don't use what's given," Chambers said. "They get classes before anybody, but they don't even go half the time."

Last semester, Chambers had 13 units of physical education. She said a reserved-seating policy would have helped her.

Over the next six months, Ikeda said, the administration's task force would come up with solutions before the registration for the fall 2004 semester begins.

THEFT: equipment

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There "haven't been any arrests for [this] specific burglary," Anderson said. The district police do not have any suspects.

Anderson said he believes the burglars could have been adolescents. Adults, he added, take items they would be able to sell. The items stolen were small and easy to carry. The building lacks an alarm system. Metal plates are being placed on certain doors in the theater to prevent a forced entry.

Anderson said police at FCC are not fully staffed, because the Madera Center requires their resources.

Frank Quintana, an FCC associate dean of instruction, said a consultant has been sought to estimate the cost of a card system, called Fob, on 10 doors. With a Fob system, Quintana said, one can determine who last used a Fob to deactivate the alarm if it were to be set off.

Several areas on campus have alarm systems, including the Business and Math/Science buildings, Anderson said.

If an alarm is set off, only the

faculty-owned Fobs, which contain a microchip, can turn off the system by being swiped in front of the alarm. If a Fob is stolen, the microchip can be deactivated, and the alarm, recognizing the microchip, will not turn off.

"Trying to make sure doors are locked after every class [and] in between classes," Quintana said, is an additional precaution FCC faculty members have taken to prevent the incident from recurring.

Anderson said anyone can help the district police by calling them if they see someone who "looks like they don't belong" or is not supposed to be in the area. The police department is open 24 hours and will respond to investigate a disturbance.

Quintana said that projectors stolen last year made it difficult for students in the classrooms to give PowerPoint presentations. A sound system, also stolen last year affects the music students.

"It makes it more difficult to teach," he said. "Whoever's taking these things is obviously hurting instruction."

RIOT: coach required stitches

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The game between the long-time rivals decided the Valley Conference title, which Reedley earned with a 27-23 win over FCC. The Tigers also earned a berth in the Northern California championship to be played Dec. 6 against City College of San Francisco in the Hawaiian Punch Bowl with the winner playing for the state championship on Dec. 13 at Bakersfield College against the Southern California champion.

Reedley will face CCSF without a number of players who were suspended for their part in the fight. FCC, which hosted Hancock College (Santa Maria) in the Producers Dairy Bowl on Nov. 24, faced similar repercussions from the melee.

Videotapes provided by the teams and local television stations were given to State Center Community College District officials to be used for disciplinary measures.

On Nov. 19, SCCC interim chancellor Thomas Crow announced that three players from each team would be suspended from each of their teams' respective bowl games and defensive lineman Tafa Samuela and offensive lineman Pat So'oalo of FCC were permanently dismissed from the team.

Crow stated that the players

were sanctioned for the throwing and swinging of helmets and that the two players dismissed were believed to have started the incident.

"I was outraged," Crow said. "We are taking the appropriate steps to make sure that this will never happen again."

FCC players suspended from participating in the Producers Dairy Bowl were running back Rudy Jones, linebacker D.J. Brookter, wide receiver Corey Bennett and tight end Maurice Austin. Only Jones, Samuela and So'oalo were starters.

More sanctions followed.

Game tapes were sent to Northern California Football Association commissioner Gary Kollenborn for further inspection. On Nov. 21, Kollenborn announced nine more suspensions - one from FCC, eight from Reedley - for fighting offensively rather than

in self-defense during the riot.

Reedley head coach Michael White did not return calls from *the Rampage*.

Further punishment to players involved may come from FCC officials.

"The college has high standards for behavior," said dean of students Robert Fox, "and there are consequences for their behavior."

Fox would not comment further on the issue. Crow said that FCC will decide if any players will be expelled.

Even more punitive actions are a possibility, however. Game tapes will be used to identify people for possible assault charges, SCCC police said.

District administrators were praised for their handling of the situation.

"I think it was handled in a very professional manner," Caviglia said.

"I commend Dr. Crow, both athletic directors and the head coaches for their cooperation and leadership in addressing the issue of the game in a prompt and efficient

manner," Kollenborn said.

Meanwhile, officials looked for ways to avoid a repeat of the incident.

Tighter security measures will now be enforced during games, Crow said. Teams will be separated immediately after games with no handshakes taking place. Fans will no longer be allowed on the field or near locker rooms after games. The measures were used for the Producers Dairy Bowl and will be used for the Hawaiian Punch Bowl and all future games involving either FCC or Reedley.

Crow was displeased with how the game ended on such a sour note.

"It was an outstanding contest between two well-coached teams," he said. "It's unfortunate that the actions of a few tarnished the reputations of many fine coaches and athletes."

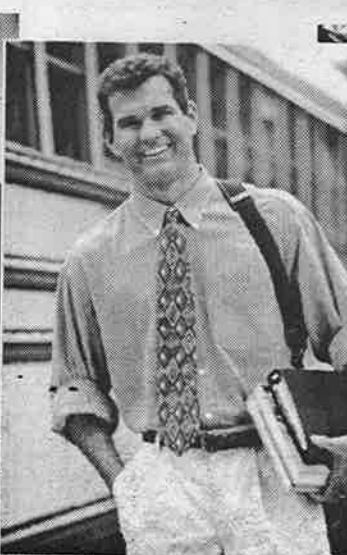
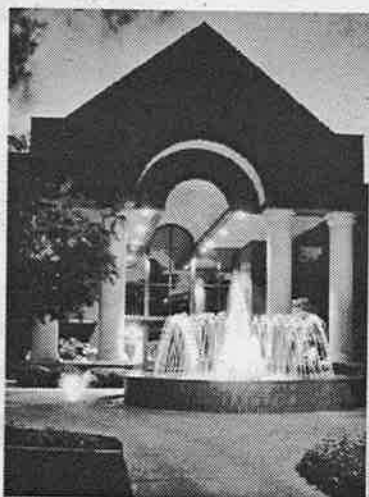
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• *Rampage News editor Latasha Ball contributed to this report*

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Students who have work, family and religious obligations manage a ...

By Susan Morgan
Rampage reporter

Balancing Act

Pippa Watson sits by the fountain at Fresno City College. It is 1 p.m., and it appears as though she's nodding off to sleep. Actually, she is partaking in a 25-minute prayer.

She is Muslim, and it's her only time between classes to pray.

Many students have to balance work and family among other responsibilities while trying to further their education.

There are ways for students to avoid a breakdown from these burdens and keep themselves balanced. Many students are entering two-year colleges with an already full schedule and firm priorities.

Marie Milton is a bus dispatcher and works 40 hours a week. She's also a responsible mother of two girls. She's a woman teaching Sunday school and participating in her church group on Wednesdays, giving between eight and 10 hours a week of her time to her church.

Milton is also a student at FCC studying to be a social worker. As statistics by the National Center for Education Statistics reveal, Milton is among 73 percent of all undergraduates termed "untraditional."

"The traditional student is the exception to the rule," the NCES said. The nontraditional student has more responsibilities, as is the case

with Milton.

"Students who work full time have family and work responsibilities competing with school for their time, energy and financial resources," the NCES said.

For instance, working mothers may have trouble getting child care or class schedules that mesh with their work schedule.

With little time for herself, Milton appreciates support from her loved ones.

"Today, I came home to find that my daughter, Latoya, had cleaned my bedroom," Milton said. "I haven't touched my bedroom since August and now, I don't want to lay down or anything to mess it up."

NCES explains how hard combining school and work can be on its Web site. Two-thirds of highly nontraditional students consider themselves primary employees in the NCES stats.

The Department of Education found that 19 percent of undergraduates report both working full time and studying full time.

Kile Hunt graduated from FCC in 2001. He went to school full time, played on the soccer team and worked three jobs.

With waiting tables at Adam's Rib House, working his own landscaping business and coaching varsity soccer at Hoover High School, it's not hard to see where his priorities were.

"I moved out into my own apartment, and rent became a big priority," Hunt said. "I also had to have money for classes and books."

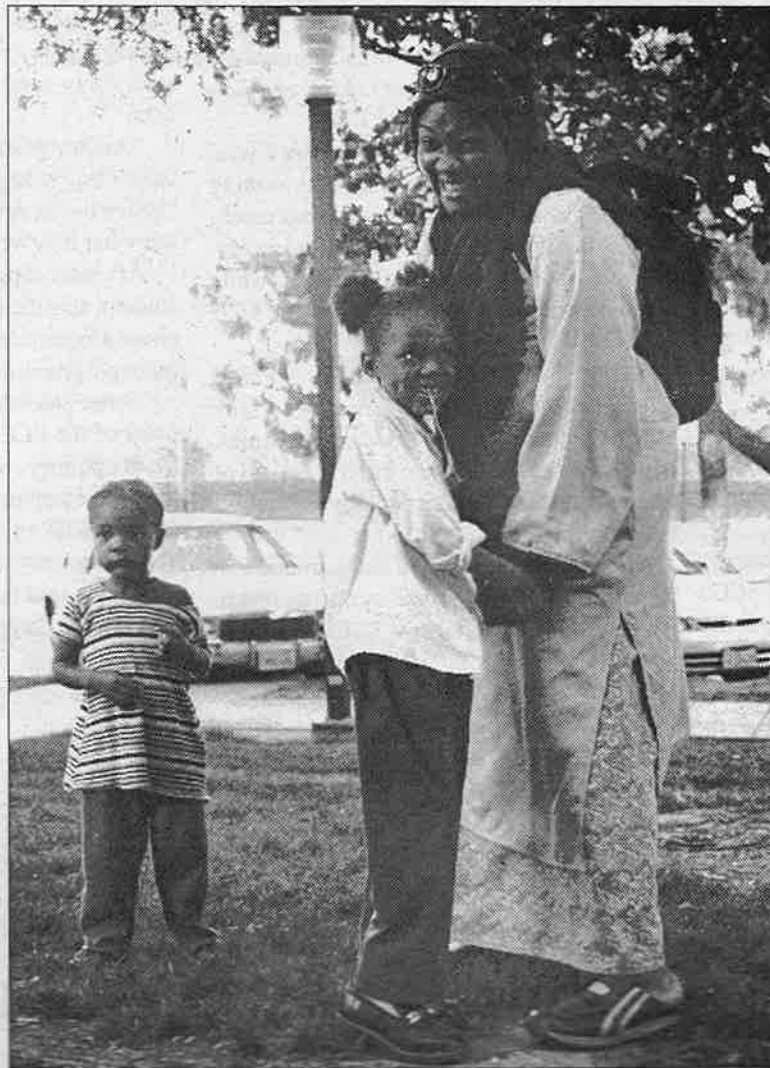
The Department of Education notes that tuition has risen at a faster rate than family income over the last decade.

Religious concerns

Watson has three children, a husband, an at-home job making soaps and sewing while going to school full time.

What makes Watson's situation more complicated is that she's a Muslim and must stop and pray five times a day. She prays for at least 10 minutes at each sitting.

Prayer can help her gain control



FCC student Pippa Watson, on campus with two of her three children, manages a full-time school schedule, family life and an at-home job.

of her thoughts and cope with stress.

"Sometimes, my life can be overwhelming and hard to manage, but [prayer] helps me to get closer to accomplishing my goals in life," she said.

One of the more common effects of stress can be seen in burnout. The National Occupational Health and Safety Commission released a

study on the effects of stress and ways to control it.

Stress can raise blood pressure, increase anxiety, increase unhealthy habits such as smoking and drinking and lead to poor work performance, the study found.

"You make due with the time you're given," Hunt said. "You don't sleep except maybe three or

four hours a night."

Milton also gets about four hours of sleep a night. Watson finds her way to bed at about 2 a.m. and then has to get up early to get her children ready for school.

School services

There are ways students can get help. Psychological services are offered at FCC, with the first eight sessions free to students.

Jorge Barragan and Chris Szostak are two of the counselors who meet with students to help them cope with stress and suggest the following ideas.

"I usually ask my patient to picture themselves getting ready to take a test. Feel the hardness of the chair and the pencil in your hand," Szostak said. "Picture yourself answering your first question and knowing it. It's positive visualization."

Barragan suggests techniques such as deep breathing, counting to 10 and time management.

"Don't take on a second job," Barragan said. "Set priorities, and don't overwhelm yourself."

The stress of balancing a full life can lead to unreached goals. Hunt never continued his education because of his higher priorities. After a two-year hiatus, he's going into a police academy in Los Angeles. Milton and Watson are still working toward their degrees.


Many students experience the same stresses and anxieties and find encouraging ways to reach their goals. According to Milton, quitting isn't the answer. Pacing yourself is.

"When a baby starts to walk, we encourage them to take baby steps," Milton said. "Don't be so hard on yourself when you have to learn again or learning for the first time."

"Just take baby step after baby step."

Stress Tips

- **Make play time.** Play, relax and think about something besides the next big project.
 - **Walk your talk.** Don't get in a situation where you commit to more than you can handle.
 - **Be physical.** Exercise is an effective way to reduce stress and avoid burnout.
 - **Use your support network.** Surround yourself with people who are trying to help you cope with stress.
 - **Do what you enjoy.** When you love what you do, extra pressure is less significant.
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FCC center attracts manufacturers

Industry links match local companies with campus to meet training needs

By Tony Losongco
Editor in chief

Tucked in an office within a welding classroom at Fresno City College, Ken Olson catches the attention of San Joaquin Valley manufacturers like a neon sign.

"They're coming to me and saying, 'We need people. We need people,'" said Olson, the director of FCC's Center for Applied Competitive Technologies. "And I'm trying to find them."

Olson leads one of 15 CACT centers statewide, all based at community colleges, that meet manufacturers' labor needs through training and advice.

The community college setting makes sense for CACT, Olson said, because FCC can provide resources such as classroom space, equipment and a student crop of future workers.

"He's kind of a liaison between us and industry," said Dan Sousa, an FCC electrical systems technology instructor. "He makes the contacts to get a feel of where the wind's blowing."

CACT counts Foster Farms as one of its recent success stories. The Fresno poultry processing plant wanted to reduce the turnover of its maintenance mechanics by giving them "an opportunity to raise their skill level and raise their pay," Olson said.

"Without knowledge of the theory behind electricity, motor control, fluid power and other processes, maintenance mechanics sometimes have no choice but to keep changing parts on a piece of equipment until, by trial and error, they find the element that's

failing," said Robert Sanford, plant manager at Foster Farms, in a recent CACT newsletter.

Earlier this year, CACT partnered with Foster Farms by hosting a three-part training program for Foster Farms employees teaching electricity, motor control and fluid power. Foster Farms covers part of the costs, while the workers take Sunday classes for FCC credit.

Industry partnerships like the Foster Farms program help FCC in the long run, Olson said. CACT initiatives benefit local companies, and the companies often return the favor through donations and technology for the college.

"I'm supposed to build infrastructure in the college, to help update our programs to better prepare new students," Olson said.

Olson's duty to the student body took him and 20 FCC students to Las Vegas in October for the Packaging Machinery Manufacturers Institute show, where more than 900 manufacturers showed off their products. Fifteen students from

California State University, Fresno, joined the FCC delegation for the trip.

As countless bottles, boxes and other items whizzed along conveyor belts, students at the show learned about the different careers in packaging they could pursue. After all, Olson said, every company must package its products.

"As they go through the classes, they learn basic electronics," Olson said of the students. "When the student goes to the show, they can see what they've learned, how it's used."

Arvinder Singh Sahota, a first-year FCC student, said the Las Vegas show excited him about programming logical controls — computer programs that run packaging machines.

"After I looked at the show, I want to learn more of the PLC stuff," said Sahota, a Sun-Maid employee who started training at FCC with the company's help to become an electrician. With PLC training, "coast to coast, you can go anywhere."

Sahota said he gets up at 5:30 a.m. to accommodate his electrical systems technology

courses in the morning and his swing shift at Sun-Maid.

"It's a lot of sacrifice," Sahota said. "But still, at the same time, it's worth it."

Classmate Mary Hale is in her third year at FCC, and a warm keg that made cold beer caught her eye at the packaging show.

"All the machines — how to run them — you have to know the electronics," Hale said. "We can use our knowledge, and we could get a job with any one of those companies."

Sousa, who teaches Sahota and Hale, noticed positive results from students who joined in the CACT-sponsored trip.

"They all loved it, every single one of my students," Sousa said. "It'll offer some information to that particular industry that students probably wouldn't have gotten otherwise."

The bridge that Olson builds between California manufacturers and education keeps him in tune with industry trends.

"Biotech is going to be a hot field," Olson said. "They're moving away from drugs into more genetic cures for ailments."

He also said that innovations in robotics will affect everything from medicine to aeronautics and automotive industries. Students in a number of career fields at FCC can become marketable to employers if they can learn these skills, Olson said.

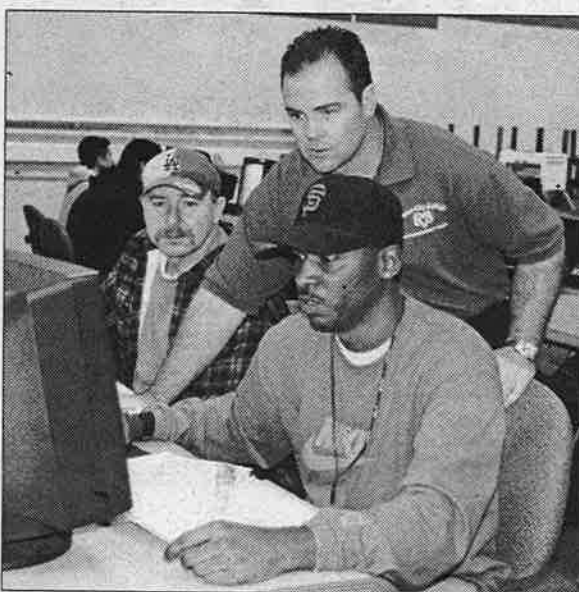
"My biggest challenge is finding qualified, motivated students that are eager to learn," Olson said.

With CACT's help, Hale found the packaging industry as the "wave of the future."

"Our learning is not gonna stop here," Hale said. "We're going to have to keep on learning."

Olson added that he enjoys seeing students merge their grasp of technology and practical applications, to "have a big smile on their face when they tell me, 'I understand that.'"

"Then I have a big smile."



FCC instructor Dan Sousa, center, helps students in an electrical systems technology class. The Center for Applied Competitive Technologies took students from Sousa's classes to a packaging expo in Las Vegas in October.

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Sports

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Rams avoid ending season on sour note with Dairy Bowl win

By Josh Butters

Sports editor

The Producers Dairy Bowl might not have been the bowl game the Fresno City College football team wanted to play in but they will take it.

After losing to Reedley 27-23 in the regular season finale, FCC was shut out of the state championship picture, landing in the bowl held in its own stadium that had no title implications Nov. 22.

The Rams knocked off Allan Hancock (8-3) of Southern California 44-23, finishing the season 9-2 and with nine wins for the fifth straight year.

"It felt good to play a bowl game at home," said Rams head coach Tony Caviglia. "We never had that option before."

It was the bowl's first year after returning from a seven-year hiatus.

The victory was FCC's first in the postseason since the Rams' 18-15 victory over Long Beach City

in the 1993 Producers Dairy Bowl and Caviglia's first bowl win since becoming head coach in 1998.

Being punished for involvement in a post-game fight against Reedley, six FCC players didn't play against Hancock, four were suspended and the other two were dismissed from the team entirely.

"The coaches did a good job motivating players," Caviglia said. "Everybody wanted to win the

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Photo by Josh Hires

Receiver Billy Jack Erdman stretches out for a one-handed touchdown catch in the Rams 44-23 victory over Allan Hancock College Nov. 22 in the Producers Dairy Bowl at Ratcliffe Stadium.

The Greatest



Since 1948, Fresno City College has seen many athletes and coaches that are great for different reasons. From those who played professionally to outstanding efforts from average people. The Rampage reveals its list of the 25 greatest of all-time, see pages 8-9.

Remembering those of the past

Since 1948, many athletes have stepped onto the field of competition for Fresno City College and have showed their greatness. Most weren't able to take their talent to the next level but some were.

Even though the level of talent from player to player is different, be it football, basketball, softball or track, one thing is the same in every player.

The love for a game that's fun and brings out the competitive person in them.

Many have gone on to the NFL, NBA or have played in the major leagues. There are those who have shown their talent at the highest level for less mainstream sports in the Olympics.

Even though most people don't care about athletics at FCC, there are those who use it to better themselves and to touch others.

Coaches just don't teach players how to compete at the highest level possible, but they teach life lessons they may have not



Josh Butters

learned any other way.

Lessons like teamwork, dedication, desire and working hard.

Players use junior colleges for second chances. Not getting the grades in high school they need to qualify academically to play at a four-year school land many misdirected youths to a community college to continue to compete and better grades to get that scholarship.

Even if they can't become a professional within athletics, they were able to use their talent to get themselves an education and a

career.

By 1972, women began to compete in sports due to regulations from the government because of Title IX.

Different things can be used to measure great players and coaches.

Were they winners?

Did they play or coach professionally?

Do they own records or have awesome statistics? Did they make a difference or overcome obstacles?

Even though being a professional athlete is a major accomplishment, many are left off this list. Tim Norris went on to play on the PGA Tour and won a tournament. Raefer Alston currently plays for the NBA's Miami Heat. Many FCC football players have gone on to play in NFL and there could be a list on just the 25 greatest football players.

As the list shows, at almost any time in history there's somebody at FCC that is

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Soccer team makes final four

By Josh Butters and Joey Perez

Rampage staff

The Fresno City College men's soccer team will compete in the state final four for the second straight year.

FCC will take on Irvine Valley (14-6-2), the No. 1 seed team of Southern California Dec 6 at 10 a.m.

"We're ready," said

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in the third round of the Northern California playoffs to earn their spot in the final four, held at the Lemoore Soccer Complex Dec. 6-7.

In the other semifinal, No. 1N Consumnes River (17-1-3) will take on No. 2S Fullerton (14-4-4).

The winners will compete Dec. 7 at 10 a.m for the state championship.

The Rams lost their first home game since Solberg's tenure as head coach to Las Positas 3-1, losing home field advantage throughout the Northern California playoffs.

After a bye, FCC defeated Santa Rosa Junior College 2-1 to set up a game with ARC.

The Bear Cubs defeated FCC 3-2 in last season's state championship game, scoring three unanswered goals in the second half.

All the teams in the final four are ranked in the top seven in the nation. FCC is ranked No. 3. Consumnes River, Fullerton and Irvine Valley are ranked Nos. 1, 7 and 5 respectively.

"We're going over our normal routine," Solberg said. "We're right where we want to be."

All CC Selections

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The Rampage reveals FCC's all-time greatest

25 Robert Arballo (1970-73, 98-2000)—Wrestler Robert Arballo overcame many hardships to win two state individual championships. After high school, Arballo took a redshirt before wrestling for the Rams. After his freshman year, he sat out another season.

In his sophomore year, Arballo was hospitalized early in the season for viral meningitis, and wrestled most of the year not at 100 percent.

His lone loss came when he was knocked unconscious in a match, losing-by default.

After his two state titles, Arballo returned to FCC to coach the Rams wrestling team to team and dual state championships.

24 Erica Vollweiler (1997-98)—In both of Erica Vollweiler's years at FCC, the softball team was able to capture Central Valley Conference championships.

An outfielder, Vollweiler was named an All-American after her sophomore year and the CVC Most Valuable Player.

23 Brenda Frazier (1981-83, 98-present)—One of the key ingredients in early FCC women's basketball history, Brenda Frazier was part of a three-player front line that made the playoffs both years and won 25 games in the 1982-83 season.

Frazier is an assistant coach for the women's basketball team now. Last season, the Rams made it to



No. 5 Maurice Morris set national junior college records for rushing while at FCC in 1998-99. He currently plays for the NFL's Seattle Seahawks.

the second round of the Northern California playoffs, losing to Sacramento City College 71-55.

22 Tammy Thomason (1981-83)—A second part to the three-player front of the women's basketball team is Tammy Thomason. Thomason broke the school record for scoring, which held up until the mid 1990s.

The 1982-83 women's basketball team went 25-5 and set a school record for scoring an average of 83.4 points per game.

21 Doug Gaynor (1981-82)—Although former Ram quarterback Doug Gaynor's ability didn't translate into wins while at FCC, his statistics show his talent. Leading the Rams to a record of 10-9-1 in his two seasons, Gaynor is second all-time on FCC's passing list with 4,789 yards.

Gaynor also had 37 touchdowns and holds the school record for career completions (329).

20 Willie Johnson (2001-02)—Not only was Willie Johnson an All-American wide receiver for the football team but the

Central Valley Conference player of the year for the men's basketball team in the 2001-02 season.

Johnson holds school records for most catches in a single game (13) and most touchdown catches in a single game (3) on three different occasions.

Though not playing basketball his sophomore year to avoid the risk of injury and losing a football scholarship, Johnson was one of the main reasons the Rams won the CVC his freshman year.

He currently plays for the University of Nevada.

19 Liz Apodaca (1983-84)—A member of FCC's first softball team, Liz Apodaca pitched her team into the state playoffs both seasons.

Apodaca won FCC's Most Valuable Player award both seasons and the conference MVP award her sophomore year.

Apodaca was also named all-state second team.

Using her speed and hitting ability, Apodaca transferred to Pacific where she played in the outfield and pitched when the team needed her to.

18 Mike Rasmussen (1968-69)—In his two seasons as FCC's quarterback, Mike Rasmussen was one of the main reasons the Rams won their first two state championships in school history.

As a starter, Rasmussen went 19-5, including a victory in the 1969 state championship, which is known as the "Fog Bowl."

Rasmussen holds school season records for yards gained (2,734) and completions (184) set in 1969.

He threw for 4,668 yards (third all-time at FCC) and 43 touchdowns (second all-time at FCC) and now is the head coach at Monterey Peninsula.

17 Robert Zapata (1988-89)—In the 1988-89 seasons, wrestler Robert Zapata was almost unstoppable. With an overall record of 74-2, he won the individual state championship in his weight division both years at FCC.

Zapata earned a scholarship to compete at Fresno State but tragically died in a car accident before the season started.

Zapata's 14 career tournament championships still remains a California junior college state record.

16 Harry Edwards (1959-60)—In 1960, Harry Edwards set a discuss record that wouldn't be beat for over 39 years.

At the West Coast Relays held at Ratcliffe Stadium, Edwards broke the record by more than 3 feet.

Edwards was given the Most Outstanding Athlete award at the meet.

Edwards transferred to San Jose State where he competed in track and field as well as basketball.

15 Dara Wright (1991-93)—A well rounded athlete, Dara Wright starred in multiple sports while at FCC.

She competed in basketball, volleyball and track and field.

While at Cal State Stanislaus, she was on the school's track and field team.

14 Jim Maloney (1958)—As dominating as Jim Maloney was on the mound, he isn't even the best pitcher ever to attend FCC.

After his year as a Ram, Maloney went on to play for the Cincinnati Reds and the California Angels. In his major league career, Maloney threw two no-hitters.

13 Glenda Campbell-Jacobsen (1983, 92-93)—A member of FCC's first softball team, Glenda Campbell-Jacobsen was named All-Conference her sophomore year.

She Decided to take time off to support her husband, who played minor league baseball. Staying in shape after nine years of no competition, Jacobsen returned in 1992



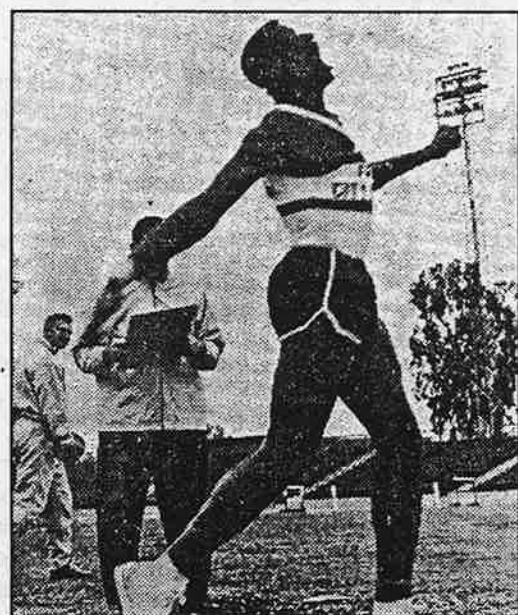
Tom Seaver ranks as FCC's greatest athlete of Fame, Seaver won three Cy Young awards

to play again.

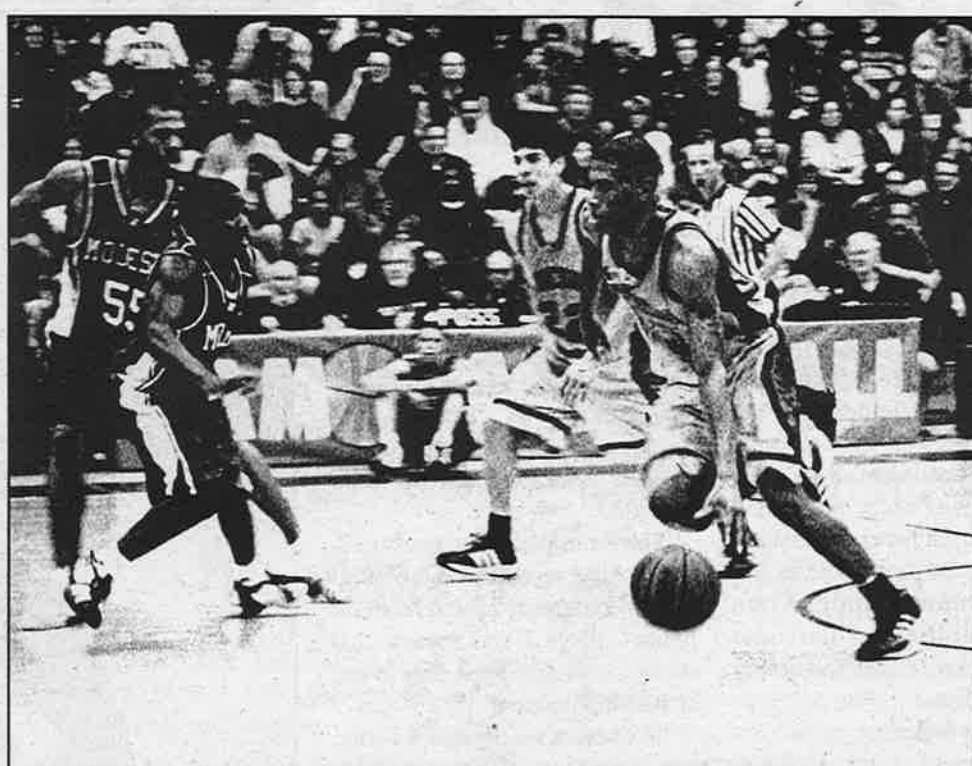
Jacobsen also competed cross country and in 1993 was hurdler for the Conference championship women's track and field team.

12 Maxie Parks (1972)—After an astonishing career on the FCC men's track and field team, Maxie Parks went on to have golden accomplishments. After transferring to UCLA, Parks was a two-time All-American, placing fifth in his junior year and third in his senior year at the 1974 NCAA championships in the 440-meter run.

Parks was the AAU champion in 1976 and was able to find his



No. 16 Harry Edwards broke a junior college record for discuss in 1960.



No. 11 Tyrone Jackson is on pace to break the FCC school record for career points scored and helped lead the Rams to a 38-2 record last season.

he has done on the basketball court shows why he deserves to crack the top 25 of all-time.

In his freshman year, Jackson was named the junior college state player of the year, averaging 21.1 points, 6.9 rebounds and 4.9 steals per game.

He helped lead his team to a record of 38-2 and is on pace to break the school record for career points and to finish in the top 10 in rebounding.

When his stint as a Ram is over, Jackson's place as one of FCC's greatest can go up.

10 Kenny Travis (1983-85)—Guard Kenny Travis can be compared to Tyrone Jackson, but knowing how Travis did his sophomore year gets him ahead of Jackson.

Travis placed second all-time in scoring, tallying 1,319 points and seventh in rebounds (484).

A quick guard that could run, pass and shoot, Travis was drafted by the Los Angeles Lakers but ended up playing overseas in different European leagues.

9 Joe Kelly (1953-65)—Instrumental in the men's basketball team's success, Joe Kelly is a FCC pioneer.

Coaching from 1953-65, Kelley went 275-102, a school record for career wins and led the Rams to both of their state championships in 1958 and 1963.

In the 1963 season, Kelly coached the Rams to a then school record of 33-5 that has only been surpassed by last season's team.

8 Len Bourdet (1957-88)—For 30 years, Len Bourdet led the FCC baseball team to 15 conference titles and four state championships.

Bourdet was the first community college baseball coach to compile 700 career wins, going 722-374.

He was also inducted into the Community Colleges of California Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

7 Lonnie Hughey (1962-64)—Not only did basketball forward Lonnie Hughey rewrite the record books, but also some records were started because of him.

In his freshman year, Hughey led the Rams to their second state championship in five years, going 33-5.

He owns the school record for career points (1,525) and after graduating rebounding was added as an official statistic, which he would probably own.

Since 1965, the school record is 713, held by Yale Burke, but the Rampage reported numerous single games where Hughey tallied over 20 rebounds.

In the 1963 league championship playoff, Hughey scored 38 points and grabbed 25 rebounds, showing off his dominance and why he probably owns that school record unofficially.

In 1964, the Rampage published that Hughey averaged 14.8 rebounds for his career with games remaining in his sophomore season.

If that pace was kept up, Hughey has about 1,023 rebounds for his career, smashing the official record by more than 300.

6 Hans Wiedenhofer (1948-84)—There was almost nothing that Hans Wiedenhofer didn't do while at FCC. In 35 years, Wiedenhofer had stints as coach



No. 9 Joe Kelly coached FCC's men's basketball team

of the football, swimming, men's golf and wrestling teams.

Also a former athletic director, Wiedenhofer was instrumental in 1972 in taking immediate action in enforcing Title IX regulations for the equal opportunity of women in school athletics.

Now, FCC has 10 women's teams in various sports.

5 Maurice Morris (1998-99)—Not only is Maurice Morris the best running back in FCC school history, but the best in all the junior colleges in the nation too.



No. 3 Clare Slaughter coached FCC to four state titles in football

In 1998-99, Morris ran for 3,708 yards on 593 carries and had 4,487 all-purpose yards—all national junior college records.

Morris also holds at least eight other school records including career touchdowns (45), rushing yards in a season (2,085), most yards rushing in a game (332) and most touchdowns

in a game (5).

Current football coach Tony Caviglia has been at FCC since Morris was a sophomore.

"Maurice was like a mustang without a saddle," Caviglia said. "His arms and legs were all over the place."

"He has a lot of power." Morris currently plays for the Seattle Seahawks.

4 Dick Selma (1962-63)—A dominant pitcher at whatever level he played at, Dick Selma helped lead the Rams to state championships in both years he played at FCC.

While at FCC, Selma broke school records for wins in a season (13), career wins (24) and strikeouts in a single game (18), all of

which still stand.

After playing for FCC, Selma found himself in the major leagues for 10 seasons with the Mets, Cubs, Phillies, Dodgers, Brewers and Padres.

In his career, Selma went 42-54 with an ERA of 3.52 and 31 saves.

Pitching for the Phillies in 1970, Selma struck out 153 batters, a National League record that still stands for relievers, while tallying 22 saves.

In 1984, Selma was inducted into the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame.

Selma died at the age of 57 of cancer in 2001.

3 Clare Slaughter (1957-78)—In Clare Slaughter's 20 seasons as the FCC football coach, he set the bar of what would be a tradition of pigskin excellence.

Slaughter led the Rams to four state titles in 1968, '69, '72 and '73.

He retired in 1978 going 136-61-6 while at FCC, a school record for wins.

2 Tom Flores (1954-55)—Though his impact at FCC when he was on the football team wasn't that big, it's what Tom Flores did after his years as a Ram that he's famous for.

In 1955, Flores was a quarterback and the FCC Associated Student Government president.

He went on to earn four Super Bowl rings as a quarterback, assistant and head coach.

1 Tom Seaver (1964)—Not only is Tom Seaver the best pitcher in FCC history, but he also can make the argument of being the best pitcher in baseball history.

Inaugurated into the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame, Seaver received the highest percentage of first place votes ever.

In his career, Seaver won three Cy Young awards and a World Series championship with the New York Mets in 1969 while amassing 311 career victories.

Only playing for one season at FCC, Seaver went 11-2 in 1964 before transferring to USC after his freshman year.



No. 7 Lonnie Hughey is FCC's all-time leading scorer in men's basketball.

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elf a place on the USA Olympic team for the 1976 games in Montreal.

Parks placed fifth in the 400-meter and won a gold medal by anchoring the 1600-meter relay team.

In 1997, Parks was inducted into the California Community College Track and Field Hall of Fame.

Parks won an individual state championship while at Washington Union High in the 440-yard run and as a member of the FCC mile relay team that posted a national best time of 3:12.4 in 1972 at the West Coast Relays.

11 Tyrone Jackson (2002-present)—Although Tyrone Jackson is still at FCC, what

BOWL: Rams finish season 9-2

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Reedley game but they were able to get focused on the next week."

The Rams came out with arguably their most complete victory of the season, scoring on runs, passes, fumble recoveries, interception returns and a returned conversion attempt.

"I was happy that when our offense was sputtering, our defense stepped up," Caviglia said.

Multiple sophomores stepped up with big plays.

Receiver Billy Jack Erdman caught three passes for 80 yards including a one-handed touchdown grab in the first quarter.

Quarterback Wayne Desmond threw for 271 yards and one touchdown.

Receiver Terrance Grant caught two passes for 101 yards.

It was the first time since Caviglia's first year as coach that the Rams weren't in the Northern California championship game.

The Rams were still able to enjoy the postseason win.

Caviglia said, "It's nice to end on such a good note."

Tigers take on other Rams

After defeating FCC 27-23 in the regular season, Reedley (9-1) will travel to City College of San Francisco (10-0) Dec. 6 for the Northern California championship game held at the Hawaii Punch Bowl.

CCSF is ranked No. 2 in the nation and leads the state in team offense and defense.

The winner will take on the Southern California champion Dec. 13 at Bakersfield College in the state championship game.

SoCal championship

Fullerton (10-2) will travel to El Cajon to take on host Grossmont (12-0) for the Southern California championship on Dec. 6.

SOCCER: Final four held in Lemoor Dec. 6-7 at complex

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Receiving All Coast Conference honors for FCC included forward Raul Rivera, CC player of the year.

Named first team all-CC were midfielder Larry Villarreal, forward Gabe Yanez, defender Onesta Francis and midfielder/defender Jaquin Jaime.

Named second team all-CC were defender Kevin Enborn, midfielder/defender Garrett Perez, midfielder/defender Victor Lopez, defender/forward Dontay Hurd, Alton Scruggs, midfielder/defender Andres Blanco Jr. and goalkeeper John Camarena.

Women's Soccer

The Fresno City College women's soccer team was taking on No. 2 seed Cabrillo College in the first round of the Northern California playoffs with the score tied 0-0 at half time. Head coach Oliver Germond had a feeling that his team would advance to the second round of the playoffs, when suddenly Cabrillo scored a goal with 15 minutes remaining in the game.

The Rams tried to tie the game but were caught by a certain weakness that haunted them all season, and that was the lack of scoring goals.

Finally, in the last minute of the game Cabrillo scored two consecutive goals making the score 3-0, and just like that, the Rams season was over.

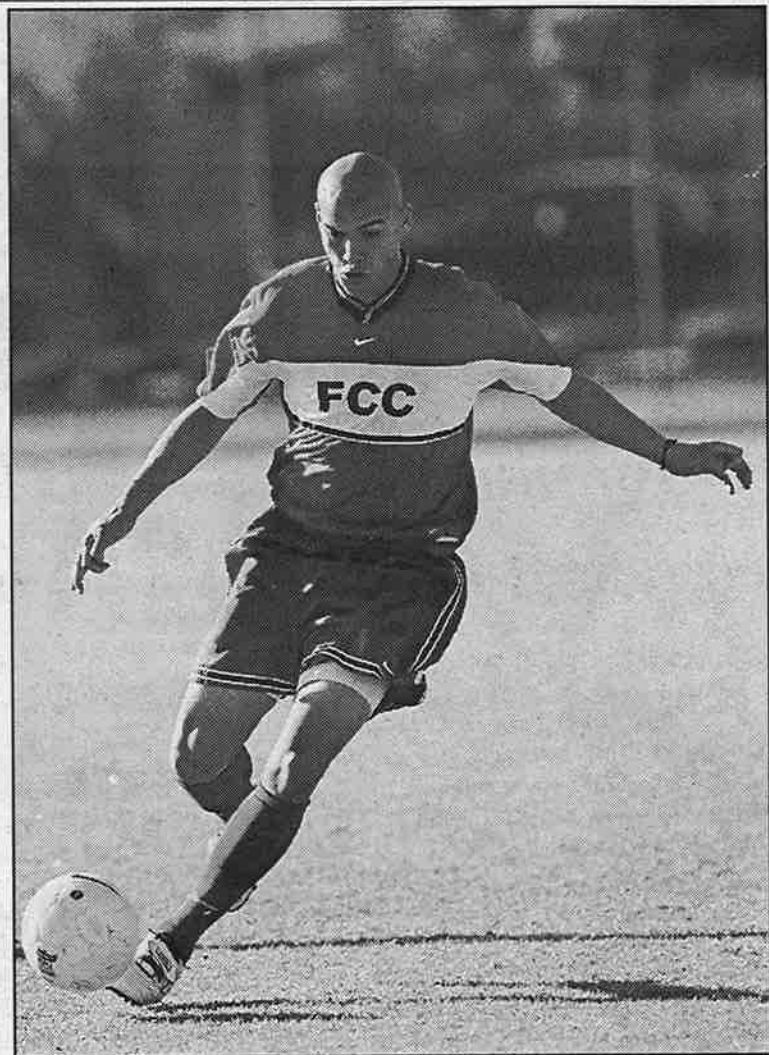
"We did everything we could to win the game except score," said Germond.

The Rams ended the season 12-8, finishing second in the Central Valley Conference behind Modesto Junior College. It was a season that started with high hopes, only to end in a disappointment.

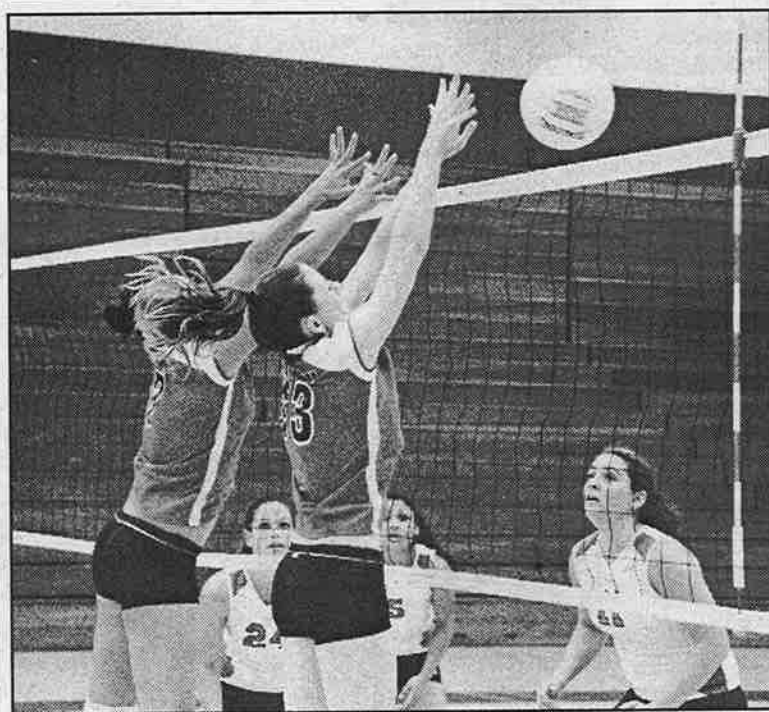
"As a team we thought we were going to do better," Germond said. Last season, the Rams finished 16-3-4 which tied the school's record for wins. Germond is looking towards the future and next season, a team that will have 13 returning players but will lose three key mid-fielders in Amanda Danner, Megan Xiou, and Amy Spring.

"We outplayed every team except Chaffee College, our downfall was that we couldn't put teams away," Spring said.

Photo by Josh Hires



Victor Lopez takes the game-winning shot in FCC's 2-1 victory over Santa Rosa in the second round of the Northern California playoffs. SRJC defeated the Rams 3-2 in last year's state championship game.



Fresno City College volleyball players Nicole Hoffman and Ashley Mcnew block a shot by West Hills.

FCC Volleyball Rams knocked out of playoffs

Rampage staff

The Fresno City College volleyball team lost to Taft (19-2) in the first round of the Northern California playoffs.

FCC lost in five sets, 26-30, 30-24, 31-33, 30-27, 6-15.

The Rams finished second in the Central Valley Conference behind the Cougars that knocked them out of the playoffs.

FCC finished the season 14-8.

Men's basketball

After top ranked Los Angeles City College lost in the finals of its own tournament, the Rams have claimed the No. 1 ranking in the

state.

FCC is 3-0 and will compete in the Reedley College tournament Dec. 4-6.

In the first round, FCC will take on Ventura College, the No. 3 ranked team in California at 8 p.m.

Ventura is also ranked No. 21 in the nation.

The Rams are ranked No. 17.

Women's basketball

The Rams are off to a 5-2 start and are ranked No. 14 in Northern California.

FCC will host Sacramento City College Dec. 20. The Panthers knocked the Rams out of the playoffs last season in the second round



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FCC BOOKSTORE

BUTTERS: Many great FCC athletes

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making history. Current men's basketball player Tyrone Jackson is ranked in the top 25.

He was the 2002-03 junior college state player of the year and is on pace to break the school record for scoring, a mark that has stood for 40 years.

After six months of researching newspaper archives and statistics from FCC's 55 years of athletic tradition, the *Rampage* has composed what it believes are the 25 most compelling athletes and coaches of the school's history.

It has ranked them based on all the questions above that can measure greatness.

Josh Butters is the Sports editor for the *Rampage*.

Views



Shopping
Will your credit report be naughty or nice this holiday?
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December 3, 2000

Some students feel that financial aid can make you or break you.

Affording Class

Financial aid helps a lot, so leave it for those who need it

System won't help students until it starts respecting them

I'm poor. Extremely poor. I can't even afford to pay to go to Fresno City College. If it weren't for financial aid, I wouldn't be able to go to school.

I'm not the only student that needs some form of financial aid. More than 15,000 students attending FCC do not pay for their tuition, according to the state community college chancellor's office.

The Board of Governors waiver, which covers tuition, totals a whopping \$5.3 million. Grants dish out almost \$45 million, which is given to 9,000 students.

First-year FCC student Aisha Allen receives EOP&S aid, a Cal Grant, a Pell Grant and the Board of Governors waiver.

"I don't have to worry about anything," Allen says. "Books are really important for my classes, and I'm saving now for when I go to Cal Poly."

Allen said financial aid is a big help: "It would definitely break me if I had to pay for school. I would really be broke. I would be living from paycheck to paycheck."

"Financial aid has a huge impact on campus," said FCC counselor Fred Emerling. "Without financial aid, most students ... that's more than half could not go to school here."

Emerling continued: "You figure about three-fourths are just fee waivers. But with most people, it's the books. They can't get the books. I have tons of students who have sat for weeks, sometimes months, with no books."

What about those students that buy the \$100 pair of jeans? The students that come to school the first two months of school so they can get paid then disappear the third month? Those are the ones that irk me. That's money that can go to me so that I will be able to receive my degree when I go on to further my education.

They are messing up the statistics that

show how much financial aid helps. If you want money, go find a job. Do me and anyone else who wants to go to school a favor. Go work at McDonald's.

Emerling couldn't have said it better.

"Students here who use their financial aid are fine," he said.

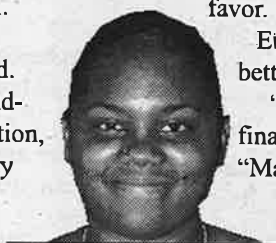
"Many students abuse it though.

"They take the money and buy a car or something really dumb. You as a student have an obligation to use it for what it's intended for."

So let that be a message to all my needy peers: Think of financial aid as a gift.

Financial aid should be cherished and used wisely because the FCC financial aid office told me that after 90 units, you're on your own.

• *Melissa Whittle writes for the Views section of The Rampage.*



Melissa Whittle

For many students, financial aid is the most burdensome ordeal they will have to face during the course of any given semester at college.

Students often must fill out document after document, and after all the required documents are completed, the financial aid office will require more documents to be filled out.

As if the bureaucratic paper trails aren't enough, long, slow-moving lines also accompany a student's typical visit to the financial aid office.

Some lines move about an inch every 20 minutes.

One can expect to wait in line for several minutes or even a couple of hours at a time, depending on how many employees the financial aid office has staffing its four windows.

There are usually two employees, or

sometimes just one, waiting to help needy students.

I personally have visited the financial aid office more than half a dozen times this semester, which is an absurdly high number of visits.

Either I did not have proper documentation, or something was missing.

Time and time again, I was required to come back to the office for this and that and blah, blah, blah.

Perhaps the most frustrating part of dealing with financial aid is when certain documents are needed and it is not made clear to the student by financial aid staff before coming into the office.

Their unclear rules and guidelines must be clarified in an effort to keep students from a painful fiasco.

While waiting in line on several of my visits, numerous students had to get more information that wasn't made clear before. Students find out the other necessary paperwork only after waiting in the long, slow-moving lines.

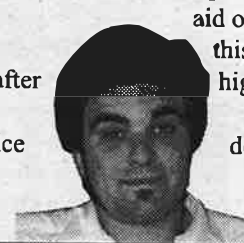
Out of all the bureaucratic offices at Fresno City College, the financial aid office is the most rudimentary. Improving the financial aid office's methods of dealing with students is absolutely necessary.

Improving the office's practices would be difficult, though. Creating another bureaucratic office to act as watchdog over another office, would not benefit students either.

I suppose change and efficiency would have to start with the financial aid office itself.

I certainly hope financial aid can get its act together for the students' sake.

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



Gerard Morel

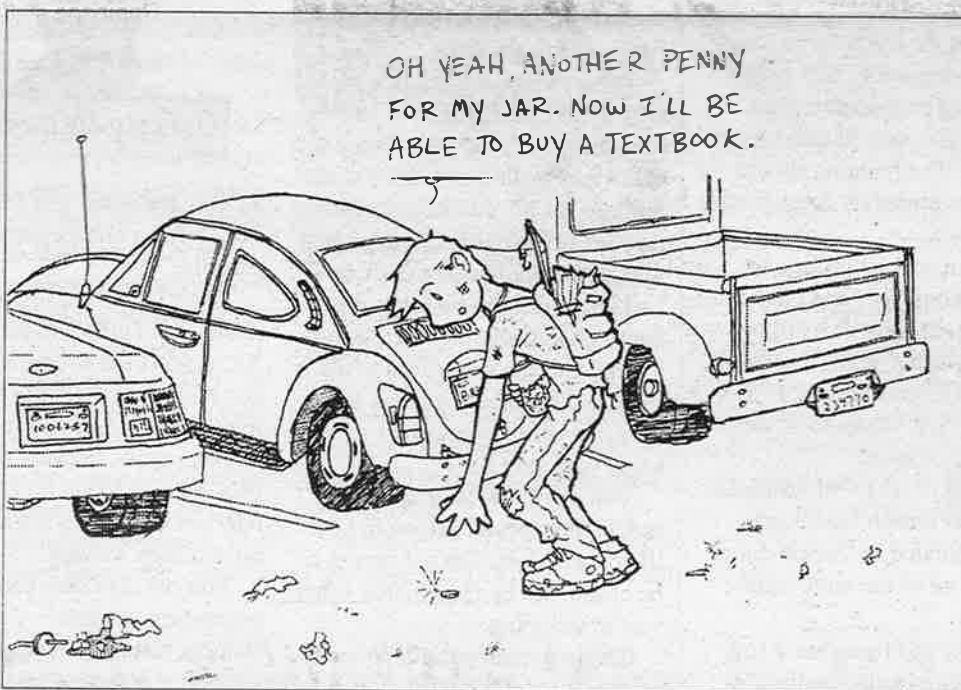


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Campus Voices

By Marlena McClain

How do you afford FCC?



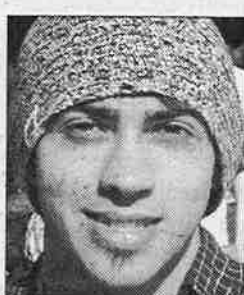
Adam Rollf
general education

"I get paid to come to FCC because I get the GI Bill from the Army."



Gloria Hernandez
business

"I got a scholarship out of my reservation."



Jacob Calles
microbiology

"I work a regular job and a seasonal job for my classes."



Mischelle Liscano
pre-law

"Financial aid."



Tarik Omar
international relations

"My parents wanted me to take a post-high school education and offered to pay for one."

A Dollar for Your Thoughts

A new registration fee helps ASG go to Sacramento to speak for the student body

This semester, a small fee is being added to students' costs for classes and registration. The fee is called the student representation fee and is \$1.

You may be feeling a little upset. You may be wondering to yourself who voted for this passage. Well, the student body did.

Now you're wondering where you were when the ballot was passed around.

The fee was passed a couple of years ago, and this is the first semester it is actually being put into practice.

The Associated Student Government receives the dollars forfeited by students, but who is ASG and what does it need with the money?

The ASG is basically our student body government. It's a great program to get

involved in if you're a political science major or want a good lesson in leadership. It works like a real government. Students can register and become candidates and run a campaign around campus.

We vote and elect our officials. Then candidates are selected for senator positions and should one become available after an election, the student can have an interview for acceptance.

Our dollars go to the ASG to fund student activities and special trips for our government officials. The big trip is in Sacramento where senators from our college meet with members of the state Senate to discuss issues close to us.

In a lot of ways, we are paying a

dollar to have our voices heard and to hear what the buzz is at the Capitol. The money also goes to school-planned activities.

ASG is a great program for those with an eye for leadership. You get real-life experience and priceless information.

I spoke with our current legislative vice president, Keyan Laghaifar, about his involvement with ASG.

"This experience has helped me with my people skills, and showed me how to plan events," he said. He hopes his time on our campus as our legislative vice president will be an experience he can draw from when he's an international attorney for human rights groups.



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Susan Morgan

Being in ASG is very involved, and our dollars still don't go far enough. ASG officials participate in football games, help clean up the campus, give out free lunches to those who got a student body card, and put on all the cultural days and fundraisers.

In retrospect, I feel that my dollar fee is a dollar being well spent.

• Susan Morgan writes for the Views section of *The Rampage*.

FCC building holds promise

Last semester, I wrote a news story on Measure E for the Feb. 12 edition of *The Rampage*. I learned quite a deal about the bond, which was approved in November 2002, and what it would do for Fresno City College.

About \$161 million was allotted to the four-county State Center Community College District's schools — including FCC, Reedley College, and the Clovis, Madera and Oakhurst centers.

A year after the bond was approved, many are eager to see results, even though final distribution of money will not be reached until 2011.

Fiber-optic relays, which allow Internet access to buildings, were installed last summer, but what most people are waiting to see is the revival of the Old Administration Building. Yours truly is among those looking to see the building come back to life.

Recently, after distributing issues of *The Rampage* that were hot off the press, the chain-linked fence that keeps the building secure was open. I naturally decided to take an unauthorized tour of the facility.

Among dust and spider webs, I walked the dark, desolate halls of the archaic building. I was amazed at the spaciousness, the classic architecture and the neglect.

I found that the building has a performing arts theater, classrooms fitted for shop courses, laboratory classrooms and several lecture halls. This building has it all.

The large potential this

building has is hard to ignore. In a building with so much to offer, I asked myself, "Why did FCC turn its back on the OAB for so long?"

From Measure E, \$25 million will be used to modernize the building. This should never have happened. The building should have never closed its doors in the first place.

For some 25 years, the building has stood on the FCC campus as a hollow, neglected, abused version of its former self. FCC fell victim to modernization.

The Old Administration Building is now surrounded by cookie-cutter buildings all of the same square mold.

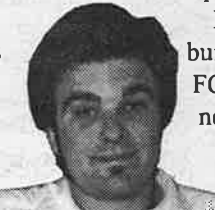
The city of Fresno has a bad habit of demolishing historic buildings to make way for state-of-the-art buildings that lack any uniqueness. Fresno has lost two courthouses already, replaced by the eyesore on Van Ness Avenue.

The Old Administration Building almost suffered the same fate. Miraculously, the building's potential and history were realized. Renovations can be expected as early as 2006.

Students should applaud the Old Administration Building's boosters and administrators for saving this gem of a building, which represents the first community college in the state.

Saving the building is the most logical choice historically, and it will help accommodate FCC's growing student body. Thank you for polishing the jewel of the campus.

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



Gerard Morel

It's the thought, not the cash, that counts during holidays

Beware of the bug, the shopping bug that is. Please don't get the shopping bug over the holidays because it's going to leave you broke and frustrated.

Most shoppers think that best way to give at this time of year is to buy expensive things. Everyone wants to shop until they find that special gift for the one that they love. The bad part about it is that all the retailers see is money.

I know that the holidays are about giving, sharing, caring and loving. But there is a limit to all of this. Why should you get in debt just because you want to show your love?

You can show your appreciation to that special person in your life on a budget. I'm not saying to be cheap, but be responsible when you're shopping.

The two main hazards to look for while spending your money are the persuasion of retailers and self-persuasion.

To avoid excessive spending and being in debt, you have to plan ahead. Don't wait until the last minute to buy that special person a gift.

Have you ever just walked into a department store and gone insane with greed? I have, and it's not a pretty sight. Avoid looking at extra merchandise, because you can easily persuade yourself into buying more than what you intended to buy.

"The best way to holiday-shop is to make something," said Fresno City College student, Sarrina Staub, 22. "It means more to that special someone if you show your creativity."

The merchandise is there to persuade you to buy products you don't need. You want it because it looks incredible to you. After it's



Crissy Winston

all said and done, you feel insane from buying unnecessary merchandise.

Don't let retailers persuade you to buy extra gifts and accessories. All retailers see is commission. If you feel it's not right to buy that merchandise, don't do it.

Just say no, because in the end you're going to get hurt, not the retailers. It's OK to tell a retailer no and keep moving.

You can also seek credit counseling services. Baloder Kaur, a financial counselor at American Financial Consulting Services in Fresno, suggested not to use credit cards and spend less money. Her main advice was to buy presents just for the children.

"Think wisely with your money and don't get suckered into getting credit cards as well," Kaur said. "Stay positive and focused, and you will make it in the new year alive."

"You have to be frugal because you have priorities," said FCC student Dan Jacobs, 20. "It's the thought that counts."

I love shopping for other people, but I try not to spend all my money. Don't feel that you can't show someone your

appreciation because you don't have all the money to buy him or her pretty, wrapped-up gifts.

Make sure that it comes from the heart, and that will make a big difference in a gift.

"People feel the pressure about spending due to the evidence of commercialism," said Matt Urner, 18. "Money takes the place for love, and that's what it's not about."

"Frugal" is not a bad word when it comes to holiday shopping. That word can be your best friend at the end of the year. You can also talk to a financial adviser for more help. There's so much help out there for overspenders.

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

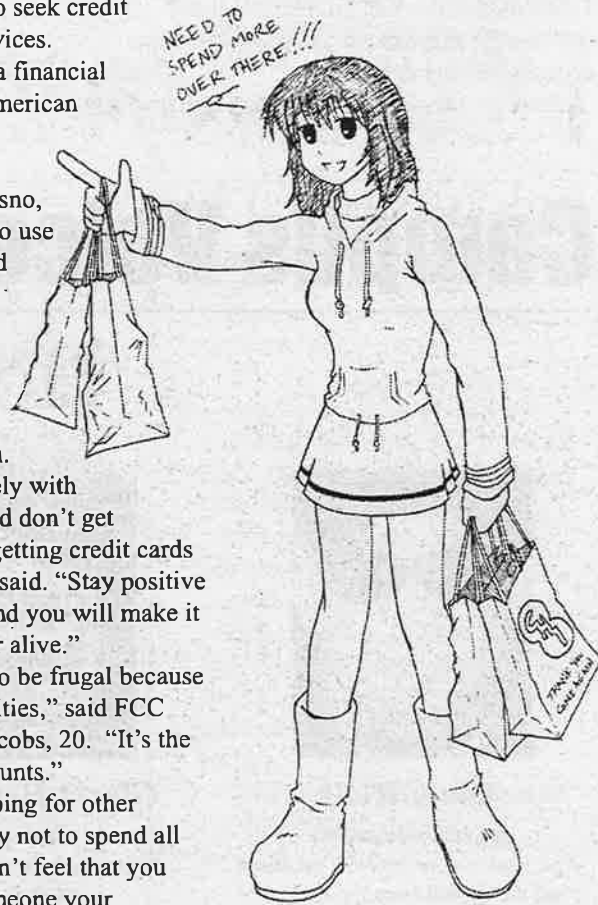


Illustration by Jesse Garcia

Immerse in the Jungle

By Luis Quezada

Pulse editor

The story of an Indian boy named Mowgli, who is raised by wolves in the jungle will come to life beginning Dec. 4.

"The Jungle Book" is a play based on the stories of Rudyard Kipling. It was first published in 1894 and was adapted for stage by Joseph Robinette.

"I think Rudyard Kipling has an incredible imagination and he uses animals to live his fantasies from his childhood," said Debbi Shapazian, director of the play.

Danielle Thompson, a student at Fresno City College will play the characters of Massura (Mowgli's mother) and Monkey No. 1.

"I like Massura better than the monkey [because] I got to learn some Hindi," said Thompson.

Hindi is a language spoken from India. Thompson said that learning the language was harder to pronounce than it was reading it off the script.

"It was challenging and fun." Thompson was taught the language by Sonia Sihota, sister of Gurdeep Sihota, director of college activities.

Thompson has also appeared in other productions like "Teasers" and the "Actor/Dancer Showcase."

Other cast members include Matt Basora (Bagheera), Laura Fay (Baloo), Dana Fouch (Shere Khan), Cortland Johnson (Rudyard Kipling), Alex Lawrence (Mowgli), and John Michael Padilla (Young Mowgli).

Students who were chosen to be in the play then became enrolled in the performance practicum course.

The special school performances of the theatre production will host elementary school children from Fresno and near by areas.

"Hopefully I'll give children an



Photo by Deborah Anderson

Bagheera (Matt Basora-black mask), Baloo (Laura Fay-white mask), teach Mowgli (Alex Lawrence-no mask) the laws of the jungle in "The Jungle Book." The show will run in the intimate College Studio Theatre, seating approximately 100 people per show during a six day engagement.

hour and 15 minutes of live theater, and they will come back and support other theaters," said Shapazian.

This will be on Dec. 5 and 12, with two performances at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and Dec. 13 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tickets for this have already been sold out.

Each performance throughout the six days holds a capacity of 100 people, including children.

"It's more intimate, when the animals are crawling on stage," said Thompson.

The theater was painted in rich colors of green, brown and yellow, creating a jungle atmosphere. This makes it more interactive, making

Arts Info.

The Jungle Book

When: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4,5,6,11,12,13, plus two 2 p.m. shows on Dec. 6 and 13

Where: Fresno City College Studio Theatre (TA-105)

Prices: \$10 general, \$7 FCC students, staff and seniors, \$5 high school students, \$4 groups of 10 or more, \$3 children (13 and under) For more information call the box office at 442-8221.

children capable of using their imagination and staying alert.

Characters will enter the theater from four different points to the middle stage, being surrounded by the audience.

A benefit breakfast is also scheduled for Dec. 13. Breakfast

and entertainment with the cast in the scene shop will begin at 9 a.m. followed by a performance at 10 a.m. Tickets for this event are \$ 15 for adults and \$ 10 for children.

"It's an uplifting performance, it's a real positive image," said Shapazian.

FCC's choir will sing at Winter concert

By Crissy Winston

Rampage reporter

The time of the year when the Fresno City College Woodwind Choir sings at the Winter Concert has come. The concert will be on Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m.

This long FCC continuing tradition presents an ensemble ranging of instruments like the clarinet, flute and double reed families. The FCC saxophone quartet will also perform a piece titled "Swing Shift."

Students in the saxophone quartet are Nathan Ramos (soprano saxophone), Joseph Archuleta (alto saxophone), Christina Rodriguez (tenor saxophone) and Richard Valenzuela, (baritone saxophone).

Other students performing in a trio are Tiffany Nyberg (violin), Nathan Ramos (clarinet) and Krinstin Joe (piano).

The choir has developed a reputation of unique sound due to the classical literature presented in its performance.

This concert, which is directed by Larry Honda, will consist of six pieces. Pieces being performed include music by James Hook, J.S. Bach, G.F. Handel, Felix Mendelssohn, Jan Vanhall, William Byrd and W.A. Mozart.

Arts Info.

Woodwind Choir Concert

When: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 5

Where: Recital Hall (MS-132)

Prices: Free. Further information available by calling the box office at 442-8221.

FCC musicians prepare for holiday concerts

By Susan Morgan

Rampage reporter

The holiday season is upon us along with a slue of concerts and music festivals. As the semester comes to an end the music department puts its finishing touches on its winter concerts. Two concerts to be anticipated in particular are the FCC Brass/Percussion concert on Dec. 9 and the FCC Concert Band performance on Dec. 10. The two concerts, being held at the FCC theatre at 7:30pm, will display a lot of Fresno City talent.

The first concert will be a combination of the brass and percussion groups. Professor Dale Engstrom leads the brass ensemble. The per-

formances will include works by such composers as Grieg, Gabrielli, Giovanni, and Bach. They will also be performing "Quidditch" from the movie Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, a score written by John Williams.

"We'll be playing a mix of standard brass literature along with Christmas favorites. The sound should be like being at Disneyland," said Engstrom of the music line up.

"One piece in particular is by a Polish composer that will take a different ear to appreciate because it is very modern," said Engston. The piece in mention will feature only three musicians, two FCC students and a professor.

Jeff Strong, Matt Baker, and Joe Caddel (professor) are excited

about the performance. "I'm very confident about this piece," said Strong.

Strong is a music major, who is playing trumpet in the band. He hopes to play in a symphony some day and will be attending the San Francisco Conservatory next year.

What really makes the brass ensemble unique is the participation of Joe Caddel, a professor of Organic Chemistry and a lover of music.

"I play the piccolo. I love music and Engstrom is a very good conductor. Music helps balance you and people should be as balanced as possible. I've learn a lot," said Caddel. The professor has been at

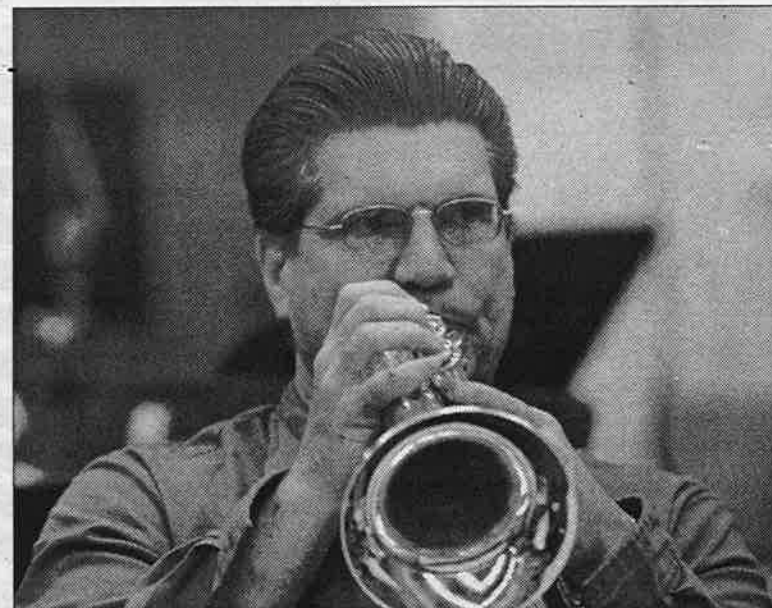


Photo by Bryan Borrer

Joe Caddel, a professor, practices on his trumpet for the performance.

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Horoscopes

Aries



(March 22-April 20)

Be on the lookout for a person with whom you could possibly begin a new relationship with. Crossing your arms will scare away this person.

Taurus



(April 21-May 20)

Things will be much more peaceful at this time. You will be able to achieve whatever your mind desires. Your priorities are No. 1.

Gemini



(May 21-June 21)

Rearrange the furniture in your home. This will eliminate negative vibes that have been accompanying you, and you'll find lost items.

Cancer



(June 22-July 22)

Take some time to pamper yourself. Make a dramatic change in your physical appearance. Either in your clothing or hair.

Leo



(July 23-Aug. 22)

Change the things that you don't feel comfortable with in your daily life. Your attitude will be much more pleasant with people surrounding you.

Virgo



(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Stop insisting on the people who don't appreciate you. Give them the boot and move on. Someone better will come along.

Libra



(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Share what you have, but don't be taken advantage of. Life will later reward you with trust. Trust is what you need in your life.

Scorpio



(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Things are running more smoothly in your life. Falling off track could result in problems for you in the near future.

Sagittarius



(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Give attention to children present in your life. They will remind you of simple things that can make life worth while.

Capricorn



by Luis Quezada

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

An unexpected trip will help to widen your eyes and answer questions. Thoughts will begin to make sense.

Aquarius



(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Stupidity will get you nowhere. Understanding others will allow you to become more knowledgeable.

Pisces



(Feb. 19-March 21)

Challenge yourself to be unique. With this characteristic you will allow yourself to stand out. Don't be afraid to be different.

City Life

by Jesse Garcia



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Chinese restaurant continues tradition

By Gerard Morel

Rampage reporter

Golden Restaurant in the Tower District has been serving authentic Chinese food for over 20 years and is still delighting the residents of the Tower with unique blends of traditional and infused Chinese dishes.

Golden has been a long time favorite for the residents of the Tower. The restaurant is somewhat of an institution.

Golden is situated on a cozy little stretch of Fulton Street, which houses two other popular restaurants.

The lunch scene at Golden is frantically busy. One can expect to wait a couple of minutes. The packed house at lunch is tempted with sizzling high quality meals at competitive prices.

The restaurant itself is a comfortable little nook, with plenty of room for large parties



Photo by James Franks

Golden Restaurant in the Tower District is well known for its food and atmosphere.

or comfortable enough for an intimate dinner with someone special.

Traditional Chinese artworks adorn the walls and miniature bamboo plants on each table add to this uniquely pleasant dining experience.

The food at Golden is exquisite to say the least. Patrons quite surely walk away from the restaurant satisfied, with the savory tastes of the food still on their taste buds. It is the only Chinese restaurant in town that I know of that serves duck.

The almond duck is a fine dish that is served with sweet and sour dipping sauce.

The sauce is a tantalizing addition to the almond breaded duck and for only \$8 is a bargain.

Depending on an individual's taste an addition of chop suey or fried rice would be the perfect compliment to the duck and each are only \$4.50.

You can't have a meal at Golden without trying the hot and sour soup, arguably one of the finest soups in town and again a bargain at \$5.85.

Whether you decide to dine in or take out, Golden Restaurant is an excellent choice for the Chinese food lover.

Review

Golden Restaurant

Entree Prices: \$5.00 to \$9.00

Location: 1135 N. Fulton (Tower District)

Phone: 264-2019 or 264-2029

CONCERTS: Staff, students perform together

FCC for seven years in chemistry. The other players feel his presence and appreciate it.

"It's really nice having him in our band. He brings a high level of skill and talent," said Strong.

"Yah, he's really old, I mean, experienced," Grey Gerster, who plays tuba, said with a smile. The guys have a great sense of humor with each other.

When asked what makes the brass ensemble special, R.J. Malpica, a trumpet player, said, "We have one of the cutest trumpet players in the world and it's me."

The group will also be caroling on campus Dec. 11 at noon.

Another big concert will be performed by the concert band, led by Gary Deeter, a professor, shortly after the brass and percussion show.

Deeter also conducts the percussion group. Caddell participates in this group too. The theme of this concert is America with pieces like "Suite of Old American Dances," "Heritage of Freedom," and "God Bless America."

Students, Lisa Chaffee, clarinet player and Marissa William, flute player have solos in nearly every song being performed.

Chaffee is in her first semester here and is majoring in biology with a minor in music.

"My favorite piece we're playing is 'American in Paris,'" said Chaffee.

Everything the band is doing is with the goal in mind of Paris. Next semester they

will be going to France to play an international festival in honor of the 60th Anniversary of D-Day. They will be the only U.S. band there. To fund raise, the group is selling cookie dough, tamales, Normandy T-shirts, and playing shows through out the holiday season.

"I'm playing a side gig for Christmas with a couple other band members here to raise money," said Williams. The goal is \$120,000 and so far they've raised \$10,000.

"We'll be representing the entire nation," said Williams. The tickets are \$3.00 for students.

"Come get into the Christmas cheer as we play a mix of some great music and great holiday classics," said Engstrom.

Ozomatli has it 'coming'

By Luis Quezada

Pulse editor

The blazing band Ozomatli presents its most recent EP titled "Coming Up."

The EP under the Concord Records label presents several styles of music. From salsa, hip hop, samba, rock and cumbia (a Hispanic popular dance).

Band members are Wil-Dog Abers, Ulises Bella, Sheffer Bruton, Mario Calire, Raul Pacheco, Justin 'El Niño' Poree, Asdrú Sierra, Kanetic Source, DJ Spinobi and Jiro Yamaguchi.

They form a polyglot of Black-Chicano-Cuban-Japanese-Jewish and Filipino.

"Ozomatli" is the Nahuatl (language) word for the Aztec god of dance.

The band has traveled to Japan, Europe, Cuba, Australia and Mexico.

Ozomatli has had the chance to play with Carlos Santana, Los Lobos, Johnny Pacheco, Yomo Toro and recently with the Kumbia Kings.

On this six-track EP "Mi Gente" ("My People") is the result of Ozomatli's and the Kumbia Kings' musical combination.

They had 48 hours to compose and record. They say that some people work best under pressure.

This song has become a hit, reaching radio air waves nation wide.

"Let Me Dream," "Esa Morena" ("That Dark-Skinned"), "Ya Viene El Sol" ("Here Comes The Sun") and "Coming Up-Cumbia De Los Muertos" ("Cumbia Of The Dead") are songs with rhythm and beat. They uplift the energy of the listener.

Ozomatli a Grammy Award Winner, is a band that will not deceive or leave you in deception. The band has no boundaries and are the leaders to a new era of music.

Review

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Rampage staff

Tails of dogs and cats were wagging happily as more than 1,000 people attended the first pet adoption event at Fresno City College on Nov. 12.

This event benefited animal advocate groups such as the Central California Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which represents homeless dogs and cats. The goal of this event was to place these animals in a caring, loving home.

"So far we've adopted 26 to 27 animals," SPCA executive director Norm Minson said about four hours into the event. "We had to make three trips back to the shelter." According to the Valley Animal Center, 50,000 dogs and cats are euthanized a year in Fresno County

alone. It's for this reason that first-year FCC student Rennara Metzler choose to volunteer for the SPCA for her Speech 20 class community service requirement.

"I love working with animals, and I want to get as many adopted as possible," said Metzler. "It's a great feeling to see them get adopted out."

Erin Rodriguez, who adopted a husky and Labrador mix from the SPCA, said that adopting was a better choice than choosing to buy from a breeder.

"I'd rather take a mix breed over a pure-bred, plus [they] need a home," said Rodriguez, who also felt the event had an uplifting atmosphere.

"I like that all the animal shelters got together for one big event," said Rodriguez. "It's less depressing than going to a shelter."

Volunteer Dan Rocka said that his dog rescue organization Heart

Bandits wouldn't exist if it weren't for FCC instructor Janice Janison.

Janison saw an American Eskimo puppy running astray on campus 20 years ago. Rocka's mother, then an FCC student, caught the puppy.

"We never would be doing rescue if it wasn't for her," Rocka said.

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