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Showcase spotlights college

By Gerard Morel
Rampage reporter

Fresno City College will welcome potential students Thursday when it holds its 16th annual FCC Showcase. The Showcase is an open house FCC holds to highlight the diverse programs it has to offer students.

Every department and division will be represented. There will be more than 41 booths at the event. Tours and demonstrations will give perspective to potential students on programs ranging from vocational technology to the Police Academy.

Cris Monahan-Bremer, FCC's director of marketing and communication, said the event is an excellent tool for high-school seniors to see the various programs offered at FCC.

"Just about anything they want to know about FCC will be on display," she said.

The event also helps showcase services and equipment that are beneficial to FCC's disabled students. Disability Awareness Day will be held in conjunction with the event. An information booth will be available to interested students on the subject.

The event has been helping FCC recruit students since 1987. Since then, the event has evolved and has attracted students from as far away as Selma and Kingsburg.

Ken Chavez, a counselor at Extended Opportunity Programs and Services, has coordinated the event

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All that Jazz



Photo by Lenetta Huxley

Saxophonist Nate Ketner belts out a solo at City Jazz 2003, a concert March 27 in the FCC Theatre. The concert by the FCC Jazz Band capped off a day of performances by 32 middle school, high school and college jazz groups. More coverage of City Jazz 2003, Page 7.

Screening identifies drug risk

By Erin Ferns
Rampage reporter

Drug abuse on college campuses across the nation is a growing concern. A recent survey by the Core Institute, a center that studies college-age drug abuse, found that alcohol was the most prominent drug among college students compared to the use of tobacco and marijuana.

National Alcohol Screening Day
10 a.m. to noon, or 1 to 3 p.m., Thursday
FCC Student Lounge
For more information on drug-abuse counseling, contact Health Services at 442-8268.

Recognizing a problem, Fresno City College has offered drug counseling through Narcotics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. The fifth annual National Alcohol Screening Day is scheduled Thursday, April 10, on college campuses all over the country. FCC is hosting its own alcohol screening day this week.

Page Odom, a psychological intern at FCC, described what kind of activities will take place on the National Alcohol Screening Day.

"We'll have a brief questionnaire that will take five minutes. It's anonymous," Odom said. "The interns will be there to score it and go over with the students privately to let them know if they're in danger of having any alcohol problems. We'll give them referrals to see us or anybody in the community."

In addition to the questionnaire, refresh-
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Photo by Lenetta Huxley

Fino Wesson, left, and brother Marcus, right, brave an assault by Michael Varin at the Asian-American Week cultural village March 30. All three are from Aikido of Fresno. More Asian-American Week photos, Page 6.

Asian week wraps up

By Latasha Ball
Rampage reporter

A wide sense of other people's cultures and customs from around the world will expand the knowledge of any person. Asian cultures were celebrated last week on campus for their individuality of beliefs and customs.

With the overall turnout, it seemed that many Fresno City College students agree.

"The event turned out pretty good. I think overall we had 800 to 1,000 people attend total," said John Cho, Asian-American instructor and coordinator of FCC's Asian-American Week.

Philip So, a second-year student at FCC, and one of many who participated in this year's events, said students showed their interest in the events long after they were over.

"A lot of people came to see me afterward to see if they could participate," So said.

"The volleyball tournament went well. A lot of teams showed up out there. Everyone had a good time and everyone won a prize," said Janice Wong, College Activities director who commented on the volleyball tournament that was held Thursday in the Free Speech Area.

The volleyball tournament was enjoyed so well, that it brought out the competitive spirit in some FCC students.

"My team members were being rude because they wanted to win," So said.

The students and faculty members, who worked long and hard to make this event a success, felt the feedback they received was well deserved from an event that expanded the knowledge of Asian cultures among the people who attended.

"The people who showed up said comments like: 'We did a great job and we hope to come again next

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Guest Opinion



Judith Redwine

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

As you have read and seen the last few months, the state budget shortfall will have major impacts for all California community colleges.

How will these budget problems affect students at Fresno City College? Through careful fiscal planning and conservative spending over the years, we are in a better position to deal with these cuts than many other districts in the state.

The FCC flagship programs in health, public safety, liberal studies, vocational programs and short-term job training will remain intact. We will maintain the academic standards of this college while looking at ways to re-engineer and rethink how we do business.

The proposed fee increase is still uncertain. As you know, California community colleges do not set their own fees nor is money from fees retained at the local level. The fee increase from \$11 a unit to the proposed \$24 a unit must be approved by the state legislature and then signed by Gov. Gray Davis. As of this publication date, we do not know whether fees will indeed be increased.

We hope the efforts of our Associated Student Government leadership who traveled to Sacramento on March 17 made an impact with our legislators and policy-makers. I truly appreciate their efforts and was pleased by the large number of students — close to 10,000 — who made the trek that day. We couldn't ask for better advocates!

Historically students attending a community college in California have been fortunate to have many options available to help pay for fees, books and other educational needs.

It is not too late to apply for financial aid or assistance for the fall semester. If you apply by April 15, you will receive a priority date, which can then open other financial doors to additional aid.

I strongly encourage you to apply even if you miss this priority date. There are many financial options available to you including a Cal Grant, a Pell Grant or a Board of Governors Fee Waiver from the State Chancellor's Office.

For a free application from the Federal Student Aid program, or FAFSA, get an application from the Financial Aid Office or go to: www.fafsa.ed.gov.

As you enroll for classes, do not let financial concerns prevent you from reaching your goals, whether they are obtaining a college education or completing a certificate program. Seek out the help and advice of a financial aid adviser.

Students are so fortunate in California to be able to attend a community college at a reasonable cost. The variety of classes either in the traditional studies or the vocational and business programs offer you many choices for learning and succeeding.

Have a great summer and remember to plan ahead to ensure your path to educational success is well thought-out and fruitful.

Judith Redwine is chancellor of State Center Community College District.

News briefs

FCC to go on break next week

Fresno City College will observe Spring Break next week, giving students a week off from classes before Easter.

The break will run from Monday to April 18. During that time, no classes will be held. Saturday classes will not meet April 19, but those classes do meet the Saturday before the break.

Campus offices will remain open during the break from Monday to April 17. The Admissions and Records Office, located in the lower level of the Student Services building, will open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on those days.

FCC will resume its normal class and office schedules April 21.

Adelante moves women forward

About 500 young women attended a conference at FCC aimed at exposing them to educational and business role models from the Hispanic community.

The Adelante Mujer Hispana Conference March 29 gathered young Latinas from across the Central Valley. The League of Mexican-American Women has staged the event for 19 years — 14 at FCC — "because they are interested in the education and needs of their community and young girls," said Carlota DeLeon Curti, conference chairperson.

The conference featured a keynote speech by Lisa Casares,

founder of the foster family agency Angels of Grace. Participants also attended career workshops and watched entertainment by Hispanic dance groups.

For more information on the Adelante Mujer Hispana Conference, contact DeLeon Curti at 276-0367, ext. 5.

Rampage wins statewide awards

The Rampage won eight awards at the Journalism Association of Community Colleges annual conference in Sacramento last week, including a general-excellence prize in the tabloid division.

JACC, which represents student newspapers in California and Arizona, has honored the Rampage with General Excellence at the past two JACC conferences.

The Rampage took home four on-the-spot awards, including first-place honors for tabloid front page layout and copy editing. Staff members also won on-the-spot awards for headline writing and news writing.

The Rampage earned honors in three bring-in and mail-in categories: tabloid front page layout, column writing and photo.

Correction

Selena Quintanilla took business courses through the American School, a Chicago correspondence school. A story in the March 26 issue of the Rampage reported that Quintanilla didn't finish school.

Campus calendar

Arts

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

FCC High School Drama Festival — Wednesday, Theatre

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

Woodwind Choir — 7:30 p.m., May 1, Recital Hall

City Dances — 8 p.m., May 1 to 3; 2 p.m., May 4; Theatre

Brass & Percussion Concert — 7:30 p.m., May 6, Theatre

FCC Concert Band — 7:30 p.m., May 7, Theatre

Actor's and Dancer's Showcase — 7:30 p.m., May 7 to 9, Studio Theatre

Choral Ensembles — 7:30 p.m., May 9, Library Conference Room

College Activities

FCC Showcase — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday

Club Rush — 10 a.m.; Thursday, Free Speech Area

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

Vendor Fair — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., April 29 to May 1, Fountain Area/College Mall

Cinco de Mayo Celebration — 10 a.m., May 5, Free Speech Area

Events

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

Classified Senate Yard Sale — 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 3, West Lawn

Intramurals

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

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

Ping Pong Tournament — 10 a.m., May 9, College Center

Public Affairs

SCCCD Board of Trustees Meeting — 4:30 p.m., May 6, District Office

Police log

From the files of the SCCC Police Department
Compiled by Pippa Watson

March 24

• Officer took report regarding theft at Madera Center.

March 25

• Officers dispatched to student services regarding disturbance.
• Officer took report regarding disruptive student at library.
• Officer took report regarding stolen vehicle.

March 26

• DSO took report for a broken window at HS 160.
• Officers dispatched to Lot E regarding vehicle burglary in progress. Individuals arrested, booked into Fresno County Jail.
• Officers took report regarding dispute between students.
• DSO took report regarding vandalism.

March 28

• Officers dispatched to gymnasium regarding suspicious person. Check showed individual previously placed off limits for campus. Individual arrested, booked into Fresno County Jail.
• Officer, Nurse, EMS dispatched to Police Headquarters regarding ill student. Turned over to EMS.
• Officer observed vehicle run stop sign, upon record check

found license suspended. Subject cited, vehicle towed.

March 30

• Officer took report regarding vandalism.
• Officer took report regarding a found stolen vehicle.

March 31

• Officer took report regarding vandalism at Ratcliffe Stadium

April 1

• Officer took report regarding disruptive student.

April 2

• Officer took report regarding lost staff keys.
• Officer took report regarding vehicle burglary at Madera Center

April 3

• Officers dispatched to cafeteria regarding disturbance. Individual contacted, placed off limits to campus.

April 4

• Officer took report regarding subject in possession of drug paraphernalia.

April 5

• Cadet hit in the head by a foul ball from nearby baseball game, taken by ambulance to Kaiser.

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Beloved FCC instructor to retire after 33 years

By Gerard Morel
Rampage reporter

**"She helps all of her students get ahead.
I wish she didn't have to retire."**

**Judd Dupras, on retiring FCC instructor
Lucille Rash**

Lucille Rash will retire from Fresno City College at the end of this semester. She has had an illustrious 33-year career at FCC teaching business technology. She is an active member of the community and her church, for which she has been recognized by civic leaders.

Rash and 23 of her esteemed colleagues who also will retire this semester were honored for their years of service to FCC last month at the Fort Washington Country Club with a fabulous dinner.

Rash was born in Baton Rouge, La. She lived in Fresno as a little girl and returned to Louisiana to attend high school and college. She graduated from the University of Louisiana, Baton Rouge, in 1965.

Rash returned to Fresno and began her career at FCC in 1970. Her tenure began during a very tumultuous time. The Vietnam War raged on and various civil-rights groups voiced their opinions against the war. Her career at FCC has seen seven U.S. presidents and has seen history unravel before her eyes.

Two programs that Rash was able to be a part of were the African History Program and the Spiritual Gospel Program. "It has been a great honor for me to be a part of these two great programs," Rash said. "Programs like these have made a positive impact on the community and on FCC."

Rash has been a strong advocate of education throughout her career. She has taught business technology classes, which help students learn word processing, 10-key and business letter writing.

Over the years, Rash's class has evolved with the advancements of technology. Rash said that her class was a basic typing class, but the technology



Photo by Josh Hires

Lucille Rash shows student Tim Bruce how to use Microsoft Word software in her Computer Concepts class. Rash has been an instructor at FCC for more than 33 years.

now has made her class more of a business technology class.

"Before it was just typing on old machines. Now students are learning on high-tech computers. This will help them be prepared for the computer era. I will miss being a part of that for the students," Rash said.

Rash's warm personality and sense of humor have helped create a learning environment in which students thrive. "Mrs. Rash is funny. She is always trying to make us laugh," said student Judd Dupras. "She helps all of her students get ahead. I wish she didn't have to retire."

In January, Rash was recognized by the Martin Luther King Unity Committee of Fresno. For her contributions to education, racial harmony and social justice, she was presented with the Martin Luther King Award.

She was also presented with the Appreciation of Outstanding and Dedicated Service Award by the FCC African-American History Committee in February.

"I was elated, I was so honored to receive an award with King's namesake. I had a great deal of respect for the man," Rash said.

The Business Division will miss Rash's expertise and her dedication to teaching. Though her experience and knowledge will be missed, many in the Business Division will miss her personality and sense of humor the most.

Associate Dean Marilyn Meyer expressed her feelings about Rash. "I will miss her tremendously. She has been my friend for 18 years. I am trying to convince her to teach just one more class next semester," Meyer said.

"The division, myself included, were extremely proud for her when she was presented with the Martin Luther King Award. She deserved it," Meyer said.

Rash said the thing she will miss most about teaching at FCC is the smile that it brings to her face when a student has achieved his or her full potential. She has spent the past 33 years reaching out to people through education and sincerity.

Rash's plans for her retirement are taking it easy and doing a bit of traveling. "I'm going back home to Louisiana, Chicago, and I plan on visiting Virginia as well. It's time for me to rest my tired bones and my nerves," Rash said.

Weatherman brings TV charm to his FCC classroom

By Tony Losongco
Editor-in-Chief

Jason Laney may say he's just "a weather guy," but the meteorologist who forecasts the weather for television station KSEE and The Fresno Bee has taught a class at Fresno City College for five years, fostering interactive learning for both student and teacher.

Laney teaches Geography 8, a class on weather and climate. He started at FCC filling a vacancy left by retiring instructor William Templar. Laney was only supposed to teach for one semester, but the popularity of his first class — 74 students, he said — has remained steady for 13 semesters.

Richard Garcia, a senior at California State University, Fresno, enrolled in the class at FCC this semester on the advice of his brother, one of Laney's former students. "From start to finish, it's a good class," Garcia said. "He keeps all his students involved in class."

To engage his students in topics like speed divergence and gradient airflow, Laney frequently teaches through humor and analogy. Laney explains weather terms by talking about toll roads, roller coasters, and current world events.

"We got to talk about getting high and speed in one class," Laney told his students after a review of forces that affect wind direction and speed.

Laney bases much of his teach-

ing style on his own undergraduate education. He recalled a calculus class that he had to take three times. Every time he started the class, he said, he encountered challenging material and dropped.

"And you can't learn when you're fearing what you're learning," Laney said. When he finally audited the class rather than taking it for credit, "All of a sudden it wasn't foreign. ... I knew what kind of questions to ask."

Laney added that he took a course similar to Geography 8 when he was in college. "I didn't understand half of it," he said.

But Laney advises students to stay with the course, and often the material eventually clicks for them. "I guess it's not difficult just because of the way he teaches the course," Garcia said.

Fred Emerling, an FCC counselor, took the Geography 8 course in Laney's first semester of teaching. Emerling, whom Laney remembered by his nickname "Skydog," asked a lot of questions, and Laney worked to get the class answers to those questions.

"I asked him questions the first day. He didn't have the answer," Emerling said. "He said, 'Well, I'll

Geography 8
Physical Geography: Weather and Climate
Summer 2003 section:
• 9:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m., daily
Fall 2003 sections:
• 1 to 1:50 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday;
1 to 2:50 p.m., Thursday
• 1 to 1:50 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday;
3 to 4:50 p.m., Thursday
• 7:10 to 10 p.m., Tuesday; 7:30 to 9:20 p.m., Thursday
For more information on this course, consult the Summer 2003 and Fall 2003 FCC course schedules.

look that up.' I said, 'Cool.'"

"He knew just enough to be dangerous. I learned so much that semester from him," Laney said of Emerling. "I accepted that as my opportunity to learn."

"Jason wanted you to get through, and that was a neat thing, because he spent a lot of time," Emerling said. "Science for most students is not their favorite thing, but the drop rate is really low."

Laney said his television image has minimal impact on his class' enrollment, more than 60 students this semester. "There's the, 'Oh cool, it's the weatherman. I'm gonna take his class.' That wears off real quick," he said.

Laney admits that some students find the class easy. But he measures teaching and learning by criteria other than letter grades. "My job's not to read the text. I'm there to fill in the gaps," he said. "A lot of times

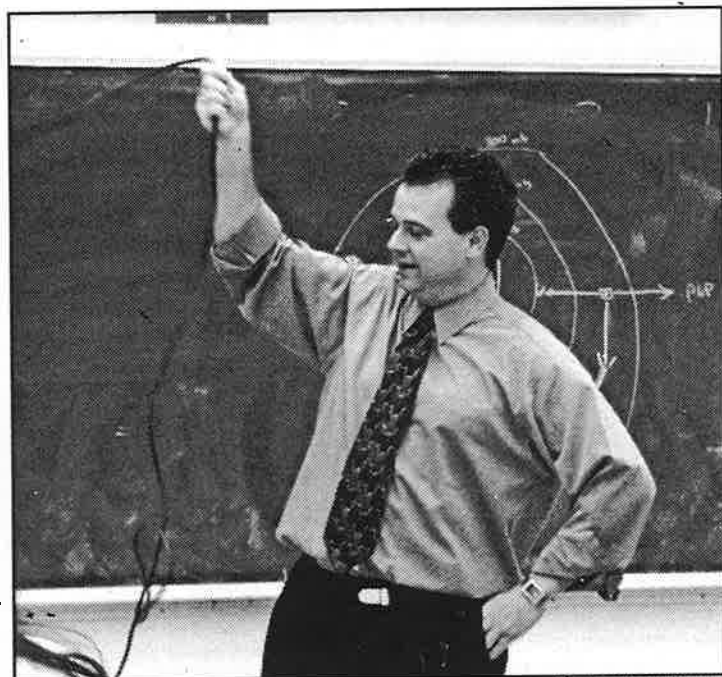


Photo by Teresa Dawson

FCC instructor Jason Laney unplugs his overhead projector and waves the power cord in front of his Geography 8 class, demonstrating forces that affect the speed and direction of winds.

you can't gauge what a person's learned just by their grade scores."

Shirley Porteous-Gafford heads FCC's Mathematics, Science and Engineering Division, of which Laney's Geography 8 is a part. "[From] the verbal comments that I've heard from students, they enjoy his class," she said.

But the associate dean added that her division has many great instructors. "If you were to go to any instructors in our division, you would find that same rapport with our students," Porteous-Gafford said.

Laney isn't the only KSEE

weather forecaster in Porteous-Gafford's division, either. Morning meteorologist A.J. Fox has taught a section of Geography 8 this semester, a Weekend College course that ended last month.

Laney will continue to teach Geography 8 in the summer and fall semesters, and he can expect more questions, and, perhaps with a little research, more answers. "Even as the instructor, every time I teach it I learn something," he said. "No scientific discovery was ever made without someone, somewhere, asking why."

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ments, information handouts and other educational materials will be available.

The public screening is not just held for students or alcoholics. "If people have friends that they feel might have problems, they can come to get information on how to confront their friends," Odom said.

As a therapist for FCC's Psychological Services, Odom comes across many students with substance-abuse issues, mainly alcohol problems.

"I think alcohol is probably the No. 1 problem with college students," said Odom, who added that even students that aren't coming in for substance abuse may be weekend or regular drinkers.

Every year, high-risk drinking by college students leads to...

1,400 student deaths

500,000 injuries

70,000 cases of date rape or sexual assault

Source: National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

"Alcohol and tobacco: that's what I think are the most common drugs used on college campuses," said second-year student Robert Alvarado. Alvarado, among other students, was unaware of past semesters when AA and NA were available at FCC.

Substance-abuse help on campus is not greatly publicized, but it is there. "We try the best we can through guest lecture [and] through advertising that we're here for the students," Odom said.

Fliers can be seen around campus as well as brochures at the campus nurse's office. Students can visit therapists in the Psychological Services program for free consultation. "Students get eight free sessions for the first year and four sessions after that," Odom said.

Odom attributed fear to the reason many students are unaware of campus-based therapy. "I think college students think that by getting help, they are admitting that they are weak. ... students getting help

is actually a strength they have," Odom said.

Business major Frank Sanchez said he doesn't see a substance-abuse problem among students ages 18 to 24. "I don't see it, but it doesn't mean it doesn't exist," he said. "But I'm sure all these [students] are throwing free kegers every weekend and getting coked out."

Sanchez' assumption may not be too farfetched.

"Last year, there were 52 deaths on college campuses over the country due to alcohol, particularly alcohol poisoning," Odom said. "That comes out to one death per weekend for the year."

A 2000 Core Institute report on student drug abuse showed that many students consider drinking as an "icebreaker." More than 75 percent of students drink to become more socially open.

More than 84 percent of students admitted to drinking in the past year. Of the 55,026 students surveyed, almost half admitted to use of tobacco.

In addition to alcohol, tobacco is being recognized as a substance abuse issue at FCC. "We're going to be offering a smoking cessation class for students who want to quit smoking," Odom said. The class will begin in the fall.

First-year student Eli Gonzalez wasn't aware of drug abuse problems on campus. "I was, I'd be upset," she said. Although Gonzalez doesn't recognize a drug problem, she has noticed overt abuse of tobacco.

"What I don't like is smoking," she said. "I wish they would have a rule against smoking on campus. They have that at Fresno State. I wish they would do that here."

Willow meetings go on

By Erin Ferns

Rampage reporter

REEDLEY — State Center Community College District held its monthly board meeting April 1 at Reedley College. Measure E was a topic of discussion, including updates on the northeast Fresno project called Willow/International.

"We had a series of four meetings planned for staff at Clovis Center," vice chancellor of finance and administration Doug Brinkley said about the first phase of Willow/International.

The first meeting held March 28 had a good turnout. Brinkley reported that 20 staff members, five members of the administration, and five students attended the meeting.

Board member Leslie Thonesen said he "was very pleased with the staff that participated." Details of staff input on the Willow/International site were not disclosed.

Brinkley also discussed the consideration of bids for structural modifications on the Fresno City College campus. There were originally five bidders, but most dropped out. "It's a tough job," Brinkley said. "We'd recommend awarding that [bid] to Mark Wilson Construction."

Madera Center

In campus reports, photos of construction at the Madera Center were presented by the center's president-designate, Don Yeager. Construction is "going very well and still on schedule," he said.

Reedley College

The new Reedley College Writing Center was praised at the meeting. "Now, virtually every university and college have writing centers," said Reedley instructor Eileen Apperson-Williams.

"We engage in things to help our students with literacy," Mike Quinn said of the Writing Center. The center was opened 11 weeks ago. It offers a one-unit course that meets two hours per week. The maximum enrollment of 140 students was quickly met, according to Apperson-Williams.

Reedley's center has "two to five tutors working at any given hour," Apperson-Williams said. The center also offers walk-in tutoring, which consists of "25-minute...one-on-one sessions," she said, boasting 110 students using the program so far.

She also announced a new creative writing journal titled *Mirage*. The new publication will make its debut next month and is run by Reedley students.

"Approximately one-third of students at Ivy League schools do not have writing skills," board President Dottie Smith said asking Apperson-Williams about a possible problem in the elementary and high schools' methods of teaching.

Board member Isabel Barreras asked if a writing center may be in the near future for FCC or Madera. According to Chancellor Judith Redwine, a writing center is under way at Madera while FCC President Ned Doffoney expressed interest in bringing one to FCC.

Fresno City College

Doffoney recognized the achievements of three FCC students. Yuping Chang has been selected to the Phi Theta Kappa 2003 All-California Academic Team. A luncheon in honor of Chang and other "first team" members will be held on Thursday. Tristan Shamp "was named to the second team."

Community College Times writer Latasha Ball was recognized for her coverage on Spike Lee's February visit to FCC.

"I noticed Reedley is quite the progressive campus," said FCC student trustee George Kutnerian before reporting on student activities.

"Fresno City College raised over \$8,500," Kutnerian said of Kids Day newspaper sales. He also reported tremendous student turnout for the March in March rally last month in protest of the state's budget cuts in education.

"I've been impressed with the students who have gone out there," trustee Patrick Patterson said.

Kutnerian announced FCC's Ramdoggie Roundup set for April 23. Students with school identification can get a free hot dog that day.

Dottie Smith recognized Asian-American Week at FCC, held last week. "This is the week to honor, respect and show appreciation," she said. "Everybody [can] acknowledge the contributions they've made to society," Smith said of Asian-Americans.

Patterson seized the opportunity to joke on the date of the meeting when Smith asked if there were any future agenda items to be discussed. "I'd like to have something done about Male-Italian Week," he said. "April Fools'."



Photo by Tiffany Brisson

Pencils, cups and other FCC-logo souvenirs sit on the desk of Enrique Jauregui, a College Relations organizer of FCC Showcase. The annual event welcomes prospective FCC students from local high schools.

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for 10 years. "The recruitment of new students is important to FCC and the Showcase is a big recruiting tool. It helps get new students to the campus," Chavez said.

The program is geared to get students off to a four-year school or to take advantage of FCC's vocational programs. Between 5,000 and 6,000 guests are expected to be on campus for the Showcase.

Fresno High School students Kevin Plummer and Brian Doyle plan to attend the event.

"I'm going to check out everything out. I've heard there are lots of interesting programs at FCC. I want to see the Police Academy

booth," Doyle said.

"I want to see some of the demonstrations and see what kind of clubs they have here," Plummer said, "I want to see about the photography programs available."

Monahan-Bremer said it is important for FCC to reach out to potential students to let them know about everything that FCC has to offer.

"It is necessary so they know about our vocational training programs and the other wide variety of programs we offer to students to prepare for a career or a four-year program," Monahan-Bremer said.

"Applied technology programs for things like auto repair and programs in traditional education show our diversity and variety," Monahan-Bremer said.

The event is an opportunity for FCC clubs to recruit new students as well.

The event will also host Career Skills Olympics, challenging students to compete in activities packed events from more than 10 educational departments at FCC.

Food booths will offer students a variety of choices. Ethnic food, hamburgers, hot dogs, tri-sandwiches and snacks will be offered.

"This is an important event because people are actually surprised what FCC has to offer. Not many people are aware [of] the skills FCC has to use as a springboard to a new career or a four-year school."

Showcase is a good colorful event filled with plenty of food, balloons and activities," Chavez said.

Asian, Continued from page 1

year. They also wanted to know if they could perform [in Celebration Night] and how," So said.

"Celebration Night was sold out so I think that was pretty popular," said Cho, who also stated that Celebration Night was very popular among the students and community members, commenting that the event was very successful.

"A lot of people said they liked the show and said the show was better this year than last year's," Cho said. "The show went well and most of the people stayed for the whole thing. Celebration Night was the highlight of the evening."

The martial-arts celebration that was held Saturday was slow to start with few people responding, but the overall results proved them wrong.

"With the martial-arts event, there were only 10 people, but the final audience count was 78," Cho said.

Nathan Gullian, a second-year FCC student, had the idea of having martial-arts vendors who sell apparel and other martial-arts regalia accompany the

martial-arts event, something that he felt many students would enjoy.

"If we draw the martial-arts vendors, they would draw people in even more," Gullian said.

Many of the events that were low in attendance included the documentaries and the Asian films that were shown in the College Center.

"The attendance was way too low. We need to rethink how we want to market the panels," Cho said.

Dale Rowe, a job developer for the Career Development Center and who helped out with the Asian business discussion panel, suggested marketing films and panel discussions to teachers and having them offer it to their classes as extra credit.

"The key is letting the instructors buy in, then it would be a hit," Rowe said. "They should give them extra credit for showing [up]."

Another way this problem could have been resolved was to let people know that this event isn't limited to only Asians, Cho said.

"We need to send the message out to the rest of the community that you don't have to be Asian to participate," Cho said.

Terrorism isn't what you think

These are very turbulent and trying times throughout the world. The harsh realities that we see on the TV are sad-denning indeed and raise many concerns in the minds of the peace-loving members of every society. There are many violent conflicts going on in the world, and great multitudes of people are calling for peace and wondering what will the days ahead bring.



Khadir Abdul Ghani
Contributing writer
Opinion

We hear much about terrorism, but what do we really know about it. As a nation, we must not be so overcome by blind fear that we fail to use common sense and reason based on factual knowledge. By its definition, to use terror (to greatly frighten) as a means of coercion, is deplorable, and is a great injustice against humanity.

As an American Muslim, I too am greatly concerned about terrorism. It alarms me that vast amounts of resources, lives and money are being misdirected under the pre-

text of fighting terror by special-interest lobbyists in our government. We watch our freedoms, liberties and rights disappear along with nationwide funding for education, aid to the needy, and other domestic needs while that same money is disbursed to foreign governments and for war.

Instead of dividing ourselves, we must stand united in America to reclaim peace and justice and fight real terrorism together wherever it exists.

Usually, when terrorism is mentioned, images of some so-called Arab or Muslim fanatic appear. In the '90s, scores of movies depicted Muslims as terrorists, and even in the World Book Focus on Terrorism, the main focus is the same.

As in many cases, there is a lot more to the story. What do we hear of those who kill and destroy homes of Muslims in Palestine and Kashmir, of those who are forcing tens of thousands of women in South America and Macedonia into the sex-slave trade, or of the gangsters, drug traffickers, supremacists and murders who kill scores of civilians in countries around the world,

and even on our city streets? How can so many humanitarian crises be ignored simultaneously?

What of those who are committing genocide and crimes against humanity in regions we don't hear of on the news? The fact is that their religion is not made to be a major factor in their criminality. Did you know that according to the FBI's top domestic terrorism officer, the largest and most active terrorist group in the United States is the ELF and have carried out 600 such acts since 1996? However, hundreds of calls are now coming to FBI phones to report suspicious people because they "look" like Muslims or Arabs. There are many unheard of terrorist groups who are not Muslims. Of 1.5 billion Muslims in the world and 7-10 million in the US, most of whom are not Arab, criminals are the exception, not the rule.

Major civil rights groups and public figures are concerned that war on terror focuses on the wrong people. Nahid Awad, CAIR's executive director, said "that the FBI is seeking lists of ordinary, law-abiding American Muslims only serves to confirm the Islamic

community's worst fears of religious and ethnic profiling." There isn't enough room to mention what we as a people are experiencing right now here and abroad. In WWII, fear and racial profiling unfortunately resulted in thousands of law-abiding Japanese Americans being placed in "camps," and in others being exterminated elsewhere.

We must learn from the history of Jim Crow era, of Nazi Germany, of Hiroshima, the fate of Native Americans (some of whom were also Muslims) and during the Cold War and civil rights era. Muslims are friends of peace, justice, and truth, and have made countless contributions to the world, which are not taught to our youth.

Muslims are "not" the threat to America and are actually current victims of profiling, harassment, abuse, slander and terror. Let us focus on the reality of what and where terrorism actually exists, and defeat the conspiracies of those who play upon our fears. According to Senator Robert Byrd, the oldest member of congress, "America's true power lies not in its will to intimidate, but in its ability to inspire."

Immigrants shouldn't be deprived of opportunities provided by the U.S.

It has been said that the United States is the country of opportunities, but these opportunities don't come easily.

Many people find themselves traveling from other countries to benefit from the privileges that are offered in the U.S. — for example, decent employment wages, a higher level of education and a better quality of life.

But even though there are op-

portunities, discrimination still exists.

Immigrants do not have the privilege to receive a driver's license, a Social Security card or take part in voting. How are they supposed to meet the requirements of the law?

They work to buy a vehicle, but they don't have a driver's license. No license, no insurance! When they get pulled over by a police officer, their vehicle gets taken away.

Mexicans are able to receive a consular identification card through the Mexican consulate. At first the state of California accepted these

cards as a valid identification, but later they withdrew that acceptance. The only use for these cards now is to open up a bank account. Does the government only want to make money off their money?

If immigrants want to better themselves, they have the option of going to school and eventually to college. When they get to college they cannot receive financial aid because they are neither a resident or citizen.

Recently a senator proposed a bill allowing undocumented students to be able to receive financial aid, but immigrants will have to

wait and see if this bill passes. Many are then forced to drop out because they have to work to support their families.

If immigrants pay taxes and help run this country, why can't they receive the same benefits as everyone else? Depriving them of these benefits only creates more problems. Many find themselves purchasing black market driver's licenses and Social Security cards.

Tell me, is it fair to have to wait at least seven years to become a resident and then five more years to become a citizen and vote?

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Steve Chang and Alisa Vang model the Chinese Mongolian outfits.



Clovis Heiwa Taiko Group performs catching the rhythmic galloping of horses, and the illustration of a dragon mirrored by the sticks and arm movements of the taiko drummers.



A student of John Cho's Kung-fu School, demonstrates a sword fight at the Asian American village.

On Wednesday, April 2, Noy Sisomphon, Sokheng Hien and Sreyna Chourn entertain the audience at celebration night for Asian American week at FCC's Theatre.



XingQuan Chen, started practicing calligraphy at the age of 9. He is now 74, and a master of his craft.



Top: Tony Phoeun and Ginger Staley, a brother and sister duo, perform the Lion Dance at FCC's Asian Cultural Village, on Sunday, March 30th.

Left: Dr. Loretta Teng, left, models one of the 11 Taiwan Tribes costume alongside Somphone Onmavong during the Asian Fashion Show.

Velásquez shines in her first film



Special to the Rampage by www.jacivelasquez.com

By Veronica Rodriguez
Rampage reporter

Young, 23-year-old Christian pop artist Jaci Velásquez proceeds with two projects. After 16 No. 1 top radio hits, 38 television appearances, being featured on 50 magazine covers, as well as performing before President Bush and the first lady for National Hispanic Heritage Month in October. Velásquez presents her eighth album titled “Unspoken,” and will also be starring in her first film titled “Chasing Papi” which will be showing in theaters on April 16.

Velásquez was born in Houston, Texas on October 15, 1979. Her descent is Mexican, French and Spanish. She started playing piano at the age of five and stepped on a stage for the first time at the age of 10. In 1998, she signed with Sony Discos, a recording company. One of the worlds leading Latin labels, Sony has launched well-known pop artists, Jennifer Lopez and Ricky Martin.

In the year 2000, during The Big Fresno Fair, Velásquez was scheduled to perform, but it was cancelled due to a storm. The following year, she returned to The Big Fresno Fair for the third time, with a different look. Her hair was cut to her face and layered.

From her album “Unspoken,” under the Warner Brothers/Word Entertainment label, a song titled “The Real Me” portrays who she is. The song asks “Can you face it, can you feel it, can you deal with the real me.” Pushing through the pain of her parents’ divorce when she was 20, she still holds on a smile trying to get through her own personal relationships that left her hurt.

“These songs reveal things I’ve always felt, but never had been able to come out and say.” How God “heals us when we are broken,” Velásquez says in her website.

In “Chasing Papi,” she plays the role of a girl named Patricia, who is the heiress of a queen. “I’ve always wanted to give acting a shot, so doing this



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movie was really a dream come true,” Velásquez says. The film is about three women who have been dating the same guy without realizing it.

The film is directed by Linda Mendoza and consists of a lot of Hispanic talent. Other actors and actresses are Maria Conchita Alonso, astrologer Walter Mercado, Carlos Ponce, Paul Rodriguez, Eduardo Verastegui, Sofia Vergara and Roselyn Sanchez, who will be in theaters with a total of three films at the same time which are “Basic,” “Boat Trip,” and “Chasing Papi.”

Jaci Velásquez is headed for great exposure into the film industry. She has already demonstrated success in music, time will only say if she has succeeded in the film industry. There are few female Hispanic artists who have been succesful in both music and film, like Lopez and Alonso. This film will indeed let the public know that there is a lot of talent.

Kumbia Kings are back with production No. ‘4’

The sizzling *cumbia* (a type of dance popular among Hispanics) sensation band from Corpus Christi, Texas, A.B. Quintanilla Y Los Kumbia Kings are back after a two-year break, with their recent production titled “4.”

The album was titled “4” because it’s their fourth release to the market under the EMI Latin label. Their debut album “*Amor, Familia Y Respeto*,” (Love, Family And Respect) was the test material that proved they were loyal to the kings of *cumbia*.

On this 14-track album, they were able to collaborate with other artists like the Mexican singer/songwriter legend Juan Gabriel. “*No Tengo Dinero*,” (I Don’t Have Money) Juan Gabriel’s composition, becomes a hit for the second time, but this time with a mixture of romanticism, *cumbia*, featuring El Gran Silencio, who adds a touch of *rock en español*.

“*Insomnio*,” (Insomnia) “*Llévame Al Cielo*,” (Take Me To The Sky) featuring Aleks Syntek, another Mexican singer/songwriter and “*Mi Gente*,” (My People) featuring Ozomatli are songs with a lot of rhythm and beat that will make you jump out of your seat to start to dance. These songs are guaranteed to become hits.

A.B. Quintanilla Y Los Kumbia Kings have been placed as No. 1 in Billboard charts for their most recent release. Their music has passed borders reaching millions of people in

Artist: A.B. Quintanilla III presents Kumbia Kings
Album: “4”
Website: www.lk255.com
Rating: ★★★★★

other countries throughout Latin America.

Other artists who participated were guitarist Chris Perez and Limi-T 21 who offer a version of “*No Tengo Dinero*,” with their traditional *merengue* dance style.

This album should become part of any disc jockey’s collection, if they want to bring fun and excitement to any party.

With A.B. Quintanilla Y Los Kumbia Kings in charge of *cumbia* music, nothing can go wrong. Their musical quality is only expected to get better.

In the CD there is a text message oriented to their fans: “We promise you that you will not be left disappointed.”



Luis Quezada
Entertainment editor
Music review



Students show their talents



Photo by Lenetta Huxley

City Singers students sing together with the student jazz band accompanying them in the Fresno City College Theatre for the Jazz Festival on March 28.

By Luis Quezada
Entertainment editor

The Fresno City College Jazz Festival united student instrumental and vocal performances in the College Theatre on March 27 and 28.

The music department conducted a performance with FCC music instrumental students coordinating local high school students on March 27. High school students from through the Valley gathered to perform together at FCC.

The following day, both instrumental and vocal music students combined their talents into one concert. Students performed solo pieces. The jazz band played an instrumental piece called “Sing, Sing, Sing,” to which the vocal students later added their voices.

The performance lasted about an hour, allowing all 18 students to get exposure. The lineup of the singers was unique — all females were in the front row and all males

were in the back row.

Julie Barron, a music instructor, introduced all of the performers within the performance. Barron also coordinated the performances.

FCC is also scheduled to present High School Drama Festival, an all-day event that will take place on April 9.

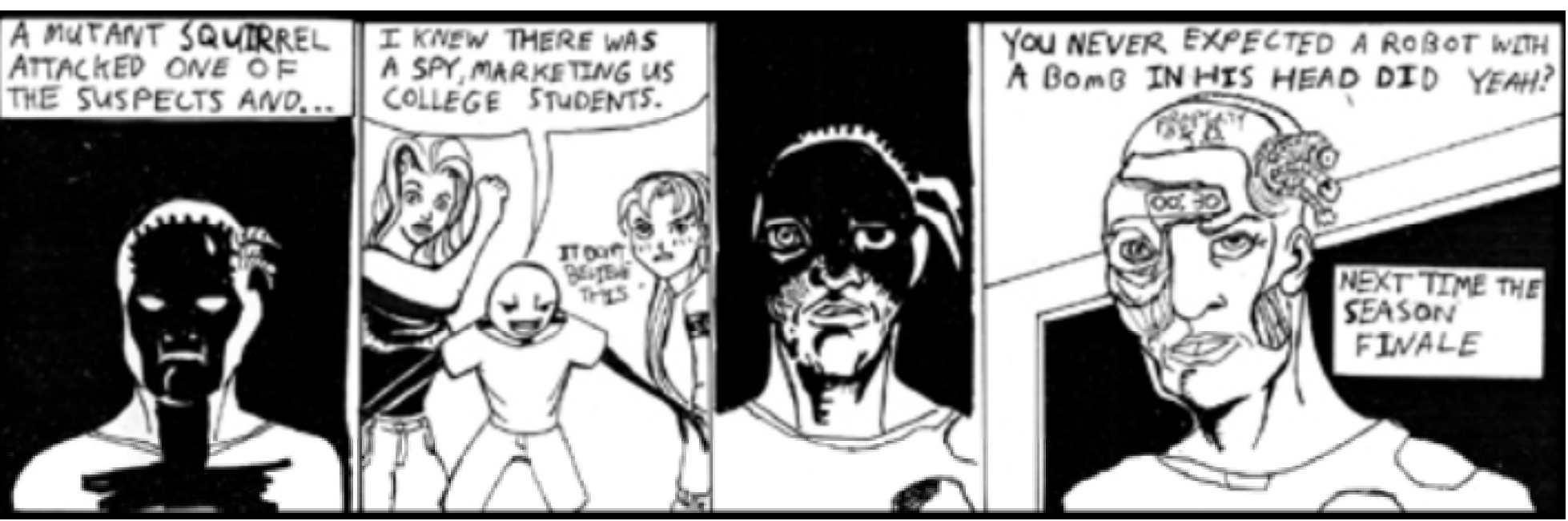
It is expected to be similar to the Jazz Festival. The difference will be that students will participate by showing their acting abilities.

These type of programs give students a sample of what types of musical oriented courses FCC has to offer. Potential aspiring muscians may want to consider taking courses related to these. After graduating high school they can possibly start a hobby they have always wanted to dip into or even consider making a career out of it.

For more information on the FCC High School Drama Festival on April 9, contact the FCC Theatre Box Office 442-8221.

Strange Campus

by Zon Petilla



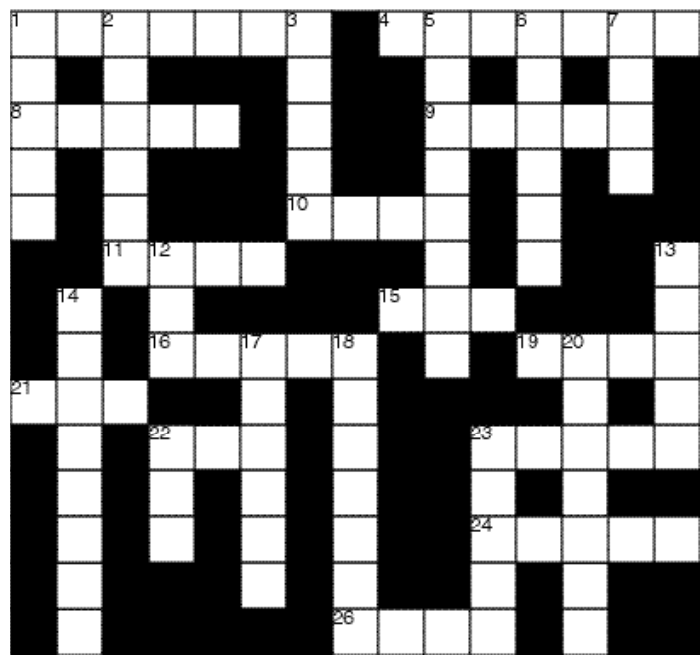
City Life

by Jesse Garcia



Crossword

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- ACROSS
- 1. The guy that makes the dictionary
 - 4. Upward slope
 - 8. Questioned
 - 9. Clothing; halfway between pants and shorts
 - 10. Knitting material
 - 11. _____ tea
 - 15. Playing card representing one
 - 16. To give
 - 19. Schedule
 - 21. To view
 - 22. Bright, yellow ball in the sky
 - 23. How metal gets after a long time
 - 24. What you shouldn't do before you drive
- DOWN
- 1. Attachment of fake hair
 - 2. Two piece bathing suit
 - 3. Unruly
 - 5. Trinket
 - 6. Portable computer
 - 7. German for "no"
 - 12. Head of a major company
 - 13. Absence of clouds
 - 14. How we choose our leaders
 - 17. End, be done with
 - 18. Need, to have as a requisite
 - 20. Lingering for some time
 - 22. Breech of God's law
 - 23. Short guy with glasses on M*A*S*H

Horoscopes

By Theresa Carr

- ARIES** — You have an extraordinary zest for life in April. This week can be an emotional time, especially if you insist on bringing up a touchy issue from the past. There's really no reason to dwell on things that you cannot change.
- TAURUS** — There's a lot on your plate as April begins, but you have every intention of finishing it all. This week is a busy time in your social life, but you shouldn't have any trouble making conversation with strangers or breaking the ice with a blind date during this time frame.
- GEMINI** — Financial security is important to you, so you may put a lot of extra effort into your career these days. A safe and loving home life is desired by most Gemini's, even though you are known for craving variety most of the time.
- CANCER** — You have definite ideas about what you want to do and how you want to do it, which can be either a good or bad thing depending on the way you go about it. Try not to be overly argumentative. Although you might feel stubborn, you'll get much further by considering a fair compromise. Creativity comes naturally to you, so if you are interested in taking an art class or finishing up an artistic project you've already started, this is the time to do it.
- LEO** — Acting quickly may buy you more mistakes than you can afford to make. Go about your business as deliberately as possible, taking time to notice the details and waiting patiently for the critiques to come in before moving on to your next project.
- VIRGO** — You have a lot to say, which is why you don't take too kindly to being interrupted. Speak quickly when you're in a group setting so that you can get out every word, but be sure to pause long enough afterward to make sure everyone understood what you had to say. You may feel vulnerable, especially when it comes to matters of the heart.
- LIBRA** — Enjoy what life has to offer by being spontaneous and enthusiastic about every opportunity that comes your way. You can expect your friends to be happy for you and your competitors to be jealous. You might not like the uncertainty that not being on a rigid schedule brings this week, but you should be able to handle unexpected events by keeping a level head and thinking things through before you act.
- SCORPIO** — It doesn't matter that your 'to-do' list is a mile long, because working hard doesn't faze you in the least. Although you don't normally like to gossip, you might overhear a tidbit about a friend or neighbor that's just too juicy to keep to yourself. Be careful about spilling the beans, especially if you believe in the concept of karma.
- SAGITTARIUS** — Change is in the air and you're more than ready to embrace it. You should have extra energy, making these perfect days to get up early or stay up late in order to put the wheels of your next big project in motion. Your versatility makes it easy for you to mix with a diverse group of people.
- CAPRICORN** — Wasting time isn't part of your game plan. You're focused and confident, but don't be too stubborn about getting your way. If you take everyone's suggestions into consideration before making your final decision, then you won't have to second-guess yourself after the fact. You get a dose of creativity, so don't let it go to waste.
- AQUARIUS** — Moving too quickly could do you more harm than good. Think before you act to avoid getting yourself into trouble that might not be so easy to get out of. It's your prerogative to change your mind, but before you do, you might want to think about your reputation.
- PISCES** — You can be a bit quick-tempered if you don't get your way, but bullying the people who can give you what you want isn't a very good way to go about it. People will be much more willing to help you if you can show them that you're patient and willing to make a compromise if necessary. Boredom sets in easily, so see what you can do to shake up your regular routine.

Tyrese's album makes you want to

Tyrese is back, and he wants to know “How You Gonna Act Like That.”

This album is for lovers. Most of the songs are slow love-making songs.

Jermaine Dupree is featured on one of the songs titled “Girl I Can’t Help It.” The song is cool.

The best song is this album would definitely have to be “Signs Of Love Making.” Tyrese is representing for the Capricorns, and giving it up for the rest of the Zodiac signs.

Let’s not forget “On Top Of Me.” This is a song you want to play to get in the mood with your significant other.

This album has so many good songs on it. I’m glad I won it from B-95. But if I had paid for it, my money would have been well



Vetta Evans

Rampage reporter

Opinion

Artist: Tyrese

Album: “I Wanna Go There”

Website: www.tyrese.com

Rating: ★★★★★

spent.

All you have to do is put the CD on No. 1 and let it play. If you’re listening to this hot new comeback album from Tyrese with your partner, it just might get a little hot in there, so take your time and proceed with caution — Tyrese is guaranteed to make it happen.



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Cynthia Martinez

Rampage reporter

Restaurant review

the Box located on Blackstone Avenue near FCC. What makes this restaurant stand out? The food. It’s hot and freshly made.

They have the best seasoned curly fries, and the Jumbo Jack fills you up like no other burger. If you’re low on dough, check out the dollar items.

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Because this is supposed to be a sports column we'll give it a sports twist.

First is the drive to the hotel that's in Sacramento.

Two vans, lots of Rampage students and trash bags filled with unnecessary luggage. It was more cramped than being in a small closet with Butterbean.

Then there is the smell through the farmland. The stench of manure as you take a trip that's longer than a Mark McGwire homerun on the moon. Due to the lack of air you gasp for air through the crack of the window in the back.

As you take a break at a rest stop, you realize that there are flies swarming around the trashcans like obsessed Derek Jeter fans around the Yankee shortstop. Overpriced concessions like at a baseball game.

And then you arrive.

Your wait to check into the hotel is longer than the time the Chicago Cubs will have waited to win the World Series... and then some.

In the room you can play "Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 4" on Playstation at almost the same price it would take to pay him to hold a demo at your birthday party.

Then the workshops begin.



Josh Butters
Sports editor
Opinion

Some are as empty as the Cleveland Cavaliers' home games. Some are hidden treasures. There's something for all.

Then come the competitions. For the sports writing competition, writers were jammed into a bus and taken to a Sacramento Rivercats game. We were treated to all-you-can-eat tri-tip, barbecued chicken, hot dogs, chili, ice cream and soda. Others still at the hotel not in the competition enjoyed half-cooked hamburgers.

I swear it was 25 degrees below zero before wind chill factor in the stadium. There were icicles hanging from Dinger's (Sacramento's mascot) whiskers. The guy in the suit had to be the warmest person in the stadium.

Starring for the other team was Brady Anderson, former star of the Baltimore Orioles. His career had gone farther south than the Expos go for home games. Anderson went 0 for 3 with 2 K's. Dinger could have done better using his tail like a bat.

On the last day are the on-the-spot awards. As the Rampage wins more awards than we can carry, the crowd goes wild; you can hear the roar of the thunderstix (some freak brought them over from the Rivercats game).

As I win my first-place award for page design for a tabloid-size newspaper, I raise my hands like I'm a referee signaling touchdown. I almost spiked my plaque.

On our way back, in the middle of the night, we are all falling asleep like spectators at a bowling tournament.

Infuriated with winning only one award, I then realize, my average is better than Anderson's.

Track and field teams compete in Relays

COS wins men's division, while Modesto wins in the women's

By Josh Butters
Sports editor

The Fresno City College men's and women's track and field teams competed in the Fresno Relays April 4 at Ratcliffe Stadium, both placing fourth in their respective fields.

In the women's categories, FCC's Amanda Baker won the 3,000 meter steeplechase with a time of 13:44.3, while Marcelite Colbert came in second overall in the 200 meter dash (28.89).

Karen Hansen placed third in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:31.12.

Kristin Mondientz finished fourth in the long jump, leaping 15' 8.5".

On the men's side, freshman Peter Briones won the 400 meter dash (49.9) and sophomore Johnathon Holland placed fourth in the 100 meter dash (11.15).

In the men's high jump, Ryenn Austin-Brown cleared 5' 10", good

enough to tie for fourth.

FCC's Nathan Wilson placed third in the triple jump (42' 6.25") and Austin-Brown placed sixth (39' 11").

In the women's field Modesto won with 79 points, followed by College of the Sequoias (64), Contra Costa (57), Fresno (50) and American River (49.5).

Sequoias won in the men's field, scoring 71 points. Rounding up the top five were Contra Costa (69), American River (63), Fresno (52.5) and Hartnell (52).

The Rams will travel to Walnut April 11 to compete in the Mt. San Antonio College invitational.

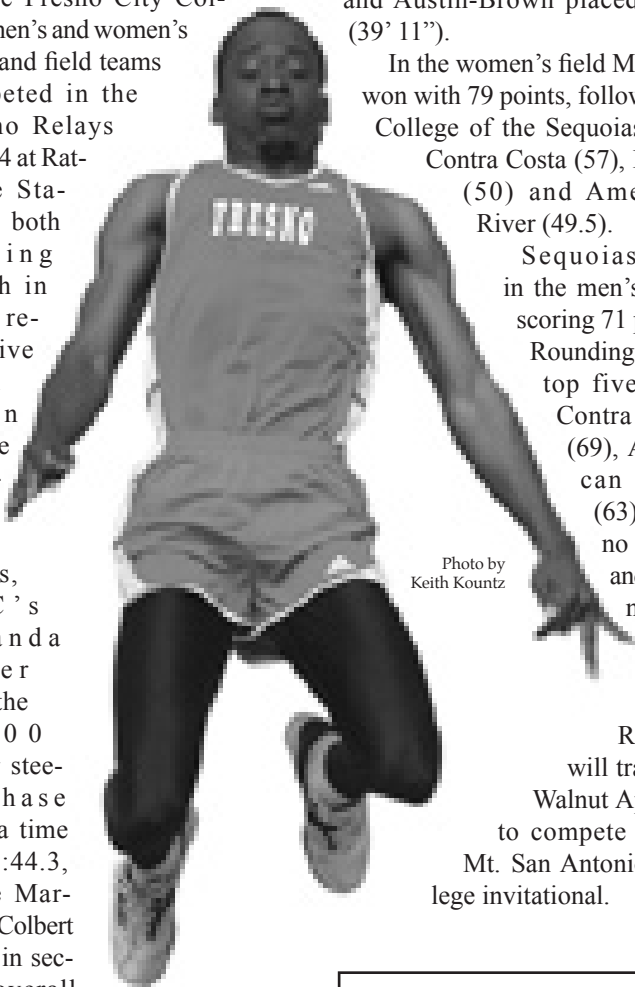


Photo by Keith Kountz

Women's badminton team seeks respect

By Josh Hires
Rampage reporter

Arguably the most obscure team on campus, the Fresno City College women's badminton squad is hoping that that will change this season. With the lead of Head Coach Carol Kadingo and a record of 2-0, the team is well on its way.

The Rams are led by high school standouts Ratsamy Somphabmixay and Sameon Rom, FCC's No. 1 and 2 players respectively.

However, the team includes top players from Sunnyside, Sierra, and McLane high schools, adding to the team's depth as well.

Despite this advantage, the team is facing its toughest challenge this week when it faces DeAnza College April 8 at 1:00 P.M. in Cupertino.

"[DeAnza is] one of the toughest teams in the league," Kadingo said.

Adding to the pressure is the travel involved. Kadingo also added that the noticeable absence of home matches, and a lack of home game fans as factors in this season's schedule as posing a challenge for the Rams.

"Most people are not aware that badminton is played as a college sport at Fresno City," said Kadingo.

"We would like to see more people at our home matches for support."

With only eight games this season, FCC is definitely betting that there strength will lie in team play while at the same time hoping that fans will show there support by coming to see the matches as well.

Regular season badminton schedule

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Rams win 21st conference title in 22 years

By Pete Benevides
Contributing writer

The Fresno City College men's tennis team is once again Central Valley Conference champions.

Led by first year coach Steve Loop, the Rams have gone undefeated in league play and worked their way to a No. 2 state ranking, behind No. 1 ranked College of the Desert.

Loop is very proud of his team. "They're a great group of kids who work hard and have given their greatest effort," said Loop.

Earlier in the season, Loop had stressed how he would like for his team to stay injury-free.

"We had a few minor dings during the season but nothing to serious, we've had a variety of different line-up's but the ladder of the roster has pretty much stayed the same," said Loop.

The Rams battled through adversity with tough losses to College of the Desert and Grossmont, the No. 1 and No. 3 ranked teams respectively in the state.

"Overall our depth has been our biggest strength. The players are super competitive and the biggest thing I've seen has been the guys learning to win," said Loop.

Remaining Tennis Schedule

Men	
April 8	Dual Team Playoffs
April 24-27	Ojai Tournament
April 30	Dual Team Finals
May 1-3	NorCal Tournament
May 8	State Finals
May 9-10	State Tournament
Women	
April 10-12	CVC Tournament
April 22	NorCal Semifinal
April 24-27	Ojai Tournament
April 30	NorCal Finals
May 1-3	NorCal Tournament
May 8	State Finals

Next up for the Men's tennis team is a trip to Modesto for the CVC tournament.

Each team will have their top six players and top three doubles teams compete.

"We hope to do really well and also stay injury-free in the tournament as well," said Loop.

Overall the Men's tennis have gone out and accomplished what they wanted to do, winning its 21st conference title in 22 years.

Loop and his team have much to be proud of and it all started back in the beginning of the season with a goal, determination, team effort and a willingness to win.



FCC's Alex

2003 Rams Football Schedule

Date	Team	Time
Sept. 6	@ Sacramento City College	7:00 P.M.
Sept. 13	@ Butte College	1:00 P.M.
Sept. 20	@ Foothill College	7:00 P.M.
Sept. 27	San Joaquin Delta College	7:00 P.M.
Oct. 4	@ Diablo Valley College	7:00 P.M.
Oct. 18	West Hills College	7:00 P.M.
Oct. 25	@ College of the Sequoias	7:00 P.M.
Nov. 1	Modesto Junior College*	7:00 P.M.
Nov. 8	Merced College	7:00 P.M.
Nov. 15	@ Reedley College	7:00 P.M.

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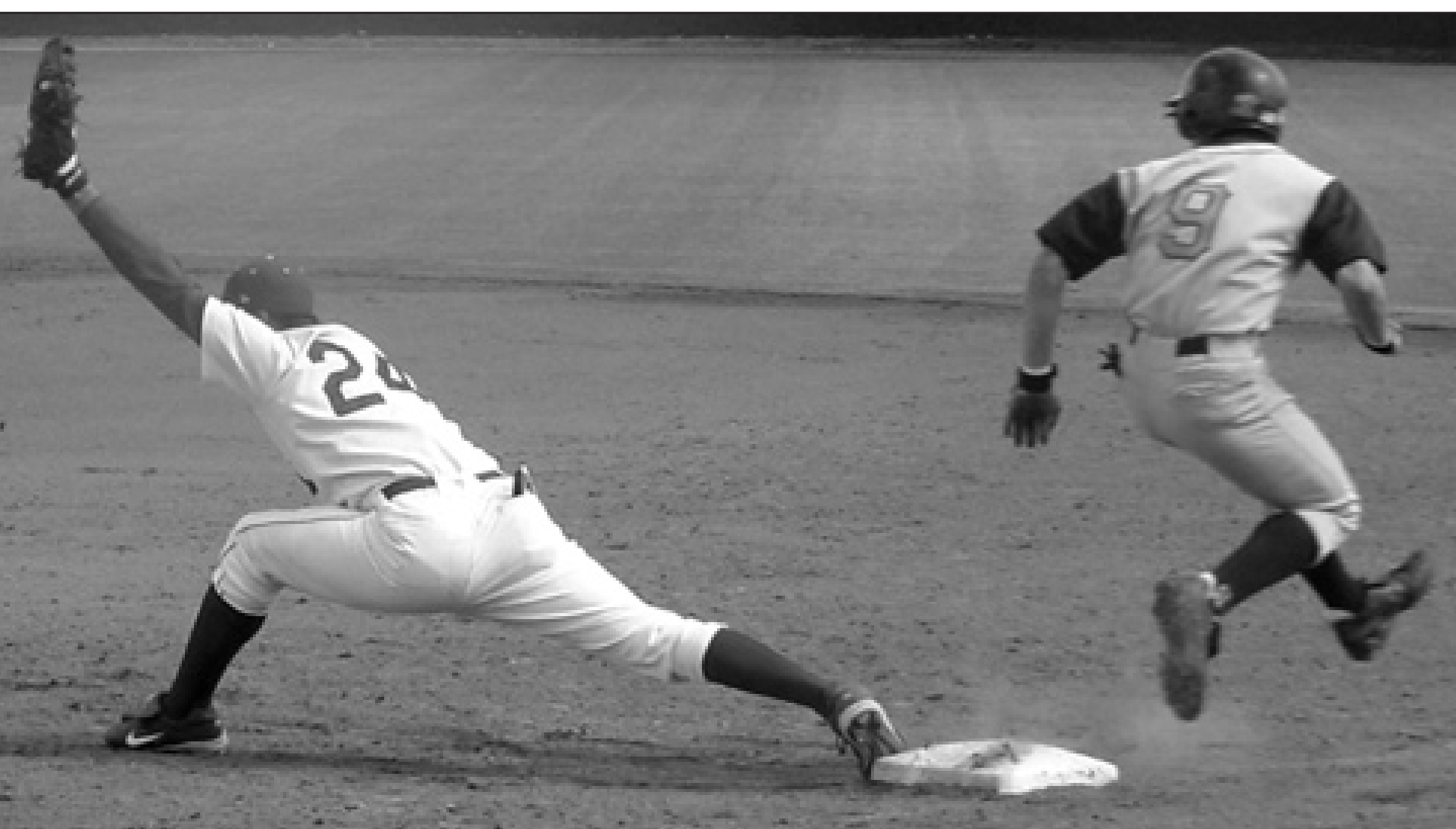
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Rams knock off COS 6-1



Opie LaBreck throws one-hitter while striking out 12

By Josh Butters

Sports editor

The Fresno City College baseball team was able to avenge its first conference loss of the year by defeating College of the Sequoias 6-1 April 5 at John Eules Ballpark.

FCC freshman pitcher Opie LaBreck went the distance, allowing only one hit and striking out 12.

FCC Baseball Remaining Schedule		
Apr. 10	Porterville College	2:30 P.M.
Apr. 12	@ Modesto Junior College	1 P.M.
Apr. 15-17	Allan Hancock Easter Tourn.	TBA
Apr. 24	Reedley College	2:30 P.M.
Apr. 26	CVC/TBA	TBA
Apr. 29	CVC/TBA	TBA
May 1	CVC/TBA	TBA
May 9-11	Regionals	TBA
May 16-18	Super Regionals	TBA
May 24-26	State Championships in Fresno	TBA

LaBreck improved to 8-1 on the season, striking out the side in the 7th and 9th innings.

Sequoia's lone hit came in the top of the first inning when COS's Kevin Perry doubled off a fastball.

Perry would later score on a Rams throwing error.

FCC improved to 26-5, 14-2 in Central Valley Conference play while COS dropped to 14-15-1, 8-8 in conference.

The Rams lost to the Giants back on March 10 8-6 in an 11-inning affair where three FCC coaches were tossed out of the game by the game's umpires.

FCC hosts the Pirates of Porterville April 10 at 2:30 P.M.



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(Top) FCC's Adam Matcham stretches out for the ball and an out in the Rams game against the Giants. (Above) Leonard Davis crosses homeplate after his homerun.

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