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Welcome Week helps ease stress for students



Welcome Team member Eric Hiatt points a student in the right direction. Photo By Julian Torres

By Nam Dang
News Editor

During the first week of school, it is quite common to find students that are totally lost; not knowing where to go, where to find certain things on campus and ultimately, being late to their classes.

A way to alleviate this problem is a program called "Welcome Week", which allows all FCC students (new and returning) to become better accustomed to the campus by having their peers as

well as faculty to available to answer any questions that they may have.

"The idea of Welcome Week was brought forth by (Dean of Students) Robert Fox, (former College Activities Director) Craig Reid, and (current Interim College Activities Director) Gurdeep Sihota before the 1997-98 school year," commented FCC President, Dr. Daniel Larios. "It has caught on campus-wide to make this campus more inviting," added Larios. "We have students that work, and the campus wasn't

user-friendly before this."

"I think Welcome Week is a great benefit for new students. Obviously, it greatly helps out students who don't know where their classes are or don't know if a class is still available. To be able to come up to one of the booths that are located around campus," stated student body president Dale Risenhoover. "We hear that this is a great idea; not only from our own students, but also from different colleges that have never heard of a Welcome Week before." added (See Welcome, Page 11)

A SPECIAL REPORT



Finally Done! Stacey Covington makes her way back to her vehicle, while others scramble for parking. Photo By Julian Torres

Another semester of parking

By Julian Torres
Photo Editor

August 14 - first semester FCC student Stacey Covington arrived on campus around 7AM, hoping to find a parking spot before her 8AM class. What Covington found was overflowing parking lots, serving as indicators to the start of a new semester.

"I was fifteen minutes late to my class and I was hoping to add, so it made it real tough," said Covington.

The sight of crammed parking stalls has become synonymous with the first days of instruction.

"Every year it's the same thing," said Randy Dittier. "There

aren't enough parking spaces for us."

FCC has a total of 2,894 parking stalls. 2,206 spaces are designated for students, 461 for staff, 51 designated disabled, and 92 are metered. In addition, 59 motorcycle stalls are dispersed in corners throughout the lots. Compared to FCC's estimated 20,000 enrollment, students greatly outnumber the availability of parking.

"It's too much of a hassle to find other ways to school, so many more people drive," said FCC Police Chief Lt. Ron Watson. "The main parking problems on campus are people buying passes and forgetting to use them," said Watson. "My suggestion is to permanently affix them in the lower

right hand corner of the windshield, to avoid a 16 dollar citation."

With the tension of class building, students do not want to deal with the headaches of finding a place to park. For those who find themselves in the same company as many others, the rampage offers some relief from FCC's parking fiasco.

Allow yourself enough time. As the fourth week of classes approach, parking remains a major factor for those attending day classes. Allow yourself enough time to find a parking spot.

"I get here an hour before my class starts," said John Freeman. "It lets me take my time to find a place to park and I even get in a (See Parking, Page 11)

Longtime campus figure remembered as a 'great guy'

By Joe Chacon
Managing Editor

Anastacio S. Briones, a maintenance man and locksmith at Fresno City College for 21 years, died Aug. 2 in Fresno. He was 60.

Briones, born in El Paso, Texas, on March 26, 1940, recently retired. He was known as Stacey.

Stacey is survived by his wife, Francis; his sons, Chris of Berkeley and Richard, and daughter Lisa Sandoval of Fresno. Richard works at the FCC maintenance department.

Stacey had served in the U.S. Army and retired from the U.S. National Guard. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus at St. Johns Catholic Church in Fresno. Stacey married Francis in 1961 and was remembered as a loving husband.

Leon Chism, a mechanic for FCC, worked with Stacey for 18 years. "Stacey was a great guy," Chism said. "He was one of those guys everyone liked, and you can't say that about everyone. You could always count on Stacey. If you needed an extra hand for a project, Stacey was always everyone's first choice."

In 1969, Stacey received a blood transfusion and contracted Hepatitis C. Over the years his liver deteriorated from the disease. He was placed on the organ donor list, but Stacey's health was never stable and a blood disorder along with other medical complications kept Stacey from receiving a liver. Stacey was undergoing chemotherapy and steroids to keep him alive, but the toll took affect on his liver and eventually killed Stacey. One of the requirements for a liver transplant is your health has to be durable for the surgery, according to Lisa Sandoval.



"For one reason or another, his health never stabilized," she said. "He was always positive knowing that he was terminally ill. He accepted the fact and that he was in touch with God; he lived life to the fullest."

Rick Peters, electrician and lead man for FCC for 24 years, worked with Stacey on many overtime projects said, "We're gonna miss Stacey just because of who he was. While Stacey was in the hospital, he phoned Patrick Jeffries, who was the boiler room mechanic and plumber for FCC. Patrick, who had surgery on his hands recently, was recovering, so Stacey called Patrick just to see how he was doing. All that time, he never told Patrick he was in the (See Briones, Page 11)

Letter to Editor

Dear Editor:

Since it's reopening, the FCC Cafeteria has offered food service that's even better than before.

The food is fresh, tasty, and in good variety. The staff is friendly, polite and helpful. And the prices are reasonable, especially the 50-cent drink with the personal pizza.

However, I do have a couple

of complaints that I hope are seen in context.

First, it's as hard to get a drink of water with your lunch, as it is when you go to Health Sciences (which has no drinking fountain on the ground floor). What happened to the water faucet that the cafeteria used to have where the condiment bar now is?

Second, the cafeteria offers cups made of styrofoam, which is

good for holding hot drinks but is bad for the environment. What's more important — sparing your fingertips a little heat or sparing the environment an unnecessary substance that's not bioreducible?

Sincerely,
Paul Jackson,
Student

Rampage Welcomes Fresno Bee Editor as New Advisor

By Nam Dang

News Editor

The beginning of the Fall 2000 semester marked a new beginning for the Fresno City College student newspaper, the Rampage, as the staff welcomed a new advisor.

Dan Edwards, who is currently the assistant Metro/Local News editor for the Fresno Bee, replaced long time Rampage advisor Ray Nash, who left after the Spring 2000 semester to pursue other opportunities with the Selma Enterprise newspaper. Edwards brings with him over 20 years of journalism experience.

His experiences date back to his days as a student at Monterey Peninsula College, where he served as that school's newspaper Sports editor and Managing editor. From there, it was on to San Jose State where he worked in the editorial department for their school newspaper. "I worked in many phases in the editorial area," stated Edwards, referring to his days at San Jose State, where he eventually graduated with a degree in journalism in 1980.

Upon graduating from San Jose State, Edwards worked at four different newspapers in a span of six years. His first job took him to Lompoc, located in

Southern California, where he served one year as a Sports writer and on the Copy Desk for their local newspaper. "It was very good for me to get early Copy Desk experience; it made me more well-rounded," commented Edwards. "I think you're a better reporter when you've worked on a Copy Desk, so to be able to do both (sports and copy editing) was a great experience for me."

Edwards' next job brought him to the East San Francisco Bay Area, where he worked as a Sports writer for two years. During this experience, Edwards covered anything from high school sports to professional sports. "I got to interview people that were famous about 20 years ago," joked Edwards.

His next stop was to the city of Antioch, where he became the News editor for their local newspaper after having worked on their Copy Desk. "I was in charge of the entire Copy Desk," said Edwards, referring to his position of News editor for the Antioch newspaper. Edwards then worked on the Sports Copy Desk for the Contra Costa Times before coming to Fresno, in November of 1987, to work for the Fresno Bee.

His first experience with the Fresno Bee was in the Sports department as their copy editor. "We would put together the stories and

pictures and everything that you would see in the morning: headline writing, story editing, late deadline types of things." Edwards worked in that department for eight and a half years before moving to the News department to work in the same copy editing capacity.

He then returned, briefly, to the Sports department before becoming the assistant Metro editor. "I am in charge of several reporters; assigning stories," commented Edwards. "Most of them are veteran reporters; they have their own good ideas."

When asked what he can offer to the Rampage, Edwards stated, "I can offer my expertise; a feel for the newspaper business."

"A lot of people, when they first get into it, they're a little afraid; they're not sure how to interview somebody. I might be able to offer some suggestions there," he said. "Or a photographer might be covering golf, and I might say, 'Don't take pictures on the back swing or else they'll wrap the club around your head.' There are little things about journalism that I can impart to the students of the Rampage, to give them more insight in the field that will, hopefully, make them want to continue in the field."

POLICE LOG

FROM THE FILES OF THE SCCC CAMPUS POLICE DEPT.

August 15 - 6:56p.m.

Sergeant observed vehicle traveling the wrong way on a one-way street on Campus Drive East. Initiated stop, issued Notice of Violation.

August 16 - 1:35 p.m.

Officer observed non-student on campus flashing obvious gang signs, made contact. Individual ordered off campus; refused. Individual arrested, cited, released.

August 17 - 2:11 p.m.

Officer observed individual consuming controlled substance on campus. Individual arrested, cited. Warrants search revealed outstanding warrant in Los Angeles County. Warrant served. Individual booked into Fresno County Jail. Report taken.

August 17 - 11:14 p.m.

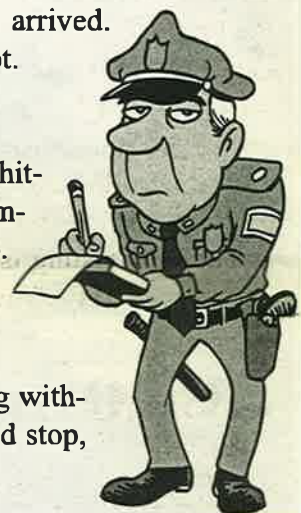
Custodian observed two subjects tampering with raliroad crossing. Sergeant stopped subjects and detained until Fresno Police Dept. arrived. Turned over to Fresno Police Dept.

August 21 - 10:07 a.m.

Officer observed vehicle almost hitting pedestrian at crosswalk on Campus Drive East, initiated traffic stop. Driver cited.

August 23 - 5:36 p.m.

Officer observed vehicle traveling without headlights on. Officer initiated stop, driver cited.



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Taking It To The Streets

What is your impression of Fresno City College and how do you feel about being a college student?



Sean Worcester
Computer Networking, 4th year student

"They need to decide whether they are a school or a buisness. I like it here, it's a good place to go to school."



Hannah Rae
Liberal Arts, 1st year student

"It's crowded. I feel I am not getting as much out of it as I could."



Joi Rainey
Broadcasting Journalist, 1st year student

"It reminds me of a big high school. It has a good curriculum. I like it."



William Halford
Computer Engineering, 1st year student

"I have a lot of friends and associates here. I am going for a track scholarship. I like it here."



Danielle Merten
Theatre Arts, 4th year student

"I feel enthusiastic because it's college but then you realize it's like high school with an ashtray. I'll feel better when I'm at a 4-year college."

FCC Involved in Program for Allied Health Majors

By Nam Dang
News Editor

For all those Allied Health majors that are not aware of it, there is a program here on the FCC campus just for you.

Loma Linda University (a private university), which established a satellite program here on cam-

pus four years ago, is specifically designed for those who want to go into the different fields of allied health sciences.

"Loma Linda University has a good reputation in the Allied Health field," commented program coordinator Terri Pfeiffer. "There is a lot of opportunity for advancement."

FCC is one of three colleges in the United States and its territorial nations affiliated with Loma Linda University. There is a physical therapy program that is located at Oakwood College in Alabama as well as a master's degree program in Puerto Rico. The Loma Linda University itself is located in Southern California,

60 miles east of Los Angeles.

According to Pfeiffer, the program here at FCC operates in a quarter system. "The size of our classes are very small, so it allows students to have more one on one contact with the professor," she added.

The next quarter of instruction for the FCC/Loma

Linda University satellite program will begin on September 25, 2000.

For more information, contact Terri Pfeiffer in her office (HS-263), located on the second floor of the campus' Allied Health Sciences building.

Campus Provides Complementary HIV Testing

By Maranda Brandt
Rampage Reporter

An AIDS Awareness booth is available on the FCC campus every Wednesday through September by the fountain. The booth is sponsored by the Fresno County Health Department. It provides a variety of information about HIV and also promotes free HIV testing on campus.

The HIV testing is every Wednesday from 4

p.m. to 6:45 p.m. in the Student Services Building, room ST-112. It is available to students, staff and the general public and is a confidential and convenient option for anyone who is interested.

A variety of informational pamphlets is available at the booth, including facts about STD's, information on safe sex, abstinence, and practicing safe sex. Free condoms are also available.

Heather Bedwell, from the Health Department, feels

it is critical to provide information about AIDS awareness to the public. She also feels that everyone who is involved in an activity that might put them at risk should get an HIV test.

"If you put yourself at risk by using needles for drugs or having sex, it is a good idea to get tested," said Bedwell.

Kyle Loretto, also from the Health Department said, "The main reason the booth will be available so often on campus is because the

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Health Department wants to promote and encourage people to take advantage of the free HIV testing."

"HIV rates in women and minorities are increasing,

and we need to inform as many of these people as possible about the risks of getting HIV and the need for testing," Loretto added.

Scholarship Students Recognized in Ceremony

By Maranda Brandt
Rampage Reporter

The third FCC Scholarship Reception was held Aug. 25 in the school theater. The reception, sponsored by FCC and the State Center Community College Foundation, was an opportunity for students who were awarded scholarships from FCC Scholarship Catalog to be recognized.

The students receiving were presented with the

scholarships by the benefactors, the organizations and people that funded the particular scholarship. This was also a time for the students and their benefactors to take photographs together. Friends and family of the recipients were in attendance.

The reception started at 6 p.m. FCC President Dr. Dan Larios set the lighthearted mood with his opening speech. Larios was excited about the event and agreed that it was a "very special

night for students and their benefactors."

A reception was held afterward for the scholarship recipients and their families. This allowed time for the students and their benefactors to become better acquainted.

The reception took place outside the theater, with an elaborate array of food and drink. FCC Interim Activities Director Gurdeep Sihota commented that the students would likely enjoy the "real food" at the reception, rather

than the typical punch and cookies some might expect.

Students may apply for a wide range of scholarships in the FCC scholarship catalog. The catalog and information on applying may be obtained in the Financial Aid

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By Chris Castro

Entertainment Editor

The summer movie season is over, but the remains a few big movies out there to entertain the masses. *The Cell*, starring Jennifer Lopez as the psychologist who journeys into the mind of a killer and Vince Vaughn (from *Swingers*) as the agent searching for the location of the killer's last victim, is visually stunning at moments, but overall plays like a stale version of *Se7en*. A true thriller that relies on strong characters and brisk storytelling, *The Croupier*, tells the captivating tale of a novelist who goes back to his card-dealing roots to make some money. *Bring It On* is very funny story of a cheerleading squad, led by Kirsten Dunst (*Interview With A Vampire* and *Dick*) and Eliza Dushku (Faith from TV's *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*), that realizes all their cheers have been stolen from an East Compton cheerleading squad (best line: "a cheerleader is a dancer who's gone retarded."). *Kings of Comedy* is the hilarious concert film from Spike Lee featuring the musings of D. L. Hughley, Cedric The Entertainer, Steve Harvey, and Bernie Mac who closes the show perfectly. *Godzilla 2000* is not a sequel to the horrid Hollywood version of the green giant from a few years ago, it is the latest cheerfully cheap import from the East featuring a man in a rubber suit stepping on various model buildings. Hopefully, *Highlander: Endgame* will be the last in the never-ending Highlander series (apparently there *can't* only

be one final conclusion to this series; the last movie was entitled *Highlander: The Final Dimension*).

In video stores, Julia Roberts is ready to thrill everyone who didn't see her legal drama *Erin Brockovich* in theaters. Anyone who didn't understand why *The Cider House Rules* was nominated for Best Picture last year can see Michael Caine's Oscar-winning performance as the doctor in a North-Eastern orphanage in this heartwarming adaptation of the John Irving novel. *Any Given Sunday* features gridiron pounding, just in time for the new football season, as well as acting fireworks courtesy of Al Pacino and Jamie Fox. *Magnolia*, one of the best films of last year, features an extraordinary performances all around, including an Oscar-nominated turn by Tom Cruise, in this "mosaic" of drama from *Boogie Nights* director P. T. Anderson. Christian Bale gives an award-worthy performance in the extremely dark satire *American Psycho*, which follows an 80's era yuppie making more than a killing. For more laughs, check out *Drowning Mona*, starring Neve Campbell, Danny Devito, and Bette Middler as the woman that everyone wants dead. For more mainstream laughter, see *The Whole Nine Yards*, starring Bruce Willis as a hitman who makes Matthew Perry (surprise!) nervous. For more adventurous viewers, there's the Japanese animated import *Princess Mononoke*, an exciting fable that is visually amazing.

Jennifer Lopez Enters The Cell

By Josh Harding

Staff Writer

It's a good thing to be genuinely excited about a movie. I've always been cynical when it comes shelling out the \$5-\$8 to see a film in the theater. However, after seeing the full movie trailer of "The Cell" and being partially traumatized by the bombardment of strange images, I knew two things. This movie was going to be unlike anything I had seen before, and that I had to find out what happens. I went into the theater hoping to be amazed, to see something completely different. "The Cell" delivered to the nth degree.

The story splits into three conflicts that are elegantly intertwined. Jennifer Lopez plays Catherine Deanne, a social

worker with a very different method of treating patients. While a team of scientists looks on behind a glass wall, she dons a special suit and is plugged into an experimental machine that takes her into the subconscious mind of her patient. This is the basis for the astounding visual effects.

In the opening scenes, she is inside the mind of a young boy trying to coax him out of a deep coma but can't quite succeed.

The story focuses on the FBI's desperate search to capture a serial killer. Vincent D'Onofrio plays the sadistic killer Carl Stargher who suffers from a rare, severe form of schizophrenia. By the time the feds catch up, he has already slipped into a comatose state that doctors say will last forever.

However, Stargher's killing

The Return of Godzilla

By Anna Ramos

Staff Writer

Did you grow up watching the old Sci-Fi monster movies? Well, for all those who did, you'll love "Godzilla 2000." This digitally remastered foreign Japanese film, in which the cast of characters whose names were hard to catch at times, and was obviously dubbed, still made members of the audience jump and laugh.

Godzilla himself, who has starred in countless monster movies over the decades and in 1997 won the MTV "Life Time Achievement" award, got a bit of a makeover in this movie. Looking a bit more real and with bigger spikes on his back, Godzilla

looks better than the usual drunken man in a monster costume.

The opening scenes alone will make you jump when Godzilla comes ashore to walk over and destroy Japan. The main characters are a scientist, his daughter, and a young female reporter who spent the entire movie chasing Godzilla in a high-tech car in an attempt to better understand him.

Meanwhile, a giant meteor from outer space has fallen into the sea off the coast of Japan. The general of the special crisis unit for the Japanese Army plans an attack on Godzilla. The mysterious meteor comes out of the water and has a battle with Godzilla.

Throughout the movie, there is

non-stop action, whether it is the Japanese Army, the strange meteor, or a giant squid-looking monster, Godzilla repetitively gets his butt kicked. It ends with a good old-fashioned monster fight in the city of Tokyo in which half the city is demolished and thousands of people are probably killed.

"Godzilla 2000" didn't get a whole lot of media attention, and with a cast of unknowns here in the United States, it didn't become a big blockbuster hit of the summer. However, for the die-hard Godzilla fans, this will become yet another Godzilla classic to add to the collection.

Snipes Impresses in Art of War

By Chris Castro

Entertainment Editor

In his new action-thriller, *The Art of War*, Wesley Snipes steps effortlessly into the role of a highly secret government agent. His agency is "helping" move along passage of a free trade agreement between the U.S. and China. "Helping" entails blackmail and, of course, spying. This is demonstrated by an exciting opening sequence in which Wesley Snipes comes off as a suave James Bond-type with Kung-Fu fighting action. Unfortunately, from this point on, *Art* moves into a predictable wrong-man scenario.

The Art of War plays like a high-octane conglomeration of Brian De Palma's *Mission: Impossible* and the Will Smith vehicle, *Enemy of the State*. Once a Chinese diplomat is murdered and Snipes' character is framed for said murder. As per usual, the wrong man has a partner to share

his pain with, an Asian reporter who provides the absolute minimum requirement of romance for an action movie. The slowest scenes in *Art of War* occur when Snipes and his partner try to clear his name while trading verbal barbs. (This isn't exactly North By Northwest, the classic Hitchcock thriller, which towers over every action-thriller made since.)

Luckily, Snipes' charisma and nimble athleticism keeps the film on its toes. The best scenes in-

volve Snipes making fun of his government spook role. (Two great moments: Snipes complains of his unofficial employment, especially his lack of health-care or dental, and when he meets government official who remarks he wondered when they would meet. Snipes remarks, "We still haven't.") Some tense action scenes help raise the level of *The Art of War*, a conspiracy thriller which isn't as smart a film as it pretends to be.

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Horoscopes

Compiled by Cecilia Ramirez



Aries (March 21-April 19):

You are known to be active, energetic and very optimistic. Concentrate on new experiences for others and definitely yourself. This month is definitely your time to be open to change and to just go for it.



Taurus (April 20- May 20):

Try not to be rushed into something new this month. At times you are known to be patient but on the other hand you are stubborn and resistant to change. Keep in mind and remember that it is not nice to antagonize others.



Gemini (May 21- June 20):

Now is a perfect time to adapt to new situations. You are said to be energetic and very intellectual. The first impressions that others receive of you are of someone in constant motion, so as time goes by keep up your stores of energy.



Cancer (June 21-July 22):

You are known as being sensitive, imaginative, kind and emotional at times. As for a major hint for you Cancers hold onto your money securely, just like the Libra's it certainly has a tendency to slip through your fingers. This month is an awesome time to be extra fragile and very supportive of situations.



Leo (July 23-August 22):

This is the perfect month for you to face a whole lot of challenges. You are said to be enthusiastic, powerful, creative and very fixed in opinion. Enjoy this month and never mind what it costs. No one can ask for a better friend, so give plenty of advice. It will certainly help others and also you.



Virgo (August 23- September 22):

This month is an awesome time for communication. You are said to be modest, analytical and very practical and also known as being the type of person that people like to check in with before making plans for action. Forget your soft spots of shyness, now is your time to step up to one-on-one encounter.



Libra (September 23- October 22):

You and others already know that you are a very active, easygoing and very socially inclined person. This is the time of the year where you take into consideration of another's point of views and to speak your mind yourself. Manage your money this month, because it will definitely have a good way of slipping through your fingers if you're not careful.



Scorpio (October 23-November 21):

Scorpio's are said to be imaginative, passionate and very emotional individuals. Competition is for you this month. You are a fierce competitor. Keep cool and try not to let too much weigh you down. You certainly have a tendency to let that happen a whole lot. By the second Tuesday of the month you will gain more knowledge about the real you.



Sagittarius (November 22- December 21):

You are very energetic, generous and very open to new ideas and exploration. This is the major month where your happiness and cheerfulness will never fade away. By the 12th of the month your desire for freedom will be reached. Remember to manage your time wisely.



Capricorn (December 22- January 19):

The main idea on your mind this month is "security". You're feeling really impatient because of the stress that is weighing down on your shoulders. Relax and take some time out; it will help. Now is your time to seize opportunity, don't forget.



Aquarius (January 20- February 18):

You are a very assertive and firm opinionated person. This month has a lot of goals that want and need to be reached. Do not rush into reaching them take your time. If you are not careful then you may derail the train from its tracks. Caution: kindness is on of the main goals this month.



Pisces (February 19- March 20):

Romantic, emotional and a very challengeable person you are. You believe in a lot in what others say and do that is the main reasons why you are easily drawn to situations with unbalanced people. By the second Friday of this month your perspectives will change for the best. Your main goal this month is to have some generosity for others and definitely for yourself.

Kool Keith: From Soundtracks to LP's, the hardest working rap artist

By Chris Castro

Entertainment Editor

This seems to be the year for artists to take on the music industry. First singer/songwriter Aimee Mann, whose work was famously withheld from release by the major recording label she worked for, triumphed over her former employers by releasing her widely critically acclaimed album, *Bachelor No. 2*, under her own independent record company earlier this year. (Her success, and her heightened profile certainly benefited from her contribution to the soundtrack to last year's *Magnolia*, a film by director P. T. Anderson who admitted the film was inspired by the songs of Aimee Mann.) Now, chameleon-like rapper Kool Keith (a.k.a. - Dr Octagon, Dr. Doom, and Keith Thorton from Prodigy) throws off the shackles of major label slavery and airs his dirty laundry for all to hear on Matthew, his latest LP.

Since the beginning of last year, Kool Keith has released four full-length albums. *Dr. Doom - First Come, First Served* and his collaboration with Ice-T, *Analog Brothers - Pimp To Eat*, were both released independently. Kool Keith - *Black Elvis/Lost in Space* was released by Columbia Records last year and, surprisingly contained nary a curse word (a

rare occurrence today for any music genre let alone a rap album).

Matthew is anything but suitable for younger listeners; the first track on the album, "F-U M.F.," should make that clear. From the first track on, Keith lists his grievances toward record producers, executives, and popular hip-hop artists. While he doesn't exactly name most of his targets, he certainly isn't vague when describing how he will attack his opponents.

In stark contrast to *Black Elvis/Lost in Space*, which was a funky trip and the closest thing ever to a rap concept album, Matthew is a dark, though witty ride through the mind of a very angry man. Keith is so convincing in his threats that he makes Eminem seem like a tame puppy dog.

Much like Eminem, Kool Keith performs a very unique style of rap. His quick-changing rhyming skills keep listeners on the edge of their seats. With songs like "Baddest M.C." Keith makes it clear that he is anything but humble.

As Keith turns his sights on "studio gangstas," (i.e. - rappers who pretend to be hardcore on tape when they run home behind their bodyguards to their mansions as soon as the tape stops). In tracks such as "27 Shots" and "Lived in the Projects" he comes up with

some truly affecting lyrics. Though the beats are sparse on production values, it's easy to imagine anything flashier taking away from Keith's lyrical prowess. On "I Don't Believe You," Keith calls a random target on all of his lies, both large ("You said you're a movie star, I don't believe you.") or inane ("You cook with steel pots...you said your pops is cool, I don't believe you.").

Keith reserves most of his contempt for the recording industry at large. Imagining not only his revenge against his enemies (in one skit Keith has someone take out his "fake booking agent."), but also a new style of record promotion ("I'm gonna hire two men with machine guns to do retail/ Independent promotion; a couple of people got their legs broken."). The final tracks on Matthew are the most telling. "Mad Man Departure" details Keith's attack on various rappers who hide behind their bodyguards and dance with choreographed dance moves. "Press Test," a "hidden" track on the album, clearly spells out the story of Keith's falling out with Columbia Records. With an album that puts other production-heavy and light on substance rap records to shame, Kool Keith proves that an artist can best triumph over their obstacles through high quality art.

The Cell

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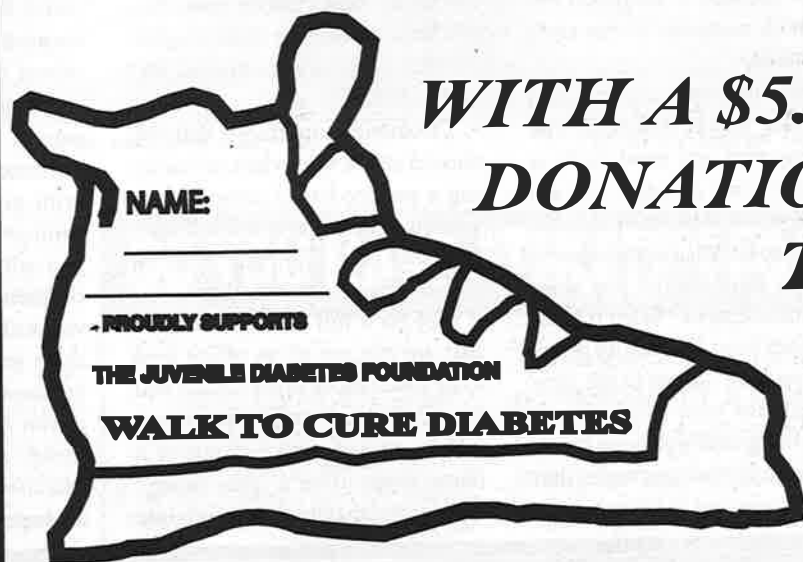
edge of your seat. The director, Tarsem, had a lot of previous experience directing music videos, but this was his first movie. A lot of scenes are very rich in symbolism and some are very dark and twisted, reminiscent of maybe a Marilyn Manson or nine-inch nails video.

If your a fan of the psychological thrillers or science fiction, I highly recommend "The Cell". Go see it if you haven't been too shocked or creeped out in a while. If you're tired of the same old twists and turns of those generic Hollywood movie thrill rides, visit "The Cell." It's a ride not for the faint of heart, but it's well worth the risk.

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Sweet American Ignorance

Editorial

By Maggie Garza

Editor in Chief

It is a little-known fact that we Americans tend to take many things for granted. Things that seem so common, rights that we have come accustomed to, can easily be taken for granted. We forget that just around the back corner of our history, many Americans sacrificed their lives for the right to vote, the right to be treated equal, and the right to be acknowledged.

I can't help but be reminded of these things as the leaves turn and fall into the reminder that Fall is here and elections are just around the corner. It's easy to relate sweet American ignorance to the bitter elections that have invaded our media, our homes, and our lives. I laugh at the thought that political commercials attacking political rivals, could actually be thought to be convincing enough to win votes. Are we that ignorant to be per-

sueded by someone who degrades themselves in order to degrade another? Yet each election, senators and presidential candidates use this tactic, which means it must work to some degree.

Unfortunately, as a lover of politics, this is not my biggest heartbreak.

I am amazed at the number of FCC students I find who don't even bother to vote. Is it transportation? A few students have briefly explained, voting takes time, and it's out of their way. Is the 10 minutes that it takes to vote so much of someone's time? Is the convenience of numerous voting areas around the county, out of someone's way? I find excuse after excuse, and stop to ponder the question many students have asked in return: Why bother?

Why bother, if it's just one vote? How easily that can be said, and how practical that could sound. Yet if all these students think that way, how many "one votes" do we have? Too many to think of, too many that could have changed the course of history.

Some people have generously explained how politicians are all evil and it really doesn't matter who wins, does it? Does it matter who's sitting at the head of our country or at the head of our state, voting and making decisions that affect our lives? I think...yes.

Some say I'm a young ignorant 19-year-old fool. The fact that I take pride in the thought that I have a say in what surrounds me every day is nice but far from the truth. They say I'm young and full of theories and hope for change in a society that will burn me and turn me cold. They say I'm ignorant...sweet ignorance. Yet they complain about society, curse the government and never realize that it's partly their fault. If they had only took 10 minutes of their busy American day, filled of fast food and fast lanes, then maybe just maybe things may be a little different.

So who's the ignorant one? Maybe both of us are a little ignorant...maybe all of us are. Ah, sweet ignorance...the American way.

Not All Service Is Good Service

Editorial

By Kit Hannah

Business Manager

In this day and age, there are millions of service based companies throughout the United States. From Disc Jockey and Limousine services to catering companies and interior decorators, these are the companies selling "what they can DO for you." Unfortunately, most people today do not think to ask the question "what do I get?" and are fooled into thinking that the cheapest priced service may be the one for them. Here is some food for thought to help you decide which company is the right one for you.

For this example, we're going to use disc jockey services. The first thing that you need to do is figure out a list of what you are going to want from your DJ. Do you want sound? How about some lights? Or fog? Maybe you want some video screens? What type of music does your DJ usually play? All of these are factors in the general needs for your event. These are also things that you need to ask when you call the companies that you are interested in hiring.

Some of the other things that you need to find out are if they have some really good references. Does this particular company do events like mine on a regular basis? Have they done business with credible people and/or companies? Are they members of any well-known organizations such as the Better Business Bureau or American Disc Jockey Association? These are some of the most important questions that you should ask when calling any service to make sure that they are a credible company. Usually businesses involved with these organizations are some of the top businesses of their kind because they are held to a higher level of quality that is strictly monitored and controlled.

A couple more things that you should check into when researching a service-based company are whether they are a home-based business or a company with an actual office outside the home and if they do it full time. Businesses that are run out of an office tend to be much more professional and more of a full time operation, whereas a business run out of a home tends to be a "side thing". Businesses that do things full time

rely on their business for a sole source of income, meaning that their company usually exerts a higher quality service to maintain the businesses' reputation. Bad quality control means less business, thus creating less income.

These are just a few things to think about when researching a service-based company. Don't ever think that a cheaper price is getting you the same product at a discounted rate, because it's not. You need to compare apples to apples when it comes to any service, or you'll usually be extremely unhappy with your finished product. So don't just call and ask five different companies what the price of their service costs because most likely it won't be the same thing. A little research will help out a whole lot.



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8. - Finding the hole in the fence near the railroad tracks.
7. - Getting to your classes on time.
6. - Finding used copies of the books you need.
5. - The freshmen.
4. - Not spending the whole class period discussing the syllabus.
3. - All those beautiful people.
2. - Seeing your parked car off in the distance without a parking ticket on the windshield.
1. - Summer school is over.

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7. - Getting to your classes on time...and finding all the seats taken.
6. - Finding used copies of the books you need...which still cost over \$50 each.
5. - The freshmen.
4. - Not spending the whole class period discussing the syllabus...and taking your first test.
3. - All those beautiful people...ready to reject you.
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Soarin' all the way! FCC's Sean Soares eludes tacklers during the Red and White Scrimmage.

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Rams' Hopes are High for Coming Season

By Joe Chacon
Managing Editor

August 14, was the first day of school for the Fresno City College student but for the Rams football team, with 23 returning players and incoming freshman, its another step into the football season.

According to second year Head coach Tony Caviglia, "most of the players are taking over 15 units, working part-time and participating fulltime in the athletic department."

Coming off their best start ever, 8-0, losing to West Hills Valley College of Coalinga and Foothill College of Los Altos Hills, in the Kiwanis Silcon Valley bowl game. A rivalry game will be held Sept. 30, at Lost Altos Hills.

"Our guys are working hard," Caviglia said. Also "that the team leadership will take us into spring camp." The hard work was evident through the summer, enduring 100 degree plus weather and the determination of the players on the Rams club. To be eligible for the Rams club the players must have a 100 percent attendance from May 19 to July 31 including meetings, football practices and weight lifting workouts. Key players returning,

Demorieux Reneau, Josh Norman defensive back and Sean Soares, 6-foot 1-inch and

210-pounds, from special teams at running back. Brandon Gonzales, linebacker and Kevin Hines, 6-foot 2-inch, 285-pounds, defensive line.

Attributing to the success of the off season and recruiting during the summer, "FCC has the finest, if not the finest athletic department in the state and our coaches do a tremendous job. Our athletes want to be a part of a program on the rise," Caviglia said. Also adding "that the different programs and diversity on campus is a major recruiting tool." A total of 15 players were recruited nation wide, 9 from the State of Hawaii, Rocky Faga, 6-foot 1-inch,

320-pounds, David Tautofi, 6-foot 3-inch and 280-pounds DL and Ulutunu Faumuina, 6-foot 2-inch and 260-pounds offensive line, all from Kaimuki High School, just to name a few. Players recruited from the valley Max Stewart, LB, Vincent Oglesby, wide receiver and Aaron Austin, at tight end. Caviglia, added two coaches to his staff Bob Demichillie, inside linebackers, Fred Biletnikoff Jr., pass game coordinator. Biletnekioff, is the son of Hall of Fame Wide Receiver



Hard hitting Ram defense flexes its muscle for the coaches

Photo by Julian Torres

Fred Blitnikoff of the Oakland Raiders.

The first day and night intersquad scrimmages were held Saturday Aug. 19 and 26 scrimmage against Allan Hancock College, Santa Maria Aug. 31. With the scrimmages and the presence of the crowd support, the combination adds for an exciting season

First game is Friday Sept. 8, against Laney College at Oakland. First home game is Saturday Sept. 16, with College of the Siskiyous at Rattcliff Stadium 1 p.m. Show your school colors at the home games support your team. Go Rams!

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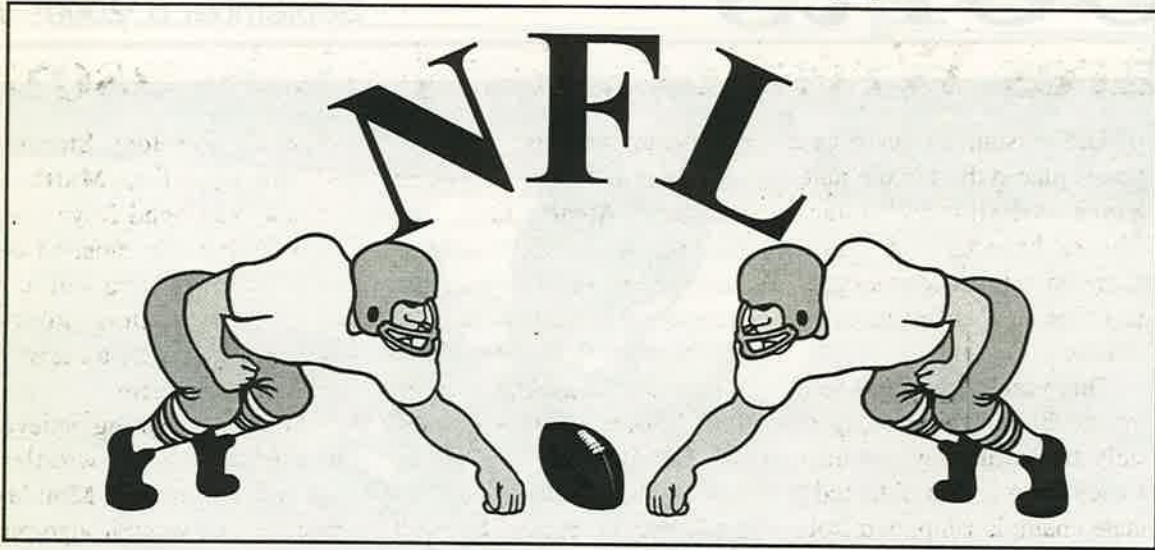


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NFL 2000 Season Preview

By Brandon Castro
Staff Writer

The 49ers, coming off a losing season, return with an offense that can score points, and a defense that can give away points. San Francisco gave away plenty Sunday, losing 36-28 to Atlanta.

Quarterback Jeff Garcia starts this year for the 49ers. Garcia started 13 games last season for the injured Steve Young (now retired). QB Rick Mirer a back-up to Garcia is playing his first season with the 49ers. Mirer looked impressive in preseason. This may have started or may cause a QB controversy in the first couple of weeks of the season.

Wide receiver Jerry Rice is the leader on the team. Running back Charlie Garner returns after a 1,000-yard rushing season. The 49ers are still looking forward to the return of the RB of two seasons ago, Garrison Hearst. Hearst broke his leg in a playoff game two seasons ago.

One of Garcia's favorite targets, tight end Greg Clark, is returning after catching 34 passes for 347 yards and missing some of the season with injuries.

Pro Bowl linebacker Ken Norton Jr. leads the defense. Norton recorded 102 total tackles for the 49ers last season. Safety Lance Schulters is com-

ing off his first Pro Bowl season. Schulters had a total of 62 tackles and six interceptions. Schulters is the leader of the defensive backs with the retirement of safety Tim McDonald. Another former Pro Bowl defensive tackle, Bryant Young, commands the defense with help from defensive end Junior Bryant. If the defense plays well, the National Football Conference West will have to look out, along with the Raiders, even though the Raiders looked good in preseason. The Raiders have a trend in cooling off as the season goes by. The 49ers and Raiders go head to head Oct. 8 in San Francisco.



Soccer Team Sets Goals

By Brandon Castro
Staff Writer

First Win of the Season! Rams Soccer Team Shuts Out Yuba College 3-0

The FCC soccer team looked commanding in its scrimmage win over American River College Aug. 25.

First-year player Jaime Lopez, a forward, scored the only goal of the scrimmage. Afterward Lopez said, "I think we're gonna do pretty good and be one of the top teams in the league."

The Rams played their first season game against Yuba City College, winning 3-0. Lopez scored the first goal with an assist from K.C. Kirkman, and Mike Garcia. Garcia added to the Rams lead with an unassisted goal. Vini

Medevsky added to the fun with a goal of his own on an assist from Robert Villa. Other help came from Tyler Hergenrader and Jerome McKie.

The Rams lost three key starters to injuries, one to a broken leg. Mike Griffin tore his ACL in the first game of the season, also lost Nick Pinto to injuries. "I really don't know where we're going to end up, but I still have high hopes," said coach Eric Solberg. "After the injuries we have suffered to key players, I'm not sure how the team will work together with so many new players. I think we are moving forward."

The soccer team is coming off an 18-3-4 season and was ranked first in the North last season. The Rams goal for this year is to make it back to the final four.

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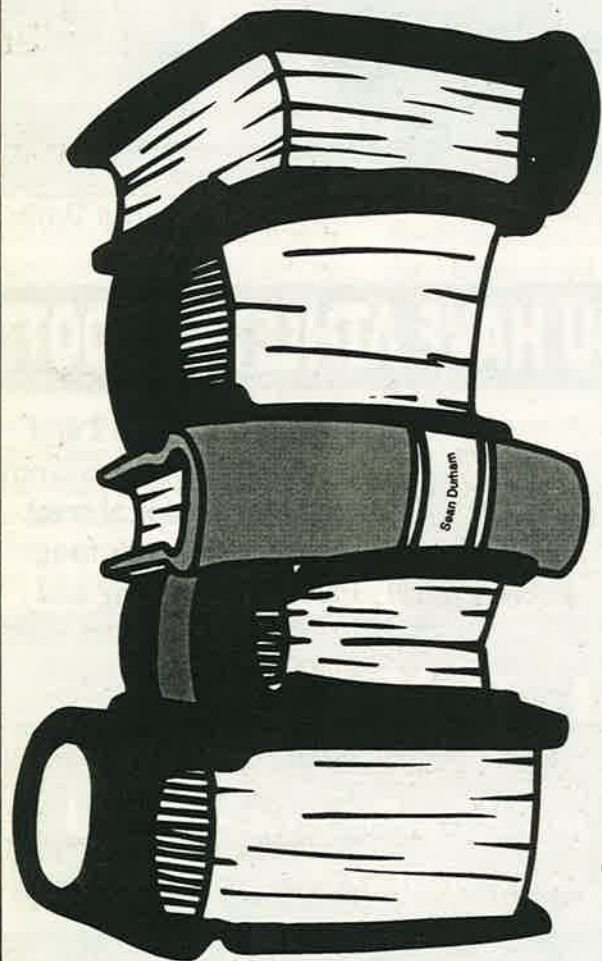
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Coach Arballo Prepares Wrestlers for Fall Season



By Norbert Villareal
Staff Writer

FCC wrestling head coach, Robert Arballo, has more than 30 years involvement in the sport. Arballo is in the midst of forming an excellent team for the upcoming season. Arballo, born and raised in Madera, has been a coach for several Central Valley high schools and has been at FCC since 1988. He started as an assistant for Bill Musick and has now been the head coach for two years.

After a good start last season, Arballo states, "We hit a low point in the middle of the season due to illness and injuries." Through the difficulties

of last season, the team as a whole placed third in the state. Since Arballo and coach Musick have teamed up, the Rams have finished among the top five in California every season.

This year's squad is a very young bunch, consisting of only two returning mat men. Casey Olson, who obtained a state championship, and Robert Supulveda with a respectable second-place finish at the end of the last season, are the two returning sophomores. Although an abundance of youth is apparent on the team, Arballo feels confident with the freshmen who have plenty of experience from high school. Arballo has an array

of talented recruits.

"Winners like to be around winners," Arballo said, "and the Fresno City wrestling team has a good reputation." He accredits his coaching staff for the consistent success of the team. Staff members include Bill Musick, Gary Quintana and Ben Baca.

Arballo will stick to his formula that has proven to result in wins. "There will be no changes in strategy this season," remarked the confident coach. The most difficult part about preseason wrestling is trying to earn a spot on the starting team. At the 125-pound class, there are several competitors who will fight it out to be a starter. Among the

hopefuls are: Joey Stewart, Alexis Ongulo, Matthew Savala, Raymond Reyes and Nick Weber. In most of the weight classes there will be a cluster of wrestlers' giving their best effort to be a member of the starting team.

Arballo is a strong believer in conditioning, his wrestlers are put to the test Monday through Friday with vigorous workouts, that include a 6 a.m. practice on Fridays. The coach is well respected by his team, yet has a noticeable friendly relationship among everyone involved. Out of the 32 wrestlers that show up to practice, only 10 starters will be selected.

Fall Sports Schedule

2000 FCC Football

- Fri Sept 8 Laney College Oakland 7 p.m.
- Sat Sept 16 College of the Siskiyous Fresno 1 p.m.

2000 FCC Wrestling (tentative)

- Fri Sept 8 Danielle Merten Theatre Arts, 4th year student Palomar College Fresno 7 p.m.
- Sat Sept 16 Modesto Junior College Dual Tournament Modesto 9 a.m.
- Wed Sept 20 Moorpark College Moorpark 7 p.m.

2000 FCC Men's & Women's Cross Country Schedule (tentative)

- Sat Sept 9 Fresno Invitational Woodward Park Fresno 8:30 a.m.
- Sat Sept 16 Sierra College Invitational Rocklin 9 a.m.

2000 FCC WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

- Sat Sept 9 Cuesta College Tournament San Luis Obispo All day.
- Tue Sept 12 Cuesta College Fresno 7 p.m.

2000 FCC Men's Soccer

- Wed Sept 6 Evergreen Valley College Fresno 4 p.m.
- Sat /Sun Sept 9-10 Allan Hancock College Tournament Santa Maria TBA.
- Thur Sept 14 Allan Hancock College Santa Maria 4 p.m.

2000 FCC Women's Soccer

- Thur Sept 7 Sierra College Tournament Fresno 7 p.m.
- Sat/sun Sept 9-10 Fresno City College Tournament Fresno TBA.
- Tue Sept 12 San Joaquin Delta College Fresno 3:30 p.m.

2000 FCC Women's Golf

- Tue Sept 12 Foothill College Fresno 12:30 p.m.

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A SPECIAL REPORT

Parking!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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little reading before class."

Give yourself the option of walking a little farther.

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are located off of Weldon Ave. are equipped with several stalls. A convenient hole in the fence, which runs along the railroad tracks and Campus Drive Ave. can save some time when rushing to class.

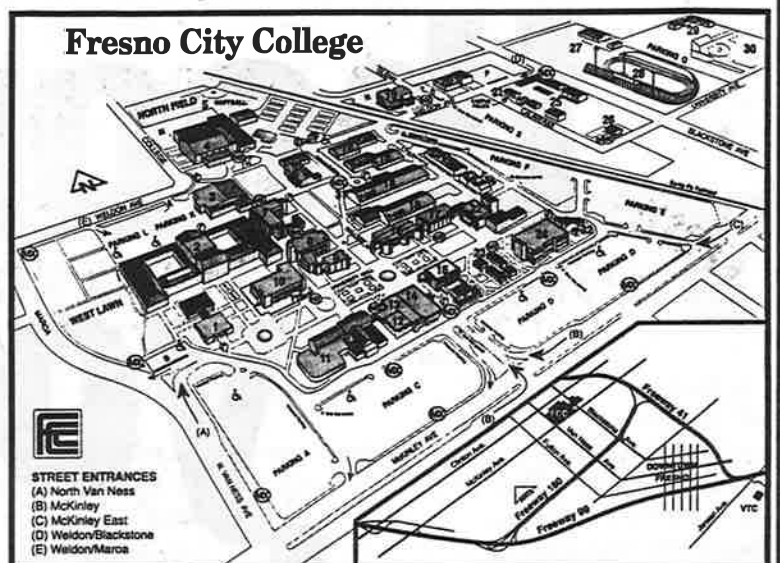
If parking off campus, remember all street legal parking is okay, yet some streets on the Maroa Ave. side of campus are resident only parking. A violation could result in a 32 dollar fine issued by the City of Fresno.

Consider riding to school. Those who do not drive to school

already are aware of the conveniences. For Bicycle riders, racks outside of the Language arts, Science, and just south of the bookstore buildings, provide adequate hassle free parking.

Give the responsibility to someone else. The easiest way to avoid the turmoil of parking on campus is to let someone else deal with them. Riding the bus or car-pooling are sure ways to get out of the stress.

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May I help you? Welcome Team member Juana Echeveste assists Joseph Salazar during Welcome Week. Photo By Julian Torres

Welcome

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Risenhoover.

There were two notables components to Welcome Week: the "Welcome Team", which is comprised of a group of

students that volunteered their free time to sit at various booths located around the campus and answer questions; and the ASB card processing station (which was located in the library foyer during the first week of school)

"Our (the ASG) main goal was to supply the services for ASB cards because that's when we had the majority of our business because of incoming students," replied student body president Dale Risenhoover

Welcome Team members had their own thoughts as to the importance of the Welcome team

"I feel that the Welcome Team is important because it makes students feel wanted; kind of breaks the ice so to speak," stated Joseph Salazar, who is a two-time Welcome team member. "It lets people become a part of a team, and you can start friendships with new students," he added.

"It is very important because there are thousands of students walking around with no idea where to go," commented first time Welcome Team member Tomas Casarez.

Members also had their own thoughts as to why they decided to become a part of the Welcome team.

"I just wanted to help new students," replied 3-time Welcome team member Janalee Ying. "It can be intimidating, especially for new students, so it's nice to see a friendly face to point you in the right direction."

"I enjoy helping students," stated Salazar. "I also saw the importance of the Welcome Team because when I was new, I had a hard time finding my classes, and they helped me out, so I just wanted to return the favor and provide information and guidance; be a product of the product."

Briones

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hospital. That was just his nature."

The Briones family indicated how important it is to be an organ donor. Any remembrances can be sent to California Transplant Donor Network, 55 Francisco St., Suite 510, San Francisco, CA 94133-2155.

"We all knew he was ill when he retired," Chism said. "Stacey bought a motorhome for him and his wife, Frances. They were going to do some travel-

ing, enjoy their retirement. It didn't happen, and it's sad."

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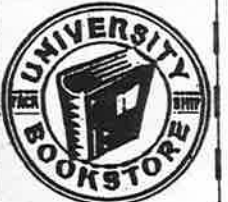
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