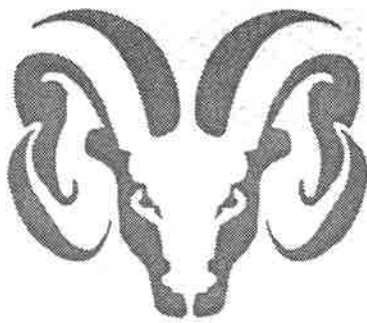


ROTC students now have a full-time FCC instructor to teach them leadership skills.

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Mexican-Americans celebrate the passing of two deceased heroes every March 31.

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Men's Basketball State Championship:

Hustlin' Rams run out of gas

FCC's offense stalls in 90-82 loss to LA City

By Josh Butters

Sports editor

SAN DIEGO—Throughout the entire season, they seemed unstoppable. The Fresno City College men's basketball team scored an average of 105 points per game for the first 39 games of the season.

All it took was one off night in the state championship for the Rams' first title in 40 years to go down the drain.

In FCC's 90-82 loss to Los Angeles City College at the Jenny Craig Pavillion in San Diego, the Rams would shoot 39 percent from the field while the Cubs made their shots at a success rate of 56 percent.

"You want to go out playing your best," FCC coach Vance Walberg said.

"You're not going to win that many games when you don't shoot the ball well."

FCC's Jason Walberg, one of the best 3-point shooters in the state went cold, making none of his eight 3-point attempts.

"I felt like I did any other game," Jason Walberg said. "When I got the shots off I felt like they were going in. Some days they don't go in and it was one of those days."

Jason Walberg wasn't the only one struggling.

Rams standout guard Tyrone Jackson shot

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Photo by Keith Kountz

(From left) Rams Tyson Parker, Jason Walberg, Harry Holmes, Carl Lee and Adam Wall show their despair in the team's state championship loss to Los Angeles City College on March 16 at the Jenny Craig Pavilion in San Diego. FCC finished the season 38-2.

Students march on Capitol

By Tony Losongco

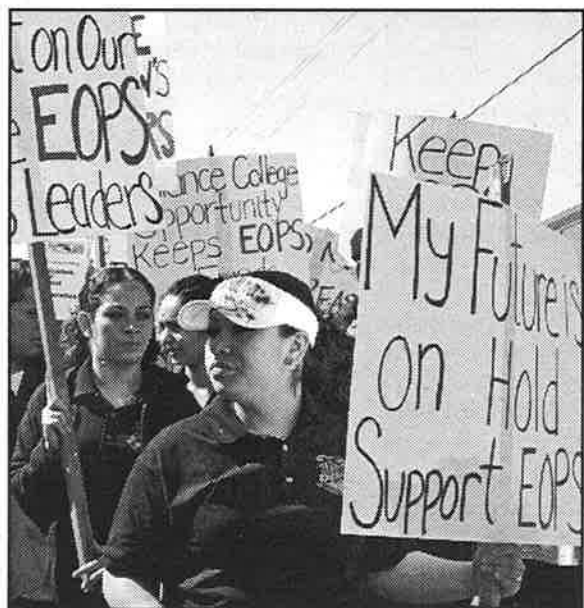
Editor-in-Chief

A bus full of students from Fresno City College and Reedley College journeyed to Sacramento, echoing the message of thousands assembled there to speak out and stand up for California's community colleges.

The students traveled to March in March, a rally March 17 that gathered community-college supporters from throughout the state, to protest higher fees and reduced services proposed by Gov. Gray Davis.

"There were so many people fighting for so many programs," said Nanci Sumaya-Martinez, FCC's Associated Student Government president. "All these programs are gonna be affected by [the budget]."

Picket signs dotted the Capitol crowd pleading to save programs, such as Extended Opportunity Programs and Services, which face pro-



Reedley College students from the Oasis program carry signs as they walk toward the Capitol March 17, part of a FCC-Reedley joint delegation that joined a community college rally.

Photo by Nanci Sumaya-Martinez

posed cuts of about 45 percent next year.

The Davis budget plan also outlines higher enrollment fees at the community colleges next year, more than double the current \$11 per unit.

George Kutnerian, ASG's stu-

dent trustee, said he was impressed by the size of the March in March crowd, which was estimated by organizers and police between 6,000 and 10,000.

"It was a unified message, because traditionally community col-

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Willow site slowly coming together

Layout for new campus still in first stages.

By Erin Ferns

Rampage reporter

The planning of the prospective Willow/International campus has been under scrutiny in the last few weeks. Recent sketches of the future northeast Fresno site caused a stir between district trustees and the administration at the March 4 board meeting.

Board meetings held March 14-15 at the Yosemite Tenaya Lodge in Fish Camp showed greater understanding between trustees and administration on the site's future. New plans now include students and staff in the development of Willow/International.

Vice chancellor of finance and administration Doug Brinkley dismissed the March 4 dispute as a simple "oversight" caused by hectic planning.

"We were just trying to move forward to ensure we had state funding. We have been approved for \$33.6 million for the project from the state," Brinkley said.

"We've been moving very fast to try to buy property and design the building. That was our focus. We just neglected to involve staff and students with the parking and the five areas."

These five areas "ensure that the design of the center is functional and parking is close and convenient." The site also must promote "safety for students and staff," harbor "good entrance and exit points to the school" and "clearly defined

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Guest Opinion



George Kutnerian

This is part of a series of guest opinions on the California state budget.

Under Gov. Gray Davis' proposed budget, community colleges would receive a substantial blow. Programs such as Extended Opportunities Programs and Services, and Disabled Students Programs and Services, would absorb 44.95 percent cuts, undoubtedly devastating.

These programs provide book grants, carts for disabled students, meal cards, and interpretive services. Under Davis' proposed budget, enrollment fees would increase 120 percent, from \$11 to \$24 a unit.

Substantial cuts in EOPS and DSPS coupled with increased enrollment fees would translate to approximately 200,000 students forced out of community colleges.

Community colleges are the economic backbone of the state. We might not produce doctors or lawyers, but we produce nurses, police officers, firefighters, paralegals, dental hygienists, auto mechanics, and air conditioning technicians, occupations critical to our economy.

Davis' cuts do not make economic sense. This is a short-term fix contributing to long-term problems such as overcrowded prisons and unemployment, ultimately damaging the economy. Davis plans giving prisons a 4 percent increase while crime decreases in California.

Davis wants to build prisons instead of educate people. It costs roughly \$3,600 to educate a community college student but more than \$20,000 to incarcerate somebody per year. Shouldn't we educate people rather than incarcerate?

Community colleges are supposed to be an affordable education for a wide spectrum. However, these days are over unless students band together and offer a unified message to Davis and state lawmakers.

I believe it is important to note that Davis was re-elected by a small portion of the state's registered voters. It's my own opinion that his re-election was not the will of the majority.

However, those opposed to Davis did not come out in large enough numbers to substantially influence and change the political landscape of the state.

Not too long ago, African-Americans and women had to desperately fight for their right to vote and politically contribute to this nation. However, it seems as though many are taking for granted their right to vote.

People in most countries do not have the basic right of voting. We should look at voting as more than just a right or privilege, but rather as a civic duty.

It is our responsibility to go out and influence and direct the policy and leaders of our state and nation. The will of the majority is for the betterment of the many. Make a difference!

George Kutnerian is Fresno City College's student trustee.

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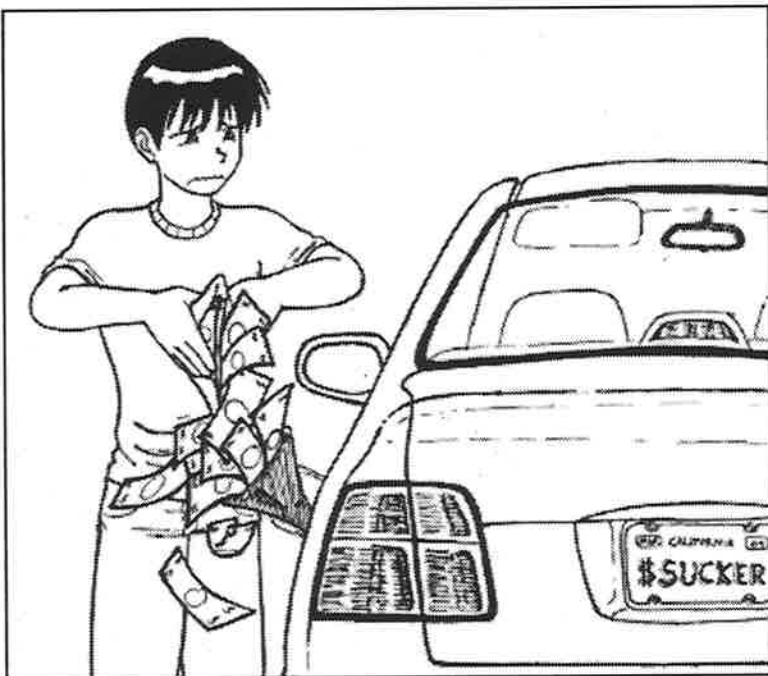


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Campus calendar

Arts

FCC Jazz Festival — 7:30 p.m.; instrumental concert, Thursday; vocal concert, Friday; Theatre

"Ain't No Stopping Us Now!" Annual Student Show — April 3 to May 10, Art Space Gallery

Brass Bash — 7:30 p.m., April 7, Theatre

FCC High School Drama Festival — April 9, Theatre

"The Many Moods of Music" Community Concert Band — 7:30 p.m., April 11, Theatre

College Activities

Club Rush — 10 a.m.; Wednesday, Fountain Area; April 10, Free Speech Area

Asian-American Week — Sunday to April 5

• Asian Cultural Village — 10 a.m., Sunday, Free Speech Area

• Asian-American Week Welcome/Music — 11 a.m., Monday, Free Speech Area

• Asian-American Documentaries — 2 p.m., Monday to April 4, College Center

• Asian Film Festival — 3 p.m.; Monday to April 4; Forum Hall

• Karaoke Night — 6 p.m., Monday, Staff Dining Room

• Asian Food Sale — 11 a.m., Tuesday, Free Speech Area

• Asian Poetry Reading — 11 a.m., April 2, Student Lounge

• Asian Games — 1 p.m., April 2, Free Speech Area

• Asian-American Celebration Night — 7 p.m., April 2, Theatre

• Asian-American Volleyball Tournament — noon, April 3, Free Speech Area

• Panel of Japanese-American Internees — 11 a.m., April 4, Theatre

• Celebration of Martial Arts — 10 a.m., April 5, Gym

Spring Blood Drive — 9 a.m., April 2, College Activities Area

FCC Showcase — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., April 10

Ram Doggie Round-Up — 10 a.m., April 23, Free Speech Area

Events

Track & Field Central Valley Conference Championships — Wednesday, Ratcliffe Stadium

FCC Blood Drive — 9 a.m., April 2, Student Lounge

Disability Awareness Day — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., April 10

Intramurals

2-on-2 Volleyball Tournament — 10 a.m., April 11, Free Speech Area

Chess Tournament — 10 a.m., April 25, College Center

Public Affairs

SCCCD Board of Trustees Meeting — 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Reedley College

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Police log

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Compiled by Pippa Watson and Erin Ferns

March 12

- Officer took report regarding vandalism to grounds at Madera Center.
- Officer took report regarding vehicle vandalism in Lot F.
- Officer took report regarding student harassment.
- Officer took report regarding chemical odor at Math/Science building.
- Officer took report regarding vandalism.
- Officer took report regarding stolen vehicle.
- Officer, nurse dispatched regarding injured student. Student turned over to nurse. Report taken.

March 13

- Officer took report regarding disturbance due to a person dangerous self or others.

March 17

- Officer took report regarding grand theft.
- Officer took report regarding burglary.
- Officer took report regarding vandalism.

March 18

- Officer took report regarding vehicle vandalism.
- Officer dispatched to cafeteria regarding suspicious person. Individual advised. Report taken.
- Officer took report regarding vandalism to vending machine.
- Officer took late report regarding suspicious circumstances.
- Officer dispatched to the bookstore regarding a disturbance. Individual advised. Report taken.
- Officer took report regarding vehicle burglary.
- Officer took report regarding hit and run.
- Officer took report regarding vehicle burglary.

March 19

- Officers dispatched to library regarding theft. Individual arrested, cited, released. Report taken.
- Officer took report regarding theft from bookstore.
- Officer made contact with subject transported to hospital as danger self or others.

March 21

- Officer cited skateboarder at Health Sciences.
- Officer took report regarding traffic collision resulting in property damage.

March 22

- Officer took a report regarding vandalism on campus.

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ROTC program at FCC gets new full-time instructor

By **Veronica Rodriguez**
Rampage reporter

After 12 years of not having a full-time instructor on campus, Fresno City College's Army ROTC program now has a full-time instructor, Sgt. Stuart Jensen. Jensen, whose job is to gear up students with knowledge of how to combine leadership skills with realistic and beneficial preparation for what is yet to come.

"We recognize the importance of having a full-time instructor because [of] the amount of the students here," Jensen said. Jensen said the Reserve Officers Training Corps program wants to connect with the campus. "The students want to know more, and want to know how do I get there."

"There is a lot possible," said Kaci Pennington, a student in the ROTC program.

"The student level drops if students can't connect with somebody," Jensen said. In the past, "if students wanted information about the ROTC program, they would've had to call Fresno State."

California State University, Fresno, is the satellite campus for ROTC. The on-campus presence makes it much easier for instructors like Jensen. When before, it seemed to be like a "drive-through service: the issues of parking, getting to class, teaching, then going right back to Fresno State," Jensen said.

One quality that stands alone from the ROTC program at Fresno State is that the ROTC program at Fresno City College offers a chance for the students to develop their leadership skills, as they're given the chance to teach the class without the assistance of a dedicated FCC faculty member.

"Juniors that are called cadets put these classes together and the cadets teach the classes," Jensen

said. But with a full-time instructor, it helps make things much easier not only for the student but for the instructors themselves.

"Before it was a heavy load for a cadet to teach here," Jensen said. "That's why there was no connection." But now, Jensen makes himself available every weekday at his office in the Health Sciences building.

ROTC is a four-year program in which Jensen teaches two classes at the FCC's Military Science department. Right now, however, there is only one full-time instructor. "We will wait and see," Jensen said. There are a lot of different perspectives among enrollees, he said, like those in the ROTC program that associate themselves with war material.

"People have a stereotype about ROTC that it is all negative," Jensen said. "G.I. Jane is a stereotype. Hollywood poorly portrays our females, as if they have to be a tomboy."

"I'm very feminine," Pennington said. "You have to have tough skin. You have to prove you are just as good or better as the next soldier in line. You can't give any reason for others to think, 'She got the job because she is a girl.'"

"You have to be able to pick up and drive on," Pennington added.

Going through this program, "makes you highly marketable, especially being an officer, a lot [of] the agencies out there are looking for the skills and experience you obtain as an officer," Pennington said. "My brother Kyle Pennington is an officer right now and he is the one who enrolled me in these classes. I just happen to get the opportunity to go to jump school. I was the only person to fill the slot with a last-minute notice, so I took the opportunity and went. I had never had been away from home before, then after getting the opportunity to jump out of a C-130, then that's when the turning point came in my life to make a decision in what I was going to do."

Pennington said she is in the best shape of her life, as she took advantage of the opportunity at hand

**"Here you will be your own drill sergeant."
Sgt. Stuart Jensen, FCC Army ROTC instructor**

to join the ROTC and expand her career path in a different direction other than just taking the same route that every student does. "Not very many people get this opportunity," said Pennington.

"Just taking the course helps you to get a better understanding," Jensen said. Going to the introductory class can really give you a peek of what ROTC is all about. "Classes are designed to broaden your horizon."

There is open enrollment, and the introductory class (Military Science 1) is a one-hour class, then the second-semester course (Military Science 2) is a two-hour class. Some students have an additional lab every Wednesday that is three hours long.

"The lab is where the students learn how to read a map, learn about symbols, what they mean, and they learn how to navigate on ground with a compass," Jensen said.

They also have events that involve paintball guns and playing a

combat role, as well as being a part of a 10-member push-up team, where they do push-ups in the end zone during halftime at the Fresno State football games.

"We are sure you have everything you need to [do] the job," Jensen said.

There are certain qualifications the Army requires. "Here we have instructors that pull out the students' strengths. The strengths come from their own self-evalu-

ations." Unlike the Army, Jensen added, "here you will be your own drill sergeant."

In the end, students get to practice what they've learned in the classroom and possibly take it to the next level in their careers. "I'm going to flight school in May to fly a UH-60, aka Black Hawk, the same planes they are using in the war against Iraq right now," Pennington said.

Military Science 1 Introduction to Military Science

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- Monday, 1 to 1:50 p.m.
- Wednesday, 9 to 9:50 a.m.
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For more information on the Army ROTC program at FCC, contact Sgt. Stuart Jensen at 442-4600, ext. 2638.



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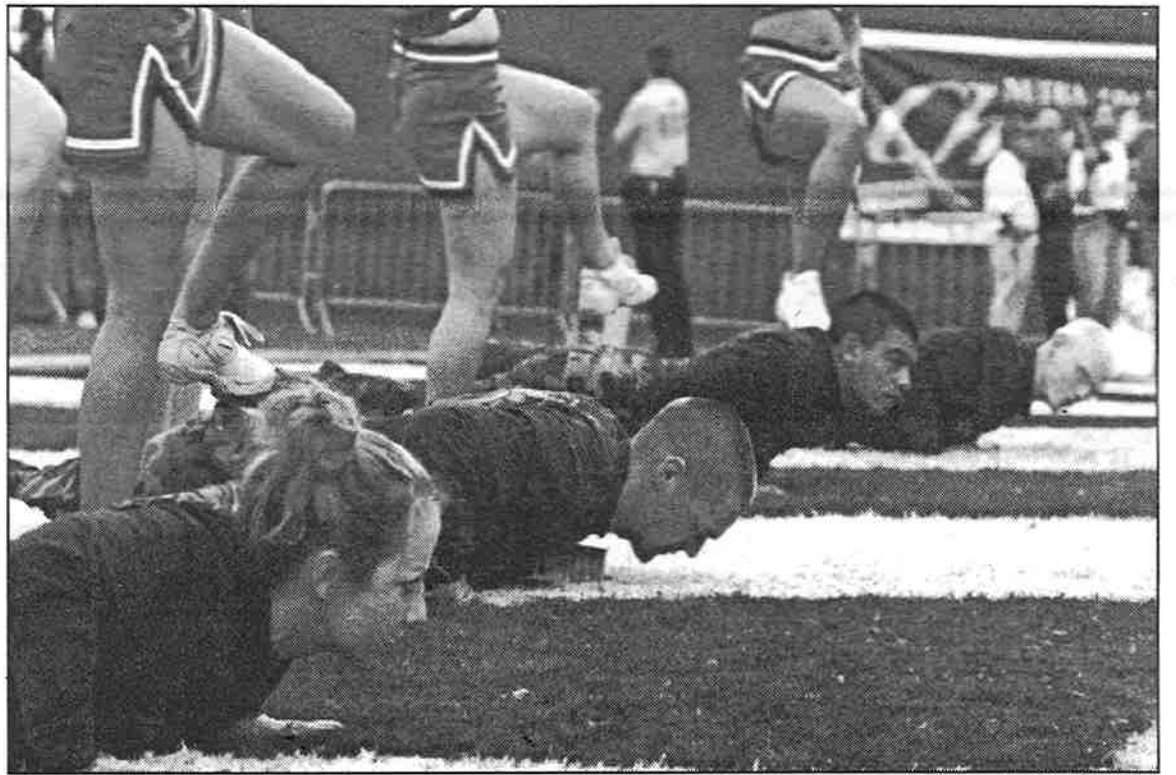


Photo courtesy Kaci Pennington

(From left) Kaci Pennington, Zeb Price, Brandon Petrick and Richard Wukmin, members of the ROTC program's push-up crew, exercise for the crowd at a football game at California State University, Fresno.

News briefs

District ladies vie for Clovis crown

Fresno City College student Jillian Stout finished won two prizes in the Miss Clovis pageant this month, showcasing her talent and poise for scholarship money.

Stout, who studies musical theater, earned a total of \$300 in scholarships for competing, finishing second runner-up, and winning Miss Congeniality.

Stout sung "Send in the

Clowns" in the talent portion of the competition, and she answered interview questions on her platform topic, "Hearts for the Homeless."

"There are so many people in our community that are living in extreme poverty," Stout said of her topic.

Two other State Center Community College District students competed in Miss Clovis. Taniya Walters attends the Clovis center, and Kimberly Angelich is a former FCC student.

The Miss Clovis winner was Heather Stocks, a graduate of University of California, Los Angeles. She will compete in June at the Miss California preliminary to Miss America.

Valley lawmaker seeking interns

U.S. Rep. George Radanovich, R-Mariposa, is accepting student applications for summer internships, offering a chance to learn about the federal government and leadership locally or in Washington, D.C.

The internship program will allow college students to participate in the daily activities of congressional staff members, such as handling mail and phone traffic, assisting constituents and special projects. Internships are available in Radanovich's Fresno, Turlock, and Washington, D.C. offices.

Interns in Washington also can participate in a leadership program,

allowing for greater interaction with senior congressional staff members. The Washington program requires completion of at least two years of college and a record of college involvement and public service.

To apply for an internship, send a resume and cover letter by April 4 to: Congressman George Radanovich's office; attention: Alisa Sisemore; 2350 W. Shaw, Suite 137; Fresno, CA 93711.

Blood-donation drive on campus

FCC has joined the drive to increase the blood supply in the central San Joaquin Valley, sponsoring a blood donation for the Central California Blood Center next week on campus.

The blood drive will take place in the FCC student lounge April 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. In exchange for a pint of blood, donors will receive an event T-shirt and discounts at local businesses.

Eligible donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and have a Social Security number to register. The blood center suggests that donors drink water and eat within the four hours before giving blood. The process of donating blood takes less than an hour.

For more information on the blood drive, contact Pat Brunetti at 442-8268, or Rafael Cabrera of the Central California Blood Center at 224-2900, ext. 3022.



Jillian Stout

Asian cultural week to begin at FCC

By Latasha Ball

Rampage reporter

With a variety of different cultures and ethnic backgrounds at Fresno City College, the Asian-American Studies program along with FCC will celebrate the cultures of Asian-Americans next week.

With panel discussions to historical documentaries, this is an event that will broaden the educational knowledge about this rich culture to other students and community members as well.

"We want to give everyone a chance to experience different cultures from different countries," said Janice Wong, College Activities director and one of the coordinators of the event.

A good turnout last year made Asian-American Week coordinators and students feel that this year's event holds even greater promise.

"I think the turnout will be a little bigger because we had a big amount last year and they'll be promoting to their friends," said Philip So, a second-year FCC student whose club, Asian International Student Association, will be doing three different performances during the Celebration Night event.

So many ideas were accumulated for the event that coordinators felt they couldn't condense them down to one day and decided to expand it into a weeklong event.

"We decided that there were a lot of things that we could actually do and show students, so we thought it might actually be more perfect not to just extend that day, but to go through the whole week," Wong said.

Asian-American Week will kick off with the Asian Cultural Village Sunday, as representatives from India, Japan, Taiwan, Philippines, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam will give students the chance to raise questions about Asian cultures.

"We figure that everything else is for the students and teachers that work here, but the Asian Cultural Village is a chance to bring in families and interact with Fresno City College," said John Cho, Asian-American Studies instructor and coordinator of the event.

A variety of Asian music will be heard throughout the Free Speech Area Monday, along with a documentary that will be shown in the College Center called "Between Worlds," that focuses on the settlement of Amerasians, kids born during the Vietnam War from American soldiers and Vietnamese women in the United States.

For students interested in starting a business or knowing more about Asians in the journalism field, Business Careers Day will feature panelists Tuesday to answer any questions about their fields.

The documentary to be shown that day is "Split Horns: The Life of a Hmong Shaman," which is about a Hmong man that

"Hopefully this event is an eye-opener to find out more about other people's culture and other people."

Janice Wong, Asian-American Week organizer

struggles with sharing his identity and beliefs with his Americanized family. "He's dealing with his traditional beliefs, his kids are in America learning English and eating pizza, but he wants to keep his culture alive," Cho said.

"Wednesday is Celebration Day, where we're going to have different tunes to read from the 'Orientale,' which is a literary magazine that some of the students on campus have put together," said Cho. Later that day, Asian-American community college presidents will discuss leadership skills.

Also featured will be a documentary called "Buddha and Blue Collar," about a Buddhist temple owned by a group of Laotians in Illinois that was tragically destroyed by a pipe bomb.

"That documentary examines when immigrant groups come into a community. There is frustration towards the new immigrants that are just trying to get by," Cho said.

Celebration Night will also be held April 2 in the FCC Theatre. "It's a two-hour show where we'll have taiko drums, and a fashion show showcasing the different Asian outfits from different countries," said Wong who added, "We'll have some of our Asian students on campus doing different performances, skits and traditional dances."

"On Thursday, Sports Day, we have some students from Fresno City College who are going to demonstrate martial arts. We have eight students who will perform," said Cho of the April 3 events. "We also have a volleyball tournament that is open to any club on campus."

A documentary April 4, "Korean Comfort Women," will examine women who served as prostitutes in World War II for Japanese soldiers. "You hear different sides of that and the women who basically want acknowledgment and an apology from the Japanese government," Cho said.

A panel of Japanese-Americans imprisoned in camps during World War II will tell their stories April 4. "This is an important part of Asian-American Week, and it's also living history because 10 or 15 years from now, they might not all be alive. We figure it's important for people to hear their stories and the things they've gone through," Cho said.

Along with the panel of Japanese-American internees, the documentary "Fated to Be Queer" will be shown that day. The film is about four gay Filipino men who discuss various topics about their lives in San Francisco.

To close the lively week of events, a celebration of martial arts will be held April 5 at the FCC gym with various perfor-

mances from students and martial-arts schools. "We want people to just feel proud of their art and share it, instead of worrying about 'Oh, am I No. 1, 2, or 3,'" Cho said.

This is also a chance for people who've wanted to learn more about martial arts, to step in and talk with a professional and even learn some martial-arts moves.

"Each student will give a 20-minute instructional seminar for people who are interested," Cho said.

Organizers said Asian-American Week is a fulfilling experience for people who participate in the educational event. "Hopefully this event is an eye-opener to find out more about other people's culture and other

people," Wong said.

Cho recalled an experience during last year's event as a student who thanked him for showing documentaries contributing to Asian-American Week because one had touched him very deeply. "What he did thank me for was 'Thank you for the show that I did the night before.' He said it brought tears to his eyes," Cho said.

Cho feels it's moments like this one that make this event worthwhile. "In terms of my life, I think the biggest thing I get out of it is if other people feel positive or good about it," Cho said.

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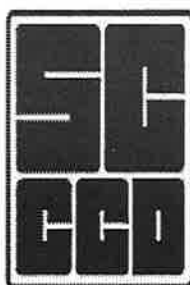
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Highway 168 at Huntington Lake

Children make history come alive at FCC

By Latasha Ball
Rampage reporter

Fresno County students from elementary to high school chose to learn more about history, as they explored subjects of interest to them at the History Day competition at Fresno City College.

Fresno County History Day was held in the cafeteria March 15. The event, coordinated by the Fresno County Office of Education, brought enthusiastic and dedicated students from around the county who showed up to exhibit their history projects.

"They probably put 30 hours a week into this and they still get their homework done, but it's not like homework for them, it's just enjoyable," said Gary Ovoian, Fresno County Office of Education history coordinator.

Ovoian, who has had 17 years experience with the History Day event, said he believes that if students are enthusiastic about a particular subject, they'll devote all their energy into learning everything about that topic.

"I'm impressed, but I've also told teachers that philosophically if you can motivate students by getting them into something that they enjoy, they'll put all their time into it," Ovoian said.

Students who participate in this competition don't just look to the library for information, but some also explore the Internet and interview sources directly about their topics.

"History Day allows that wide

range — like a scavenger hunt. To see the kids get excited about history is pretty cool," said Kathy Pinasco, library media teacher at Liddell Elementary School.

Some students may not even realize that in the process of researching information and writing their papers, they're gaining skills that will be crucial to their education in the future.

"Kids learn how to organize, research, and they learn how to do interviews which is what I think is amazing," Ovoian said.

Some students have said they are even looking forward to the competition next year and are planning ahead to the next subject they want to explore and present. "One student already wants to do this next year and is already thinking ahead," Pinasco said.

Planning ahead also gives students the chance to learn from this year's competition and start anew next year. "I would have cut down a little more on the picture because there's not as much room on the captions," said Conner Linville, a Liddell fourth-grade student who did a poster on the rights and responsibilities of athletes in history.

"I would have changed the writing in the captions because it wasn't really explaining what the pictures



Photo by Josh Hires

Samantha Kendakur (left), a freshman at Clovis High School, and her mother, Sundari Kendakur, admire the poster of a student who competed in the Fresno County History Day competition March 15 in the FCC cafeteria.

were," said Shane McKeighan, a fourth-grade student from Liddell whose poster project was on religious rights on American Indians.

Pinasco believed the students were being harder on themselves than anyone else about their projects. "Some students were saying, 'We should have done this more or better, or maybe we should have spent more time on this.' I think they did a great job, but they were more critical on themselves," Pinasco said.

Some students did not base how they placed on particular mistakes. Linville, who didn't place, felt confident after a panel of judges interviewed him about his topic. "I think we made it to State because of how we interviewed. We weren't scared or nervous. We were just happy and ready to go," Linville said.

"I think we placed second or third because we did a really good

job and didn't mess up at all," McKeighan said.

However, some students who knew about their topics started to get nervous during the interviewing process and doubted their knowledge about the answers to the judges' questions. "When you have to do the interview, all the stress comes out even though they knew the material," Pinasco said.

"I don't think I did well because they asked me questions that I really didn't know the answers to," said Emily Hanson, a sixth-grade student from Cole Elementary School who presented a poster on child hunger.

On the other hand, Jeff Torstensen, secretary for the Social Science division at FCC and liaison for the Fresno County Office of Education, felt there was no need for the students to be nervous. "Some students spend 200 hours on their research projects, so there's no

reason for them to be nervous," Torstensen said.

Many students who stressed over perfecting their projects for public display are now relieved that it's all over. "I'm not worried anymore, so now I can just sit back and relax," Linville said.

"I'm relieved that it's all done," said Kaitlyn Martin, a fourth-grade student from Liddell who presented a poster on land rights and the first Californians.

Students who placed first will go on to the History Day state competition in May in Pasadena. From there, students who conquer State advance to the national competition being held in June at the University of Maryland.

"The Fresno County competition is known throughout the state because we have winners," Ovoian said. "We've gone on to state and we've had national winners."

Selling papers to help Valley children

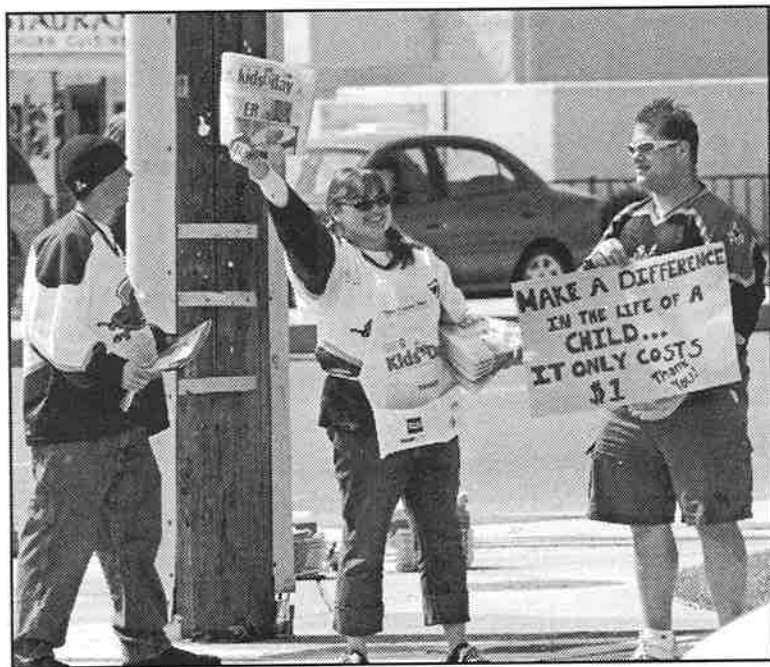


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These volunteers joined thousands of others across the city to sell special Kids Day editions of The Fresno Bee. From left, Bobby McCool plans to attend Fresno City College in the fall; Stacey Grossman is an FCC alumni and now attends California State University, Fresno; Brendon Rapp from Porterville joins his friends. McCool and Grossman arrived at the corner of Cedar and Herndon avenues at 5 a.m. Money raised — a total of \$244,000 — benefits programs at Children's Hospital Central California.

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leges have lacked that kind of unity," Kutnerian said.

The FCC-Reedley delegation met with Assemblymembers Sarah Reyes and Steve Samuelian to address concerns about the state budget. "I think we truly garnered the attention of the politicians," Kutnerian said. "Politicians make a lot of promises. We'll see if those promises come to fruition."

To help students voice their concerns to state officials, ASG presented a workshop March 12. About two dozen people learned about the relevant issues and preparation for

lobbying.

"You have a right to be represented at the things that affect you," said ASG parliamentarian Doug Crutchfield, moderator of the workshop. Crutchfield mentioned a proposal for a \$1 ASG student-representation fee that would help advocate for FCC at the state Legislature and other levels.

FCC business manager Michael Guerra was a panelist at the workshop. "You get a better education at a community college the first two years than at the CSU or UC level," Guerra said.

Retired FCC instructor Don Larson urged "making the best possible impression" on legislators through professional appearance and behavior. "You want them to

listen to you," Larson said. "You want them to respect you."

Wura Jaiyeoba, a second-semester nursing student at FCC, could not join the protest in Sacramento but found the workshop useful. "This is how some people survive because of the money they're receiving," said Jaiyeoba, referring to EOPS.

Sumaya-Martinez and Kutnerian both said they plan to follow up on progress made at the March in March event. FCC has begun a postcard and letter drive directed at decision-makers in Sacramento.

"They have a lot of comments to say," said Sumaya-Martinez of the postcard writers. "When you tell them the facts and figures, then they

More Info

An ASG workshop held March 12 featured a booklet on how to lobby state legislators. Here are a few tips from the booklet on writing an effective letter to elected officials:

- Address the letter properly.
- Always include your last name and your address.
- Use your own words.
- Time the arrival of your letter.
- Be clear about the topic of your letter.
- Be brief and constructive.
- Give the reasons for your opinion.

Source: "A Guide to Participation: How to Lobby the California State Legislature"

wanna know, and then they get upset."

Sumaya-Martinez added that ASG's current stance is "wait-and-see."

"We want to continue doing

the postcards and the letter-writing campaign," Kutnerian said. "Those kind of things do make an impact. Each letter represents 1,000 like-minded people to a politician."

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building functions and entrance points," Brinkley said.

Brinkley elaborated on the fifth proposal. "What we mean by that is that...it's easy for you to find where you're supposed to be. If you walk onto campus and you've never been there [before], you could find the library," Brinkley said.

The plan for the currently un-named campus, located on Willow and International avenues, will not open doors to students until 2007. "The concept is to move Clovis Center into this site," Brinkley said.

Although the structure of Willow/International is not entirely decided upon, there is one building that has been designed and selected. "There's agreement with staff on what the building should do and how it should look and what should be inside it," Brinkley said.

The 75,000-square-foot building will house the "administration, student services," a bookstore, "library and computer area," and a "full array of classrooms," Brinkley said.

"Clovis [Center] currently has about 44,000 square feet, so it will be about twice the size of Clovis," Brinkley said. He pointed to the size of the building for its ability to offer more services than Clovis Center.

The final decision has not been made as to what will become of Clovis Center. "This site doesn't open until 2007, so there's a lot of time that will pass and a lot of needs that will come up that we will have to address."

In the meantime, there are tentatively scheduled meetings with a committee held at Clovis Center that include student and staff input. The first of four meetings is Friday.

The second, "follow-up" meeting will be April 4. This specific meeting will have a small group to view the sketches and give the architect feedback. The third meeting, deemed an "open meeting" by Brinkley, will be April 7.

"The first couple of [meetings] is probably more of...ideas...and what makes sense to the students and staff," Brinkley said. "We may give them some ideas, but what we want to do is have this 100-acre site and this building we have designed and say, 'Okay, what would you want to have accomplished out of this building? What are your desires? Where would you like to place it? Where would you like parking?'"

The fourth meeting April 11 will garner more public input so that by May, a compilation of results will be shown to the board.

"Our board will have an opportunity to review it and look at it," he said of the proposals based on student and staff ideas.

Brinkley hopes this will contrast the dissatisfaction at recent meetings. Trustee Pat Patterson expressed at the March 15 meeting that he would prefer the planners to show the board alternative sketches.

"I'm not going to be in the position to support something just for expediency," Patterson said, acknowledging the fast-paced planning of Willow/International.

In other board news...

By Tony Losongco
Editor-in-Chief

FISH CAMP — State Center Community College District trustees met for a board retreat at the Yosemite Tenaya Lodge in Mariposa County March 14 and 15. The board was not scheduled to take action at the retreat, but trustees learned of their options regarding its next college center.

Vice chancellor of finance and administration Douglas Brinkley addressed the board on its options regarding the Willow/International site in northeast Fresno, funded largely by Measure E money approved in November.

Willow/International has five stages with the following completion dates that Brinkley called "ideal": initial project proposal (June 30), final project proposal (June 2004), preliminary plans (June 2005), working drawings (June 2006), and construction (June 2008).

Brinkley said the IPP is a two- to three-page document that is "very, very initial" and speaks only in general terms to the campus' plan. The FPP is more specific, describing "...what goes into a lab, how it's going to function," Brinkley said.

The board questioned the administration about where a master plan would fit within the construction timeline. If the district goes ahead with a master plan, it would take place before completion of the FPP.

"Master planning really hasn't been a tradition here," Chancellor Judith Redwine said, pointing only to the Madera center with a site utilization plan.

The district had awarded Edwin S. Darden Associates Inc. of Fresno the IPP part of the project, but Brinkley offered the board options of considering other architectural firms for the FPP or the master, and trustees can even scarp Darden and start over with someone else, beginning with the IPP.

But the district rushed with the IPP, Brinkley said, because the state chancellor's office told SCCC that if it hurried with getting the IPP and FPP done, the state could help move the project quickly.

The state budget crisis in February, however, made that impractical, and yet the district already had paid for its IPP through Darden. Board President Dottie Smith asked if Darden is aware that there are alternatives that may not include them.

"You don't tell us, we tell you [Darden] what we want," said Dottie Smith of the board's position.

Brinkley said that the administration had met with Darden since the March 4 board meeting. He presented five options for how the board proceeds with its five project stages;

Willow/International site recommendation

Stage:	Completion date:
Initial project proposal	June 2003
Final project proposal	June 2004
Preliminary plans	June 2005
Working drawings	June 2006
Construction	June 2008
Source: Douglas Brinkley, SCCC	

the administration recommended a master plan.

Redwine said that with future stages, the district plans to go back and get input from students and staff and present alternatives to the board along with its own recommendation.

Brian Speece, vice chancellor of business and operations, said that the district so far has studied where surrounding roads would lie, access points for utilities, and options with a canal that runs west of where International Avenue ends.

Speece added that the district also has met with the City of Fresno and Clovis Unified School District. The district will conduct a traffic study, and deceleration and acceleration lanes in and out of the Willow/International campus may be necessary.

Budget update

Brinkley also updated the board on California's budget plans. Since Gov. Gray Davis' asked for mid-year cuts of more than 10 percent to community colleges' categorical programs in January, the state legislature has approved a more modest proposal.

Brinkley said that under a worst-case scenario for the district, SCCC would take a \$4.4 million across-the-board hit for the remainder of the fiscal year, which ends June 30. Fresno City College would face about 57 percent of the district's total general-fund cut, totaling \$1.26 million for the school.

FCC President Ned Doffoney told trustees that the school cut about 100 spring classes, and although trustee Phillip Forhan questioned where the cuts were made and the true savings from those cuts, Doffoney estimated that each cancelled class costs about \$2500.

"What the students lost was convenience," said Redwine of cancelled classes, many of which were held early mornings or evenings.

Forhan also asked Doffoney about student representation in the process of canceling classes. Doffoney replied that because it had a "curricular impact," FCC relied upon its

faculty and administration.

"I believe our students are responsible adults," said Forhan, who said that students could help make decisions on cutting classes.

But Smith, a counselor at a Fresno continuation high school, agreed that issues as sensitive and complex as the state budget crisis need to be left to trained staff. "But I can't go to the fire department and tell you [the department], you do this," Smith said.

For next year, the district will take an approach different from the budget method for this year's cuts. Redwine said the district "cut around the edges" for mid-year cuts, but it is "starting from ground zero" for 2003-2004.

Brinkley outlined the bottom-up approach as a plan that determines the most essential programs and expenses, as the district prepares its budget plan of about \$93 million.

Among these budget objectives are categorical programs for disabled and low-income students and Partnership for Excellence. "Those are services that are base programs for us," Brinkley said. "We have to provide them."

Combined, the district will fund these programs with \$5.43 million next year, a cut of about 45 percent from this year. But, Brinkley added, state law forbids the district to cut full-time faculty from these programs.

Redwine said that the district has attempted, with its 2003-2004 approach, to survive up to four years of hard economic times with no significant opportunity to add to its financial resources.

Strategic planning

Terry Kershaw, interim vice chancellor of educational services and planning, reported the district's progress on strategic planning. He spoke of an "umbrella" that would integrate plans of all the colleges and centers into the district's overall plans.

Kershaw said he hoped to finish goals and objectives by May, and once back for the fall semester, campuses would review their performance indicators. He planned to be able to present next year's strategic planning to the board in November.

Whose law is it anyway?

The death penalty has been used for many years as a system for dealing with criminals who have committed severe offenses, such as murder. Society believes that if a person takes a life then their life should be taken from them, therefore, capital punishment is justified. But, is it not true that the reason we see this as justified is because we believe that murder, in any form, is *not* justified?

Murder is, essentially, what the death penalty is. Murder is defined as the unlawful killing of one human being by another human being, but whose law must judge that?

Under man's law the death penalty seems correct because we see killing a murderer as a lawful killing, thus making man the judge of right and wrong, when in fact it is not.

I submit that any killing is an unlawful killing, even that of a murderer. Under God's law, He alone is the judge of right and wrong, therefore only He has the right to decide what punishment a man shall suffer in the hereafter.

Many advocates for capital punishment quote the Bible, stating the passage that reads: "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth." What those people fail to mention is that God shall be the judge of action, not man.



Jen Langworthy
Rampage reporter
Opinion

Mahatma Gandhi said, "The old law of an eye for an eye leaves the whole world blind."

There are many questions that, to this day, go unanswered by supporters of the death penalty. What if an innocent person were to be sentenced to death? What if a person had a twin who was accidentally convicted in their place?

Granted that modern technology has ways, such as fingerprinting and DNA testing, to reduce the possibility of this occurrence, but even so, if there is not enough evidence to perform these functions then mistakes can, and will, happen.

If an innocent person is sentenced to death row he or she may stay there for several years before being executed. In that time it is possible that his or her innocence may be proven and the person would be spared. However, if he or she is never proven innocent, or are proven innocent after being executed, there is no way to undo what has been done.

One cannot simply say, "Oops, we made a mistake. We're sorry for the inconvenience" and expect to just move on. By our logic, if a judge, jury and lawyers put a man to death and he is later found innocent, should not those people be put to death for causing the death of another innocent man, just as they said he did?

What does murdering a murderer really accomplish? To be totally honest with our-

selves we have to admit that criminals really do not fear the death penalty as much as in the past.

Is putting a person to death really that much of a punishment? It is done, because the need for revenge is felt, but truthfully it is not a punitive act for the offender.

Once a man is dead, that is the end of the punishment for him. He can no longer be harmed, he is no longer in pain. If truth be known, sitting on death row waiting to die is more a punishment than dying itself.

Humans do feel the need for revenge when they have been wronged, but even if a convicted man is guilty, killing him will not bring back those whom he killed.

It may numb the pain of loss for a short time, but that pain will ultimately resurface because you have not solved the problem, only eliminated a part of the cause.

No matter how many people the system kills, innocent or otherwise, there will always be more. Therefore, the thirst for blood will never be quenched.

HEY, I KNOW YOU'RE INNOCENT, DOESN'T THAT COUNT FOR SOMETHING?

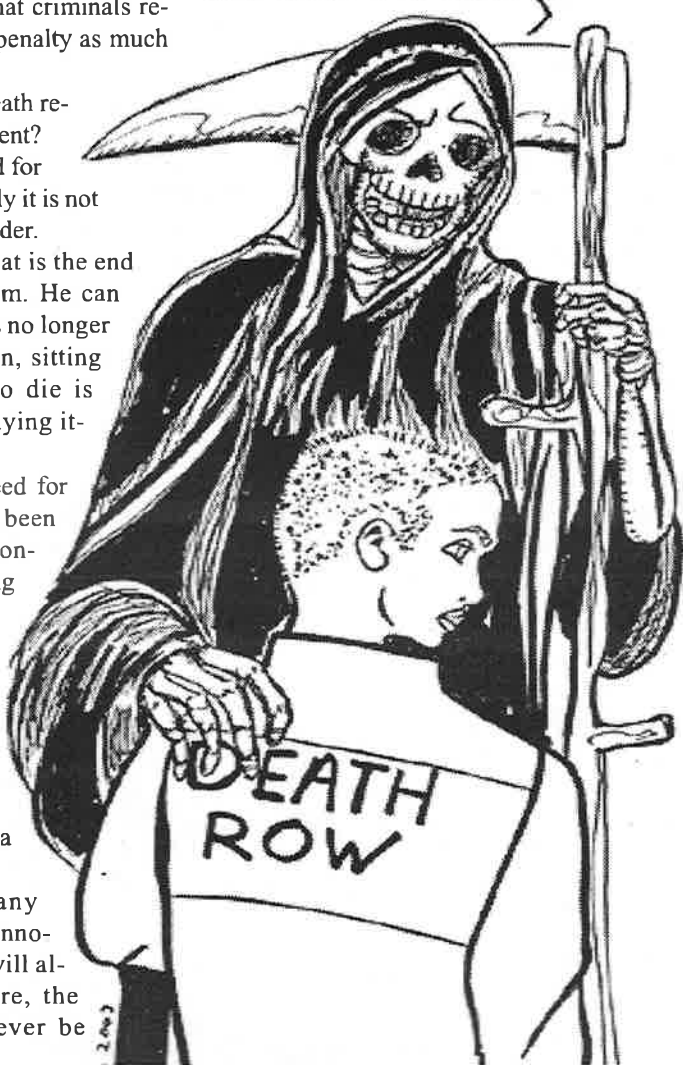


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Our soldiers overseas need peace on the home front

I know that many may not agree with me, especially the ones who are protesting against the war, but I feel this war is just something we are just going to have to go through. Instead of even thinking about getting all frantic and trying to control something we can't, we really should be praying for our soldiers, our country and stand next to these families and loved ones who are in deep sadness because of the times we're in right now.

No matter where we go, we can't help but see news coverage on the



Veronica Rodriguez
Rampage reporter
Opinion

I strongly support our soldiers; they have been working hard preparing for something like this to possibly come. For them, it is no

war. Seeing pictures of what maybe the last kiss goodbye, and all the disaster hitting all of the innocent people, including our soldiers. Uncertainty of if we will be next.

longer about preparing for combat — we are at war.

This can't make everybody happy. In most everyone's hearts is the wish that we could just come to peace and end this war. We must face it — something that many of us feared is here.

I think we should be strong. Isn't war what earned us our freedom in the first place?

Something else to remember is to not take what's going on too personally. Many people are very angry about the war. Us stirring up

more fire with our madness is not going to do anything for us.

We need to try to keep ourselves at peace, especially for our children, who looking to us for comfort. Sit them down and spend time with them. Try to get them to focus on positive things around us. Try not to let them sit in front of the television too long because children are like sponges. We still need to be careful with all they absorb.

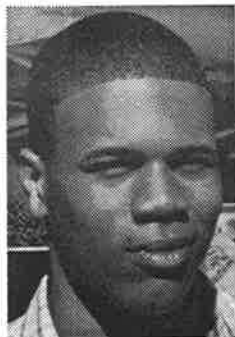
I also believe that we will not have enough power with just our guns and battle — we need to gain strength

through prayer and supplication. The Bible 2 Chronicles 7:14 says "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and heal their land."

I believe if we pray it make a difference for our war and give our president direction. Through this time we should look in our hearts and ask what can we can we do. Let's stick together through these hard times and continue to push forward. I believe the strong will stand.

Campus Voices What is your favorite April Fools' Day joke to play on someone?

By Theresa Carr



Christopher Lewis

"One time my friends and I told my brother that there was a big break dance event going on the next year on Feb. 31. He was excited because he is really into break dancing. At the end of the day we finally told him that there was not a break dance event because there were only 28 days in February."



Dina Warren

"I would like to tell other people or fool them into believing that their instructor is failing them."



John Mesta

"Once upon a time long ago, I was with this one girl who I truly adored. She told me she was calling it quits. I couldn't understand. I thought we had something special. She told me that she didn't like me and couldn't stand me. I had tears in my eyes and hella bawled. the next day, still depressed, she called and said she was just joking and I cried again, but this time it was tears of joy."



Lindy Jo Pangelinan

"My sister called my stepparents from Germany and told them that she was pregnant. Then she called them a couple hours later to tell them it was a joke for April Fools' Day. They had already called all of their relatives and had to call back to tell them it was April Fools'."



Rebecca Warren

"Telling a friend or family member that they were fired from their job."

People behind FCC



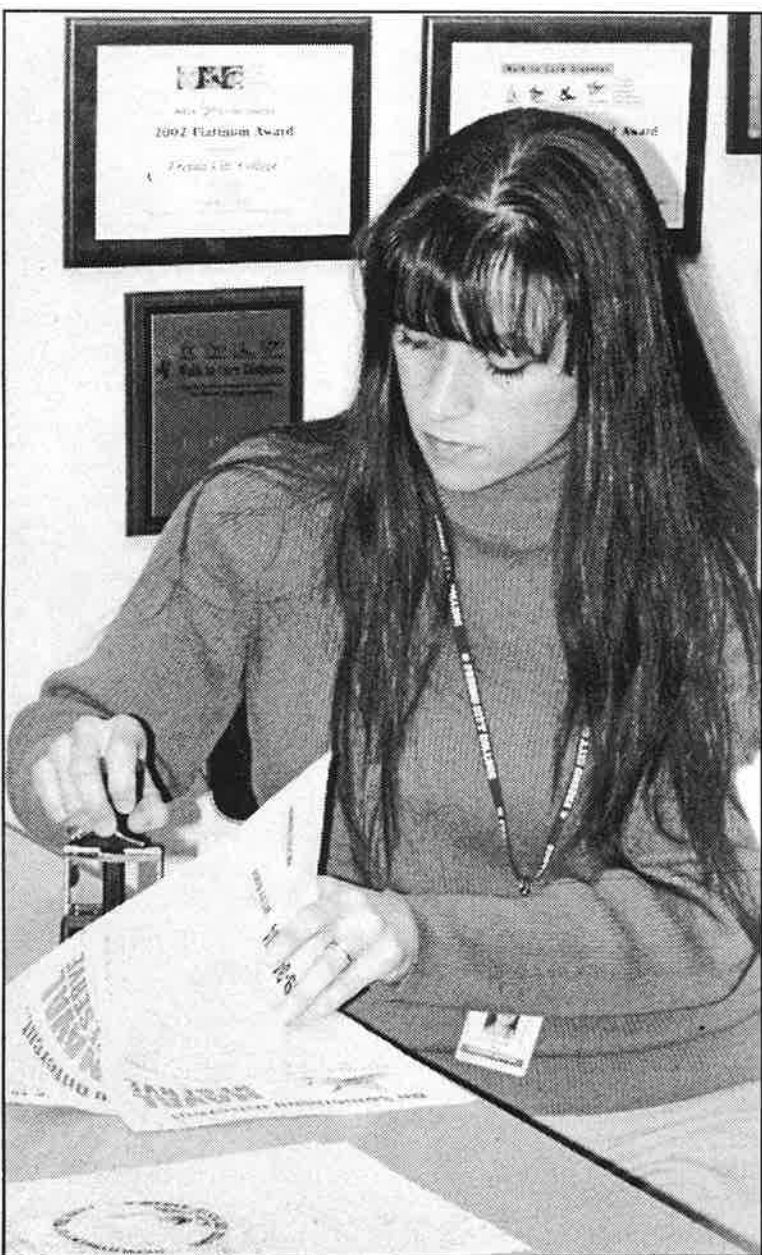
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Irene Flores is one of the cashiers at the campus cafeteria. Here she hands back change to a student. She has been giving service with a smile for one and a half years.



Photo by Josh Hires

Sonia Gonzalez rearranges one of the many display cases. She has worked for FCC for one year.



Left: Corina Perez is ASG's department secretary. One of her many jobs is approving fliers that get posted around the campus.

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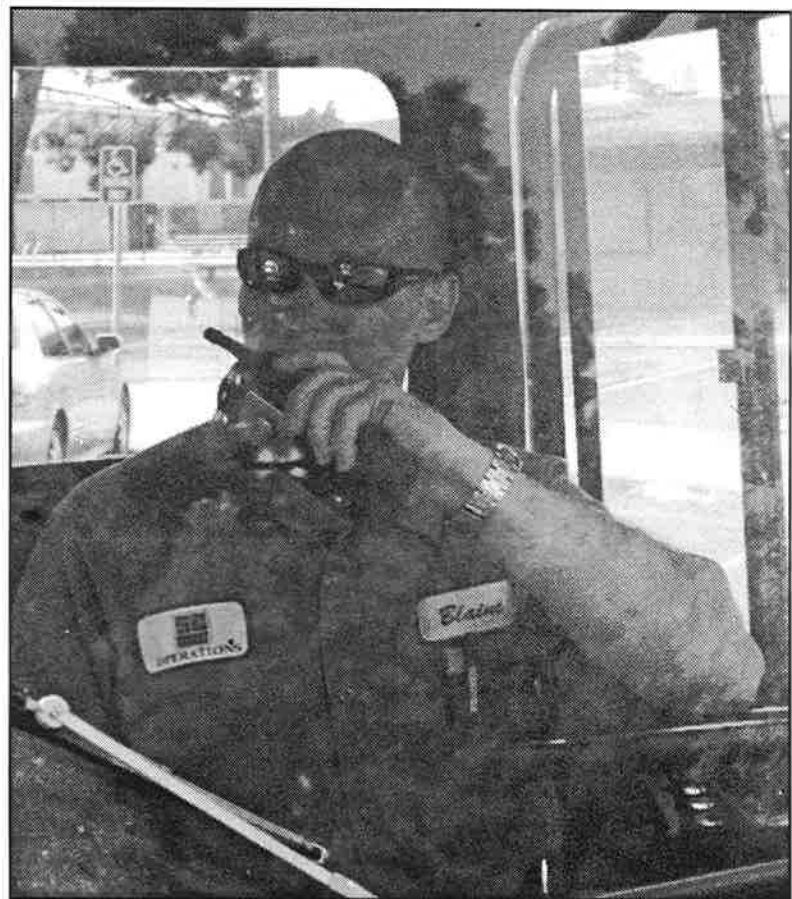
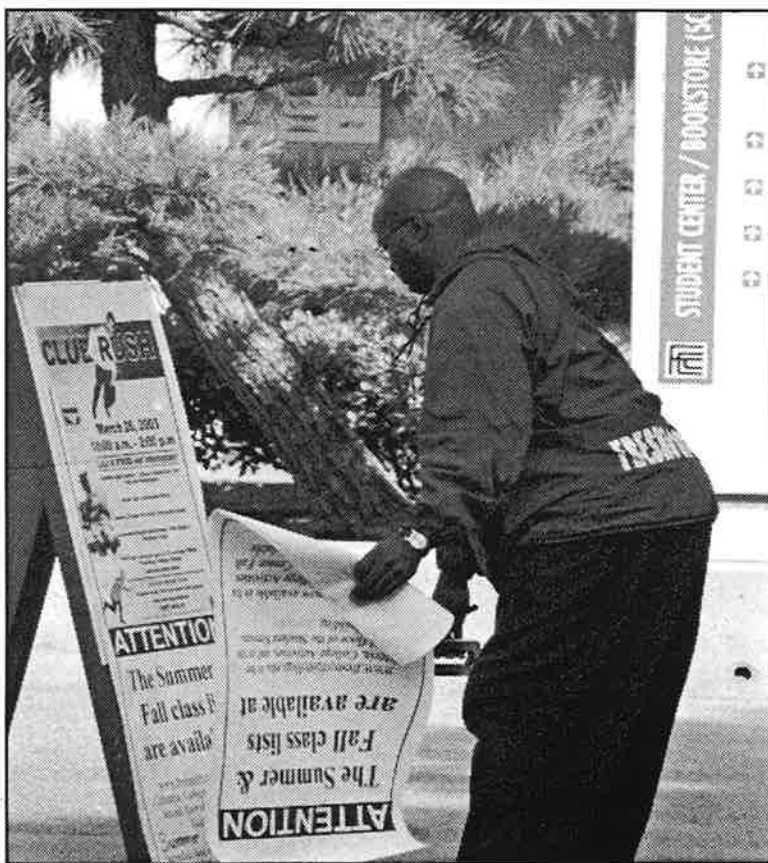


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Above: Electrician, plumber and general maintenance are just a few of the jobs that Blaine Hamon has been doing for more than 5 years now.



Left: Donprey Martin works in the College Center, performing many jobs such as putting up the many signs that you see around campus.

Photo by Lenetta Huxley

They're gone, but they're not forgotten

March 31 is a day of remembrance for Chávez and Quintanilla

By Luis Quezada
Entertainment editor

César E. Chávez had many things on his mind that he wanted to change, and he fought for the cause.

Chávez was born on March 31, 1927 in Yuma, Arizona. He knew what it was like to be a migrant worker because he traveled constantly, having to attend approximately 65 elementary schools.

In 1938, Chávez's family lost their farm during the Great Depression. Chávez wasn't able to graduate from college; instead he helped to support his family.

Chávez knew that education was important. "Students must have initiative: they



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should not be mere imitators. They must learn to think and act for themselves-and be free," Chávez said.

In 1947, Chávez joined a union named National Agricultural Workers Union, after being influenced by his father Librado. He also takes on the seat at Saúl Alinsky's Community Service Organization (COS) in 1952 and six years later, he was named general director. In COS, Chávez helped Latinos with problems in immigration, police, and other related issues.

Chávez left the COS in 1962 because his idea of forming a farm workers union was denied. He headed to Delano and began what is known as the National (United) Farm Workers Association. Chávez then comes into contact with Dolores Huerta, who ends up becoming vice president.

The UFW conducts strikes favoring higher wage earnings, contracts with grape growers, and improving farm labor conditions. Chávez also conducted fasts. One in 1972 that lasted 24 days, and one in 1988 which lasted 36 days.

Chávez's success can be attributed to his constant insistence on creating changes for the people. Chávez passed away in his sleep at the age of 66 on April 23, 1993 in San Luis, Arizona. His 76th birthday is near and the United States Postal Service will present a stamp in his honor. Several scheduled events will take place over the valley. The annual march and celebration will take place at the Fresno Convention Center March 29.

Paul Chávez, César's son, is usually invited to speak at events of remembrance. "My father knew what it was like to work hard all day and have nothing to show for it," Paul said.

By Luis Quezada
Entertainment editor

Selena Quintanilla had a dream when she was a little girl and it became reality after hard work and struggle.

Quintanilla was born in Jacksonville, Texas on April 16, 1972. Her and her siblings A.B. and Suzette formed a band just as a hobby. When her father Abraham Quintanilla II quit his job to open a family restaurant, that's where the big break through came. Selena was able to get exposed to the music industry, as Selena Y Los Dinos.

The fact that her father had been in a band before helped to create a easier path, but that didn't mean that they were sure to gain success.

The fact that Quintanilla was able to speak Spanish and treat people with respect gave her more credibility. Soon she became known as "La Reina Del Tex-Mex." She won various awards including female vocalist of the year at the Tejano Music Awards.

Music wasn't the only thing on Quintanilla's mind. She became involved

in fashion design and cosmetology opening two boutiques in Texas. Her talent skyrocketed, making her a Grammy winner in 1992.

Acting became another priority on her list, as she participated in a Mexican soap opera named "Dos Mujeres Un Camino," and debuted in a film titled "Don Juan DeMarco."

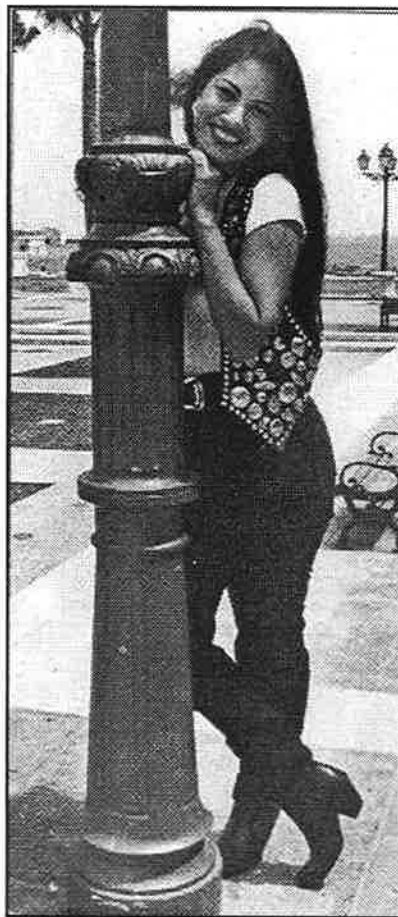
Just when she was preparing to release her cross over album she was assassinated on March 31, 1995 in Corpus Christi by her fan club president Yolanda Saldivar, who was later sentenced to life in prison.

Eight years later many dedicated fans still visit her grave site, and place white roses, which were her favorite. Young females participate in contests where they imitate her. Now there is a foundation that helps the youth.

Quintanilla couldn't finish school due to being on the road tours she had to make.

The Selena Foundation Mission Statement is: "To offer the motivation that every child

needs to complete their education, to live moral lives, to love their families, to respect human life and to sing whatever song they were born to sing."



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Asian Film Festival will highlight country issues

By Luis Quezada
Entertainment editor

Ethnicities have the opportunity to honor their customs and traditions at a particular time during the year. With Asian-American Week just around the corner, it will present the Asian Film Festival, which will highlight specific topics.

Two of the five films that are planned to show are "The Terrorist," and "The King Of Masks."

"The Terrorist," presents the life a 19-year-old girl from India named Malli, who is played by Ayesha Dharkar. Malli has had much revolutionary training and is now appointed to the coveted bomber position.

Malli is an orphan, whose brother died for the future of his people. Now she is expected to do the same.

She moves in with a kind who has much knowledge of the world and who she makes believe that she is there to do research. Malli goes through the training necessary to kill the head person of a society. The day of the assassination comes and during the meditation she does before the planned event, she realizes something significant. Malli is expected to become a suicide bomber, but the story takes a different twist.

"The Terrorist," was inspired by the assassination of Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

"The King Of Masks," takes place in China during the 1930s. The story is about a man who has the ability to change masks within seconds making him a master of an ancient art performance. He is aging and

the tradition says that he needs to pass his ability onto a male heir.

The master buys a child in the black market. The child reveals a surprising secret and the situation changes. The film presents the stubbornness of a country that considers women to be inferior, yet then their religious beliefs are in a female. "The King Of Masks," then has a difficult choice to make for the survival of this ancient art.

Both films were released in the United States in the year 2000. They're both in their native language, but do contain subtitles in English. All five films will show over a week span beginning March 31. For more information about other events scheduled for Asian American Week (March 30-April 5, 2003) log onto <http://online.fresnocitycollege.edu/asianamericanweek>.

Asian Film Festival

"The Terrorist," Monday, FH-101

"Asoka," Tuesday, FH-103

"Rashomon," April 2, FH-101

"The King Of Masks," April 3, FH-101

"Wedding Banquet," April 4, FH-103

All films begin at 3 p.m. in Forum Hall.

What you 'never knew' about

The cover of this album seems to look like an everyday album, but it turns out to be deceptively different. The cover design would normally be one that would just be passed over, unless it was of an artist that someone knew. However, if you were to give the artist and the album a try, you would discover a difference. It is not every day that one gets to hear an artist like this.

The first two songs would seriously get one to listen to the rest of the album, wanting to hear the rest of the songs.

Just because Kristine Sa is an Asian artist, that does not mean all her songs are in her native language. The lyrics on the entire album were written by Sa in the English language. The album is in English here in the United States, but I cannot tell you if the album might be in another language somewhere else. Just by listening to the album, it would make no difference.

Sa could easily go from a seldom heard artist to an overnight sensation and eventually die out like many artists. That could possibly be the case here, now that this artist has been launched.

But right now there is no stopping her from taking her music to places unheard of. She will seriously not be a "One-Hit-Wonder" that we often see around these days. I believe Sa is here to stay for a very long time.

The only obstacle that would prevent this from happening right now would be that

Artist: Kristine Sa
Album: "I Never Knew"
Website: www.kristinesa.com
Rating: ★★★★★

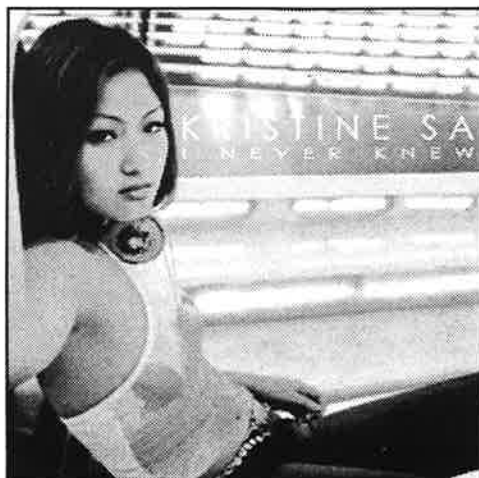
the album is only available in selected stores or with access to the internet.

One can hope that as more and more people get to hear this wonderful (and totally gorgeous) artist, her album will be in more stores due to popular demand. This expects to be a great album and an artist that could possibly gain the interest of the public. This album could make a great gift that could please open-minded fans of music.

Kristine Sa is indeed talented and she has been able to demonstrate that in her recent release titled "I Never Knew." She will hopefully be able to receive the necessary support that will help her succeed in the business allowing her to continue with her career. Asian-Americans now have an artist that they can identify with and look up to.



Felix Sanchez
Rampage reporter
Music review



Strange Campus

by Zon Petilla



City Life

by Jesse Garcia



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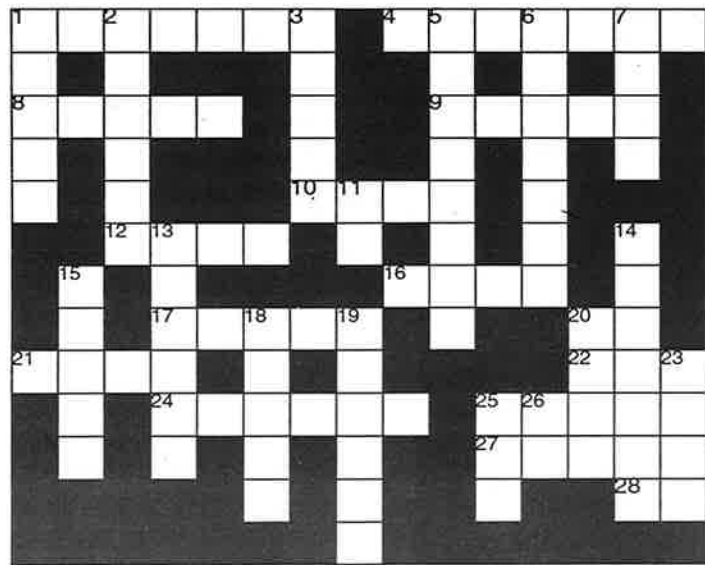
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ACROSS

1. What an officer needs to perform a search
4. Separate from others
8. Relative by marriage
9. Hawaiian greeting
10. Sound a pig makes
12. Pay attention to
16. Opposite of East
17. Condominium
20. Soldier
21. Kilogram
22. Type of poisonous snake
24. What you do to an empty glass
25. Throw out needlessly
27. An _____ a day keeps the doctor away
28. Emergency Room

DOWN

1. What little children and puppies do
2. Green condiment on hot dogs
3. It takes two to _____
5. Manacles or handcuffs
6. The most untight
7. What frozen food has to do
11. Instant message
13. Repeat presentation
14. Sound a bird makes
15. Make unpure
18. Neat, cool
19. Type of Japanese tea
20. Sharp intake of breath
23. A person of equal standing or status
25. What we are currently in
26. Associated Press

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ARIES – You have the chance to start fresh. You make the best possible impression on new acquaintances. Everything about you fascinates them! Keep things professional until someone issues a personal invitation. All bets are off once a certain can of worms is opened.

TAURUS – You find yourself on the way to your next great adventure. Don't forget to make a comfort stop during your great quest. You may be getting out of touch with the people whose efforts have made this journey possible. Dropping a letter or postcard in the mailbox doesn't take up a lot of your time, and it means a lot to the recipient.

GEMINI – You may feel like you don't have any power, but the momentum is about to shift. You spend a lot of time waiting for something good to happen, but nothing happens until you get your hands on a piece of vital information. Look for clues in odd places.

CANCER – Social events that are likely to be business-oriented could take up a lot of your time. You are feeling especially outgoing at this time, so you should make a good impression and possibly even make a few new friends. It's also important to remember to take some

time for yourself.

LEO – The world beckons to you to come out and play. Even sitting still and doing nothing would be an adventure when your mind is this fertile. Performing the most mundane task seems like a theme park ride.

VIRGO – It may be touch-and-go concerning a family matter if you decide that the solution is a quick fix followed by an escape. Running away won't solve anything today. Face the music — it's not as bad as you might think. Someone comes to your aid when you least expect it, but games of chance are not favored today.

LIBRA – Things seem to come together fluidly — especially your relationship, which could be called the Dream Team — it's an enviable model of affection and efficiency. This is the perfect time to heal old wounds and get old issues out of the way. Resist the urge to go out on your own later in the day. An errand is made easier when you bring someone along with you.

SCORPIO – The work is only half over. Don't give up — you're very close to the solution even though you may not be able to see it right now. Inspiration may be the spark that starts you up, but you need a dif-

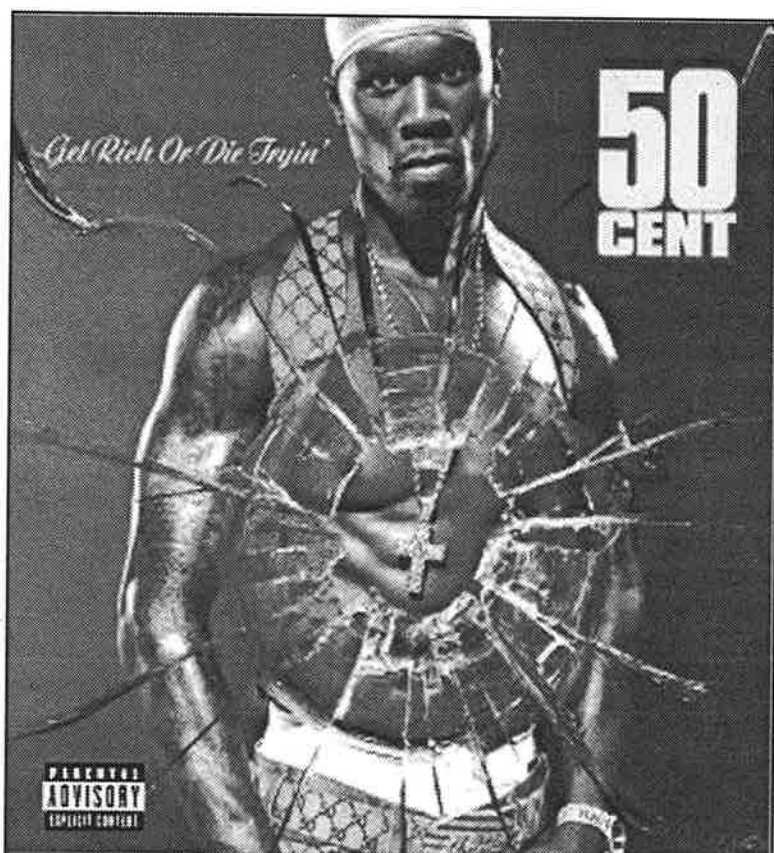
ferent kind of fuel to keep running. Don't be afraid to ask an expert for their advice. Everyone started from scratch at some point.

SAGITTARIUS – Don't expect your friends and family member to be able to read your mind today. Almost anything is possible. Let everyone know what you really want, because someone may just step forward and hand it to you.

CAPRICORN – You begin to realize that the plans you've been making for someday may never come to fruition if you don't put a plan into action. If you wait for the right moment, too much time will slip away. Careful planning proves more effective than flying by the seat of your pants.

AQUARIUS – You feel like the king or queen of the world right now, but don't be surprised if others don't bow down and kiss your feet, Aquarius. Your respect for property rights and personal boundaries is at an all-time low. You don't mean any harm, but you could make someone impatient.

PISCES – A little white lie never hurt anyone, but just make sure you keep track of them all if you choose to tell more than one, Pisces. Bluffing may be useful as long as you don't make it central to your strategy. Everyone is equally clueless, but that situation could change at any moment.



Sky's the limit for 50 cent

50 cent, who was discovered by Dr. Dre and Slim Shady, is bringing it to you "In The Club," or on the streets pointing out those "Wankstas."

Since this hot new album, "Get Rich or Die Tryin'," hit the streets "50" has been everywhere. Wherever you happen to be going, someone is driving by playing the album or someone is at home playing Rampage reporter the CD full blast. "Rocking The Block" is receiving a lot of radio play on a daily basis.

Some people say that "50" is another Tupac Shakur, because of

his dangerous lifestyle and hardcore rhymes. Recently he was interviewed on MTV2 and this is what he had to say: "That's a scary comparison, because Tupac is a legend, and [I'm] just a new booty."

50 cent has the potential to be the next legend, but he just needs some more albums and time to grow. Don't get me wrong—he is not new to the rap game; he did do a little underground rap. The only thing he's new to is all the fame.

My favorite song on his CD is "21 Questions." The beat is good and his lyrics are off the chains. He says, "I love you like a fat kid love cake," I thought that part was somewhat funny because fat kids love cake.

Artist: 50 cent
Album: "Get Rich or Die Tryin'"
Rating: ★★ 1/2

In his recent interview that I mentioned earlier, he said growing up was hard for him, his mother died when he was only eight years old and his grandmother raised him. 50 cent never knew his father. 50 cent never thought that he would grow to become a famous rapper.

Now thanks to Dr. Dre and Slim Shady, sky is the limit for this hot new artist. Not every song on his CD is necessarily good, but there are seven or eight songs that are really good. This album is available at local record stores.

Taco Bell has fast food and low prices

We're all looking for cheap places to go eat. With the possibility college of fees doubling in price and gas prices over the limit, most of us seem to be lucky if we have \$5 or any loose change in our pockets.

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The nice thing about Taco Bell is that there is one near the college, on Blackstone and McKinley avenues.

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'Bringing Down' the laughs



From left, Steve Martin, Queen Latifah and Eugene Levy star in the new comedy "Bringing Down the House."

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Hilarious and downright funny. This best describes the current No. 1 movie – "Bringing Down The House," a movie starring Steve Martin in one of the most unlikely performances of his career.

His co-star Queen Latifah follows up an excellent performance in "Chicago" with a completely different type of movie. Her character Charlene

Morton is an accused prison convict/escapee who goes online to find an attorney to clear her name. Martin (Peter Sanderson) falls victim to Charlene's bait when he asks her out to dinner in an attempt to start over after a recent breakup with his wife, played by Jean Smart.

This leads to one of the best scenes in the movie when Martin's character meets Latifah for dinner. After a brief exchange of shock and surprise, and several days of sub-

Movie: "Bringing Down The House"

Starring: Steve Martin, Queen Latifah and Eugene Levy.

Rating: ★★★★★1/2



Josh Hires

Rampage
photographer
Movie review

sequent begging Martin reluctantly agrees to take her case, despite the fact that he is a tax, not a criminal attorney. Sanderson attempts to clear Morton's name and win back his family while trying not to lose his job and keep his reputation intact, all with the help of the unlikely Latifah.

What makes this performance so entertaining is the difference in the acting styles as well as the generation gap – young vs. old – all coming together in one movie. However, Latifah and Martin prove that opposites do attract. They even create laughter in the process.

The rest of the cast is also crucial in the movie's success. Eugene Levy plays a co-worker enamored with Latifah. Overall, this movie has all the elements of a great comedy; it delivers the goods.

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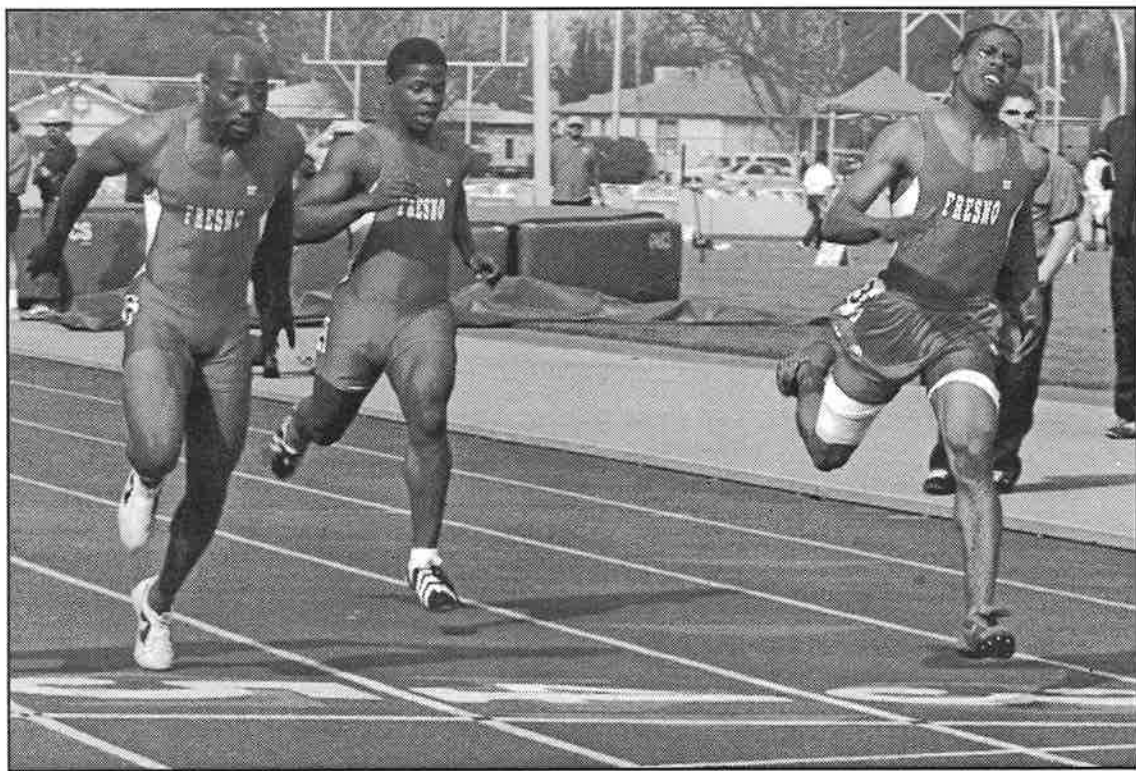
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Gone with the wind



The Fresno City College track and field teams competing in a meet earlier in the season. The men's and women's teams with both compete in the Ed Adams Invitational at Harnell College March 28-29 in Salinas starting at 10 a.m.



Photos by Lenetta Huxley

War is not valid reason for sports not to be seen

No matter what channel on television you watch, its there. It doesn't matter what was supposed to be on, there's no getting around it.

What is it?

It is war.

Under certain circumstances, the airwaves go to a standstill, left to show only violence and death.

People need to take their minds off what is going on and there is one simple solution.

Show sports, not war.

On the eve of March Madness, America attacks Iraq, starting the wave of war coverage that will go on until it is over. It needs not be this way when basketball or any other sport is on.

Yes, war is an atrocious thing and needs to be covered, but not on every channel.

Not every single channel.

Because of this war, CBS gave ESPN the rights to show the NCAA tournament games under CBS production while they covered war.

War was their primary interest. My primary interest is basketball.

Everyone doesn't have cable or satellite.

Everyone has the choice between ABC or Fox or NBC. Sports are more entertaining to watch than were the U.S. will

strike next or what just happened in the battlefield.

CBS paid \$6 billion to show the NCAA tournament for an 11-year contract.

They should put their money to good use and get what they paid for, to show college basketball.

If it were any other time of the year, the same should still be true. Don't skip sports coverage for war.

There's baseball, football, basketball, hockey, golf. Stations should make a deal on how to cut up war programming so not more than two channels have it on at the same time.

Or just change sports coverage to another channel that isn't on cable - like Telemundo (If they can make soccer exciting, imagine how basketball would be like).

March Madness is the next biggest sporting event next to the Super Bowl, and games are being missed.

Missing first round upsets is an outrage when there are eight different channels showing the exact same thing.

One should have the decency of staying to the Madness.

Stations follow demographics every other time of the year so why not stay to them when there is "breaking news."

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6 of 23 from the field and finished with 22 points for the game, making 8 of 10 free throws.

"I felt like we had a lot of open looks, but they didn't fall," Jackson said.

"I wish we could have done better for the sophomores though."

Playing in their final game as Rams, sophomores Carl Lee had 15 points and Dino Archie was held scoreless with two assists.

"It was a very tough game," Lee said.

"We knew it was going to be a hard fought battle."

All of LA City's points came from its starters, all five of whom scored in the double figures.

Leading scorers for the Cubs were 6-3 Wilbur Williams (21), 6-7 Romel Beck (20), 6-7 Tyrone Riley (19), 5-10 Jerel Blassingame (18) and 6-9 Julian Sensley (12).

The Rams lack of size finally caught up to them as the oversized LA City team gained a 45-28 rebounding edge.

Riley and Sensley grabbed 12 and 11 rebounds respectively.

"Their size took over after awhile," Lee said. "They are a very athletic team."

"We knew what we were going into."

LA City jumped out to an early 8-0 lead in the first two minutes of



Photos by Keith Kountz

(above) Tyson Parker makes a move against LA City's Jerel Blassingame. (right) FCC's Carl Lee goes for two of his 15 points.

the game.

FCC fought back and took a one-point lead on two separate occasions.

Despite the poor shooting, the Rams trailed 43-39 at halftime.

The Cubs went on a 13-2 run midway in the second half would not relinquish the lead.

"They are a heck of a team," Vance Walberg said of LA City. "That's why they are the state champions. We played hard but just came up a little short."

"I'm proud of how hard our guys fought."

FCC advanced to the championship game by defeating Santa Monica 83-70 and San Bernardino Valley 101-81.

The Cubs went through Hartnell 82-60 and defending state champion Saddleback 69-53.

LA City had lost to the Gauchos the year before 77-76 in the championship game with a tip-in buzzer-beater.

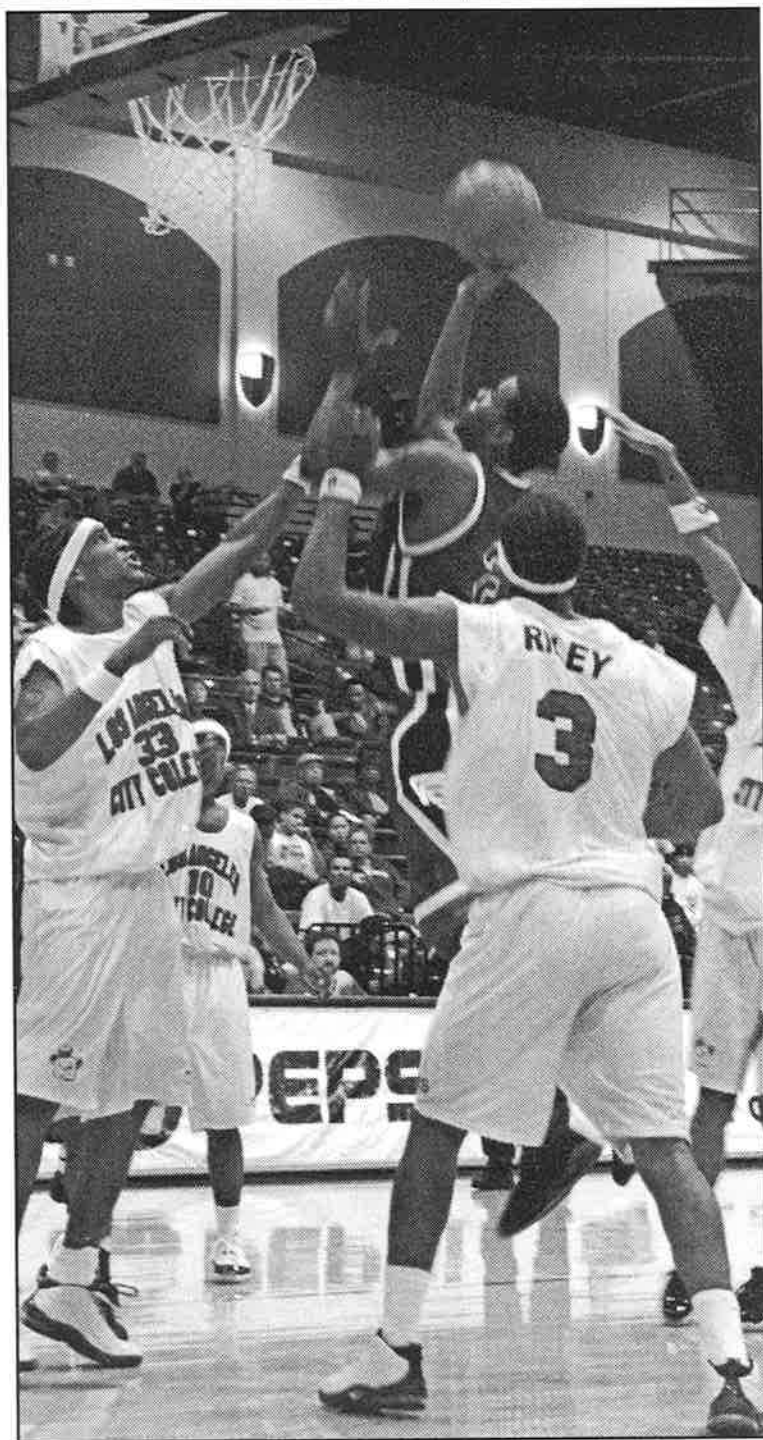
The Cubs victory over FCC marked the team's second state title in seven years.

The Rams finished the season 38-2 while the Cubs went 37-2.

Blassingame won the state tournament's Most Valuable Player award while FCC's Jackson and Jason Walberg were All-Tournament selections.

"Maybe if we rebounded a little better," Jackson said.

"We were right there."



Junior College Postseason Basketball Notebook

Vance Walberg wins state coach of the year award

By Josh Butters
Sports editor

After leading the Fresno City College men's basketball team to its best record in school history, Rams coach Vance Walberg was named the Community College of California Men's Basketball Coaches Association's coach of the year.

The Rams finished the season 38-2, setting school records in winning percentage and wins in a season, making it to their first state title game since 1965.

Walberg was also named the Central Valley Conference's coach of the year.

Jackson Wins honors

FCC's Tyrone Jackson finished his freshman year with many awards. The 6-3 guard from Clovis West High won the state player of the year award, sharing the title with two other players while also winning the CVC player of the year award.

Jackson finished the season with 797 points and in the top 20 in the state in various different statistical categories including assists, steals and scoring.

Jackson also made the CVC all-defensive and all-freshman teams.

Jason Walberg earns honors

Despite ending the season on a sour note, FCC's Jason Walberg made a name for himself.

Walberg was an honorable mention to the all-state team and made the CVC all first, freshman and defensive teams.

Walber finished the season averaging 19 points per game.

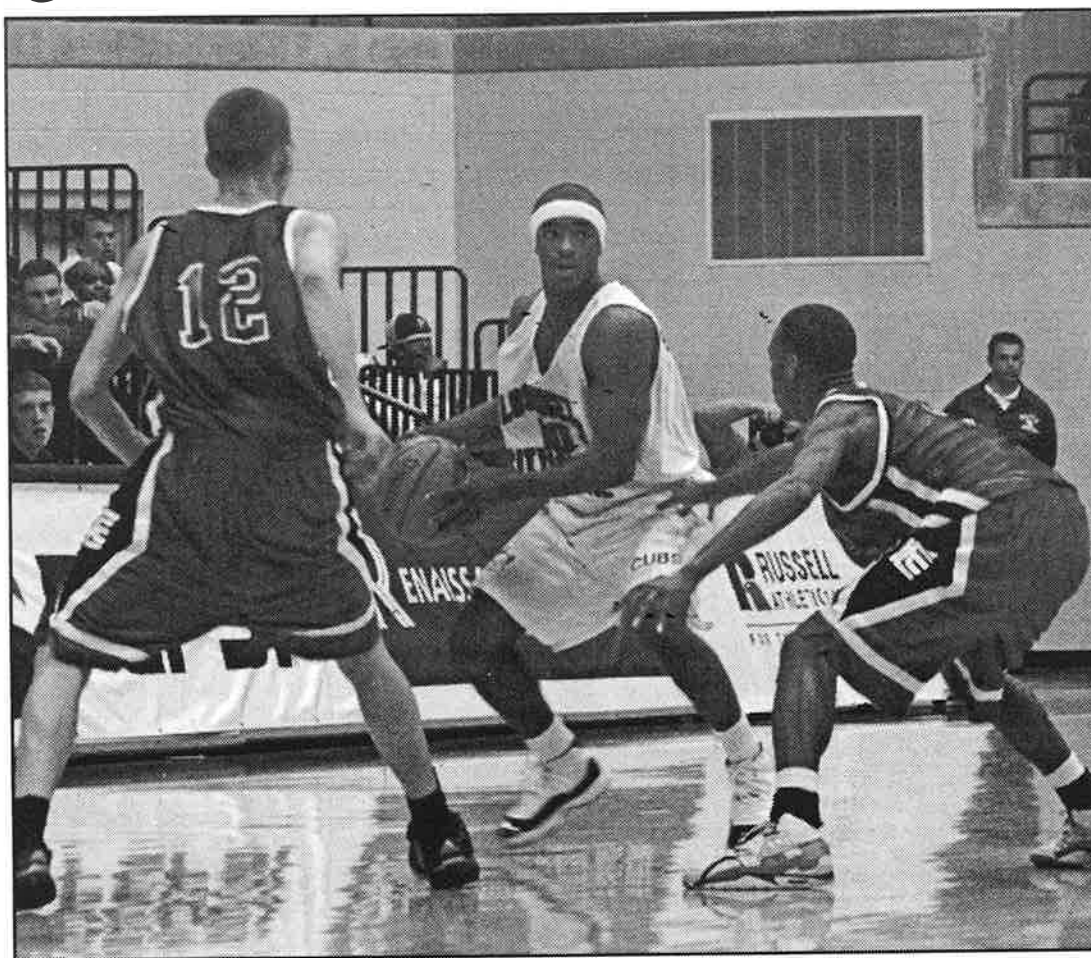


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FCC's Jason Walberg (left) and Dino Archie (right) pressure LA City's Jerel Blassingame. Blassingame was named the state tournament's most valuable player.

Other Rams make All-CVC teams

Sophomore Carl Lee made the All-CVC, first team, joining freshman Adam Wall who also had first team honors.

Wall also made the Central Valley Conference's all freshmen and defensive teams.

Coast wins women's title

The Pirates defeated Contra Costa 69-61 for their first state championship in school history.

The day before, Coast defeated three-time defending state champion Ventura.

In the quarterfinals, the Pirates took down CVC champion Merced 63-53.

Goodbye Sophomores

Out of FCC's 12-man roster, only Carl Lee and Dino Archie are sophomores.

Lee played in the 2000-2001 and 2002-2003 seasons while Archie only played in the 2002-2003 season for the Rams.

California State Championship scores

Men's Quarterfinals

Thursday, March 13

Fresno City 83,
Santa Monica 70

Los Angeles City 82,
Hartnell 60

Saddleback 74,
Santa Rosa 65

San Bernardino Valley 76,
Diablo Valley 65

Men's Semifinals

Saturday, March 15

Fresno City 101,
San Bernardino Valley 81

Los Angeles City 69,
Saddleback 53

Men's Championship

Sunday, March 16

Los Angeles City 90,
Fresno City 82

Men's Basketball Season Recap

Record-breaking season ends, memories remain

By Josh Butters
Sports editor

After a long and grueling campaign, the Fresno City College men's basketball season has come to an end. The year saw the Rams win a second straight Central Valley Conference title and their first trip to the state championship game in over 35 years.

Here's a recap of the season in chronological order up to the state championship game.

Oct. 31, 2002: In the first event to show that a new season was about to begin, preseason polls were released. FCC would be ranked No. 7 in the state while Los Angeles City College was the favorite to win the state title.

Nov. 8-9, 2002: FCC's season would tip-off against Alameda in the Butte College tournament. The Rams would win 116-85 then defeat Butte 103-85 the next day for the Rams' first tournament title of the year.

Nov. 16, 2002: After surpassing CC of San Francisco and Porterville in the first two rounds of the Porterville College Tournament, FCC would down Ventura 105-85 for the team's second tournament championship of the season.

Nov. 20, 2002: FCC would travel to Foothill College and light up the scoreboard. The Rams would pull ahead 84-29 at halftime and finish off the Owls 139-76, marking their highest point output of the season.

Dec. 5-7, 2002: The American River tournament proved to be the Rams' toughest trip of the season. In FCC's three games, it won by an average of nine points. The Rams would defeat Modesto Junior College in the championship game 81-

75, their lowest point total of the season.

FCC improved its record to 10-0 with its third tournament crown. The win would tie the Rams for best start in school history at 17-0.

Dec. 23, 2002: With a record of 17-0, the Rams would top state polls being the No. 1 in team in California.

Dec. 28-30, 2002: FCC would prove its No. 1 ranking in the Allan Hancock tournament, going 4-0, finishing its non-conference part of its schedule 20-0 and winning its sixth tournament title of the year.

Jan. 6, 2003: Despite an unblemished record of 20-0, FCC would fall to No. 2 in the state behind Diablo Valley College. DVC was the only other team in the state unbeaten with a record of 19-0.

Jan. 8, 2003: FCC's conference schedule would finally begin against College of the Sequoias in Visalia. Freshman guard Tyrone Jackson would show right away why he should be a candidate for the state's player of the year award, scoring a game high 29 points.

FCC won 108-87, and the game would also mark the end to the Rams' 21 game road trip.

Jan. 11, 2003: The Rams would finally have their first home game of the season against the Columbia Claim Jumpers. FCC would easier defeat Columbia 107-91. The win would push FCC into first place in CVC play by itself. FCC's Adam Wall had 17 points with the help of five 3-pointers.

Jan. 14, 2003: After opening CVC play 2-0 against the what was supposed to be FCC's biggest league opponents, the Rams would pull into a tie with Diablo Valley for the No. 1 ranking in the state.

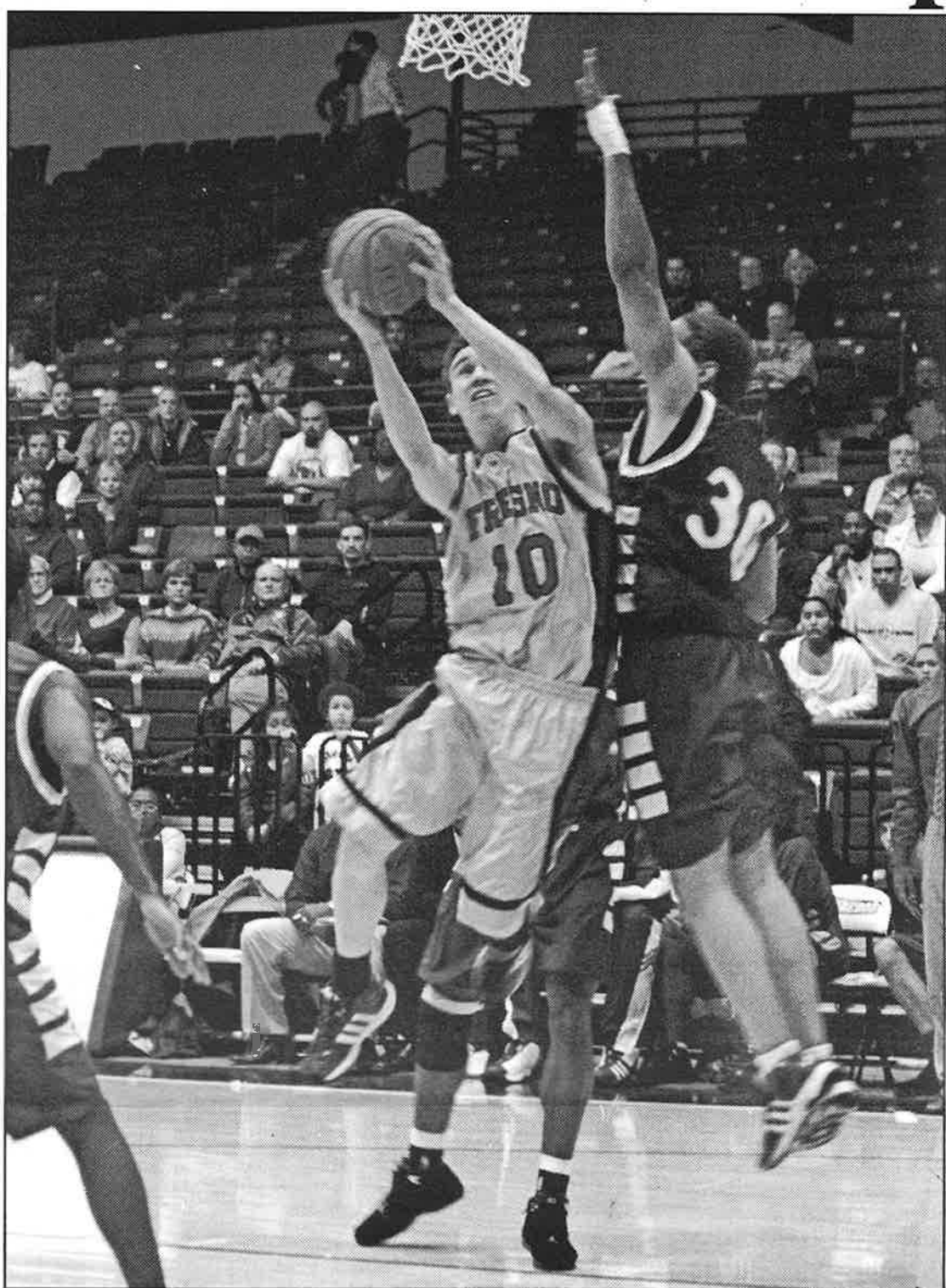


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FCC's Tyson Parker goes up for a layup during the state championships held at the Jenny Craig Pavilion at the University of San Diego on March 13-16.

Jan. 22, 2003: Perfection would go out the window as the Rams would lose their first of the season to Modesto 97-81, missing a total of 18 free throws.

The loss would drop FCC into a tie with COS for first place in the CVC and prove that the Rams were vulnerable. The Rams' longest win streak and best start in school history were then over.

Feb. 1, 2003: The Rams would go against COS once again, this time in the FCC gym for sole possession of first place in the CVC. Jackson would lead FCC with a season-high 37 points to a 103-90 victory. FCC's Tyson Parker would pitch in with 18 points. On the season, FCC would improve to 27-1 overall, 7-1 in CVC.

Feb. 15, 2003: The day had come for revenge. Modesto would take on the Rams in the FCC gym for what seemed to be match that would come down to the last minutes. The Rams would blowout the Pirates 119-67. Jackson scored a game-high 32 points.

Feb. 19, 2003: The Rams would travel to Merced to down the Blue Devils 121-94. The win would clinch at least a tie for the CVC championship with one game remaining. FCC sophomore forward Carl Lee had 21 points.

Feb. 22, 2003: FCC would finish the regular season strong. The

Rams would dismantle Reedley 119-72, gaining sole possession of the CVC title.

In the victory, the Rams would make 23 3-pointers, a school record. FCC finished the regular season 33-1, tying the school record for wins in a season.

March 1, 2003: With home court advantage through the first three rounds of the playoffs, the Rams were ready for postseason action.

In the first round, FCC would dismantle Alameda 137-98. The win would mark FCC's 34th win of the year, breaking the school record set by the 1962-63 Rams (33 wins).

March 5, 2003: FCC's second round opponent, Sacramento City College, would put up more of a fight. The Rams would only beat the Panthers by 12, winning 97-85.

March 8, 2003: In the round before the state championship began, FCC would take on Ohlone. The Rams had ended the Renegades season the year before in the second round of the playoffs, this year it would go down in the third.

Wall made 9 of 10 free throws in the games last two minutes to clinch FCC's trip to San Diego. The Rams won 83-75.

March 12, 2003: All CVC selections were announced, naming Vance Walberg the coach of the year and Jackson the player of the year. Other Rams with first team

honors were Jason Walberg, Adam Wall and Carl Lee.

March 13, 2003: In the quarterfinals of the state tournament, Jackson went ballistic on Santa Monica, going for a triple double with 21 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists. The Rams would jump out to a 25-point halftime lead. FCC went on to win 82-70.

March 15, 2003: For the 23rd time of the season, FCC would score 100 points, defeating San Bernardino Valley in the semifinals 101-81. Jason Walberg led the Rams with 29 points, putting FCC in the state championship game.

March 16, 2003: No matter what, FCC would end its season on this date. Hoping to go out with a bang, the Rams would bust, losing to LA City 90-82. Jason Walberg, one of the best 3-point shooters in the state, would go 0 of 8 from behind the 3-point line. FCC would finish the season 38-2.

March 20, 2003: For their efforts, some Rams would be praised by being put on the All-State team. Vance Walberg was named one of two coaches of the year while Jackson was named the state player of the year, sharing the title with two other players.

Jason Walberg was an honorable mention to the team. With the All-State team announced, the season was completely over.

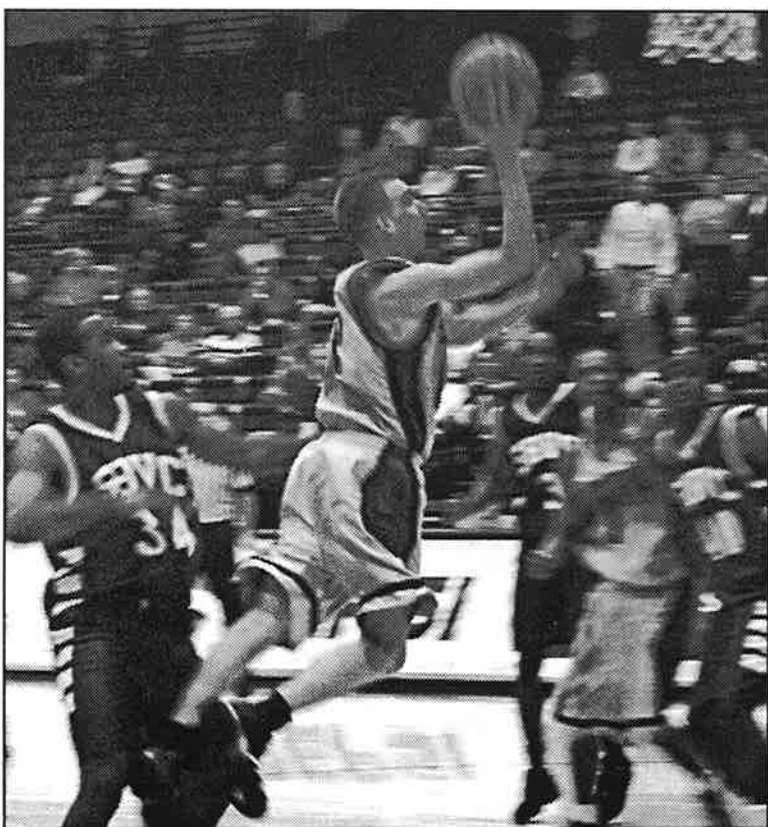


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Jason Walberg leans in for two of his game high 29 points in the Rams 101-81 victory over San Bernardino Valley in the state semifinals.

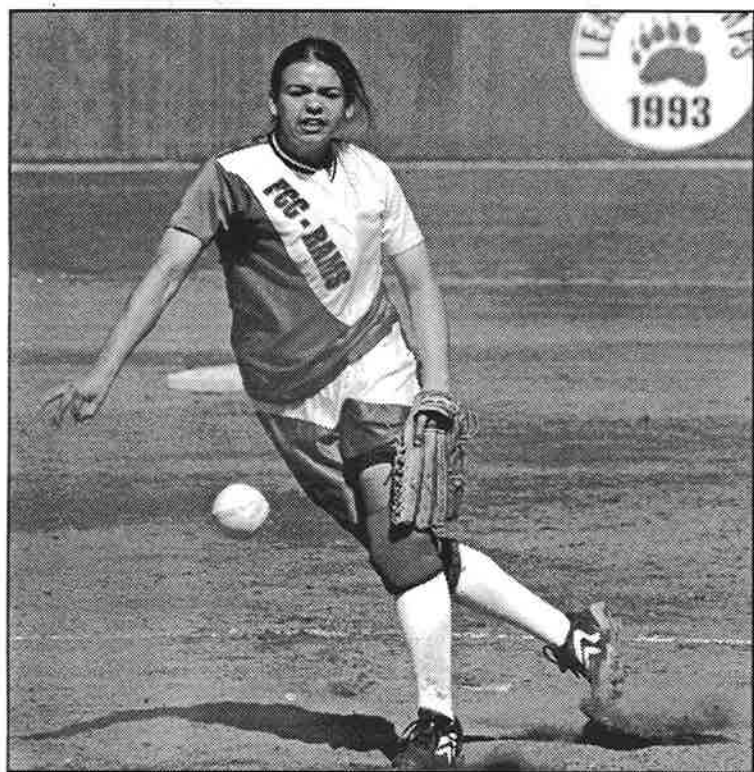


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FCC's Katrina Jacques pitches the first six innings in a 3-2 loss to Riverside on March 23 at the Bash at Buchanan.

Rams go 1-2 in 'Bash'

By Pete Benavides
Contributing writer

This past weekend the Rams participated in the Bash at Buchanan that featured 32 teams.

All teams would compete in eight different pools and the outcomes of their three games would determine where they would sit in their respective Divisions.

All pool games were played on Saturday with the tournament itself finishing up on Sunday.

The Rams would finish 1-2 in their division with a win against Monterey (8-3) and losses to Riverside (2-3) and Sacramento City (1-4).

This landed FCC in the Bronze Division the next day against Cosumnes River, winning 7-4.

In the next round they fell to Victor Valley 5-1. Solano came out victorious in the Bronze Division with its win over Victor Valley.

West Valley won the Gold, Cuesta the Silver and Saddleback the Consolation Division.

Despite the team's first loss at home against College of the Se-

quoias in a tough double header (0-3, 1-2), Coach Rhonda Williams and the Rams softball team continue to press on.

"Nothing's changed, we just have to work on our hitting and continue to score more runs," said Williams. "It was just a bump in the road for us."

The Rams look forward to brighter days as they turn their attention towards their next opponents, a game at West Hills on March 27, at Porterville on April 1 and another "big game" as Williams put it, against Reedley on April 3 at home.

Many of the players are looking forward to it because of their tough loss against Reedley the first time they met. A win would help kick start another home winning streak.

Despite their bumps in the road, the Rams will hope to still continue to succeed.

With the improvement of the team's hitting and backed by the strong pitching of Rochelle DeAmaral, the Rams have a chance of starting another winning streak and having a shot at a conference title.

Rams improve to 10-1 in CVC FCC to host Modesto March 27 at 2 p.m.

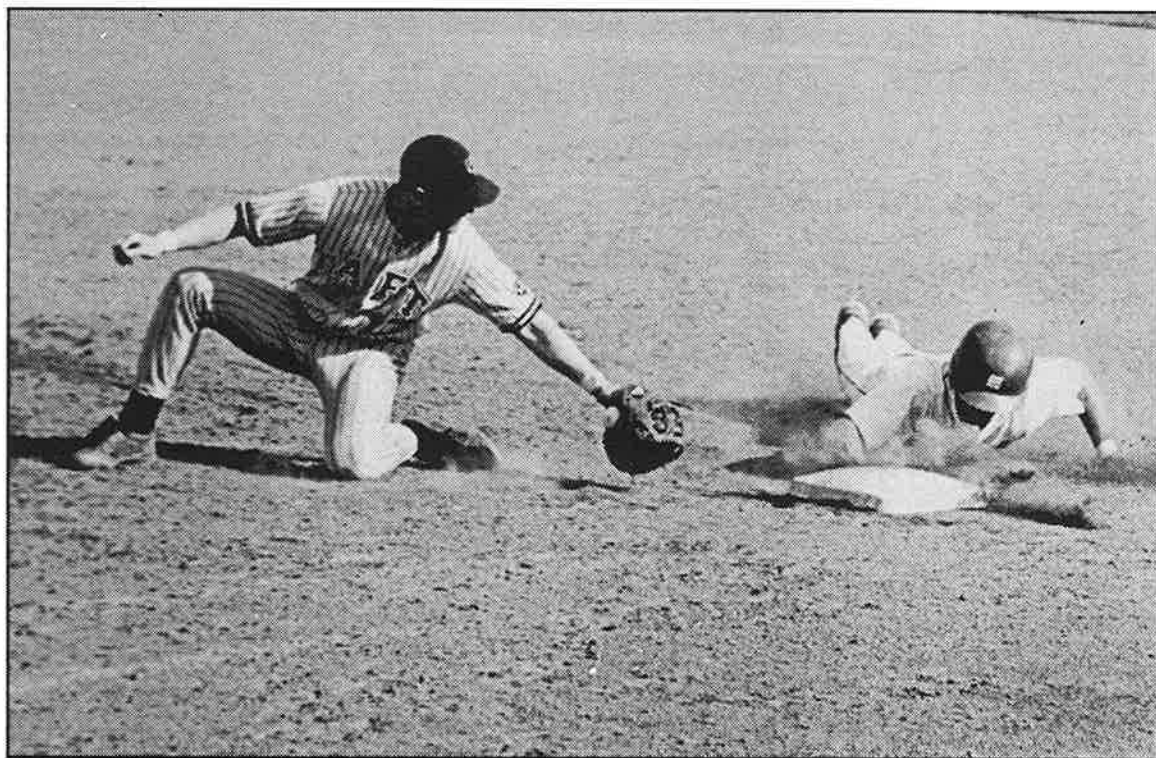


Photo by Keith Kountz

An FCC player dives into first base, trying not to be picked off against Taft College March 23.

By Josh Butters
Sports editor

After losing to College of the Sequoias 9-7 in an 11-inning marathon on March 21 at Johnny Euless Ballpark, the Fresno City College baseball team returned to its winning ways defeating Taft College 11-6 on March 23.

The Rams improved to 10-1 in Central Valley Conference play and 22-4 overall.

Against the Cougars, FCC

would go up 5-0 after 2 innings, with four runs coming in the second.

Taft would close the margin to two runs after a 3-run homerun by Ryan Chavez in the top of the fifth inning.

Six combined runs in the sixth and seventh innings would put the Rams up for good.

FCC's Cardoza Tucker pitched six innings, giving up three runs on six hits while striking out four.

Tucker improved his record for the season to 4-0.

The Rams' Carl Lipsey walked four times, scoring three times and did not have an official at bat.

Taft pitcher George Moncier pitched six innings and walked nine FCC batters.

Moncier gave up eight runs, all earned.

Despite the loss, FCC is still the No. 1 ranked team in Northern California.

The Rams will host Modesto Junior College on March 27, 2 p.m. at Johnny Euless Ballpark.

Dear FCC Student Body:

March is Women's History Month, a time to honor the women who have made significant contributions to our lives and have served as positive role models. Some women who come to mind are Susan B. Anthony, Marie Curie, Aung San Suu Kyi, Antonia Novello, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Harriet Tubman. This is also a time to honor the women who have had a significant positive impact on our personal histories. I immediately think of my paternal grandmother who taught me the value of perseverance in the face of hardship and humor in the face of adversity. I hope that you will take this opportunity to thank the important women in your life for their contribution to your life and character. Please take a moment now to pause and make a mental note of these women.

Women's History Month also gives us the opportunity to examine women's issues. Some of you may be tired of hearing about these so-called women's issues. I've heard you say, "Get over it already." I hope that you will bear with me and continue to read. They say that the squeaky wheel gets the oil, so here I am squeaking out some issues of concern. I am challenging the idea that these are women's issues, however, because these problems affect both women and men. I am reminded of a young man who recently disclosed to me that when he was a boy, his father forced him to witness his father violently raping his mother. He remembered his father yelling, "This is what happens to women when they are bad." The list of both men and women who were affected by this sexual assault is long.

It was suggested to me to write about what women should do to promote personal safety on campus, like walking in groups and paying close attention to one's environment. Instead, in honor of Women's History Month, I call upon you to go out of your way to show your appreciation to those important women in your personal history and to treat all women with respect and dignity.

Research has documented the importance of role models in shaping our attitudes and influencing our behaviors. Role models teach us both how to act and what to believe, and how not to act and what not to believe. Charles Barkley tried to assert that he is not a role model. But the truth of the matter is that if you fill a role, you serve as a model for others who may also fill that role. Therefore, whether he likes it or not, Charles Barkley is a role model as a man, as an African American, as a son, as an athlete, etc. You have been exposed to many role models yourself.

There have been reported incidence of violence against women on the FCC campus in the past semester. The perpetrators of these crimes are role models for their friends, sons, nieces, race, etc. I am calling upon the men (and women) of this campus to step up and be positive role models. Behave in a manner worthy of others' respect and in a way that you expect others to behave toward those important women in your life. Make women's personal safety not a problem on this campus. If you have been the perpetrator of violence, get help. Let's not tolerate this behavior in others nor in ourselves. Examine your attitudes and beliefs, identify positive role models, and work toward creating a safe place for all of us.

If you have been the victim or perpetrator of violence, you can get help at FCC Psychological Services. This is a free and confidential service for FCC students. Call us at 442-8268 or stop by our office in Student Services 112.

Respectfully,
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