



Abraham Santaolalla, front, and Andy Magdaleno speak to the center managers of America's Cash Express about possible job opportunities at the Fresno City College's annual Job Fair April 13. An FCC student will fill one out of every four positions available at the Job Fair.

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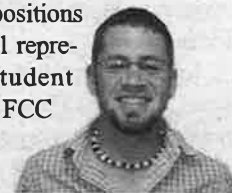
Elect your reps

Student gov't elections set for end of April

By Poua Her
Rampage reporter

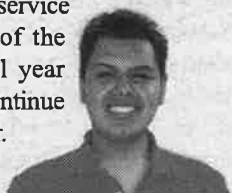
The Associated Student Government elections will be held April 26-28, in the Campus Mall on the Fresno City College campus.

Students who are elected to positions in ASG will represent the student voice of the FCC campus in school trustee

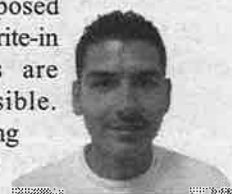


meetings and other school functions that happen throughout the school year.

Elected ASG representatives will begin their service in the fall of the next school year and will continue for one year.



In this election, all candidates with the exception of the office of the presidency will be running unopposed although write-in campaigns are still possible. Campaigning is currently underway on campus as the ASG election comes closer.



Currently running for ASG 2005 office are: Chris McKinley, for legislative vice president; Tania Santiago, for executive vice president; Christian Castellon, for president pro-tempo; Zyanya Bejarano for student trustee; and Tanisha Waggoner, for senator.



Patrick Stumpf, who is currently a 2004 student government senator, will be running for the office of president. "I know how student



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LOOKING FOR WORK?

Employment Resource Center hosts FCC's annual Job Fair

By Mona Lisa McCormick
Rampage reporter

The Fresno City College 2005 Spring Job Fair helped to lower Fresno County's unemployment rate, April 13.



Henderson

FCC students have the potential of being hired for one of the 1,174 jobs that were offered.

The companies who partici-

pated in the job fair were given a survey to complete.

According to survey results, an FCC student will be hired for one out of every four jobs that were offered by participating companies.

"We, (the Employment Resource Center), have been organizing job fairs for many years here at the College and this was one of the best," said ERC Coordinator Sean Henderson.

The Job Fair was an occasion for students to meet with compa-

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More than 50 companies came to FCC's Job Fair in search of future employees.

Rampage awarded at state conference

Student publication receives General Excellence for tabloid design

By Ali Sadoian
News editor

Six Fresno City College Rampage staff members traveled to Sacramento April 7-9 to participate in the annual Journalism Association of Community Colleges state conference.

The Rampage received an overall General Excellence Award for

tabloid design for the 2004 calendar year.

Approximately 600 journalism students from community colleges from California and Arizona participated in the workshops and competitions at the conference.

Speakers from newspapers and colleges from around the state hosted the workshops giving students an insight to the journalism

profession.

Awards were given for mail-in, bring-in, and on-the-spot photos and news articles.

Business manager Teresa Dawson received first place for a bring-in advertisement. Sports editor David Witte received a second-place award for a news article. Former photo editor Bryan Borror received third place for a sports fea-

ture photo and editor in chief Rebekah Miranda received two honorable mentions, for on-the-spot news writing and tabloid design.

The JACC is an association of California and Arizona community college journalism programs designed to provide continuing education for journalism instructors and extended educational opportunities for journalism students.

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Photo by Daisy Rosas
Thomas
Raymundo (23)
signals Chad
Rothford (left)
in after a
Reedley player
committed an
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• FCC track and field teams rank in top three in Fresno Invitational April 14.

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News briefs

AFT union upset with petition

Students are trapped in the middle of a political battle between paid signature collectors and the American Federation of Teachers.

Fliers placed on campus by the AFT are persuading students not to sign their signatures regarding four particular initiatives that with enough support could appear on the next California ballot.

Initiatives involving public pensions, reapportionment, consent for political contributions, and public employee union dues are all topics the AFT are encouraging students not to support.

According to the AFT's fliers placed on the Fresno City College campus, These initiatives are part of the effort by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and his ideological allies to "reform" government by attacking the people who work for the public. In order to obfuscate the fact that under the Schwarzenegger administration the state now faces a record deficit.

About 20 feet away from the AFT's poster, Bill Anderson sat and collected signatures from students on April 15.

"We're not trying to sway people's opinion," said Anderson. "We collect signatures to get initiatives on the ballot. When someone signs their signature, they aren't voting for anything."

"The just receive literature about the initiative in the mail."

— Ali Sadoian



Photos by Sergio Cortes

Bill Anderson's signature-collection booth, left, stood 20 feet away from American Federation of Teachers' flier condemning the initiatives Anderson's petition supported on April 15 at Campus Lawn at FCC.

Give blood

A blood drive will take place at Fresno City College on April 27. The Central California Blood Center invites students as well as the community to come to the Student Activities Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All donors will receive a commemorative T-shirt along with various discounts from Valley businesses for dining, recreation, entertainment and services.

The Central California Blood Centers are the sole provider of blood and blood products for the 31 hospitals in Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, Tulare and King counties and must collect about 6,000 pints of blood monthly to meet

the needs of the valley.

To register as a blood donor, a social security number is required. First-time donors must present photo identification. Donors must be at least 17 years old, in good general health and weigh at least 110 pounds. Within four hours prior to donation, donors should drink plenty of water and eat a good meal.

The need for blood increases this time of the year since with more people outdoors, the number of accidents on and off the road increases, according to Chris Sorensen, Director of Community Relations and Development for the Blood Center.

—Christine Haeussling

Calendar of Events

April

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|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|--------------|
| 20 | 6-8 p.m. | Focus on Poetry | Library |
| 21 | 5-8 p.m. | Student Art Exhibit | A/S Gallery |
| 26 | 11 a.m. | "Super Size Me" speaker | Gym |
| 28 | 8:00 p.m. | Dance For Life | Main Stage |
| 29 | 7:30 p.m. | Woodwind Choir | Recital Hall |

May

- | | | | |
|----------|-----------|--------------------------|------------|
| 1 | 2 p.m. | Dance For Life | Main Stage |
| 2 | 11 a.m. | Speaker: Jaime Escalante | Gym |
| 4 | 7:30 p.m. | Concert Band | Main Stage |
| 5 | 7:30 p.m. | Community Orchestra | Main Stage |

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STUDENT TO TEACHER AND BACK

Becoming a student helps instructor relate to class

By **Mona Lisa McCormick**

Rampage reporter



Linda Vang, left, teaches a sociology class at FCC and is also a doctoral student at CSU Fresno studying educational leadership. From time to time Vang can be found in the FCC library studying.

Photos by Sergio Cortes



A Fresno City College sociology instructor can relate to her students better since she went back to school for her doctorate degree.

"I now realize what students are dealing with on a daily basis: working, families, going to school and studying," said Linda Vang, 51, who in 2004 decided to return to school for her degree.

"I have always wanted to complete my doctorate degree since the 1970s," said Vang.

Vang graduated with two master's degrees, in sociology and in social work, from the University of Pittsburgh. After completing her social work master's degree in 1980, Vang decided to work.

"(After my two master's degrees), I was also a bit anxious about getting in the work field, so I dropped out of my doctorate program and started working in the social work field."

In the fall of 2004, Vang started the Joint Doctorate Program in Educational Leadership at California State University, Fresno with UC Davis. She is a first year, second semester student. The sociology instructor is in a four to five year program, depending upon when she completes her dissertation.

Vang and her two sons know the times ahead may present challenges but they are willing to deal with it.

"(My two sons) realize that we all have to make some sacrifices, like not too many home cooked meals and the house is messy unless we all pitch in," Vang said. "But they've helped me with the computer, power points and they respect my time when I need to study or finish papers."

Like other students, Vang faces challenges with her schoolwork and home life. But she feels her experiences in life help her in the classroom.

"I may have to reread things over and make sure I understand assignments," said Vang. "I think having life experiences help to plug in the concepts and theories. Of course, balancing family life with school is tough."

Even though the instructor and student may not have much time for herself as she would like, her sons are enthusiastic about her goals.

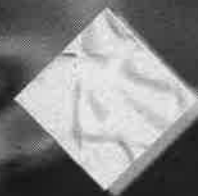
"My two sons are thrilled," said Vang. "I think I serve as a role model for them."

Not only does Vang have an advantage in knowing how students feel but also her students can be assured that their instructor is relating to their student life.

"I understand students have a lot of things going on, just like me," said Vang. "So I can connect with them on this basis."

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nies seeking employees.

"Many of the students that choose to attend college do so to improve their career opportunities," Henderson said. "A job fair is another avenue to expose students to opportunities that are out there."

FCC has been organizing its job fair since the fall of 1989 with six employers in attendance. The focus of the first job fair was retail employment for the holiday season.

The 2005 Spring Job Fair has grown since then. Now there are typically 40 to 50

"The job fair is the most efficient way to bring the students and employers together."

— Sean Henderson, ERC Coordinator
Quality Group Homes, Fastenal and Pines Resort.

"The job fair is the most efficient way to bring the students and employers together," said Henderson.

Students met with some of the top recruiters in the Valley. Some students submitted their resume and others were interviewed on the spot.

"Even though I am looking for a job in the health industry, I liked the diversity of the employers that attended," said pharmacy student Marlon Magpili.

With employers looking to hire, FCC students who requested help in finding a job from the ERC, came to the job fair dressed to impress and were ready to hand out their up-to-date resume.

"Many students are very appreciative of the support they receive from our office," said Henderson. "But we make sure to remind them that they received their job from their hard work and effort."

Many students attended the event and the employers were very pleased to be busy. There were many positive responses to the event from the employers.

"This event was very comparable to job fairs offered by other colleges up and down the state," said Fastenal's Regional Operations Manager Tony Arruda. "I have already arranged follow-up interviews at the ERC with some students."

Henderson, who has helped people in Fresno County find employment for the past 13 years, has coordinated the FCC job fairs for the past six years.

"It is our responsibility to make sure the students have employment," said the ERC Coordinator. "Our staff does an excellent job and they are committed in helping the students."

Underpass is underway

Construction for Fresno City College's railroad underpass has begun, closing off a parking lot to students and faculty. Completion of underpass is estimated for fall 2005.



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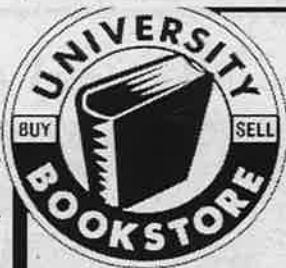


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Book inspires student travel

Author gives helpful hints for their global adventures

By Ali Sadoian
News editor

Stephanie M. Oxford's book "Study Abroad, Travel & Vacation in College" explores the study abroad program step by step from arriving to your destination, to coming back and utilizing what you've learned back at home for potential career opportunities.

"I want this book to be the bridge that connects students with an exciting global adventure and a successful experience of international study. If you use this book as a tool to find an international learning ex-

perience that suits your needs, in addition to utilizing the knowledge that you'll gain on how to plan and prepare for your trip, you should have an amazing time traveling in college," said Oxford, who while attending college studied in eight different countries.

She feels that Fresno City College students who have thought about studying abroad should read her book for any questions to be answered.

"Earning credit towards a college degree while traveling in other countries around the world is something that most college students have thought about."

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"It doesn't matter if you are in your first semester or a graduate student there are thousands of programs and opportunities available to students today," said Oxford.

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government works, what goes on and I have great ideas to take on the job," said Stumpf.

Stumpf, who was appointed in July by the current ASG president, Daniel Lorente, was in the committee for The Great American Smoke Out. "If I can help one person stop smoking then it means a lot."

"It's been a lot of fun and a blast at making a difference in the community as a whole," said Stumpf about being a representative in ASG.

"I have ideas to continue student activism," Stumpf said. "Textbooks are a concern, but students have also approached me about stu-

dent security."

Adrian A.D. Ledesma, who is currently president of the LASO club, Latin American Student Organization, is doing a write in campaign for the office of the president. He has been president of LASO for one year and has helped to start the club, which he would like see last a long time.

Ledesma will have to collect 150 student signatures by Election Day, since he missed the deadline, due to being in the hospital. "I'm

not afraid to speak my mind," said Ledesma, "but, I'm not brassy and I don't preach."

Representatives who are elected will begin their term in the fall and continue for one year.

Textbooks, parking, student representation, and student involvement are things that Ledesma would like to tackle. "I want there to be a brotherly love type thing, a unity [on campus]." Ledesma said. "[Students] should be proud of what they are a part of."

Zyanya Bejarano, who is an international student from Mexico and who is a representative in the LASO club, is running for student trustee. "I want the chance to let people know what we are doing," said Bejarano. "I want to serve as the voice of the student. I have the commitment to the students and to serve."

"If 300 students vote, they directly influence students in a local election," Stumpf said about the voter turn out for the elections.

Voting times are April 26 and 28 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and April 27 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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FCC Rams

1-4



VS.

San Francisco
4-2



Sport: Badminton

When: April 26, 3 p.m.

Where: FCC Gym

Notes: City College of San Francisco defeated FCC 13-8 April 14. Janna Her and the rest of the Rams want revenge.

Walberg to stay at FCC for time being

By David Witte
Sports Editor



Walberg

A sign on the wall reads "Success always looks easy to those who weren't around when it was being earned."

It hangs on the wall of Fresno City College men's head basketball coach Vance Walberg, who will be with the Rams for at least one more year.

Walberg was one of the final five candidates for the Fresno State coaching vacancy, which went to BYU and former FCC head coach Steve Cleveland.

"That would have been nice," Walberg said. "I'm not going to deny that would have been nice if I would have been head coach there, but I've got a great job here."

Cleveland took his BYU squad to the

Vance Walberg at FCC:

2002-'03:38-2, lost 90-82 to LACC in state championship
2003-'04:28-3, lost in second round to American River
2004-'05:34-0, beat San Bernardino 83-68 for State Championship

point to the better ball-handling skills at the Division I level and say his system won't work.

"They said the same thing when I went to JC," Walberg said. "Since we went to this system, the last eight years, we've been 260-23."

That includes Walberg's last five years at Clovis West High School.

"Is anything guaranteed? No," Walberg said. But I'll tell you this: wherever I'll be at, we're going to win. The system is based on playing hard, playing smart, and staying together.

"It doesn't matter what we run offensively or defensively, that's the biggest key."

Walberg also had an interview with Loyola Marymount College, who hired Arizona assistant Rodney Tention.

"Loyola and Fresno State, they were the

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Dates & Info

Baseball

Rollie Gibson: 5-2, 1.79 ERA
Andy Underwood: 6-1, 2.01 ERA

- April 23, 1 p.m. at Taft
- April 28, 2:30 p.m. vs. COS
- April 30, 1 p.m. at COS
- May 3, 2:30 p.m. at Merced
- May 5, 2:30 p.m. vs. Merced

Softball

Record: 7-24, 3-11 CVC

- April 26, 2 p.m. vs. West Hills

Men's and women's tennis

- April 21-23, Ojai Tournament (Ventura)
- April 26, NorCal team play-offs, semi-final
- April 28, NorCal team play-offs, final
- April 29-30, NorCal tournament
- May 5, 2 p.m. State team final

Men's golf

- May 2, NorCal championships (Patterson)

Track and field

- April 23, CVC championships (Oakland)
- April 30, NorCal championships (Modesto)

Badminton

Record: 1-4

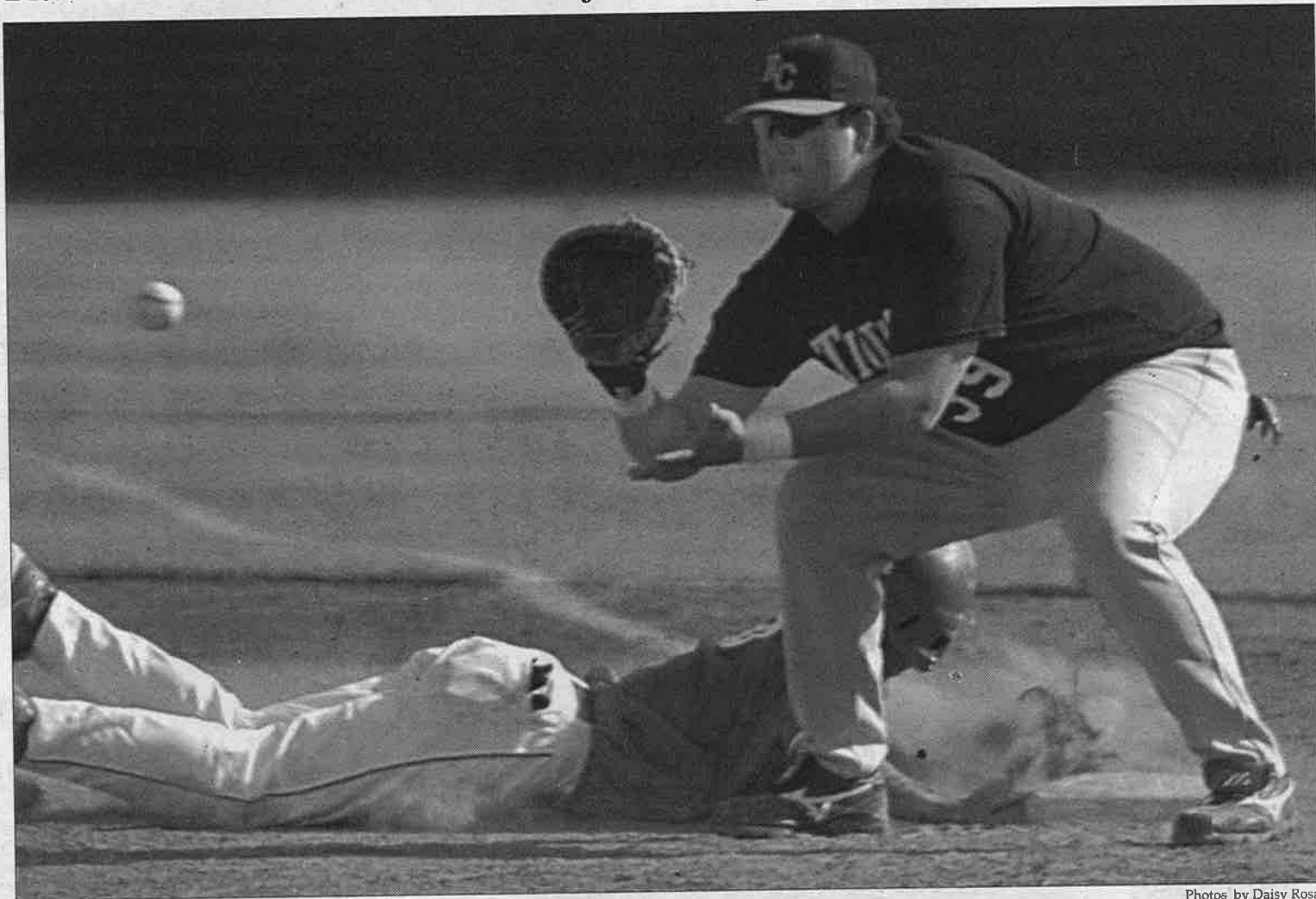
- April 26, 3 p.m. vs. San Francisco

FCC lost to CCSF 13-8 April 14

- April 28, 3 p.m. vs. Skyline
- May 3, 3 p.m. vs. Mission

Back in the lead

Rams beat Porterville 14-3 for sole possession of first in CVC



Photos by Daisy Rosas

Above, Thomas Raymundo slides back safe at first after making an aborted attempt to steal while Reedley's Dale Seaborn catches the ball in the seventh inning of a 14-5 victory over Reedley College April 12. Below, Robert Walden hits a single with an extra base of an error. Two runs scored.

By Quinn Robinson
Rampage reporter

The Fresno City College Rams have proven they are the baseball team to beat in the Central Valley Conference.

After starting at an uncharacteristic 0-2 in conference play, the Rams have won 13 straight CVC games and find themselves back in a familiar spot, first place, after beating Porterville College 13-3 on April 16.

"Right after we went 0-2, a lot of people came together," said Rams first baseman Chad Rothford. "We just stuck together and played more as a team and here

we are."

Andy Underwood took the mound in the match-up between the top two teams in the CVC and quickly fell behind in the top of the first inning.

After a bunt single by Porterville's Juan Verdejo, the Pirates took a 1-0 lead when Jorge Jimenez drilled an Underwood pitch down the right field line for a double. Jimenez then tried to stretch the play to a triple but was tagged out by Robert Walden, who was waiting for him at the bag.

It was all FCC after that.

The Rams sent seven batters to the plate in the bottom half of the

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FCC golf undefeated

By Ryan McHenry
Rampage Reporter

Look out, Fresno City Basketball, there's another program that is nipping at your heels. It isn't Reedley College, nor is it Modesto, or Merced.

It's Fresno City Golf.

Yes, that's right.

Golf.

Through April 15, FCC Golf

has recorded a record of 31-1, and is on its way to winning its first conference championship since 1999.

First-year head coach Scott Stark has done a remarkable job at guiding this year's talented group, led by two freshmen, Robbie Damschen and Ryan

Perkins.

Damschen leads FCC with a

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Sports briefs

FCC softball splits double-header

Fresno City College split a double-header against Reedley College April 14, bringing FCC's record to 7-24.

The Tigers ran away with the first game, blasting FCC pitcher Sarah Montoy for five runs. Melissa Gamboa went 2-4, and Candice Golden hit 2-3.

Both Melanie Madrid and Marisa Salazar hit doubles for the Rams.

FCC loaded the bases in the bottom of the seventh inning, but were unable to capitalize.

It was a different story in the second game. Stephanie Aaron went 2-3 with a double and three RBI, leading FCC to a 7-6 victory.

Montoy recorded the win behind FCC's offense, with Jennifer

Coronado going 3-4 with a double and two RBI, Melanie Madrid 2-3 with a double, and Krystal Avila a double and a RBI.

FCC Badminton at 1-4

Fresno City College's women's badminton team fell to 1-4 on the season with a 13-8 loss to visiting San Francisco April 14.

At No. 1 singles, San Francisco's Sandy Myint defeated FCC's Janna Her 11-4, 11-9.

At No. 1 doubles, Myint and Maggie Long teamed up to beat Her and Yuko Nakahara 15-11, 15-9.

FCC hosts Mission College April 21, and hosts a rematch with City College of San Francisco April 26.

Track and field

Women's track takes 2nd

Fresno City College places first in two events, but scores enough for second out of 17 colleges

By David Witte

Sports Editor

The Fresno City College women's track team placed second out of 17 colleges at the Fresno Invitational April 9, scoring .81 points behind Sacramento's 156.

Sharon Ayala of FCC took first in the discus throw with a 152-foot, 2-inch toss, and second in the hammer throw, while teammate Dia Mathews won the ham-

mer throw at 143 feet, five inches.

Mathews also took second in the shotput behind Hancock's Bobbie Patton, hurling the shotput 42 feet, eight inches.

FCC's Mallory Gilbert tied for first place in the high jump with Sacramento's LaKisha Fontenot at five feet, four inches, and FCC's Rosie Anderson took sixth in the same event at four feet, eight inches.

Jemileh Hopkins took eighth in the long jump with a 16-foot, 5-

inch leap, while LaQuita Landers and Catilla Smith took eleventh and thirteenth, respectively. Landers also took fifth in the triple jump.

In the speed sports, FCC's Landers took fifth place in the 100-meter dash, with a time of 12.54 seconds. Eva Flores placed eighth in the 1,500-meter dash at 5:36.47, Gilbert took fifth in 100-meter hurdles at 16.38 seconds, and Lucia Gonzales took fourth in the 3,000 meter steeplechase at 13:37.39.

Whetstone and Borjas lead men's track

By David Witte

Sports Editor

FCC's men's track team placed third out of 16 teams, scoring 68.50 points behind Hartnell's 71 points and Saddleback's 75 points.

Willie Whetstone ran the 100-meter dash in 10.69 seconds for first place, and took first in the 200-meter dash at 20.9 seconds.

Aris Borjas continued his

domination of the javelin throw competition throwing almost thirty feet farther than second-place Travis Tanasse of Butte College. Borjas threw 190 feet, 10 inches.

Danny Vulich took fifth in the 1,500-meter run, and Matthew Gonzalez took sixth in the 5,000-meter run.

Beau Bean took fifth in the 110-meter hurdles at 15.70 seconds, fourth in the 400-meter hurdles at 57.6 seconds,

and sixth in the high jump. Matt Klundt took fourth in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

FCC's Zach Ryan took third in the high jump at six feet, six inches, and Tim Batista tied for second in the pole vault with Saddleback's Clay Starnes at 14 feet, six inches, followed by FCC's Jared Oakden in fourth.

Lance Aytman placed second in the triple jump at 45 feet, 1.5 inches.

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Baseball: Porterville walks nine while Underwood strikes out seven.

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inning while posting three runs. Matt Lieb led off the inning with a double to left center and then advanced to third base when center fielder Dane Embury misplayed the bounce as it went over his head and to the wall.

Jason Sadoian came to the plate next and drove in Lieb with an infield single to the left side of the infield, tying the game up at one. A couple of batters later, Rothford came up and connected on a base hit that allowed Sadoian to score from second.

FCC capped off the inning with a Thomas Raymundo sacrifice fly and headed into the second with a 3-1 lead.

Underwood took the mound and retired the next six Porterville batters he faced. The score stayed 3-1 until the bottom half of the third when the Rams put four more runs on the board. The inning was highlighted by a two run shot by Rothford. Rothford finished the game 2-2 with one home run and three RBIs. "I picked his pitch," said Rothford. "I saw that when he threw a fastball he moved his hands. I knew it was gone right when I hit it, because I got the good part of the bat on the ball."

After the explosive third inning for the Rams, the game turned into a pitcher's duel of sorts.

Anthony Blanco, who was 8-1 before going into Saturday's game, started to show some of his stuff that has made him hard to hit all year.

Blanco had little trouble retiring the Rams in the fourth and fifth innings. After Porterville scored a run in the top of the sixth, Porterville fans hoped their team could chip away at the Rams' lead and come back to win.

The Rams came into the bottom half of the inning with catcher Ricky Bambino flying out to center. Lieb and Sadoian reached courtesy of a base hit and walk respectively, but after Graham Harrison grounded out, it looked like Porterville would escape the threat. Rothford came up to the plate next and was walked intentionally after his home run in the third. It went downhill from there for the Pirates.

Blanco was pulled from the game shortly after he lost control of his accuracy and couldn't get a pitch by the FCC batters. Relief pitcher Jason Berry came in and tried to weather the storm. Instead, Berry gave up a monster three-run home run by Walden that broke the game wide open.

"I think we'll have to come back with steady pitching," said Porterville head coach Bret Davis. "We had nine walks today. If we could've cut down on those then things might have been different."

Underwood, now 6-1 on the season, pitched seven

strong innings for the Rams, giving up only three runs on eight hits, with seven strikeouts.

FCC plays the second game of the two-game series April 19 in Porterville before playing a two-game series with Taft College on April 21 in Fresno at 2:30 p.m. and April 23 in Taft at 1 p.m.

CVC baseball standings

Team	Conference	Overall
FCC	12-2	22-4
Porterville	11-3	20-8
Modesto	9-5	24-6
COS	8-6	23-8
Merced	8-6	17-12
Reedley	5-9	8-21
Taft	3-11	13-17
West Hills	0-14	5-26



Photo by Daisy Rosas
Fresno's Justin LaBreck pushes off during FCC's 14-5 victory over Reedley College April 12. The Rams are 22-4 overall and 12-2 in Central Valley Conference play. LaBreck has a 4-1 record with a 3.35 ERA. FCC has a 2.55 ERA as a team.

Golf: No other CVC team comes close to FCC

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74.00 scoring average, with a low score of 65 recorded at Sunnyside Country Club. Damschen has also done a great job thus far at staying out of trouble by leading the team in only recording three double bogeys or worse thus far this season.

If Damschen is the team MVP of the season it won't be by much. Teammate Ryan Perkins has demonstrated that he knows how to hit the fairways as well, with a scoring average less than one point behind Damschen at 74.14.

In conference play, no other school comes close to FCC.

Through April 5, second-place Modesto Junior College is 17-10-1, with an average nearly 20 strokes higher, showing how truly dominant FCC has been thus far.

Individually, FCC has five of its players in the top 10, not leaving much room for the competition's bragging rights.

The Nor-Cal tournament is right around the corner, and FCC looks to be a strong contender for the Nor-Cal championship.

FCC has two big events this week, traveling to Kingsburg for a CVC tournament on April 19. Then they play at the Sherwood Forest Golf Club April 21 at 1 p.m.

Walberg: Rams will return half of the 2004 '05 state championship team

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only two that I went after and even talked to this year," Walberg said. "Little by little, people will start seeing what's going on, and the opportunities might happen."

Walberg and his Rams will take the court in November returning half of his players: Jordan Farley, Heath Colvin, Adrian Sanchez, Alex Hansen, Anthony Zuniga, and Roy Armstrong.

"Last year at this time, we only had two returning, Jon (Black) and David (Lange)," Walberg said. "I'm looking forward, hope I can get some good locals, and have a good team again next year."

Walberg estimates six of his players from this year's state championship team will go to four-year colleges on scholarships, including Cedrick Kalombo to Division II Clayton State in Atlanta, and Jon Black to West Point.



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VIEWS

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Are you covered?

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Ali Sadoian

Universal health care doesn't seem like a bad idea, until you read the small print. It's purely a line between a socialist and capitalist society.

The government already tells me how much income tax to pay, how fast I can drive and the ridiculous list goes on.

I certainly don't want some middle-aged white-guy politician in a fancy Armani suit telling me what doctors to see and what kind of medicine I can receive.

Thanks to President George W., the government is getting smaller, and I like it that way.

The universal health care plan gives care to all people, even the unemployed. The humanitarian in me thinks, "Wow, what an awesome program. Everyone can have healthcare."

Seems ideal.

To play devil's advocate as the student and part-time employee, I work indefinitely trying to better myself socially and financially.

It makes my skin crawl knowing that

some Americans are getting the same healthcare, sitting on their bums watching "Oprah," eating Bon-Bons and depending on others to feed, clothe, and pay for their care, while I slave away at my job, barely providing for myself.

If we all get the same treatment, why don't we all quit our jobs and let the government take control of us like blind sheep?

What about those already working for private health care companies? Universal health care means that those workers' salaries would decrease immensely or be terminated all together.

Private health care companies would be put out of business. There goes another thousand more jobs.

Oh, not to mention, sales and income tax would be raised a large amount to pay for the cost of universal coverage.

So taxes are increased, the government gets to pick and choose what doctors I can see, what medicines I can swallow and many Americans will be put out of work. This just gets better and better.

We all like waiting at the doctors office with Reader's Digest from 1996 sitting on the magazine rack, old episodes of "Dr. Phil" playing on the TV. Then, swearing to yourself that you walked in the office before the person they just called in, so they can sit and wait for the doctor in another room.

With universal health care, expect to wait much longer than you would right now.

Non-critical medical procedures and appointments would likely increase waiting time, according to about.com.

Doesn't sound like a good idea to me.



Will Tranquilli

The preamble to the Declaration of Independence asserted the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. California's medical/industrial complex figures two out of three ain't bad.

Our health care delivery system is not just a wreck, it's ruined.

Like Topsey in "Gone with the Wind," it wasn't born, it "jes" grewed." —malnourished by corrupt politicians' thirst for campaign contributions, the electorates' imprudent complacency and, worst of all, the totally unrestrained greed of the medical/industrial complex.

And it continues to grow, uglier and uglier. Its ugliness is the combination of its failure to deliver adequate health care and its success at delivering enormous, obscene profits.

Nationally, HMOs recorded a 73 percent profit increase in the first half of 2003 over the same period in 2002, according to the market analyst, Weiss Ratings.

This announcement came on the heels of record-breaking profit increases over the last several years, a period in which more and more working families could not afford health insurance.

It's grown to be such a monster. It has cracks through which Californians are falling like goose crap through chicken wire.

In 2002, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, the fastest growing increase in uninsured rates occurred in families with annual incomes between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

Non-profit HMO, Kaiser, announced a 2003 net income increase 14 times higher than 2002 levels while patient enrollment fell by 2 percent. The number of uninsured among middle-class families is increasing geometrically.

Californians below middle class, who qualify for well-intentioned stopgap programs

such as Medi-Cal and Medicare, know well the futility of seeking even minimal care under our patchwork healthcare delivery system. It's literally, "shop 'till you drop." The increasingly rare facilities that will accept these patients are seriously understaffed with the least experienced personnel and are abysmally overcrowded.

The rich get richer, the poor get — squat.

But do not fear, all may not be lost. Take heart. Legislation by Sen. Sheila Kuehl, D-Santa Monica, was approved by a state senate committee April 7. Her universal health care system would replace private insurance plans and also extend coverage to approximately 7 million Californians who have no health insurance.

Hacks will trot out all the timeworn medical industry arguments such as, "It's going to be too expensive." Consider the profits harvested by the insurance industry, the HMOs and the pharmaceutical industry. Even a modest slice of these obscenely spiraling profits would finance health care for all of California.

Kuehl said her plan would actually save money. She pointed to a study by the Lewin Group, a Virginia consulting firm, predicting the legislation would save California \$343.6 billion in health care over the next 10 years, mainly by cutting administration costs and using bulk purchases of drugs and medical equipment.

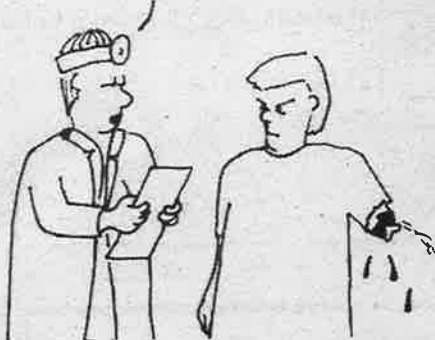
Another tired argument, used to frighten voters out of adequate health care, is that the system is inefficient. "The claim that it is less efficient cannot be substantiated," Kuehl said. Quite the contrary, California's health care system has borne the burden of the bureaucracies of the insurance industry, the military, the medical industry, and a crazy-quilt system of multiple levels of governmental bureaucracies. Talk about inefficient.

Sen. Kevin Murray, D-Culver City, said he doubted that Kuehl's proposal would be any worse than our private health insurance system. "We could not screw it up any more than it has been screwed up by [the medical/industrial complex] business people," he said.

That a single Californian should be made to suffer from lack of health care is unthinkable. Can we afford to do less than guarantee the right to live? Dare we?

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Campus Voices

By Sergio Cortes

How do you feel about having a universal health care plan?



Natalie Von Rembow
Nursing

"I don't want to pay for people that don't contribute to society."



Jeffrey Martin
History

"There are so many people that have health problems that the sacrifices would be worth it."



Paul Hendrickson
ABA

"I think it will be alright if there's no additional taxation."



Cathy Goodman
Nursing

"There wouldn't be enough money for medical supplies or research."



Janaya Ramirez
Biology

"I like the idea. A lot of people can't afford it and it isn't fair that they can't see a doctor."



Fernando Mendez
Undecided

"I agree, it will be beneficial to everybody."

Views

Franquill Tantrums

The Witless Protection Program



Will Tranquilli

Ignorance antidote provides perfect protection

Against what should be my better judgment, I fear I must advocate a new government agency. This agency would be the Witless Protection Program.

The job of this agency would be to protect those citizens who function below normal intelligence

levels from the consequences of those decisions, whether medical, commercial, political, religious, legal or college sports. What a marvelous agency that would be.

Imagine: They could administer an ignorance antidote such as alternative press,

libraries, PBS news, college, creative blog-surfing, statistical analysis of sports records etc.

The program could establish current-events workshops, consumer-awareness seminars, government-watchdog hearings and win-loss record analysis.

In other words, the witless would be goodly stretched by the head, in hopes that room would be created for common sense.

Another bureau in the agency would seek to deal with the consequences of wit-

less ignorance. SUVs would be returned, unused, to the auto makers, Alberto Gonz  lez and John Bolton's nominations for U.S. Attorney General, and ambassador to the United Nations, disrespectfully, would be returned to the White House (together

with the instruction panel from Preparation H) and mid-western coaches would be sent back to Weber County, Utah, replaced by local coaches with perfect seasons and state championships.

It would be unkind to point to specific examples, where this agency's services might be demanded. Let us, then, consider this column unkind.

Fresno State's president John Welty has to be a prime example of the need for this agency. At the end of next year's basketball season, this man could be a typical beneficiary of this program's services.

In spite of the availability of Fresno City College coach Vance Walberg, Fresno State hired a coach from Brigham Young University who turned in a 9-21 season. He could have had that Worker of Wonders who turned in a perfect season and a championship with a seasonal average-win-margin of more than 27 points, and with a three-year record of 100-5 (an

incredible win rate of more than 95 percent).

It would not be kind to list coach Steve Cleveland's stats. However, since we're not considering this column kind, it was 9-21, he won 30 percent of his games last season. Walberg went 34-0 this season.

It would be no kindness to list Steve Cleveland's three-year win percentage of 58 percent, (No kindness is called for in this Tantrum installment, remember.)

Of course, the city of Fresno can be forgiven for urging Fresno State to hire Walberg. It's the Valley's only chance of keeping him. Witlessness is not universal in the NCAA. Somebody's gonna grab him. Fresno State will be playing against him. Not a pleasant prospect.

This kind of decision-making is what creates the need for the Witless Protection Program. This is the kind of witlessness from which we all need protection.

Ignorance antidote, anyone?

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America impacts language

Ties to heritage are lost when learning English only



Poua Her

It bothers me that I'm losing my language. I feel like I'm speaking with my toes every time I speak Hmong. Anyone who speaks Hmong can hear it in my voice as I pronounce words, and stumble over my

tongue.

Don't get me wrong, I can understand for the most part when others speak the language but to speak it is hard. I have to think about what I'm saying before it pops out of my mouth, and I look like a blithering idiot.

It's my own fault. I was the one who refused to learn it. I was so set on learning the English language that along the way I missed out on my own language.

Many people today who come from other cultures have begun to lose their ties with their heritage, and one of the first things to disappear is the language. The children who are born to parents who have come to this country slowly begin to integrate themselves into the American culture and in doing so they become disenfranchised.

If you look at other cultures that have been in America for many years, you see fifth and sixth generation children that have lost their native language completely. The language becomes a memory and not an everyday occurrence.

As things stand I feel awkward and a little bit ashamed that I do not know how to speak as well as some of my peers. I don't read my language as well as my sisters and they are younger than I am. It's

completely sad.

What makes it even worse is that people of other cultures know how to speak Hmong better than I do. I remember speaking with a white guy who was completely fluent in my language. A white guy! It was so strange to hear such foreign words come from someone with a different skin color.

I felt as low as a snake's belly when I told him in broken Hmong that I wasn't very fluent in my own language. That's right I was ashamed.

When I was very young, I was told I needed to learn English so that I could translate for my family. I was pushed hard to speak the language that slowly I began to think in English.

It's not like I wasn't given the chance to learn how to read and write my language. I was given many opportunities but as a know it all eight year old; I was steadfast in my refusal to learn.

Besides, when was I going to need to read Hmong? (Hey, this was through the mind of an eight year old.) My biggest fear is that I will be faced with a group of elderly Hmong men and women and be expected to speak to them properly.

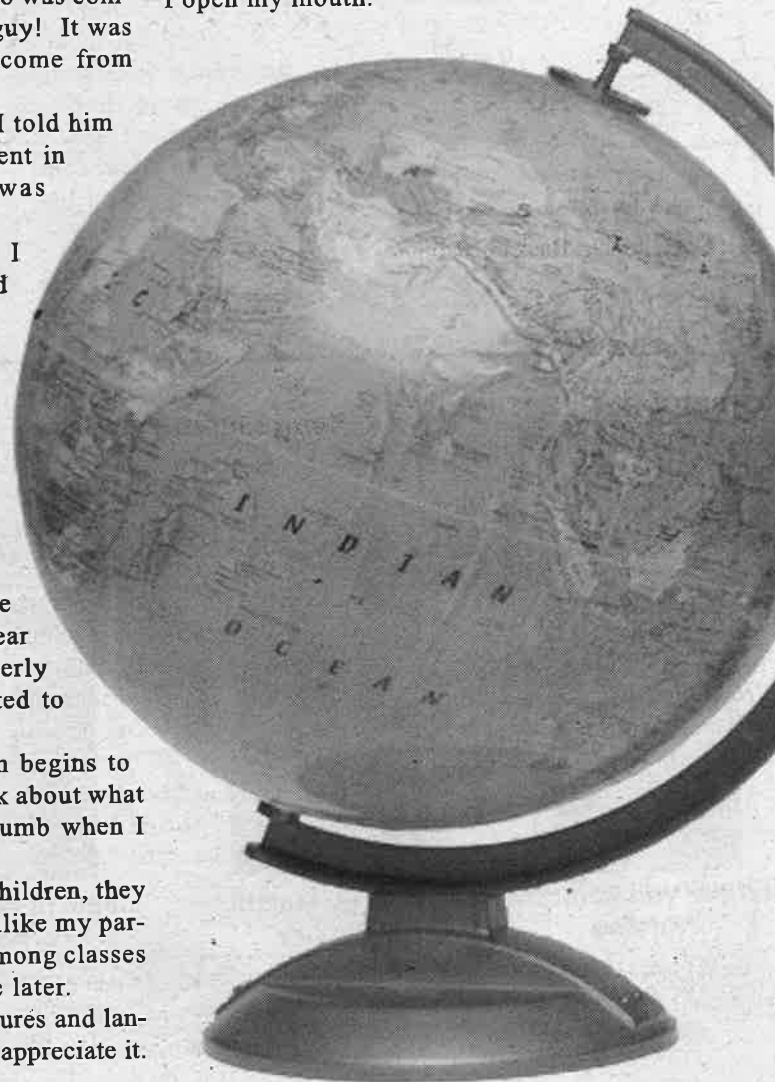
I feel horrible when a Hmong person begins to speak to me in Hmong and I have to think about what I want to say. I feel inadequate and dumb when I can't figure out a word.

My hope is that one day when I have children, they will not want to lose their language. Unlike my parents I'm going to drag my children to Hmong classes and make them learn. They'll thank me later.

People everywhere have such rich cultures and languages and it's a shame that people don't appreciate it.

I don't want to be like that.

I want my language and culture to flourish in America. I want to learn my language and use it on a daily basis, without having to think about it before I open my mouth.



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Horoscopes

David Witte

(I'm not touching you...)

No columns were harmed in the making of this animal.



ARIES (March 21-April 29): A fat man in a tuxedo will offer you a cigarette. We're not exactly sure why.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Tell Leo to stop calling. It's over.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20): We were going to tell you something about Viagra, but this is a family horoscope.



CANCER (June 21-July 22): Do horoscopes cause cancer, brain tumors, and foot fungus? Tune in tonight at 11 to find out.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Do you have Taurus's new phone number?



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): When your friend says he'll kill for a big *carne asada* burrito, slowly move away. He's not kidding.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A squirrel will grab your left testicle, then mutter, "whoops, wrong nut." You will sue for sexual harassment.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't worry about your finances this week. You won't have any.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Out to lunch. Back in 10 minutes.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Here are next week's sports scores: Pirates 2, Boston College 1. 49ers 8, Tiger Woods 7 (OT). Call your bookie now.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Pro-choice and pro-life radicals will unite to agree that you should have never been born.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your love of prairie dogs will lead you to the Kansas City zoo, and ultimately, the Kansas City jail.

Not all 'Sin' is bad

Graphic comic book comes to life with help from Director Robert Rodriguez and an all-star cast



Poua Her

"Sin City" brings new meaning to cinema and the art of film noir. Directed by Robert Rodriguez and Frank Miller, "Sin City" is like a moving comic book.

The movie was so good that I forgot it was based on a comic book series written by Frank Miller. (Or as comic book fanatics call them graphic novels).

Although this movie is rated R for strong violence, strong sexual themes, and strong language, it is by no means just a guy flick. It's a movie that deals with everything, including pedophiles, corruption, and standing on your own two feet.

Rodriguez and Miller are true cinematic geniuses when it comes to staying true to the original comic book. They succeeded where Ang Lee failed with the movie "Hulk."

"Sin City" pulled the audience into the unbelievable story line and wowed them with bold dark imagery that few directors can attain. Shot almost entirely in black and white with only a

few scenes in color, the effect is stunning and memorable.

With a star-studded cast, "Sin City" is unlike any other typical comic hero movie. Names like Bruce Willis, Clive Owen, Mickey Rourke, Brittany Murphy, Jessica Alba, Benicio Del Toro, and Josh Hartnett, the film seemingly had a star at every corner.

Set in the slums of Basin City, a.k.a. Sin City, three totally different story lines run parallel. One story spans eight years and has our hero, Lt. Hartigan, played by Bruce Willis, saving the life of little Nancy Callahan, played by Jessica Alba.

Mickey Rourke plays Marv, a mildly psychotic thug, and is after the killer of Goldie, a prostitute who ends up dead after spending one night with him.

Marv's search leads him to a farm where he meets a disturbed, serial-killing, cannibalizing weirdo named Kevin (Elijah Wood), a silent killer whose glasses are like mirrors. Perfectly cast as Marv, Rourke was awesome in his role of the huge thug.

Dwight (Clive Owen), helps the ladies at Old Town, when Jack Rafferty (Benicio del Toro) is killed. All hell breaks loose when Dwight finds out that Jack is actually a police officer. In killing Jack and his group of friends, the ladies



Photo courtesy of google.com

Jessica Alba (left) and Bruce Willis (right) star in the movie "Sin City."

of Old Town have put themselves in a war with the police if anyone finds out Jack is dead.

The movie was so much more than expected. If you liked "Pulp Fiction," "Kill Bill," "Death Wish," and "Dick Tracy," you'll really enjoy "Sin City," which has a mixture of all of these films.

The narration of each story line

is rich and works so well with the movie. The language of the movie is very much like the language of old film noir.

An excellent movie on every level, you just have to keep remembering that the movie is based on a comic book and things happen differently in the pages than they do in real life.

50 delivers a lyrical 'Massacre'

Rapper's second album picks up where the first left off



Ryan McHenry

Some CD's you just have to own, and 50 Cent's "The Massacre" is one of them. Even if you aren't a fan of Hip-Hop or R&B, if you pass up on this album then you're missing out on great music.

Artists hype up their albums and only "bring it" with one or two good songs and leave you hanging for the next 10 to 12 tracks, 14 if you're lucky. "The Massacre," however, is an album that has nothing but awesome and original beats from start to finish. It's so good, in fact, that it has spent the past six weeks on Billboard's top spot for Hip-Hop albums.

Ladies may find the music de-

grading especially with songs like "Candy Shop," which basically portray women as sexual objects that can be purchased like "candy."

Making sure to keep it real with

his female fans, 50 Cent once again shows a soft side as he hooks up with Jamie Foxx for a track titled "Build You Up" and 50 then does a collaboration with G-Unit's



Photo Courtesy of Yahoo.com

first lady Olivia on "So Amazing."

Both of the softer to listen to tracks complement the rest of the album which is vintage 50, as he brings the heat to those he's had run-ins with in the past, more notably Ja Rule and now Fat Joe.

On an album full of deserving favorites, my favorite track would have to be "Just A Lil' Bit." The song has a great sound that just makes your head bounce. It has an Arabian beat mixed in with the drums that blow you away. That type of sound isn't something you'd normally hear in a Hip-hop or R&B track.

With the release of 50 Cent's sophomore album, Shady Records is proving to everyone that they're still on top of the world and are looking to stay on top for years to come.

I highly recommend this CD to any Hip-hop fan that doesn't own it. Even if you aren't a fan of Hip-hop music, take a step outside of the box and take a ride with 50 Cent.

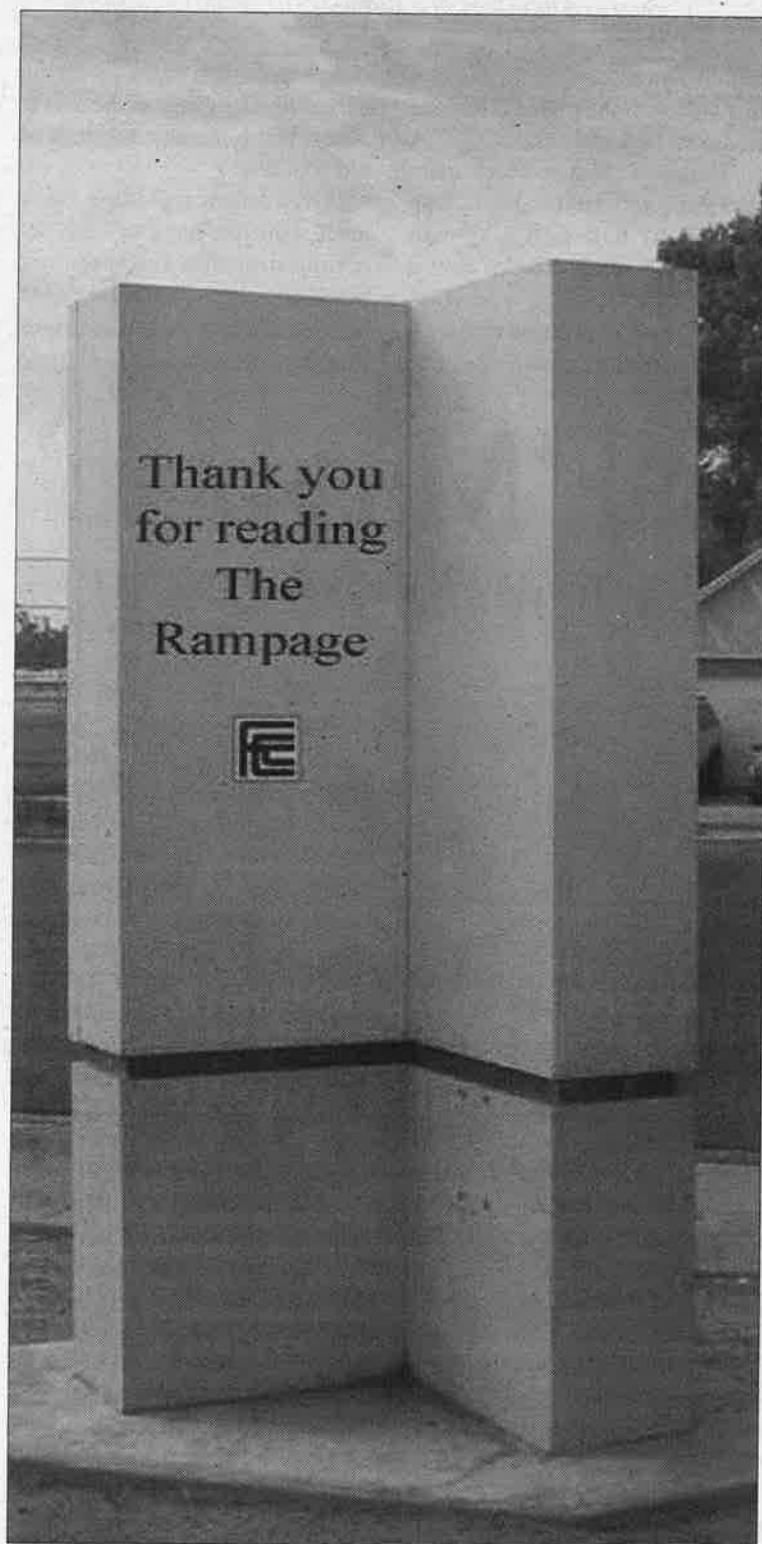
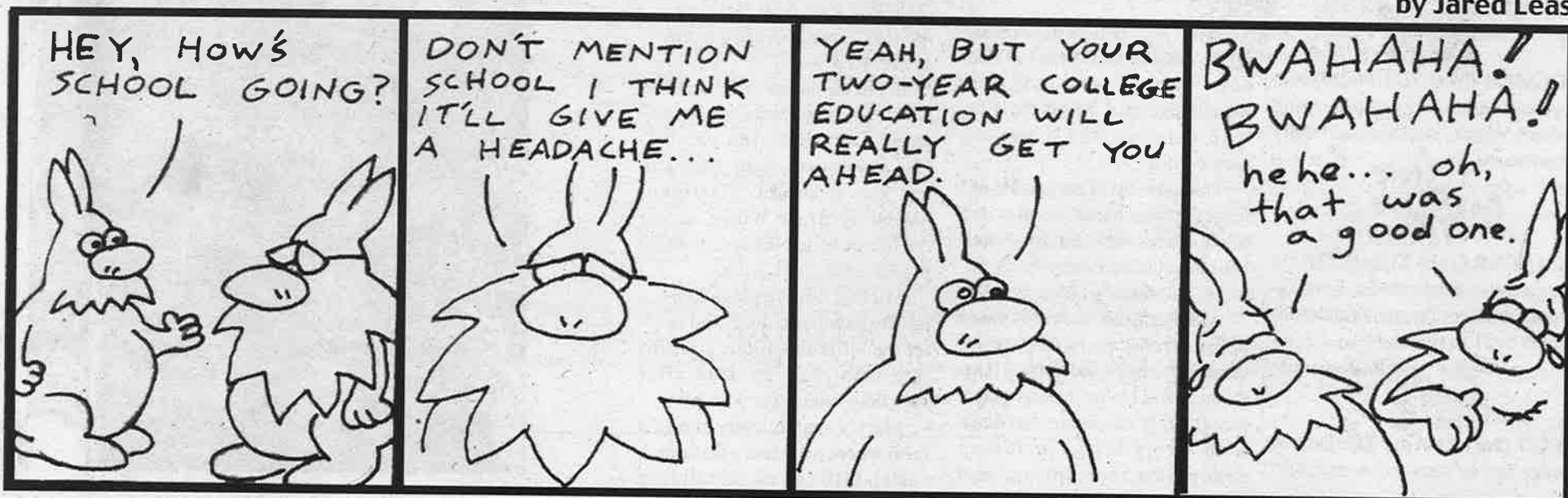
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