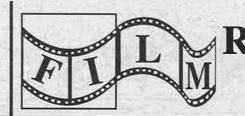


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ASG thanks students with barbecue

By Anna Ramos

Rampage Staff

Ramburger Round-Up is its name, and serving free burgers is

On Oct. 25, the Associated Student Government held its annual Ramburger Round-up in the Free Speech Area. All students with student body ID who came to the booths were given a free barbecue hamburger or cheeseburger, candy and a soda.

For ASG, it was a way to say

thank you to students who had purchased student body cards.

"This is a great event for the students," said ASG Senator Pao

Legislative Vice President Margaret Todd said, "A big thank you to Hestbeck's for donating all the meat and all the other stores who donated things. Also thank you to Gurdeep Sihota, Senator Bianca Haynes and the awesome staff at College Activities for all their help."

The event drew a crowd dur-

ing the lunch hour and burgers were given out until 5:30 p.m. More than 600 burgers were cooked and served.

Students were happy receiving a free lunch just because they got their student body cards. For those students who did not purchase their cards, they had the option of buying a lunch for \$3.50.

Volunteers from the ASG, College Activities and FCC faculty coordinated the event.



Photo by Louis Castro

ASG Senator Pao Her, right, and others help serve up some Ramburgers.

Just say no



A parachutist floats into Bulldog Stadium on Oct. 23 at Fresno State to help kick off Red Ribbon Week, which ended Friday. During the week, elementary and junior high students were encouraged to stay drug free, and FCC played a big part in encouraging this. The event at Bulldog Stadium offered entertainment by the Hip Hop Dance Group and an appearance by Kilow, a dog from the Fresno Police Department. Kilow displayed the ability to find drugs in backpacks.

Fund raiser honors students

By Joe Chacon

Managing Editor

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund will host a Black and White ball, one of the main fund raisers, which will take place at the Radission Hotel at 7 p.m. Friday in downtown Fresno.

"We've been able to raise 35 to 55 thousand dollars every year. We actualy raise more, but it costs money to put the ball on every year," said Associate Dean of District Financial Aid Services Joaquin Jimenez.

Promotional advertising from agencies and organizations in the program, and selling tables to sponsors for the event is another way to earn money.

"Some corporate sponsors spend up to five thousand dollars they contribute. Out of that they get advertising. The bulk of the money goes to the scholarship," Jimenez said.

"This to me is one of the bigst Hispanic events in the community in terms of fund raising. There are other fund raisers, but it's one of the largest," Jimenez

Guest speakers from the community and Hispanic leaders in bussiness and in politcs will be in attendance. Mariachis will be performing. After dinner, a live band will perform.

The formal is a chance to meet and see this year's recipients of the Hispanic Scholarship Fund. The formal is to acknowledge the students achievements and successes.

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund awards scholarships to students who meet the requirements.

The students to be honored are Joseph Benavides, Kelly Bermudez, George Bruque, Leopoldo Cantu, Joseph Chacon Jr., Frances Cummings, Ryan Dunning, Debbie Duran, Carolyn Gomez, Lorena Gomez, Corrina Gonzalez, Steven Gutierrez, Araceli Heredia, Javier Jalomo, Kristina Martinez, Joseph Pulido, Nicolas Quintana, Rose Ann Rojas, Elsa Ruiz and Felicia Ruiz.

Americorps student leaders look toward the future

By Josh Harding

Staff Writer

In the evening of Oct. 19, about 70 people, mainly friends and family, gathered to pay tribute to the third graduating class of Americorps members who had spent the past year affecting the lives of so many more than just those in attendence.

Fresno City College President Daniel Larios and Luis Santana, the director of the Fresno Covenant Foundation, were on hand to commend the class. The night also marked the swearing in of a new group to continue the service

of promoting literacy for children, as well as other improvements for the lives of their communities. Many people may not be familiar with Americorps, but its members have been working diligently behind the scenes to make a differ-

"The members are part of something bigger than themselves," wrote Americorps regional director Brad Duncan in a congratulatory letter to the group.

This became more evident when Marylin Glenn, the group's coordinator at FCC, gave a brief history of volunteer organizations in America. From the Civilian

Conservation Corp of the 1930s, to the retired senior volunteer program (RSVP) founded in the '60s, and finally to 1993 when the national organization, Americorps, was created under the community service trust act, the organization's range of service is vast and ambitious.

"I will get things done for America to make people safer, smarter, healthier ..." is part of the swearing-in oath recited by the new members.

Nationally, Americorps tackles issues such as health and housing, but this graduating class focused on literacy, spending the past year tutoring students at 10 different elementary schools in the Fresno/ Clovis area. Each member of the 1999-2000 group voulenteered at least 900 hours to improve literacy and teach children how to read. Those were children who had been given up on, not due to lack of caring, but lack of resources. The task seemed daunting, and for many of the members this experience was a first, but they brought new determination to the struggle and ultimately proved just how driven they were.

"I promised him that if he did not give up on himself, than I would not give up on him," recalls

Melinda Stickler as she shared with the audience her experience of tutoring a discouraged student.

Most of the children they worked with were ESL students, which stands for English as a second language. Their English writing and communication skills were poor or almost non-existent. Many of the members had to develop ways to overcome this language barrier in order to teach them to read and write in English, and many of them succeeded.

Sixty percent of the students that were tutored, improved dras-

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tically, which greatly surpassed the projected results for the year. Even the discouraged child that Melinda Stickler worked with, who had nearly given up, was reading and writing in English not long after she made him that promise. The students were not the only ones to have benefited from the tutoring. Many of the group members gained gratification and experience toward the long-term career goal of many of the group members.

"The (program's) experience with education was something to offer," said second-year member Leticia Evans.

The direct experience perfectly coincided with her goal of becoming a teacher. In fact, she will gain her teaching credential faster by working through Americorps. The program attempts to reach out to those pursuing education as their major. It's also a great way to build connections to possible job sites.

Shawn Scott had not even heard of Americorps before it was recommended to him by his counselor.

This is Scott's first year in Americorps. He has done voulenteer work in the past, but nothing quite at this level. Coordinator Marylin Glenn agrees this is a great way to immerse aspiring teachers in the literacy side of education. She also reccomends you be "well committed" if you are thinking of joining the group.

"You must really want to do this," said Glenn as she reflected on the hectic schedule of the group's members.

Nintey percent of the group's members have continued thier education, averaging about 10.5 units a semester. Most work a parttime job and many of them have families. At 20 hours a week Americorps is a huge commitment, but the fact that the group succeeded so well has displayed its passion for education and made the group stronger role models to their friends and family.

"She made me realize that school was more important," said Gaibino Anguiano of his mother, Teresea Morales.

Morales was one of the graduating members of the evening, and she had her two sons, Gaibino and Rapheal, in attendance to support her. Rapheal claims through the program his mother "became nicer," and now they share a closer bond, overall they were very proud of her.

Glenn says they are working on getting more funding so they will be able to pay the Americorps members for their tutoring at the schools and make money less of an obstacle for them. The group's service has not been reserved for just the clasrooms. It has volunteered at several events and functions throughout the year, including the Juvenile Diabetes walk, The Civil War Reenactment,

school carnivals and different multi-cultural events. Those events mark the list of service outside their main objective. As a whole, they have put in nearly 14,000 hours of their own time to help others who were struggling to succeed at something that most of us take for granted -- the ability to read and write. True to the Americorps' simple but straightforward motto "they got things done". For more information:

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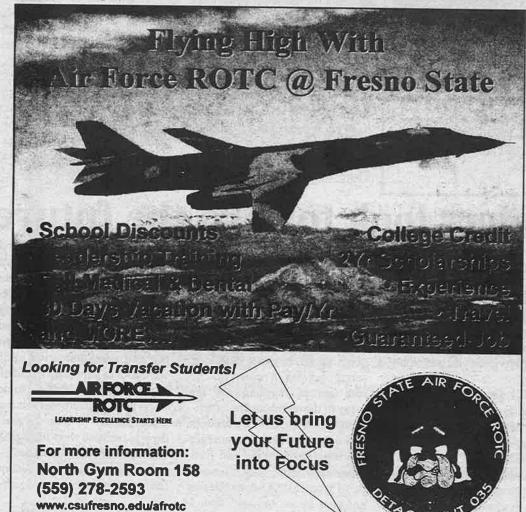


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October 18 - 2:06 p.m.

Officer dispatched to Ratcliffe Stadium regarding intoxicated person. Person arrested and booked into Fresno County Jail. Report taken.

October 19 - 4:42 p.m. Officer took report regarding petty theft.

October 20- 11:17 a.m.

Officer took report regarding theft of personal digital camera from utility cart.

October 20 - 12:11 p.m. Officer dispatched to Student Services regarding suspicious persons. Officer discovered individual to be in

possession of syringe without prescription. Individual arrested, cited and released. Report

October 23 - (no time reported)

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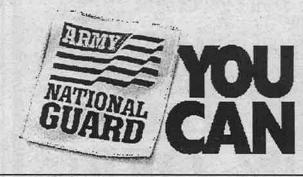
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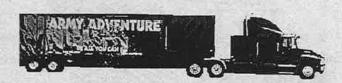
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Trick-or-treat

By Maggie Garza Editor-in-cheif

The old days of trick-or-treating may be gone for most of us but the celebration of Halloween proved on Tuesday to be far from dead.

"Fresno Sucks," is the usual complain shared by many that didn't actually find something to do or someplace to go. So, O.K, we aren't LA or San Fran. But if you sat at home on Halloween you didn't really ask around.

Fresno was filled with parties, raves and clubs proving that the "freaks" do come out at night.

But of course along with the fun, dancing, drinking and parties comes our favorite Fresno and Clovis cops. It was no secret the cops were prepared for a night filled with pull-overs, tickets, alcohol test and arrests. Although many of us do have much

to complain about when it comes to Fresno and (especially) Clovis cops we had it easy compared to other cities who practiced the "No-Tolerance Policy" during



Halloween.

Isla Vista, home of U.C. Santa Barbara, sent out press releases to numerous campuses warning outof-towners that they were most likely to spend a night in jail if they choose to party in their town. Their ridiculous press release stated that not only did you receive citations but you got to

spend at least one night in (what

I believe would probably be) a jail filled with people trying to have a good time. Peeing in public and walking with an open container were just a few of the things cops warned would put a dent in your pocket and a stain on your record. The most hilarious and amusing warning I found was almost too hard to believe. In Isla Vista, a town where almost everyone rides bikes, if you were caught riding a bike under the influence you not only got a ticket but it went on you DMV record. (DMV record? I heard it

So, O.K. many of us were probably stopped, followed, and given lectures that made us look stupid by cops who love to see us nervous; but lets face it, we expected that much and although I hate to admit it...we're luckier than we thought.

Playstation 2... where are you?

By Chris Castro **Entertainment Editor**

When it comes to making one shiver with anticipation, not much could take the place of waiting in line the morning of Oct. 26.

At around 6:30, I entered the back of the line, which, from the looks of it, formed a long time before I had arrived. There was as much "brrrr!"-ing going around as there was talk of there not being enough systems to accomodate everyone in line.

While this could've been written off to some people just making sure that they got their system, it was probably more accurate than most of us would care to believe. If ever a sign was more called for, the arrival of a rainbow

just before the store was letting customers in to be the first to purchase, and the last for a long while, a Playstation 2 gaming system, enthused the crowd which had been waiting for something positive. Of course, just before everyone's hopes were lifted too high, rain began drizzling down. While the wait was nearly over, the outcome of all the effort was certainly hazy.

For myself, it began sometime last year. There was talk of the release in Japan of something called "the Playstation 2." Rumor had that the mythical system would set the next standard in home-video gaming. Word also spread that it would be capable of playing DVD movies. It all sounded too good to be true



Taking It To The Streets

Compiled and photographed by Julian Torres

What are your thoughts on the Fresno **Police Department?**



Zinel Hernadez "I feel they take advantage of their jobs and their positions."



Marty Frazier "A little too aggressive sometimes, but overall good. Hey, we live in Fresno."



"I think they're OK but harsh on certain people."



"I moved here from San Francisco, and I never dealt with them there, but here in Fresno I've been stopped for not having a light over my license plate."



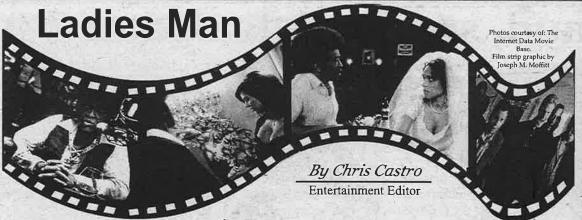
"Seems like they're doing a good job, but I think they could do better."



Frank Pineda "I've been living in Fresno since 1955, and I feel they've been doing a good job. 1 especially feel safe around shopping centers when I see

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Just another SNL scandal

Out of the bowels of hell comes yet another "Saturday Night Live" sketch turned into a film. The reason so many of these movies are made is because they cost very little money (SNL cast members are not notoriously known for being overpaid).

So, making a full-length feature from a two-minute sketch might make sense on paper (what kind of paper this may be is (very) unknown), but the execution is hardly ever worth the effort. The only thing these movies tend to do well is, in the case of the occasionally good sketch, ruin a good idea and run it into the ground in the worst possible way.

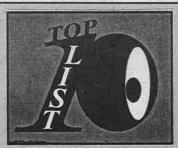
The perfect example of this would be The Ladies Man. Taken from one of the few mildly amusing regular sketches from the most recent generation of SNL cast members, the film enlarges the world of Leon Phelps. Portrayed by Tim Meadows, who for years was stuck in the "token black man" role in SNL (a role very few have prospered in,



including even Chris Rock), Phelps is little more than a raunchier version of Eddie Murphy's own SNL character named Velvet Jones. Velvet sold, and occasionally read from very un-subtle harlequin romance novels, while Phelps offers sexual advice to call-in viewers on what looks to be a cable-access program.

Right away, The Ladies Man messes up the original formula by having Phelps work on a radio program. More than half of the appeal of Phelp's show is seeing his reactions to his callers ("Yeah, um...that's dithgusthing") and his '70s at its worst look. Of course, the film is very funny since it's hard to make the Phelps character unfunny, but the movie makes the mistake of trying to make Phelps fall in love. Since much of the appeal of the character lies in his focus on sex and his obliviousness towards "love." This development seems very false and takes a lot of the fun out of the

Along with Tim Meadows, Will Ferall plays one of the many men whose women have been stolen by Phelps (he's not just a member of this group, he's the president!). Ferall, as he did in the mostly forgettable "Superstar," brings genuine laughter whenever he's on-screen (part of the reason his wife had an affair was due to his proclivity towards Greco-Roman wrestling). While there are occasional laughs, and a certainly able cast, The Ladies Man fails to land in the same grouping of Wayne's World and The Blues Brothers. Instead it remains faithful to the diminishing returns of Superstar, Wayne's World 2 and Night At The



By Chris Castro **Entertainment Editor**

Top Ten Complete Wastes of Time

10. Eating cotton candy and/or rice cakes.

- 9. Watching television.
- 8. Watching an episode of a television program that you have already seen.
 - 7. Watching paint dry.
 - 6. Watching "Dark Angel."
- 5. Showing up to class to take an exam ... and not having a proper Scantron.
- 4. Driving all the way to, and walking all the way to, the FCC campus to find your class has been canceled.
- 3. Going to a movie theater to see a movie and finding the only unoccupied seats in the theater are in the very front
 - 2. Writing a Top Ten List.
 - 1. Reading a Top Ten List.

Horoscopes

By Cecilia Ramirez Contributing Writer

Aries (March 18-April 19)

The begining of this month is the perfect time for you to avoid those conflicts with those difficult others. Be open to new ideas and take the oppertunity to realize that you have goals. Open up your eyes.



Taurus (April 20-May20)

You are known as being a major thinker. Now is your time to let in your opinion and to let others recognize your small world. Learn how to say no because believe it or not, you will appreciate it later in the future.



Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Avoid those major negative obstacles that will come along soon. Remember that in order to succeed, you first must know what you want. Stay true to your heart and to others.



Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Reorganize your thoughts before the middle of the month and decide on the decisions that have been floating in the air ASAP. Do not wait for others to come to you with their problems. Be a friend and recognize them first. Reveal your true feelings.



Leo (July 23-August 22)

Manage your money because as you know, it surely has a way of slipping through your hands. Don't let others make decisions for you this month. You have a tendency to do that. Listen to others.

Virgo (August 23-September 22) Focus on all the important things this month. Remem-

ber it's not good to hold in those bad feelings because someone that you care for will surely be glad to listen. Remember to live each day to the fullest.



Libra (September 23-October 22)

Do not be afraid to put your foot down; others will recognize your action. Stay ahead of your problems; it's bad to always back track. Stay open to new ideas and do not forget that you have a good heart.



Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

What you say this month will have a very special meaning to them. Many will respond to this. You are known as having a way cool attitufe, stay that way. Stay on track.



Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

Never jump to conclusions or always assume all the time. Stop it! You have a tendency to do that. It will not get you anywhere at all. Plan ahead and do not forget to organize your thoughts.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19) Take some time off for yourself. You're always busy. That's the way you like yourself. Make some wise decisions this month. Keep your heart open and try not to over stress yourself.



Aquarius(January 20-February 18)

Listen and try to understand another persons feelings. Make your decisions accordingly. This month, you will have to think about your work and its major impact on your personal life.



Pisces (February 19-March 20)

Keep away from tension. You will thank yourself later. That's a promise. Back up and let others make some decisions for once. Evaluate those second thoughts before taking action. Think before you speak and remember to never give up.



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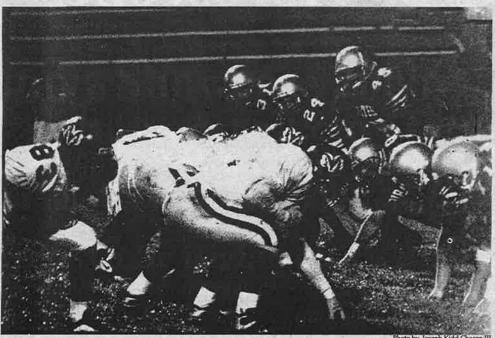
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Sports Rams win in the mud, stay undefeated at 7-0



The Rams offensive line gets down in the trenches against the Pirates.

It rained and it rained...

By Joe Chacon

Managing Editor

As the Modesto City College pep band played the Star Spangled Banner on the track, the rain started falling. It rained and it rained, and it never let up. That didn't stop second-year head coach Tony Caviglia and the FCC Rams from pulling out a 41-35

victory in a wet, muddy and exciting game that came down to the last five minutes in the fourth quarter. Modesto scored 14 points in the first three minutes of the game, including a 57-yard touchdown run by Debin Cowell.

In what seems to be an ongoing problem for FCC, Modesto recovered a miss snap between center and punter. Then on the next play, Modesto took advantage when quarterback Timmy Garcia threw a 23-yard touchhit the ground, and he ran it in for the Rams second TD. Modesto led 21-14 at halftime, and the Rams trailed most of the game.

"It was a wakeup call. We needed a wakeup call. We kept fighting tough. The offense played great, but the defense had their worst game yet this year," Caviglia said. "Still, we were able come out on top, and that's the mark of a championship team."

FCC had 194 yards rushing and 381 passing. The Rams defense

gave up 359 yards on the ground and 224 through the air.

"It was hard to tackle when it's wet and muddy. It's hard to grab and hold on," DB LaVance Ray said. "I grabbed him and got peeled off. DB Josh Norman pushed him out at the 1-yard line," Ray said about a Pirate runner.

The Rams played under conditions they hadn't seen for a while.

Caviglia said, "We'll have to take a look at the film and see what happened. They have a very good football team."

Penalties against the Pirates piled up and took their momentum away. Modesto had 17 penalties for 113 yards.

"We traded scores the whole game. We were able stop them at the end. They weren't able to stop us," Caviglia said.

The Rams took the lead for the first time with five minutes left in the fourth quarter. QB Kyle Biggs scrambled 25 yards for the goahead touchdown. On a botched snap, the extra point was missed to bring the score to 41-35.

Modesto got the ball in the last minute, and the Pirates tried a Hail Mary pass toward the end zone that came up short.

FCC fullback Pete Hingano said, "This is a good wakeup call

for us. We're good, but th jumped on top of us and made dig deep."

Hingano rushed 10 times 77 yards, Sean Soares had 13 c ries for 80 yards, and he caug one pass for 20 yards. Rodn Davis had nine attempts rushi with for 16 yards and caught to passes for 43 yards.

Rodney Davis said, "I h faith in the defense; they stepp up. We started out sloppy, but came back."

FCC remains undefeated at 0 and holds on to the No. 2 rar ing in the Northern Californ playoffs. If they keep winning matchup with top-ranked S Francisco City College in t state championship game and bowl game appearance is po sible.

"I've been there three tim (Modesto), and of the three th is the first victory. It's the sai type of setting. It's a wet fie muddy and horrible condition coach Rick Scheidt said. "T win is huge as far as FCC histo is concerned. Were 7-0, and win under those conditions th we haven't won in the past is ally good."

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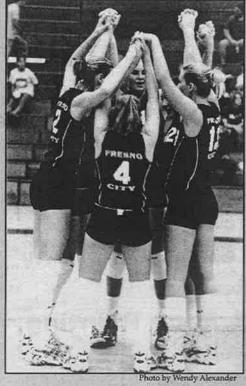
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FCC's Robert Supelveda torques on Rick Guzman. Photo by Wendy Alexander



Arms of Gold

Jill Franz (left), Kristine Norris (No. 4) and Mariss Braness (right) join with teammates as the FCC volleyball team comes together for a perfect record in the Central Valley Conference at 9-0. The Rams are 10-4 in best-of-five overall. In the Fresno City College Classic last weekend, top-ranked Golden West defeated the Rams in four sets, and the Rams also fell to third-ranked Delta in three sets.

All-star wrestling classic

By Julian Torres
Photo Editor

Fresno City College coach Robert Arballo and the Rams hosted the 24th annual North-South Wrestling Classic last Saturday. A jam-packed crowd in the FCC gym saw a dominating performance by the North, which won 22-9.

FCC was well represented with four wrestlers. Chad McKinney, Robert Supelveda and Casey Olsen wrestled for the North and Scott Beck was an alternate.

In the first match of the night, 125-pounder Guy Horcasitas of Mt. San Antonio was victorious over McKinney 8-6. At 133 pounds, Supelveda won his match against Rick Guzman of Palomar by a score of 4-3, and Olsen beat James Guizar of Palomar 4-3.

Jesse Bastian (149 pounds, Sierra) defeated Sal Lucater (Moorpark) 6-2; Joey Martinez (157 pounds, Skyline) beat Steve Hernandez (Moorpark) 6-1; Brian Holt (165 pounds, Sierra) shut out Ray Torres of Moorpark 2-0; and 174-pounder Terrance Carter of Skyline defeated Brian Burnett of Cerritos 3-2.



FCC's soccer team has been ranked 12th nationally
as of Oct. 25. FCC is 14-0-6 overall and 7-0-1 in the Central Valley
Conference. Herkimer, N.Y., was ranked first. California teams ranked
ahead of FCC were Santa Ana (second), Santa Rosa (fourth),
Pasadena (sixth), De Anza (eighth) and San Francisco (10th).

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HOMEGOMING WIE



Monday, 12 noon
*Unveiling of the Ram Topiary

(In front of Student Services Bldg.)
*Presentation of the

Homecoming Candidates

Tuesday, 12 noon
*King & Queen Elections

9am - 7pm @ the Fountain Area

Wednesday,
*Club Rush

10am - 2pm @ the Fountain Area

*King & Queen Voting

9am - 7pm @ the Fountain Area

*Homecoming Rally

12 noon @ the Fountain Area

Thursday,

*King & Queen Voting

9am - 5pm @ the Fountain Area

Friday,

*Football team & Pep Squad to visit Valley Children's Hospital & the Veteran's Hospital

*Staff Development Day

HOMECOMING DAY Saturday, November 11, 2000

Tailgate Party

4:30 p.m. @ Ratcliffe Stadium

*Music by "Papa Bear & Company"

*Alumni Reunion

*Bounce House & Face Painting

for the kids!

Tri-Tip Dinner for only \$5 / Kids Meal \$1.50

*Military Display

6:40 p.m.

Pre-Game parade

"A Salute to Our Veterans"

Sky-Divers!

FCC Pep Band!

*Half-time Show

"Armed Forces Salute"

*Honored Alumnus: Mr. John Savon

& The Late Mike Mendes



*Crowning of the King & Queen

*Float Competition

*Parade of Football Alumni

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