



Part-time faculty debates contracts

Request from teachers for raise denied though money was promised by state

By Lemuel Gary IV
Pulse editor

The California Part Time Teachers Association is angry after a recent proposal to raise the salary for adjunct and part-time faculty was denied by the State Center Community College District.

The SCCC jurisdiction includes Fresno City College and Reedley College and stated the raise of funds has been granted by the

state in salary form from state equity money.

Promised during past legislations, most notably former Gov. Gray Davis administration, part-time and adjunct teachers and faculty had separate monies and funding for an increase in salary. This proposed raise was supposed to be enacted under Prop 98, but due to fiscal crisis, was averted and derailed.

The State Center Federation of

Teachers, a union formed to represent those of FCC, Reedley, as well as the Clovis, Oakhurst, and Madera satellite centers, feel the state has dragged its collective heels for far too long.

Jerry Fleming, an FCC instructor and part-time faculty, feels the state is simply going back on its word.

"As teachers and faculty, we expend an almost ridiculous amount of time, both in class and out of it, in order to provide the students and school we are entrusted to with some semblance of an education,"

Fleming said.

"We want to give you [the student] what you pay for – we are obligated to. Whether we are 'on salary' teachers, full time or part time – we do the best we can and it would be nice to simply be appreciated."

Main concerns are the salary and state equity funds. The State Center Federation of Teachers sees the fund as being used solely to fund their part-time salaries – not as an increase to those salaries already promised.

The SCFT feels as though no
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FCC student honored by USA Today

ASG President George Kutnerian earns \$9,600 in scholarships

By Will Tranquill
Rampage reporter

Associated Student Government President George Kutnerian was declared Coca Cola's New Century Scholar for California and named



George Kutnerian

U S A Today's First All USA Academic Team in a national competition that involved students from every community college in the country.

The awards are expected to get national attention through publicity in USA Today, one of the sponsors of the competition.

"Me receiving these awards is really a tribute to the quality of the faculty on this campus," Kutnerian said.

This achievement placed him on the best of three state teams, each made up of the 20 top community college scholars.

In addition to making First Team, Kutnerian was selected to be Coca Cola's New Century Scholar.

From this annual competition, which included being named the Guistwhite Scholar for the year, the ASG President got scholarships totaling \$9600. He said the competition was so demanding that few stayed with it to the end.

Evaluated were the competitors' grade point averages, the rigor of their course work, on and off campus activities, multiple personal essays and the importance of their most significant undertaking.

The value of community colleges, he said, and FCC's impact on him personally were subjects he wrote essays on.

"FCC offered me a lot of opportunities that made winning these scholarships possible," Kutnerian

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Angelou tour to make stop at FCC

Best-selling writer to give speech in FCC gymnasium May 13

By Rebekah Miranda
News editor

Author and civil rights activist Maya Angelou is set to speak at Fresno City College May 13.

"We wanted someone big to help honor the 50th anniversary of the Brown vs. Board of Education case," said FCC college activities director, Gurdeep Sihota.

"She is the perfect person for the occasion.

Many of her works are tied into the curriculum of various FCC teachers," Sihota said.

Sihota said that as soon as she saw that Angelou would be in California, she was on the phone and making arrangements.

"Just like her poem Phenomenal Woman she is a phenomenal woman," said Sihota.

The event is expected to sell out seating of more than 2,500 people.

At 10 a.m. in the FCC gymnasium Angelou will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the historical outcome in the case of Brown vs. the Board of Education, ending segregation in 1954.

Born Marguerite Johnson on April 4, 1928 in St. Louis, Missouri, she is a writer, actor, teacher, poet, historian, playwright, and civil rights activist.

She got her name from her brother who called her "My". Some say she got her name Maya Angelou after her debut performance as a dancer at The Purple Onion night club.

Angelou grew up in Stamps, Arkansas with her grandmother and brother Bailey.

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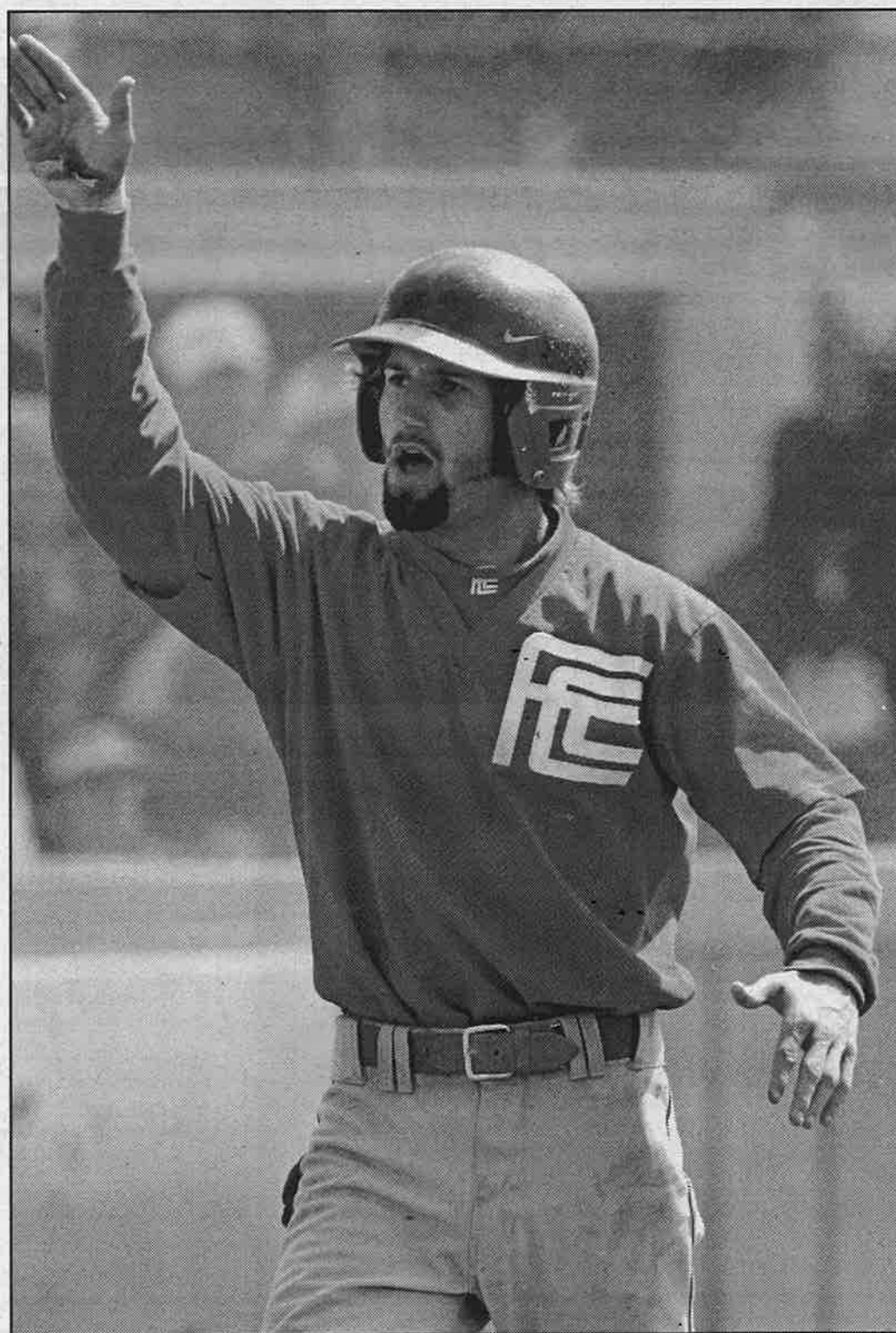


Photo by Bryan Borrer

Fresno City College shortstop Jacquie Lamoure goes to congratulate teammates after he scored the go-ahead run in the Rams' 7-2 victory over Modesto Junior College April 18. The win gave the Rams a one-game lead in the Central Valley Conference standings over the Pirates. For more, see page 9.

Letters to the Editor

Tutorial Center is a useful tool

It was distressing to read Ms. Morgan's account of her visit to the Fresno City College's Tutorial Center (The Tutorial center can be terrorizing, March 10). Her account seemed designed to discourage students from utilizing the facility, and did so while bringing criticism upon the tutors working there.

The tutorial center is a valuable tool that all students should consider using to help them understand the work assigned by the instructional staff.

Nothing justifies dissuading any student from seeking help, certainly not the experience of the writer, who if ill served, brought it upon herself.

Ms. Morgan should realize that the school is fortunate that budget cuts have not erased this resource that benefits so many students.

Common manners would dictate that no student should expect a tutor to interrupt a session in progress.

Nonetheless, the tutor Ms. Morgan encountered was gracious, offering to include her in the group if she has similar questions despite the crowded conditions. This is exactly the way in which the tutor should have responded.

Ms. Morgan obviously had the proper calculator but was willing to put a tutor to hours of unnecessary work.

The fact that the tutor was not willing to waste her time is not a reason for anyone to conclude that the tutorial center was not receptive or a place that would not provide reasonable help.

Many of our instructors provide separate instruction for those with a graphing calculator from those who lack the funds to purchase one.

Ms. Morgan chooses to lambaste the students who were in the process of being helped with no reason for doing so. One even offered to provide her with the batteries she needed only to be labeled a nerd.

The tutor offered to lend her a calculator. Why was this an unreasonable solution?

The writer doesn't seem to consider that it might have been better for her to wait until there was a less crowded time to be helped, thus eliminating the need to climb over the other student's backpack.

Ms. Morgan's comment that the other students did not need help while she went wanting was unfounded. Tutors provide aide to

those having only a basic understanding of a concept as well as those who simply need additional help to maintain a high GPA.

However, the tutor who is criticized in Ms. Morgan's article took the time to explain that the students she was helping were preparing for an exam, that the tutorial process was warranted.

An even-tempered assessment would have recognized that a college education encompasses more than academic instruction. It provides interpersonal lessons, in and out of class, to help an individual learn to survive successfully in society.

One of those basic lessons is simply to thank those who offer help and to appreciate their generosity and to learn how to satisfy one's needs while respecting those of others.

I urge all students to use the center as their needs dictate and to anticipate receiving valuable help that so many of my students have received in the past.

R. Rich Meyers
English/ Critical thinking
instructor

People have choice to look away

I firmly believe that censorship in any way shape or form is a double-edged sword (FCC on the FCC, March 24). Sure you can limit the amount of "offensive" material to the masses but what, in turn is, "offensive?" Is it a foul word, lewd act or any of the two?

While people have the choice to turn off the TV or change the station, they simply don't.

From what I've seen people will

stay and be offended while they had the choice to simply change the station. While numerous warnings and ratings are on any form of media, they simply do next to nothing to inform people of the content.

Now people will say censorship is key to protecting the youth, but it's more like delaying the flow of questionable information that they will get their hands on later on.

The youth, like the masses,

thrive on anything that is considered offensive. It's like the "forbidden fruit" just take a look at any controversial album, movie or book.

So in turn you can censor all you want, but there are those who will see the limits as a wall waiting just to be broken down. Just look at how TV has changed in the last 50 years.

Mario Reyes
FCC Student

Rampage wins statewide awards

The Rampage, the student newspaper of Fresno City College, won a school-record 10 awards at the Journalism Association of Community Colleges' state convention held in Los Angeles April 1-3.

Editor in chief Josh Butters won six awards. In the mail-in categories, Butters won first and fourth place for sports game story, fourth place to front-page design for a tab-

loid-sized paper, an honorable mention for inside page design for a tabloid-sized paper and an honorable mention for sports feature story.

Also winning honorable mentions in the mail-in categories were former Editor in chief Tony Losongco for sports feature story and photo editor Keith Kountz for sports feature photo.

In the on-the-spot competitions,

staff member David Witte won second place for editorial cartoon, news editor Rebekah Miranda won an honorable mention in news writing and Butters also received an honorable mention for front-page design for a tabloid-sized paper.

The annual conference held by the JACC was attended by more than 500 members of about 65 community college newspapers.

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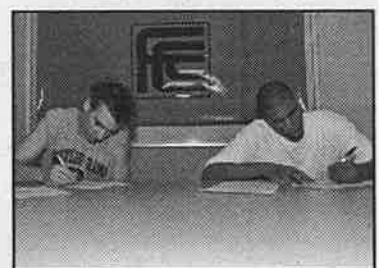
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FCC celebration caps off Asian week

AsianFest attracted more than 1,000 people to FCC on April 6

By Deborah Anderson
Rampage Reporter

It was still early in the day at the Asian-American festival when a clear and powerful a capella performance of the national anthem filled the free speech area of Fresno City College.

Six young men, all of Asian-American decent, stood on stage, their voices rising over the crowd, making beautiful music all on their own.

The group, Purl-A-Capella, performs all their songs a capella, meaning they don't use instruments. They rely solely on their skills as vocalists, and their ability to sing as an ensemble.

"This is great," said bass singer Thou Vang. "I hope it's bigger next year."

Shortly after Purl-A-Capella finished their performance and left the stage, a team of drummers came on.

The drummers were from Fresno Gumyo Taiko, a school that teaches many Asian drumming forms to anyone who joins.

Gumyo Taiko welcomes people from everywhere, and the students range in age from five to sixty.

The drums originated in China and were later adopted by the Japanese, made of wine barrels with cowhide stretched over the top.

Some of the drums were made here in the US, while others were imported from China.

They moved around their drums in a pattern that had the whole group, or certain smaller of the group, doing the same move-



Photo by Deborah Anderson

Drummers from Fresno Gumyo Taiko perform at AsianFest 2004 in the free speech area at FCC. The group includes students that range from the ages of 10 to 50.

ments and beats at the same time.

Sharon Fujita, an alumnus of the school, has been their artistic director for the past 15 years. She was very happy with the way AsianFest came together.

"This is great," she said, "All of these Asian-American cultures are participating and performing together, without competition."

Everybody really enjoyed it, hopefully we can come back next year with a larger group."

John Cho, an instructor at FCC, did most

of the organization for the festival, and that's no small thing.

Official organization began about a year ago with the reservation of the theater for the opening ceremonies and the events leading up to the Saturday events.

"It's good for the first year, we had about 1,000 people throughout the day. Next year I would like to see more people from around the community."

With food that is so different and so unique, it's no surprise that there were mul-

tiple booths, each selling different kinds of Asian-American food.

One of the many dishes available was purple rice along with Hmong sausage.

"It's wild sweet rice, that's its natural color. We mixed it with white rice, that's why some parts are darker than others," says Carr Lee, president of PACK, the Poly-Asian Communication for Knowledge club.

"We're selling the food for a fund-raiser, hopefully we can go on a trip as a club, but we haven't really decided where to go yet," said Kong Meng Thao, who has been with PACK for four years.

Their mission is simple; promote communication, knowledge, and truth between all cultures, Asian and American.

Fresno has the second largest population of Hmong immigrants of any metropolitan area nationwide, topped only by St. Paul, Minnesota, according to census 2000 data compiled by Mark E. Pfeifer PhD.

"Most people I know [who aren't Hmong] can't tell me why the Hmong immigrated to America," said Kong Meng Thao, a member of PACK.

During the Vietnam War the Hmong people were recruited by the US government to fight against the communists.

Financed by the US government the Hmong people were trained to use weapons and unmarked planes to fight the North Vietnamese.

When the war ended the Hmong were left caught in the middle, many escaped to Thailand, only to be put into camps and ignored or shipped back to Laos, where they were often killed.

"This club and this festival are really about helping people remember where they came from and why they're here," Thao said.

FCC opens doors to high schoolers

By Justin Eck
Rampage Reporter

Fresno City College held its 16th annual open house for the community and high school and junior high students March 25.

According to Gurdeep Sihota, director of college activities said forty-five schools participated in the event. The open house was part of National Community College Month.

"The National Community College Month is an opportunity to increase awareness of our community colleges and highlight their significance to their respected communities," said Cris Bremer, FCC director of marketing and communications.

"It's [open house] used as a recruitment tool," Sihota said. "But it is also an opportunity for people to visit the school and see how we've grown. It's a chance for members of the public to meet the college."

Sihota said that this year's open house, titled "Showcase 2004," had a very important theme.

"This year's theme was in association with disability awareness day," Sihota said. "We wanted to educate people on the different services FCC offers to disabled students."

The open house gave high school students a chance to compete in the 2004 Career Skills Olympics. Students competed to demonstrate their skills and knowledge in demanding, action-oriented events, Sihota said.

Other students came to see the campus and learn more about what FCC has to offer.

"It's a pretty cool campus," said Jose Hinojosa, a Sunnyside High School student. "I'm coming here in the fall."

The campus was teeming with students who were visiting various booths and eating a variety of foods made available by FCC student clubs in the free speech area.

Tours of the campus were offered to students as well.

"It's a lot bigger than I expected," said Juana Aldaz, a Hoover High School student. "They [FCC] offer a lot of programs. I'm really excited to come to school at FCC."

The open house is held in the spring in hopes of better weather, Sihota said.

The event was organized by Sihota and a committee comprised of different department members.

In relation to community college month, the public information office will hold a media appreciation luncheon, April 29.

Angelou: Phenomenal woman to give phenomenal speech May 13

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She was the first black streetcar conductor in San Francisco at the age of 16.

She married Tosh Anelos, a Greek sailor, at the age of 22, but left her marriage to pursue a career as a professional dancer. She then married a South African freedom fighter while living in Cairo, Africa.

Angelou is fluent in English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Italian, and West African Fanti.

She was the feature editor of The African Review while living

Ghana and the editor of The Arab Observer while in Cairo.

Some of Angelou's accomplishments include teaching modern dance at the Rome Opera House and at the Hambina Theater in Tel Aviv, Northern Coordinator for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and has sat on the Board of Governors at the University of North Carolina.

Angelou has published ten best-selling books and numerous poems.

Tickets can be purchased in the theatre box office and are \$15 for

the general public.

In conjunction with Angelou's lecture, the FCC's Speaker's Forum and the African-American Faculty and Staff Association are sponsoring an essay contest for current students.

The impact of Brown vs. Board of Education 50 years later, is the essay's topic and a first prize of \$250 goes to the winner. The deadline for all entries is May 3 by 5 p.m. and must be submitted to Gurdeep Sihota in the College Activities Office.



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Faculty: Disagreement over raise causes conflict and concern

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proposed raise has or will take place, and with the state financially strapped and drawing on funds previously set aside simply to finance guaranteed salary.

Further mystifying the situation is Gov. Schwarzenegger's proposal to increase community college funding for the 2004-2005 state budget. According to the governor's proposal, equity funds (salary compensation), office hours and health benefits are to remain funded at the same levels.

Gov. Schwarzenegger has prepared the consolidation of the funds into one general disbursement, which given, could be distributed and released however a set district saw fit – meaning, that a district whom judged it necessary to support a salary increase could in fact do so. This has caused concern among some part-timers in California.

"There would be nothing to connect part-time equity funds to part-timers and, more importantly, no way to track it," Alisa Messer said, a part-time English instructor in San Francisco and northern vice president of the Community College Council.

Current Secretary of Education, Richard Riordan, indicated in the January meeting of the Community College Board of Governors, that the governor believes that "we should trust local districts to spend their money wisely."

Another member, George Capton, is in favor of encouraging regulatory policies at the state level in order to ensure the integrity of the general fund disbursements.

Mary Hilleman, Community College Council President, wonders if such a move by the governor is ultimately wise. According to the California Part Timer newsletter, Hilleman asked, "How many district boards

can be trusted to use these funds to improve the lives of part time faculty? Is it fair to give this proposal money to all districts equally based on the number of full-time equivalent students served?"

"Distributing the money to all districts would reduce the funds available to districts that have negotiated agreements for office hours and benefits, while increasing funding for those who have not," Hilleman said.

At FCC, some part-time faculty believe a simple trade off could greatly alleviate a disastrous situation from occurring. Ken Simeon, a counselor at FCC, believes that increasing health benefits could greatly alter the situation.

FCC instructor Jerry Fleming feels the state simply needs to "get in gear."

"We [FCC] follow the advances of such unions as the North Orange Chapter of Adjunct

Faculty, the San Diego Community College AFT guild, and the Los Angeles College Faculty guild, as far as pay and benefits are concerned and quite frankly we are sick of being downtrodden and low-balled. The proposed salary is simply not good enough to cover and support the costs we have as teachers."

Students on campus are concerned as well.

"Teachers are teachers, period. And should be paid accordingly," Mustafa Ebi said, an FCC student.

Rebecca Wheeler, also an FCC student said, "Teachers have long been at the bottom rung, and really, I am happy to see that they are fed up with it."

The SCCCD refused to comment in depth regarding the issue, only suggesting that "they are attempting in earnest and integrity to fund part time faculty locally, according to guidelines and precedent."

Award: Kutnerian also wins honors from Coca Cola

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said. Kutnerian says his most significant undertaking was his involvement in the campaign for the successful Measure E, a \$161 million bond issue that will give FCC funds to restore the Old Administration Building amongst other things.

He had a lot of extra curricular activities to choose from. Among them were: Leon S. Peters Honors Program, student government president, FCC debate team - he won a gold medal in debate competition, volunteering as a tutor for Upward Bound at Fresno and Edison high schools.

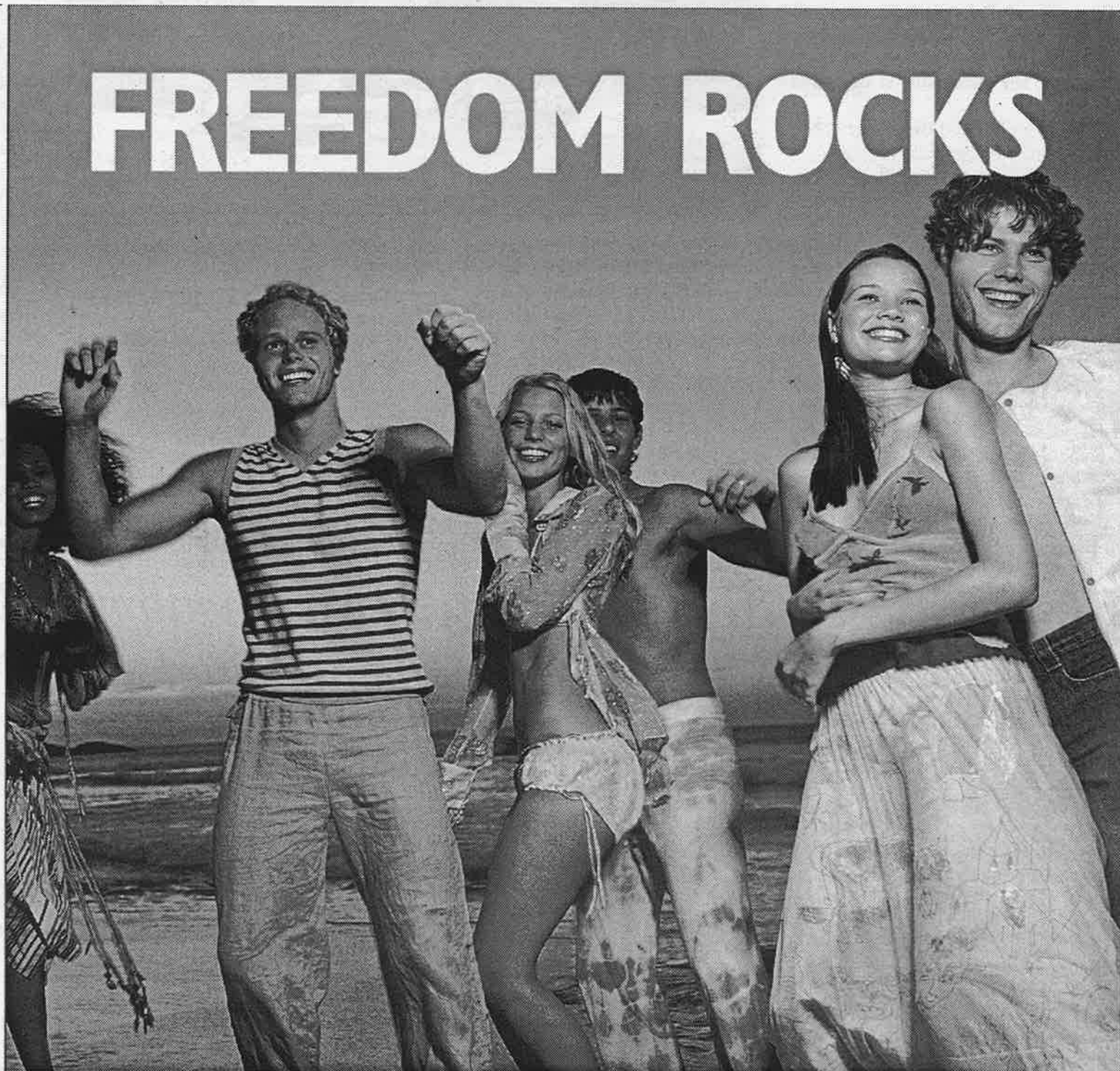
His extra curricular activities also included chapter president of Phi Beta Cappa, the honors fraternity for which he was the California-Nevada regional secretary, a volunteer at the Boys and Girls Club of Fresno County, and, as an intern for Congressman Radanovich, he did congressional record writing.

Just how does one involved in all those activities still maintain a winning grade point average? He uses his morning hours by not sleeping in.

His secret? "I make use of every minute," he said "and I make myself a list every day."

He has advice for students who are struggling to get everything done. For that, he offers his e mail address: gkutnerian@aol.com.

He will be happy to share his methods with other FCC students who write.



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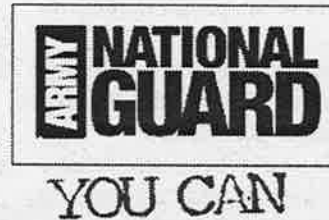
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Works to admire

Art Space Gallery displays work of students and faculty

By Susan Morgan

Views editor

The Arts Space Gallery at Fresno City College is open and ready for people to admire their fellow students' works. The event going on right now is a wonderful exhibit showcasing the best works of the art department.

All types of art pieces are on display. The entire staff of the art department chose them.

"The faculty, including part-time faculty, walk around and put a check next to their favorite pieces and the ones with the most checks go on display," said Toni Arteaga.

Andrea Rhodes, Bryan Wood, and Arteaga walk around the gallery admiring their fellow artists. Rhodes and Wood stare into a ceramic piece that hangs on the wall in the center of the gallery.

It is a work by Donna Reburn who calls the piece "Into the Fire."

Arteaga stares up at the huge painting that faces the entrance.

Its vibrant colors have caught her eye. The piece is a bold work showing the dismay and the beauty of a man standing alone.

The work by Joaquin Castro is called "Self Portrait of Conflict, Pain and Pleasure".

One of the larger pieces that screams for attention, "Just Another Crucifixion" by Jessica Hanna done in oil paints.

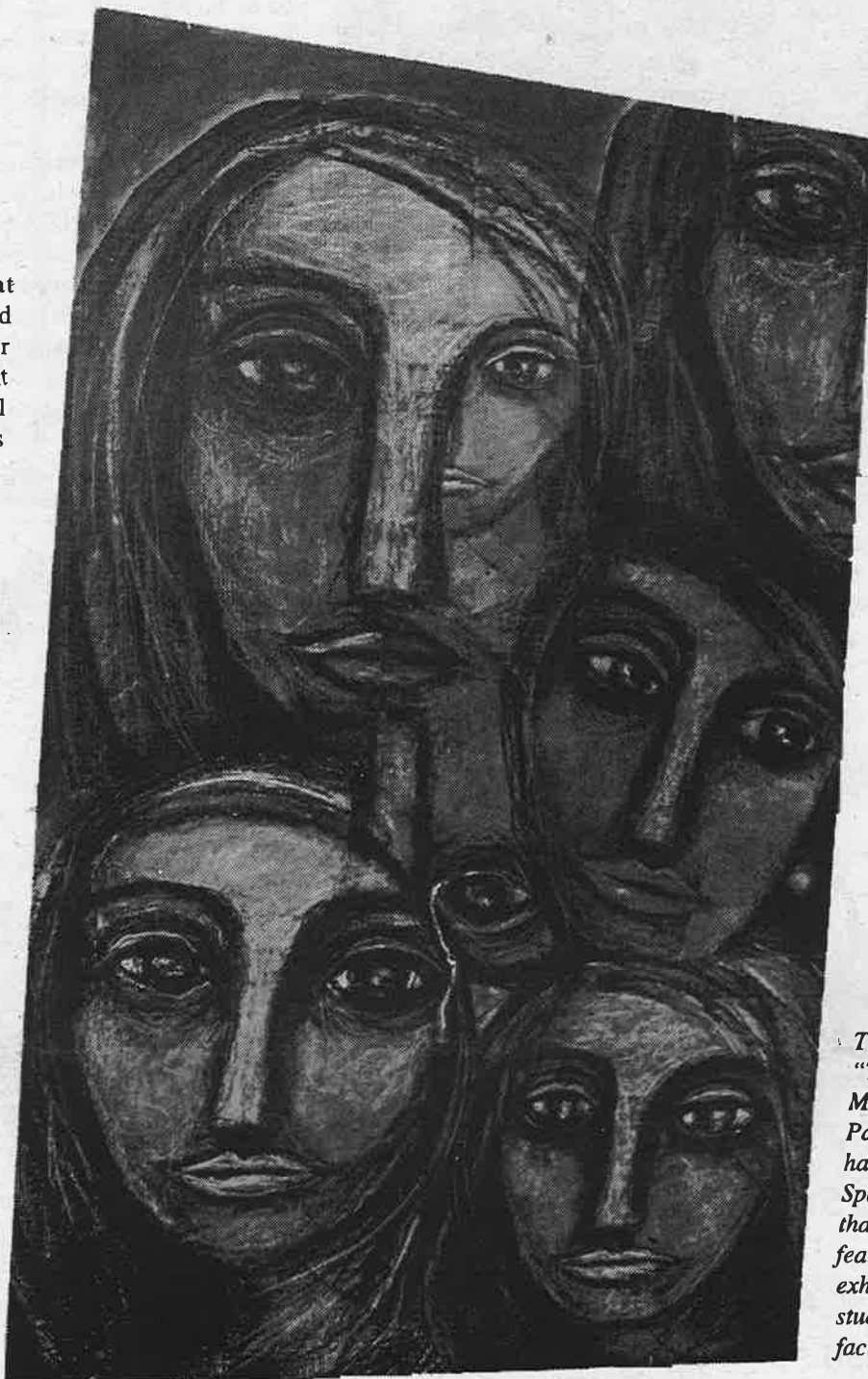
It's a dark expressive work about the persecution of man.

Its many layers of paint give it depth as well as a sense of strong emotion. The grooves within the paint are reminiscent of

wounds.

Rhodes has two pieces featured in the gallery. One is titled, "Self Portrait" done in charcoal.

"It's a really cool piece to me, but I don't like to talk much about my work. I like my work to speak for itself," Rhodes said. All these works are open to interpretation.



The piece "Thoughts Mixed Media" by Paola Pelosi hangs in the Art Space Gallery that is currently featuring an exhibition of student and faculty art.

The exhibit features acrylic, charcoal, metal sculptures, photography, oil paintings, ceramics, basket weaving, clay, jewelry, and wood art. It has something for everyone.

Anyone interested in showing their works can submit up to three works to the art department and only two in each category. There won't be another show like this one until next spring.

Jazz festival makes concertgoers tap their feet at FCC

By David Witte

Rampage reporter

Two legendary jazz artists delighted audiences alongside local musicians at the FCC Theater on March 25-26 in Fresno City College's annual City Jazz Festival. Mike Manieri, the vibraphone artist who has played professionally since the age of 14 played a set with the FCC Jazz Ensemble on March 25.

"He's amazing, man," said Nathan Ketner, who plays alto saxophone with the FCC Jazz Ensemble. "He's a lot farther above anyone in Fresno, it seems."

Manieri's credits include contributions to more than 100 gold and platinum albums, according to FCC, including Buddy Rich, Billie Holiday, Dizzy Gillespie, Frank Zappa, and Jimi Hendrix.

"I was very impressed with the band," said

Manieri, referring to the FCC Jazz Ensemble.

Madeline Eastman, a jazz vocalist from the Bay Area with five albums to her name, sang with the City Singers as well as the FCC Jazz Ensemble on March 26. She has collaborated on her albums with the likes of Phil Woods, Cedar Walton, and Kenny Barron.

Eastman is the head of the Stanford Jazz Workshop's vocal program, and is the department chair for Jazz Vocal Studies at Berkeley's Jazz School.

These performances each came at the end of a day of local jazz performances and clinics at FCC. These included the Fresno/Madera Counties Music Educators Association Junior High Honor Jazz Band, led by Gary Williams, the Reedley High School Director of Bands.

Also performing was the FMCMEA High School Honor Jazz Band, directed by Dave



Photo by David Witte

Musician Mike Manieri (center) plays with the FCC Jazz Ensemble March 25-26.

Eshelman. Eshelman is the Director of Jazz Studies at California State University Hayward.

The festival showcased the jazz improvisation workshops and classes on music writing software at FCC, as well as the bands.

FCC's Director of Jazz Studies Mike Dana and Julie Reyes Dana, FCC's Director of Choral Ensembles brought the festival together.

'Dawn' doubles your zombie pleasure

By Mike Read

Rampage reporter

From the warped mind of zombie master, George Romero, the world of survival horror comes alive again with "Dawn of the Dead."

With the remake of the 1978 classic, this "Dawn" stays contemporary with the Hollywood, usual re-creation method of Take-an-original-idea-and-make-it-new-and-flashy.

While the original ideas of the 1978 film are upheld, director Zack Snyder's method of new and flashy actually contributes to awesomeness of the film.

The movie begins with the city of Everett, Wisconsin in turmoil. Over night, the city has become infested with the living dead. A confused group of people band together and head for the mall, one of the few places not over run with zombies.

This serves as the setting for a good portion of a movie. Though no knows what is going on, an eerie television broadcast preaches, "When there is no more room in hell, the dead will walk the earth."

Composed here is a yes/no guide devised to show why this movie will be nominated for multiple Academy Awards.

- Zombies? : Yes
- 750,000 death count? : Yes
- A DMX song in the opening credits? : No
- Guns? : Yes
- Explosions? : Yes
- Boobies? : Yes
- Pregnant zombie? : Yes
- Baby zombie? : Yes
- Character with a handle bar moustache? : Yes

Good god, this movie has everything.

From its start you know it is going to be better than any other movie this year because the first death occurs within 10 minutes from the start of the film and there isn't a DMX song in the opening credits

The few yet true to the zombie genre will be pleased with what the movie adds to the survival horror time-line. With few recognizable actors, the possibility to create genuine character development

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Review Dawn of the Dead

Starring: Sarah Polley, Ving Rhames and Mekhi Phifer

Rating: ★★★★★ (out of five)

'Hellboy' hounds critics into Hades

By Lynda Helm
Rampage reporter

Despite the lacking and mildly informative previews, "Hellboy" proved to be an entertaining movie packed with action, spectacular effects, thrilling fight scenes and enough comic relief.

The main character, Red (Ron Perlman), was tough yet cool. He would fight down an enemy then brush himself off, light a cigar and be on his way. In one fight scene, Red is thrown around like a rag doll by a creature that was twice his size and looked like a cross between an alien and an octopus.

Red takes the monster down, pinning him against two subway rails which electrocute and burn the enemy. Red then gets up and says "I'm fire proof, you're not," lights his cigar and walks away.

Yet underneath his rough exterior he has a soft heart which he shows through hidden care for his father and a big crush on a girl who



Ron Perlman and Selma Blair star in "Hellboy."

possesses the power to control fire.

The movie successfully explains the background and the storyline is continued throughout. The ending was a bit confusing and a little simple. However it was saved by the unlimited action and a spectacular fire scene.

It was exciting and held the viewers interest. This movie is definitely worth the admission.

Review

Hellboy

Starring: Ron Perlman, Selma Blair and Liz Sherman

Rating: ★★★ (out of five)

Dawn: Movie tries to put you in the shoes of the characters

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comes through with minor success. You won't cry when a character dies, but there was still a decent attempt to make the audience do so.

The ideas surrounding the people in the movie is what gives it a different approach to the typical.

The end leaves you with plenty to think about. Paying attention to key phrases and ideas will lead your imagination off in different directions. And transitions from climactic scene to climactic scene are done with logic and grace.

The purpose of a survival horror film like this is to get the viewer

to imagine their selves in the shoes of those on the movie. Being stuck inside a mall with hundreds of walking dead out side trying to get in.

If you go into the movie with an open mind and allow yourself to be placed inside the movie, you will come out scared and full of „What ifs?%

Yet I understand why people did and will not like this movie. It leaves your brain unsatisfied, wondering what could have happened next, further making its viewers to use their imagination. To create and end it in any other way would have been irrational and boring.

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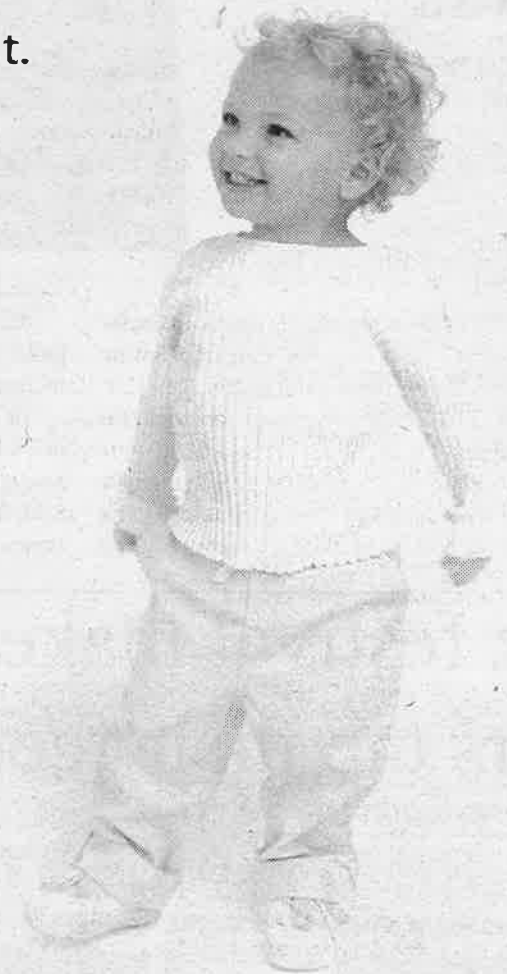
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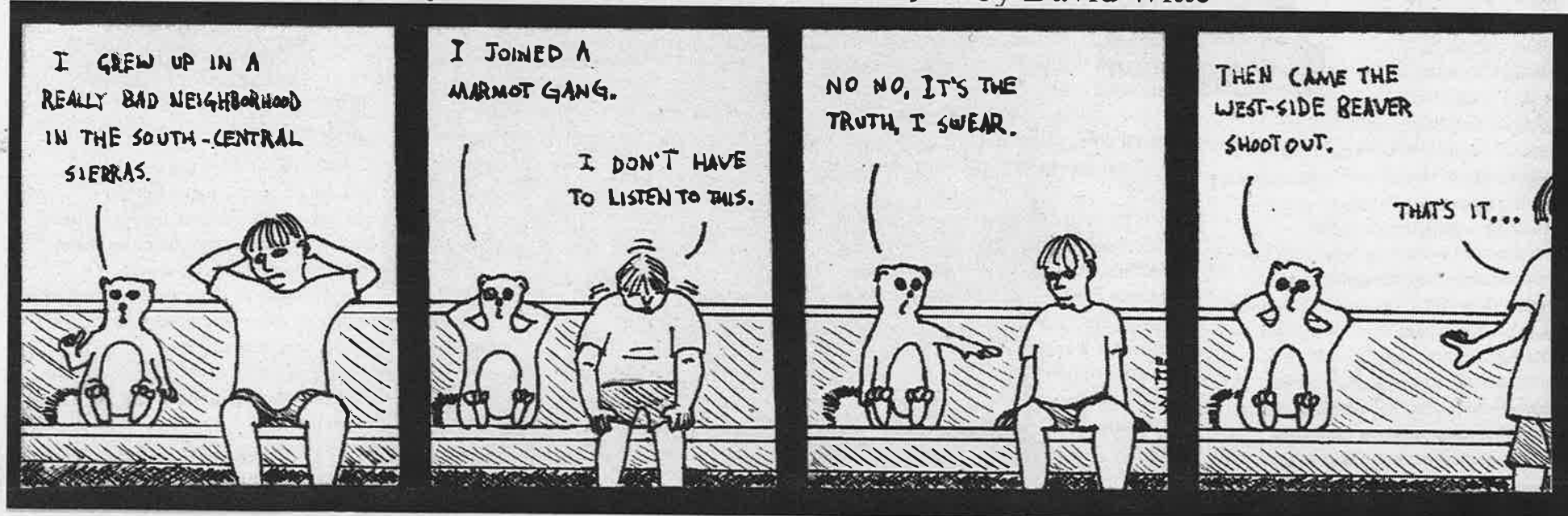
City Life

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Starsky and Hutch a good remake

By Lynda Helm
Rampage reporter

David Starsky always played by the rules. He was an over cautious, law obsessed cop who would chase a criminal over rooftops, plummet off a five story building and land end first through the cloth roof of a Cadillac all an attempt to capture a purse thief who happened to steal a purse containing around \$3.

Ken Hutchinson was a player who enjoyed living life on the edge. This cop was caught red handed robbing a bookie on the wrong side of town. He saved himself by claiming he was "under cover."

These two opposites played by Ben Stiller, Starsky, and Owen Wilson, Hutch, are placed together in the lighthearted comedy, Starsky and Hutch. This was an overall great movie with just the right mix of comedy and action.

The scenes with Starsky and Hutch driving the Ford Grand El Torino were so exciting that even I had an overwhelming desire to buy one, and I have never liked Fords.

The entire cast each had their shining moments. Will Farrell was at his best again playing a disturbingly funny prisoner with an obsession with dragons and men. Snoop Dogg proved his excellent acting

Review

Starsky and Hutch

Starring: Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson and Snoop Dogg
Rating: ★★★ (out of five)

abilities with his portrayal of Huggy Bear. "Snoop Dogg did a great job paying homage to the original Huggy Bear," Richard Hoover, Fresno City College Student and Fan of the Original Starsky and Hutch series said.

From the first rooftop chase scene to the final car jump, this movie was a joy to watch and would be worth seeing twice.

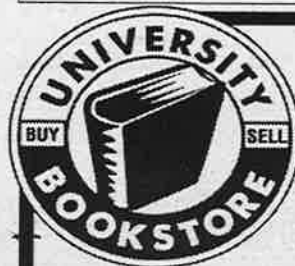
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Views

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Rights and Marriage

Marriage is sacred and shouldn't be manipulated

Unfortunately, discrimination still exists

We, as a society have forgotten what marriage is. Thanks to our fast-paced world of access and drive thru chapels, we see marriage as a status symbol, a proof of loyalty, and another stage of life we must partake in.

Thanks to shows on VH1, MTV, and FOX, weddings are viewed more as fun and exciting adventures. Thanks to the separation of church and state, marriage is nothing more than a piece of paper followed by regulations and fees.

For those who seem to be caught up in the phenomena of extravagant and fun nuptials, allow me to explain to you what marriage really is and what it signifies.

Marriage was never a part of the state or government. It is not a legal right no matter how much the government tries to say it is. Marriage is not a civil right. Marriage, in its most natural state, is a practice of faith. Marriage is a practice of religious people abiding by God's law and not the laws of the state.

Marriage was adapted by our government and to make money they decided to sell marriage to the people, stripping away its moral intent. Marriage is the same devout expression of our dedication for Christ as taking communion or getting baptized. It was instructed for us to be married and in a certain way by the bible thousands of years before the current controversy over gay marriage. The bible described the ceremony of marriage long before our country even existed.

Marriage is the joining of two separate entities into one body in *holy* matrimony. Every one wants to get married, but no one seems to understand the *holy* part of the experience. In actuality, no one should be experiencing *holy* matrimony that isn't practicing the faith.

Marriage today is treated like a pair of



Susan Morgan

really nice shoes. You buy them, take really good care of them until they wear out, and then you throw them out.

In the same way we take marriage as a nice effort to be with someone as long as you can stand them and then get rid of the whole thing with a divorce. People haven't chosen to exclude

"death do us part" from the ceremony, but have chosen to exclude it from their hearts.

If the states continue to wed people with absolutely no understanding of the passions and reasons behind the practice of marriage, they should change the name. It is not marriage. It is a union by the state of two people so they can share insurance information. Marriage has been a practice of the conviction of faith since Adam and Eve and shall continue to be until the end of days.

•Susan Morgan is editor of the Views section of the Rampage

We as a society have forgotten that it is wrong to discriminate against those of us that are different.

Fifty years ago it was ok for there to be segregation in schools, buses and bathrooms. At the time, the majority of those not being discriminated against agreed with it.

Separate but equal ended up not being equal at all.

And here we are in a new millennium and we have fallen

into the same pit. Our society discriminates against homosexuals because of what we believe is right, be it right or wrong. So we put them down, giving them less opportunities than we have. And we are able to do it because we are the

majority.

The majority of people are against gay marriages, and that's too bad.

Be it right or wrong, we want to make the choices for those we think less of.

We are scared of things we don't understand. We can't fathom how it is possible to love someone of the same gender as much as we do our wives and husbands.

We don't understand it so we condemn it.

Gays are allowed civil unions by law, today's equivalent of the separate but equal



Josh Butters

ruling.

Even though it is not equal at all.

Like African-Americans did fifty years ago, gays have become fed up by being treated as inferior by others and have resorted to civil disobedience.

Thousands of gays were married in San Francisco even though they wouldn't be legally recognized.

If Rosa Parks never stayed in her seat in the front, she would have still been sitting in the back.

Was it wrong of her to stay put? No.

Was it wrong of them to be married?

No.

The question should have been "Are they being discriminated against?"

Yes they were and are.

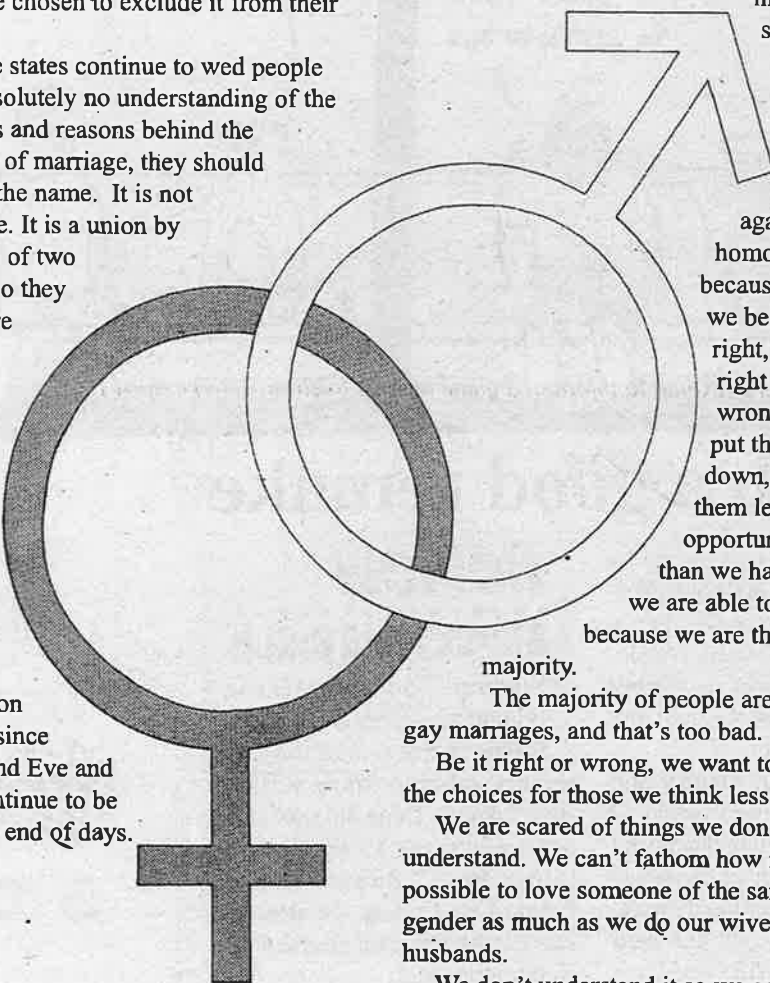
Rosa Parks had the right to pick if she sat in the front or the back of the bus.

Homosexuals should be given the right to choose if they want to be married, just like any straight couple does.

We as a society need to give people the right to make their own choices, even if we wouldn't make those same choices ourselves.

Homosexuals are our friends, our sisters, our brothers, our cousins, our coworkers and our equals. It's about time we started treating them like it.

•Josh Butters is the Editor in Chief of the Rampage



Campus Voices

Compiled by Susan Morgan and Justin Eck

Should homosexuals be allowed marriage rights?



Courtney Page

"It doesn't really affect me as being something against me. If it doesn't hurt anyone, why does it matter."



Diana Kosolapenkova

"I think it is against nature."



Sven Fagerstron

"I don't believe it is my business or anybody else's. So, I'm for it."



Jerome Avilez

"No, I don't. It is wrong in the moral and bible aspect of marriage. God made Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve."



Wendy Moua

"I don't agree with it. I think it's disgusting and unnatural. When I think about it I think, yuck."

Sports

April 21, 2004

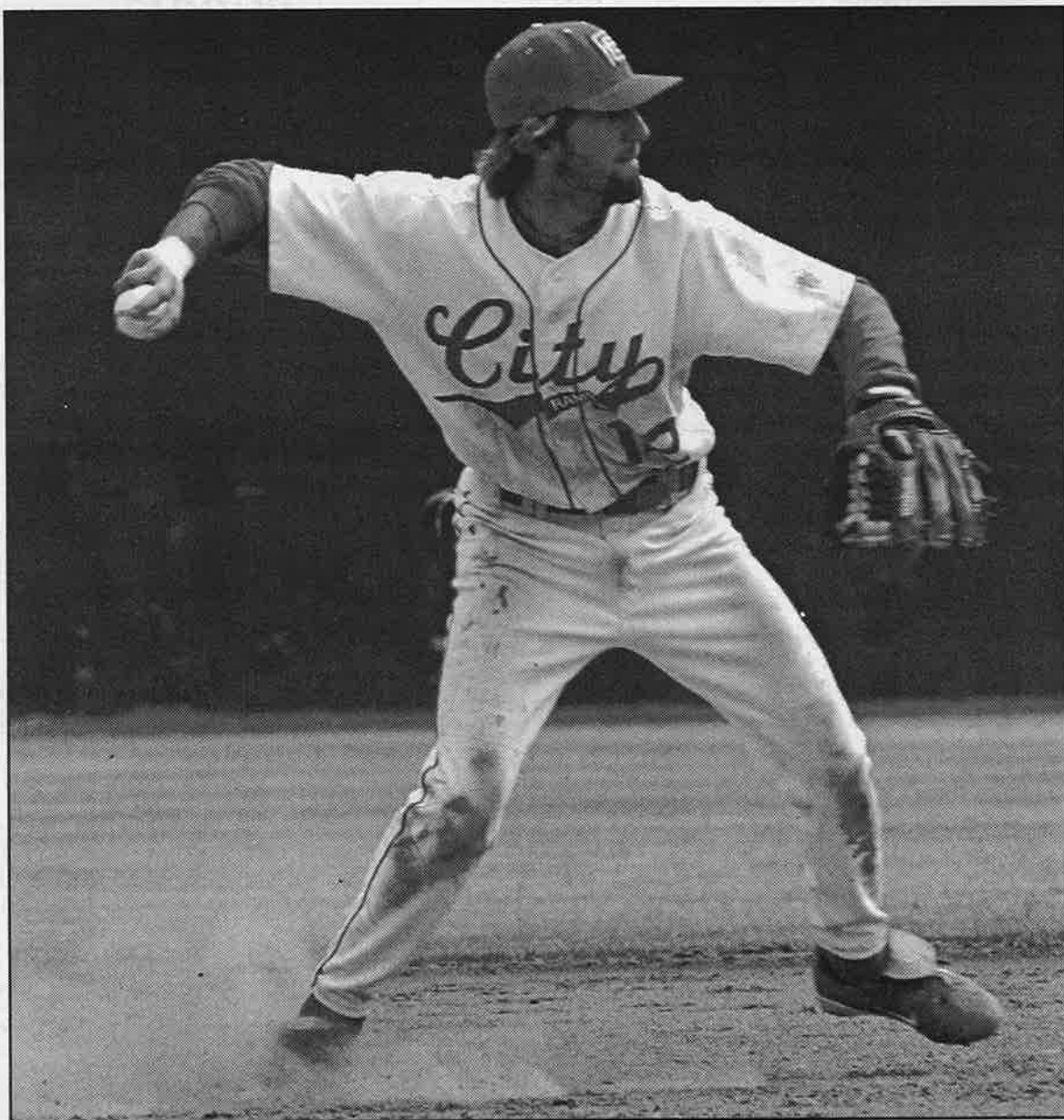


Photo by Bryan Borrer

FCC's Jacquie Lamoure throws to first baseman Chad Rothford in a game against Reedley College April 15.

On the ball

*Rams regain
lead in race
for CVC title
over Modesto*

By David Witte
Rampage reporter

The Fresno City College baseball team took offense when the Northern California coaches poll dropped the team down to third after recent losses to Modesto and Merced. So who did the Rams take it out on?

First Southern California and then Modesto, the No. 1 team in NorCal.

FCC swept the Hancock Spring Classic, and they took out three South-

ern California powerhouses in the process. The Rams improved to 22-4 behind Andy Underwood's first complete game of the season, leaving him undefeated.

Apr. 6 saw FCC destroy Cerritos (16-9) in the first round of the tournament 11-4. Fresno's next victim was College of the Canyons (17-11), who tried valiantly, but fell short at 10-9. In the tournament final, the Rams toppled defending state champion Cy-

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Josh Butters

*Softball team
plays on its own
field of dreams*

Things could be worse for the Fresno City College softball team.

With an overall record of 18-17 and 10-8 in Central Valley Conference play, the Rams should be worried about missing the playoffs for the first time since the 1995 season.

Even without a postseason, the Rams should feel grateful for not having to endure the things FCC softball players used to in the past.

Playeres used to endure things you wouldn't, and shouldn't, have to associate with intercollegiate athletics.

The Rams don't have to shoo away homeless drunks who take naps on their dugout benches for home games.

They don't have their equipment held hostage by gang members who hoot and hollering cat calls at them like a sailor on shore leave.

They don't have to worry about sliding into first base and getting cut up by the broken glass that plagues the infield.

And most importantly, the Rams don't have to call the police to report that yet another body was found under the bleachers behind home plate.

It's been 10 years since FCC has played a home game at Holmes Playground. That's when the school finally built an on-campus facility for the team, the same field that still sits behind the gymnasium today.

Twelve years of having players' cars broken into during broad daylight and having to use the graffiti-riddled bathrooms as locker rooms were finally over.

The Rams finally had a place to call home.

Their home field of dreams is a far ways from Holmes' field of nightmares.

The Rams can walk out of the school's locker room and play on well-kept grass that hasn't been attempted to be fertilized with shattered beer bottles.

The right fielder can chase down fly balls without worrying about running into the posts of a soccer goal that sits on Holmes field at all times.

The one flaw in the Rams' home field is that it easily floods during a light rain or a spilled water bottle.

But it's better than Holmes.

Players can keep their minds on the game, not the ambulance sirens.

They can worry about fly balls whizzing above their heads like bullets instead of bullets whizzing above their heads like fly balls.

And like a base runner hopes to be when they take their first steps off third base, the Rams are, and always will be, safe at home.

Josh Butters is the Editor in chief of the Rampage

Hoop stars make commitments

*Jackson and Walberg to
play at D-1 Arizona St.
and Saint Mary's*

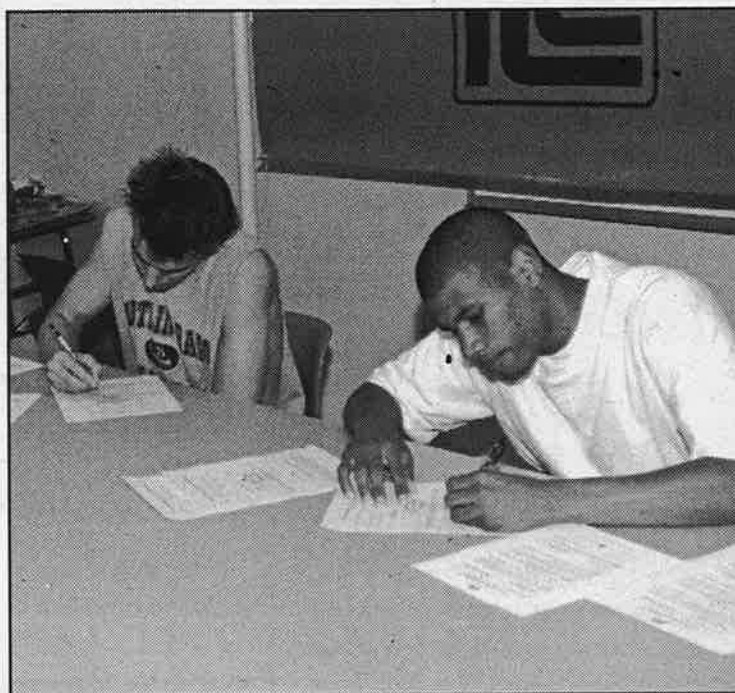
By Josh Butters
Editor in Chief

With one swoop of their pens, Fresno City College guards Tyrone Jackson and Jason Walberg sealed their fate for the next two years.

The tandem that also played together at Clovis West High, led FCC to a record of 66-5 over the past two seasons and signed letters of intent to play for Arizona State and Saint Mary's respectively.

Jackson was named to the all-state team and was Central Valley Conference player of the year both seasons while at FCC. Jackson

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FCC guards Jason Walberg (left) and Tyrone Jackson sign letters of intent April 14 to play for four-year schools. Walberg signed with Saint Mary's while Jackson will attend Arizona State.

Photo by Bryan Borrer

Baseball: Rams have record of 24-4

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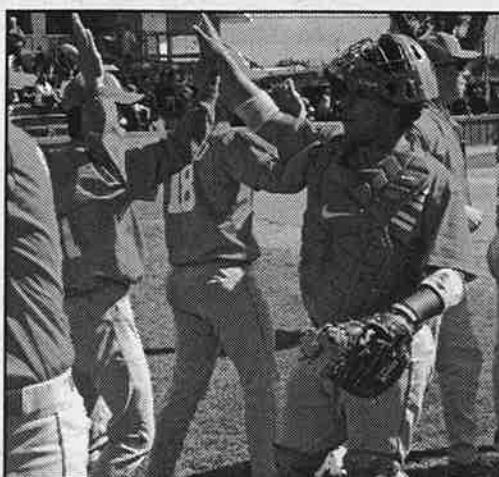
Last year, Cypress tore Fresno limb from limb in the same game by a score of 18-1.

FCC then brought its rolling roadshow of vengeance back to the north. A 12-3 home victory over Reedley moved the Rams up a notch to no. 2 in the NorCal poll, and helped them prepare for no. 1 Modesto.

The team took to the road for Modesto, on a mission for the No. 1 spot. Underwood and Rollie Gibson combined for eight strikeouts in Fresno's 7-2 victory over the Pirates, lifting Underwoods record to 8-0. With Modesto's 9-4 loss to Porterville at home on April 15, the Rams now have sole possession of the lead in the Central Valley Conference.

Jacque Lamoure scored one of FCC's seven runs on pure energy, beating seemingly unbeatable throws at first, second, and home. Lamoure finished the game 2-3 with 2 runs and 1 RBI. Chad Rothford went 2-3 with 3 RBI.

FCC now sits at 24-4, a record



FCC catcher Mike Silva congratulates his teammates after taking the lead in Central Valley Conference play with a 7-2 victory over Modesto Junior College April 17.

Photo by Bryan Borrer

matched only by Santa Ana and Golden West in the south. The Rams are set to move into the No. 1 spot in Northern California. But this is about the time the team fell apart last season. The Rams lost nine of their last 12 games to close out the 2003 regular season, the last two in the Northern California Regional playoffs.

"The team wasn't very close," said coach Ron Scott. "These guys are brothers."

Judging from FCC's eight-game winning streak, one would think so. And Fresno will need that fire.

The last eight games of the regular season are all conference games. One of them is at Merced, tied with Modesto one game behind Fresno in the Central Valley Conference, and another is against the Pirates.

If Underwood and fellow freshman Gibson (7-1) continue pitching and Chad Rothford, with 10 home runs, and Jacque Lamoure (batting .421) keep hitting, and Leonard Davis and Kasey and Kevin Perry keep up with the defense, the fire-riding Rams may be on their way to their sixth state championship.

Intent: Jackson and Walberg to play for Arizona State and Saint Mary's

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was the state co-player of the year his freshman season when the Rams reached the state championship game and went 38-2 on the season.

The 6-foot-2 guard ended his career with 1,541 points and as FCC's all-time leading scorer, surpassing Lonnie Hughey's 40-year record in his final game at FCC, a 74-71 loss to American River College in the second round of the Northern California Regionals.

Jackson decided on ASU after a campus visit. Other schools that showed interest in him included Connecticut, Arizona, Maryland, Gonzaga, Washington, USC, Brigham Young and Utah.

"It felt like the right place for me," Jackson said.

Jackson is looking forward to when ASU plays Stanford. He'll be able to play against former high school teammate Chris Hernandez, a Cardinal guard.

"I told him [Hernandez] that

we'll win," Jackson said jokingly. "No doubt about it."

Walberg finished third on the FCC scoring list (1,437), behind only Jackson and Hughey and was named to the all-state team this past season.

Walberg picked Saint Mary's because of the school's loyalty to him.

"They offered me a scholarship before the season even started," Walberg said. "I feel like if I do my job during the offseason, I'll be able to start."

The guard made 306 3-pointers as a Ram while averaging 20.3 points per game.

Jackson averaged 22.3 points, 7.1 assists, 6.1 rebounds, 3.9 steals and 1.9 blocks per game.

FCC head coach Vance Walberg will miss coaching the duo. Before coming to FCC, he coached the two at Clovis West High and in youth basketball. He is also Jason's father.

"It's going to be fun to watch

them compete at the next level," Vance Walberg said. "They've meant so much to this team and have done so much, I don't know how we're going to be able to replace them."

Jackson still can't believe he won't be able to play under his long time coach again.

"It hasn't sunk in yet," he said. "I don't think it will until I leave [for Arizona State]."

"It's going to be weird," Jason Walberg said. "It will take some getting used to."

Also

FCC guard Adam Wall will sign to play at Division II Mesa State (Colorado), FCC head coach Vance Walberg said.

In his two years, Wall averaged 12.8 points, 3.1 assists and 1.9 steals per game.

He also made 220 3-pointers and had a free-throw percentage of .859.

Wall made the all-CVC team both years at FCC.

Game of the Week



Fresno City
Rams

VS.



San Francisco
Rams

Sport: Badminton
When: April 27
Where: FCC gym
Time: 3 p.m.

Notes: Which Rams are better? A Coast Conference match in women's badminton will decide.

— Josh Butters

Notebook

Track and Field

The Fresno City College track and field teams will travel to Visalia for the Central Valley Championships April 24. The meet will prove as a standing ground for those who wish to continue to the State Championship.

Modesto, College of the Sequoias, Merced, Reedley, and FCC will compete against one another not just for the League title but for good standing in the upcoming State Championship.

The individuals that can place in the top four in their events will travel to compete in the State Championship May 14.

"We're just trying to prepare for League next weekend," Rams head coach Scott Stark said.

For the fourth time Jackie Avent recently broke the school's pole vault record vaulting 10' 9". If Avent breaks the 11-foot mark in Visalia, she'll land in the top four in her event.

Gutilla Smith set a triple jump record at 37 feet.

Aris Borjas is ranked No. 2 in the state in the javelin throw.

The men's 4 x 100 team runs a 41 minute, 37 second relay.

Heptathlon participant Mallory Gilbert is currently ranked 4th in the State. The seven event competition consists of the long jump, shot put, high jump, 200 and 800 meter run, 100 meter hurdles, and javelin. Participants are scored based on distances, times, and heights.

"I think Mallory will finish tops in the State," Stark said.

Men's tennis.

FCC's Daniel Ndela won the

Sports Dates

Baseball

April 22—@ Merced, 2:30 pm
April 24—Taft, 1 pm
April 27—@ COS, 2:30 pm
April 29—@ West Hills, 2:30 pm
May 1—@ Porterville, 1 pm
May 4—Modesto, 2:30 pm
May 6—@ Reedley, 2:30 pm

Track and Field

April 24—CVC Championships in Visalia, TBA
May 1—NorCal trials in Sacramento, TBA
May 8—NorCal Championships in Modesto, TBA

Softball

April 22—COS, 2 pm
May 5—1st Rnd of Playoffs, TBA
May 8-9—2nd Rnd of Playoffs, TBA

Central Valley Conference singles championship while Rams Sam Gibbs and Louis Taylor won the double championship.

The top four placers in each division move on to compete in the NorCal finals which take place in Santa Cruz May 6-8.

As a team, the Rams are the No. 1 seed in the NorCal playoffs and took on Santa Rosa April 20 (results not available at press time).

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Softball team looks to break out of slump

After a six-game losing streak, the Rams' chances at postseason are becoming slimmer

By Justin Eck

Rampage reporter

The Fresno City College softball team won seven straight before dropping its last six.

The winning streak began against Taft College, when FCC (18-17) took both games of a double-header on March 23.

The Rams won the first game 8-0, and the second 13-4. Freshman Jennifer Spradling won both games. Sophomore Katrina Jacques went 4 for 5 with a home run and three RBI.

FCC blasted Taft 10-1 two days later, as the Rams pounded out 14 hits. Freshman Stephanie Aaron led the charge with three hits and three RBI. Spradling got the win and had two hits, scoring twice. Freshman Jena Albertson had two hits and three RBI.

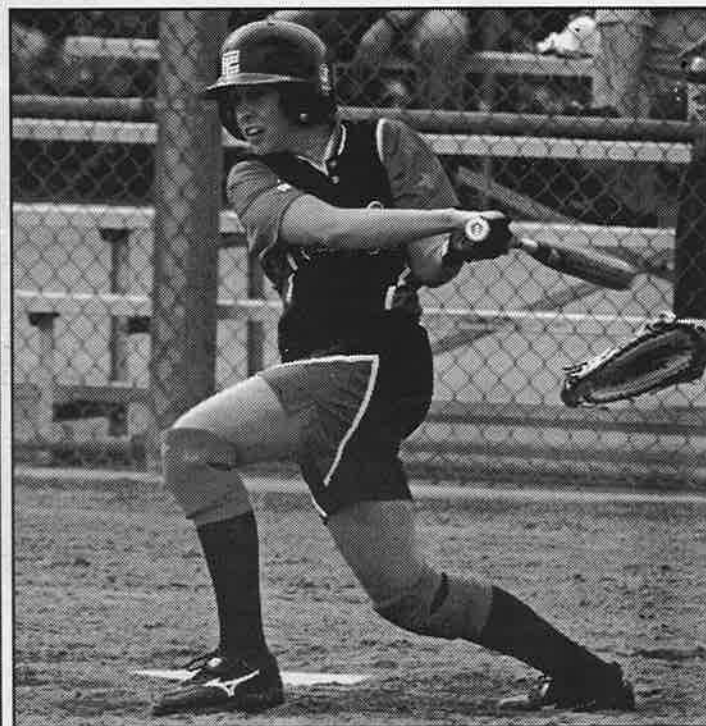
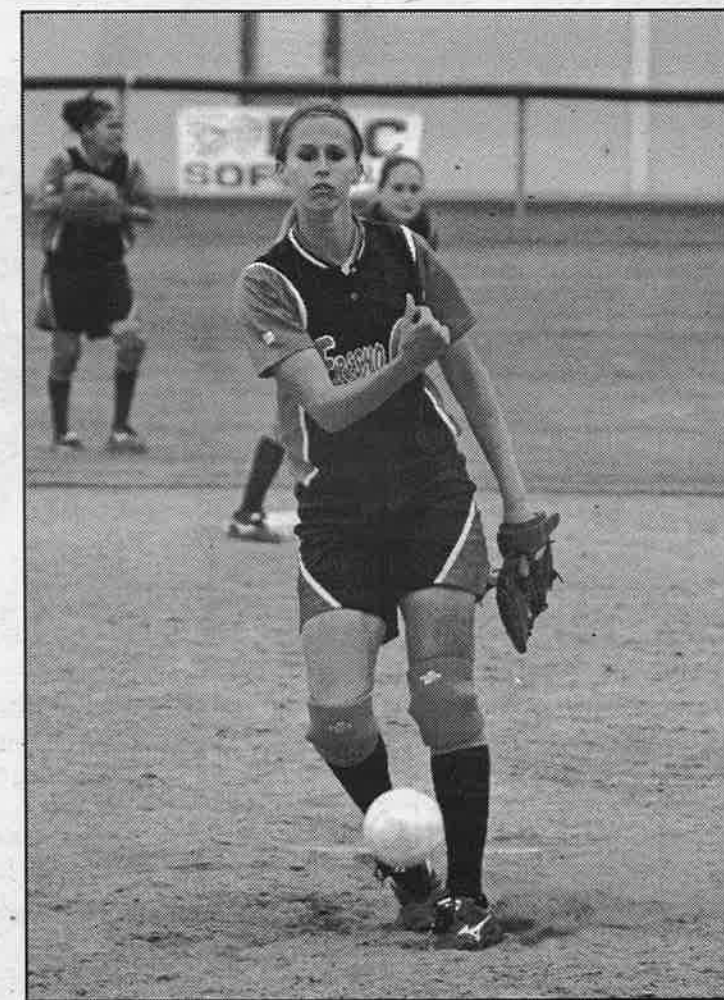
FCC stayed hot against West Hills College, winning two in a doubleheader March 30. Spradling won both games giving up just one run. The Rams won the first game 5-1, and the second 8-0. Despite dominating West Hills, Spradling was not satisfied with her performance.

"I didn't feel very strong today," said Spradling. "That's probably because all I had to eat was Animal Crackers. I am my own worst critic."

Sophomore Jennifer Segura smashed a two-run home run that sailed over the center field fence.

"I hit the [stuffing] out of it," Segura said. "It felt really good."

The Rams kept rolling, defeating Porterville in a dramatic come from behind



Left, FCC pitcher Jennifer Spradling follows through on a pitch. Above, Stephanie Aaron at the plate in a CVC game against Taft.

Photos by Bryan Borrer

win on April 1. FCC went into the bottom of the seventh down by three runs, but came storming back. The Rams drew three straight walks to load the bases, before freshman Crystal Smith lined a single up the middle, knocking in one. After two quick outs it was up to Spradling. She delivered in a big way, by ending the game with a bases clearing triple.

"It was the inning of the century," Jena Albertson said, freshman catcher. "We never give up." Albertson has been the most consistent Ram hitter the last 10 games, and is

learning what it takes to be a clutch hitter.

"I'm relaxing at the plate," Albertson said. "When I'm relaxed I hit the ball well. I just want to help the team."

FCC coach Rhonda Williams was impressed with the Rams' comeback, but tired from such a nerve-racking game.

"We really battled out there," Williams said. "I just wish we didn't wait until our last out to win it." Spradling got the win.

The Rams entered the West Valley College Tournament having won six in a row, and against a good San Jose City squad took

the streak to seven. FCC beat San Jose 8-4 April 7, behind the arm of Spradling, who picked up win number 14 of the season.

FCC would go on to lose the next three games in the tournament. The first loss was to San Mateo College, who shutout the Rams 0-6, ending the winning streak. The following game Shasta College did the same thing, defeating FCC 0-6. Spradling took both losses. The Rams next loss was to West Valley College 3-10, in the last game of the tournament. Jacques took the loss.

In a doubleheader at Reedley College the Rams found themselves stranded on the base pads, as the Tigers won both games. In the first game FCC lost 0-4, but hit the ball well. In the second game FCC had runners in scoring position every inning but one, but only managed to get one run, as the Tigers won 3-1. Spradling took both losses.

After losing to CVC-leading Merced 1-0 April 15, FCC is now 10-8 in Central Valley Conference play.

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"La Familia"



In honor of the 50th Anniversary of Brown vs. Board of Education

Fresno City College Welcomes



Maya Angelou

Thursday, May 13, 2004
10am in the FCC Gymnasium

FCC Students can pick up a complimentary ticket, while they are available at the College Activities Office (next to the cafeteria).

General	\$15	Tickets may be purchased at the FCC Box Office or the College Activities Office.
Seniors (limit 2)	\$5	
FCC Staff (limit 2)	\$5	
Non-FCC Students w I.D. (limit 2)	\$5	

* Additional tickets may be purchased at General Admission price!

Monday, May 3, 2004

- 11 am *March with the Mariachi - Fountain Area to Free Speech Area
- *Opening Ceremonies
- *Mexican Consulate
- *Aztec Dancers: Teocali
- 1 pm *Film Series "Juarez" - Student Lounge

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

- 11:00 am *Lt. Col. Consuelo Kickbusch
- FCC Theatre
- *La Chicana Class
- "Dia de La Mujer" Skits & Poetry
- Student Lounge
- 12 noon *Marimba Band & Danzantes del Valle
- Free Speech Area
- 2 pm *Film Series "Frida" - Student Lounge

Wednesday, May 5, 2004

- 10 am *Food Booths/ Vendor Faire
- *Mariachi Tenochtitlan
- 12 noon *Crowning of Cinco de Mayo Royalty
- *Grito, Jalapeño Eating Contests
- *FCC Folkloric Dance Group
- Free Speech Area
- 1 pm *Film Series "The Salt of the Earth"
- Student Lounge

Thursday, May 6, 2004

- 11 am *"Legacy of Cesar Chavez"
- Student Lounge
- 1 pm *Film Series "The Wrath of Grapes"
- Student Lounge

Friday, May 7, 2004

- 5:30 pm *FCC Latino Association Social
- Food, Music & Familia
- *Special Tribute to
- Señor Joaquin Jimenez
- Student Lounge

Associated Student Government Elections

April 27 - 29, 2004

April 27, 9am-8pm
Fountain Area

April 28, 9am - 8pm
Fountain Area

April 29, 9am - 3pm
Fountain Area



FCC Speaker's Forum Essay Contest
in conjunction with Maya Angelou's Lecture

Topic: The Impact of Brown vs. Board of Education 50 Years Later
1st - \$250, 2nd - \$100, 3rd - \$50
For more info call Gurdeep at 265-5711