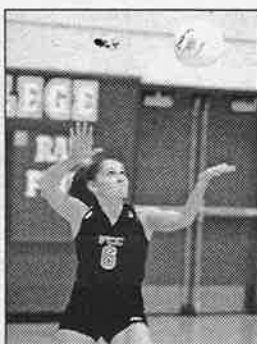


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Kaira  
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## Fresno City College remembers Sept. 11

*Students and faculty observe the third anniversary of terrorist attacks on World Trade Center, Pennsylvania and Pentagon.*

**By Jorge Mendoza**  
Rampage Reporter

On Sept. 11, many memorial services were held across the country in remembrance of the thousands of lives lost during the 9/11 terrorist attacks in New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania.

Fresno City College held its own memorial on Sept. 10. The ceremony started with Police Academy

cadet Michael Guillen and Fire Academy cadet Trent Marks carrying a wreath that paid tribute to the victims of 9/11.

Behind them marched various members of the Associated Student Government, including President Daniel Lorente and Executive Vice-President Valerie Westen.

They all marched to the rhythm of a single snare drum, from the west lawn fountain, to the free-

speech area. One by one, students joined in on the march, each one realizing what it was, and what it signified.

"I just wanted to show my respect and best wishes to the victims of 9/11," said Dave Trujillo, 19. "A lot of people lost their lives that day. The least we can do is show them that we will never forget."

When the march concluded at  
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Photo by Daisy Rosas  
Fire Academy cadet, Trent Marks, left, and Police Academy cadet Michael Guillen, carry a wreath in the 9/11 ceremonies Sept. 10.

## CSUs require more units to transfer

*Students face new regulations*

**By Ali Sadoian**

Rampage Reporter

New requirements are now in effect for students planning on transferring to a California State University from any state community college.

Students can apply for the Fall 2005 semester from Oct. 1 to Nov. 30. For the first time in CSU history, applications can only be processed electronically. Students applying for the next term should have their applications completed and sent to [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu) by Sept. 30.

Because the number of full time students enrolled at CSU campuses increased considerably this fall, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has allotted more money to the state universities, which allows Fresno State to admit more students for spring 2005. CSU Fresno will be accepting 500 transfers and first time freshman for the upcoming spring 2005 semester.

Currently, to qualify for transfer, applicants must have 56 CSU-transferable units, including 30 units of general education fulfilled with a grade of "C" or better. Beginning in fall 2005, CSU schools are now calling for a four-unit increase to 60 transferable units CSU admissions recommends that students also complete Area A, which includes English, composition, speech, and critical thinking, and Area B4, quantitative reasoning, with a "C" or better, totaling a cumulative 2.0

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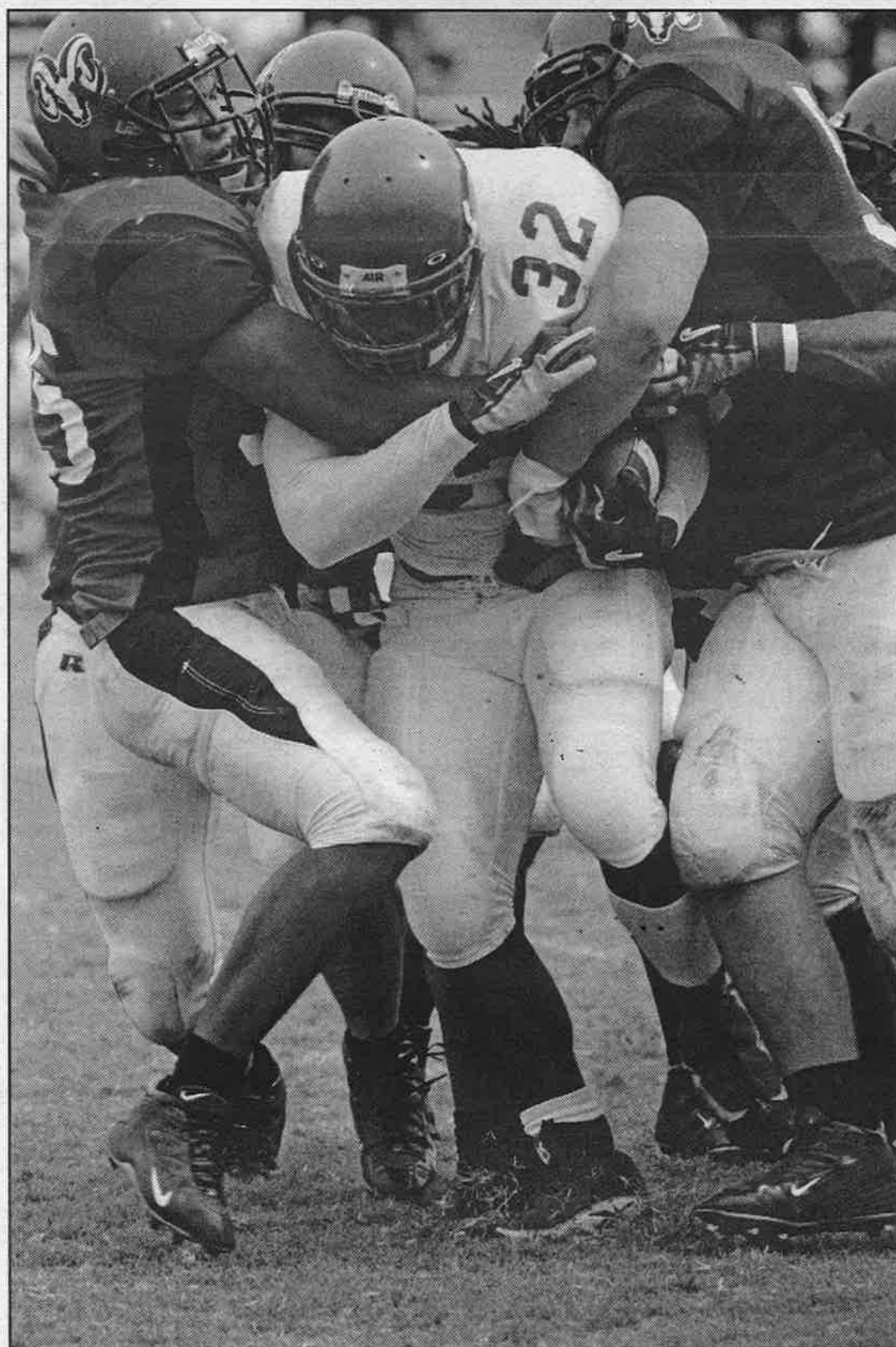


Photo by Bryan Bonnor  
City College of San Francisco's Angelo Jeffrey (32) is brought down by Fresno City College defenders Selevasio Fauolo, left, and Levi Ehnisz, right. CCSF defeated FCC's 26-16 on Sept. 18 in a battle of two of the state's top community college football teams. See story page 4.

## FCC bids farewell to Deondrae Mullin

**By Kirk Givan**

Rampage Reporter

Fresno City College has lost an inspired and devoted student. Except for his tragic death Sept. 2, little is known about Deondrae Mullin on campus.

African American Culture professor Kehinde Solwazi knew him as a student who eagerly sought education wanting to transform into a professional.

Born May 5, 1986, Deondrae was the oldest of five children. A recent graduate of Edison High School he had great aspirations. He was raised in the church and was an active member of Trinity Church of God in Christ.

Deondrae participated in the youth Purity Class. He was the Youth President of the church's youth department, according to Samuel Watkin, Deondrae's pastor. Many of the young people within the church community looked up to him.

He felt the need to give back to his community. For this reason he provided guidance for youth and planned activities for them.

Watkin, who taught Deondrae how to fish, describes him as a very intelligent young man with a great desire to start his own business.

Deondrae was devoted and concerned for the spiritual well being of those around him. Watkin said.

Fresno City College has lost a student but his legacy is an inspiring example of how to live life.



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# Letter to the Editor

## ASG: Working with district with students' interests in mind

I submit this letter to the editor regarding incorrect facts recently published in the Sept. 8 edition of the Rampage entitled, "FCC as a non-smoking campus; ASG wants student input" (page 5).

It is a priority of my administration to ensure that the student population is fairly represented, and the student voice respected.

In doing so, the issues surrounding the district-wide smoking policy are detailed and complex, requiring concentrated and highly structured information compilation of student views regarding the issue.

Formulating a district wide smoking policy that is fair and rep-

resentative of not only the student population, but all constituency groups district wide, is an enormous task requiring input from far more than Fresno City College's student population.

When the agenda topic regarding a district wide smoking policy was discussed on Aug. 24 during ASG's weekly senate session, only generalities, and a broad-spectrum of ideas regarding gathering student opinions were discussed as possible avenues of pursuit.

ASG is working closely with officials from the district office and administration to ensure that student opinions are gathered, are an

accurate representation of the student variable in the formulation of a district wide smoking policy.

ASG fully intends on gathering opinions and positions of concerned students, reiterated again, a top priority of my administration.

At the point in time when a concrete structured game-plan for gathering information has been established, ASG will utilize all of its avenues of publicity to inform students of the options available to them to take an active role in the crafting of this district wide policy.

Associated Student Government  
President Daniel Lorente

## Tutors provide help for the hopeless

By Joanne Lui

Rampage Reporter

If your English paper is making you scream, or your math problems are getting so jumbled up that you can't even remember what X and Y mean, perhaps you should look towards the Fresno City College Tutorial Center for rescue.

The tutorial center, located in the Media Center building next to the library, has tutors available free of charge for virtually every class that FCC has to offer.

From Art History to Statistics, all you have to do is obtain a teacher recommendation form from the front desk and return the signed form, and tutorial center staff will help you schedule a time and place to meet with a tutor.

In addition to the main tutorial center, there are satellite centers located in the computer lab adjacent to the library, and also in the Biology and Math departments.

"We offer tutors for anything," said adjunct coordinator Nanci Squier, who has been working with the program for fifteen years.



Jon McFarland, left, and Isaac Riley study algebra together. Both regularly attend the Tutorial Center for assistance with their studies.

According to Tutorial Supervisor Linda Bonaldi, who has been at the tutorial center for 18 years, a significant increase is expected in the number of students requesting tutors because of new transfer requirements implemented by the California State University system.

All FCC students are eligible to apply to work as tutorial center tu-

tors, who are paid minimum wage and must concurrently take a one-unit training program in their first semester working. Tutors need to have completed courses they specialize in with 'A' or 'B' grades and recommendations from teachers.

"[The tutors] have a wish to help their fellow students," said tutorial center coordinator Grace Gartman.

## Transfer: CSUF now accepting more students than ever before despite budget cuts

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grade point average for California residents and 2.4 for non-residents.

Fresno City College Counselor Mike Pavich advises that students planning on making the transition should be sure all of their units are in fact transferable.

"Don't listen to what your friends are saying [about your classes]," said Pavich. "Refer to the major general education requirements sheet as well as the Fresno City College 2004-2006 Catalog to make sure all your classes will transfer."

Transfer Center Coordinator, Jill Harmon, highly recommends that all transfer students visit [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org), a web-site

designed for calculating FCC transfer courses to find how they correspond to UC and CSU general education courses.

"Assist.org allows the transition to go very smoothly when transferring to another university," said Harmon.

Until recently, Fresno State was only accepting students for the spring '05 semester that have completed Area A and Area B4 in previous semesters.

A new decision was made to allow students who are currently enrolled in the classes needed for admittance to apply, though the application can't be filed until a proof of transcript can be viewed.

"Fresno State can't accept you until you have finished the re-

quirements, although, you can file your application," Rick Chacon, CSUF Outreach Counselor.

"[This process] only delays notice [of acceptance] and registration."

Deborah Ikeda, Interim Dean at Fresno City College, said she encourages students to apply, even if they don't meet all of the standards.

"Chances are, the people over at Fresno State will work with you," said Ikeda.

Students may also check their status of eligibility by setting up an appointment with Lynn Jaschke, an Outreach Counselor from CSU Fresno, who is on the Fresno City campus every Tuesday in the Transfer Center, located in the Counseling and Guidance building.

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9/24 Extreme Dodgeball 10a.m.-2p.m. Free Speech Area	Mike Barnett: singer/songwriter 11:30 a.m. Main Fountain
9/28-10/21 Art Exhibit: Fab Four Art Space Gallery	Blood Drive 9am.-3p.m. College Center
9/30 Presidential Debate check local television listing	10/7-10/9 Play: Lend Me a Tenor 7:30p.m. Theare



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## 'Uno, dos, tres!'

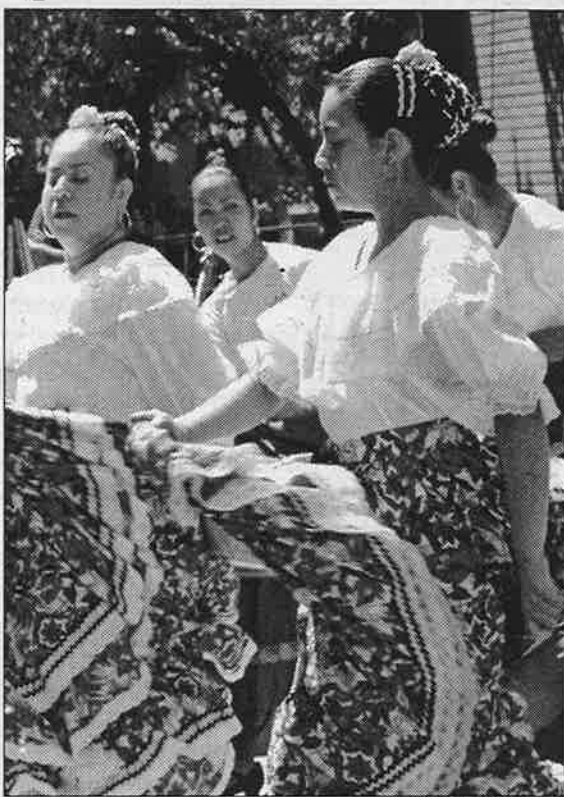


Photo by Vivienne Henry

Susana Willis, left, and Sara Vargas, right, dance with the Fresno City College Grupo Folklórico during the Mexican Independence Day celebration Sept. 16.

## Lighten your light bill

Students offered break on utility bill

By Eliot Torres

Rampage Reporter

Pacific Gas and Electric Company has enacted a new program to help college students save money on their utility bills.

The California Alternate Rates for Energy, CARE, offers a variety of people a chance to lower their monthly energy bill by 20%, and also includes an exception from recent surcharge rates.

The CARE program was enacted in 1992. Since then, they have saved consumer's over \$1 billion, according to Liz Gomez, of the PG&E News Department.

"We want to start targeting college students for the CARE program," Gomez said, "We know money can be an issue for them, and even if they don't save a signifi-

cantly large amount, an extra \$20 can still be used for other purposes." She encourages all students that can to take advantage of the program.

All a student must do to sign up is add up the average monthly income of the household and refer to the chart.

As long as the total is less than the one listed per person's living there, and no one is listed as a dependant on any one else's tax return, with the exemption of spouses, you are eligible.

The CARE program is state-mandated, and can be used for up to two years. All surcharges imposed by the California Public Utilities Commission are waved under the program.

To receive an application, call 1-866-PGE-CARE or visit [www.pge.com/care](http://www.pge.com/care).

## 9/11: 'After the attacks, I made sure to really focus on what was important in my life'

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the free speech area, it was met by the Police Academy Class of 99. After the wreath was placed at the front of the Court of Honor, four minutes of silence were observed.

After the ceremony, talk of those who marched turned to the tragedy, and the threat of terrorism.

"After three years, no one has forgotten about this," said Adolfo Arenas, 35.

Arenas, a member of the Police Academy, said that the events of 9/11 will be with him all his life.

"Everyone in the Valley, and across the country, were deeply ef-

fected by this tragedy. We need to understand that the threat of terrorism is real, even in a place like Fresno."

While the threat of terrorism hangs over us like a dark cloud, some believe that the events of 9/11 made all Americans come closer together.

"After the attacks, I made sure to really focus on what was important in my life," said Trujillo.

"I try not to sweat the small stuff anymore because, you don't really know what's going to happen tomorrow. If everyone could just relax, things might be a bit different in this world."



Photo by Bryan Borror

ASG President Daniel Lorente reflects upon the events of Sept. 11.

## Buying books online saves time

Students may soon be able to buy school supplies on internet

By Will Tranquilli

Rampage Reporter

The line at the campus bookstore was still all the way out to the walkway well into the second week of classes. The problem is not new, but there are changes in the wind, said Donna Rivera, Bookstore manager. "There is a new online textbook shopping service planned."

A trip to the textbook line illustrated the need for change. Karen Fleeting, a skilled seasonal textbook worker, was controlling the flow at the door to minimize the chaos inside the store.

"Every semester it's the same story, a long wait in line at the

bookstore," she said.

Students, staff workers, and even some parents were in line quietly socializing in person or on their cell phones.

Why didn't they have their textbooks yet? They gave many reasons.

"I just added (or dropped) a class," was the most common answer.

Lack of time and not knowing what books were required were common excuses.

A young, freshman woman just didn't know where to go.

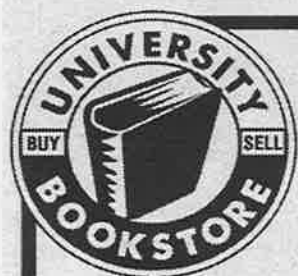
A tall, bewildered man in tennis shorts said, "Is this the bookstore line? I thought it was

for the snackbar."

"As soon as I can get the details worked out, we'll set up a website, definitely by the spring semester," Rivera said. Students would visit the campus bookstore website, see what books their classes require, buy them on line and have them shipped home.

Or, they could pick them up at the bookstore when they got to campus, all boxed and ready to go, said Rivera. Electronic shopping will reduce the amount of time students spend in the store and the line should go faster if not disappear altogether, she said.

They will have the choice between in line and online.



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# SPORTS

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## Game of the Week

FCC  
Rams



VS.

Merced  
Blue  
Devils



**Sport:** Women's Water Polo  
**When:** Sept. 29  
**Where:** FCC pool  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Notes:** Merced went 25-3 in 2003, and is ranked No. 7 in California. This is FCC's 2nd season with a water polo program

## Men's soccer off to unusually slow start

By Quinn Robinson  
Rampage Reporter

The Fresno City College Men's soccer team looks to make a run for a sixth straight league title as they kick off their Central Valley Conference play on Sept. 21.

Under head coach Eric Solberg, the Rams have made five straight trips to the NorCal finals along with three state championship appearances. Each one of his teams have finished the season ranked nationally by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

With an overall record of 2-3 this season, the Rams find themselves in the midst of a minor setback as they try to reestablish themselves as the dominant team in the CVC.

"Every team we've played so far was in



Miguel Juarez pushes past a Cosumnes River player during FCC's 1-0 victory Sept. 10.

Photo by Daisy Rosas

utes of each game which caused us to play a man down for the remaining seventy-five minutes of each game," said Solberg.

The slow start might also be contributed to injuries.

True freshman Nick Casagrande is recovering from a torn thigh muscle.

Also injured are freshman goalkeeper Tadd Patrick and forward Santiago Elmiassian, both of whom have separated shoulders.

Returning to the 2004 squad is sophomore forward Raul Rivera. Coming off an All-American season his freshman year, Rivera said he's looking to do the same things this season as he did last.

"Right now I'm just looking to help

my team win some games and score some goals when I have the opportunity and hopefully have a good season or better than last year," said Rivera.

the playoffs last year.

What's killed us in the two of the three losses is when we drew a red card in the first fifteen min-

## Dates & Info

### FOOTBALL

•Sept. 25, 1 p.m. vs. Shasta  
•Oct. 2, 7 p.m. @ Modesto

### CVC FOOTBALL STANDINGS

NAME	W-L	PF	PA
COS	2-1	104	72
FCC	2-1	76	46
Delta	2-1	118	95
Reedley	1-2	81	47
West Hills	1-2	63	115
Merced	1-2	37	110

### VOLLEYBALL

•Sept. 22, 7 p.m. @ Modesto  
•Sept. 29, 7 p.m. vs. Reedley  
•Oct. 1, 7 p.m. @ West Hills

### MEN'S SOCCER

•Sept. 28, 3:30 p.m. @ Taft  
•Oct. 2, 4 p.m. vs. College of the Canyons  
•Oct. 5, 3:30 p.m. vs. Modesto

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

•Sept. 24, 2 p.m. @ Mt. San Antonio  
•Oct. 5, TBA @ COS

### WRESTLING

•Sept. 25, 9 a.m. Sacramento City College Tournament  
•Sept. 29, 7 p.m. Moorpark Dual  
•Oct. 2, 9 a.m. Golden West Tournament

### WOMEN'S WATER POLO

•Sept. 25, TBA American River Mini Tourney  
•Sept. 29, 6 p.m. vs. Merced  
•Oct. 6, 6 p.m. vs. Modesto

### CROSS-COUNTRY

•Sept. 24, 3 p.m. Toro Park Invitational (Stockton)  
•Sept. 30, 3:30 p.m. Lou Vasquez Invitational (San Francisco)

### WOMEN'S GOLF

•Sept. 25, 12 p.m. Lemoore Tournament  
•Oct. 5, 12 p.m. Modesto Tournament

## Rams fight to the end

*FCC's defense holds San Francisco's high-flying offense to 26 points, but passing game falls short.*

By David Witte  
Rampage Reporter

In a rematch of the 2000 and 2001 NorCal championship games, perennial football power City College of San Francisco defeated Fresno City College 26-16. CCSF has won five of seven meetings in the duo's history.

"Our boys played really hard, they played with great effort, great intensity, but they didn't play very good," FCC coach Tony Caviglia said. "We've got to draw a lot from this game, and get better."

The explosive CCSF offense racked up more than 400 yards, but FCC's defense stiffened up in the red zone, allowing two touchdowns and forcing four field goals.

Fresno has already established itself as a second-half team, and failed to score during the first half.

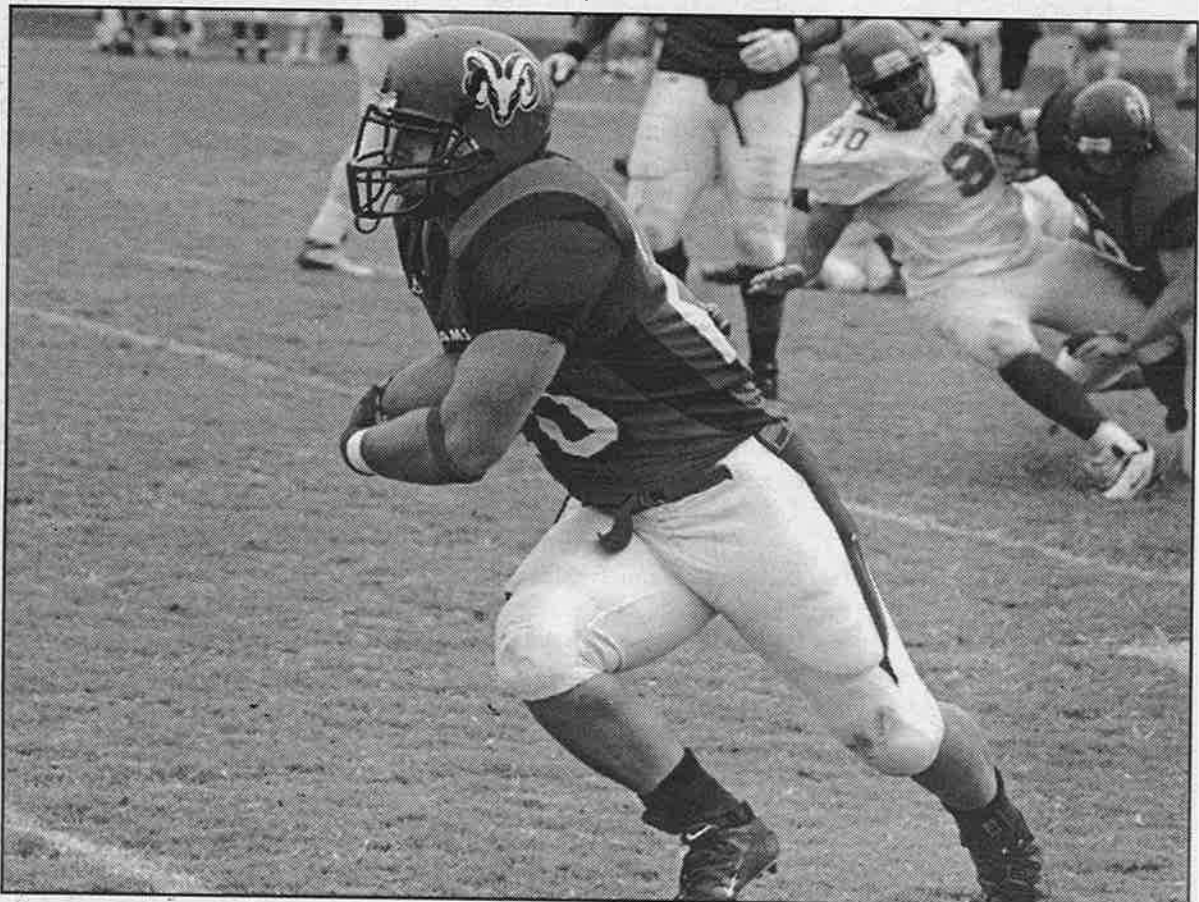
Jeff Schott, starting quarterback for FCC while Corey Brown recovers from an injured hand, struggled to find his accuracy, while his receivers struggled to make catches. Schott finished the day with 9 completions on 22 attempts, with one touchdown and one interception.

"I had a lot of concern, I thought Fresno City was an excellent team," San Francisco coach George Rush said. "Obviously they were a little generous to us today with some of those turnovers."

Fresno gave the ball away five times: four on fumbles and one on an interception.

Nate Wright had a good day, running for 112 yards on 21 carries. Jose Rojas scored FCC's only offensive touchdown with a 25-yard reception.

After going down 13-0 in the first half, FCC made a grab for the game's momentum when Andre Jones intercepted a pass at midfield and ran it 38 yards to San Francisco's 7-yard line. CCSF's defense then stood on the goal line, forcing a Kevin Trippel kick for Fresno's first points of the game.



FCC's Jose Rojas turns upfield after receiving a pass from Jeff Schott. Rojas scored a touchdown on the play.

Photo by Bryan Bortor

FCC tried another jumpstart, scoring two touchdowns in the 4th quarter. San Francisco had the ball put on their own 5-yard line due to penalties on the kickoff after Jose Rojas' touchdown reception. Fresno's Dustin Llanes then jumped on a fumble in the end zone.

The two-point conversion after the fumble recovery failed, leaving Fresno ten points back with 7:50 left in the game.

"When they had that first-and-goal, and then they went for two, and we stopped that, those are huge plays," Rush said. "It changes the numbers of the game."

After Fresno's 37-7 slaughter of Chabot in Week 2, questions about tackling and quarterback accuracy disappeared. Now they're back.

Schott has thrown 40% in 3 games, but he is still learning the system.

The Rams still struggled to make the first tackle. On some plays, as many as seven FCC players combined to tackle San Francisco's Dallas Bernstine.

FCC had the same problem with backup Angelo Jeffrey.

"You just have to take care of the little things," Caviglia said. "That's why you lose games like this."

FCC's offensive line, with Palauni Ma Sun, Jr. back in, looked good individually, opening up lanes for Wright and Rojas. As a whole, though, they were confused.

"We mixed things up pretty well defensively," Rush said. "We got a lot of both running and passing losses behind the line of scrimmage."

This is Caviglia's ninth loss in six years as Fresno's head coach. He expects only the best from his team.

"I think our kids have a lot of pride," Caviglia said. "They're going to come to work on Monday, look deep down inside, and see what they can do to get better."

CCSF will not play in this year's postseason due to illegal recruiting practices.

# FCC volleyball 1-0 in CVC play

By Ryan McHenry

Rampage Reporter

Fresno City College women's volleyball defeated Taft College 31-33, 20-30, 34-32, 30-25, 15-13 Sept. 15 at FCC in a match that lived up to the hype.

Taft College hoped to duplicate the success they enjoyed last season by defeating FCC in the first round of the Northern California sectional playoffs, but sophomores Nikki Ciapponi, Nicole Hoffman, Alex Cogdil, Jennifer Perea, and Amrha Wimer sought retribution. Coach Sheri Hess took a little extra time in practice to work on the speed of the offense to match the hardnosed, athletic defense of Taft.

"We wanted to give Taft a lot of different looks offensively and run a faster offense," Hess said.

In game one Taft jumped all over the Rams outscoring them

12-4 to start the game. Hess called a timeout to settle down the team and get them relaxed. The Rams clawed their way back into the game after trailing most of the way and finally tied the game 28-28 on an outstanding kill by Wimer. But it wouldn't be enough as visiting Taft held on to win game one 33-31.

Taft went to work early once again in game two defeating the Rams quickly by a score of 30-20. Most of the damage was done by Taft's Pikako Nutter-Gaudet, a freshman outside hitter from Hawaii.

Game three became a showcase of desire to win as FCC with their backs against the wall fell behind early once again 4-1. On the verge of falling to Taft once again Hoffman, Ciapponi,

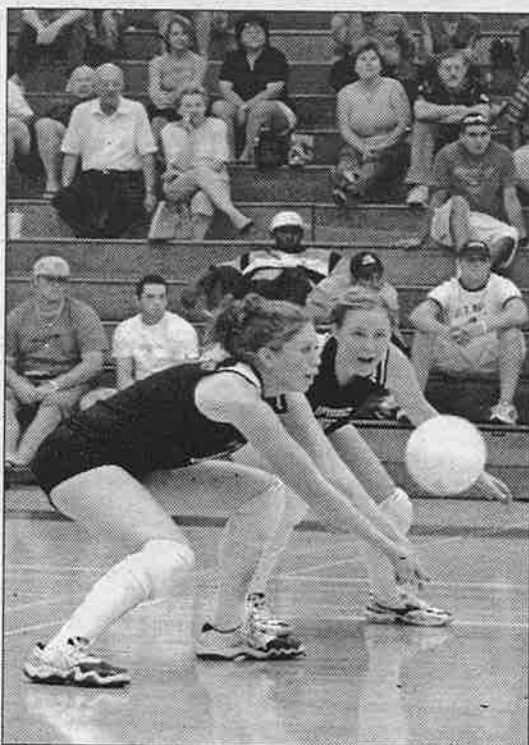


Photo by Bryan Borrer

Amrha Wimer (left) and Katie Bonesteel (right) dig the ball during FCC's win over Taft Sept. 15.

and Wimer raised their game to avoid losing in three straight games. The two teams turned the match into a nail-biting fiasco as the FCC fans watched 6 different lead changes during the course of the game. Then Ciapponi slammed the door shut with a thundering kill to win the game 34-32.

After winning game three FCC still had lots of work to do and the 6'0 (MB) Hoffman decimated the Taft high front-line. Hoffman led the team with 20 blocks and came up huge for the Rams in the fourth game. The other Ram players fed off Hoffman's intensity and vivacious play, helping the Rams swing momentum and cruise in game four to a 30-25 win.

Taft wasn't ready to give up yet as the game became

even more dramatic coming down to a winner-take-all game five. Taft jumped up top early outscoring the Rams 6-2 and forcing Hess into a FCC timeout. The Rams answered with a scoring run of their own tying the game 8-8 on a Ciapponi kill.

The lead changed hands several times down the final stretch of the match. When Taft's Nutter-Gaudet spiked the ball down Jackie Anaya came up with one of her 20 fantastic digs to save the match. Katie Franz then went to work for the Rams and scored two late kills to help the Rams close the deal in a gut-wrenching 15-13 win.

Hoffman had 20 blocks, 11 kills, and 18 digs. Anaya had 20 digs along with 4 aces. Wimer had 11 kills and 4 blocks. Ciapponi had 18 kills and 3 blocks. Kaira Kachadurian led the team with 38 assists and also contributed 16 digs, 6 blocks, 2 kills, and 2 aces.

## Sports briefs

### FCC cross-country team rebuilding, but still good

With one invitational already in the books, the Fresno City College cross country team is looking for a positive outcome to the season.

In his 14th season as coach for the Rams, Gary Bluth said that the Rams feature a talented – but young – roster of runners.

"This year will be a re-building year in the fact that we have mostly freshmen. We should be in the middle of the pack type team this year and if we can keep them all going next year then we should be really good and return

to the top next year," said Bluth.

On the Men's side, the Rams have solid runners in freshmen Eddie Banuelos and Matt Klundt. Banuelos finished 18th overall in the first invitational of the season at Woodward Park on Sep. 11 and coach Bluth is already impressed with his performance.

"At our first invitational, Eddie finished 18th in his race while running against 200 other runners. That's outstanding as a first race for a freshman," said Bluth.

The Rams have four more meets before

the C.V.C conference championships in Modesto on Oct. 29.

#### FCC women's soccer still winning

The Fresno City College women's soccer team has continued to outplay its opponents. With a minor slip-up at College of the Canyons on Sept. 8 where FCC lost 3-1. The Rams have rebounded from that loss by going 3-0 with victories over Solano, Las Positas and Chabot College. The Rams latest victory produced a nine goal outburst

where FCC saw five different players score while once again, the defense didn't allow a single shot on goal.

#### Golf team off to a walking start

The Fresno City College women's golf team won the Fig Garden tournament Sept. 14 with 345 strokes.

Modesto trailed with 354 strokes, followed by Foothill College with 362 and College of the Sequoias with 478.

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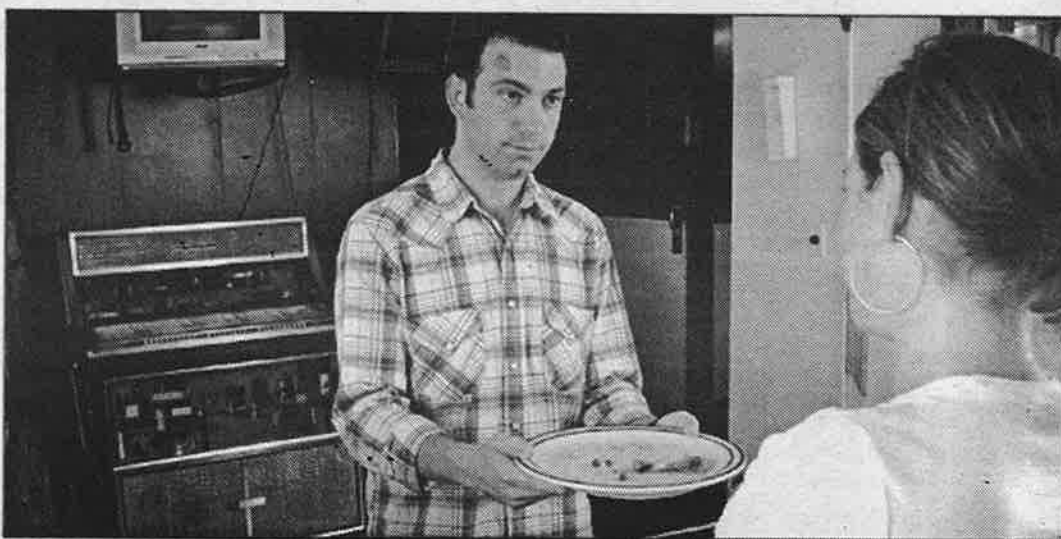
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### College student tries to return uneaten food for partial refund



Andy Pernsteiner, above, cautiously approaches counter with chicken bone and a few peas.

By POLLY BROWN

Checking his dignity at the cash register, college student Andy Pernsteiner recently presented a local diner cashier with a plate of picked-over food, demanding money for the vittles he didn't ingest. The cashier—who wishes to remain anonymous—was flabbergasted by the whole incident. "It was both sick and sad at the same time," she said. Pernsteiner had a different take: "I didn't eat the bone, so why should I pay for it?" Pete Woychick—a childhood friend of Pernsteiner's—said it was monthly fees tacked on to his friend's checking account that drove him to the shameful act. "Andy has been pounded for months by fees on his

checking account. He's pathetic. I never really liked him when we were kids either." Woychick—who says he personally was financially saved by Washington Mutual's

**"I didn't eat the bone, so why should I pay for it?"**

Free Checking Deluxe—thought his childhood friend needed to get his act together and visit a Washington Mutual Financial Center or go to wamu.com. Then he, too, could sign up for Free Checking—an account with optional Deluxe services like free online bill pay. "Until Andy decides to get Free Checking," said Woychick, "I'm never eating out with him again. I'm pretty sure I won't return his phone calls either. I might even change my name."

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# VIEWS

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## War.Huh!

### Americans need to stand united on war on terrorism



Dyann L. Serrato

In asking me if the war on terror is a war that can be won, I can only share what is in my heart and experiences I encountered in serving our great nation.

As a soldier in the Gulf War, I witnessed first hand the training, desire, and determination it took to try and end the needless suffering of our brothers and sisters across the globe.

*"Americans need to stand behind our president, our soldiers, and our soldiers' families."*

While my unit was stationed in Saudi Arabia, I personally observed interesting insights into the Islamic opposition to our western heritage.

In many ways our customs and values, which most Americans share, are values that many countries around the world strictly oppose.

People come to America in a steady stream from other countries, bringing with them other traditions and values. For the most part they are able to adapt to an American way of life. If we are in disagreement with the way immigrants in our country choose to live, we do not go over to their country and blow up thousands of their innocent countrymen to make a point.

The terrorists feel that their beliefs are the clearly the absolute truth. They despise our freedoms and right to choose. Traditions and religion lead them to believe they have a special place in eternity for performing acts of terror in the name of their faith.

The battle against terror is taking lives on both sides. Presently my husband, Ernest, is stationed with my old unit in Iraq. I have two sons, Ernie Jr. and Frankie, leaving for Kuwait before the end of the year to help fight the war against terror. Many of us know someone who has served, or is presently serving, our country, and to these people I say yes, we can win this battle.

These soldiers have not lost their lives in vain. I oppose any person who diminishes our soldiers' sacrifice and possibly puts their lives at risk by speaking condemnation to them for answering the call of duty. The duty that has called so many times before to bring us to where we are today, able to enjoy the freedoms we have and the experiences to come.

Americans need to stand united in showing the terrorists that we are willing and able to make sacrifices, and with confidence and vigilance, stand unwavering in our pursuit to end these constant waves of violence and terror. Americans need to stand behind our president, our soldiers, and our soldiers' families and stop fighting amongst ourselves. Believe in the reality that we have the means that it will take to win the war on terror, and that if we all stand together, this goal will be accomplished.

### How can you fight a war on an abstract noun?



Elliot Torres

Can you win the war on terror? You cannot win this war. You can't make terrorism surrender, you can't force it to join the United Nations and, sadly, you can't just make it go away. It is loaded. question, as with another abstract enemy.

Have we won the War on Drugs yet? The two, seemingly, have a lot in common. While there may be doubt, there is no clear enemy until they commit a crime. A significant difference.

We are engaged in this kind of war, and soldiers are dying. Some things need to be clarified first, however, so try and guess which one needs tanks and which tanks out.

The term war was probably not the best to use. How do you defeat an abstract noun? One must start at the root of the problem. Politicians. They seem to be at the root of many problems.

*"One must start at the root of the problem. Politicians. They seem to be at the root of many problems."*

A politician, true to his nature, will do what ever they can to keep things nice and abstract. They deal in feelings, not facts, because the general public favors one over the other. You can be held accountable for facts, feelings come and go.

Now, while good old G.W. could have called it a war against Al-Qaeda, you end up with the responsibility to have a set goal - defeat all of the terrorist cells and capture Osama. Calling it the War on Terror give so much more freedom, it's scary.

Having a war on terror doesn't mean he has to have Osama's head on a platter. Osama becomes but a tiny clog in a great big evil machine of doom.

It's alright he's missing; we got bigger fish to fry. I mean smoke out. You could almost say he is just but a part of the Axle of the Evil. Ah, I'm going to hell.

The best part about having a vague declaration of war is that we can now freely pick and choose who is the enemy and where you are going to fight.

There are countless places on earth where the general public face the fear of death on a daily bases (Palestine, Israel, Northern Ireland, ect.). However, we have our top six evil doers list.

You've all heard it- Iran, Iraq, North Korea, and the new kids, Cuba, Libya, and Syria. Next to be added to that list- Phil from accounting, Doctor Mezmer-o, and the backstreet boys.



Illustration by Jared Leas

## Campus Voices

### Can the war on terrorism be won?

By Kirk Givan



John Esquivel  
Psychology

"Our focus on terrorism will always shift. We get Iqaq behind us, we'll have other countries to worry about."



Jra Lu  
Psychology

"It's like a disease, you can surpress it, but it'll always be there to get you! Scared yet?"



Gabriel Chavarria  
Athletic Therapist

"The enemies we are harboring, at the pace we are harboring them has developed into a never ending cycle."



Candace Sievers  
Adult Education

"With enough effort focused in the right direction and not towards innocent people."



Rick Mahackian  
Music

"If we believe in our troops it will be more support towards them in their cause."

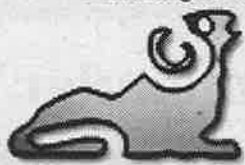


Matt McCort  
Undecided

"As long as inequalities exist between societies and countries, anger and frustration will be perpetuated as violence."

# Horoscopes

David Witte is not certified to do anything  
No astrologers were harmed in the making of this column



**ARIES (March 21-April 29)**  
Some people would say you have a bright future. Others would call it "spontaneous combustion."



**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
Many people's days will be ruined when the bus blows a tire running over you.



**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
You will choke on a fortune cookie. However, the horoscopes will leave you relatively injury free.



**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
You will spend most of your week thinking about how "swollen" and "colon" rhyme.



**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
You will be relieved that you never have to read Thomas Paine again.



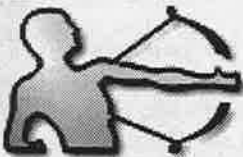
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
"Flying debris" is a phrase you will quickly grow tired of in the next week.



**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** We're sorry. Your horoscope is currently out of order. We apologize for the inconvenience.



**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** You will return to your psychology classes when you learn that the father of psychology is not a fraud, his name is "Freud."



**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** Sagittarius has been bought out by Gemini, Inc. Your future will now come from Gemini's head offices in Dallas.



**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19)** The Hell's Angels have kidnapped you before, but until now, they've never made you sit through a road production of "A Chorus Line."



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** You will win \$300 at Table Mountain Casino, but you will receive a \$318 ticket for parking in the handicapped spot.



**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** You will wait three hours just so the doctor can tell you to stop eating laundry detergent. Yeah, like you haven't figured that out for yourself.

## Tranquil Tantrums

# Start a war on ignorance



Will Tranquilli

Fresno City College is an institution of higher learning (if this is a surprise to you, you took a wrong turn on McKinley). It is a stand against ignorance. Does this shield us? Dare we ignore the invasion of ignorance? No, fellow students, we must deal with it. The threat surrounds us.

Language not only reflects a society, it defines it. Once we accept that truth we find an insidious threat more dangerous than all the al-Qaida Saudi millionaires. Ignorance is invading our language.

Be alarmed, but don't call Homeland Security. It would be a mistake. This column cites them as highly ranked among the propagators of ignorance.

The Patriot Act allows Homeland Security to read your mail, tap your phone, even monitor your library books — does that make you feel more secure?

The first step is awareness. Spot ignorance creeping into our language and stomp it out. When the nurse asks if I'm allergic to anything, I yell, "Yes, ignorance! That's right,

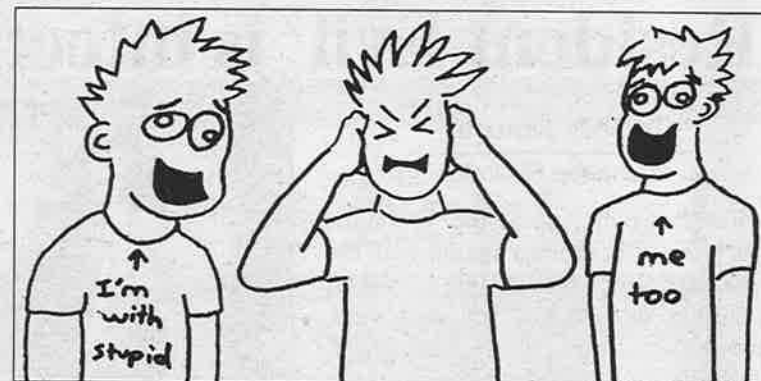


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I'm allergic to ignorance. When I hear 'in terms of' I go into anaphylactic shock." Be proactive.

Our battle plan is this: Express yourself. If you hear: "I'll bet my bottom dollar." Say, "it's messy place to keep your bills. No deal, I'd want to lose that wager"

For: "At this point in time," say, "As opposed to what, this point in space? Doesn't 'now' cover what you're saying?"

With the phrase, "Hot water heater," goes: "Pal, if you got hot water, you don't need a heater."

A self-styled expert (aren't they all?) remarks, "I know a thing or two about that." You'll meet this challenge with, "Well, which is it? Do you know ONE thing or TWO things about it? Hell, you don't even know how many things you know about it."

If you're told (and you know you will be), "I'm with you 110%." Look amazed. Ask, "What, are you growing another arm or something?"

"Let bygones be bygones." Reply, "How are you going to keep bygones from being

anything but bygones? They either are bygones or they are not." Or, refuse. "Let's not let bygones be bygones. They will just have to be something else, say, cabbages, for instance. They won't be bygones then, they'll be cabbages, won't they?"

And are we willing to say 'let cabbages be cabbages' to the detriment of our strategic supply of cole slaw and sour krout?"

Classic ignorance that we all hear is the phone number. Most phone numbers — no problem, but when someone gives you a toll-free number. Aha, you're too stupid to know you must dial a '1' first.

Fight back. With, "That's 1-800-555-1234." act like the moron they assumed you to be, "Hey! That's eleven digits! I ain't never heard of no phone numbers that got eleven digits in 'em. That L.A. 'un you gave me only had ten, an' so did the New York 'un. How come this one got eleven?" Be too stupid to understand the explanation.

So, spot ignorance, stomp it out., then call Rampage, leave me the info. Just don't bother me now, I'm in shock.



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Oct. 6, Main Fountain  
10am - 2pm

**Blood Drive**  
Oct. 6, Student Lounge  
9am - 3pm

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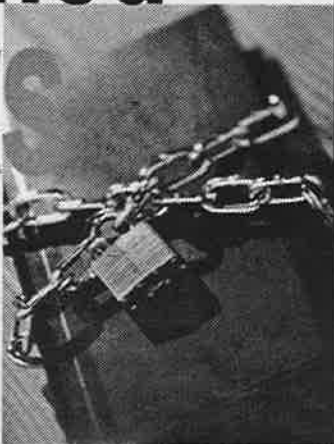
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## 'Resident Evil' is infectious

By Felix Sanchez  
Rampage Reporter

"Resident Evil: Apocalypse" without a doubt is one of the summer hits this year. The movie takes place where the first one left off but this time the cast from the famous video games of "Resident Evil" are now brought fully to life.

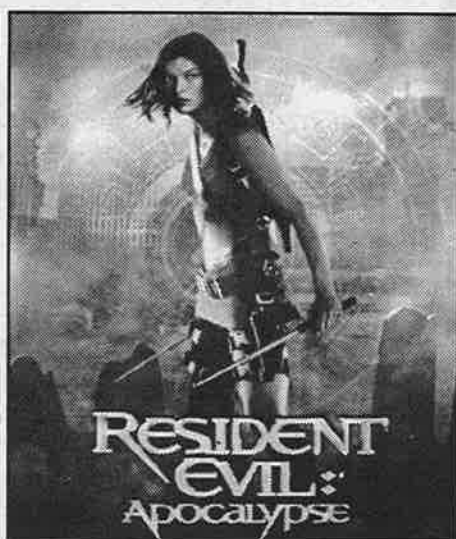
"Apocalypse" starts where the first movie ends off. The city instantly becomes infected with zombies, putting the main characters in a fight for their lives. When a person is bitten or even scratched, they become infected with the T-Virus, which turns them into a zombie themselves.

The anti-virus, if not used correctly, can mutate off into deadlier second and third versions of the virus adding extra drama to the plot.

The main characters must also rescue a scientist's daughter, the same scientist that created the T-Virus in the first place.

The head of the Umbrella Corporation, the group that releases the virus plays a good bad guy. I royally hated him. It's one of the great things about the story, that there is always going to be someone that is going to want to do wrong, no matter what.

"Apocalypse" is great. It brings the video game right to life and the actors do a great job in their roles of video game characters. I have personally never played the game, but I have seen others play it and I love how the



story in the game works.

The movie works the same way in which the characters are basically the entire game come to life in a way that no other movie has ever been brought to life before. They went to great pains to make sure that this game was brought to life in a way that the other video game to movie game hadn't been done before.

If you haven't seen the first "Resident Evil," and want to see the sequel, see the first one. You will find yourself a little lost in the beginning.

And then if you liked the first movie, go see the sequel. You'll like it as much, if not more.

## 'Cellular'? More like 'Smellular'

By Jared Leas  
Rampage Reporter

New Line Cinema's latest thriller Cellular, about a woman who is kidnapped and then finds a way to contact a complete stranger on his cellular phone, opened in theaters on September 10th. I had the chance to go and check it out, and what I have to say is that it was less than thrilling.

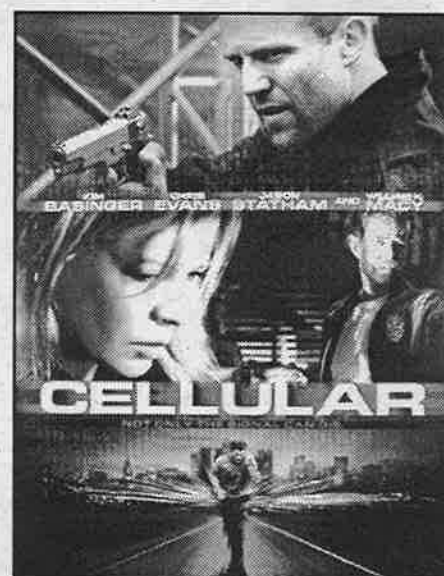
One of the many things that didn't sit right with me about the film was that the director, David R. Ellis, did not focus on a certain tone. One minute, the movie is full of action, then comedy, and then drama.

It may be all right for some films to have a bit of everything in them, but unfortunately for Cellular, the different pieces don't seem to fit together. On top of that, the pieces aren't done very well to begin with.

The action is not very exciting and pretty ho-hum compared to what we're used to seeing nowadays. There are car chases, guns, and robberies, but there aren't enough and when there are, they aren't good enough.

The comedy, simply put, isn't funny. The audience wasn't laughing and neither was I. The jokes were too dumb. The actors and actresses tried too hard to be funny when they didn't have what it took in the first place. I was left with that nervous: This is supposed to be funny but I'm not laughing feeling.

The unfunny comedy didn't help the



forced drama either. One minute, we were supposed to be laughing at cliché jokes from bad actors and the next we were supposed to be caring about other bad actors in equally bad situations. The dramatic sequences couldn't pull at my heartstrings.

I was bored for most of the movie, which for a thriller makes it a failure. I was only on the edge of my seat for about the last fifteen minutes when things finally started to heat up and I wasn't that far on the edge of my seat. I guess you could say that half my ass was on the edge of the seat and that's just the way I would describe Cellular, a half-assed thriller.

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