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## J.A.C.C. NorCal Conference

The 1992 JACC Northern California conference was held on November 14, in Sacramento. Several Rampage staff members attended and two walked away with awards. Managing Editor Whitney Brown, received an honorable mention for the "on the spot" news writing contest and past Editor John McAllaster, received fifth place for editorial writing.

Also, our current Editor-in-Chief Cory Tyler, was elected to the position of Student President of the Journalism Association of Community Colleges. JACC, covers all of California and Arizona, and is responsible for holding a conference and workshops, to recognize the talents of community college journalists.

## Archie Speaks:

To the Student Body at large:

We have made history with this year's student body. In no other year has student involvement in activities been so evident. You have given relentless support to all of the college activities for the fall semester and you deserve to know that we

as your student representatives appreciate your efforts. We started this semester with a bang and we will be ending it with an explosion. Give it for school spirit.

From your advocates  
1992 Fall Student Senate

## News Note

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## Letter to the Editor.....

Dear Editor,

As a student at FCC with aspirations of at least gaining a better understanding of "the media", I believe you owe us some explanation of what you consider the mission of a student newspaper, namely "ours", to be. Is it for instance, to commit vast amounts of it's available ink and pulp to news even the nation's comatose patients could scarcely avoid two days earlier? (Rampage, Nov. 5, "Clinton Wins")

If, as it seems apparent, you consider the paper to be merely a "sandbox" for cutting and pasting copy, why waste the extra resources creating additional litter for campus janitors. Just publish enough copies to pass around and critique each other and avoid the pretense of actually "publishing a newspaper".

The Nov. 5 issue, also indicates a

need for dropping another pretense. The paper's originating class, should dump the "Journalism 3" title, in favor of the more suitable "Public Relations" moniker. No doubt you'd attract more students, since the obvious implications are "that's where the dough is". After all, isn't that Fresno City College's *raison d'être*?

If, on the other hand, the paper aims to contribute to an evolving tradition by providing space to budding journalists, it's fallen considerably short.

For example, since I've returned to FCC, the paper has all but ignored even the most rudimentary examinations of the workings of student government, college management and district management. How do you justify ignoring such fundamental aspects of newspaper reporting, in favor of a feature about disc jock-

eys? Let's see if I can guess the reason's; "it's not as fun", "that's what our readers want", "nobody cares about student government", blah, blah, ad infinitum. Actually, I prefer these lame excuses to the more plausible explanation, that the department simply fears ruffling administration feathers should students stumble on to some of the more obvious "bodies" lying around.

One current, entry level examination, should you find your teeth sometime soon, would be an "investigation" into the student trustee vacancy, (now nearly a semester old) on this campus. If you find some interest in this "possible story idea", call me. I'll give you "a" version to consider.

Good luck,  
Gunnar H. Jensen

## ..... Editors response

Dear Mr. Jensen,

First, let me explain to you, the "mission" of the Rampage. The purpose of a student news paper, is to teach students everything from writing a story to laying the paper out. Keep in mind that this is a class at FCC. And just like every other class, one must go through a learning process. No one, especially another student, should expect complete perfection from a beginning class. Maybe your expertise is needed on the staff, but since you've never bothered to sign up for the class, we will just have to go on with doing the best we can.

Now as far as your attempt to

slam the timeliness of the Rampage, maybe your just not aware of the fact that the paper is sent out of town to be printed, which sets the delivery date back by two days.

Referring to your "sandbox" comment, yet another fact you should familiarize yourself with, is the Rampage brings in money for the ad's that are in the paper. That money helps pay for the paper and also goes into the co-curriculum budget. Also keep in mind, that the news paper does not create additional litter for the janitors. People who litter create the problem.

FCC's "reason for existence" is to educate the student, expand their mind and get them ready to enter the

real world. After all Mr. Gunnar, isn't that why your here?

The Rampage covers a wide variety of topics, not just the ones that you feel we should print. Remember, you are one out of 20,000 students. And regarding the lame excuses, remember that these are your lame excuses and not ours.

As you may have already noticed, this issue contains a story on the student trustee vacancy. And judging from the lack of information and facts missing in your letter, that probably explains why you were not contacted to help on this story.

## AGS Cone of Cans Food Drive

By Whitney Brown  
Managing Editor

They can be seen everywhere coast to coast on the streets and in alleys across the United States. They are a growing group of people whom many chose to ignore or chastise. They are America's homeless.

During the colder months of fall and winter, homeless centers fill up considerably fast. Individuals helped to feed these homeless and hungry in Fresno by donating cans of food to the 'Cone of Cans', a week-long day and night food drive at FCC sponsored by Alpha Gamma Sigma as well as other clubs, organizations, faculty members, students of FCC and interested Fresnans in

general.

Pat Aubuchon, an active FCC student spent the majority of the week of Nov. 2 to Nov. 9 in the Free Speech area to collect as many cans as possible to give to the Fresno Food Bank, an organization donating food to churches and soup lines all over Fresno County.

"We've had a lot of interest on this campus and a lot of people asking what we are doing here," said Aubuchon. "They are promising to bring in cans of food this week," continued Aubuchon.

"In Fresno county alone there is an excess of 55.9 percent of citizens under the age of 18 living below the poverty level," said Aubuchon. "These are our children."

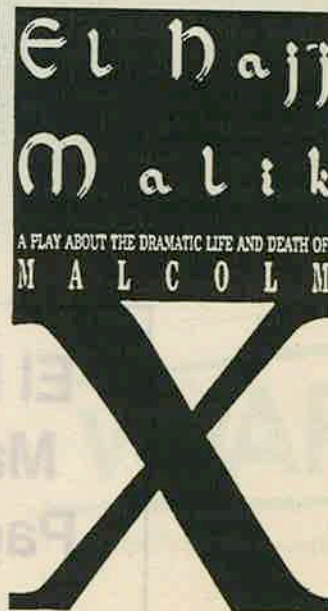
"I'm really excited about this," added Aubuchon, "It makes me feel fantastic to do this because we've been planning this since last June. Now it's finally here and it's blossoming. I have faith that the FCC students can do it," said Aubuchon Monday Nov. 2.

The Cone of Cans food drive managed to collect 2200 cans in total for the homeless and hungry with help from volunteers. Also donated to the Fresno Food Bank from FCC was \$27 cash. Special thanks to P.G.&E., Texaco, Piaget Day Care, Student Services, Pat Aubuchon, Coleen Keaton, Brenda Stebbins, Jeanine Smith, and every single person who brought a can for the cause.

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## FCC has no student trustee

By Andrew Burton  
Rampage Reporter

The student trustee position for Fresno City College is vacant, and has been since the elected representative, Michael Mattox, decided not to attend FCC.

The trustee is elected by the student population and, once elected, sits on the board of trustees of the State Center Community College District (SCCCD) as a spokesperson and relator of student needs to the board. The board meets once a month. The student trustee sits as a non-voting member of the board. FCC President Dr. Brice Harris said that the position is extremely valuable, and A.S. President Greg Simmons said, "It is a key to keeping students aware of the issues. It is part of shared governance. It serves a vital link to the district." Craig Reid, FCC's new student advisor, believes that "[the student trustee] makes a contribution to both the student body, in terms of student representation, and to the board of trustees, in terms of having a sitting member [on the board] that has the perspective of the students in mind."

There are two factors that lead to the controversy surrounding the student trustee position.

The first is that, as of August 1992, the spot has been vacated and no one sits as a student trustee on the board, meaning there is no representation of the students to the board, and concerns of the students are not being addressed.

Since elections for the year-long position are usually held at the end of the Spring semester, the position of student trustee will be empty for the remainder of this semester and the entirety of the Spring '93 semester unless the SCCC board of trustees decides otherwise. They will probably either allow for a new election to fill the position or appoint an interim student trustee. As of now it is not known what their decision will be.

The second factor concerns the board's proposal to change the requirements to hold the student trustee position. The changes involve raising the required amount of units to a minimum of 12 units, and the applicant must demonstrate satisfactory progress throughout the term of office or that person will become ineligible to continue to be the student trustee. The other change involves a term limit on the student trustee po-

sition allowing that person to serve for only one year.

Many students, including some A.S. officers, are concerned about the changes in the requirements and the slow speed at which the board is acting to replace the student trustee. They also perceive reluctance on the board's part to communicate openly with students about the changes, or even ask them what they think the changes should entail.

Some students look at this as a power grab by the board. A.S. President Greg Simmons said that he is personally strongly opposed to the changes. Some are concerned that the board may be doing this in order to have more control over who enters the position. They feel that the board will be excluding a large portion of the students of this campus, thus reducing the number of students who can represent the student body.

On the other side of the controversy, some students, faculty and administrators feel that the changes are for the good of the students, and that the reason that the board is taking its time on the issue of changes is that they want to make sure that they get what they feel will be the best for students.

Craig Reid said, "I applaud the board of trustees and the administration for trying to come up with some new framework that will lead to an election of a student that they feel best represents the students on campus."

Others feel a person with 12 units or more will be a better qualified person to represent students. They believe that a student who only takes one three-unit night class may not be as good of a representative for all the students as a person who is here a large part of their week, taking 12 or more units, and in turn exposing themselves to all the needs and concerns of the campus and its students.

The next board meeting is on December 8 at 4:30 p.m., and will be held at the boardroom in the SCCC Board Room. That is where and when the decisions on these matters get made. If a student has thoughts on the issue of changes, they have many places to turn. They may contact the Associated Students (student government) at 442-8275, Craig Reid, FCC President Dr. Brice Harris, or the SCCC Chancellor's office.

## OAB: preservationists' views on board of trustees' new intentions for building

By Andrew Burton  
Rampage Reporter

The Old Administration Building (OAB) will be left standing.

The latest ideas were to either tear it down and put the much needed Allied Health and Public Services Building in its place or to restore the building and place the Allied Health and Public Service departments within the OAB.

The board of trustees of the State Center Community College District (SCCCD) have decided to leave the OAB as is. They are not going to tear it down or refurbish it. Their new plan is to relocate the site for the new building. The new site is located on the north side of Weldon,

across from the new parking lot S and is between the railroad tracks and the SCCC offices. This is now the site that the board of trustees of the SCCC has decided on and will proceed with their plans for continued funding from the state.

Unfortunately, this does not solve the issue of the OAB. Because the Board of Trustees has decided to leave the building alone, it will not be refurbished as at one time they were proposing. For now the building will just sit and rot.

The main concern of historical societies around Fresno is that they had been told the building was going to be restored, which seemed to many a good idea. Now the board of trust-

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## Top ranked FCC wrestlers... still going

By Tony Downs  
Contributing Writer

The FCC wrestling team is still going strong. There appears to be nothing that can get in the way of the Rams, except maybe themselves.

The Rams have yet to lose this year despite having some very subtle internal problems.

"If everyone shows up we should have no problems," said coach Bill Musick. "The only problem we have is showing up."

Musick is referring to his team going into wrestling tournaments without all of their weapons. On a few occasions this year, FCC has been without some of their key athletes due to an array of happenstance. This ranges from sickness, injuries and lack of focus by a few wrestlers.

Musick's biggest trouble spot seems to be at the heavyweight division. "We have one or two of the best in the state at that weight," said Musick. "But sometimes they just don't show - they're just flakey."

FCC boasts high ranking wrestlers throughout its team. The team itself is ranked 1st in the state ac-

cording to the state's latest coaches poll.

The team has the following wrestlers ranked first in the state; Nick Quintana (118), Ben Ervin (134), Dustin Riley (142) and Ed Neal (Hvy).

Other FCC wrestlers are ranked as follows; Mike Seals (142) 2nd, Alfonzo Tucker (150) 2nd, Rodger Norred (167) 3rd, Josh Slaven (Hvy) 3rd, Pat Hammond (126) 6th and Brian Haupt (167) 6th.

**Santa Rosa Nov. 7-** FCC wrestlers pounced their way through the Nor. Cal. z Championship. This victory allowed FCC to host the dual-team tourney here at FCC on Nov. 14.

The Rams started off the NCC by downing Diablo Valley College 38-9. It could have been a bigger victory margin, but Musick had 2 wrestlers forfeit their matches to avoid unnecessary injuries.

The second opponent, Cuesta College, put up minimal resistance to the Rams in a 27-9 FCC victory.

In the championship match, FCC defeated Sacramento CC 30-9. This was the third time this season FCC beat the Panthers.

All FCC wrestlers responded well to the challenges of the tourney, but the most prolific FCC wrestler may have been Alfonzo Tucker. The 150 pound wrestler went 3-0 in the tourney with 1 pin and a 17-2 point margin.

**Fresno Nov. 1-** The California North vs. South All-Star Tournament held at the Fresno City College gym had only the best wrestlers in the state in attendance.

The north won the tournament, which has no effect on state standings. The tourney is construed as a fun free-for-all, that is a rare opportunity for the states best to come together.

They were led by FCC wrestlers Ben Ervin and Dustin Riley. A third FCC wrestler, Nick Quintana, lost a very controversial match that saw the electronic scoreboard have technical difficulties.

Several people in and around the FCC team believed a couple of oversight mistakes were made in picking the teams. Many thought FCC's heavyweight Ed Neal and 150 pounder Alfonzo Tucker had earned the right to wrestle in this annual event.

## FCC loses 'Unforgettable' game to Taft, 39-3

By Tony Downs  
Contributing Writer

TAFT-FCC head coach John Volek and his football team were at the mercy of the Taft Cougars Saturday Nov. 8 in front of almost 1,000 fans.

The game was surrounded by odd happenstance all afternoon. But the biggest of all came on the last play of the game.

It was on the last play and Taft coach Al Baldock gave his team the OK to run up the score against the Rams.

Leading 32-3 with only 6 seconds remaining, Baldock showed total disregard for sportsmanship and FCC. He called for his team to score from the 1-yard line.

This has drawn the ire of coach Volek. "Our kids played hard. If

Taft gets their 'jollies-off' by scoring with seconds left in the game... then that's their problem," said Volek.

"We have a little more respect for our opponent. Obviously, they don't have much respect for us and my kids," said Volek.

Volek added that this incident will not soon be forgotten or forgiven. "I will remember that! I will remember that forever! Al Baldock can take that to his grave... I will remember that last touchdown," said Volek.

FCC was held to only 69 total yards on offense. Including minus-9 yards rushing. This was just one week after the Rams ran for over 300 yards against Merced.

FCC took a 3-0 lead in the second quarter on a Danny Ward

31-yard field-goal. That was the only time FCC would score.

The officials made calls that infuriated coaches, raised questions throughout the media, and caused Taft fans to laugh at the officials' calls on more than one occasion.

Coach Volek expressed unease and dissatisfaction with the officiating, but refused to comment until he had seen the post-game films. He has since seen the films and had a personal meeting with head referee of the game, Howard Zinn.

It is presently unknown what was resolved, if anything, at the meeting. The Northern California Football Conference (NCFL) has presently made no statements about the game. Zinn, a Fresno native and teacher at Fresno High School, was unavailable for comment.

## El Hajj Malik comes to Fresno City College

By Whitney Brown  
Managing Editor

FCC Theater will have a showing of *El Hajj Malik*, a play about the dramatic life and death of Malcolm X on Nov. 20 at 8 p.m. The cast from C.S.U.F., directed by Thomas Whit Ellis is saving their profits to perform the play in Lagos, Nigeria as well.

Keisha Whitten, an A.S. Senator organizing a bill to raise funds through the sale of promotional posters advertising the play, wood carvings of Malcolm X, donations, and the play's proceeds in order to send the cast and interested students to Nigeria this Dec., thinks this play will have an enlightening effect on students of all races.

"Whenever there is an African American standing up to empower his race or become active, he's seen as a racist," stated Whitten, "and this isn't true."

"There hasn't been much cultural emphasis on the different ethnic groups on this campus and there

needs to be," added Whitten. "It's a shame."

The play will be presented in montage form, meaning an artistic composition of juxtaposed, varied elements. It will be an adaptation of the texts of *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* and *Malcolm Speaks*. The play will be an overview of Malcolm Little's (El Hajj) life from his birth, through his becoming a black revolutionary, and culminating his assassination.

The benefits of such a play on a campus such as FCC are evident to Whitten. "African-American issues,

and efforts made to regain African-American cultural identity will be things people coming from the play are more aware of than those who haven't seen the play."

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ees has decided to let the building sit. Jim Oakes, chairman of the Preservation Committee of the Fresno City and County Historical Society (FCCHS) said, "we feel betrayed." Oakes said the board had swayed them into agreeing on the restoration of the OAB and now has left them standing alone with the crumbling building. After twenty years of neglecting the OAB, FCCHS and Oakes were glad to hear t the board had proposed ides to refurbish the building, now they are confused with change that the board has made about the building. FCCHS respects the board and realize they have the final say in what becomes of the OAB, but the FCCHS also feels the Board of Trustees has not given the newer OAB plans enough time and effort. Many do not feel the new proposed site and building is going to be the best for the OAB.

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Meanwhile, he noticed that he himself was getting more calls than he could handle. In angelic irritation, he turned to the other angel and said, "How come you're just sitting there and not helping me?" His companion looked at him in surprise and said, "The Heavenly Father told me that I was to receive the thank-you messages from his children on earth, and you were to receive the petitions."

Who has not experienced or heard of ingratitude? You pause in traffic to let someone in, and they don't even wave. A beginning dentist leaves the wife who worked herself to the bone to put him through school. The list is endless.

The Scripture say ingratitude is an obvious sign of man's rebelliousness against his Creator. Man sees in the book of nature the "invisible existence of God and his everlasting power" but refuses to "Honour him as God or to give thanks to him." (Romans 1:20, 21).

One can see this ingratitude--coupled with prideful disobedience--in academia, too.

An agnostic astronomer, R. Jastrow, says in *God And The Astronomers* that for much of the 20th Century most scientists resisted the now-accepted Big Bang theory because it pointed to a Creator.

H. Ross gives detailed evidence of this, plus shows how the alternatives, such as the oscillating or steady-state universe, simply do not square with the facts, in *The Fingerprint of God*.

Case in point: it would take 10<sup>40,000</sup> years for blind chance to produce the enzymes necessary for life, but the universe is only about 15 billion years old. Then imagine what it would take for eyes, with their millions of tiny cones and rods, or brains, with their trillions of neurons, to bring themselves into existence and to proper functioning.

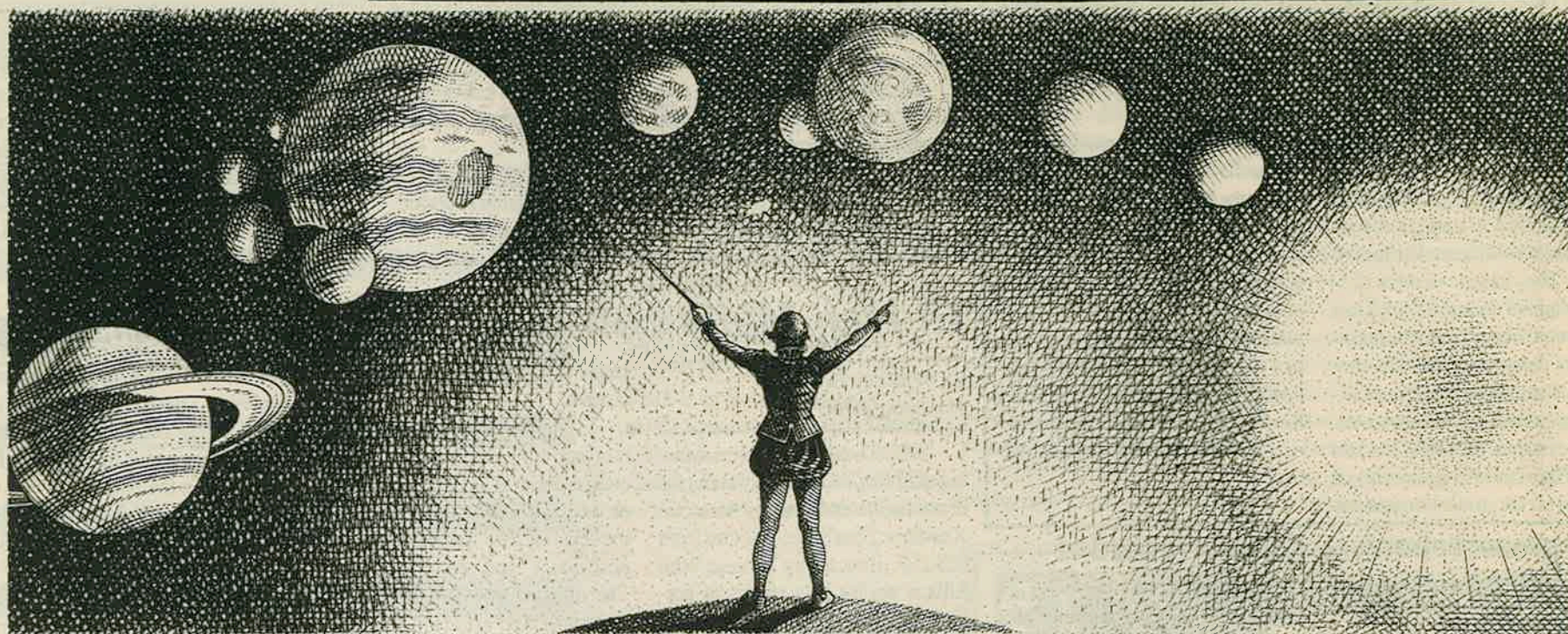
There are two incompatible theories; (1) the universe, and man, bring themselves into existence or always existed--an idea nullified by science--or (2) a Designer brought it into existence. (Could design exist with no designer?)

Which makes more sense? The atheist's belief in an eternal world? Or the Bible's claim for a Creator, who moment by moment sustains the universe and our lives? He actually loves you and wants to make himself known to you, in and through Jesus Christ. Check it out--you'll be thankful you did!

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