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FCC and Reedley College women compete in "Battle of the Pumps," a twist on the men's football rivalry.

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# Rampage

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## ASG elections need students' input

By Erin Ferns

Rampage reporter

Fresno City College's Associated Student Government is holding its elections this week. Despite unavoidable election advertisements on campus, voter turnouts are expected to be chronically low.

"We have approximately 23,000 to 24,000 students registered here at this school and we might have gotten a couple hundred [votes] in the last couple of

years," said current ASG president Nanci Sumaya-Martinez.

"You want to make sure the student representative is representing you," Sumaya-Martinez said of the importance of voting. "They are at least concerned with the same concerns you have. Their concerns are with student body as a whole and not just...for personal gain,



George Kutnerian



Laura Williams

but also for the students' rights."

College Center assistant Janice Wong blames student apathy for lack of votes. "I think a lot of times, it could be awareness," she said.

"Sometimes they're thinking, 'My vote doesn't count.' Sometimes people have that apathy like, 'They don't really need my vote,' or, 'I don't have any time,'

or, 'I don't know anyone on the ballot,' Wong said.

Second-year student Laura Williams and current student trustee George Kutnerian are running against each other for the position of ASG president.

Williams has a basic plan to please the students.

"I know students come first. Most of them say they want music on campus See ASG, Page 4

## Trustees unseat Redwine

By Latasha Ball, Tony Losongco, and Erika Razo  
Rampage reporters

State Center Community College District trustees decided Thursday in closed session to reassign district Chancellor Judith Redwine, a move that has set off a staffing shuffle within the administration.



Judith Redwine

Following the open session of a board workshop, trustees voted 4-3 to move Redwine, the district's chancellor since 1999, for the remainder of her contract. Trustees did not disclose where Redwine would be reassigned.

Reedley College President Thomas Crow assumed the role of interim chancellor Monday. He will serve for 22 months, the rest of Redwine's contract.

"We just all felt he would be the best person at this particular time," said board President Dorothy Smith, who voted in favor of Redwine's reassignment. "We are not in the process of advertising for a new chancellor."

Trustee William Smith, who made the motion to reassign Redwine, voted with Dorothy Smith. Joining the majority were trustees Isabel Barreras and Phil Forhan.

Adolfo Corona, who voted against the reassignment, did not return phone messages requesting comment. Trustees Pat Patterson and Les Thonesen also voted no.

The board meets every July to conduct the chancellor's annual evaluation, where trustees can decide to renew the contract of the district's top administrator. Dorothy Smith provided no explanation why See Redwine, Page 4

## 'Ain't no stoppin' us!'



Photo by Lenetta Huxley

Manuel Alvarado, a Fresno City College philosophy major, examines "Shelbert," a charcoal, pastel and ink drawing by Vanessa Waring. The annual FCC student art show, titled "Ain't No Stoppin' Us Now," will run through May 16 at the Art Space Gallery. See story, Page 7.

## Finals go easier with preparation

Tutorial Center has resources for students who want to make the grade.

By Latasha Ball  
Rampage reporter

Most students equate finals with stress, but they hesitate to start preparing for final tests or projects. There are many ways students can prepare for finals from the most obvious to little tricks-of-the-trade from people who have been there and have the experience to hand down some advice to Fresno City College students.

Surroundings play an important factor in effective studying. Staff members at the FCC Tutorial Center advised finding a place relatively

free of noise and distractions.

"Dedicate yourself to a time and place that is just for study. So at that time, you know you're going to study," said John Spolsdoff, FCC honors instructor who advises many students about the fundamentals of preparing before finals.

Many students said they do not hold to those practices when they leave the classroom atmosphere. "I'm the procrastinator. I try but because of my surroundings, like I work and I have a son, it doesn't go the way I planned," said Kannika

Outhavong, a second-year FCC student.

One way this problem can be fixed is by devising a study group that will keep everyone on track to the tasks at hand. "Get yourself before finals a reliable study group. You have to form a study group with people who are going to mutually benefit each other and who are responsible and will do their part," Spolsdoff said.

"I maybe could put some time aside, get with a friend, go over what they have and compare notes," Outhavong said.

Spolsdoff said that when stu-

dents think of tutoring, they often think of it as a place where they go if they're failing a class. But the Tutorial Center also serves students who want to strive above the "B" or "C" grade they're receiving.

"Most students who make the most of us [the Tutorial Center] are the students who have the 'B' and want the 'A,' Spolsdoff said.

The Tutorial Center also conducts small studying groups and provides self-help study guides to help students who need that extra boost. "The second thing is we have handouts here that we've devised

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Guest Opinion



Dorothy Smith

This is the last in a series of guest opinions on the California

I am a firm believer in the California Community College system and all it has to offer students regardless of race, ethnic background or economic status. State Center Community College District offers many their first chance to obtain training in a specific field.

The analogy I like to use is that community colleges are like Ellis Island — we open our doors to everyone and will continue to do so as we plan for the future. We, as a district offer many services for less money. Students like you who transfer, graduate or complete a certificate program are the bedrock and foundation for our community.

Without question the SCCC Board of Trustees is committed to the students of this fine district and will do what is best for you the student. Fresno City College along with Reedley College and the north centers will continue to provide what is needed educationally for this region.

In the Health Sciences Division alone, FCC provides an economic need by graduating more nurses than any community college in the western United States. The new Licensed Vocational Nursing program at the Madera Center will provide more than 30 students to enter the health-care field by next year.

Our colleges and centers are truly the hub of this community and our mission to provide quality services for our students and staff will not be ignored.

I am proud to say your SCCC Board of Trustees has a long history of maintaining a fiscally conservative budget without sacrificing student services. The commitment of the board is to work together during tough budget times and remain prudent in all financial matters.

I guarantee you that I am a dedicated board member and consider myself a public servant in the truest sense. I love working with students and faculty. Our instructors are some of the best in the nation; their ability to teach a wide variation of students and their dedication to learning is uncompromised.

This year I had the opportunity to attend the men’s basketball games. I have a great sense of pride witnessing the growing support of this program and our other athletic programs as well.

There is a wealth of athletic talent in our community, which will enhance our academics as well. Student-athletes who participated in our sports will gain confidence and character to enter the work world or further their education.

In closing, I want you to know every effort is being made to offer you the student, the best education for your money. While an increased fee per unit is on the horizon please do not let that deter you from getting an education.

Dorothy Smith is president of the State Center Community College District board of trustees.

News briefs

FCC president, instructor earn summer honors

Fresno City College President Ned Doffoney and mathematics instructor Barbara Sausen will represent the college in separate study programs this summer.

Doffoney was one of 16 selected by the U.S. Department of Education to travel to China in June through the Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad program. The seminar aims to foster stronger curriculum in area studies and further U.S.-China exchange.

Sausen will participate in the U.S. Department of Agriculture Hispanic Serving Institutions Fellows Program. She will learn the workings of federal agencies in Washington, D.C., such as USDA, and share networking information once she returns to FCC.

Call for surgical technologists

Future surgical technologists still have time to enroll in a four-semester program at FCC that will train them for a favorable job market helping surgeons and anesthesiologists.

Coordinators from the FCC surgical technology program held an orientation Monday, but students can still get information on the program. FCC’s curriculum is the only accredited surgical technologist program of its kind between San Jose and Bakersfield.

The growth of medical facilities and shortage of nurses nationwide have created demand for surgical

technologists, who work at all stages of surgical operations. The FCC program prepares surgical technology students to pass a certification examination.

For more information on the surgical technology program at FCC, contact coordinator Mary Jane McClain at 442-4600, ext. 2643.

FCC lawn opens to employee sale

The Classified Senate will hold a yard sale at FCC Saturday, and there is still time to donate items and to volunteer for the fund-raising event.

Through Friday, the group is accepting donations, which may consist of toys, household goods, clothes, small furniture and other items. The yard sale will take place on the West Lawn from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Classified Senate also is seeking volunteers to help with setting up, staffing the yard sale, or cleaning up. To volunteer, contact Toni Miller at 442-4600, ext. 8553.

UC Merced to host Fresno conference

FCC students can gauge their chances of getting into the new University of California, Merced, campus at a transfer conference Wednesday.

Students interested in transferring can get a personal evaluation of their admission eligibility and learn more about the UC campus.

The transfer conference will

Campus calendar

Arts

“Ain’t No Stopping Us Now!” Annual Student Show — through May 16, Art Space Gallery

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

City Dances — 8 p.m., Thursday to Saturday; 2 p.m., Sunday; Theatre

Piano Solo — Kei Murakami — 2 p.m., Saturday, Recital Hall  
Brass & Percussion Concert — 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Theatre

FCC Concert Band & Wind Ensemble — 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  
FCC Choir at Fresno Philharmonic — 8 p.m., May 10; 2:30 p.m., May 11; Saroyan Theatre  
Intermediate and Advanced Student Piano Recital — 7 p.m., May 12, Recital Hall

Teasers — 7:30 p.m., May 12 and 13, Studio Theatre

Piano Solo — Yuping Chang — 7 p.m., May 13, Recital Hall  
Opera – “Salute America” — 2 p.m., May 18, Recital Hall

Community Concert Band “Something Borrowed” — 7:30 p.m., May 24, Tower Theatre  
“New Wrinkles” — 7:30 p.m., May 29 to 31, June 5 to 7, June 12 to

14; 2 p.m., May 31 to June 1, June 6 to 8, June 13 to 15; Theatre

College Activities

Vendor Fair — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, Fountain Area/College Mall

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

Events

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

Certificate of Completion Ceremony — 1 p.m., May 17, Tower Theatre

Certificate of Achievement Ceremony — 3 p.m., May 17, Tower Theatre

Honors Ceremony — 6 p.m., May 17, Tower Theatre

Commencement — 7:30 p.m., May 23, Selland Arena

Intramurals

Powder Puff Football vs. Reedley College — 10 a.m., Saturday, Reedley College

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

Public Affairs

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

Police log

From the files of the SCCC Police Department  
Compiled by Pippa Watson and Erin Ferns

April 10

• Officer took report regarding accident involving district vehicle.

April 15

• Officer took report regarding vandalism/graffiti at Ratcliffe Stadium.

April 17

• Officer observed suspicious vehicle in Lot 4. Check of Disabled Placard showed driver not authorized to use it. Driver arrested, cited, released. Report taken.

April 20

• DSO took a report regarding vandalism.

April 21

• DSO took report regarding vandalism/graffiti at Forum Hall.  
• Officer took report regarding vandalism to fence at softball field.  
• Officer took report regarding motorcycle stolen from Lot F.  
• Sergeant took report regarding theft at Business Office.  
• Officer took report regarding battery.



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# Clubs help FCC seek spirituality

Clubs’ faith and numbers are rising.

By Erika Razo  
Rampage reporter

Recently, Fresno City College students have become more concerned and proactive in their spirituality.

“With the situation in the world right now, people are becoming aware of the need in their life for spirituality,” said Liz Hiet, co-ordinator and representative for Campus Crusade. “It’s obvious how more students are showing up at Bible study groups.”

According to Hiet, there are a steady number of about 80 students participating between FCC and California State University, Fresno.

“I’m finding students looking for spiritual stability and trying to connect and stay connected,” said Brad Lopez, FCC adviser for Campus Crusade. “Students want something solid that they can count on for life and generations...”

Both Lopez and Hiet believe that in this time of national turmoil, students are seeking to connect with others. They also believe that it is important for students to grow and learn about the Bible.

Another organization offering spiritual guidance is the Latter-day Saints Student Association. David Balogh, an FCC physics instructor and adviser for Latter-day Saints Student Association, said there is a change in attitudes with students now that our country is at war.

“Students are asking me questions like, ‘Where is God’s hand in the world now?’” Balogh said.

Balogh explained that the student association is a club organization that is a branch of the Mormon church. He added that currently there are about 100 students who are involved and participate in the organization.

“It is our patriotic duty to support our troops and our nation. We want a swift and peaceful end to this war. It’s important that we pray and seek God,” Balogh said.

Although tensions are high, students involved in the Muslim Student Association are continuing to come together to share their beliefs.

“Our situation is a bit different than other religious groups,” said Forouz Radnejad, adviser for MSA.

According to Radnejad, Muslim students don’t want to be identified, because there are precousions. Furthermore, the current political and social climate has created a stigma against many Muslims and the religion of Islam.

“You find that people that do wrong things, like Timothy McVeigh, the media never reflects and connects their religion to them, but a person with a Muslim name is different. The media doesn’t hesitate to say, “This Muslim man or this Muslim woman did this,” Radnejad said.

Currently FCC offers a handful

# Something smells fishy in Morro Bay

## Pollution may change the way FCC teaches biology in the future.

By Zon Petilla  
Rampage reporter

Morro Bay has been the site of many field trips for Fresno City College’s biology department for many decades. Morro Bay has had many species of both plants and animals. However, due to drastic environmental changes, it’s suffered a significant loss of these species.

Morro Bay is an estuary, a place where fresh water is naturally drained into the ocean. Because of this, many different types of animals and plants coexist. However, human intervention has created a series of ecological changes making it harder for these species to exist in the region.

Salmon, a fish that procreates upriver from the sea, used the estuary as a gateway to fresh water, yet due to human interference, three species of native California salmon have been completely wiped out from the area.

Current FCC students have lost the chance to see Morro Bay’s natural wonders as compared to students six years ago, due in part to a six-year drought.

This ecology crash seems to be caused not just by one action, but many. The reasons vary from people changing the flow of major waterways such as the Kings River, polluted water runoff, to localized problems such as overfishing, overpopulation and sewage.

Bob Winter, a field biologist and longtime instructor at FCC, explained the environmental changes at Morro Bay. “On the upper bay and the sandy coast, there’s just

nothing, it’s all been wiped off. All the natural material are killed or have gone out of the area,” Winter said.

Winter added that organisms that are gone or just hard to find are better taught in class, where samples can be easily used. He stated two main problems: people are overclamming or using off-road vehicles on the sandy beaches.

FCC biology and zoology instructor Jerry Kirkhart said many animals are not extinct, but rather only where people are not around. “Those looking for bait use plastic pumps and they continually keep pumping and pumping, sucking out all the organisms for whatever other reason they want to,” Kirkhart said.

“I won’t even take my students to the mud flats,” said Kirkhart, a former FCC student. “I don’t even see half the animals there that I used to.”

Kirkhart said the mud flats are a specific area for shore birds and certain sea life, not showing such life. Pollution flowing into the estuary from agriculture and sewer waste has been labeled a key factor to this problem.

“Initially they need far more control out there,” Kirkhart said of the region’s waste management. “This is a sign that our drinking water is in jeopardy.”

The waste management poses a problem for drinking water because California has been in a drought for six years. The lack of rain combined with damming and the Federal Water Project, which oversees water transfers between states, has limited the amount of fresh water that



Photo courtesy The Salmon Site

*Chinook salmon swim shortly after birth to Pacific estuaries such as Morro Bay, where pollution and overfishing have led to less populous and smaller populations of various marine organisms.*

would push Morro Bay’s sewage further into the ocean, thus diluting contaminants for wildlife.

The Morro Bay estuary is a reflection of how natural waterways have become polluted over the years, due to low rainfall and human manipulation of the water system in California.

“We know worldwide ecosystems are getting harmed by too many human beings at this point,” said Carl Johansson, a field biologist and FCC instructor. “Morro Bay is no different from any other place.”

Johansson emphasized individual responsibility to stay informed by reading newspapers and magazines. “Read these things with a questioning mind. Too often people accept blindly if they agree with something as gospel truth,” Johansson said.

Johansson also pointed to misinformation about environmental issues because people do not

question information enough. “If they disagree with something they consider it garbage, instead of looking at the supportive evidence,” Johansson said.

Because of what’s happening in Morro Bay and the rest of the world, Johansson and other biology instructors see a possible curriculum change over the next 10 to 20 years at FCC.

“Well, I hope we get better. We’re looking at our non-major courses and revamping it to educate the people on the issues, because that’s the part of biology they’re going to need to get through the rest of their life,” Johansson said.

“These kinds of things are innate to your life,” he added. “That’s why we’re trying to change the focus: so that you’ll understand the conception of the world you live in, instead of remembering a bunch of hocus-pocus facts.”

# Deaf teacher leads hearing students in sign

By Rachel Bartel  
Special to the Rampage

State Center Community College District employs hundreds of faculty members. These instructors are educated individuals who are passionate about their profession and pass on their skills semester after semester. Cindy Hodges is no exception.

Hodges is a faculty member at Fresno City College in the Language Arts department. She has taught at FCC for 13 years. Hodges teaches American Sign Language 1, 2, 3 and 4, all which provide a means of communication for the

deaf and hard of hearing. Hodges is also deaf.

Hodges was born deaf into a hearing family. She is able to speak and lip-read in order to communicate with hearing persons that do not know American Sign Language.

When interacting with other staff and faculty members, Hodges reads lips and speaks. “There are a few staff members who know ASL and we sign together,” she signed.

Hodges knew early on in her life that she wanted to teach. She holds degrees from Gallaudet University, the University of Arizona, and Western Maryland College.



Gallaudet, established in 1817, was the first school for the deaf in the United States.

Her primary focus for teaching was someday working with deaf children. But that changed when she was asked to teach an adult ASL class in Visalia.

“I hesitated at first,” she explained. “But after I taught the adults, I decided to go back to school and obtained my degree to teach ASL.” She had found her niche and her teaching career was underway.

Hodges enjoys teaching at FCC and has seen many students learn well and advance. She notes that like all subjects, some students learn fast and some learn more slowly. Many continue through all levels of ASL and obtain their

certificate as ASL interpreters.

Michelle Burt, a student in Hodges’ ASL 2 class, said, “I enjoy learning ASL. I like learning from Cindy, and I am taking ASL 3 from her next semester.” Burt plans to continue through the final course in ASL to obtain her status as an interpreter.

As with most FCC faculty members, Hodges does enjoy her free time away from school. She loves to be with friends, playing games and bike riding. Hodges also loves to work in her garden.

Overall, she’s an easy person with whom to communicate.



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and different foods,” Williams said. “There’s no sense in me trying to deal with the budget.”

Williams said she understands student concerns, especially with parking. “I live up in Oakhurst and I have to be here at six in the morning,” she said, to find parking for her 7 a.m. class.

Also a volunteer at the radio station KFSO, Williams hopes to connect FCC so that music can be heard on campus throughout the day. She is also working on the cafeteria’s food selection. “We’re trying to work on more of a variety,” Williams said.

Even though she’s never been involved in student government before, Williams thinks she’s a good student representative simply because she is one.

During an open forum at the April 23 Ram-doggie Roundup in the Free Speech Area, a determined Kutnerian closed his speech with a promising tone. “I look forward to serving you next year,” Kutnerian said.

The former ASG senator and current student trustee hopes to connect with students

to help fulfill their demands.

“I’m representing students at both the campus and state level,” Kutnerian said. “On the state level, I’m prepared...to go to Sacramento and speak to legislators about the issues that are concerning students because the budget situation isn’t going to be over after this year. The problem is going to last for a few years.”

The 19-year-old plans on creating “traditions” as ASG president that will continue for years to come. “I’d like to do open forums every semester where students can meet and express their views and concerns. That way, student government can more effectively take action and address those concerns,” Kutnerian said.

“Hopefully, after next year, that might be a tradition,” he added. “I want to keep it going after I’m gone.”

Some prospective ASG representatives are in the election without any opponents.

Running alone for Kutnerian’s current position as student trustee is Ernest “Doug” Crutchfield. He has garnered experience as ASG parliamentarian. The lone candidate for legislative vice president is Keyan Laghaifar. Currently, Laghaifar is an ASG senator.

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over long periods of time that are self-help guides to learning strategies [and] note taking,” Spolsdoff said.

Tutorial Center staff members recognized that finals can cause stress to any student, and this can affect how well they do on a test. In planning a course schedule, Spolsdoff suggested, students should balance their rigorous academic courses with creative or fun outlets.

“When I advise honor students about their program I say, ‘Build in a stress-buster class. If you like music, take music, or maybe get a [physical education] class and do something physical and creative,’” said Spolsdoff who also added, “It will relieve the physical pain and stress that you feel in your body.”

When it comes to the right material to study for each final, students may feel overwhelmed with the amount of information that has to be memorized and may doubt what should be looked at and what can be looked over.

“I stress about what I studied and what is going to be on the test,

if I studied the right material,” Outhavong said.

Spolsdoff said portioning out study time and study breaks as rewards not only can relieve stress, but it can also help the mind digest and access information.

“Students should pace themselves and build in their own rewards with a favorite snack and a favorite TV show,” Spolsdoff said.

Spolsdoff related a particular story where one student took her studying too far without allowing herself breaks.

“I had a student who didn’t eat for two days during her finals. When she came to hand her finals in, she fainted on the way to my desk. She burned off all her blood sugar. She was exhausted,” Spolsdoff said.

Even though the Tutorial Center offers help for last-minute procrastinators, Spolsdoff said the most efficient route for exams is early planning. “If you don’t do something about it now, you’re going to suffer the consequences of a bad grade,” Spolsdoff said.



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the district took action before the July evaluation meeting.

As chancellor, Redwine pushed for passage of Measure E, a \$161 million district bond that voters approved in November. She said in an interview with The Rampage last year that a bond was needed to meet rising enrollment. “You don’t have to look very far to find campuses that are already impacted,” she said.

During that interview, Redwine cited classified staff development as the most satisfying development of her first three years as chancellor. However, she said, “The lack of funding has consequences on

There are three candidates running for the senate: Tyler Baucher, Patrick Osborne, and Sarim Than.

“Student government would be a lot [stronger] if more people were involved,” said Osborne, a second-year business administration major. Being a part of the ASG, Osborne says students get involved in the community. “It creates more opportunities than the school provides,” he said. “It creates chances.”

The three senate hopefuls are the only candidates on the ballot for 16 open ASG positions.

“I know word does get out...if you want to represent the student body...you can become an officer, senator, whatever it may be,” Wong said. “There are a lot of avenues, but a lot of students don’t take...that initiative to go out and find out more.”

Sumaya-Martinez insists voting is fast and simple to do. The voting booths are located near the fountain in the Campus Mall. Any form of identification is required to get a ballot.

“You could be here with one unit and still vote as long as you’re registered here on this campus,” she said. “They look up your name,

they give you a ballot, you take it into the booth [then] you bubble in which person you want for what position.”

Sumaya-Martinez recalled her motives for last year’s election: “I wanted to be a voice for the students — the voice, the eyes, the ears. I wanted to be there for the students.”

In her year as ASG president, Sumaya-Martinez was an active Measure E advocate by making phone calls to remind voters of what the State Center Community College District bond measure would do for the students.

She also spoke on behalf of students at board meetings. “The board was deciding whether they were going to be for it or against it and I spoke up on behalf of just the students,” she said.

As president, Sumaya-Martinez attends three to five weekly meetings. She maintains the ASG office, where she is required to work three hours a week. With a full academic schedule, Sumaya-Martinez still manages her regular life.

“I am a mother, I have a job, full-time student, and a wife,” she said of her presidential position. “It’s a big obligation...I think it’s time for someone else to pick up the ball and

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# Ignorance hurts all of us Muslims

Muslim women in America are facing many prejudices post 9/11. Muslim women have been the target of many hate crimes across the world and especially in the United States, and it doesn't matter if you are American born or not. After 9/11, many Muslim women were the subjects of world-wide hate crimes. People are attributing many stereotypes to Muslim women as a direct result of ignorance.



Pippa Watson  
Rampage reporter  
**Opinion**

The degradation of Muslim women in America is at its all-time high and many women in America are being affected by this mass hysteria. For example many Sikh women have been attacked because the attackers thought that they were Muslim women, because their traditional religious dresses are similar. Because of these attacks of Muslim women, many Muslim and Sikh women have abandoned their cultural attire because they fear the retribution they might receive because of it.

Many Muslims came to America because they were not allowed to have their freedom of religion in their own countries, or because this is "the land of opportunity."

Muslim women have the most freedom in America to dress however they prefer, as opposed to countries like France, where Muslim women are arrested for wearing their headscarves to school.

This Islam phobia has not ceased to escape the college campuses. One semester here on

not sure how the issue would be handled. I had previously heard of how strongly many people disliked Muslims, but I never experienced it firsthand until that moment.

There was also a portrait in the Art Gallery that depicted a Muslim woman in a full hijab with her face covered and her

also students attending FCC went in the Art Gallery and viewed the portrait, they were immediately offended. When a couple of the students went to speak with the person in charge of the art work that wa put in the gallery, and asked that it was removed, because it was offensive, our request was denied. Now the portrait is on display in the business building.

In many Women's Studies classes the instructors express their views on women in the work force, and how they are always subject to being stopped at the glass ceiling. Many Muslim women do not get that chance, because a lot more employers are refusing them the chance of working for them because of the "terrorist hysteria" that is directly affecting Muslim women more so than non-Muslim women.

There are many Muslims who are citizens of this country; they deserve their right to freedom. A large majority of students in the colleges and universities across this country are Muslims; some are even foreign exchange students.

There are at least 100 Muslim students on the Fresno City College campus. If you



Fresno City Campus my friend and I were sitting on the West Lawn post 9/11 when we were addressed by some passers by in a car as "rag heads." We were highly offended because neither my friend nor me were ever addressed in such a manner. We never notified any of the school officials because we were

eyes downcast. The caption read suppression, at the top, and there was an image of a naked woman. A group of Muslim women who were

## Cinco: A victory worth celebrating

According to the World Book Encyclopedia, *Cinco de Mayo* is the day in which Mexican's commemorate the victory of Mexico over a French army. The Battle of Puebla occurred on May 5, 1862. Several Mexican towns hold small celebrations that include parades, town meetings, or speeches.



Cynthia Martinez  
Rampage reporter  
**Opinion**

In the United States however, it's celebrated with folk dancing, mariachis, carnivals, speeches, parades and more Mexican music.

I understand why this day is so

meaningful to many Mexicans.

I think it's great that Mexicans celebrate it. I can picture what a grand day *Cinco de Mayo* must be in Mexico, all the cheerful celebrations that will be going on.

From some of the reading I've done on this day, I can conclude that this was a difficult battle, and is well worth celebrating such triumph. I had never understood the meaning of this day, but now I know.

My opinion is that I think it's great. I think that any event that has been overcome should have recognition. The only negative thing I'd have to say about this is that we must not forget all the innocent lives that had to be lost in order to reach this victory.

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# Showcase at FCC



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*High school students were given a chance to showcase their academic ability at Fresno City College’s 15th annual open house. The Career Skills Olympics consisted of 34 competitions for prospective students. Desktop publishing, cabinetmaking, photography, and carpentry represented only a few events from the Applied Technology division.*



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*Right: Two people take a look at the many ceramic pieces, made by FCC students for sale. All proceeds went to the art department.*



Photo by Pippa Watson



Photo by Keith Kountz

*The Fresno Police Department displays their “heavy equipment” used by the city’s SWAT team at Showcase 2003 on the FCC campus.*



# A student art exhibit no one can

By Luis Quezada  
Entertainment editor

After the Terrashire 25th Anniversary Show, the Fresno City College Art Space Gallery presents its most recent project, a student art exhibit titled “Ain’t No Stoppin’ Us Now.”

The exhibit consists of student art pieces made in their classes ranging from ceramics, crafts, drawing, graphic design, metalsmithing, painting, photography, printmaking and sculpture.

Some of the pieces on display are oil paintings titled “A Plea” by Emily Redondo, “Fire Eater” by Simon Kangiser and “Organic Movement,” by Katherine Rogers. These three particular pieces have vivid colors that bring out the illustration creating a unique art of paint.

“Eyes On An Angel,” a photograph by Wendy Alexander, and an illustration by Anna Bennett are other pieces being presented in the exhibit.

Students who participated in the exhibit won various prizes. The exhibit opened on Art Hop Thursday, April 3, and will continue until May 16. The gallery will also be opened on Art Hop Thursday on May 1. Entrance to the gallery is free and it is located in betwen the Art Humanities and Home Economics Building. For more information contact Berinda Webb-Binder, who is the curator at 442-4600, ext. 8909.



Joy Catanan admires pieces from the annual Student Art Exhibit at the Art Space Gallery. The exhibit, which runs until May 16, showcases work from artists such as Wendy Alexander’s “Eyes On An Angel,” and “Untitled,” by Anna Bennett. Photo by Josh Hires

## Author makes aunt’s project a true reality

By Luis Quezada  
Entertainment editor

An author decided she was going to make her aunt’s project into a reality. Jane Theresa Edwards decided to make Louella Daigle’s (her aunt) journals into a book titled “Lady With A Secret: Based on the Life Experiences of Louella Daigle.”

In 1982 Daigle asked Edwards to go through a pile of papers for editing. It wasn’t until 20 years later that they met again and the pile of papers became a book. The secrets in the book reveal Daigle’s experiences in life: when she was beat to death by her sadistic first husband; when Daigle felt alone and miserable and when there was no one there for comfort.

“The project was a joy to write, especially when I saw the glimmer in my aunt’s eyes while she talked about her experiences,” Edwards says in her press release.

Edwards faced many challenges while writing the book. She had to write it on breaks and lunch hours, being in her car and in libraries near her job. Edwards worked full time, took care of two children and was in a bad relationship with her ex-husband during this period.

Edwards was born in Louisiana and raised in E. Palo Alto, Calif. She currently resides in the Central Valley and is the mother of two children. Edwards is also a web developer, consultant and received a bachelor of arts degree from San Jose State



Jane Theresa Edwards

Jane T. Edwards

Book: “Lady with A Secret, Based on the Life Experiences of Louella Daigle.”

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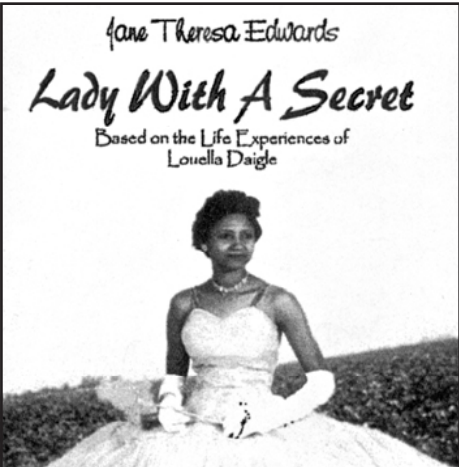
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University.

In February Edwards was at Fresno City College as a guest speaker for African American History Month. She spoke about her experience with the book.

Edwards has written more books since the release of “Lady With A Secret,” in July 2002. One is a book on family recipes. For more information on the author and her current projects log onto <http://www.lady-withasecret.com> or send an email to [info@ladywithasecret.com](mailto:info@ladywithasecret.com)



## Linkin Park’s second album shows growth

Linkin Park is back with their album “Metedora.” After the band’s breakthrough record “Hybrid Theory,” now comes another dish of Linkin Park’s rock/rap style.

Based out of Los Angeles, Linkin Park consists of band members Chester Bennington (vocals), Mike Shinoda (vocals), Brad Delson (guitar), Rob Bourdon (drums) and Joe Hahn (turntables).

“Metedora” starts off with the track “Don’t Stay” that draws the listener into the album with Delson’s opening guitar riff.

Bennington’s vocals in this song makes it one of the most powerful tracks on the record, building up a climax filled with angst after each line of the verses.

The album’s first single, “Somewhere I Belong,” despite being a great song, doesn’t fit. The song sounds like it belongs on “Hybrid Theory.” It doesn’t go with any of the other tracks even with it being blended into the songs it is between.

“Metedora” is more rap-based than Linkin Park’s first effort, making Hahn’s scratching more evident in such tracks as “Somewhere I Belong.”

Shinoda’s flowing rap vocals shine in “Hit the Floor,” “Figure .09” and “Faint.”

Bourdon’s drumming enhances the songs with his beats, adding an extra edge that isn’t needed but is superb.

Probably the best song on the album is “Nobody’s Listening.” The track is a perfect mix Shinoda’s rapping, Bourdon’s drumming, and Hahn’s scratching and flute, showing the band’s experimental side.

Bennington and Shinoda’s vocals are grasping, being filled with torment and sorrow. Both front men are able to evoke the



Josh Butters  
Sports editor  
Music Review

Artist: Linkin Park  
Album: “Metedora”  
Website: [www.linkinpark.com](http://www.linkinpark.com)  
Rating: ★★☆☆ 1/2

listening to the album an experience that is worthwhile.

Linkin Park is reaching a higher place in popularity every time they produce a new album. Their music videos are popular on music video channels and their music is widely requested on radio stations.

“Hybrid Theory” is a better record than “Metedora” but it doesn’t mean that it is a step backward for the band. They are able to beat the sophomore jinx by expanding their sound but keeping close to their original style at the same time.

Only more great success is in for the future of Linkin Park. “Metedora,” will indeed take their career to another level.

Linkin Park shows they have the necessary tools to expand and grow with each album. If the band continues to evolve, it will be hard to fathom what is possible from their sound on future records.



# Strange Campus

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# Eagles Cafe is higher than the rest

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Vetta Evans  
Rampage  
Opinion

starts at about \$4.99 and dinner plates are about \$6.99. Now, if you want to get full and feel sleepy then the buffet is only \$8.99 for all-you-can-eat dinner. Lunch is only \$5.99. Those are some cheap prices, huh? You can find the café by the FAX bus terminal on the other side of the old 76 gas station.

The fried rice is great because it has chunks of meat and all the great veggies. It's not dry like most Chinese food places. On the other hand, the noodles are dry and thick and that makes it nasty, but if it were to have been sweet with some type of moisture the

noodles would pass the test. All of the foods are great: the beef broccoli, egg rolls, fried chicken and plenty more. So, if your pockets and funds are low and you want to grab some food, grab a \$10 bill and head their way.

A lot of people don't really know about this restaurant because it's in a spot where a lot of people wouldn't normally go. This café is located in west side of Fresno.

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# Sorry Rams fans, better luck next year



Josh Butters  
Sports editor  
**Opinion**

Fresno City College will have to wait until at least the fall semester for some sport to win a state championship.

Yes, baseball, softball, tennis and the track and field seasons are still going but let's face it, they won't win squat.

Despite being ranked No. 1 in NorCal the FCC baseball team will be lucky if they even make it to the state championships held at its own Eulless Park.

They have lost 5 of the last 7, winning only against the Central Valley Conference's cellar teams. Nothing to brag about there.

With no depth in the bullpen, Ace pitchers Danny de la O and Opie Labreck won't be able to carry the team.

How long the Rams stay alive depends on what kind of draw they get for the regionals.

Don't put your hopes on the softball team either. The Rams barely made the playoffs, receiving one of the NorCal's four

at-large bids for coming in third in the CVC.

FCC has to pull a rabbit out of its hat to even make it to the state championships.

In a sport where runs ate scarce, so will be the Rams presence in their regional playoff at San Mateo.

The track and field teams had a lack-luster year, both men's and women's teams came in third in the CVC.

There are too many hurdles for them to jump over.

Then there's women's badminton. It's less of a sport than golf. That has Title IX compliance written all over it.

No way a school would have that sport unless otherwise.

The tennis teams are the biggest contenders.

The men's team is ranked in the top three in the state but gets smacked around by teams ranked one spot below them. The Rams are good, just not good enough.

Some the teams might be able to get to a championship game but with all the fall sports and men's basketball team falling short, there's too much bad karma going around.

If FCC gets to a title game, best odds are on the other guys.

Oh well, there's always next year.

# FCC Softball makes postseason Baseball Rams win 30th of season



Photo by Keith Kountz

*FCC's Rochelle DeAmaral pitches in the Rams 4-1 victory over Merced College April 24. DeAmaral was named a first team All-CVC pitcher.*

By Josh Butters  
Sports editor

The Fresno City College softball team earned a trip to San Mateo after earning an at-large bid for the Northern California playoffs.

FCC (25-16), earned a No. 10 seed after coming in third in Central Valley Conference play.

The Rams will take on No. 7 College of the Siskiyous (28-9) May 3 at 2:00 p.m. in the double elimination tournament.

FCC's bracket also consists of No. 2 San Mateo (36-6-1) and No. 15 Butte (23-18).

FCC finished the regular season against Merced College April 24, winning 4-1.

The Rams went up 2-0 in the bottom of the first then 3-1 in the bottom of the second.

FCC pitcher Rochelle DeAmaral

had a complete game, striking out three batters and giving up eight hits.

DeAmaral also went 1 for 3 with a run-scoring triple.

The winner of FCC's regional will advance to the state championships held at Riverside Community College May 9-11.

**Rams win honors**

FCC softball players were able to earn multiple CVC honors.

Earning first team honors are DeAmaral (pitchers), Jackie Martin (Infield), Rae Bustos (Outfield) and Katrina Jacques (Utility).

Porterville's Leena Worrell won player of the year, College of the Sequoias Cori Janelli and Michelle Bolt won pitcher and coach of the year respectively.

**Baseball**

By defeating Taft 12-0 April 26, the Fresno City College baseball

team won its 30th of the season, improving to 30-10 on the year.

FCC's Roman Castanon went 4 for 5 with 2 RBI and three runs scored.

Rams pitcher Danny de la O (7-2) went three innings, allowing 3 hits and striking out 4.

The Rams, ranked No. 1 in Northern California, finish the regular season May 1 at Modesto.

FCC played a double header against Merced April 29 including a rain delayed game which was past the Rampage's production date.

Playoffs will begin May 9-11 with regional play. Teams advancing will participate in Super Regionals and then the state championships May 24-26 at Eulless Park.

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