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Step Afrika performs to honor African-American History Month.

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Bond's funds start flowing

By Gerard Morel
Rampage reporter

Measure E has been approved by voters now for three months. Disbursement of funds will begin soon. The priority of certain projects is being carefully planned and the impact of these projects will benefit students and faculty alike greatly.

\$161 million has been allotted to the State Center Community College District's four-county-area schools — Fresno City College,

Reedley College, Clovis, Madera and Oakhurst Centers — for various improvements.

The first \$16 million will be issued this spring. The next sum of \$50 million will be issued in the spring of 2005, followed by another sum of \$50 million in the spring of 2008. The final \$45 million will be issued in 2011. The entire project will be finished 2011.

"I certainly hope it doesn't take eight years, but that is the projected timeline for the project," said Janet

Jackson, associate dean of instruction of learning resources.

The district's schools have set their own list of priorities independently. The first phase of bond projects actually began at FCC in the spring of 2001. This part of the project was a clean-up effort of the archaic data connections at Student Services and the Resource Center.

A server farm was created to pull fiber and more than 900 tangled cables. The creation of the server

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A street sign indicates the location of a future community college in northern Fresno County along the border between Fresno and Clovis. Funds from Measure E, passed in November, will finance the construction of the school meant to replace the district's Clovis Center.

Photo by Lenetta Huxley

Fair groups seek student volunteers

By Latasha Ball
Rampage reporter

Giving back to the world is what Fresno City College is all about as the Volunteer Fair kicks off Wednesday, Feb. 12, in the FCC fountain area. "There's a sense of civic responsibility that occurs

when students get involved in their communities and make a difference," said Lynn Badertscher, instructor of Speech 20, a community involvement class.

The fair has generated positive feedback from agencies that attend the fair and often come back to seek more FCC students who are willing to help in any way possible. "There must be a reason the same volunteer organizations come back year after year," said Janice Wong, assistant director of college activities.

"Most of these agencies really make the students feel a part of the organization," Badertscher said. "They count on volunteers so they treat their volunteers well."

A lot of students who seek to volunteer at certain organizations have experienced what a person in need of special help has had to go through and can relate to that person's issues. "There are students who want to give back because they received services sometime in their life," Badertscher said.

Not only can volunteering be emotionally fulfilling, but it can also be educationally fulfilling as students discover the career paths they may want to explore. "Volunteering opens students up to job opportunities to find out what they want to get into later on," Wong said.

"Some students get jobs out of volunteering because the agencies have trained them and a job becomes available," Badertscher said.

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Do the Spike Thing

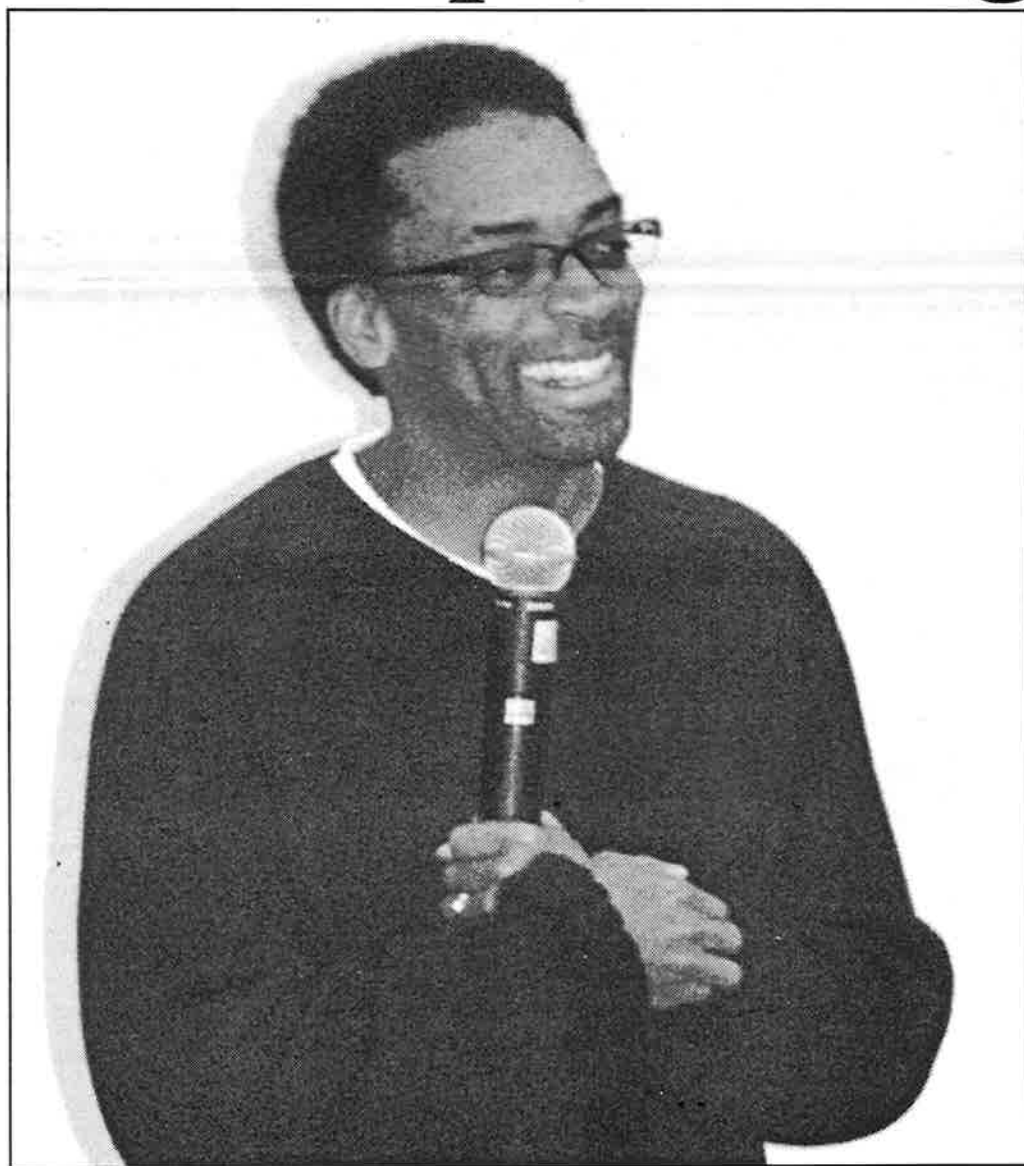


Photo by Tiffany Brisendine

Director Spike Lee speaks in the Fresno City College gym Feb. 5. The event, which drew about 2,000 people, was made free to FCC students. Tickets, however, sold for as much as \$15.

Famous filmmaker's speech headlines FCC's African-American History Month celebration

By Erin Ferns
Rampage reporter

With a host of events, Fresno City College could not have set off African-American History Month with more excitement and cultural pride.

With varying showcases of musical art such as gospel and rap, an African-themed fashion show and filmmaker Spike Lee, the FCC campus has already been set into enlightening experiences and, in some ways, made its own history.

African-American History Month is the "shortest month of the year," said renowned director Spike Lee during his Feb. 5 address, "America Through My Lens."

Lee, who was recently given an honorary doctorate from New York University, touched on the importance of education today, especially among young African-American males who seem to have only three options in life: to become a rapper, join professional sports, or sell drugs.

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Man dies at Madera Center site

By Tony Losongco
Editor-in-Chief

A construction worker at the district's Madera Center fell to his death, prompting a state safety investigation and bringing pause at the site of a future building for the eventual community college.

Samuel Fidler, 22, was working on the building's steel frame Jan. 31, when he fell and later died, said Kathy Bonilla, Fresno City College public information officer.

The state Occupational Health and Safety Administration is investigating the incident. Fidler reportedly fell from 28 feet up, below the minimum 30-foot height where harnesses are required.

State Center Community College District broke ground on the \$17.3 million project at Madera in October. Termed an "Academic Village," the project will add 57,000 square feet of instructional and office space to the Madera Center's existing campus.

The project, scheduled for completion in 11 months, will proceed as planned, Bonilla said.

Harris Construction of Fresno won the project bid, and the company subcontracted Mid-State Steel, which employed Fidler, a Tulare resident.

"Our requirements align with OSHA's requirements," said Randy Shipman, field superintendent at Mid-State's corporate office.

Harris Construction declined to comment on the incident.

Shipman said that the construction job was shut down for two days. Because of the pending investigation, he added, there are no current company plans to honor Fidler.

"But I know some of our other guys, as well as myself, have expressed an interest in wanting to try to do something," Shipman said.

Editorial

African-American History Month has been assigned to February allowing individuals of that ethnicity to become recognized in whatever they have achieved. Many African-Americans have been able to demonstrate their talented skills, whether it be in sports, music or broadcasting and becoming successful.

Many of today's African-American ancestors happened to be slaves. It was leaders like the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks and Malcolm X who were able to change segregation.

Spike Lee's appearance at Fresno City College Feb. 5 highlighted one significant point. Several successful African-American figures have been involved in shootings, drugs or criminal histories, being put on probation or even incarcerated.

Celebrities, like the popular O.J. Simpson, who went on trial on suspicion of killing his own wife; the deaths of rappers Tupac Shakur and the Notorious B.I.G.; and accusations toward Michael Jackson and R. Kelly

dealing with issues involving children, have been some examples.

The music industry also lost two great artists due to airplane and car crashes. These two women were Aaliyah and Lisa Lopes from TLC. This has made it more difficult for those involved with these problems, but they have been able to overcome it.

The recognition they receive during the month of February is supposed to highlight great contributions of African-Americans. Then why, as Lee pointed out during his recent FCC appearance, are they given the month with the fewest days? Some African-Americans could claim being cheated out on a few extra days and still being discriminated against. This could be seen as a form of continued discrimination, not only to African-Americans, but also to people of other ethnic groups.

Why is Asian-American Awareness Week only one week long? Latino Heritage Month, when celebrated, is part of two calendar months, and other ethnicities don't even have a month or week where

they can honor members of their nationality. Besides, the word Hispanic or Latino classifies every group that speaks Spanish. Hispanic is a broad word, which includes Mexicans, Cubans, Puerto Ricans, Colombians, and people of all countries whose native language is Spanish.

If ethnic groups are to be recognized, then why not have equal amount of time where days are evenly distributed?

If a country like the United States wants to come to peace with other countries, then it must begin by being fair. We must remember this country is home to many natives of numerous countries, who contribute to this country and deserve the same rights as anyone else. They pay taxes and even hold high-positioned seats, whether they are in corporations or government.

We also have to realize that certain ethnic groups have also become a majority, which means that people in this country will probably end up being acquainted with them in the long run.

Campus calendar

Arts

New Works by Jim Shephard and Suzanne Sloan-Lewis — through March 15, Art Space Gallery

City Singers Jazz Concert — 7:30 p.m., March 4, Recital Hall

College Activities

Spoken Word/Speech Contest — 10 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, Theatre

Volunteer Fair — 10 a.m., Wednesday, Fountain Area/College Mall

Pan-Afrikan Student Union Dating Game — noon, Thursday, Free Speech Area

Club Rush — 10 a.m., Feb. 19, Fountain Area

Pan-Afrikan Student Union Soul Food Sale — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Feb. 19, Fountain Area

Timbuktu Presentation — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Feb. 19, Student Lounge
"Mo Money": A Real Talk About Finances — noon to 1 p.m., Feb. 20, Student Lounge

Bus Trip to Col. Allensworth State Historic Park — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Feb. 22

"Rites of Passage" — 11 a.m., Feb. 24, Student Lounge

Wall of Honor — 6 p.m., Feb. 25, African-American Museum

Slammin' BBQ — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Feb. 26, Fountain Area

Events

"The Research Revolution: Science and the Shaping of Modern Life" Discussion Series — 7 p.m., Thursday, "Robotics"; Feb. 20, "Genetics"; Feb. 27, "Forensics"; March 6, "Global Warming"; Forum Hall room 101

Renaissance Festival — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., March 8 and 9, West Lawn

Intramurals

8-Ball Pool Tournament — 10 a.m., Feb. 21, College Activities
5-on-5 Flag Football — 10 a.m., North Field

Public Affairs

SCCCD Board of Trustees Meeting — 4:30 p.m., March 4, District Office

News briefs

FCC takes four-day weekend

Fresno City College will observe the Lincoln Day and Washington Day holidays by canceling classes and closing offices.

Due to the holidays, FCC will not hold classes or open its offices Friday and Monday. Also, Saturday classes scheduled for this weekend will not meet. The campus will re-open Tuesday.

Credit or no credit

Time is running out for FCC students to choose the credit/no-credit grade option for spring classes.

The deadline to declare this option — CR/NC — instead of a letter grade is Tuesday. After that date, students can only receive an "A"-through-"F" letter grade for classes.

Due to a school holiday, the Admissions and Records Office will

be closed from Friday to Monday, before the deadline. Regular hours for the office, on the lower level of Student Services, are: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Thursday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday.

Nutrition services return to FCC

The Health Services office is making nutrition services available to the FCC community, providing a registered dietitian on campus on a regular basis this semester.

Brent Walker, the office's nutritionist, will provide nutrition services, including individual counseling and group presentations. Walker is available Wednesdays from 8 to 11 a.m. in the Health Services office.

For more information or an appointment, contact the Health Services office, located in Room 112 of the Student Services Building, at 442-4600, ext. 8268.

Workshop to help decide careers

The FCC Career Center will host free vocational exploration workshops to help current FCC students facing the critical task of selecting a career path after graduation.

The two-hour workshop will assist students in researching career fields through Internet and computerized resources. The vocational exploration workshops, beginning at 5 p.m. Tuesday, and 1:30 p.m., Feb. 19, are free to current FCC students.

The Career Center also offers two career decision-making workshops, guiding participants through the process of selecting a career. Those workshops will take place at 5 p.m. Feb. 25, and at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 26. The cost of the workshop is \$5.

For more information or to sign up for a workshop, contact the Career Center, on the second floor of the Student Services Building, at 442-8291.

Police log

From the files of the SCCC Police Department
Compiled by Veronica Rodriguez

Jan. 27

- Sergeant issued nine pedestrians citations for railroad crossing-arms violations.
- Officer took report regarding harassment of one student by another.
- Sergeant took report regarding stalking on campus.
- Sergeant cited vehicle for excessively loud stereo

Jan. 29

- Sergeant dispatched to Health Sciences regarding individual drinking beer on campus. Individual arrested, cited, released. Report taken.

Jan. 31

- Sergeant took report regarding fatal industrial accident at Madera Center
- Officer took report regarding vehicle burglary in Lot D

Feb. 2

- Officer took report regarding burglary to Manchester Center

Feb. 4

- Officer took report regarding death from natural causes.

Feb. 5

- Officer EMS dispatched to Health Services regarding disturbed student. Student turned over to EMS. Report taken.
- Officer, nurse dispatched to Library regarding injured student. Student turned over to nurse. Report taken.

Feb. 7

- Sergeant took report regarding vehicle hit and run

Feb. 8

- Officer took report regarding missing money in Library Media Center. Building had been left unlocked earlier that day.

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Auto programs get students' careers running

By Erin Ferns

Rampage reporter

Since the Nov. 5 passing of Proposition 47, Fresno City College's technology center has been in the process of applying for \$13 million of the state bond. "One of our programs on their list to consider is to remodel the Applied Technology Division," said Richard Christl, associate dean of applied technology.

One of 18 programs in the technology division is automotive, which has budding programs that need proper funding to prosper.

"The whole division will be remodeled and part of it will be the auto program," said Christl. "These facilities were built in 1958. They didn't have the infrastructure to offer the high-tech programs that we're offering now."

Students complain of lack of room and weak electricity. When trying to use the auto shop's power tools, "the electrical circuit sometimes doesn't have enough power," said student Valentino Aguilar.

Eduardo Herrera, member of the Automotive Student Educational Program, does not notice any drawbacks of the aging facilities, except one thing. "The power doors should be better," Herrera said. "They're too slow."

Fellow ASEP student Omar Hernandez felt the automotive classes needed a larger tool room to store extra tools. Students are often rushing their work so the better equipment can be fairly distributed. Along with Hernandez, most students jokingly cried for a heating system. "We need a heater," Hernandez said. "It's freezing."

Not only is the technology not up to standard, but the space is limited too. "The biggest problem we have here is space," said Dennis Atkinson, senior instructor of the automotive program. "We just don't have enough space for storage and for our tools and equipment."

Aside from the reconstruction necessities that the technology division requires, FCC showcases some promising programs.

There is the new General Motors or ASEP program. "The GM program is specifically designed to prepare students for work at General Motors dealerships," Atkinson said. "The curriculum includes automotive training as well as general education requirements for an associate degree."

Under the GM program, students in their second year are required to be employed at a GM dealership. "We maintain contact with dealerships that are in our service area, which basically runs from about the San Francisco Bay area south down to Bakersfield. We have about 120 dealerships that we work with," Atkinson said.

When the ASEP students graduate, they are likely to be placed into the dealerships across the state.

Although currently a GM student, Hernandez has his own job at Champion Chevrolet in Firebaugh, where he goes directly after school. He likes the experience of working at a dealership in addition to taking automotive classes.

"The environment there is real-life," Hernandez said. The dealership, he said, allows him to learn how to deal with customer demands.

In one class, Atkinson has 17 ASEP students and 17 students who

are not in a special automotive program. Student Daniel Mora said that "anybody working in the GM program has certain vehicles that are assigned to them." These cars tend to be Chevrolet models, a GM make.

"There are two other avenues for the general population automotive students," Atkinson said.

"There is an associate degree program with a work experience portion. Then we have the certificate program, which focuses on the core automotive classes," he said.

In this program, Atkinson said, students "don't need to take the full load of associate degree academics, but we do require they take an English class, a math class and one psychology class so that they get a little bit of exposure to the rest of the college."



Photo by Teresa Dawson

David Dockstader, right, checks mixture control dwell on a General Motors feedback carburetor in an FCC automotive shop, while fellow student Alberto Delgadillo observes.

With primarily male classes, Atkinson said he would "like to see more women in the program."

"Women have a better place in this profession now than they used to," he said. "There's so much technology in these cars now, we really need people that have the ability to slow down and think. Guys tend to

crash into it and see if they can fix it. Whereas, women are more analytical. Women stand back and look at something and try to analyze and develop a plan."

Female student Colleen Hadlock has no complaints or perks to share about being in auto classes. "I just like being here," she said.

Club Rush shows off FCC diversity

Ethnic and cultural clubs play key role in campus life.

By Erika Razo

Rampage reporter

Club Rush gets Fresno City College students informed, recruited and fed. At last month's Club Rush, ethnic associations and clubs were not only out to feed hungry students, but to take charge by informing people on campus about impor-

tant cultural events and special activities.

FCC will be holding another Club Rush Feb. 19. The event, which promotes club awareness, campus activities and sign-up, seemed to have kicked off the semester well.

"I look around and see everyone mingling, and enjoying them-

selves," said Tony Ward, an FCC student.

At the last Club Rush many students around campus could not help but wander over to the American Criminal Justice Association, also known as Lambda Alpha Epsilon. That particular association was having a barbecue.

Elizabeth Ochoa, who was standing in line at the LAE booth waiting for a meal, said, "It's nice for clubs to do this, because eating at Yoshino's gets old."

Another club that was set up on campus for Club Rush was the Pan Afrikan Student Union.

"We, the Pan Afrikan Student Union, are out here to have a good time and tell students about Black History Month." President of PASU also said, "This month we are working on a few activities such as a soul food dinner and an African Renaissance dance."

For those unaware PASU welcomes all students to join, regardless of race. PASU also took part in the Spike Lee conference that was held at FCC Feb. 5.

Ethnic and cultural FCC clubs

Asian International Student Association
Hmong Student Club
International Student Club
MEChA
Native American Indian Student Association
Pan Afrikan Student Union
Poly-Asian Communication for Knowledge

Source: College Activities

For more information on clubs or how to start a campus group, contact College Activities at 265-5711, or Associated Student Government at 442-8275.



Photo by Teresa Dawson

Students browse the booths at FCC's first Club Rush of the semester.

Another club that participated in Club Rush was the Asian International Student Association. "We take part in Club Rush to let students know that we are a club and that we are planning upcoming events," said AISA president Phillip So.

So went on to say that he and his club are telling students about FCC's Asian-American Awareness Week. The events, which will be-

gin March 30, will be promoting Cambodian, Laotian, and other Asian cultures.

"The festivities will include food and craft booths. There's also going to be a martial arts performance here on campus that week." So said.

So also explained that the club wants students to be informed and hopes that students will participate in the upcoming Asian-American Awareness Week activities.

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"The third choice becomes their way out," he said.

Lee believes the negative perception of education stems from the impact of American popular culture, also emphasizing its power by calling it "our biggest export."

He cited rapper 50 Cent for gaining clout as a hip-hop artist, partly for the fact that he was "shot nine times" and "can live and rap about it."

The 46-year-old director wants to dispel the myth of "ghetto fabulous...we have to change that because that's insane."

Attendee Diego Monterrubio was inspired by Lee's appearance. "He made me realize, there's no limit to what people can do," Monterrubio said. "Whether you come from the ghetto, the barrio, or any other county, your education and your dreams are unlimited."

Third-year student Erica Torres was glad Lee chose to speak at FCC. "The school is in central

Fresno where there are a lot of...different races," Torres said. "Him coming to this school was the right choice."

Torres was also inspired by the celebration of African-American History Month.

"For me, it's important," Torres said. "It opens the doors for allowing me as a Chicana to seek out my own culture and lets me know who my neighbors are."

With a variance of students at this African-American History Month event, FCC President Ned Doffoney's reasoning for Lee's address was fitting. "I think Spike Lee is an important idea contributor to our time," Doffoney said. "If a student is going to be truly educated, that student has to hear different voices and to hear ideas from those different voices."

Spike Lee's appearance was sponsored largely in part by the Coca-Cola Bottling Company. Many campus organizations, including the Associated Student Government and FCC's own African-American faculty and staff

were credited as event sponsors.

While honoring Lee with an award, president of the State Center Community College District board of trustees Dottie Smith called his appearance a "historical moment at Fresno City College."

In the month's first event, the African-American History Committee presented the Gospel Afternoon Festival. The theme was "Recognizing the Spirit Within Us." The spiritually prominent show featured local gospel acts, mostly based out of the Westside Church of God.

Beyond the religious celebration, the show was a tribute to African-American predecessors and future generations. Ron Wellington, of gospel group the Pleasant Travelers of Fresno, California, explained how gospel music descends from his ancestors.

"Gospel music came from slaves. It was a way of expressing their feelings towards their owners so they could take away from...being worked to death and not being appreciated," Wellington

said. "We're stronger today than we were yesterday, but if it wasn't for those before us, we wouldn't have today."

Lucille Rash, retiring FCC business instructor, was recognized at the festival when a group of students dedicated a song to her and bid her farewell. Rash said after leaving FCC, she plans on working with various African-American history programs in Fresno or "anything I can do to promote black awareness in Fresno."

The opening ceremony, also held in the FCC Theatre during school hours, was attended by more than just African-American students and faculty. Manoug Sakayan, a student of Armenian descent, gave his thoughts on what African-American history means to him.

"I know it affects all of our lives and not just African-American people," Sakayan said. "A lot of their civil movements have given people the courage to say 'Oh well, they can do it. We can do it too.' They're the people we can all look up to."

Robert Fox, FCC dean of student services, introduced the event with a motivational speech toward the future of African-American students. "The story of achievement of people with African decent in this country is still an open book," he said, encouraging the young people be positive for the generation to come.

FCC students and staff entertained the audience with an African-inspired fashion show following a rap.

Student rapper 2-III performed his song, "Still Rep'in' (Fresno Rep'in' Remix)" with a catchy hook that boasted Fresno pride.

FCC's African-American staff led the audience in singing the black national anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing." The gravely encouraging song tells the vocalist to "lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring" — with such a colorful audience celebrating and embracing African-American History Month, that uniting note might not be too far to hear.

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farm allows for easier problem-solving and speedy Internet access from a pristine control panel and established connections throughout the east end of the building.

This part of the project is called LAN (local area network). The WAN (wide area network) part of the project took place last year. This connected SCCC offices to its school sites with modern and speedier fiber relays.

The LAN-WAN project will continue this spring. After completion this summer, FCC will have a server farm and Internet access in every building. Instructional opportunities will improve dramatically.

The LAN-WAN progress will

give SCCC access to the 4CNet system, a cyber-relay to California State University and community college campuses statewide. \$14.65 million has been set aside for technology upgrades, which include the LAN-WAN project.

Douglas Brinkley, vice chancellor of finance and administration, called LAN-WAN the "fiber backbone" of the entire project. "This will improve each building's distribution points for each classroom to have proper Internet access," Brinkley said.

Parking remains a nuisance for FCC. It is an issue that has students' passion and interest. Measure E will devote \$2.63 million to the issue.

FCC student Kim Nottingham voiced displeasure for parking. "Don't get me started on parking. It

makes me late to every class. I leave home an hour early and I'm still late to class. I hate the parking situation," she said. "I'm glad something is going to be done about it."

Brinkley said that there was an idea of constructing a lot three miles from campus, shuttling students to and from the site. This idea might likely be disapproved by the board of trustees, he said.

When asked whether he would park three miles from campus, FCC student Jeff Kazel laughed. "I circle the parking lot at least two to three times before I find a spot or decide to park off campus," he said.

The library has already benefited with technology upgrades that came last year. A bibliographic instruction lab was added enabling students to access databases like Nexis-Lexis.

"The real reason behind the project is to increase the different modalities of teaching and learning. The technology will enhance that process," Jackson said.

FCC's Old Administration Building will be brought back to life as part of Measure E. The building has been dormant for more than 25 years. \$25 million has been set aside for modernization of the interior.

The establishment of new classrooms and laboratories will help ease overcrowding. "[As] the more space we have for students increases their safety, overcrowding is the issue with safety. The opening of the OAB will give us more classrooms and a place for students to congregate," Brinkley said.

Measure E is a categorical bond. Funds can only be used for con-

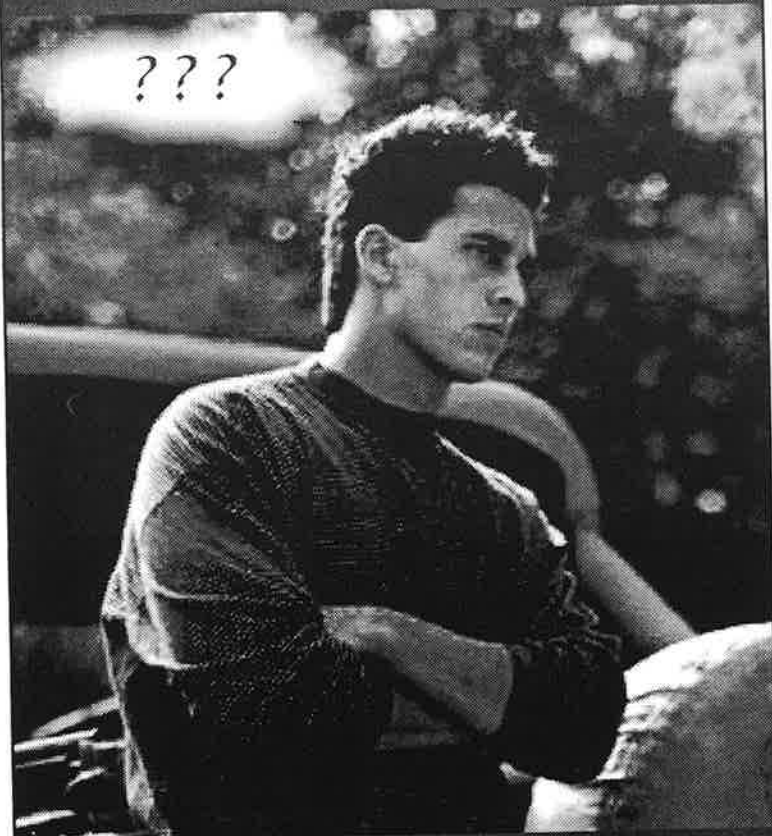
struction and upgrade projects stipulated in the bond. "The state budget woes will not affect the bond because it is categorical. It can only be spent on categories stated in the bond," Jackson said.

The project will take another eight years to complete, but the projects' impact will be noticeable even as it is in the developmental stages. Students will have improved learning tools by next summer, instructors will have improved teaching tools and there will eventually be an effective solution to the parking problem.

"There is an oversight committee that will oversee the way the funds are spent. The impact for FCC students and faculty alike is measurable. Teaching and learning will get a big boost and the overcrowding problem will disappear all thanks to Measure E," Brinkley said.

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FCC wages war on campus waste

By Tony Losongco
Editor-in-Chief

*"It looks like an off-gray haze, a fog. It hurts your lungs."
Norman Babb, second-year FCC student*

A monthlong fire in southwest Fresno has made a bad air problem worse in the Fresno City College area. But while the 20,000-plus member FCC community adds to pollution by trash, air and noise, the school fervently aims to join in environmental solutions.

A fire that began Jan. 11 at Archie Crippen Excavation continues to burn, emitting hazardous particulate matter where the wind blows. FCC sits about three miles from the fire scene, and students have witnessed tangible evidence of the Crippen fire on campus.

Second-year FCC student Norman Babb lives about one mile from the fire site. "It looks like an off-gray haze, a fog," said Babb more than three weeks after the fire began. "It hurts your lungs."

The Crippen fire highlights the urgency of local environmental concerns for such agencies as the federal Environmental Protection Agency. The EPA sent experts to the fire scene to help assess the damage to Fresno's air quality.

The agency had designated the San Joaquin Valley a serious nonattainment area, adding it to a polluted club of only seven regions nationwide, because of particulate matter. These particles are less than 10 microns wide, about four-tenth thousandths of an inch.

In addition to the fire's dangers to the local environment, FCC and the State Center Community College District make their own imprint on nature. Students and staff in a concentrated area produce congestion of various sorts and huge amounts of trash.

Glen Foth, SCCCD's grounds service manager, oversees trash collection for the district.

"We do a 30-yard compacted container about every 10 days," a container that weighs about 5 tons, Foth said. "We also have some front loaders that we do every three days. Those you could probably add about another ton."

Foth estimated that between his seven workers that collect trash every morning and additional pickups every afternoon, his department devotes about 1.5 full-time employees to trash collection.

"It's an everyday battle and an

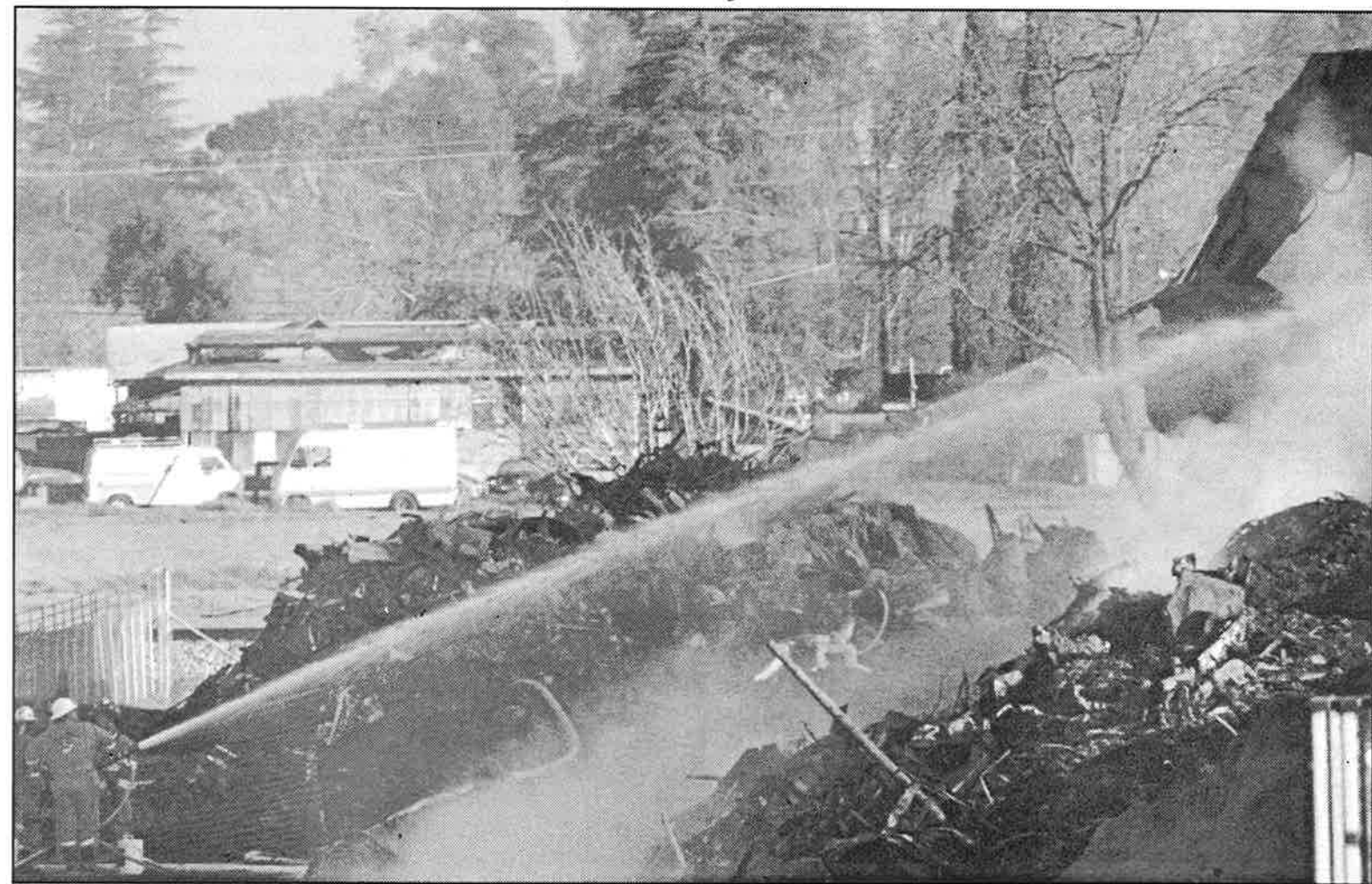


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Fresno firefighters water the Archie Crippen Excavation site in southwest Fresno, a still-burning fire three miles from FCC that began Jan. 11.

all-day battle," Foth said. "You can walk past and clean up and five minutes later it looks like you've never been there."

Foth pointed to a small number of students and staff at FCC who contribute to campus litter. "The majority of our students are wonderful students, but if more students just made the effort and threw it away in the trash can, it would really help us out," he said.

A large FCC population also brings thousands of vehicles, which generate both exhaust and noise. While district chief of police Marvin Reyes recognizes minimum amounts of air and noise pollution, he said his department desires to reduce excessive levels.

"And obviously sound pollution caused by loud stereos can be a distraction to the classroom environment, and we need to do what we can to get that eliminated or minimized," Reyes said.

District police have long enforced vehicle code rules that for-

bid undue pollution, including loud exhaust and extreme stereo noise. "If I can hear your stereo or your sound system 50 feet away with my ears with no enhancement, just my ears, you're in violation," Reyes said.

"If the noise is too loud, we are going to at some point contact you regarding it," Reyes said of the stereos. "And if the situation is so egregious, we may even enforce the law and issue a citation."

Beyond the state vehicle code, FCC operates under a number of Earth-friendly government rules. School custodial manager Juan Bravo said the state Conservation Department requires recycling programs or measures from all institutions FCC's size.

"I have a full-time employee, about four hours a day, that picks up recycling throughout the campus," said Bravo of the recycling commitment, which includes an annual report. "At one time we probably could use a full-time person, but we just can't afford it."

Recycling bins dot the campus in high-traffic locations. However, low student participation affects both bin input and bin processing. Bravo said that FCC clubs traditionally have expressed hot-and-cold interest in taking over recycling efforts.

"Once they start seeing the amount of work that's involved, they normally don't" keep up with collecting recyclables, Bravo

said. "You can't force the clubs to do it."

In fact, the Fresno Local Conservation Corps has taken over FCC collection for about three years. The non-profit group's teenagers and young adults pick up FCC's glass, cans and newspaper twice a week.

"Probably from Fresno City we're collecting 200 to 250 pounds of recyclables a month," said Shawn Riggins, program recycling manager for the state-funded corps.

Bravo said the group offers services free of charge, yet it keeps all the revenue from recycling. "Now with all of the soda machines around, they're probably getting a good amount of aluminum now," he said. "We probably should re-look that."

However, Riggins said that his group's FCC collection, including plastic and aluminum soda cans, yields "not much at all" — about \$25 monthly. "Actually it can be a lot better, because we still find a lot of containers in the trash," Riggins said.

"That's one of our messages," Riggins added. "In fact, I wanted to get some kind of booth out there the next couple of months" to educate the FCC community about the recycling program.

FCC's range of conservation programs has not only an environmental impact, but also a measurable bottom-line impact. Bravo cited "reduced costs for our conservation and recycling," saying that recycling efforts help delay the regular hauling of general trash.

The Conservation Department has imposed on counties goals to reduce waste, up to 50 percent within two years. Foth, however, said that the SCCCD has reduced its waste by about 83 percent, ahead of the state's goals.

Fresno's per-capita waste

Garbage collected annually (pounds)
1529

Water produced daily (gallons, 2001)
215

Daily vehicle miles traveled (Fresno County, 2000)
23

Sources: City of Fresno Department of Public Utilities, California Air Resources Board

Among other reductions, Foth said, the district recycles asphalt. "It gets taken out, we grind it up and re-use it on site," he said, estimating about 280 tons of recycled asphalt in the past year. "It's a bonus for us because we get a cheaper price on the things."

Students like Babb, meanwhile, acknowledged the need for solutions. Babb said he would be interested in doing his part, and echoed the sentiments of campus officials that solutions begin with members of the FCC community.

"I think that they could make the students and staff aware of the pollution," Babb said. "Teach them how to use a garbage can. Teach them how to respect the Earth and respect each other."

"All I'd ask is, please hit the trash can," Foth said.



Photo by Lenita Huxley

Recycle bins sit in the bookstore building. FCC collects recyclables at four locations.

Volunteer, Continued from page 1

Volunteering is also a requirement in some courses as students are asked to put forth a certain amount of hours for the course, and some courses offer the choice between volunteering for an organization or doing another project for the class.

"What we're finding is more students seek out the classes that have a service component to them because they really enjoy it," Badertscher said.

The fair also gives students the

opportunity to establish a career path with trained professionals in their field. "Many students volunteer so they can learn about the field they're going into and network with professionals in that field," said Badertscher.

When someone does something out of love and kindness, Badertscher added, it tells about that person's character and how he or she will be in the work world. "Employers tell us they like to see volunteer work on a résumé because it shows them if this person will do something for nothing, that they'll give a lot when they're paid," Badertscher said.

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- CASA-Court Appointed Special Advocates of Fresno County
- Central California Pride Network
- City of Selma
- Community Medical Center
- Comprehensive Youth Services
- EOC Sanctuary Safe Place Outreach Program
- EOC/Fresno Local Conservation Corps
- Fair Housing Council of Central California
- FCEOC Head Start
- Fresno City College Service-Learning Center
- Fresno Covenant Foundation
- Fresno High School Mentor Program
- Fresno Rescue Mission Lighthouse Guild
- Holy Cross Women and Children's Center
- Hoover Pyramid Mentoring Program
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Should we celebrate the bliss of love only one day out of year?

Ahh! It's that time of the year again. The month of love. The flowers, chocolate, cards. All the last minute running around.



Veronica Rodriguez
Rampage reporter
Opinion

Grabbing gifts from a small selection left on almost empty shelves. I can see it already the balloons, lovers acting extra nice. People arranging secret deliveries.

Don't get me wrong; I'm definitely in favor of Valentine's Day, however should we only celebrate love once a year? Is the love we search for that is in our hearts influenced only by commercials, ads, and publicity?

Many people around this time can't wait for this holiday, to invest their finances in expressing their love for someone, while, many others are deeply saddened that they have no one to call their Valentine

this year.

If you are someone who hasn't met your special someone, yet don't fret. Love is still in the air. It's better to give than to receive, that's how the Bible puts it. That's true. Be patient.

If you just go out and grab someone just for the sake of having someone on Valentine's Day, you just might be worse off. Then you'll wish they would just leave you alone. I'm just kidding. Seriously, I challenge you to take the time to make amends

with someone. Someone you regret hurting.

Someone who needs to know they're special and loved. Let's not just make it, just a lover's holiday, but a day of love.

Don't wait for Mother's Day, Father's Day, Grandparent's Day, or even a friendship day to express you're your love. Show your love now. We never know what tomorrow could bring.

Tomorrow is promised to no man. Seek out the love you have in your heart today and give it away.

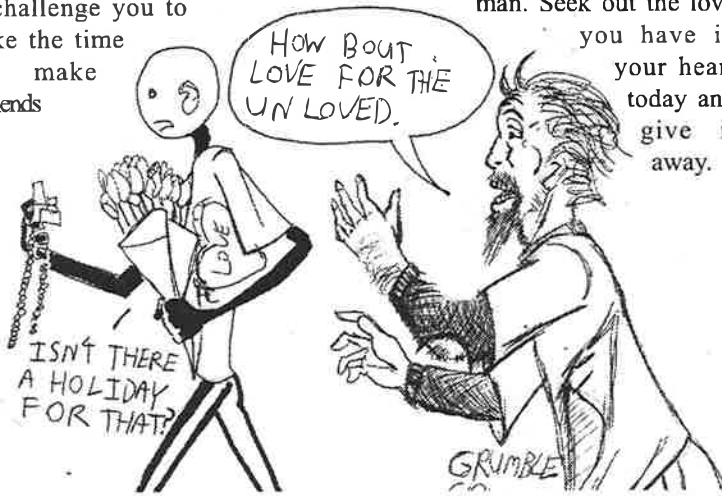


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Valentine's Day should be a special time to show feelings

Attention all materialistic ladies out there, my favorite day is approaching us very soon. Valentine's Day is such an important day, for those of us with significant others or maybe even people who are admiring someone.

I can see it now, all the really cute stuffed animals, all the good sweet chocolate candies, jewelry, candle light dinners, and the best of all, a long special evening of romance, being wine and dined all in the comfort of your home or your mates house.

Spending quality time, is a must do by guys, because most

women are caring and sometimes emotional beings.

Quality of time is what we need to discuss the problems of our day and to relieve our stress with our loved ones.

February 14 is the day, so make sure you do the things you know you will need to do to make sure that your day as well as partner's day is happy, if not you will be in hot water.

Most women just want to be spoiled and showered with gifts on any occasion that means something to us.

Now don't get me wrong people, some women are not materialistic and only look for the little sweet thoughtful things in a relationship.

The majority of us who say were not materialistic are lying just to see how others do things.

We all know there are a lot of really cheap guys out there who

do not want to spend any money on a female regardless of a special holiday.

These are the guys who do not need to be emotionally involved with anyone because they are both going to look towards opposite directions, which will eventually end up in a break up.

For those of us who are going through a rough breakup during this love season it's OK to be sad.

Comfort yourself by going to the local Hollywood Video to pick up a movie and some popcorn and cuddle up with a blanket.

You can also relax yourself with a nice hot bubble bath and this day too shall pass.

Lovers do what you need to do and everything will be great. Buy lots of gifts and candy and the rest of your night should just fall into place.

Out-of-state students have more reason to complain about fee hikes

Next semester junior college students may have to pay a bigger price for their higher education. Thank California Governor Gray Davis, who has proposed hiking enrollment fees from \$11 to \$24 per unit taken at the community college level to offset the state budget crisis.

Despite the chance of the fees going up 118%, do students really have a reason to complain when there are other students paying more already?

What about those other students?

Even if the tuition fees rose to \$24 a unit, the community colleges of California would still be some of the most inexpensive in the country.

At Las Vegas' Community College of Southern Nevada, students pay \$45.50 per unit, \$21.50 more per unit than students at Fresno City College if the fee increase were to take place.

By comparison, why would people feel the need to complain when the prices could go up even more and still be reasonable compared to other institutions in other parts of the country?

Even if you exclude these other areas, what about fellow students that go to school at the same place as you do? There are students that pay a lot more than \$24 a unit already.

Foreign and out of state students pay much more heavily as it is for their higher education in California.

A foreign and out of state students must pay \$149 per unit in tuition fees on top of the \$11 per unit in enrollment fees. Foreign students must also a capital outlay fee of \$16 per unit this upcoming year.

These foreign students will have to pay \$165 per unit in tuition fees

next year since it was passed by the State Center Community College District to increase the capital outlay by \$8 per unit.

With all these fee hikes and proposed fee hikes, foreign students might have to pay \$2,835 a semester in fees for a 15-unit class load. That wouldn't even include the price of textbooks.

Not only are these out of state and foreign students paying more but it seems to be unfairly put on them.

The main reason these extra fees are put on them is because of them not putting in on taxes. It seems to be fair at first glimpse but it is not.

The average community college student coming out of high school to attend community college hasn't put in on taxes either, their parents have.

Why should one be penalized because of where their parents decided for them to reside? These foreign and out of state students come here for a better education and most are in hopes of residing here for good once they get a job.

Once they receive their education and live in the state or country that is when they should pay taxes and put in for their education.

There is no reason why these students should hear local students' complaints of enrollment fees rising from \$11 - \$24 a unit.

Everyone should have to pay the same, no matter where you lived before attending a community college.

The goal of one going to college is to better him or herself and to become a better citizen who does their part in the community by getting a good job and paying taxes.

Yes, I am against the fee hike because of those who are barely getting by as it is but something should be done for these other students before we worry about paying a measly \$13 extra a unit when there are those that are paying an absurd \$165 more.



Josh Butters
Sports editor
Opinion

Campus Voices What's the ideal Valentine's Day gift?

By Theresa Carr



Jermaine Thomas
"A bed or bathtub full of rose petals because it is the perfect place to end up."



Christina Dominguez
"A dozen roses and a box of chocolates."



Chhayen Men
"Flowers, candy and balloons."



Chris Neiteman
"A dozen roses with one silk rose so she knows she's the only one for you."



Sisy Sayachalk
"I'm anti-Valentine's Day because I think it's just a gimmick. The greeting card companies made it up to make more money."



Shawntha Moeuth
"Roses, boxes of candy and passionate affection toward each other."

African-American History Month kicks off

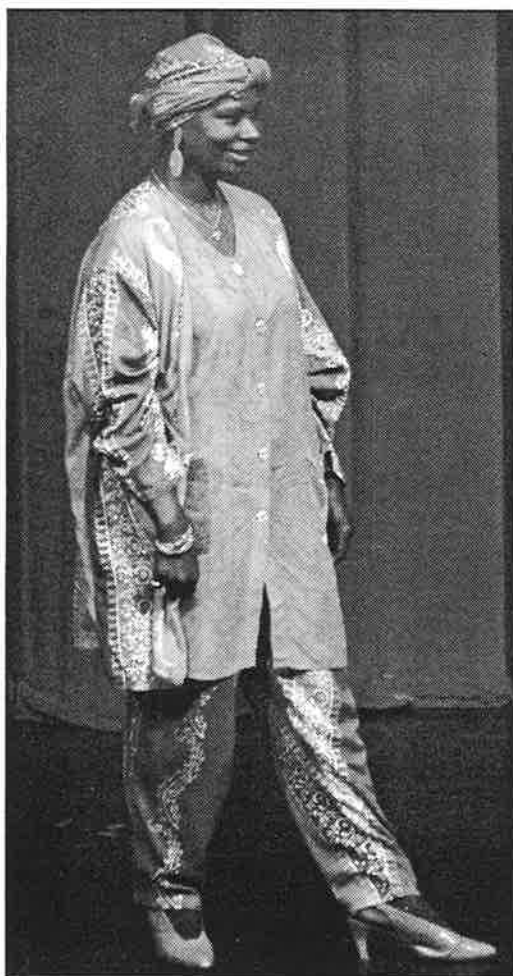


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Pauline Fuller, a counselor at FCC, models an African fashion that makes a statement and gives a sense of culture at the African-American opening ceremonies.



Photo by Lenetta Huxley

Pearl Manmum, who works at FCC in the Business Division, sings with the Praise Team from the Westside Church of God. She had the audience tapping their toes and clapping hands on Sunday, Feb. 2.

Brittni Pearson, a student at Roosevelt High School Performing Arts, participates with the AGAPE Praise Dancers from Westside Church of God to kick off African-American History Month at the Gospel Festival at FCC.

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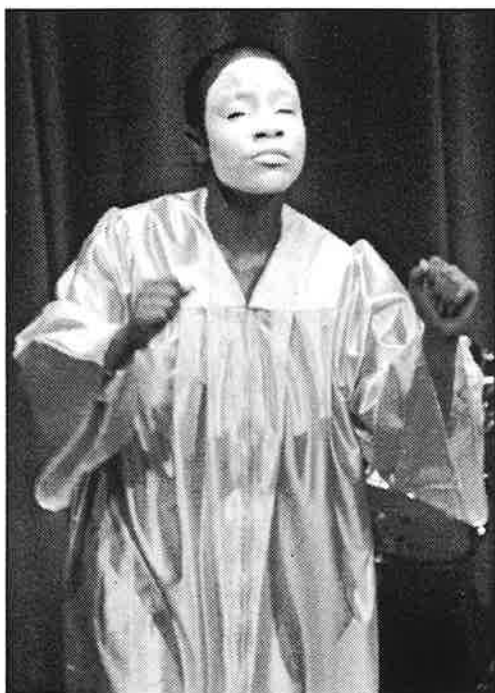


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Jason Nious, front, and Alexia Ryan perform a South African ritual at Fresno State's Satellite Student Union on Saturday, Feb. 8. The group is from Washington, D.C.



Photo by Tiffany Brisendine

On Feb. 5, Spike Lee and female boxer Jenifer Alcorn go fist to fist as she asks, "How much do you weigh?"

Take steps into African culture

The University Student Union (USU) Productions as part of the Center Stage Performing Arts Series (CSPAS) of California State University, Fresno presented their first guest appearance of the year titled "Step Afrika!" on Saturday Feb. 8 to honor African-American History Month.



Luis Quezada
Entertainment editor
Review

Step Afrika began with an introduction by Paul Woodruff, one of the five performers. The group is an African-American fraternity and sorority art form of stepping that was founded in December 1996 and ensembles in Washington, D.C.

Woodruff's introductions lead the audience straight into the performance.

Their repertoire included stepping, tap, South African dances, which include Zulu, gumboot, modern, hip-hop, house and freestyle dancing.

An entertaining part of the night was when 10 volunteers were requested from the audience to par-

"Stepping originates from South Africa and it is not to be confused with step dance which is Irish."

— Kirsten Smith, a performer with the Step Afrika dance troupe

ticipate in the performance. Three males and seven females bravely stepped on stage. Woodruff taught the volunteers a dance routine, step by step, with the finish consisting of all the practiced steps all together.

"Stepping originates from South Africa and it is not to be confused with step dance which is Irish," said Kirsten Smith, another performer. During the Zulu dance piece, another performer named Jason Nious began to flip up side down in the air making the audience become very aware and impressed.

Step Afrika! USA (SAUSA) has performed in numerous stages over North America, Europe and South Africa. SAUSA traveled on a 60-city tour, visiting colleges and universities from California to Florida.

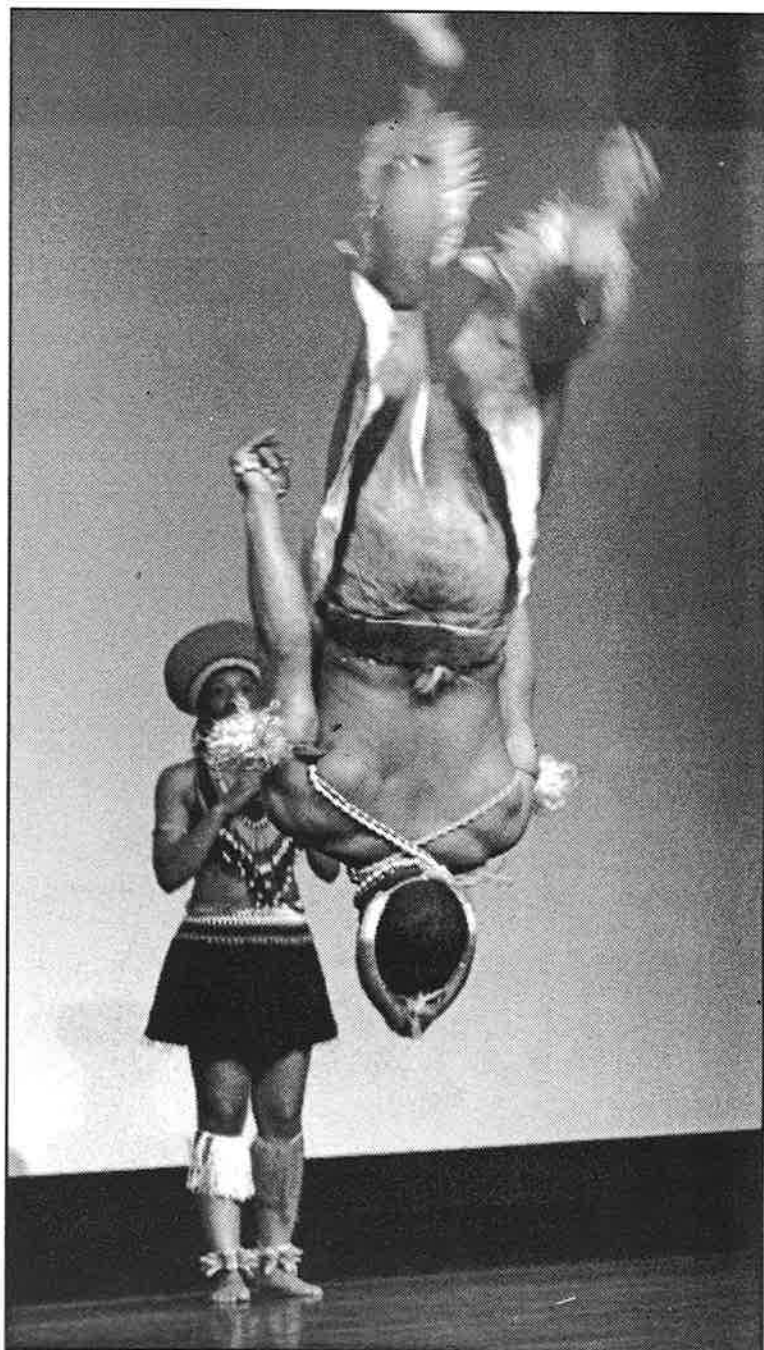
Other performers included Alexia Ryan, who is the choreographer and Antwan Davis.

After their performance Davis, Nious, Ryan, Smith and Woodruff answered questions from audience members and posed for photographs.

If you would like more information about the group you can log onto www.stepafrika.com

USU Productions as part of the CSPAS is scheduled to present another performance on Feb. 14 (Valentine's Day) in the Whitfield Hall, Satellite Student Union at 7PM.

The event titled "Get Your Roll On! Comedy Show," will be hosted by B95's Andre Covington. Admission is free to college students and \$2 to the general public. For more information please call 278-2078.



Jason Nious flips up side down in the air during "Zulu," a South-African traditional piece while Kirsten Smith cheers him on.

Tupac is back with lots of 'better dayz'

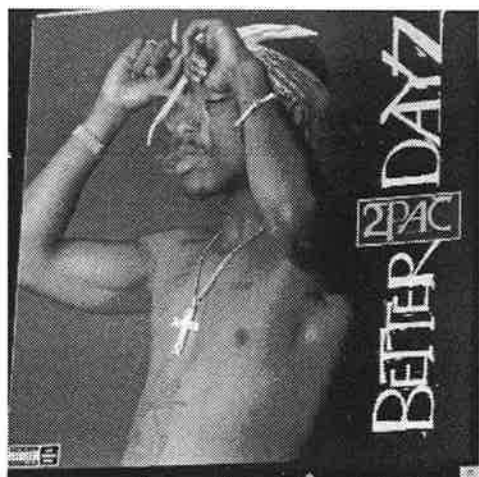


Photo of CD cover by Luis Quezada

Album: Better Dayz
Artist: Tupac Shakur
Rating: ★★★★★

As you might know, Tupac Shakur was an artist from the east coast, but who is considered a west coast artist. Shakur was gunned down in Las Vegas, while on his way to his club 662 at the busy strip, after attending a Mike Tyson fight at the famous MGM Grand. A big majority of people suspect that Suge Knight had something to do with the murder, and some believe that the L.A.P.D. set up Tupac's murder.

This album is excellent for those who have been down with Tupac since the very beginning. After listening to this excellent double disc album it will make you wonder if

he is really dead. Tupac is said to be one of the greatest rappers of all time and this album proves it, because it's universal. By that, I mean that you can listen to this album in whatever year and it's still going to be a good album.

He was supposed to have recorded these songs in 1996 and even earlier. Back then music was made a little differently. The tempo and

other sounds are upbeat like most beats and lyrics of the millenium.

Tupac also mentions things that have been going on now, for instance he talks about little kids get-

ting thrown off buildings. Hey, Michael Jackson was on the news accused of trying to throw his baby off a building. This is not the first album that

Tupac speaks about current events.

This album demonstrates many of his emotions and feelings, which are the soft and hard sides, all simply just Tupac.



Vetta Evans
Rampage reporter
Music Review

Spike Lee shares his vision

By Luis Quezada
Entertainment editor

Fresno City College welcomed a talented and successful figure on Feb. 5 to recognize the history of African-Americans.

This particular individual has had the opportunity of becoming an actor, director, producer, writer and being considered a role model by the artistic community.

The audience gave a standing ovation as Spike Lee entered the college gymnasium. Lee's speech focused on his concern toward a film titled "Barber Shop," which he did not hesitate to express his feelings about. He was dissatisfied by the way Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks were insulted by some of the characters.

Spike also talked about issues involving celebrities such as R. Kelley and the child pornography incident and reality shows such as "Joe Millionaire," and "American Idol." Although his points were made clear, the audience felt humor in the way things were said by him.

Spike Lee is indeed a successful role model because not very many are able to receive awards such as Student Award of the Academy of Motion Pictures, while he was attending New York University and an Emmy Award for his documentary on Albert Belle for HBO/Real Sports. Some of Lee's films include "Malcolm X," "Jungle Fever," "Do the Right Thing," and his recent film titled "He Got Game," released in 1998, starring Denzel Washington. He has also released a book called "Best Seat In The House."

Lee's appearance then followed by questions from the audience. One of the questions came from a lady who told him that she felt that his earlier movies showed him as an angry black man, and she wanted to know if he continued the same way. Lee's response was that he represented what the character's personality was and that that was not necessarily his own personality. He also said that his plans are to receive



Illustration by Jesse Garcia

the necessary funding to make two films. One of which he expects to feature the life of an African-American idol.

Lee has been able to collaborate with several artists such as Michael Jackson, Public Enemy, Naughty by Nature, Michael Jordan, Shaquille O' Neal and corporations like Taco Bell, American Express, Nike and Levi's for television advertisements.

Spike Lee's appearance left students, instructors, administrators and community members impacted with his appearance and speech because he pointed out interesting topics. He left the audience with a message that received much applause. "There's nothing wrong with being from the ghetto, you gotta get out of the ghetto," Lee said.

Strange Campus

by Zon Petilla

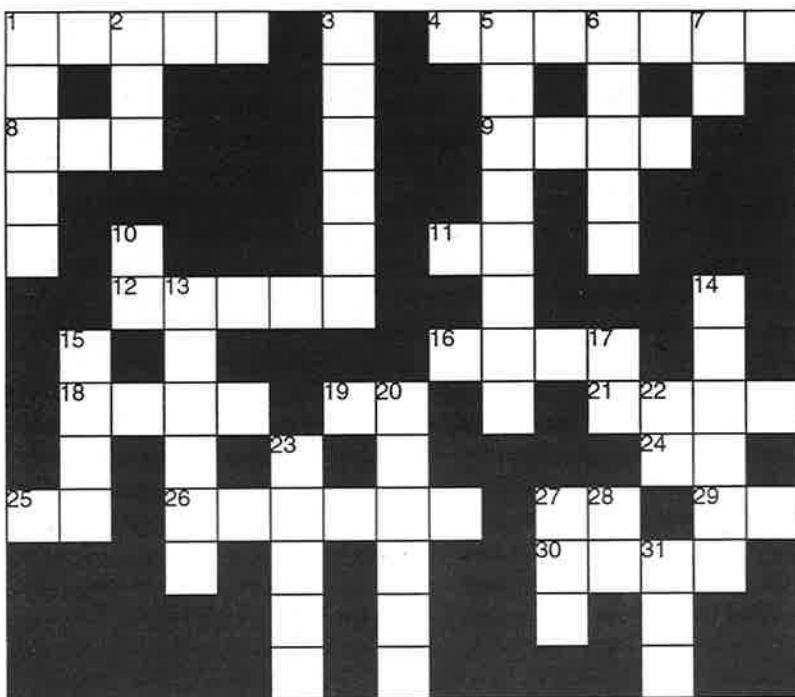


City Life

by Jesse Garcia



Crossword



ACROSS

1. Sound you make when you speak
4. How you walk when you're late
8. Cheat
9. Raised platform
11. Master of Ceremonies
12. Hate, extreme dislike
16. Persistent desire
18. What you put on chapped lips
19. Country slang-mother
21. Agreement
23. Extra terrestrial
25. Myself
26. Stupid or awkward
27. Letter L
29. Not so
30. What you fish with

DOWN

1. Not clear or distinct
2. Mischievous child
3. Fix, mend
5. Renounce, give up
6. Sweet topping on cake
7. Pound
10. Sound you make when laughing
13. Paper used to cast a vote
14. A way of talking
15. Incite or encourage
17. Horsepower
20. Not present
22. America
24. Frequently
27. Outward flow of the tide
28. Sixth on the musical scale
31. British for toilet

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Horoscopes

By Theresa Carr


ARIES (March 21-April 19)

 Sheer intellectual curiosity drives you to do research in order to find out more about something or someone. You may realize you have a bigger emotional attachment to your subject than you thought. When it comes to moving forward, proceed with caution until you're sure of who or what you're dealing with.


TAURUS (Apr 20-May 20)

 Inventing or discovering something new could be your claim to fame. If you find a way to focus your attention on one thing, you should be able to come up with something impressive. You have a great ambition that could take you all the way to the top.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)


 You are likely to find yourself surrounded by friends and good times. Your outgoing personality makes it easy for you to cultivate new friendships. You feel lively when you spend time with the art or music crowd. You don't need concrete plans to have a good time.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)


 No one can accuse you of being selfish. Your humanitarian efforts are valiant and once you begin fighting for a cause, you aren't likely to back off until you've made a difference. Your curiosity can lead you down some interesting paths, but you'll have more

success if you choose one and focus on it.


LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

 Leo is on a quest for enlightenment. Exploring your spiritual side could take you on a satisfying journey. You're surrounded by positive energy, and you certainly aren't afraid to show off your assets. You accept the responsibility of keeping peace among your circle of friends or family.


VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

 Saving the world is your personal goal. You happily volunteer your spare time to help your favorite charity, and you selflessly put everybody's needs in front of your own. You have an extreme amount of patience when it comes to dealing with situations that would drive most people mad. You have difficulty sitting still.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)


 The scales have a difficult time staying balanced. You'd love nothing more than to take off into the great unknown, but something or someone is holding you back. Luckily, being able to look at both sides of the situation objectively is one of your greatest gifts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)


 You have the ability to see beyond what most people see. Use your unique vision strictly to your advantage, but don't let your need to be secretive combined with your

stubborn attitude ruin your chance of success. Any sort of hesitation could cause a good opportunity to fade.


SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

 You enthusiastically cultivate new friendships and partnerships, but you need to be a bit more cautious before moving ahead with a planned merger. Although the plan may seem solid, it won't hurt to step back and view the situation from another perspective before signing on the dotted line.


CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 18)

 Use your imagination to entertain yourself. Tuning into your constant flow of consciousness and your lofty daydreams could give you some very interesting journal entries. However, the need to get ahead won't keep you in dreamland for long.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

 The facts of the matter interest you much more than the feelings behind them. You are at your analytical best at this time, so these are great days to do research, crunch numbers, or conduct scientific experiments.

PISCES (Feb 19-March 20)

 Ideas flow for the fish. Although you have a knack for all things technical, art-related endeavors are more your style during the first half of the month. Pisceans who think they have natural artistic talent should be able to create a masterpiece, but even fish who don't think they're talented should be able to turn out some amazing work.

Fear rises as 'Darkness Falls'

One hundred and fifty years ago, in the town of Darkness Falls, a legend began. The legend of a woman who would give children a gold coin in exchange for their lost teeth earning her the nickname "tooth fairy". One night, a fire broke out in the woman's home that left her horribly scarred and extremely sensitive to light. She could only venture out at night and always wore a porcelain mask so that no one could see her face.



Jen Langworthy
Rampage reporter
Movie review

One day, two little boys from the town, didn't return home. The townspeople thought they had been killed and blamed the woman. She was executed and her masked was ripped off. The two boys returned the next day, unharmed. Before she

died, the woman put a curse on the town – whoever looked on her face, would be killed.

Now, Kyle Walsh lives in constant fear of the darkness. He looked at her 12 years ago and she came after him. He escaped, but his mother was killed by the monster. He was blamed for killing her and moved away but has now returned to Darkness Falls to help the kid brother of his childhood friend, Caitlin.

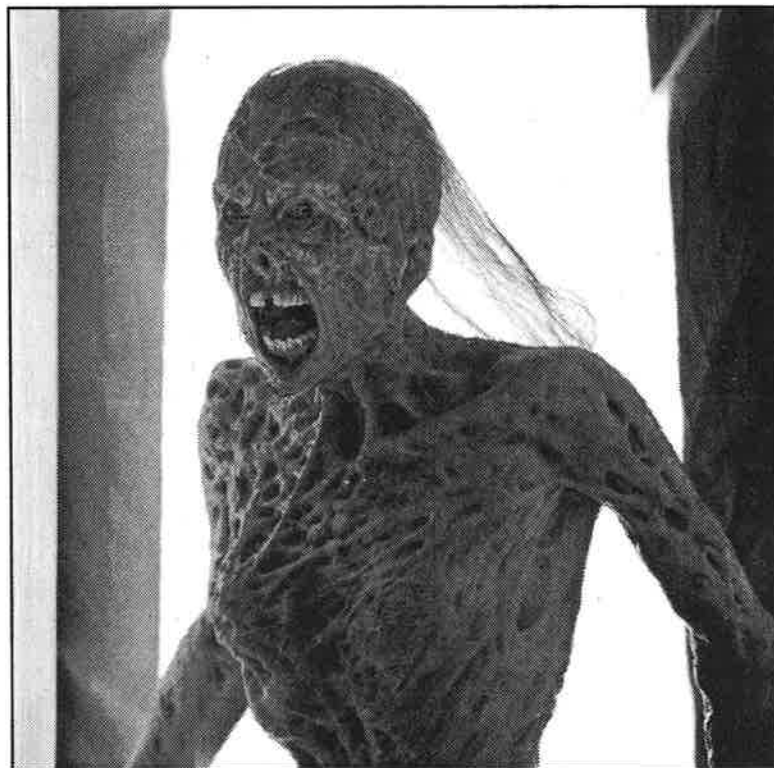
"Darkness Falls", the bone-chilling new release from Columbia pictures, is already being hailed as the next "Sixth Sense" by some moviegoers. Nyctophobia, or fear the dark, may seem like a silly childhood paranoia to some, but if you had a flying, mask-wearing, photophobic (fear of light) creature stalking, and trying to kill you, you would probably want to stay in the light, too.

Some of the movie's terminology might be a little complex for

Movie: "Darkness Falls"
Starring: Chaney Kley, Emma Caulfield, Lee Cormie
Rating: ★★★★★

some of the younger viewers. The theme of the film is based mainly on Kyle's nyctophobia and the noctiphobia (fear of the night) shared by Kyle and Michael, Caitlin's brother. The "tooth fairy" also demonstrates photophobia, though this may not have been as evident, as it comes across as more of an allergy to light than a fear.

"Darkness Falls" definitely delivers thrills and some major chills, which is a key component to any good horror flick. But at the same time, and for the same reasons, it might not be a good idea to take young children to see it – especially if you still encourage them to believe in the tooth fairy. Even for the older viewers, you might think about checking all your light bulbs.



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The "Tooth Fairy" terrorizes Kyle Walsh (Chaney Kley) after he looked at her 12 years ago in the new release, "Darkness Falls".

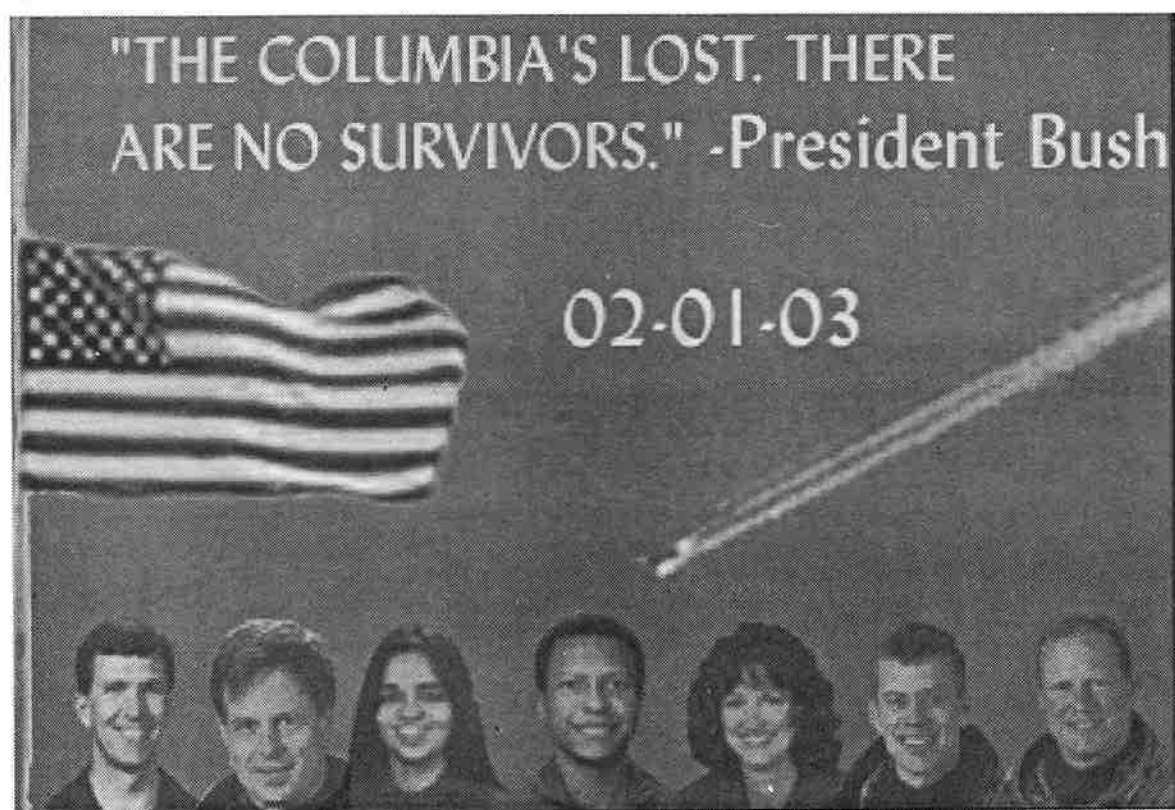


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Shanghai delights

Jackie Chan and Owen Wilson return in the hit comedy "Shanghai Knights." Chan once again takes up the role of Chon Wang ("Say it out Loud") and Wilson once again takes on the role of Roy O'Bannon.

It's a couple of years after the first movie and Wang is the local Sheriff of Carson City, Nevada. However, our movie doesn't start there, oh no. It starts all the way over in China, in the Forbidden City, where Wang's father and sister are located. Now, I would rather you all see this great film instead of me telling you, but trust one thing, once



Special to the Rampage from www.imdb.com

From left, Jackie Chan and Owen Wilson star in "Shanghai Knights," an action-comedy.



Felix Sanchez
Rampage reporter
Movie review

Wang gets into the picture, the laughs start rolling and they don't quit there.

Now, the entire time that you are watching the film, you do not realize that there are certain historic people in the movie until close to the end. Two of these are mentioned in the film, Charlie Chaplin and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

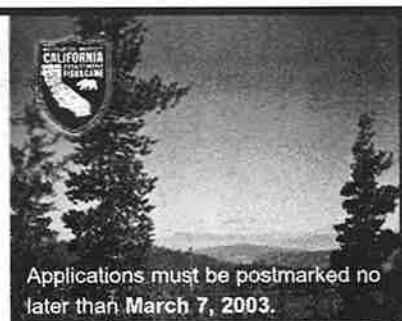
Not much can be said for this movie any more because saying too much would give away the movie, and no one wants that.

Movie: "Shanghai Knights"
Starring: Jackie Chan, Owen Wilson
Rating: ★★★★★

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Intramural 5 on 5 Flag Football
March 7

Behind Gym, 10am - 2pm

FCC Renaissance Festival

March 8 - 9

West Lawn

KIDS Day

March 18

Campuswide, all day

Intramural 3 on 3 Soccer

March 21

Behind Gym, 10am

CLUB RUSH

March 26

Campuswide, all day

ASIAN AMERICAN WEEK

March 30 - April 5

UPCOMING EVENTS

Baseball team gear up for 2003 campaign: Rams off to 7-1 start

By Josh Butters and Keith Kountz
Rampage reporters

After going undefeated in their own tournament and winning their last seven straight, the Fresno City College baseball team is off to a good start.

In their tournament at Johnny Eulless Park on Feb. 6-8, the Rams went 4-0, picking up wins against Cerritos, Cabrillo, Chabot and Sacramento City.

"I expect the season to be successful," said baseball coach Ron Scott who is in his 16th season at FCC. "We hope to be league champs and go to the state championships."

FCC is off to a 7-1 in help of the ability to come from behind for wins because of early inning stumbles. In their Feb. 7 game against No. 1 Sacramento City, the Rams trailed 2-0 before scoring the winning run in the bottom of the ninth inning.

"We have to play the games pitch by pitch, out by out," said Scott.

FCC had also defeated the Panthers 10-8 a week earlier in the Fresno City College/ Merced College tournament.

Helping lead the team are preseason All-American left-handed pitcher Danny de la O, who went 10-2 last season with a 2.08 ERA and outfielder Roman Castanon who with a .388 batting average.

The Rams' depth will also contribute to their success.

"This team is very tenacious and everybody contributes," said Scott.

Like every other team, FCC will



(Above) Preseason All-American Danny de la O takes the mound against Sacramento City on Jan. 31. De la O had an ERA of 2.08 last season with a record of 10-2. (Left) Outfielder Roman Castanon at bat in the Rams victory over the Panthers. Castanon batted .388 in the 2002 season.

Photos by Lenetta Huxley

look to improve as the season goes on.

"We take it practice by practice, game by game," said Scott.

"This is a marathon, not a sprint."

After conference play, the Rams will hope to secure home field advantage for the regionals and super regionals.

If the Rams should get through those two rounds, they would enjoy home field advantage no matter what, with the state champi-

onship already set to be played at FCC's Johnny Eulless Park on May 24-26.

"Home field advantage doesn't really matter," said Scott of the possibility of playing for the state title in front of the home crowd.

"It's just another game with two of the best teams."

The Rams will host Gavilan College on Feb. 19 then participate in their own tournament on Feb. 20-22.

Fresno City College Baseball Roster

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	B/T	Yr.	Hometown(Highschool)
1	Billy Richardson	IF	5-8	155	R/R	So	Fresno (Edison)
2	Shane Eppler	IF	5-10	202	R/R	So	Oakhurst (Yosemite)
3	Seth Solis	P	5-10	175	L/L	Fr	Clovis (Clovis)
4	Aaron Hall	P	6-1	195	R/R	So	Fresno (Bullard)
5	Perfecto Barboza	C	5-9	160	R/R	Fr	Fresno (Bullard)
6	Sam Koontz	OF	6-1	180	R/R	So	Clovis (Buchanan)
7	Brett Lindgren	IF	5-9	165	R/R	So	Santa Cruz (Santa Cruz)
8	Carl Lipsey	IF	5-10	160	R/R	So	Fresno (Edison)
9	Ryan Hunt	C	6-0	190	R/R	Fr	Coalinga (Coalinga)
12	Brandon Zenimura	OF	5-8	150	L/L	Fr	Fresno (Sunnyside)
14	Justin Crisp	IF	6-2	180	R/R	Fr	Fresno (Washington Union)
16	Justin LeBreck	P	5-11	170	R/R	Fr	Fresno (Fresno)
18	Chris Jones	C	6-0	190	R/R	Fr	Fresno (Edison)
19	Travis Trettin	OF	6-0	210	R/R	So	Oakhurst (Yosemite)
21	Brandon Apparcel	P	6-1	215	R/R	So	Fresno (Clovis West)
23	Thomas Raymundo	IF	6-0	175	R/R	Fr	Clovis (Buchanan)
24	Adam Matcham	IF/P	6-2	195	R/R	Fr	Clovis (Clovis)
25	Anthony Trafican	IF	5-8	165	R/R	Fr	Fresno (Hoover)
26	Eric Beltran	OF	5-6	145	R/L	Fr	Fresno (Fresno)
27	Allen Bushey	P/OF	6-1	150	S/R	Fr	Fresno (Central)
29	Joaquin Jaime	IF	5-10	165	R/R	Fr	Fresno (Memorial)
30	Leonard Davis	OF	5-10	190	L/R	Fr	Dos Palos (Dos Palos)
31	Tim O' Brien	C	6-2	220	R/R	Fr	Fresno (Clovis West)
32	Ben Alvarado	P	6-0	190	R/R	So	Orosi (Orosi)
33	B.J. Wiedenbach	1B	6-4	215	R/R	So	Fresno (Hoover)
34	Daniel Sans	P	6-0	190	R/R	So	Moreno Valley (Cyn. Sps)
35	Roman Castanon	OF	5-11	200	R/R	So	Clovis (Clovis)
39	Simon Morales	P	6-1	190	L/L	Fr	Sanger (Sanger)
40	Danny de la O	P	6-0	185	L/L	So	Fresno (Central)
41	Cardoza Tucker	P	6-2	180	R/R	Fr	Fresno (Bullard)
42	David Boogaard	C	6-0	180	L/R	Fr	Fresno (Sunnyside)
43	Paul Buchan	P	6-6	190	R/R	Fr	Lodi (Liberty)
44	Adam Ross	P/1B	6-3	210	R/L	Fr	Fresno (Washington Union)
45	Casey Keating	C/1B	6-1	230	R/R	Fr	Fresno (Memorial)

2003 Fresno City College Baseball Schedule

Feb. 19	Gavilan College	1 P.M.
Feb. 20-22	Fresno City Tournament	TBA
Feb. 27	Merced College	2:30 P.M.
Mar. 1	@ Taft College	1 P.M.
Mar. 4	@ College of the Sequoias	2 P.M.
Mar. 6	Porterville College	2 P.M.
Mar. 8	West Hills College	1 P.M.
Mar. 11	@ Modesto Junior College	2 P.M.
Mar. 13	@ Reedley College	2 P.M.
Mar. 15	Merced College	1 P.M.
Mar. 18	@ Porterville College	2 P.M.
Mar. 20	College of the Sequoias	2 P.M.
Mar. 22	Taft College	1 P.M.
Mar. 25	@ Reedley College	2 P.M.
Mar. 27	Modesto Junior College	2 P.M.
Mar. 29	@ West Hills College	1 P.M.
Apr. 1	@ Merced College	2:30 P.M.
Apr. 3	@ Taft College	2:30 P.M.
Apr. 5	College of the Sequoias	1 P.M.
Apr. 8	West Hills College	2:30 P.M.
Apr. 10	Porterville College	2:30 P.M.
Apr. 12	@ Modesto Junior College	1 P.M.
Apr. 15-17	Allan Hancock Easter Tourn.	TBA
Apr. 24	Reedley College	2:30 P.M.
Apr. 26	CVC/TBA	TBA
Apr. 29	CVC/TBA	TBA
May 1	CVC/TBA	TBA
May 9-11	Regionals	TBA
May 16-18	Super Regionals	TBA
May 24-26	State Championships in Fresno	TBA

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College is worth the wait for a big paycheck

Every year some high school sees the future of professional sports in their very own gymnasium. Every year there is a teenager somewhere ready to take the leap from high school to the pros.



Josh Butters

Sports editor

Commentary

Every year a young adult is made into a multi-millionaire.

The same is said for this year.

Everyone has heard of LeBron James, the 18-year-old high school senior from Ohio who will be the No. 1 draft pick in the NBA this year.

He is supposed to be the next "big" thing. He's so good that they say he would have still been the No. 1 draft pick even if he left high school a year early.

Shoe companies are camping out on his front door step for his endorsements and he hasn't even played in one single NBA game.

What about college?

No college for "King James" as they call him. He's going straight to the big time. Just like Kobe Bryant, Kevin Garnett, Tyson Chandler and others.

Why can't he and others in his position wait another four years? Why can't they enjoy their youth like others and finish out school?

And what if he isn't the next big thing?

What if he gets hurt, what then? You can't live off a big paycheck forever. You need something to lean back on, like an education.

The only things in these players' eyes are money signs. For them "It's all about the Benjamins" and nothing else.

Forget about making yourself a better person, you have millions of dollars at your expense.

Since you didn't take any classes in money management in college, it won't be long until you might need a big slice of that free government cheese.

Everyone needs something to fall back on. Just because your rich right now doesn't mean you will be once you retire at the ripe age of 40. After that you spend with no income coming in.

In some cases going straight to the pros is a "solution" to your problems. You shouldn't have to live in the ghetto because you want an education and can't be paid to play a sport while you are in school.

For those who skip the college level, take summer classes at a local institution. Even if it takes you longer because of the fact that you spend most of your time working out and doing things for your team, it is worth it.

Everyone needs to have an education, even if you might be set financially for life. Athletes are no exception.

Tennis teams go for CVC title

By Pete Benavides

Contributing writer

It's not known around town but the Super Bowl Champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Fresno City College men's tennis teams have something in common. They are both heading into their seasons with one thing in mind, repeating as champions.

There is a bit of difference between the two teams though. The Buccaneers have only won one title while FCC has claimed the conference championship every year since 1982.

"Tradition" as men's tennis coach Steve Loop says, is what winning is. Every season, the Rams come out with the same determination that gets them the title and above all, bragging rights.

Loop looks forward to another successful season and with good reason.

With a deep bench that sports three international players the Rams are looking to repeat as conference champions as long as they stay injury-free.

However, the Rams will have the usual bumps in the road just like any other team.

"This is our toughest schedule. We're going to be tested early," says Loop, referring to upcoming matches against Cabrillo College (Feb. 18), College of the Desert (Feb. 22) and Grossmont College (Mar. 28).

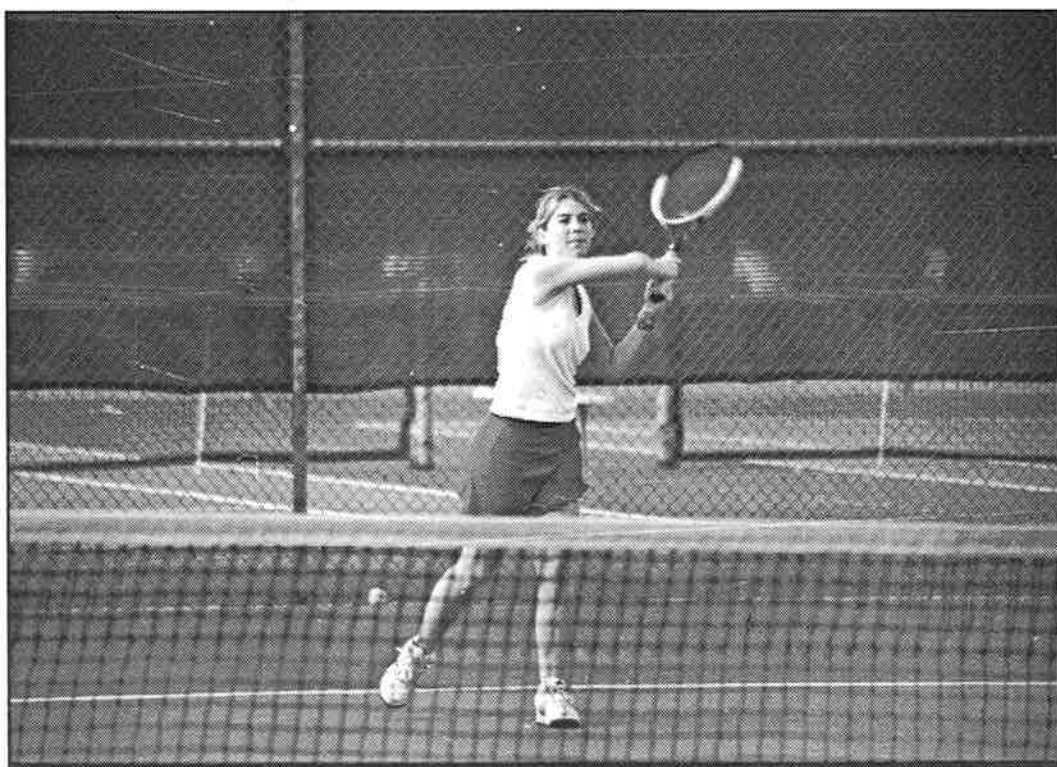
Up and down his roster, Loop is confident that his team can compete with the best there is.

The Rams are led by his top four players Matt Downs, Alex Schwenkenberg, Sam Gibb and Giovanni Rodriguez. Adding depth to the team are Rams Jaime Kohlberg, Rick Souza, Tim Hancock and Giovanni Palocio.

A strong, deep bench will come in play when Loop needs players to come in and automatically produce.

"In the long run this will pay off," says Loop. "When you face top teams, there is always a good experience you get out of it, whether you win or lose."

Loop feels that he has a good group of players who work hard and should go far this season.



Women's tennis

On the other side of the court are Coach Marilyn Watts and her talented group of girls. Watts is also looking forward to a successful season. The women's tennis team is working hard and are conditioning themselves for what also looks to be a tough schedule.

The Rams have already had three matches, winning two of those three against Mission College 7-2 and sweeping Bakersfield College 9-0.

FCC would have a let down against top-ranked DeAnza College.

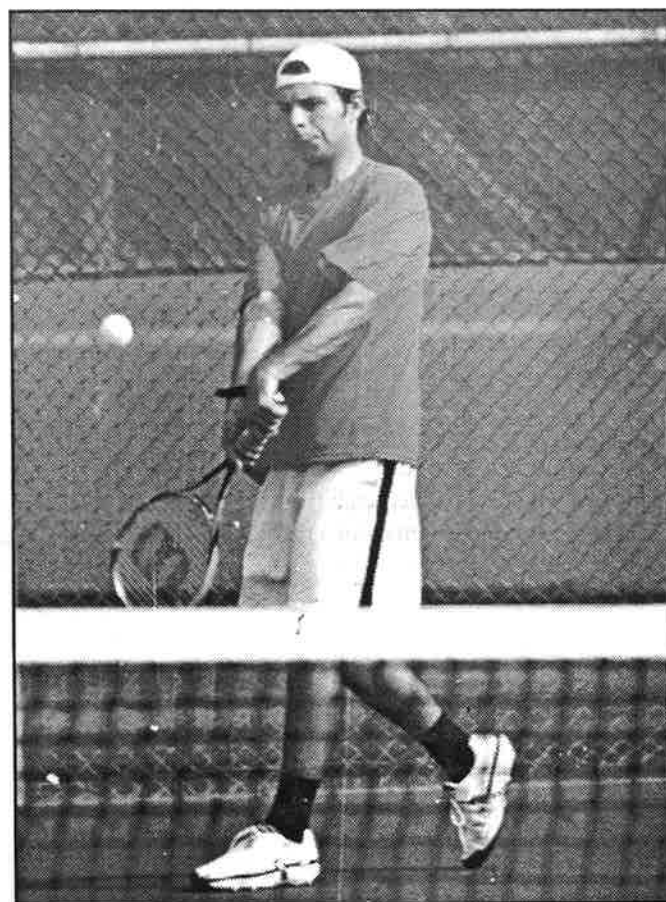
"They [FCC] weren't very competitive," commented Watts of the loss. "They played well though and gained more experience."

The conference season will open up in March with matches against Porterville, Modesto, College of the Sequoias and West Hills.

The Rams will also compete in the Mission College Tournament in Santa Clara on Feb. 14-15 where they will be able to scope out competition like Modesto.

"Watts has a strong nucleus of girls coming back who will be able to provide experience and leadership to the team in Michelle Ornellas, Michelle Quinn and Beth Schiller.

Joining FCC is Reedley transfer Nichole Sherfield, who is now on the same team as her sister, Lindsey.



Photos by Keith Kountz

(Top) Michelle Quinn returns a serve. (Above) FCC's Matt Downs in his match against a Consumes River player in which he wins 6-0, 6-0 on Jan. 30.

Nichole is ranked in the top 15 in singles and when she teams up with her sister for doubles competition, forms one strong threat.

With both the men's and

women's teams looking forward to their seasons with success in mind it's not long until the Rams add another conference title to each of their lists.

Fresno City College Tennis Schedules

Men			Women		
Feb. 13	@ Bakersfield College	1 p.m.	Feb. 14-15	@ Mission College Tournament	TBA
Feb. 18	Cabrillo College	1 p.m.	Feb. 27	@ Double Duals-Modesto Junior College vs. American River College	TBA
Feb. 22	@ College of the Desert	noon	March 4	@ West Hills College	2 p.m.
Feb. 23	UC Santa Cruz, at Fresno State	2 p.m.	March 6	@ Porterville College	2 p.m.
March 6	@ Porterville College	1 p.m.	March 11	@ Modesto Junior College	2 p.m.
March 8	DeAnza College	10 a.m.	March 13	Reedley College	2 p.m.
March 11	@ Modesto Junior College	1 p.m.	March 18	College of the Sequoias	2 p.m.
March 13	Reedley College	1 p.m.	March 20	West Hills College	2 p.m.
March 18	@ College of the Sequoias	1 p.m.	March 25	Porterville College	2 p.m.
March 25	Porterville College	1 p.m.	March 27	Modesto Junior College	2 p.m.
March 27	Modesto Junior College	1 p.m.	April 1	@ Reedley College	2 p.m.
March 28	Grossmont College (@ Copper River CC)	1 p.m.	April 3	@ College of the Sequoias	2 p.m.
April 1	@ Reedley College	1 p.m.	April 10-12	@ CVC Tournament, Modesto	All Day
April 3	College of the Sequoias	1 p.m.	April 22	NorCal Semifinal	TBA
April 8	Dual Team Playoffs	TBA	April 24-27	Ojai Tournament, Ventura	TBA
April 24-27	Ojai Tournament, Ventura	All Day	April 30	NorCal Finals	TBA
April 30	Dual Team Finals, Stockton	1 p.m.	May 1-3	NorCal Tournament, Marysville	TBA
May 1-3	NorCal Tournament, Marysville	All Day	May 8	State Finals	TBA
May 8	State Finals	TBA	May 9-10	State Tournament, Stockton	TBA
May 9-10	State Tournament, Stockton	All Day			

Hustlin' Rams alone at top of CVC

103-90 victory over COS breaks conference tie-up

By Josh Butters

Sports editor

Three games after their first loss of the season, the Fresno City College Men's basketball team regained sole possession of first place in the Central Valley Conference with a 103-90 victory over College of the Sequoias.

The Rams were tied with the Giants until their second CVC game against each other on Feb. 1.

FCC guard Tyrone Jackson led the way with 37 points, scoring 22 in the second half.

"They came out and played hard," said Jackson of Sequoias effort.

"We were up by 20 and they came back and never quit. I have a lot of respect for that team."

Fellow former Clovis West High Golden Eagle Tyson Parker helped out with 18 points.

"We knew we had to come out and play our hardest," said Parker. "They crashed the boards real hard and played good defense."

Other Rams with double figure scoring included Carl Lee and Adam Wall who scored 18 points apiece.

FCC found themselves with a 57-47 halftime lead which at times was threatened.

"It feels great to be in first place by ourselves," said Lee who also nabbed eight rebounds. "They [Sequoias] came out and played a lot more aggressive than in the first two games we faced them. This game was a lot closer."

"I think we played harder," said Lee of having first place on the line.

Even with the big win, the Rams still have to finish out the season strong to stay in first place in the CVC and for a high seed in the state playoffs which start on Feb. 28-Mar. 1.

"We got to come out and play hard in all of our games," said Jackson.

"Our guys know if we don't come out and play our best that we will get beat," said Rams coach Vance Walberg.

Lee believes the Rams will have to win the rest of their regular season games for the CVC title and the No. 1 seed in the playoffs.

"We want a top rank in the playoffs," said Lee.

"We want to solidify our No. 1 position in the NorCal so we get that top seed."

"It would be nice to win out and have all three playoff games at home," said Walberg.

Sequoias only other CVC loss had come on their home court against FCC to start league play on Jan. 11 in Visalia. The Rams

defeated the Giants then 109-88.

The Rams would then go on a short two game road trip to Sonora to take on Columbia College on Feb. 5 and then to Porterville to take on the Pirates on Feb. 8.

The Rams slipped by Columbia 102-96 and defeated Porterville 89-59, improving their record to 29-1 overall and 9-1 in conference play.

The Rams will face West Hills College tonight in the FCC gym.

"They could jump out early," said Walberg of West Hills.

"We want to attack them continually offensively and defensively, wear them down and hopefully the advantage goes our way late in the game."

Tip-off is at 7 p.m.

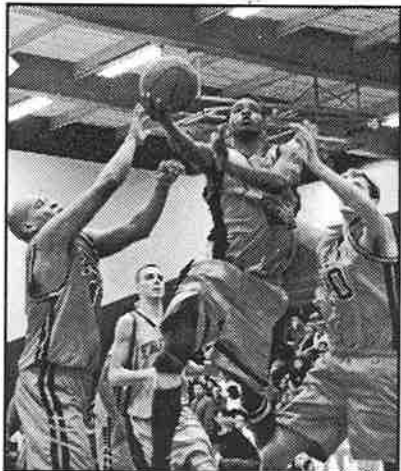


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(Above) FCC's Carl Lee splits two COS defenders for two of his 18 points against the Giants. (Right) Tyrone Jackson scores two of his game high 37 points.

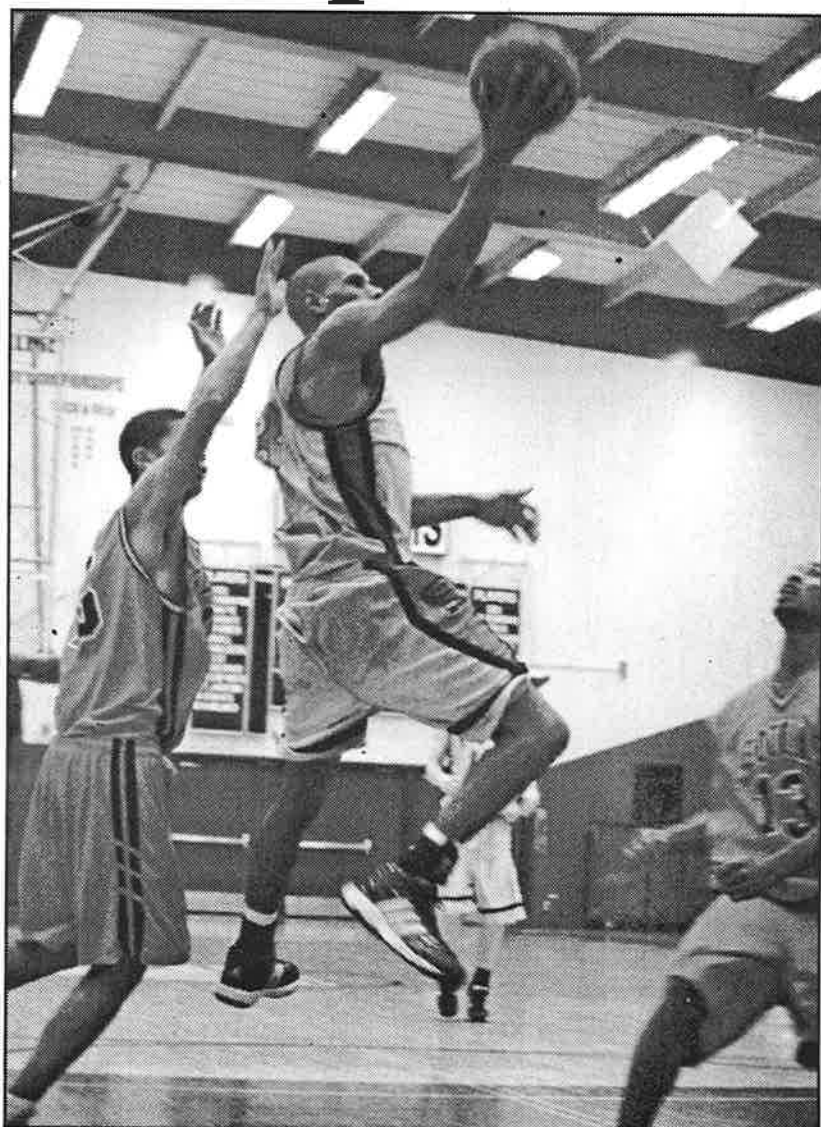


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JC Men's Basketball Notebook:

Rams reclaim No. 1 ranking in state

By Josh Butters

Sports editor

The Fresno City College Rams regained their position on top of the Community College of California Men's Basketball Coaches Association poll last week.

The Rams were ranked No. 3 in the state but No. 1 ranked Diablo Valley's first loss of the season knocked them out of the top spot. The Vikings 71-61 loss came at the hands of Santa Rosa Junior College.

No. 2 ranked Los Angeles City stayed in the runner-up spot.

Home Sweet Home

Despite their first loss of the season three weeks ago to Modesto Junior College, the Rams still have a win streak alive.

FCC has won their last 17 home games dating back to early last season.

The Rams last loss in the FCC gym came against the Fresno Pacific Alumni team in a 85-81 decision.

This season the Rams are a perfect 5-0 at home, and are averaging 111.6 points per game while giving up 81.2 in the FCC gym.

Jackson on Fire

Rams' guard Tyrone Jackson has fueled FCC as of late. In the Rams

last four victories, Jackson has scored 124 points, an average of 31.0 points per game.

Jackson had a career high 39 points against Porterville on Feb. 8.

For the season, Jackson has scored 529 points in 26 games played.

West Hills update

The Falcons lost to Columbia College 84-67 on Feb. 8. West Hills takes on FCC tonight in the FCC gym at 7 p.m.

In their first meeting West Hills led by as many as 12 before the Rams were able to take control in Coalinga.

Defense gets pumped up.

After giving up 96 points to Columbia College on Feb. 5, the Rams came back in their following game against Porterville and gave up their smallest point total this season to

date (59).

The 59 points given up was 25 below the Rams' season average.

Desmond gets in on the scoring

Rams' freshman guard Wayne Desmond who usually doesn't see much playing time did in FCC's 121-90 victory over Reedley on Jan. 29.

Desmond scored a career high 14 points and was one of six Rams to score in double figures.

Maybe next year

With four conference games remaining in the CVC, some teams are already out of the hunt for a league title.

Reedley (4-6 CVC), Merced (4-6 CVC), West Hills (2-8 CVC) and Porterville (1-9) CVC have all mathematically been eliminated from winning the conference title.

CVC Standings

Team	Conference	Overall
1. Fresno	9-1	29-1
2. Sequoias	8-2	15-10
3. Columbia	7-3	17-10
4. Modesto	5-5	13-15
T-5. Reedley	4-6	12-15
T-5. Merced	4-6	13-13
7. West Hills	2-8	8-17
8. Porterville	1-9	10-18

Up Next Team Capsules

West Hills Falcons

Against FCC on: Feb. 12

Place: Fresno

Time: 7 p.m.

2002-03 Record: 8-17 overall, 2-8 CVC

Ranking: N/A

Season Series: FCC leads 1-0

Coach: Mark Acre

Last time around: FCC defeated the Falcons 109-88 on Jan. 18. Rams' forward Carl Lee had 23 points in the victory.

Modesto Pirates

Against FCC on: Feb. 15

Place: Fresno

Time: 7 p.m.

2002-03 Record: 13-15 overall, 5-5 CVC

Ranking: Tied-15th in NorCal

Season Series: Series tied 1-1

Coach: Paul Brogan

Last time around: The Pirates handed FCC their only loss of the season in convincing fashion, defeating the Rams 99-81. FCC had defeated Modesto earlier in the season 81-75.

Merced Blue Devils

Against FCC on: Feb. 19

Place: Merced

Time: 7 p.m.

2002-03 Record: 13-13 overall, 4-6 CVC

Ranking: N/A

Season Series: FCC leads 1-0

Coach: Bill Russell

Last time around: The Rams shut down the Blue Devils, giving up their smallest point total of the season (65) while scoring 118 and winning by 53.

Reedley Tigers

Against FCC on: Feb. 22

Place: Reedley

Time: Both games at 7 p.m.

2002-03 Record: 12-15 overall, 4-6 CVC

Ranking: N/A

Season Series: FCC leads 2-0

Coach: Brian Fonseca

Last time around: The Rams blew out the Tigers 121-90 on Jan. 29. Reedley's Mark Alvarado, who played for FCC two seasons ago had 12 points.

Football Rams sign Letters-of-Intent

By Josh Butters

Sports editor

After a successful 9-2 season, 17 Fresno City College football Rams have decided what four year schools they will attend to compete at the next level and get a higher education.

FCC saw seven players sign their letters-of-intent on Feb. 5 in front of coaches and former teammates.

Of the 17 that have signed or already have transferred to their new school, six Rams will be heading to the Pac-10 conference.

Defensive back Matt Giordano is heading to Cal; fullback Joe Tomasello to UCLA; defensive back Rodney Woods will attend Oregon and tight end Aaron Austin resigned with Arizona State.

Linebacker Marquell Stinson and tight end Tommy Briggs will remain teammates at Arizona.

"I always wanted to go to a Pac-10 school," said Briggs. "I loved the atmosphere there and it will be a great opportunity for me."

Quarterback Mark Hetherington chose Idaho State after throwing for 2265 yards and 29 touchdowns in his sophomore year while First Team All-American tailback Earl Charles is already at Marshall University in West Virginia after posting 1578 yards rushing with 19 touchdowns.

Second team All-American receiver Willie Johnson will play for Nevada after racking up 1015 yards receiving and 14 touchdowns in the 2002 season.

Tight end Tony Curtis will go to Portland State while defensive lineman George Benson chose the University of Louisiana-Lafayette.

"I've been waiting for this for a

while," said Benson of signing with a four-year school. "I took a visit to the campus and they have a good recruiting class. I want to go down there and dominate."

Offensive linemen David Dirkmaat and Justin Rich will attend the University of Utah and Southern Illinois respectively.

"They wanted me to start right away," said Dirkmaat of Utah.

"They have a whole new coaching staff and plan on being in the top 15 in the country next year."

Offensive center Cody Fannin and receiver Danny Idiart will both attend Cal Poly.

Offensive lineman Kurt Walton signed with Arkansas State.

Despite looking forward to new beginning all they players will remember their years at FCC.

"I'm going to miss the people," said defensive lineman Jacob Leota who will attend the University of Akron. "I'm going to miss the practices, the coaches and the people. They are like family to me."

"I'm going to miss everyone that I played with and the friends I made," said Dirkmaat.

Briggs has even tried to do his part in helping high school football players decide which college to go to.

"I tell players back in my home town if they don't know where to go for college that FCC is a great place."

Rams Head Coach Tony Caviglia did nothing less than praise his players that will move on.

"Not only are these guys good football players but they are good people," said Caviglia.

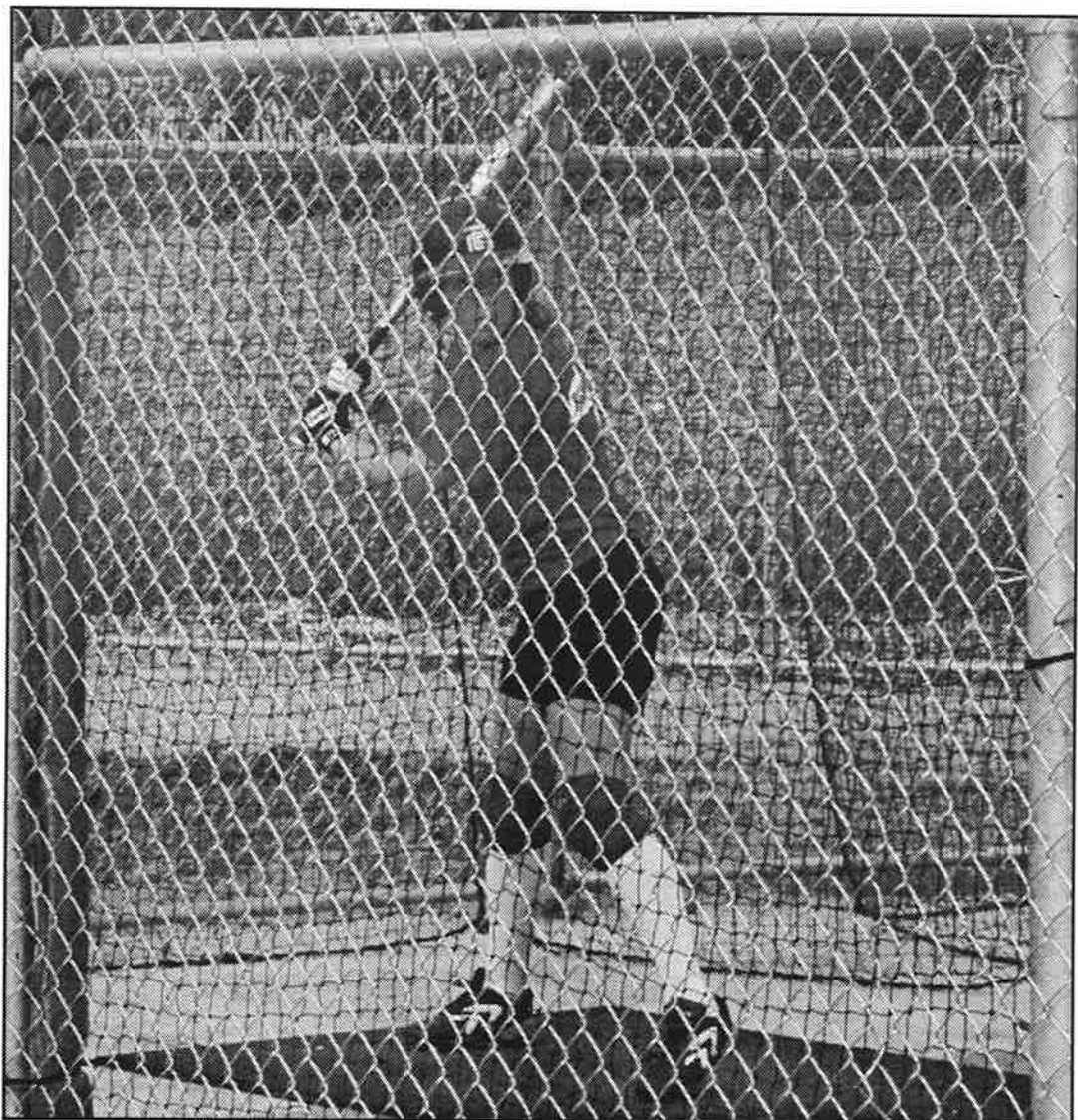
"I have no doubt that they will be successful in anything they do in life and they all have a special place in my heart."

"I'm really going to miss them."



(Above) National Letter-of-Intent signing day on Feb. 5 saw 16 FCC Rams choose their future schools. Of those, seven signed at a press conference including (left to right) offensive lineman David Dirkmaat (Utah), defensive lineman George Benson (Louisiana Lafayette), offensive center Cody Fannin (Cal Poly, San Louis Obispo), tight end Tony Curtis (Portland State), linebacker Marquell Stinson (Arizona), tight end Tommy Briggs (Arizona), and defensive lineman Jacob Leota (Akron). (Right) Leota (left) and Briggs (right) sign on the dotted line.

Photos by Pippa Watson



The Rams are 3-2 for the season and hope to improve their record as the season progresses.

Photo by Keith Kountz

Rams' softball team looks forward to successful season

By Veronica Rodriguez

Rampage reporter

The Fresno City College softball team is anticipating a really good year with the Rams goal to win the Central Valley Conference.

Last year, FCC came in 2nd place in the CVC. "I think we can go far if we work together," said Emily Woods.

Last year's team lost in the California state regionals and finished with a record of 28-16.

This year there are six returning players and nine freshmen. Sara Gonzalez, is this year's top returning player.

The team will also look to Rochelle DeAmaral, the Rams returning pitcher. "She will carry the team with her pitching this year," said Williams.

FCC will look for a boost from some of the freshman on the team including catcher Shannon Frasher,

center fielder Rae Busto and first baseman Allie Asahina.

When the team goes away for games on the road "it's loads of fun, and lots of laughs" says Woods.

"We have good team commodity."

Woods is recovering from an ACL injury that she sustained in the 2001 season playing volleyball.

She is looking forward to coming back strong and contributing to the team as much as she can.

In the Commission on Athletics preseason rankings, the Rams are ranked No. 5 in Norcal while San Joaquin Delta holds the top spot.

FCC will host Sierra College and Cuesta College on Feb. 14 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. respectively.

The Rams will then travel on Feb. 22-23 for the Merced College tournament.