

Geoffrey Clayton cuts down the championship net after the Rams' victory over San Bernardino.

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Champs!

Fresno City finishes 34-0 to win state title

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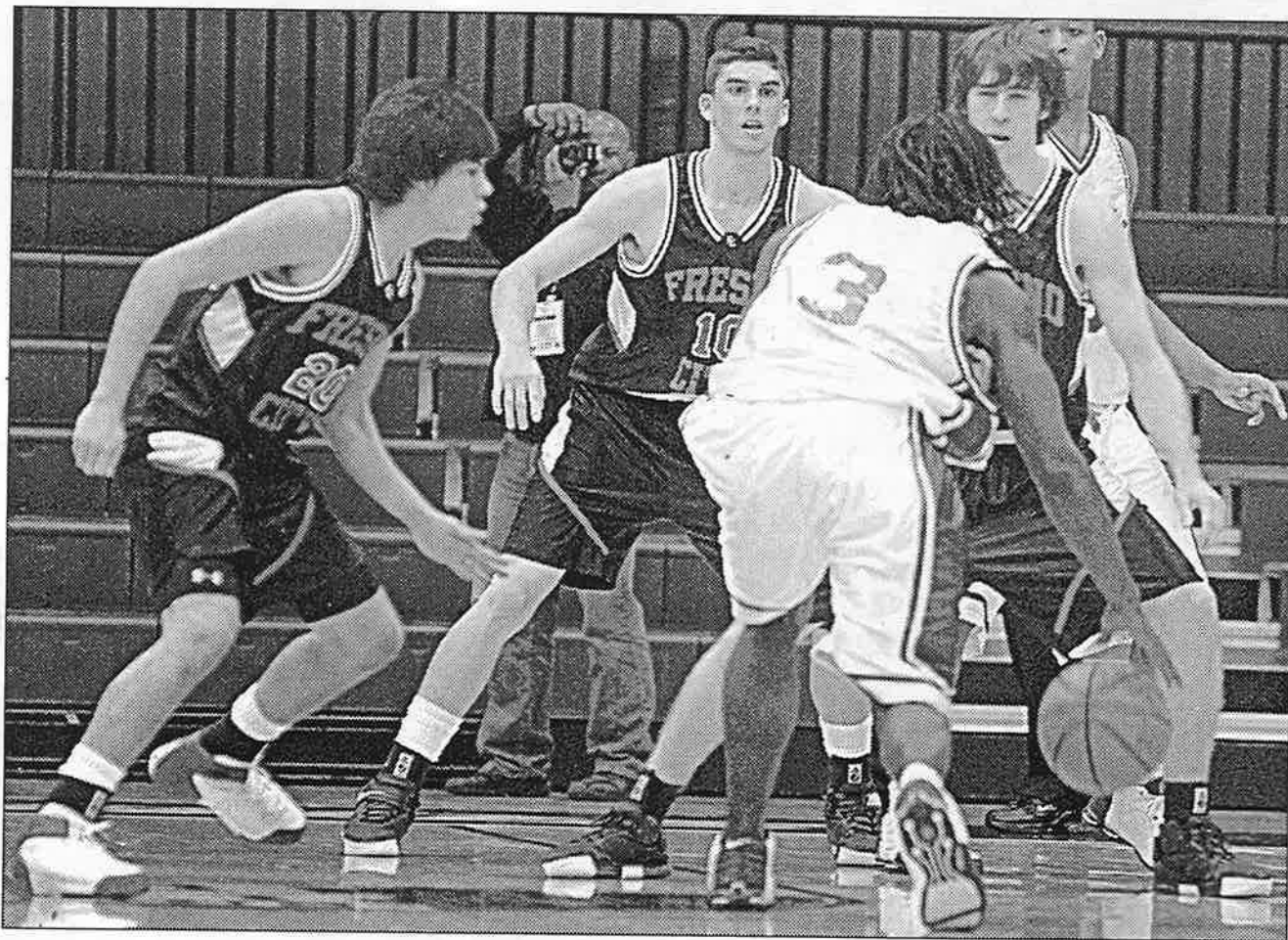


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Southern California player of the year Kevin Henderson (3) of San Bernadino Valley College maneuvers around FCC's Anthony Zuniga, left, Adrian Sanchez, middle, and Anthony Esparza. Henderson committed 13 turnovers and scored five points in the championship game.

By David Witte
Sports Editor

SAN DIEGO — Fresno City College's men's basketball team is made up of players that other colleges passed up.

Forward Reggie Butler and guard M'Jumbe Williams were dismissed by the Fresno State basketball team after the 2003-04 season. Anthony Esparza red-shirted at UC Davis. Cedrick Kalombo red-shirted at Loe University, an NAIA school. Bubba Tolliver and Geoffrey Clayton played the 2002-03 season at College of the Siskiyous.

Nobody really gave these guys a chance, except for Vance Walberg.

And now they're the 2004-05 California community college state champions with a 34-0 record.

"It was not easy," assistant coach Loren LeBeau said. "Everybody from the outside looking in, they think it's easy to get a bunch of guys together who believe in what we're doing."

The Rams started the season ranked No. 17 in northern California, and proceeded to beat every team that crossed their path. Their average margin of victory in the regular season was 27 points.

"When it came together, it created something that was just fun to be around each day," Tolliver said. "People with different backgrounds, growing up with different lifestyles, we brought that in one, and it created something amazing."

"34-0, you can't beat that."

The Rams ended the regular season ranked No. 1 in the state with a 29-0 record. After a 112-76 revenge victory over American River College in the first round of the playoffs, the Rams defeated Cabrillo College 76-57, earning a trip to the final eight tournament at the Jenny Craig Pavilion in San Diego.

The tournament began March 10.

Quarterfinals
FCC 114, Ventura 103

Fresno City started the tournament slowly in the quarterfinals, falling behind early to the Pirates.

Ventura led 16-12 after 4 minutes, and reached its biggest lead on a fast-break lay-up by Jonathan Davis for a 47-38 lead with 5 minutes remaining in the half.

"We stuck to our game plan, which was to break the pressure and attack the basket," Davis said. "That was the game plan coming into this game just for the simple fact that they pressure so much in the front court, that if we broke their pressure, we'd have a lot of numbers."

Davis said that breaking the press gave Ventura better match-ups on offense, creating three-on-two and two-on-one situations. Ventura had 14 fast-break points to FCC's eight.

Fresno City bounced back toward the end of the half with three-pointers by M'Jumbe Williams, Jordan Farley, and Adrian Sanchez. The Rams led at halftime 60-57.

"We started off the second half basically pounding them," said FCC assistant coach Loren LeBeau. "But then we let them back in it because of our inability either to make a lay-up or make good decisions. Or get a stop."

The Pirates went to their big men all night, passing the ball inside to Gary Nunez and UTEP-bound Moses Gonzalez. Nunez finished with 30 points, and Gonzalez 21.

Ventura scored 86 of its 103 points inside the paint.

"They hit two threes all night, and everything else was a lay-up," LeBeau said. "So we just didn't do a great job of closing down the key like we wanted to."

Both of Ventura's three-pointers came via guard David Van Someren.

FCC started the second half with a 16-4 run, but Ventura fought back.

"I thought that they would hit that wall in the second half," said FCC head coach Vance Walberg. "But they didn't. It was not one of our better performances. I'd give it a three or a four."

"To win a big game like that playing a three or four, I'll take it, because we did not play pretty."

The Rams took a 10-point lead in the second half and maintained it until the last three minutes, when Ventura closed in.

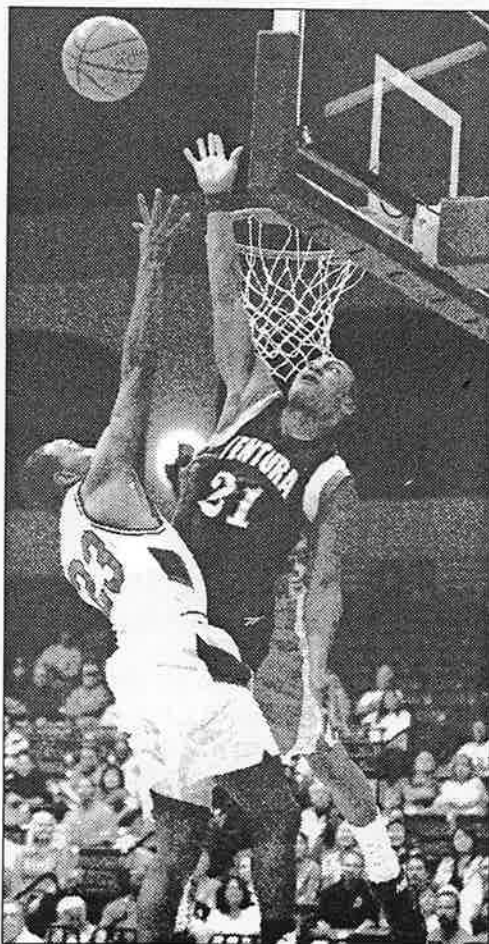
"We thought we had them dead in the water at certain points," LeBeau said. "But then we just

didn't make good enough decisions to get the lead to 20. If you play a sagging defense, then the wear-out factor doesn't come in."

The Pirates closed FCC's lead to 103-98 with 2:43 remaining, but committed five personal fouls within the last two minutes. Farley tipped away a shot with 42 seconds remaining, and Geoffrey Clayton grabbed the loose ball to seal FCC's victory.

Ventura pushed the limit the entire game, causing concern on the Pirates' bench that guard Charles Dillon might pass out.

"(Fatigue) is a factor," Davis said. "But for a lot of us, man, this is our last time playing ball, so getting tired was not even an option. Even if you were, you've just got



FCC guard M'Jumbe Williams lays the ball in over Ventura College's Charles Dillon in FCC's 114-103 victory in the first round of the state championship tournament March 10.

Photo by Daisy Rosas

Walberg, LeBeau to stay at FCC

Both Vance Walberg and Loren LeBeau expressed their intent to stay with Fresno City College. Walberg was rumored to be interested in San Jose State.

"We want to do it again," Walberg said. "You're going to hear a lot of things."

Another rumor put LeBeau as a leading candidate for Fresno Pacific head coach.

"I'm not really interested," LeBeau said. "We have too good a thing going here."

to suck it up and play.

"In this kind of atmosphere, you just have to get it done."

Geoffrey Clayton and Anthony Esparza led FCC with 24 points each.

Saddleback 80, West Valley 76 (OT)

West Valley's Drew Sanchez hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to tie the game, but Sanchez fouled out in overtime play. Saddleback outscored West Valley 10-6 in the overtime period.

San Joaquin Delta 74, Desert 62

College of the Desert led early 17-7, but the San Joaquin Delta Mustangs went on a 23-5 run for a 30-22 lead. San Joaquin Delta had four players in double digits.

San Bernardino 78, Siskiyou 65

Five College of the Siskiyous players scored in double figures, but San Bernardino's trio of stars scored more. The Wolverines' Aaron Nixon scored 27 points, Dwayne Pettus scored 18, and Kevin Henderson scored 17.

Semifinals

FCC 95, Saddleback 82

Fresno City fell behind early again, trailing 10-4 after 3 minutes of play. The Gauchos let them back in, and FCC tied the game at half-time, 45-45.

"We are just a team that has found a way to win under adverse circumstances," said FCC assistant coach Loren LeBeau. "That's as easy as I can say it, and I know it sounds simple, but this team finds a way to win."

Bubba Tolliver led FCC with 29 points, followed by Anthony Esparza with 28.

Fresno shot 78 percent from the field to Saddleback's 47 percent. The Gauchos made slightly more than half of their free throws.

"We just broke down on a few possessions," said Saddleback coach Bill Brummel. "Fresno took advantage of every one of ours that broke down, and that's why they're so good."

FCC came out shooting in the second half. The Rams made 5 of 7 from beyond the arc in the sec-

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FCC earns
a state title
for the first
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Hear ye!

FCC hosts annuel two-day Renaissance Festival, students travel back in time

By Christine Haeussling

Rampage reporter

"Good morrow, are you well?"

"Gramasee, aye!"

Members of a guild have their own language, as visitors of the

Renaissance Festival on FCC Campus might have noticed on March 12 and 13.

The festival is like a village with each guild being a component, according to Sir Thomas Wyatt. In real life, his name is Mark Forigian and he is a member of the Guild St Henry.

A guild, in the 16th century, was an association of skilled craftsmen not unlike a trade union today.

In the St Henry's Guild, all members share all duty. The only thing that makes Sir Wyatt a mastermember is that he has already been with the guild for 16 years.

"Truth be known: I am a ham at heart, I'd even act if I had to pay for it," Sir Wyatt said about his passion for the Renaissance.

"I am a poet, spending much of the day with the ladies, that is where I truly belong."

The St Henry's Guild is from Fresno, with currently about 15 active members.

For more information, students can visit

their webpage at <http://sainthenrysguild.org>.

Members attend all major guild fairs including FCC's, the Fair Oaks Tudor Fayre, Renaissance of Kings and the Kearney Park Faire.

The "studium generale" is a group of students and masters without a home following the nobles.

They hope to find sponsors so they can build a college where they teach what has been taught for the past 600 years. For them, Greek is the only language and they have nothing but contempt for "something called updating." In their eyes, there is no sense in translating the classics into modern languages like French or Latin.

Another guild, the St John's put on is a workshop in BFA, [Basic Faire Accent] for new members.

Sir Thomas Tresham is one of those who founded St John's Guild about seven years ago. He is "Eagle of Bailiwick," a title given to the knights of St John.

"You were in charge of everything the eagle could see," Sir Tresham said. According to him, there are quite some words in BFA different to modern English. "Nay" means "no", "gramasee" means thank you and the "privies" were the bathrooms.

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Photo by Ashli Moore

Marion "Anarya" Speed plays a crazed peasant during FCC's Renaissance Festival March 12.

Together they have gone far

FCC's Skydog and Steve Grusis travel more than 20,000 miles

By Mona Lisa McCormick

Rampage reporter

Two men.

A Fresno City College counselor and a State Center Community College District program analyst, have turned a leisurely activity of riding a bike into something adventurous.

In 2004, FCC counselor Fred Emerling Ph. D. (aka Skydog) and SCCC program analyst Steve Grusis rode their bikes a total of 21,854 miles, almost enough to travel the circumference of the earth's equator.

Emerling started riding a bike as a kid and in high school he became a distance runner. When injuries ended his running, he decided to start riding again, but this time with more intensity.

Emerling is a member of the Fresno Cycling Club. He rides a 27 speed Trek 5200 road bike and rides more than 200 miles per week.

"Fresno is a wonderful town to ride," Emerling said.

Bike riding is only one of Emerling's hobbies. He also likes to snowboard, travel and go camping with his family.

With bike riding it is more fitness to Emerling.

"I have not missed a workout since Sept. 16, 1969," said Emerling.

"I workout every single day, rain or shine."

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Emerling

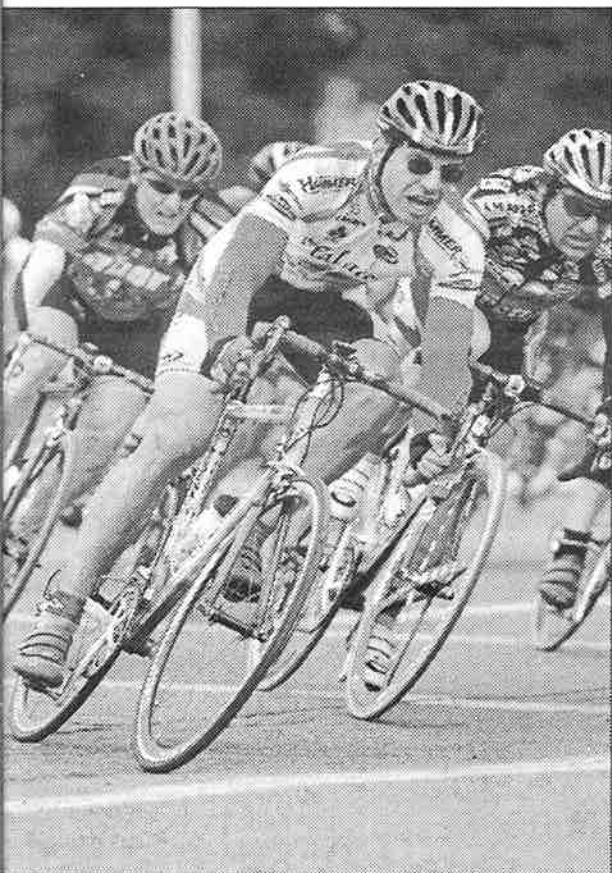


Photo contributed by Steve Grusis

Steve Grusis, center, competitively races while away from work.

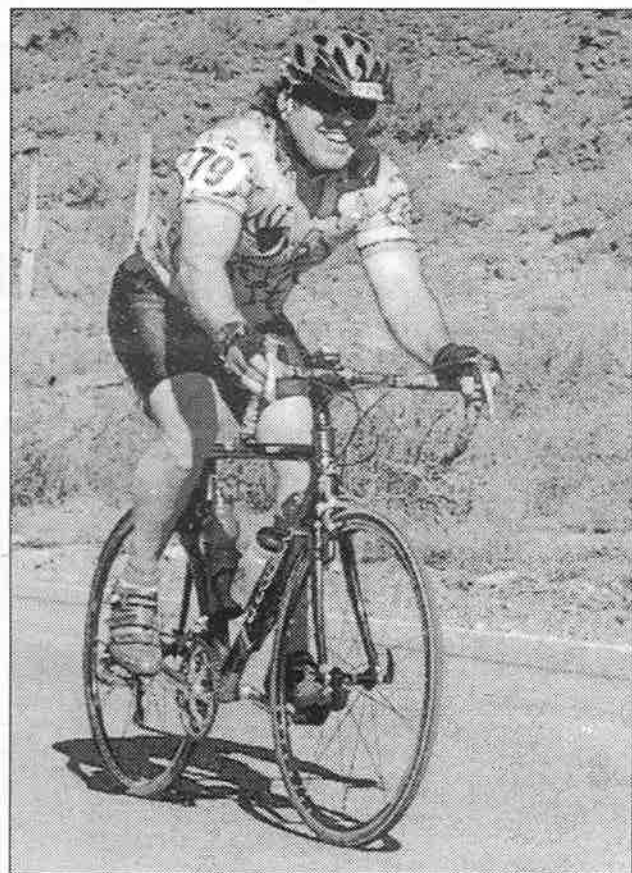


Photo contributed by Fred Emerling

FCC counselor Fred Emerling enjoys riding around the Valley.

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Mobility made easy

By Will Tranquilli

Rampage reporter

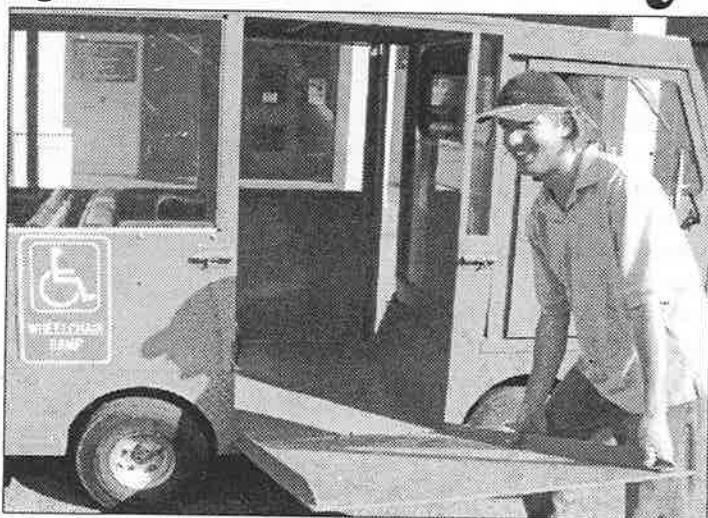
Two Mobility Express carts provided by the Disabled Students Programs and Services Office it permits students who do not move independently to take classes that are geographically quite far apart.

A few of the 50 students that use this facility would not be able to go to school without it, George Theocharis, a student aide driver said.

For all the student users their choice of classes between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. is greatly expanded.

Instead of running a planned route, one of two part-time staff drivers or a student aid driver who make pickups by appointment between 7:45 a.m. and 4 p.m. each weekday that classes are in session, staff service specialist René Petch said.

Students must first be authorized by their DSP&S counselor,



FCC now has special carts to transport handicap students around campus. Photo by Sergio Cortes

after which they submit a schedule of pickup times and locations.

The first cart was purchased using lottery money. They're battery driven and are usually nearly exhausted by the end of the day. They must be recharged overnight, according to Theocharis.

"There's nothing about this job that I don't like, but of course, I'd like to have more hours," Theocharis said.

He works nine hours per week when the part-time staff drivers aren't available. It would appear that students who need to use the carts are not able to take classes that meet after three or evening classes. Severe budget constraints prevent further expansion of the service and there are no current plans to try to expand it, Petch said.

The mobility brochure makes it clear that students must manage their own books, bags and packages without the drivers' assistance, and that smoking, eating and drinking is forbidden.

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Never say never

FCC student follows her dreams across the nation and back

By Sergio Cortes

Rampage reporter

Fresno City College student Jacquelyn Crystal Clark is a renowned dancer and widely recognized by Fresno's dance community.

She has participated in many competitions and her talent has won her scholarships from the Broadway Dance Center in New York and the Edge from Los Angeles. All of her achievements make her a perfect example of a student who has gone a long way to reach their dream.

Clark got her inspiration to dance at age three when her mother took her to see a ballet performance by the Dance Theatre of Harlem and ever since then she has been fascinated by dancing.

When she was growing up, Clark had the opportunity of receiving dancing lessons at the Dance Studio of Fresno under the direction of Sue Sampson Dalena.

Clark's involvement in her dance studio gave her the opportunity to participate in many dancing competitions.

When Clark was 20 years old she left Fresno and moved to New York to pursue her dancing dream.

"New York was a huge difference. I couldn't drive and I had to rely on public

transportation," said Clark.

In New York Clark shared a three-room apartment with her friend.

Clark admits that her time in New York was a struggle because sometimes she was barely making ends meet and she had to rely on food stamps to survive.

Clark auditioned many times in New York with no success until she was finally recognized by the dance company Opus who invited her to perform with them.

Ironically after spending six months in New York in search for a dancing career she finally received an offer from Busch Gardens, an entertainment corporation in Florida.

She moved to Florida to work with the Busch Gardens as a singer, actor and dancer. Her life in Florida was very different from that of New York, for the first time she had her own apartment and was paid to do what she did best.

"I was making a lot [of money] to do what I love and to dance all day," said Clark.

In Florida, Clark was the principal lead and dance captain in the dance production of Katonga:

Tales from the Heart of Africa, where she performed a West African style dance.

After spending 6 months in Florida, Clark returned to Fresno to start her own dance company.

In Nov. 2004, Clark started the Selah Dance Company of Grace Community Baptist Church, which performs praise and worship dances.

Clark's faith plays a large role in her life and it is that faith in God that brought her back to Fresno.

"I felt that God wanted me to lead a dance ministry," said Clark.

Clark is using all of her dancing experienced she has learned from New York and Florida, and bringing it to FCC.

"I learned to definitely be precise and have specific goals," said Clark, "Be fearless and sometimes take no for an answer."

Currently, Clark is a student of Stephanie Powell the dance instructor and artistic director at FCC and she is also helping Powell choreograph a piece for the upcoming dance production "Dance for Life."

"Jacquelyn is not a student I have to worry about. She is a growing artist and very humble yet energetic student," said Powell.

Clark is one of many who are trying to bring more awareness to the arts at FCC and she is using her talent to dance to accomplish that goal.

"I hope that [FCC Dance] keeps doing what it has already started to do, which is bring the dance community together."

"Start unifying local arts and it expands the appreciation of the arts in Fresno," said Clark.

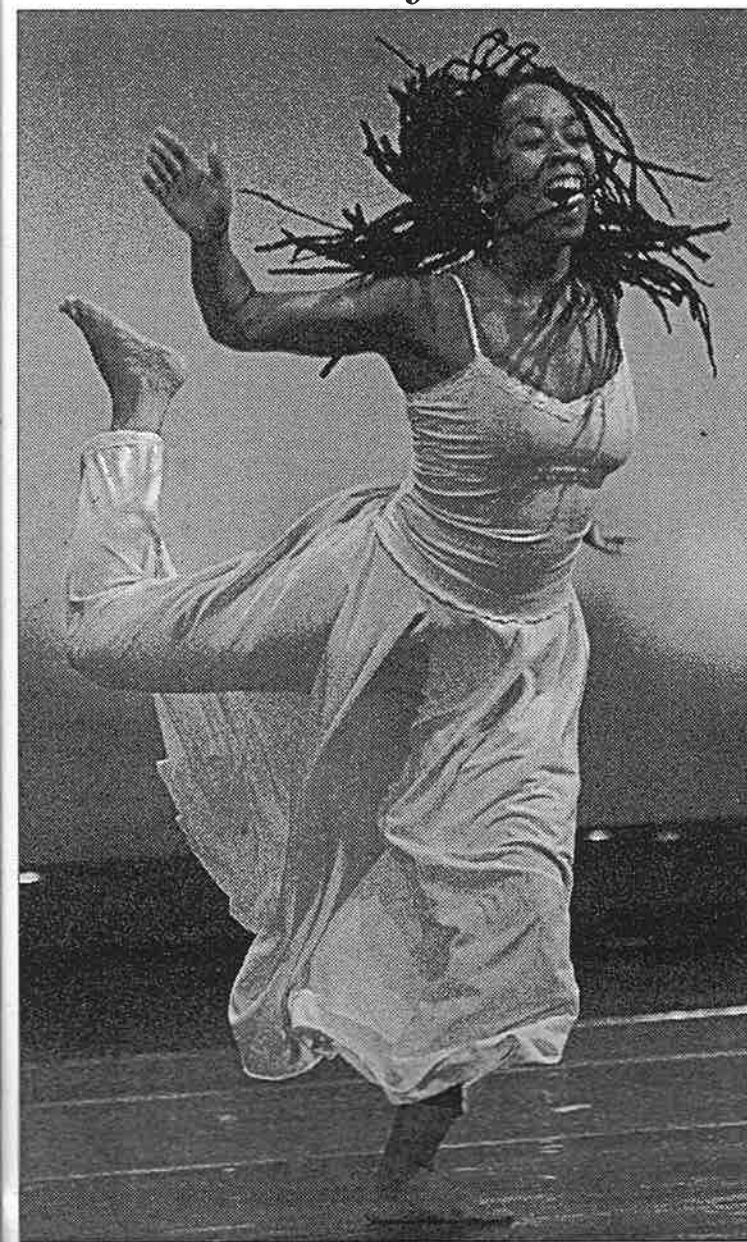


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Fresno City College student Jackie Clark dances with the Dallas Black Theatre at the start of Black History Month Feb. 1.



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Emerling's family is supportive of his hobby.

"My family expects it. It's like brushing your teeth," said Emerling.

Grusis like Emerling has a knack for riding a bike. But Grusis definitely takes it to the next level.

Grusis rides a 20 speed Colnago Dream Plus road bike to and from school. He tries to ride at least 1000 miles per month.

"[Bike riding] started out as transportation," said Grusis. He had seen a notice for a race team and decided to join.

"I love the competition."

The fastest that Grusis has clocked himself at was 33 mph. But being fast is not everything. Strategy is a key point in winning as a team. "It's like a chess game," said Grusis.

When Grusis rides, he not only works out his body but also his mind. He uses a technique of visualization, one of the workouts given to him by his coach, FCC student Chad Fischer.

Fischer is a former professional bike racer.

Like Emerling, Grusis is also a member of the Fresno Cycling Club. He is a team member of the Southern Sierra Cyclists out of Visalia and they are named the Arts Cyclery Racing Team after their sponsor.

Grusis enters races all over the valley as a team and sometimes just individually. At the Pine Flat race he placed ninth, at the Dinuba race the team placed second and in the Cantua Creek race in Coalinga he placed second.

Grusis will be at New Mexico Apr. 27 for the Silver City bike race, which is a 320-mile race in five stages spanning over five days. His next race is a 200-mile, four-day race in five stages and starts on June 5 in Hood River, Oregon.



Fred Emerling rides his bike every chance he gets reaching nearly 200 miles per week and is a member of the Fresno Cycling Club. Photo contributed by Fred Emerling

Committee speaks up for FCC

By Mona Lisa McCormick

Rampage reporter

The Speakers Forum Committee has the difficult task of choosing and scheduling speakers for Fresno City College.

"The committee looks at options of bringing speakers onto the campus and how the speakers enhance the students the faculty and the community," said



Roberts

We hope it is an inspiration to students," said co-chair Lee Herrick.

"The hard part is breaking the list down to one or two speakers."

Another challenge the committee faces is budgetary. That goes hand in hand with which speakers the committee wants to feature, the timeliness of national events with the background and topics the speakers discuss and if the committee can afford to sponsor the speaker.

President Doffoney asked the com-

mittee if it was possible to decide on an area or speaker first and then talk about the money after.

"We don't want the committee to be restricted by the dollar amount," said Doffoney.

College Activities Director Gurdeep Sihota contacts the speakers' agencies to negotiate schedules and sponsorship.

Past speakers include Mia Angelou, Spike Lee, Bay Buchanan and Kathleen Kennedy-Townsend.

Once a speaker has been chosen, the committee must recommend and attain approval from the college president of all speakers and topics chosen.

After approval has been granted, the committee decides on the promotion and logistics of the event.

Committee member Kathy Bonilla of the Public Information Department said her part is to promote the speaker through publicity and news media.

"[Public Information Department] deals with getting the word out about the speaker the college is presenting,"

said Bonilla.

For many members of the committee, being a part of providing great speakers for FCC students, faculty and the community is very rewarding.

Herrick said when he was a student he will never forget the speakers he saw.

"The best part is hearing students say, 'That was an unbelievable event,' or [hearing students] talk about a speaker a month later. It becomes a part of [the student's] life."

The committee membership is made up of representatives from divisions and departments on the FCC campus.

FCC formed this committee to find speakers that would "expose the students to intellectual ideas to stimulate [the students'] thinking beyond the classroom and beyond their expectations," said FCC President Ned Doffoney, Ed. D.

During their meetings, the committee may suggest as many as 25 speakers from different backgrounds.

"[The committee] tries to find speakers that will inspire students to do their own dreams because the students see the speaker living their dream."



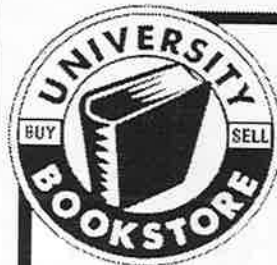
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Instructor lights up theatre department

Kent McFann's work history has long list of fimilar T.V. productions

By Sergio Cortes

Rampage reporter

Last August Kent McFann became one of the newest members of Fresno City College's theatre family. McFann has had numerous jobs in the theatre community.

Currently McFann is the lighting, set design and technical theatre instructor who going take part in four theatrical productions this year.

McFann is originally from Los Angeles and it's there where he learned most of his skills in theatrical productions.

It was at California Institute of the Arts (CalArts) where he studied and received his undergraduate degree. After he graduated from CalArts in 1987, he freelanced with many prominent television and film production designers as a stagehand worker.

"I was the guy that ran the stuff back stage and set everything up," said McFann. McFann admitted that his experience working for television shows was stressful but also at the same time exciting.

Aside from McFann's work on television shows he has also worked on Broadway productions as well. In 1995 he moved away from the movie community of southern California to a more

theatrical community in New York. Once in New York, McFann quickly took advantage of what the Big Apple could offer. He furthered his education at State University of New York and obtained his Masters of fine arts.

During his time in New York he worked on a couple off-off-Broadways shows. Off-off-Broadway shows are smaller professional theatrical productions that are done outside of Broadway in the hopes of being noticed by a producer and introduce into Broadway.

Although none of the off-off-Broadways shows he worked on were introduce into Broadway, he still continued to work in the theatre business until he decided to move back to California.

Back in California, McFann resumed his job working for television shows but this time as a television art director and designed scenery for television sets.

Being a television art director he had the opportunity to work on Soul Train, the Teen Choice Awards and the Billboard Music Awards.

McFann's eventually got nominated for an Emmy for his work for the television special Cher Live from MGM.

After working for a couple of years in Los Angeles he finally moved to Fresno to become a college instructor at FCC.

Upon his first arrival, McFann was amazed at the constant trains that were moving about in the city aside from that he really enjoy Fresno.

"It's a really good place to work, all the instructors here are really helpful," said McFann.

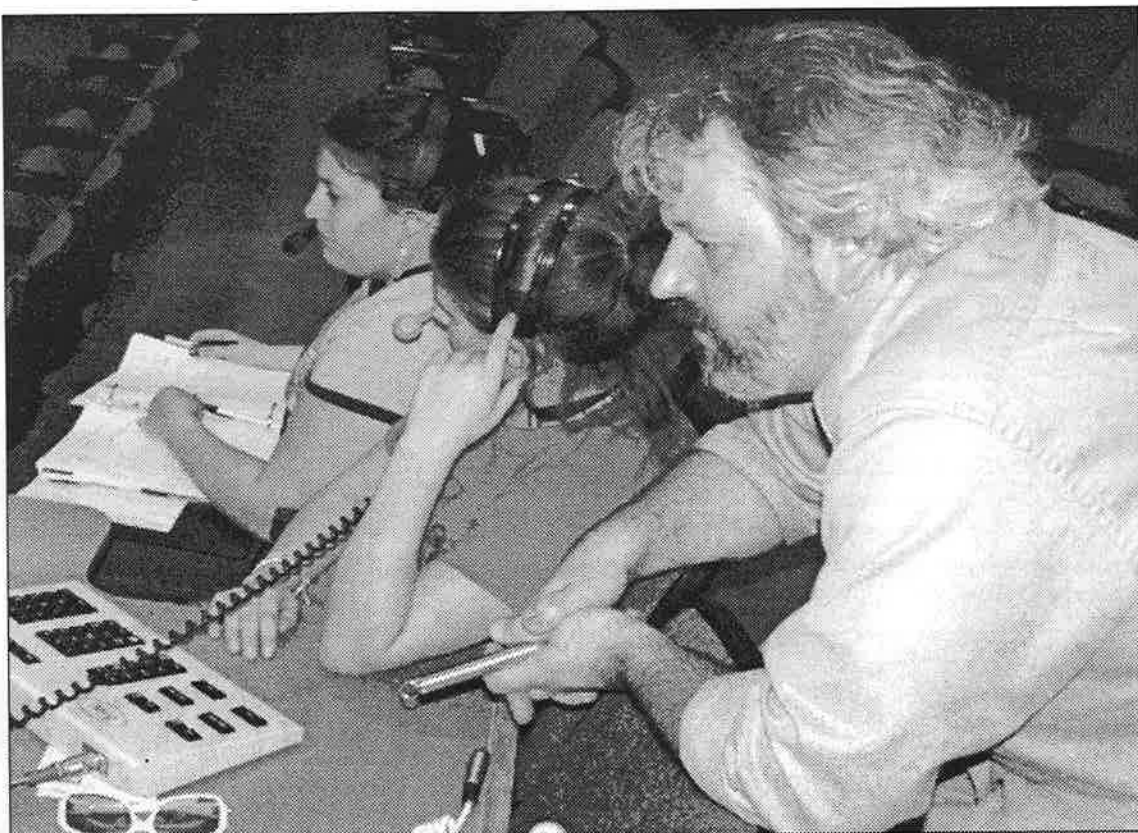


Photo by Sergio Cortes

Left to right, stage manager Alissa Cummings, assistant lighting designer Elizabeth Evrett, and instructor Kent McFann, check the lighting during a dress rehearsal of "Something's Afoot."

McFann was also impressed by the all the theatre professionalism and semi-professionalism that Fresno has. He feels how close and passionate the theatre group here at FCC is and that has helped him really enjoys the new environment he is working in.

"My purpose is different, I am educating," said McFann.

"I really enjoy working with the students and watching them learn."

McFann pointed out that some of

the students he has worked with are straight out of high school where they had little or no responsibilities. He is glad that he is helping create an environment where students can take responsibilities into their own hands and at the same time learn about theatre.

Stage Manager Alissa Cummings is one of the students who have worked with McFann on FCC theatrical production of "Boy's Life" and "Something's Afoot".

"He is very eccentric. He does a good job with a really hard set [Something is Afoot] especially with all these special effects," said Cummings.

In the long run McFann wants to help built a large audience that not only involves theatre but all the arts and hopes to accomplish that goal through his students. McFann is one example of a well-experienced and diverse group of individuals who are working to improve the arts at FCC.

Festival: Community participates in food, games, and entertainment on FCC West Lawn

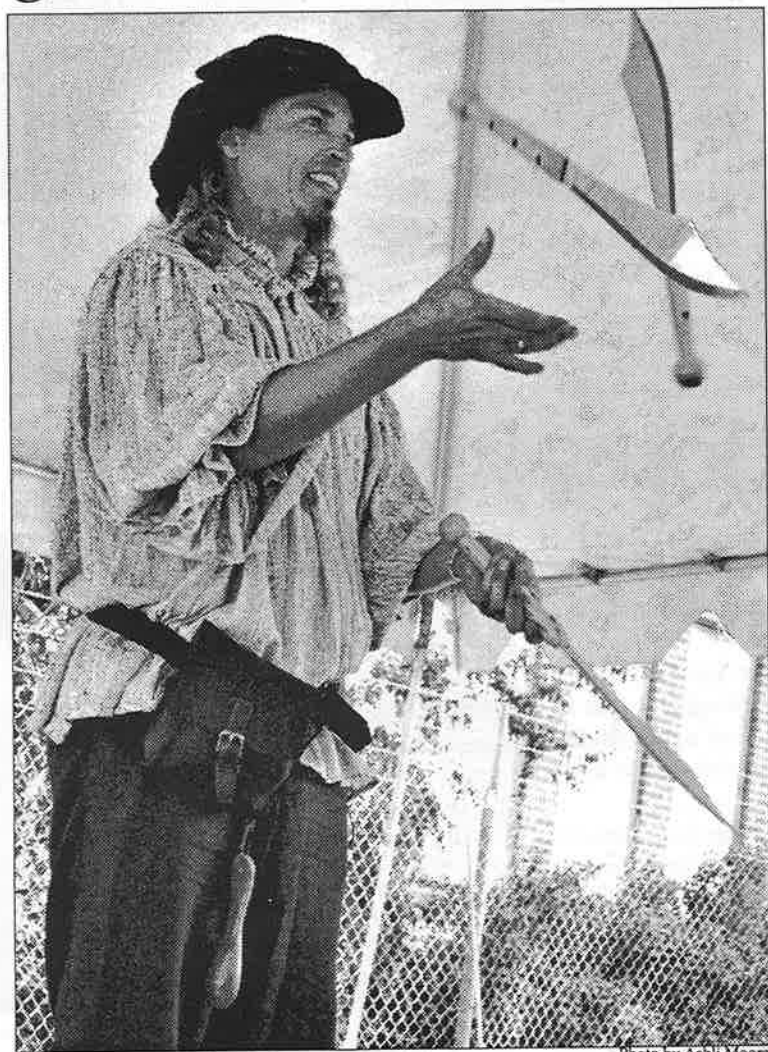


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Festival participant juggles knives and a variety of dangerous objects.

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The privy-counselor was the most important counselor of England since he was present at the kings' and queens' most intimate moments.

According to Sir Tresham, it's very easy to get into BFA and hard to speak modern English.

"After speaking BFA for 48 hours you go back to your coworkers, speaking weird."

There are about 130 Renaissance Festivals all over the United States, copying the original one held in Malibu in 1975.

Juggler Adam has went to his first Renaissance Festival at the age of 14, he was also a papermaker at one time. Now he gives juggle lessons and entertains at festivals like the one in Fresno.

"It's the only place to work and be happy with your coworkers."

Members of the St Magdalene's Guild escort the queen "and keep the

Irish from causing trouble," according to one of their members.

For this, they get money from the queens, which they use to pay the girls. "Because it's also a brothel," the girl in front of the guild's tent adds.

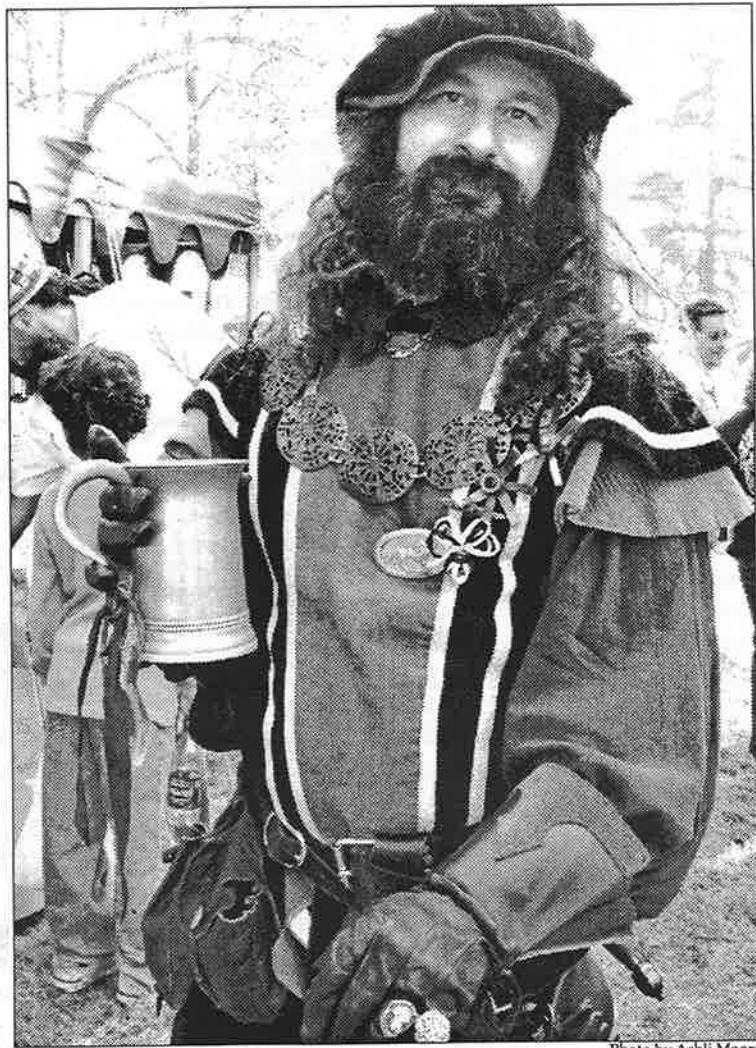


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Many people dress in their Renaissance costumes for the annual event.

Game of the Week

FCC Rams



VS.

Brigham Young



Sport: Men's tennis
When: March 17
Where: Indian Wells, Calif.
Notes: The Rams meet with a Division I college at the Indian Wells tournament, which attracts the top tennis players in the world.

Dates & Info

Baseball

March 17, 2 p.m. vs. Merced
March 22-24, Hancock Easter Tournament (Santa Maria)
March 31, 2 p.m. @ Modesto
April 2, 1 p.m. vs. Modesto
April 5, 2 p.m. vs. West Hills

Softball

March 17, 2 p.m. vs. Porterville
March 19, San Joaquin Delta Tournament (Stockton)
March 31, 1 p.m. @ West Hills
April 2-3, West Valley College Tournament (Saratoga)
April 5, 2 p.m. @ Taft

Men's tennis

March 17, 12 p.m. @ Brigham Young
March 18, 2 p.m. @ Desert
March 29, 2 p.m. @ Porterville
March 31, 2 p.m. vs. COS
April 1, 1 p.m. vs. LA Pierce
April 1, 5 p.m. vs. Ventura
April 2, 10 a.m. vs. Saddleback
April 2, 1 p.m. vs. Grossmont
April 5, 2 p.m. vs. Reedley

Women's tennis

March 17, 2 p.m. vs. Modesto
March 29, 2 p.m. @ Porterville
March 31, 2 p.m. vs. COS
April 5, 2 p.m. vs. Reedley

Men's golf

March 17, 1 p.m. league tourney (Kingsburg)
March 29, 12 p.m. league tourney (Diablo Grande)
March 31, 12 p.m. @ San Jose
April 5, 12 p.m. league tourney (Fig Garden)

Track and field

March 19, Panther Invitational (Sacramento)
March 25-26, Stanford Invitational (Palo Alto)
April 2, Ed Adams Invitational (Hartnell)

Badminton

April 2, Preseason Tournament @ Mission

"Our mentality was to just get a win and get back on track. Our guys were very aggressive."

-FCC head coach Ron Scott



Photo by Daisy Rosas

FCC's Thomas Raymundo is tagged out at home plate by Taft's Carlton Brandon in the fifth inning of a 15-5 win at FCC's baseball field March 8.

Rams recover from 0-2 record

Rams lose first two conference games to Modesto and Porterville, go on to win next three

By Quinn Robinson
Rampage reporter

The Fresno City College baseball team has found itself in an unfamiliar situation.

Starting Central Valley Conference play at 0-2.

That's exactly what the Rams faced after match-ups against Porterville and Modesto Junior College.

"Porterville is a good team," said Rams head coach Ron Scott. "They have good momentum and we lost a tough game there."

"The Modesto game just didn't work out. We got behind early. We had 12 walks and three hit batters and we only had four or five hits ourselves so it was a

complete team breakdown."

Hoping to avoid starting off conference play 0-3, FCC took on Taft College in their rubber game of the home stand on March 8.

The Rams snapped out of their offensive slump as they piled up 15 runs on 17 hits against the Cougars. Adam Matcham led the Rams with four hits while Robert Walden and Dominic Foster each had three hits including a home run for each of them as FCC jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the third inning.

Taft tried to make a comeback, but the Rams' bats proved to be too powerful that day. The Rams cruised to a 15-5 victory over the

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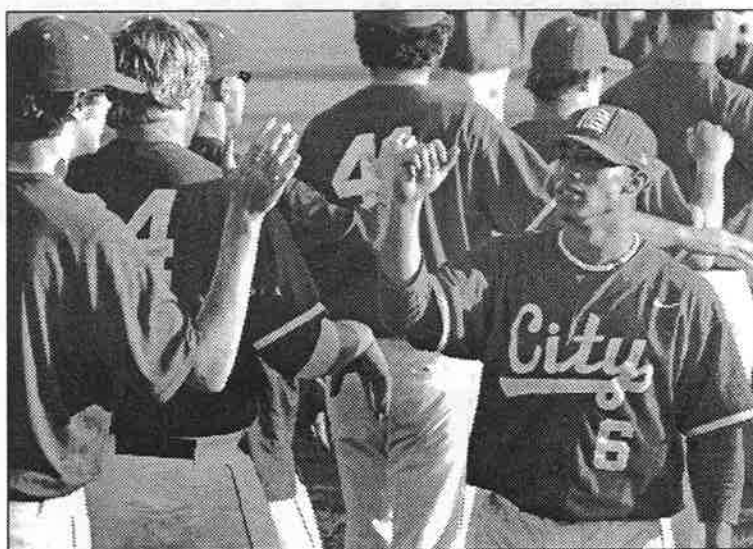


Photo by Daisy Rosas

Brandon Zenimura and Andy Underwood congratulate each other after a 15-5 win over Taft College March 8.

FCC softball team loses two in a row

Team is 1-5 conference, 4-12 overall

By Ryan McHenry
Rampage Reporter

The Fresno City College women's softball suffered their second straight loss of the season March 10 vs. Reedley College 6-3 at FCC.

The Rams have been close in most games but have yet to find the missing ingredient to help them win games.

The Rams are a dismal 1-5 in conference play and have a 4-12 record overall leaving head coach Rhonda Williams scratching her head.

"We have lost 5 or maybe 6 games that would should have won," said Williams. "Softball is a game of inches and right now that has

been the difference between winning and losing," Williams added.

The Rams haven't got the job done on offense or defense. Though the first 16 games the Rams have been outscored 55-94, but have at times showed signs of playing well.

"It seems like when our offense is playing well, our defense isn't and when our defense is playing well our offense is struggling," Williams said.

The Rams are depending heavily on Jennifer Spradling, last year's Central Valley Conference Pitcher of the Year.

Spradling, a returning sophomore, has

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Photo by Daisy Rosas

Marissa Salazar hits an RBI double during the second inning of FCC's 7-1 loss to Taft March 1.

A warm welcome

Fans waiting for state champs include FCC president Ned Doffoney, '55 champ Ray Williams

By Will Tranquilli
Rampage reporter

An enthusiastic crowd eagerly awaited the return of the state champion Fresno City College Rams Sunday night in a neighborhood darkened by a power outage. Among them were FCC President Ned Doffoney and 69-year-old Ray Williams, who played forward on the 1955 state champion FCC Rams.

"[Our guys] played with heart and cheered each other on... And Fresno's crowd at the Jenny Craig Center was the loudest of all," Doffoney said.

"I just had to come down here

and welcome these guys home," Williams said.

"I fully expect [the Rams'] winning streak to continue through next season. "Their system is unique, they just wear you down."

"They have so many guys who can shoot the three, who are you going to focus on? Usually you can say, 'we gotta stop him and him,' but you can't stop 14 guys," the champion forward said. "We won the Modesto tournament and the state championship in 1955, we had won 28 and lost 2."

"Let's have some educational experience out of this. There's something to be learned by los-

ing but you can learn a lot more by winning," Doffoney said.

"Coaches from Portland State and Arizona State spoke to me at the game. They said, 'you guys really have something special [in this team]';" he said. "A lot of people are looking at these guys. We are all so very proud of what our team has done."

Will classes be dismissed Monday, in celebration?

"Absolutely not. The first order of business is, was, and always will be education," said the FCC president.

"A lot of people are going to see what [coach Vance Walberg]

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Photo by Daisy Rains

Kaleigh Hernandez searches the field after tagging Taft's Pikake Nutter-Gaudet during Taft's 7-1 victory at the FCC softball field March 1.

Softball: Offense is good when defense is down, defense is good when offense is down

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struggled so far this year to lead the team in the fashion that gave her the accolades she received last year.

In Spradling's defense, she pitched in 3 of the 4 games that the Rams have won.

Depth is one thing that the team is lacking this year, especially at the pitching position. The Rams only have 2 pitchers on the team roster which makes Spradling's play that much more important to the team's success. The other pitcher on the team's roster is Sarah Montoy. Montoy, a freshman from Kerman, seemed to place the blame mainly on the offense.

"We are making good contact in our hitting, we just aren't finding the gaps," said Montoy.

Don't count FCC out just yet. There are still plenty of games for the Rams to turn the season around and according to Williams the team

is improving.

"The defense is playing a lot better now than when we started the season," Williams said. What the Rams are hoping they can accomplish is to get some wins and improve with each game so when the playoffs come around the team is playing their best softball.

According to sophomore outfielder Toni Martinez the team wants above all else to win. Unfortunately for the Rams they just haven't been able to do it that often thus far.

"We want to win so bad, that it causes us to play scared," said Martinez.

In any sport no matter what it is, in order to succeed you have to be able to believe in yourself and your teammates, and until you can do that winning a game will be very difficult to do.

The Rams play at home on March 17 against Porterville at 2 p.m. and then travel to Stockton to play in the San Joaquin Delta tournament on Saturday.



Photo by Bryan Borror

FCC's men's basketball team celebrates after returning from a championship victory over San Bernardino at the Jenny Craig Pavilion At the University of San Diego March 13. From left, Roy Armstrong, Anthony Esparza, David Lange, Geoffrey Clayton, Cedrick Kalombo, Heath Colvin, Alex Hansen, Bubba Tolliver, and M'Jumbe Williams (sitting in front).

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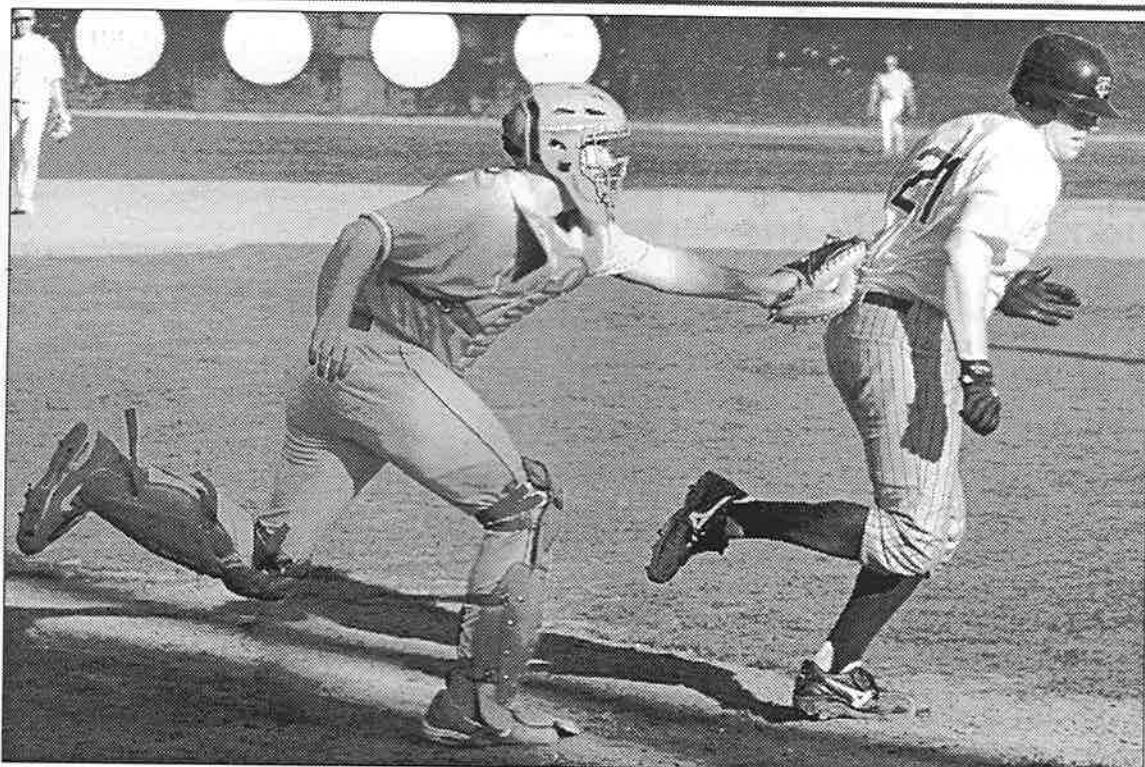
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FCC's David Boogard tags out Taft's Matt Bezzat after Bezzat bunted for the final out in the top of the sixth inning of FCC's 15-5 victory.

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Baseball: Rams 'confident' in 15-5 rout of Taft, also in 9-3 wins over West Hills and College of the Sequoias

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Cougars.

"Our mentality was to just get a win and get back on track," said Scott. "Our guys were very aggressive because they sensed Taft's pitching wasn't as competitive. They were very confident and went up there and swung their bats and that's how

they should approach every game."

Following FCC's romping of Taft, the Rams took to the road for two games where their offensive assault continued as they defeated West Hills... and COS... with a brilliant pitching performance by sophomore right-hander Andy Underwood. After a shaky first inning where he al-

lowed three runs, Underwood allowed just one hit while recording 11 strikeouts six of which were looking.

Underwood got some help from his teammates as they capped a two-out rally in the top of the third with a single over Sequoias' pitcher Chris Schwinden to bring home Ricky Bambino.

An inning later, Rams slugger

Chad Rothford connected for a solo home run to cut the Sequoias lead to 3-2. Matt Lieb then gave FCC the lead for good when he belted a two-run homer over the thirty-foot high fence in right field.

With the win, Underwood is 3-1 on the year with a 2.62 ERA and 40 strikeouts in 34.1 innings pitched. FCC's offense has picked up as of late as freshman

Welcome: Walberg to coach for the Sacramento Kings? Nope.

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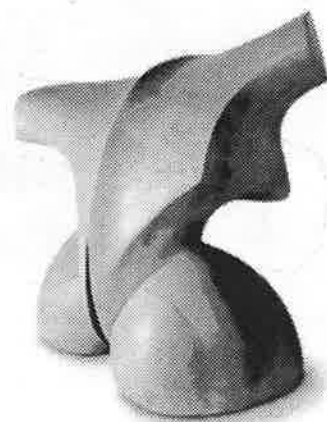
has done and try to pattern themselves after him. [But they] got to have 14 players who will buy into the coach's game."

"It's hard to find guys who will play that hard all the time. [That's why Walberg] is a great salesman. Even at Clovis West he had that charisma," Williams said. "My kids are Sacramento Kings fans, [they're not celebrating like this]. FCC probably has the top college athletic program in the whole state of California."

Do the Kings need Walberg?

"You know what would help the Sacramento Kings the most? Blue Cross," Williams said.

After their late-night welcome by an enthusiastic crowd of supporters, the state champion FCC Rams men's basketball team endured a media feeding frenzy and was finally allowed to go home near midnight March 13.



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Academic epidemic

Spring fever is an excuse to loaf around and be lazy.

So, judging by the amount of bird crap on my car, I figure that spring has arrived. Like clockwork every year, the bees begin buzzing, birds begin chirping, skirts get shorter, and my class gets smaller as students disappear.

And the flowers, those darn flowers! The pollen is irritating my contacts and my nose has yet to stop running. Unlike many of my fellow class mates who do not have allergies, but suffer from another illness called spring fever, I actually care about my grades.

So many people are talking about spring fever, about ditching class and having a day off at the park. Let me tell you something. It's not as great as it sounds.

I am trying to finish school, and to catch something as silly as spring fever would just slow me down. I don't want to be here for 10 years before I can transfer. I'm not willing to give up finishing school for sun burns and hangovers.

Think about it. How long have you been here? Where are you going? How are you ever going to become a productive adult if you see the sun come out and you just throw your responsibilities aside like you do your winter coat? How old are you? 16?

Spring fever is a temporary thing, just like any other fever and for those students who understand that, and can wait it out, we are the few who do not skip class and work so that we might enjoy a day off.

I'm not a stick in the mud. I believe that if you want a day off you should get one, but be responsible. Go to the beach on your day off, study outside under a tree, or if you're like me study inside in the air-conditioned room, and look outside at the tree. Unless of course you have a stock pile of Claritin, then go outside. And wear sunscreen for goodness sake.

Besides, spring fever is just a term that people use so that they don't

take their responsibilities in to their own hands. It's pure laziness and everyone knows it. They need to justify it by saying that because the day is so nice they must go out and enjoy it. Self control people!

Remember we still have finals coming up and you can't blame spring fever on your failing grades.

Spring fever. Please, I don't buy it. It's just an excuse to loaf around

and be lazy. I can do that when I retire. It's more important for me to get good grades so I can finish school and be done with it all. I just don't have time for spring fever.

So remember, when you're outside drinking, partying, hanging out with friends and having the time of your life, that I'm inside studying.

Oh who am I kidding forget it! Someone get me a damn Claritin!



Poua Her

Even instructors catch a case of spring fever.

The definition of spring fever on answers.com reads, "A feeling of languor or yearning brought on by the coming of spring."

Translation: laziness, procrastination, and good old party time, due to the approach of Spring Break, yes it's coming for you.

OK, maybe the party thing was not in the definition, I admit it, since languor means to have a dreamy state or laziness.

With Spring Break approaching, many students like myself at Fresno City College become slothful, where they wish not to do anything at all. After the break, it lingers for a while then the fever grows more rapidly with the approach of summer.

Lets face it, it is a disease that starts with a simple 'I don't feel like going to school' as a thought. Then taking that thought and acting upon it, or you go to class but you just sit there like a



Elizabeth Clifton

little stick and pretend to pay attention when really you wish to be at home doing boring or fun activities like playing on the computer, watching movies, or just hanging out with friends.

Most people do believe in spring fever, using it as excuse to escape class or not to do what needs to be done. I know some instructors, who don't believe in spring fever. But I have seen some instructors [not on this campus] that caught

a case of spring fever.

These are my five ways to detect if someone has spring fever, remember this is just my opinion.

- 1) Increase of laziness, or lack of enthusiasm or happiness where everything is boring
- 2) Lack of attention towards work or school,
- 3) Wanting to sleep in when there is a lot to do even if you did nothing the day before,
- 4) Sit around and watch reruns of old shows that have ended more than 20 years ago

And the most dangerous of all, number 5. Spring Break itself. Seven days of partying when you have assignments due.

From my list, you can see I have incorporated the definition of Spring Break with the laziness. We all one time or another, have caught the bug of spring fever, and I admit I have it as I am writing this column. All though I do feel incredibly lazy, there is a way to beat the bug and that is getting off your behind and actually does something even sitting there with a stack of books, and studying there is always time to play it just we need to defeat the bug. Beating the bug is, much better then being slothful or be languor on your couch for hours at a time, or hanging with your friends to the point of which you leave five minutes to finish your homework.

Spring fever baby, bring it on. I believe in it, so if you can just remember Spring Break is coming do not, get caught with bug. Beat it to a pulp and stay on top of things. The fever may have us now, the way to beat it is to keep working remember when everything is done we can linger around the house/apartments all we want when we hit the, oh so taken for granted thing called a weekend. Now I am going to sit down with my fruit smoothie and watch some cartoons.

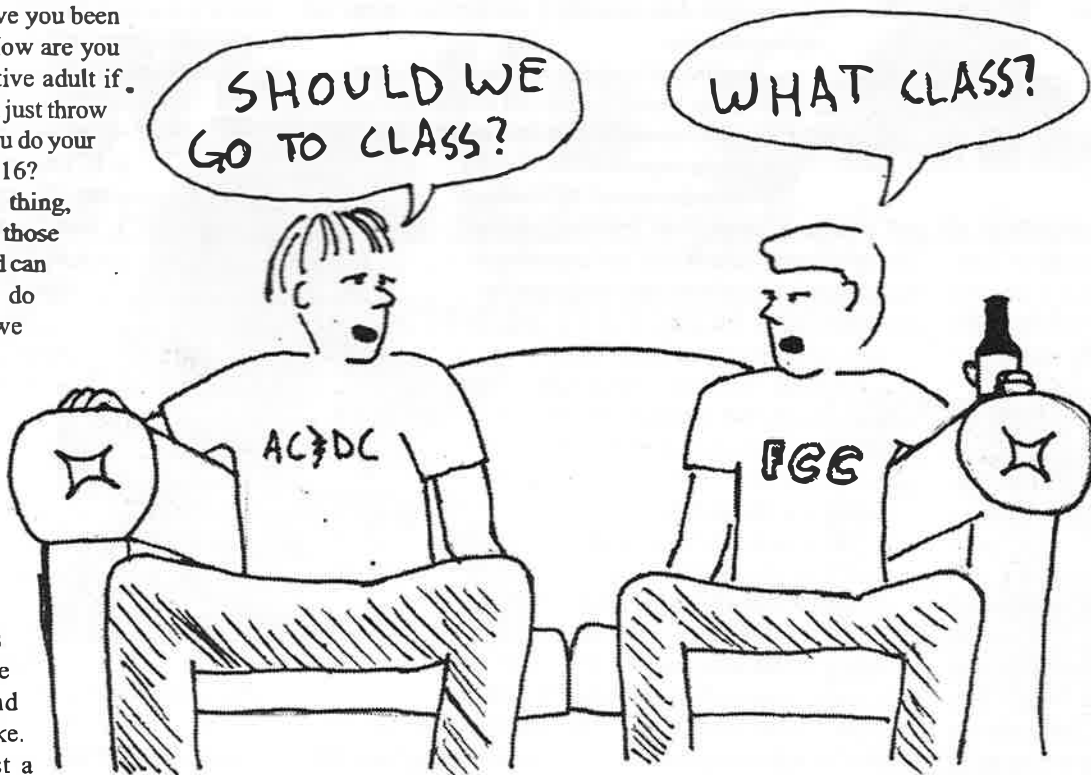


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Campus Voices

Do you believe in spring fever?

By Sergio Cortes



Cristina Rios
Dance

"No, I believe only in Jungle Fever."



Samuel Molina
Criminal Justice

"I do, it's all about throwing the work away and having fun."



Sheng Vang
Liberal Studies

"Yes, after spring break everyone has midterms so they want to have fun before."



Janell Lord
Architecture

"Uh, yeah! There's more spots in the parking lot."



Dave Apkarian
English

"Yes, spring fever is very much a real thing as the break approaches."



Shylan Whitford
Business

"Yeah because love is in the air."

Who needs math?

Journalism major feels college level math is of no importance

Who needs math? I don't need math, nope not me. I figure that with just the basics down I can figure my way around most things, with calculator in hand of course. I'm not going to be an engineer or a doctor. So why do I need to take statistics? Why do I need to take math classes anyway? I figure that if I can add and subtract then I'm fine.

I remember once when I was in high school and I asked my algebra teacher what would I ever need algebra for and he said, "What happens if along the way you become an algebra teacher, you'll need it then." After asking for a more realistic answer, he said, "What if a crazed maniac puts a gun to your head and asks you what the square root of nine is? Then you'd need algebra."

Why must I bombard my brain with numbers and formulas? Why must I buy a TI-83 to use in class? It's about a hundred dollars! It's the most expensive Tetris game I've ever owned. Is it because the school can make more money by having me take this course over and over again? I'm the



Poua Her

worst person in the world when it comes to math.

You'd think that since I am Asian, math would just be ingrained in me from birth. Well let me tell a little secret, I stink at math. It's odd when I tell people that I can't do math to save my life, and they look at me and say, "Aren't you Asian? Aren't you people supposed to be great at math?" Not all of us buddy, the rest of us are born with ninja skills.

I have never been able to understand math. As far back as I can remember I can tell you that I stink at math. I suppose I'm just not a logical thinker. I understand addition and subtraction, I know enough about math to figure out the sale price on a pair of shoes but that's about it.

I mean I have problems just remembering my name. I have to also remember how to find the standard deviation of such and such a number.

I'm going to be at Fresno City College forever, I'll never be able to transfer. I will be the short, old Asian lady who has taken the same statistics class 50 times. I just might end

up haunting the math and science building searching for a teacher who will give me a passing grade of a C.

I can understand when the instructor is showing the class how to do a problem, but then I have to do it after class and then on a test. Don't get me wrong I know that there are some great math teachers who can explain and teach. But I'm beyond help.

It's hopeless, I haven't yet come to terms with it. I wish I were the type of student that understood math. I'm just going to have to grin and bear it. I don't think I need math. What am I going to do that requires me to use statistics? I'm not going to ever use it.

Wait, that's right! I am going to need it if I ever become a journalist. Dang it! Newspapers use statistics, they report on them, and they rely on them to give accurate information. That means I do have to take math. I have to pass, and yes maybe even learn something along the way.

So I guess I have to make peace with my hatred toward math and try harder at the subject that I loathe. I guess with my math abilities, the chances of me passing, would be less than one percent. Wait! Oh my goodness I'm using statistics right now!

Well I guess that means I am going to pass now. I have to pass. Please let me pass. Who am I kidding? I won't pass.

Celebrities won't go away

Whose reality is it anyway? FCC students can't relate.

What is it with all the shows about celebrities everyday-life? Why do people like it so much? I do. And I don't actually think, "I wanna be them."

Well, maybe a little, but I am pretty fine with my own life. Does it make me feel better when I see how much money celebs spend on their hair?

My last haircut was \$13 and the three ones before, done by me with the utmost unprofessional scissors I found in the kitchen. And, if I may boldly say so, my hair looks pretty good.

So, do I feel superior because I have a good haircut and the ego to match, without having to spend \$800 (J. Lo) on it? Do they actually need to pay two month rents of a student because they think the haircut won't look as good if someone who only pays \$20 does it? Does it really make a difference if a celeb-hairstylist who became a celeb himself just by styling their hair, uses diamond covered scissors with the same blade?

But then, I don't believe in cutting my hair according to the moon cycle either.

The best thing I saw today, on mytake-a-sunday-off-to-watch-rich-people's-everyday-lives on VH1 and E! ("Pimp My Ride" on MTV during commercials) was on "GASTINEAU Girls," E! A blond woman, about 40, never worked but because she was married to the football player Gastineau once, what do you know, got her own TV show!

She lives in New York with her daughter, 22. They party, talk about men, go shopping, date, the usual things. Well, I wasn't quite surprised when Liza Gastineau, the mom took her chihuahua to a store to buy him clothes and shoes. What I thought was amazing was whom she took with her: a close friend of hers, image and



Christine Haeussling

styling strategist for her dog. Strategist! Is this war?

But, actually, thinking about it, I have my private image and styling strategist, too. Me. I am multi-talented! Besides occasionally working as a coiffeur, I am my personal 24/7 make-up artist. And, naturally, I am my own image and styling strategist.

Seriously, it's not that ridiculous, there are definitely strategies involved in styling (guys, if you only knew!). I just never heard the expression for it before.

I just discovered "40 Weddings and a Funeral" today. Tori Spelling, popular through "Beverly Hills 90210" and according to sharp tongues, this only because daddy was the producer.

Ergo says a few words before and after commercials. The show is still on right now, it's Sunday late afternoon, but we didn't get to the funeral yet. But the weddings, yeah, great.

Celebrity weddings, who married who, when and for how much money? The only thing that stayed in my mind was Madonna and Sean Penn in 1985. Wedded on a cliff with a message for the paparazzi in their helicopters, written in the sand below, "F— OFF."

While I'm talking about "90210," have you ever seen "Doc 90210?" Sweet looking doctor with an even sweeter looking wife. Picture-perfect, what can't you get with one or the other surgery.

His wife already had one child in the first season and was pregnant with the second one.

Now we're in the second season.

She says, daddy has to help me with his kids and doctor daddy says, it would be unfair if he wasn't completely awake and recovered while squeezing silicone under his female patients skin. So, of course, mommy has to get up every night when the kids cry.

Well, well, let's see how long this is going to work out.

Commercials on "Pimp My Ride," so I switch back to E! Oh, just in time for Britney Spears. By the way, did you see the episode where Exhibit and West Coast Customs pimped a Ford escort with a BMW grill and wannabe Mercedes backlights? They threw it out there.

Hey, Tori Spelling changed her dress!

"The next wedding is really special. Not because it's mine, haha, well... yeah. It was at my dad's place which, as many know, is very small - just kidding!"

Tori actually gets to narrate this wedding, how nice. That brings her up to speaking actually 10 minutes out of a two-hour show.

So, the funeral is coming up after the break, along with Charles and Diana's wedding. I wonder why they have a funeral in their wedding show?

Relief after the break: Thank God, it was only, very tragic though, unquestionably, the funeral of Bennifer's wedding. Now I can sleep at night.



Tranquill Tantrums

Who will go and who will stay?

Last month Virginia and Stephen Percy, Bay Area lawyers erected a display in their Sacramento home to trigger a



Will Tranquilli

free exchange of ideas on the Iraqi wars.

It was an effigy of a soldier in camouflage with a balled up flag for a head with a noose around its neck with a sign saying, "Your tax dollars at work."

In days, this display — on private property — was stolen, likely by some psycho pseudo-patriot whose love of country was too feeble include to the Bill of Rights - freedom of speech, etc.

Said rabid dupe is no doubt mesmerized by the GOP's and the

mainline media—machine's sanitized portrayal of the war, oblivious to the human devastation wrought on Iraq and Afghanistan or the flag-draped coffins returning to grieving families here —

images not felt suitable for TV news or mainline newspapers.

Embedded reporters, were too busy photographing a GI giving a starving child a stick of gum to cover the annihilation of a community of worshipers in a miss-guided bomb raid. They have film enough for those lucky few allowed to return to the US with minor injuries and disabilities but not enough

to document international kidnappings and torture for which Washington is responsible.

My God, didn't we pay a high enough price with Vietnam to learn that when a war is wrong, admit it and GET OUT?

The Pearces, undaunted in their pursuit of peace, erected another effigy. This was also garbed in war-mode but this time it displayed a more incisive message: "Bush lied, I died."

Both mainline media and the lunatic-fringe war dupes ("As long as it's a war that I don't have to go to, I'm all for it.") had a feeding frenzy in the Pearce's front yard. Despite the commotion, these dedicated lawyers man-

aged to have open and productive exchanges of ideas with sane, concerned family members of service men being held over in the Middle-East on over-extended duty.

This brings up the old question, "Would there be wars if the old men who declared them had to fight them?"

The shortage of personnel to fight these wars (plus Iran, Syria, Jordan, North Korea and Pakistan, to maim quite a few), is causing the Pentagon to call up 60-year-old reservists (more at home with Pacemakers than Peacemakers) - but rest assured, the old men in the Congress or the White House won't be among them. Rest assured? Hell, you can bet the farm on it.

It is obvious that the spiraling price of oil is encouraging Cheney-Bush to stick with the war. As it spreads to other sovereign countries, and despite Bush's pre-election promises to the contrary (isn't he a monument of honesty?) the draft seems inevitable. It's either draft or let China do without a bigger slice of the oil pie and take Halliburton off corporate welfare and earn an honest buck.

More power to Virginia and Stephen Pearce, those wonderful attorneys. They are looking out for America's best interests. This proves that not all lawyers are evil snakes (although those who are make it bad for the three percent who are decent).

Horoscopes

David Witte
(Inspected by 51)

No animals were harmed in the making of this column, but we did get a squirrel drunk.



ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your therapist will advise you to face your phobia of rabid mountain lions.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A horde of pirates will kill your family and steal your jewelry, then take third in the National League Central.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your trip to the Enchanted Forest of Eccentric Dwarves and Water Nymphs will only end in Gonorrhea.



CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your explosive flatulence will level five city blocks surrounding Jose's Taco Stand.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The district attorney will drop all charges when your lawyer uses his patented "Liar, liar, pants on fire" defense.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The stars say that this week's lotto numbers are 3, 32, 14, 854, 33 1/3, and the mega number is pi.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You will find true love on Flag Day.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Steve Irwin will steal your car in order to track down the elusive Triple-headed Koala of Madagascar.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You will be one of 33 people arrested in a federal crackdown on an illegal Smurf-smuggling ring.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Due to low ratings and dull content, your life has been cancelled and replaced with a cookware infomercial.



AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb. 18) You will tell the judge that your three-day killing spree was caused by "a bad Nyquil trip."



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Two nuns will steal your kidney and sell it on the black market.



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Dr. Grayburn (kneeling), played by Raul Vazquez attends to Clive, played by Lauren Michaels while Nigel (back) played by Kyle Stivers looks on.

What's going on?

FCC drama students pull off an impressive opening night newest theatrical 'Something's Afoot'



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Opening night of "Something's Afoot" in the Fresno City College theatre was a success. The musical murder mystery was exciting and funny to say the very least.

The play takes place in England, in Lord Rancor's court, where six people have been invited to join Lord Rancor for the weekend.

The play opens with a caretaker drinking on the job, who is met by a maid and the butler as they open Lord Rancor's home, which is located on an island in the middle of the lake.

The day of arrival is filled with rush and excitement, as the group meets one another for the first time.

Soon the guests start to arrive, thinking that they are the only ones invited to spend the weekend with Lord Rancor.

Their excitement soon turns to fear when their host turns up dead. The guests try to flee Lord Rancor's court, but can't leave because of a terrible storm outside. Everyone is a suspect and fingers are pointed at

everyone as people begin to die in suspicious ways.

The audience also finds out that some of the visitors are connected, and some things are not as they may seem.

So who did it? Was it the butler? Was it the maid? Maybe it was the mysterious stranger that showed up during the storm. You'll be drawn into the story as you try to figure out who the culprit is before the ending of the play.

The actors and actresses wowed the audience while singing and dancing splendidly. Sabrina Cavalletto was excellent as Miss Tweed, the sherry drinking know it all. Amber Pittman was also good as Hope Langdon who is the flighty blonde of the group.

The song and dance scenes were well planned and the cast was excellent in drawing the audience into the story.

"Something's Afoot" was seamless and I couldn't even tell that the dance numbers had included Col. Gillweather, played by Brian J. Lane.

Early in the day before production, Lane injured his leg, but as they say in theatre the show must go on. They brought in a wheel chair and Lane played his character without a hitch.



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Jennifer Orazz (left) and Sabrina Cavalletto (right) rehearse their parts before opening night of 'Something's Afoot' on March 11. Playing the characters of Lady Manly Prowe and Ms. Tweed respectively, Orazz and Cavalletto add to the number great performances put on by FCC students.

"Opening night, audiences are always supportive," said Carolyn Robertson who directed the play. "They always want the students to succeed." Those who were involved in the production of "Something's Afoot" did succeed in making the audience enjoy themselves.

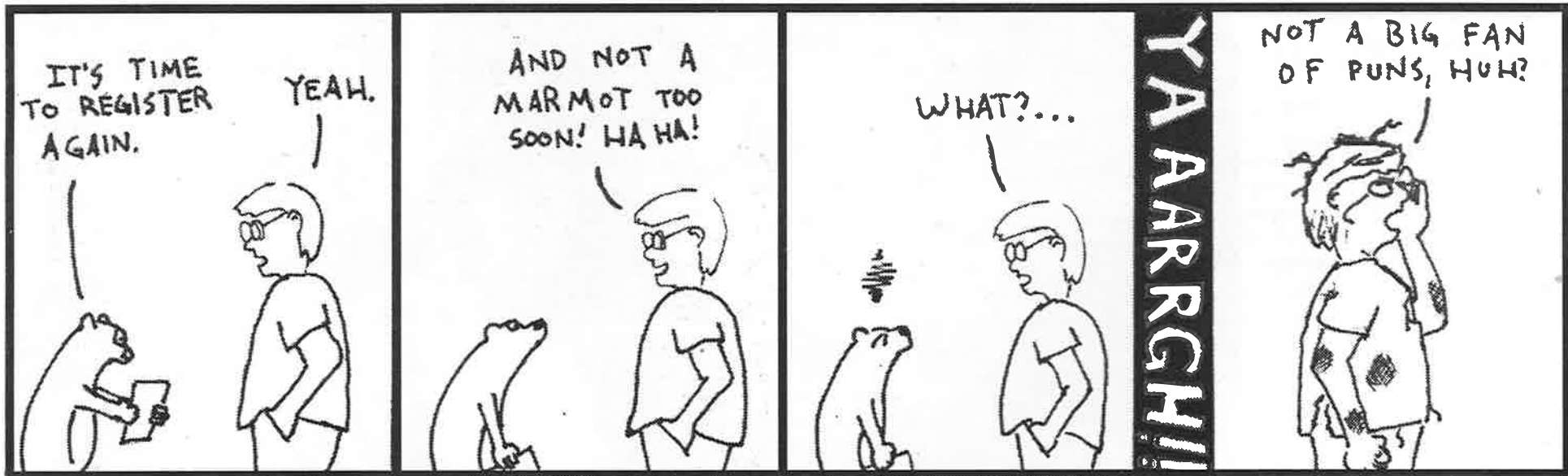
"This is the first play I've seen here," said Carl Ramos. "I really

enjoyed it. It was funny." This response was echoed many times by audience members during intermission, as well as after the show.

"Something's Afoot" is definitely worth watching. The plot is both mysterious and funny. If you're tired of going to the movies every weekend, then change things up and come watch the play. It's worth the cost of admission.

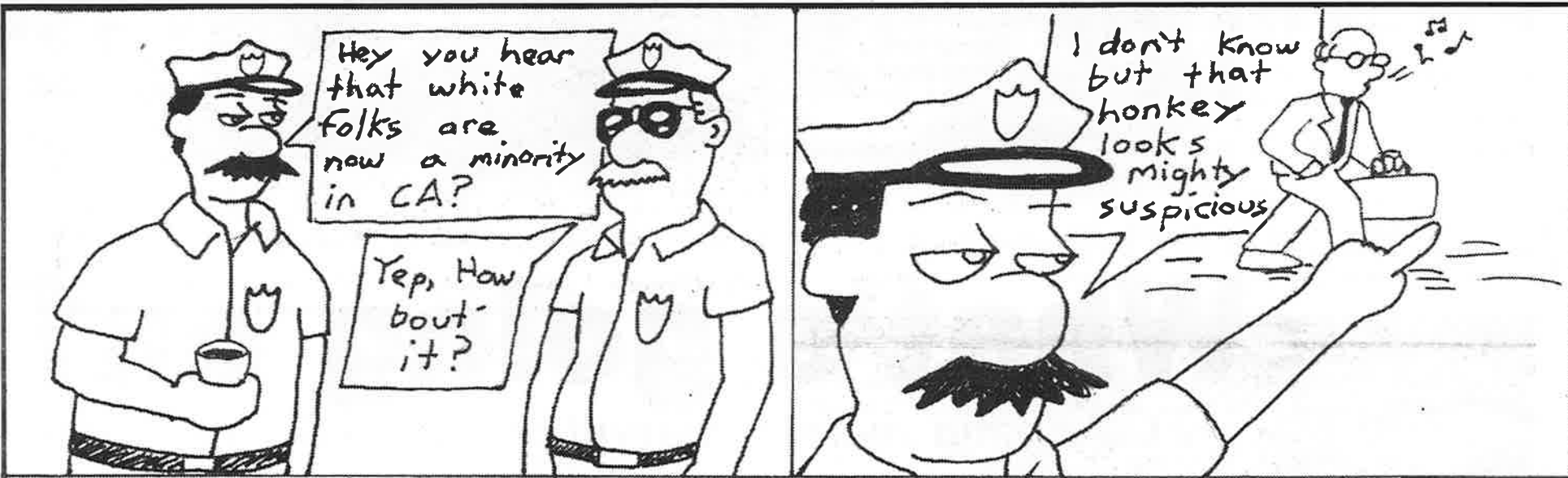
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Champions: FCC takes state for first time since '63

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ond half, and 78 percent from the field. Their only weakness was free throw shooting. FCC shot its three-pointers almost as good as its free throws.

"Geoffrey Clayton stepped up, Bubba (Tolliver) stepped up, and Anthony Esparza stepped up along with Jordan (Farley) and four other players that stepped up, and they made up for all the mistakes that I made," said M'Jumbe Williams, who made only two threes and one free throw during the game. "You know, we just stay as one, as a unit."

Esparza hit 4 out of 5 three-point attempts, but also took it to the rim all afternoon, along with Tolliver.

"Esparza really dominated the second half, and Clayton and Tolliver," Brummel said. "It was really Esparza's drives out of that right corner that isolated him, and (they) pulled away from us."

It was not a lopsided game as far as turnovers, an oddity for FCC. Saddleback committed only 17 turnovers to FCC's 22.

"(I was) disappointed that we turned the ball over 14 times (in the first half)," LeBeau said. "This type of game, every possession's just a little bit more valuable, and you want to be able to value the ball, and when you cough the ball up 14 times, you're not valuing the ball, so that's pretty much why it was tied (at half)."

Saddleback committed four fouls in the last two minutes in an attempt to slow the game down, but Esparza made 3 of 6 free throws, and Williams made 1 of 2.

Saddleback's last score was by Carlton Armwine with 1:47 left to play.

"If I mess up, somebody else picks me up," Williams said. "If they mess up, I try to pick them up. And that is where it is."

San Bernardino 85, San Joaquin Delta 84 (OT)

San Bernardino's Aaron Nixon hit a three-pointer off a screen with 7 seconds left to send it to overtime. San Joaquin Delta led 84-83, but Delta's Sam Kirby committed a personal foul with 0.8 seconds remaining in overtime. Southern California Player of the Year Kevin Henderson hit both free throws.

Championship

FCC 83, San Bernardino 68

Fresno City took hold of this one early and did not let go. The lead changed hands five times before either team hit double digits, but once FCC gained a 9-8 lead almost 7 minutes into the game, the Wolverines were finished.

The Rams won their third state championship, FCC's first since 1963.

"We stayed together as a team all year," said M'Jumbe Williams, in tears after the game. "It don't get no better than this, man. It really doesn't. This is a moment I will never, ever, ever forget in my lifetime. It gets no better than this."

Williams led the Rams with 18 points and four rebounds.

Beginning with Jon Black's shot to give FCC its 9-8 lead, the Rams went on a 13-2

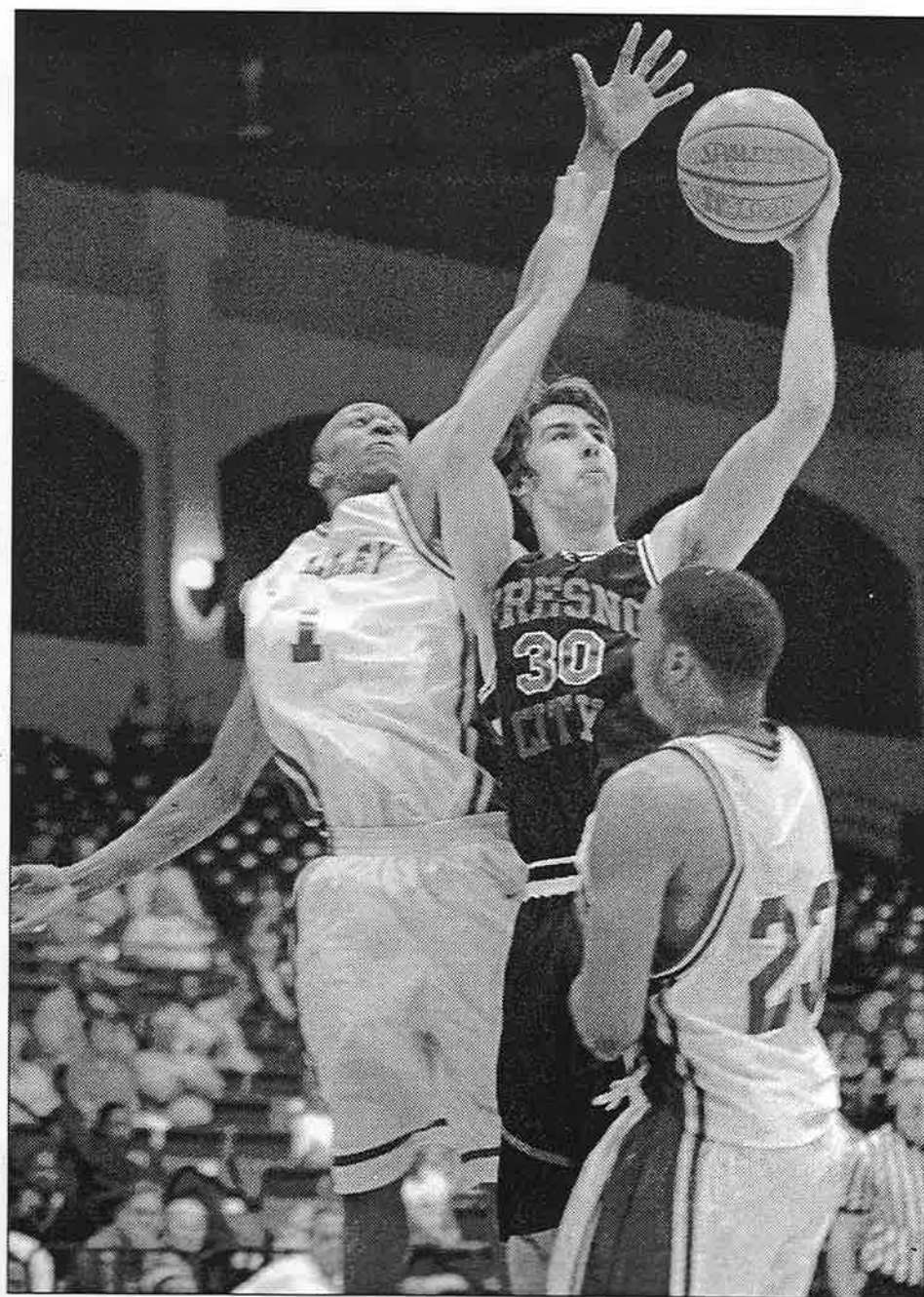


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FCC All State guard Anthony Esparza shoots a jump shot over San Bernardino's Dewany Pettus, left, and All-State guard Aaron Nixon, right. Esparza was the only Ram to make the All State team.

run, then kept it even for the rest of the half. FCC led at halftime 40-27.

"Coach said, 'Just try hard,'" Rams sophomore guard Geoffrey Clayton said. "The game plan was just same as all year, just go all out, just hustle. We thought it would be a closer game, but shoot."

"It was almost too easy, but it was worth it. All the practices and everything, it was worth it, 34-0."

The Wolverines shot 35 percent from the field in the first half, a night after shooting 37 percent in their semifinal victory against San Joaquin Delta College.

"Nobody expected us to be here," said San Bernardino guard Aaron Nixon, who led the Wolverines with 36 points. "We came as the No. 1 seed, and people were talking about we were an underdog still. How does that happen?"

Nixon made his first 11 shots of the second half, and single-handedly kept the Wolverines in the game. He was one of three players in the game who made the 2005 California Community Colleges All-State team. The other two were FCC's Anthony Esparza, the only Ram to make the team, and San Bernardino's Kevin Henderson, the Southern California Player of the Year. Henderson scored five points and committed 13 of San Bernardino's 22 turnovers.

"If you watch enough of (Henderson), he goes to the left 98 percent of the time," Walberg said. "So we really shaded his left, and when he would spin, we would stick somebody in back of him."

The Wolverines started the second half with a 14-5 run, closing the FCC lead to four points with 15 minutes remaining. LeBeau attributed this run to the slowing of FCC's pace on offense. When the Rams picked up the pace, their lead grew.

During the last five minutes, FCC sat on the clock and played defense. Time wound down to zero after San Bernardino's Tommey

Posey scored two with 28 seconds left.

FCC's bench cleared, and Williams tore off his jersey and jumped onto the press table to celebrate with the estimated 400 fans.

"I'm much happier with the way I played today than I did yesterday," Williams said. "By far."

LeBeau said tough practices helped prepare the team for the postseason.

"We go against each other pressuring, and we don't call fouls in practice," LeBeau said. "If you can handle pressure on a daily basis, then you can play against anything."

"We played such a tough preseason schedule. We played San Bernardino. We played LA Southwest. We played the Mt. SACs of the world. So we were prepared to play anybody."

Only two other teams have achieved undefeated seasons in the history of California junior college basketball. Compton went 33-0 in 1970, and Riverside went 35-0 in 1964 under the tutelage of Jerry Tarkanian, who attended the FCC-San Bernardino game.

"I love (Walberg's) philosophy," Tarkanian said. "They do it as well as anybody in the country. He does a great, great job."

FCC and San Bernardino met Nov. 13 at the San Jose Tournament. San Bernardino led by six with 50 seconds remaining, but FCC came back through a series of turnovers and fouls to win it.

"We've seen every style," LeBeau said. "We've seen zone. We've seen man. We've seen pressure man. We've seen sagging man. We've seen it all."

"When you get to LA, the athletes are bigger, stronger, faster, so you have to be prepared for that."

The Rams stayed on the court as much for their own celebration as for the presentation of the All State team awards.

"It feels great," Kalombo said. "It would feel worse if it was 33-1, because we came all this way. We don't know how to lose, man."

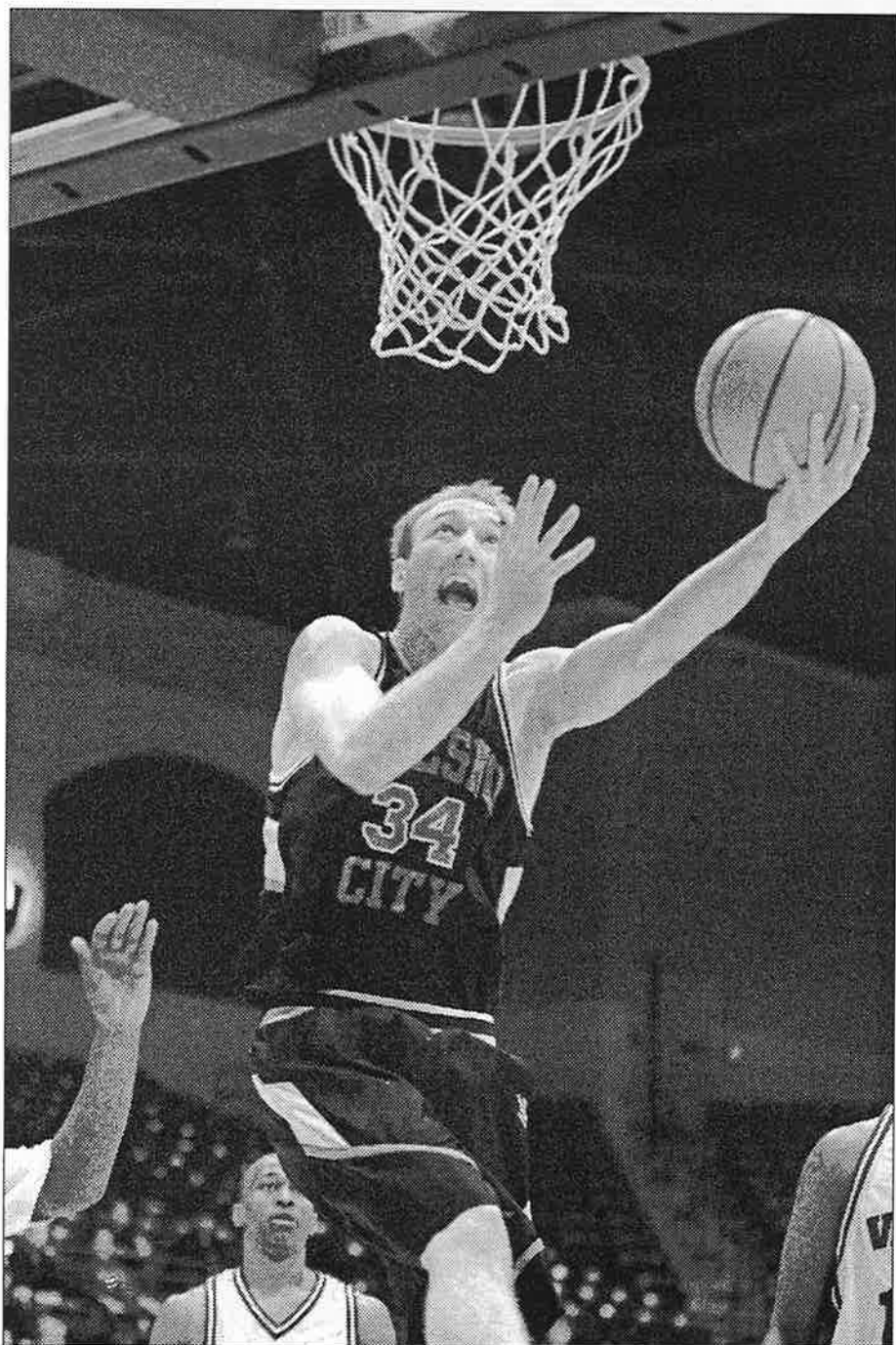


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FCC forward Jordan Farley lays the ball in during FCC's 83-68 championship victory over San Bernardino. The Rams are the third team in California junior college history to go undefeated.

When it's Perfect

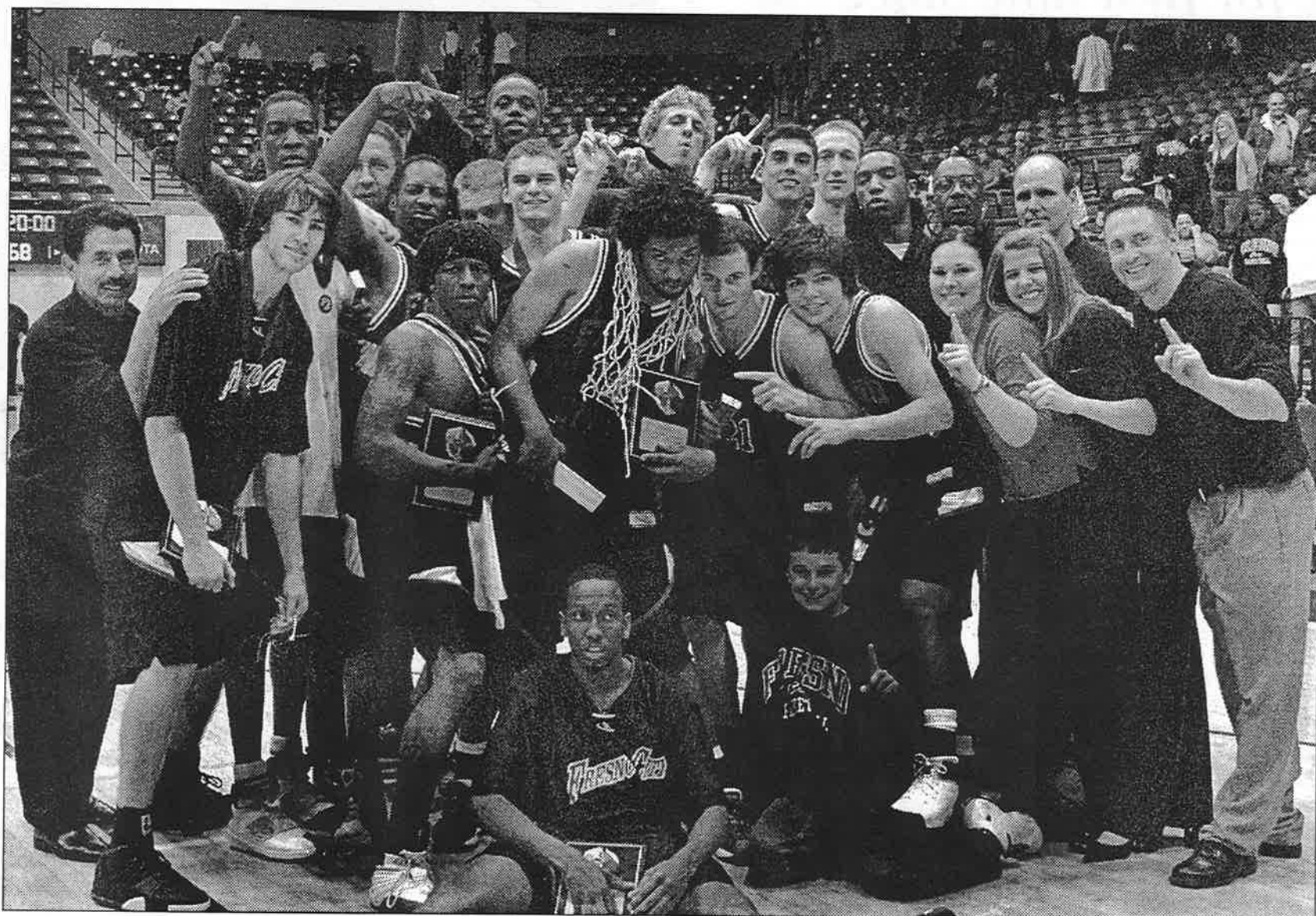


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The Fresno City College men's basketball poses for a team picture after Sunday's state championship victory, completing a perfect season of 34-0.

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