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Native American pride

Celebration in honor of heritage

By Quinn Robinson

Rampage reporter

It was a cold, cloudy day Nov. 18.

Those who ventured out into the weather and went to the Free Speech Area of Fresno City College got a chance to experience Native American traditions during the cultural celebration put on by the Native American Intertribal Student Association.

Before the celebration kicked off outside, Cornel Pewewardy, Ph.D. – a Comanche tribe member and Kansas University professor – spoke to FCC students in the student lounge about the recent controversy over Indian mascots used in public schools.

"I'd like to see them portrayed in a positive way," said Pewewardy. "The Apaches, Comanches, names like that are fine with me because those are mascots displayed in a positive light. When you start to denigrate and bash the mascots, that's when the issue rises."

As the speech ended, students filed out of the student lounge toward the Free Speech Area to take a look at the exhibits set up by local tribes along with trying some Indian tacos cooked by members of the NAISA.

One exhibit that attracted many students was the arts and craft booth in the northeast corner of the Free Speech Area.

"Most of these crafts that I do take a long time to develop," said Dale Tex of the Mono tribe. "The designs that you see here I think up myself."

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Fresno City College student Joseph Smith dances to the beats of more than 10 drummers while wearing a vibrant orange outfit during the Native American celebration held at FCC's Free Speech Area on Nov. 16.

Photo by Jenny Boothe

Fighting the high costs of textbooks

CalPIRG takes action

By Rebekah Miranda and
All Sadoian

Rampage reporters

Last year The California Student Public Interest Research Group launched "Rip-off 101," an investigation into the high cost of college textbooks.

Numerous students from 150 universities joined in combating major textbook companies to change their practices.

The report indicated that an average college student in California spent an estimated \$898 per year on textbooks in 2003-2004. The price has risen more than \$250 since 1996-1997.

The CalPIRG report found that cheaper, used textbooks are often "unavailable."

In the fall of 2004, more than fifty-nine percent of students were unable to find used books in at least one of their classes.

Fresno City College Associated Student Government President Daniel Lorente said, "Trying to change textbook prices on a local level is almost impossible."

The ASG can only encourage teachers to choose the cheaper versions of textbooks."

Seventy-six percent of state faculty surveyed said that the new editions sold unnecessary more than half of the time.

"Expensive new editions are often unnecessary," said the report. The report also claimed that publishers print the newer textbooks because the faculty on college campuses demands them.

The study looked at publisher's expensive additions to the material.

"Half of all textbooks now come bundled or shrink-wrapped with additional instructional materials, such as CD-ROMs and wordbooks. Meanwhile sixty-five percent of the faculty surveyed said they rarely or never use the bundled materials in their courses."

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STUDENT SAFETY

An overview of FCC's campus safety in the last two years

By All Sadoian
and Elliot Torres
Rampage reporters

With 21 reports, vehicle theft was the most reported crime for the semesters of 2003-2004 at Fresno City College.

A goal of the District Police Department is to make students aware that crime exists on campus, according to

"Public Safety and You", a pamphlet from the State Center Community College District Police Department.

"Anything we can do to make the campus safer is our whole goal, it's what we strive for," said Associate Vice Chancellor of Business and Operations Brian Speece.

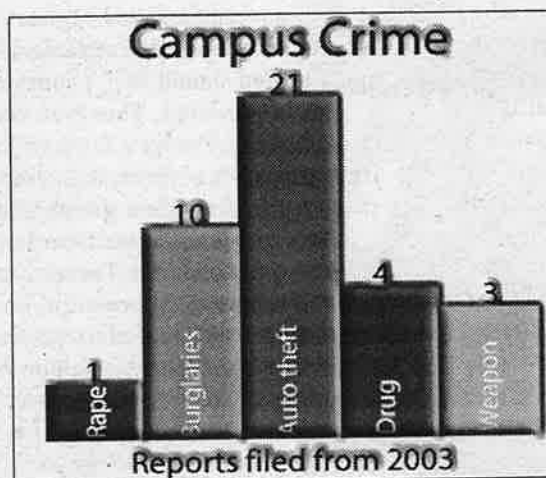
FCC first semester student Breann McLaughlin has

a class every morning and spends most of her Tuesdays and Thursdays on campus. "I've only seen one cop on campus, ever."

There were 10 reports of burglary at FCC during the 2003-2004 semesters.

McLaughlin continued, "I feel safe on campus, I think if I had night classes, I would feel a little unsafe."

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Letter to the Editor

FCC staff member describes foul words as self-censoring

In the Nov. 17 Rampage there was what might be considered an editorial on the censorship of language. The author started out with positive thoughts, but soon lapsed into what could be best described as a form of infantile paralysis over the possibility of censorship on his use of the language.

Where the author could have pointed out a positive course of action for individuals to take, and the "goodly stretch of the head" offered here at City College, his diatribe quickly spiraled into the use of the obscure to justify the imagined. He just got it wrong.

Instead of language being censored by the mysterious "them" I propose that the language is being censored by those who use it. Sit by the main fountain any school day and just listen. The newly arrived crop of high school students standing around exercising language is awe-inspiring.

The fall semester is especially noteworthy. The use of the "f" word and several of its derivations is astounding while being linguistically inappropriate. Exactly what is happening? Those who are using these words in their speech are censoring their own conversation.

Let me give you an example. "Did you see the x%\$*& sunset last night, it was x%&#? The expletives normally used in a sentence of this type convey nothing descriptive about the subject, or are at best vague and irrelevant, espe-

cially in this case.

Two things have happened though. First, the speaker has given away the right to verbally describe what kind of sunset it was, and, second, failed in his ability to communicate what he thought about the sunset. The listener has now been given all rights of interpretation and explanation. How better to censor oneself.

American English is purported to be one of the most lyrical and descriptive of languages. To not use language to the fullest, to not use a synonym, a metaphor, or euphemism, is to censor oneself. Yes, there are socially "bad" words dictated by morals and values and the consideration for the feelings of others. If you choose to disregard these rules then you become something less than an honorable member of a society. Soon, just a rebel without a voice.

The use of words is a skill to be learned, not to be assumed. A self-policing skill, where words are used in context and harmony with the situation. City College is an excellent place where students, teachers and staff share the beauty of the language, and help to broaden a vocabulary, so you can communicate without fear of censorship. In the end you can use any words you want, but will anyone listen, or worse yet, understand you?

—Mike Vennard
FCC staff member

Thonesen continues working for the students of SCCC

Board of Trustees member Leslie Thonesen serves community for more than 20 years

By Nicole Esparza
Rampage contributor

Leslie Thonesen has represented area four on the SCCC Board of Trustees since 1981.

A former Reedley College student, Thonesen has held positions on both Riverview Elementary and Kings Canyon Unified School Boards.

"I guess you can say I've worked my way up," Thonesen jokes. His eagerness to help the students and campuses of SCCC shows quickly in conversation.

After leaving school to help his ailing father, Thonesen turned his focus to the family farm in Reedley. His return to school, by means of the school board, was what he said, "was (his) way to return to the community and help the students."

Thonesen works with other trustees to fulfill objectives such as technology advances, meeting the needs of an increasing student population and budgets. He believes these issues are important for student's success.

"Many of today's jobs require the use of computers," Thonesen said.

"It takes an educated person to get into

those jobs." He believes technology is a big part of the world and wants to see more vocational programs in SCCC schools.

Thonesen also thinks it is the board's responsibility to "keep ahead of the growth."

To meet the demands of an increasing number of students the board has agreed to build a new Clovis campus on Willow and International, and plans for a Southeast Fresno site have begun.

Despite these plans for SCCC the board has little say over where funds should be allocated, Thonesen reports. Many students have felt the result of these pressures with the recent fee increases.

"Fee schedules are decided in the state of law, government and legislation and sent (to the board). The state decides how much tuition should be," Thonesen said.

Although retired, Thonesen continues to oversee his family's farm in Reedley. He is the father of three, with nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Open meetings for the Board of Trustees are held the first Tuesday of each month. For more information on Leslie Thonesen or the board of trustees visit the administration office on Weldon Avenue.

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Photo by Daisy Rosas
Raul Rivera maneuvers around a Modesto Junior College player Nov. 20.

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The story of a 'Boy's Life'

FCC tells tale of the inner workings of the male gender

By **Jorge Mendoza**
Rampage reporter

They say that laughter is the best medicine. Whoever they are remains to be seen, but the Fresno City College Theater Arts and Dance Department will have the cure for what ails you, with their theatrical production of 'Boy's Life'.

This production is a funny comedy combining a moral message within a tale of the inner workings of the male gender.

Directed by Janine Christi, the comedy follows the hijinks of three former college friends, 'Jack', played by Christopher Uhrle, 'Don', played by Philip Badillo, and 'Phil', played by Albert Bonilla, as they explore a big city, coming upon off-the-wall situations, and a gallery of women.

The production is set in the early '80's, bringing forth the attitude, style, and cultural importance of new technologies (what's a CD?) and personal image.

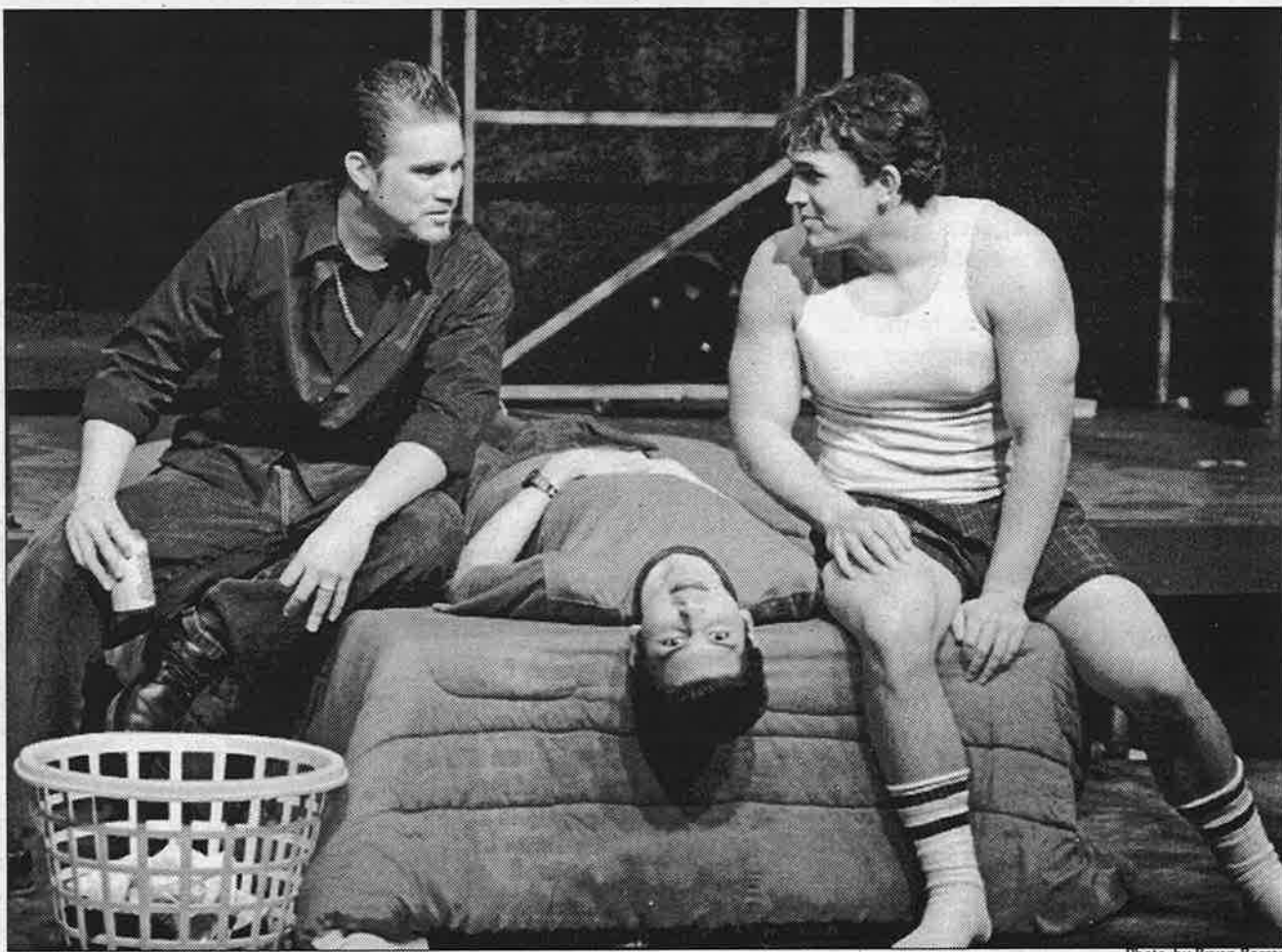
A sociology lesson of sorts, 'Boy's Life' gives way to the idea that we, as a society, care more about how we look when doing something rather than the action itself.

The production is told in a fast-paced comedic perspective.

'Boy's Life' can be seen in the FCC Theatre Studio (TA-105) Dec. 3-5 and Dec. 8-11 at 7:30 pm, and Dec. 4-5, and Dec. 11 at 2:00 pm.

General admission is \$10. Admission for staff, students, and seniors is \$7. The FCC theatre box office hours are 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Mon.-Fri., and is open for one hour before performances.

For more information, call the theatre box office at 442-8221.



Fresno City College students, left to right, Christopher Uhrle, Albert Bonilla, and Philip Badillo, portray three young men in the play 'Boy's Life' by Janine Christi. The performance gives insight to what life was like for three young men in the 1980's.

Safety: Theft proves prevalent on FCC campus

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One report of rape was brought to the State Center Community College District Police Department for the 2003-2004 semesters. There were four drug arrests and three weapon arrests.

"We try and have our officers out on campus as much as possible. During the evenings, when classes are being let out, we want them to be as visible as possible because that's when students are most susceptible," said Speece.

Melissa Delgadillo, nursing major, said, "I feel safe on campus. I've been here at night, and I don't see a lot of danger. There's always people around, and the lighting is good."

"We're always looking at ways to upgrade lighting, to make it brighter on campus," Speece said.

"About 10 years ago we installed the emergency phones. Even if 1 out of a 100 calls aren't emergencies, it's still good we have them there when students need it."

Marvin Reyes, former Chief of Police at SCCDPD, is currently in Iraq training the local police force. Ron Wattson, among other officers, are assuming some of Reyes duties.

History of American Women course is back

After two years class will be offered once again in Spring 2005

By **Kirk Givan**
Rampage reporter

Starting in spring of 2005 Fresno City College will be offering a course on the history of American women and their contribution to the history of our country.

This course, titled History of American Women (schedule #20985), will study the social, economic, and political contributions women have made to this nation

from the colonial period to modern feminism.

The course is not found in the current course book due to its recent approval in August of this year and is scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

According to Julie Aydelotte, professor of the course, students should look forward to exploring the contributions women have made in pre-civil war social reform, the labor movements, the civil

rights movement, and the roles women carry in the current market place individually as well as along side of their husbands.

"Both men and women should be aware of what women have gone through", said Aydelotte.

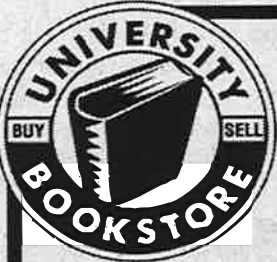
Aydelotte anticipates seeing both women and men enrolled in the course.

Aydelotte's curriculum will include one primary textbook with two volumes, video supplementa-

tion, and an opportunity for students to discover how their own ancestors experienced womanhood in America.

It has been two years since this course has been offered at FCC. Currently the course is subjected to a minimum class size of fifteen students.

For more information about the course, and other courses within the Social Science Division that are not listed in the course book, students should contact the Social Science Division office at (559) 442-8210.



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From Kenya to the boardroom

Student representative has a global perspective on politics

By Will Tranquilli
Rampage reporter

It is a long way from Nairobi, Kenya to Fresno, California. It is also a long way from a community college campus to the community college district's board of trustees. Shreya Shah has made both journeys.

Three years ago, she came to the US from Kenya. Today, Shah is a second year student at Fresno City College. She was elected the student trustee, a member of the District's Board of Trustees.

Majoring in business with the ambition to become a CPA, she still makes time for extra circular activities. "I love being active on campus," Shah said, "It was during student orientation that ... I saw student government on the list of clubs, [so] I applied."

In a leadership position in high school, she was involved with student government, homecoming, and charitable activities. She does this because, "I love organizing things on campus and helping students," she said.

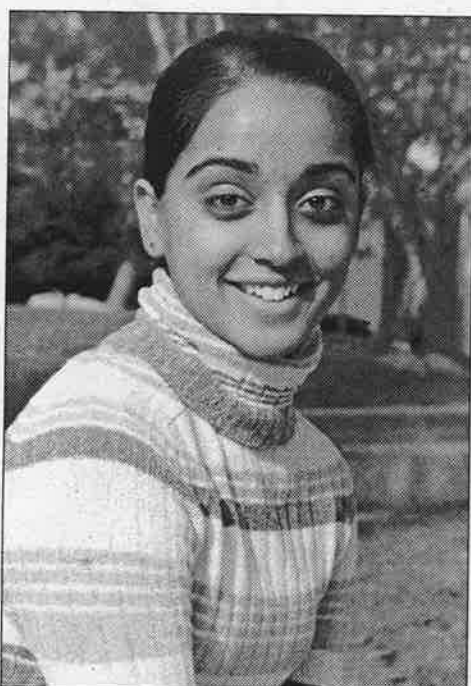


Photo by Bryan Borrer

It was easier, Shah said, to come from Nairobi to Fresno than for an American student to go the other way.

Despite the fact that English is officially spoken there, Kenya is still a third world country so it lacks services American stu-

dents are used to here, the lady from the capitol city, Nairobi, said. The public transportation and telephones leave much desired. Therefore, many depend on the use of cell phones.

There are no state medical programs, she said. The East African Standard of Nairobi reports ongoing accusations of official corruption. However, the newspaper says there is a new constitution coming and Kenya's President Kibaki is trying to attract foreign investment capitol.

"Some ... think it is a very uncivilized place, ...or do not even know its geographical location. Some are surprised I speak fluent English and that Kenya has beautiful buildings, schools, malls and people live in houses and not trees."

The reverse is also true, Shah said. She tells her friends back in the East African nation that they are wrong to think life here is perfect. "I tell them, '[the U.S.] ... has problems just like any other country, but [it's] just that the US has the resources to over-

come them before they become too big,"

On the first Tuesday of each month, she sits on the Board of Trustees as the student representative, a non-voting position. "I

think it's fascinating," she said, "there's a lot going on." Issues that capture Shah's interest are the smoking policy, the improvement of counseling services, the tutorial centers and Measure

E. They also want to improve vocational programs and increase transfer rates.

Students can influence the Board through Associated Student Government, Shah said. ASG handles student concerns if they can. If not, the issues are referred through Shah to the Board.

"[Students] have to realize whether they're here one semester, two semesters or two years, [the Board's decisions are] going to affect them some way," Shah said. "They have to be interested in what's going on and be able to take part in it." Interacting with board members is the most fascinating part of her job as student trustee, she said.

Books: *Student organizations become actavists for reducing high prices of college textbooks*

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Lorente said, "They (teachers) need to realize that it is a problem for students and do everything in their power to help us out a little bit."

Buying bundled textbooks and not even using the supplements is just a waste of money."

ASG Senator Carson Schafer said, "Companies are lobbying teachers to purchase the more expensive books and the only answer I see is student activism."

The study also looked at publisher's expensive additions to the material.

The campaign to reduce college textbook costs has gained media coverage and has pursued government action in California, Connecticut and Illinois.

A congressional investigation is also in progress. Congressman David Wu and Senator Charles Schumer have introduced legislation regarding the costly mat-

"Companies are lobbying teachers to purchase the more expensive books and the only answer I see is student activism."

—ASG Senator Schafer

ter that is affecting students.

Lorente explained that though ASG has done little for the issue this semester, the student government will be much more 'active' in the spring.

According to Lorente the FCC's student government and CalPIRG are planning two campaigns.

One called the 'bells and whistles campaign' in which student representatives will travel to the state capitol and deliver boxes that filled with actual bells and whistles along with a copy of CalPIRG's report 'Rip-off 101.'

"We're going to flood the capitol," said Lorente.

The second campaign will be FCC taking part in a film documentary. Students will be filmed buying and selling their books.

"We are going to be there wit a video camera, tap-

ing their reaction as students getting \$5 back for their \$500 books," Lorente said.

The video will be taken to Sacramento when student representatives lobby the high prices of college textbooks.

CalPIRG sees the publishers at the root of the problem and believes that publishers should keep the cost of producing their books as low as possible without sacrificing educational content, reinstating that each textbook edition should be kept on the market as long as possible.

They agree that there is still work to do.

The plan for CalPIRG in the future is, "to expand our network of faculty, school administrators, and student governments to press publishers to reform their practices."

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Pride: Fresno City College celebrates Native American Month



Photo by Jenny Booth

Above, Fresno City College student Marsha Kipp wears a traditional dress that is maroon and black with a pattern of pink and yellow hummingbirds sewn into the sleeves. Joseph Smith is a traditional dancer and belongs to the Mono Indian Tribe.

Right, Table Mountain Princess Ashley Flores wears a blue dress with leather moccasins. November is National Native American Month.



Photo by Jenny Booth

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Once students watched Tex at work and tried their hand at making a design on one of his displays he set up, they were able to watch how much time was put into the process of making acorn meal.

"All Californian Indians, I should say, used acorns as their main staple of food," said Julie Tex from the Dunlap Band of Mono Indians. "We would gather the acorns this year for next years harvest because acorns would need to be dry.

Once the acorns are dry you crack them and clean them up so there is only the peanut left and grind the peanut so it turns into flour."

"When your flour is made, we would have a basket where we would put the flour and pour water on the flour to separate the fine flour with the granulated flour.

Then the organic acid and bitterness from the flour is gone. The remaining paste after we

put the water through the flour is what we would cook into a mush. The mush would be very similar to a cream of wheat. Originally we would just eat it with meat, but now it could be eaten with anything."

Besides the various arts and crafts exhibits set up around the Free Speech Area, students were also able to learn about the Indian Education Title VII program through the Fresno Unified School District.

"We're a program that receives funding from the Washington D.C. office to provide services for Native American children," said Cecelia DeAnda of the Siletz tribe.

"Our program is actually designed to train parents how to work with their children with their schoolwork and how to find academic

and other services for their children.

We basically try to encourage students to stay in school and for the parents to work with their kids at home and to reinforce the fact that education is the only free thing we can give our children."

"[We] want to reinforce the fact that education is the only free thing we can give our children."

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defeats:

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(4-4)



Sport: Men's basketball

When: Dec. 9

Where: LA Southwest College

Notes: An early meeting of undefeateds. FCC has won two loaded tournaments, and Mt. SAC is no slouch itself.

Dates & Info

Men's Basketball

- Dec. 9-11, TBA Los Angeles Southwest Tournament
- Dec. 21-23, TBA Chabot Tournament
- Dec. 28-30, TBA Allan Hancock Tournament

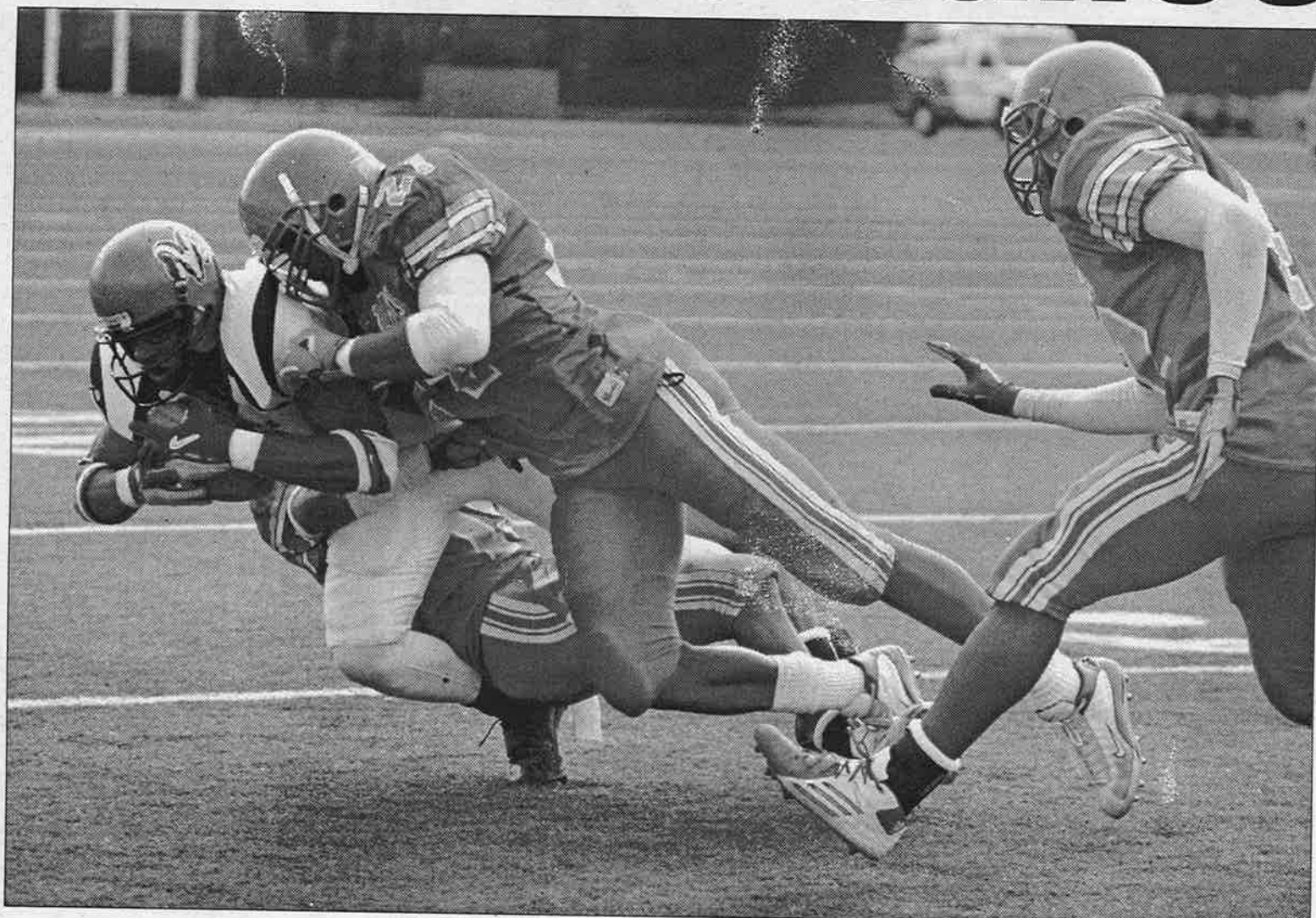
Women's Basketball

- Dec. 9-11, TBA Lady T-Bird Invitational (Oakland)
- Dec. 18, 5 p.m. @ Sacramento
- Dec. 28-29, TBA Lady Jag Invitational (San Jose)
- Jan. 5, 6 p.m. vs. Taft
- Jan. 8, 6 p.m. @ C.O.S.
- Jan. 12, 5 p.m. @ Merced
- Jan. 15, 5 p.m. vs. Modesto
- Jan. 19, 6 p.m. @ Reedley

Wrestling

- Dec. 11-12, 9 a.m. State Tournament (Palomar)

Same old dance



San Francisco's Dejon Muldrow (back) and Larry Grant (center) take down wide receiver DeAngelo Ramsey while Curlee Bishop (right) watches during the first quarter of FCC's 42-21 loss in San Francisco. Ramsey had four catches for 47 yards. Photo by Daisy Rosas

FCC football team ends 8-win season with a 42-21 loss to defending national champ City College of San Francisco

By David Witte
Sports Editor

History repeated itself at Rams Stadium in San Francisco Dec. 4 when City College of San Francisco defeated the Fresno City College football team 42-21 in the Hawaiian Punch Bowl, which decided the NorCal champion.

San Francisco will play College of the Canyons for the state title Dec. 11 in Visalia.

This was the third meeting in four years at the NorCals between the two football powers. In the 2001 and '02 NorCal championships, CCSF beat FCC 41-7 and 19-7, respectively while going on to win four out of the last five state championships.

San Francisco has not lost at home since 1993, and FCC hasn't gone to the state championship game since a 10-10 tie with LA City College in 1973.

FCC got off on the wrong foot, with a fumble by quarterback Jeff Schott on the third play from scrimmage, giving CCSF the ball on Fresno's 30-yard line. A short time later, CCSF quarterback Joseph Ayoob handed off to Dallas Bernstine, who dropped back and passed back to Ayoob. FCC cornerback Aaron Miller leaped and

snatched the ball at the goal line, denying San Francisco the first score.

It was the first of two interceptions on the day for Miller.

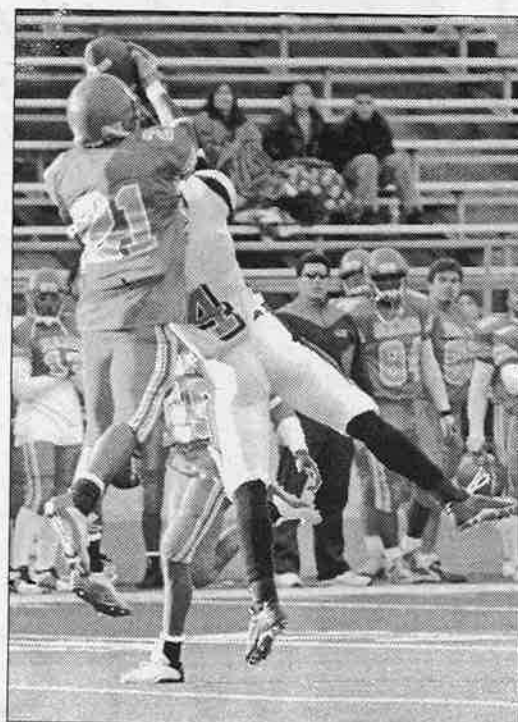
FCC then drove 57 yards to put the first points on the board with a 10-yard touchdown pass from Schott to Roger Brunswick.

Several drives later, Ayoob connected with Maurice Purify to tie the game 7-7. He found Purify in the end zone again early in the second quarter, and FCC responded with a Schott pass to Kenan Williams. Giancarlo Martinelli's point after attempt got away from him, and Fresno remained a point back.

Ayoob finished off the second quarter with a screen pass to Bernstine, who took it 45 yards for the score.

"We had everybody fired up, we wanted to play hard," wide receiver DeAngelo Ramsey said. "And we went out there and played hard, too. We stopped them in the red zone, and all of a sudden, the team started losing faith after that second touchdown."

The second half was San Francisco's show, starring Ayoob and Bernstine. Bernstine ended the



Defensive back Mathew Harper (21) grabs the ball from Antwuan Smith (4) for an interception. The pick set up a 3-yard touchdown run by Dallas Bernstine six plays later.

Photo by Daisy Rosas

day with 135 rushing yards with one touchdown, and four receptions for 85 yards and another touchdown. Ayoob, who has verbally committed to Cal Berkeley, ran for a touchdown, and connected with Ruben Jackson for another, ending the afternoon 16 of 30 with four touchdowns and one interception.

"Joe is a special player, obviously," San Francisco coach George Rush said. "I mean, some of those throws he makes, and scrambling around, and decisions. You can coach for fifty years, and you can

either do that or you can't, and he can."

Ayoob made it through the afternoon without getting sacked once.

"Everybody goes through their little sprees," said FCC tailback Nate Wright, who managed only 38 yards on seven carries. "We stopped them from going through their spree, and we thought we might pick up and go through one, but it seemed like when they started

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Nothing to run from

Runner competes in race of his life after nearly losing it

By Quinn Robinson

Rampage Reporter

Throughout his years in running, Matt Klundt couldn't be caught. He would leave runners from other schools in the dust as he piled up award upon award for his running. Never did Klundt think that the sport he loved the most would come so close to costing him his life.

A little over a year ago, Klundt was getting ready for the Grandmasters race at Woodward Park. The race was something Klundt had looked forward to all year because he knew this was the time that he would be able to qualify for the state meet.

The week of the Grandmasters, Klundt had come home from practice with some abdominal pains two nights in a row. Both he and his mom just thought he was coming down with the flu.

"My mom and I thought it was the flu symptom going around at the time," said Klundt. "We tried to minimize the severity of the flu by eating soup and everything else that you try to do to fight the flu."

The symptoms took a turn for the worse after Matt left school early that Wednesday because of increasing stomach pains.

"I got a call from the nurse at Hoover and she asked if he could go home," said Matt's mother Dawn Klundt. "He came home and went to sleep for a while. He got up feeling a little better and was able to eat some soup. He then went to bed and early the next morning he came up to our room doubled over. I don't even know how he made it up the stairs because he was in so much pain. I asked him if he thought he'd be better by that afternoon so he could run in the Grandmasters. He said he didn't ever want to think about the race and that's when I knew it was bad."

Matt's mom then rushed her son to a walk-in clinic to have some tests done to see what the problem

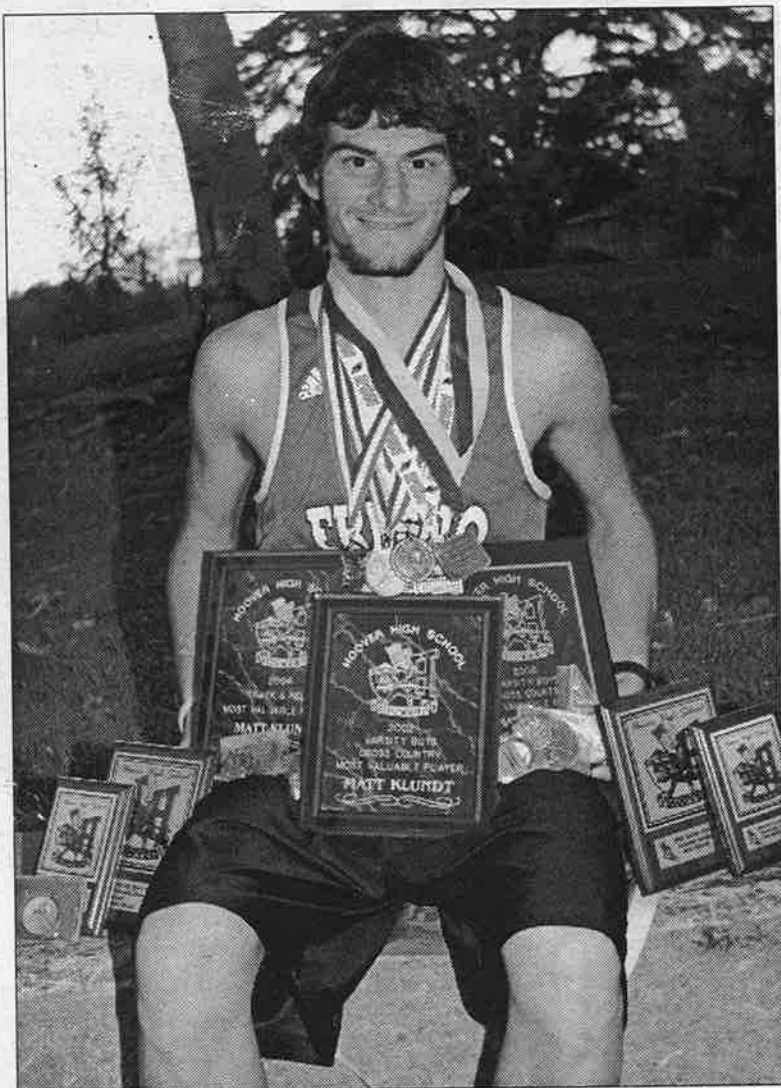


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FCC distance runner Matt Klundt displays many of his awards.

was with Matt.

"The doctor came in and said that he thought it could be appendicitis but wasn't completely sure because blood tests had needed to be done," said Mrs. Klundt. "I asked the doctor to sign a slip then so I could get the blood work done and then we left and went straight to Valley Children's."

Klundt was admitted to Children's hospital later in the day and went under the knife around four o'clock that afternoon.

"From the time it had ruptured until the time they took him into surgery, it was twenty four hours," said Mrs. Klundt. "We almost lost

him."

"The doctors said if I would've waited any longer, I would've been gone because the infection would've spread too much," added Klundt.

Because of the severity in which the infection was in, Klundt stayed in the hospital for two weeks. Once doctors felt he was well enough to go home, the prescribed him some antibiotics which kept Klundt out of school for another week.

"I just really wanted to get my strength back," said Klundt. "I'd watch TV and my mom stayed with me almost every night at the hospital to make sure I could move around alright and everything. Dur-

ing my recovery, I had quite a few friends come by and wish me well and hang out and be there for me."

Even after returning to school, the recovery process was a slow and difficult one at times.

The week he returned to school, Hoover was having their Winter Formal dance. Having little energy and sometimes needing to be helped around by friends and family, Klundt wasn't going to let those factors prevent him from attending the formal.

"It was senior year, you can't miss out on something like that," said Klundt. "It was awesome just being able to go to that after all that I had been through."

Klundt's older brother Peter was home for the holidays and the only way Klundt would be allowed to go to his formal is if his older brother was able to take him and Klundt's date to the dance.

"My brother was in town coming home from basic training," said Klundt. "My mom wanted him to be with me just to make sure I didn't pass out and that I was safe."

As Klundt made a full recovery from appendicitis, he was now focusing on what college he wanted to attend to continue his running after high school.

"I had been in touch with the coach for Fresno Pacific since my junior year," said Klundt. "Fresno City was also in the picture and I ended up choosing them because it's a two minute drive from my house and the cost is a lot less than it would've been if I chose Fresno Pacific instead."

"Being at Fresno City is working out great for me right now. There are some runners on the team that are up to my caliber in running and I feel that has helped me push myself to get better."

Klundt wrapped up his freshman year of cross-country on Nov. 20 at Woodward Park where he ran a 23:20 four-mile course and finished 154 out of over 300 participants.

Sports briefs

Both soccer teams lose in playoffs

Two extraordinary seasons have come to a screeching halt. Fresno City College's men's and women's soccer teams both fell in the third round of the state playoffs on Nov. 23.

After completing their sixth straight conference title season under head coach Eric Solberg, the men's soccer team reached the third round match-up with No. 1 seed Santa Rosa. The Rams fought hard the entire game but were unable to continue their torrid play as they fell to Santa Rosa 3-0. The men wrapped up their season with an overall record of 12-8-1.

Coming off an upset victory over No. 2 seed Lassen College on Nov. 20, the women's team looked to repeat the task as they traveled to No. 3 West Valley. West Valley got a quick goal early on and played keep-away from the Rams.

Fresno City College had a couple of opportunities to tie the game but weren't able to do so as they fell to West Valley 1-0. The women finished the season 17-4-1 overall.

The seventeen wins is a school record for the women and fifteen of those victories came via shutout.

Men's basketball comes out on top

The Fresno City College men's basketball team has gone two for two in tournaments they have been in this season so far.

The Rams traveled to Sacramento to compete in the American River College tournament from Dec. 2-4. FCC started off the tournament on Dec. 2 with a 121-99 win over Sacramento City. Fresno then secured a spot in the championship round with an 88-78 victory over West Valley. The Rams then put on their best performance yet as they forced nineteen turnovers in the first half to jump to a 60-39 lead, and it was smooth sailing from there as the Rams beat No. 11 Shasta 101-81 to win the tournament.

FCC's Anthony Esparza was named tournament MVP while Heath Colvin and M'Jumbe Williams were named to the all-tournament team for FCC.

The Rams next opponent will be El Camino to open the LA Southwest College Tournament on Dec. 9.

Women's basketball falls in tournament

FCC's women's basketball team took part in the Gilcrest Invitational at College of the Sequoias over the weekend. The Rams played well throughout the tournament but ended up losing in the consolation game against Antelope Valley, 63-49. Brittney Nicolls scored a game-high 22 points while shooting 9-15 from the field for the Rams.

Teammate Rodisha Lawrence had an impressive 14 rebounds for the Rams who only had 37 as a team.

Violence and sports: we need more of both



David Witte

Many, many years ago, during a bloody, violent battle between two city-states in northern Italy, a young man, we'll call him Steve, came up with an idea.

"Hey," he said out loud, stabbing his enemy thoughtfully, "why don't we just simulate battles over regional disputes, and use the results to make fun of each other? It would eliminate a whole lot of useless

bloodshed."

Of course, Steve died shortly thereafter from an axe wound to the back, but the idea began to catch on.

Thus, sports as we know it was born. As opposed to violence, young men would meet on a field of play, and make fun of each other afterwards. The sport became a metaphor for the conflict.

Football is a metaphor for battle, basketball is a metaphor for putting a ball through a hole, and baseball is a relatively less boring version of a British metaphor for working up a thirst before tea time.

Then there's golf. Man, that one has Oedipus written all over it.

Over the years, those who appreciate sports have forgotten its violent roots. They become appalled

when athletes remind themselves of their warrior roots through a fight, a brawl, or a record deal.

When Ron Artest jumps over the scorer's table and slugs a fan in the face, he's merely reminding the sports world that a few hundred years ago, Indiana and Michigan would have mobilized armies instead of holding something so quaint as a basketball game.

When Fresno City College and Reedley College erupt into a brawl after a big game, they're just coming to terms with the fact that a thousand years ago, the residents of Fresno and Reedley would have been picking arrows out of their asses for weeks on end, as opposed to an assistant coach needing a few stitches.

When a TV actress exposes her-

self to Terrell Owens before Monday Night Football, she's just reminding ABC's audience that man is a sexual being, and what they do in their own locker room is their own business.

And if you'd rather watch the Eagles whip the crap out of another NFC fodder team than see a naked woman, you can tune in any other week, you prude.

Athletes and fans could still remember what sports was about in the '80s, when every other week a brawl would clear the first 20 rows at a Major League Baseball game. Those people knew what sports was about. They knew that you can't really express your love of the Red

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Violence:

*Drunken fans
aren't what
they used to be*

Sox without viciously beating a Yankee.

Fans really got into it then. I miss it.

People these days show their appreciation by getting shot by riot police, or sitting around, sipping wine, and saying "Well! I never!"

On a side note, some of you may have noticed that there haven't been any sports editorials in the Rampage this semester. There are several reasons for this.

One is that I would rather keep you updated on the world of sports than what's in my head, because what's in my head usually has to do with naked women.

But the main reason is a simple one: None of you really give a damn what I think. I sure don't.

**Bowl: FCC has lost
six of eight to CCSF**

scoring more, the team got down more. We weren't picking each other up."

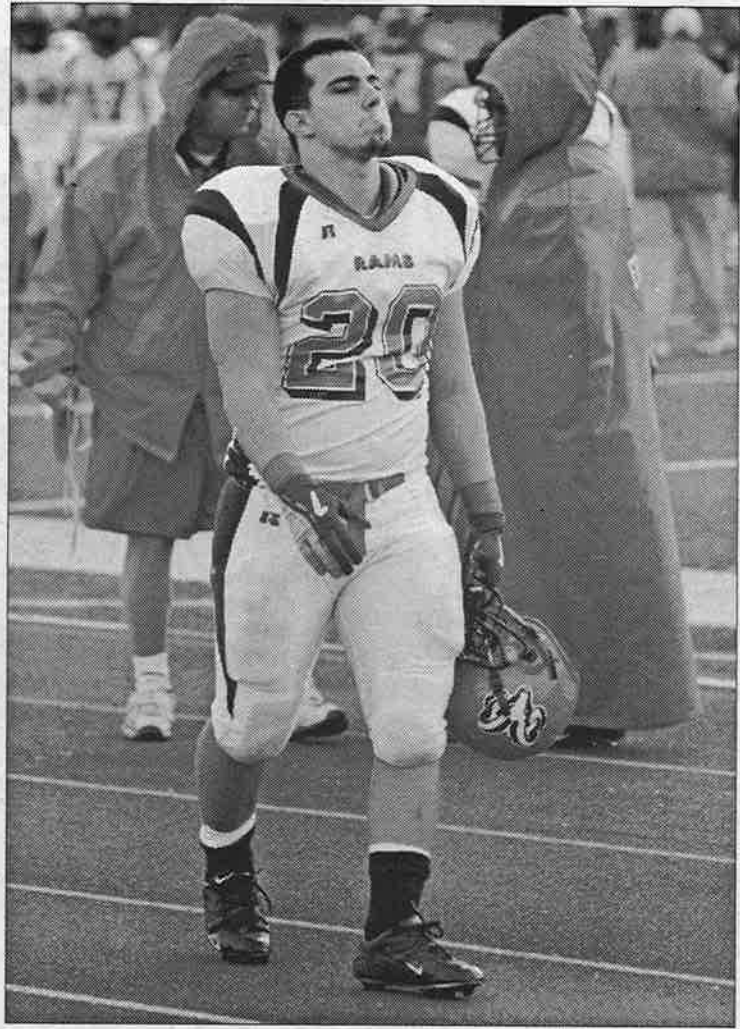
FCC's Corey Brown and Greg Moise made a guest appearance on CCSF's offensive football clinic, connecting from two yards out after Miller's second interception for the final score of 42-21.

"Our whole thing was, if you're a team, you're not selfish," Rush said. "You play for each other. You don't make plays for yourself, you play for each other."

Fresno's defense, which was the reason FCC continued winning while Schott learned how to guide the offense, gave up 472 yards to CCSF's offense.

FCC's offense would have been shut down in the second half had Miller's interception not given Fresno a short field. Fullback Marquise Bacon, who has emerged as FCC's premier ball carrier, managed only 30 yards on 10 carries.

The loss is Fresno's sixth to San Francisco in the duo's eight-game history. Four of those losses have come during FCC coach Tony Caviglia's tenure.



Tailback Jose Rojas walks off the field alone after FCC's 42-21 loss to City College of San Francisco. The Rams finished the season 8-3, two of those losses coming from defending national champion City College of San Francisco.

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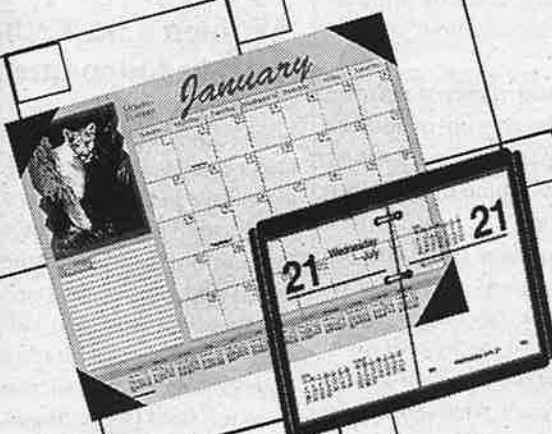
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Paper or plastic?

Progress involves teachers using new techniques

Technology will never be able to replace a good teacher



Kirk Givan

Can you imagine a classroom free of Old Spice and plaid overcoats? I most certainly would feel that it would provide a more comfortable learning environment.

Colleges should utilize technology whenever possible to provide quality education. Attending a two-year college shouldn't turn into a three year struggle to wrestle for courses that anyone who can read can teach. There is a great need for more instructors... do they have to be physically present to teach? I don't think so.

"Just imagine if we could learn from an instructor free of bias tendencies (not that teachers like that exist at FCC.)"

If a student is mature enough to register for classes without being guided hand in hand by a parental unit then that student should be mature enough to be able to learn from videotaped instruction.

Granted, videotapes cannot wake you up when you doze off, but it can provide education on a subject, or by an instructor, that would not be able to present information due to distance from an institution.

We currently have provisions for web-based instruction that has no physical classroom, why should we not have a virtual instructor in a real classroom that allows for verbal group discussion and participation? Are we afraid the videotape's ego may expand and it will demand retirement benefits and a 401k? Sure, videotapes cannot correct a student's test or homework (at least not yet),

but a teacher's aide can.

But just imagine if one could.

Just imagine if we could learn from an instructor free of bias tendencies (not that teachers like that exist at FCC). I for one wouldn't mind being taught by the latest edition or even better the latest NS5 (shot-out to all iRobot fans!!!).

Does it matter that the instructor can't respond directly? I am sure arrangements could be made to have all questions answered by email.

But that's their problem... If they don't want it, that doesn't mean that there are not students who would jump at the opportunity to learn something about quantum mechanics or save an extra semester by being able to sit in an English 1A course that is surprisingly filled the second day of registration.

This could be an opportunity to bring in more revenue by utilizing unused space as well as testing a teaching tool that may prove to be essential to FCC remaining a two-year college.

If you have missed any portion of this.... Please feel free to press rewind.



Will Tranquilli

Should classroom instruction be replaced by electronic education? The answer is clearly, "yes and no."

Yes, education online is faster and cheaper than the physical presence of an instructor. Furthermore, it can reach a great many more students.

And no, the computer program that can deal with the student as a person with individual needs and abilities has not been written.

Without this ability, cyber-instruction is but a hollow mockery of the learning experience. The human touch cannot be duplicated with capacitors and relays.

Larger, cheaper, faster — in many circles of educational administrators these reasons, by themselves, would make the decision.

Yet, if we allow knowledge to be mass-marketed in the same way appliances and fast-food are sold, we must expect the product to be of the same quality.

Where the bottom line is the primary concern, the excellence of the product runs a distant second to the consideration of expedience.

Sign up now for the new, improved History of Eastern

Civilizations! Learn advanced algebra in less time than it takes to download a porn movie, and save money!

If this sounds far-fetched, be aware that the only difference is one of scale. As the online education industry develops, history tells us, that difference will diminish.

This is not to deny that the computer and Internet access are wonderful teaching tools, they are. But like any tools, they require skilled hands

and minds to be effectively applied to the task at hand.

We are presented with the problem of creating the software and hardware that can duplicate the human instructor's knowledge and experience.

The computer cannot compete with the scholar/instructor whose fierce love of

teaching parallels an avid love of learning. It is not a profession selected for its glory or wealth. Love of the job is the magnet that draws educators to the vocation.

Databases can be updated and merged, no question about it. But the farthest stretch of the imagination cannot find this in any way remotely the equal of trained intelligence with life experience.

The human being can prepare for an anticipated absence or make up for a surprise one. The machine cares not for the consequences of its non-presence.

But, the teacher that can be replaced by a machine should be.

But such teachers are very few and far between.

We have to answer these questions: Will you receive knowledge by instruction or installation? Will you have your lectures vital or virtual? Do you want your work graded or processed? In other words, paper or plastic?

By all means, paper please.



Illustration by Jared Leas

Campus Voices

By Vivienne Henry

What do you think of teachers using more technology in class?



Shayla Taylor
Liberal Studies

"With an instructor there is instant feedback."



Loretta Burns
Nursing

"I think we should utilize the use of technology."



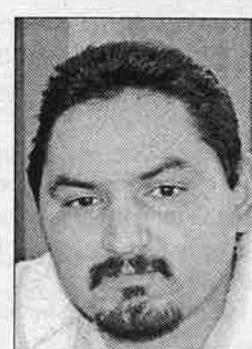
Alex Yoon
Engineering

"Some students flunk whether they are in a classroom setting or not."



Angela Ramos
Radiology

"I like classroom instruction, the teacher is right there with immediate help."



Daniel Haro
Air Conditioning

"In a classroom your questions can be answered immediately."

A letter to President George W. Bush:

From the concerned people of the good state of California



Jorge Mendoza

Dear President Bush:

Congratulations on your victory over all us non-evangelicals. Actually, we're a bit ticked off here in California, so we're leaving you. California will now be its own country.

And we're taking all the Blue States with us. In case you are not aware, that includes Hawaii,

Oregon, Washington, Minnesota, cific Ocean and Hollywood. In Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, all addition, we're getting San Di- of the North East States, and the ego. (Sorry, that's just how it urban half of Ohio. goes.)

We spoke to God, and she But God is letting you have agrees that this split will be ben- the KKK and country music (ex- eficial to almost everybody, and cept the Dixie Chicks). especially to us in the new coun- Just so we're clear, the coun- try of California. try of California will be pro- choice, pro-gay marriage, and

In fact, God is so excited about it, she's going to shift the whole anti-war. Speaking of war, we're country at 4:30 pm EST this Fri- going to need all Blue States citi- day. Therefore, please let every- zens back from Iraq.

one know they need to be back in If you need people to fight in their respective home states by Falujah or elsewhere in oil-rich, no-threat areas of the world, just then. ask your evangelical voters.

God is going to give us the Pa-

They have tons of kids they're willing to send to their deaths for absolutely no purpose. And they don't care if you don't show pictures of their kids' caskets coming home.

So, you get Texas and all the former slave states, and we get the Governor and stem cell research. (We would love you to take Britney Spears off our hands, though. She IS from the south, right?)

Since we get New York, you'll have to come up with your own late night TV shows because we get MTV, Letterman, the Daily

Show, and Conan O'Brien. You get... well, why don't you ask your people at Fox News to come up with something entertaining? (Maybe you should just watch Crossfire. That's a really funny show.)

We wish you all the best in the next four years and we hope, really hope, you find those missing weapons of mass destruction. Seriously. Soon.

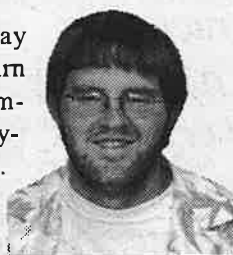
Sincerely,
The Golden State of California

The legend of FCC's killer deer: a short history

They say his eyes burn like the embers of a dying fire. They also say writers rip off Edgar Allen Poe from time to time. Alas.

They say his presence could freeze Phoenix in the middle of August. They say he's evil.

The rumors that have swirled around this campus for the last 50 years are true: an evil 10-point buck haunts the Old Administration Building. He feeds on squirrels and pigeons, but the hunger for human



David Witte

flesh is what keeps him alive.

The story began in the Sierra Nevadas in 1937. Jonathan Irwin, president of Fresno State University, which at the time occupied what is now Fresno City College, was an avid hunter. He took a shot at a white-tailed deer one winter, but never found the body.

The spirit of the deer, consumed with revenge, came down into the valley to seek out and destroy its killer. However, in the year it took for the deer to find its way to the campus, Irwin left for the deserts of Mongolia looking for the nomads who had kidnapped his parents.

The spirit's rage simmered into a deep-seated hatred for anything

human. When FCC's Old Administration Building fell into disuse in the mid-seventies, the spirit claimed it as his own.

In the intervening years, seven people have gone missing. Most were curious students who strayed into the OAB at night.

Custodians on campus say there is an uneasy peace with the spirit. They leave each other alone, and nothing happens to them. Only one night custodian met his end on the deer's antlers, when he disagreed with the spirit over whether Miller Lite tasted great or if it was less filling.

The spirit is restless these days. He spends his days hunting small

rodents and sharpening his teeth on the building's masonry.

Plans to renovate the Old Administration Building have the campus police worried about potential retaliation. They say that without a home, the deer will roam the campus, slaughtering everything that lives.

The renovation's proponents claim that the campus police share the building with the spirit and the New York mafia as a gambling house.

The plans are moving ahead on schedule, despite protest from the campus police and a mysterious man named Tony.

A spokesman for ELS Architec-

ture, out of Berkeley, said the project is moving ahead on schedule. ELS head architect Kurt Schilling has been missing since Oct. 8.

"You know, I just want to be left alone," the killer deer said. "All this stuff about gambling, I don't know anything about that."

For more on FCC's killer deer and the renovation of his home see Views, page 10 in Spring 2005.

Tranquil Tantrums

Domestic terrorism: Red Alert



Will Tranquilli

Get out of the basement, this is my hiding place! Go find your own.

Yes, I am afraid, I am very afraid. Not of the terrorists. After all, bin Laden said if he hated freedom, he'd attack Sweden. I believe him.

He has not attacked Sweden. He's after the governments and corporate bigwigs that have oppressed the Middle Eastern people for decades. I am not them.

Nor am I afraid to be 'collateral damage.' Why? Because I'm not allowed to be anywhere near either Bush or his boss Cheney. Nor am I embedded in the military invasions like the journalists.

(Embedded? Does that mean the journalists we rely on to report on the war are 'in bed' with the military command? How free is that? They are not reporters, then, they are propagandists.)

And I know of no corporation that would welcome me to their buildings, let alone their executive offices. Well, maybe I could go in Ben and Jerry's - nope, they're owned by a corporation now, too.

So, there's no corporate that the likes of me be welcome. Fine, I don't want to be

part of the target. But that's not what I'm afraid of.

So, what am I afraid of? Follow me on this.

Foremost among the many reasons for Osama bin Laden to be despised by history is that he provided those 'enemies of democracy' with an excuse to destroy the world's best model of a free nation, our own Bill of Rights. The enemies are destroying it with glee. The Patriot Act is but a step in that direction. There's a lot more on the way.

That's my fear. Sad to say, it's coming true. Fear is promoted everywhere. Lock your doors, don't give out your phone number. There's a password for everything. I called my bank to ask about the address of the nearest ATM machine, they wanted my password, social security number, street address, zip code and sperm count.

Security systems are among the fastest growing industries. People are apprehensive if you so much as look at them cross-eyed.

This climate of fear is getting our silent

permission for the 'enemies of democracy' to nullify more and more of our basic rights. How important is that? Those rights were the world's best model for constitutionally guaranteed freedom. We thought we were the hope of the world. No more. The rest of the world hates and fears us. Ask Bush or Cheney why.

The more we fear, the more easily we give up our rights. And it isn't bin Laden, S.O.B. that he is, who is promoting terror here. He's just a patsy. It's Washington and the politicians' puppet-masters, the global corporations. They now run most of the world but they must eliminate the Bill of Rights in order to take over America completely.

All our mass communications are in the hands of the global corporate puppet-masters. This control of the media is their means of generating fear. We go from 'code yellow' to 'code orange' and half the population wets their pants and turn

"This climate of fear is getting our silent permission for the 'enemies of democracy' to nullify more and more of our basic rights."

a blind eye to the legislation pouring forth.

What remains is control of the Supreme Court. They're only a couple of heartbeats away from that.

Be afraid, be very afraid. I think it was Ben Franklin who said, "Those who would give up their freedom for security deserve neither."

At Yale, there's a secret club - the Skull and Bones Club. It's members are from powerful families and belong to the club for life. Kurt Vonnegut found it fitting. In The End Is Near published in 'In These Times,' he wrote: "We have a Skull and Bones President [that's right, George W. is one of them] at a time when entire vertebrate species, because of how we have poisoned the topsoil, the waters and the atmosphere, are becoming — hey presto — nothing but skulls and bones."

And that's why I'm hiding in the basement. Like so many other writers, I tried to persuade folks not to reelect the Bush/Cheney crowd. Their strings don't lead just to Haliburton, they lead to all the global corporations. But folks were too afraid to pay any attention to facts.

It's so crowded here in the basement. Hey, watch it, Vidal, you're sitting on my gas mask.

REVIEWS

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Horoscopes

David Witte
(Patent pending)

Common decency was harmed
in the making of this column



ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Your dog will attack and kill a mailman, making you wonder why you trained him to attack and kill mailmen in the first place.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Your neighbor has a large bay window. You have lots of rocks in your yard. The results are inevitable.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Gemini is feeling lonely. It's not always about you, ya know.



CANCER (June 21-July 22) You will be appalled when a partially nude woman distracts you from the athletes beating the crap out of each other.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Face it, man. Hannukah has become totally commercialized.



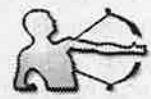
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) As a direct result of a frat party in Toledo, the government of Mozambique will declare you the Messiah.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) An unidentified monk will steal your car radio in order to win tickets to the Dalai Lama speech from 102.5 K-Chant.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
President Bush will declare martial law until he finds out who stole the \$23 from the Oval Office lockbox.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A small green rodent will land his spaceship on your front lawn with a message of peace, drawing about 200 megatons worth of fire-power from the US Army.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You will eventually be able to trace all your problems back to the day that guy from "The Twilight Zone" started following you around.



AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb. 18)
Your neighbor will claim your elephant pooped on his lawn. You will claim he deserved it.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) The moon will affect your week slightly when it crashes into Reedley.

Gamers beware

Half-Life 2 : Anticipated sequel doesn't disappoint



half-life.com



Jared Leas

On Nov. 16, the much anticipated sequel to the critically acclaimed Half-Life was finally released. Half-Life 2 is an action packed sci-fi adventure game played from a first-person perspective for the PC.

Half-Life 2 will not disappoint with excellent graphics and fast-paced frenetic action. The game was published by VU Games and developed by Valve Software.

In Half-Life 2 you assume the role of Gordon Freeman, the hero of the first Half-Life game. There are many different characters to interact with and fight alongside, such as Barney

the security guy from the first game.

The scientists are back and look similar to their previous counterparts except now there is only one of each with a specific personality and name, not countless clones wandering around.

The story takes place in and around a place called City 17, where the people live under the oppressive force of a mysterious enemy called the Combine. As Gordon Freeman, you have to help oppose the Combine and spark an uprising.

The visuals in Half-Life 2 are quite impressive. The water shimmers and reflects the environments. Realistic shadows and lighting effects make the characters and surroundings come alive.

The characters themselves look very realistic with properly proportioned bodies and facial expressions

that change with the characters' moods.

The game play is very entertaining. You have a nice arsenal of weapons at your disposal including the new gravity gun, which can pull objects toward you and hold them or shoot them back out.

Try picking up a cinder block and shooting it into a head-crab zombie's face.

There are nice sound effects in the game, with pounding weapons noises and robotic sounding Combine soldiers speaking through their ghost-like masks.

The music is mostly techno, which fits with the sci-fi action. It kicks in at all the right moments to supplement the action.

The only drawback to the game is that the story wasn't developed as much as it could have been. The atmosphere created in the game by

the oppressive Combine and the freedom fighting humans in a crumbling city is very cool. It's a shame that there isn't more of a story to back it up.

It felt like the game ended a little early and that nothing was ever properly explained. If you played the first game and have some lingering questions about it, Half-Life 2 won't really provide answers. It will provide more questions.

Overall the game is great and the story is cool despite having not been developed to its best. The visuals are stunning and shouldn't be missed, but they'll require powerful hardware of your system.

Compared to recent technological wonders for the PC such as Doom III or FarCry, which are both excellent games, Half-Life 2 takes the cake as the best first-person shooter to date.

Give the gift of a video game

Metroid Prime 2: Echoes is hottest new Nintendo DS game



Felix Sanchez

In high anticipation, two new items hit the market recently bringing the world back to the famed Metroid series.

The first one is the long awaited sequel to Metroid Prime, Metroid Prime 2: Echoes. In this game, players are on an all-new adventure as Bounty Hunter Samus Aron finds herself on a dangerous rescue mission.

At the start of the game, you are brought into the new planet thinking that all you're going to have to do is save the Federation team that's gone down, however that soon turns out to be wrong.

You head down and are caught in a major planetary storm that damages your ship. Once you land, you

take note of your surrounding area and then begin an adventure that you think will be easy, but is not.

This game is rated "T" for Teen and is one that will not be rushed back to the store any time soon.

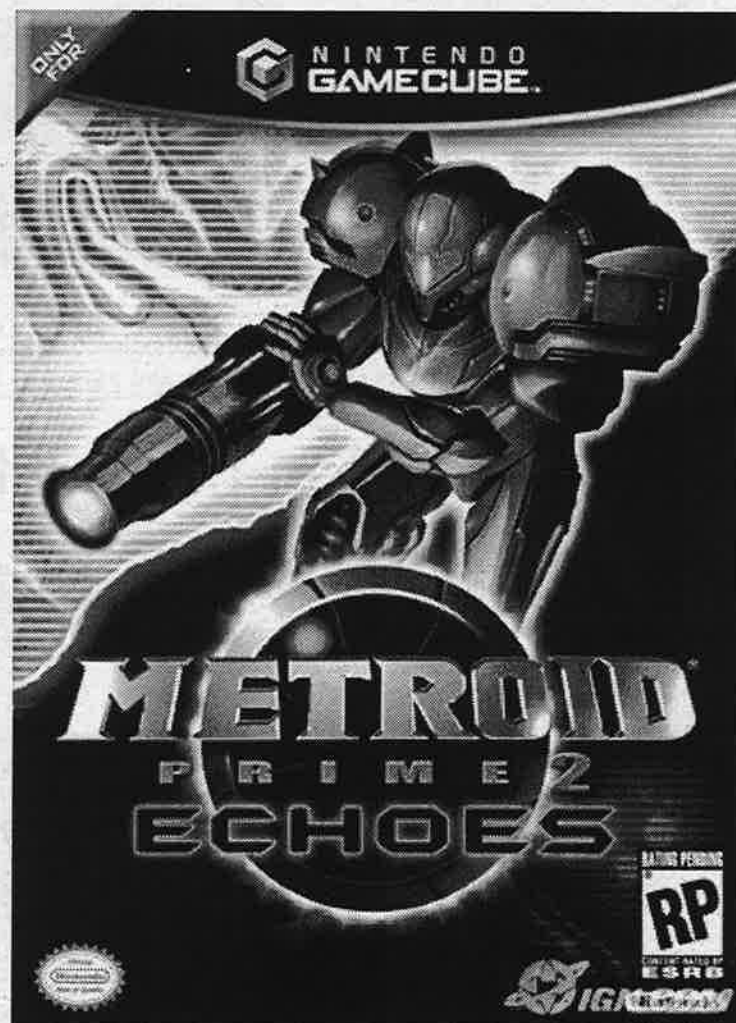
Metroid Prime 2: Echoes is a game that is going to challenge players to find everything there is to find out about in this game.

Metroid Hunters comes out as a game for the new Nintendo DS (Dual Screen). The Nintendo DS system features a new touch screen pad feature. The system allows for chatting with friends, as well as a four-player game option.

You can write or send pictures and it even has a calendar for keeping track of different things.

The system has a wireless up link so players don't need to actually be in view of someone in order to be able to send a message to them or to play against them.

The Nintendo DS is a system that definitely won't be able to stay on the shelves for long this holiday season.



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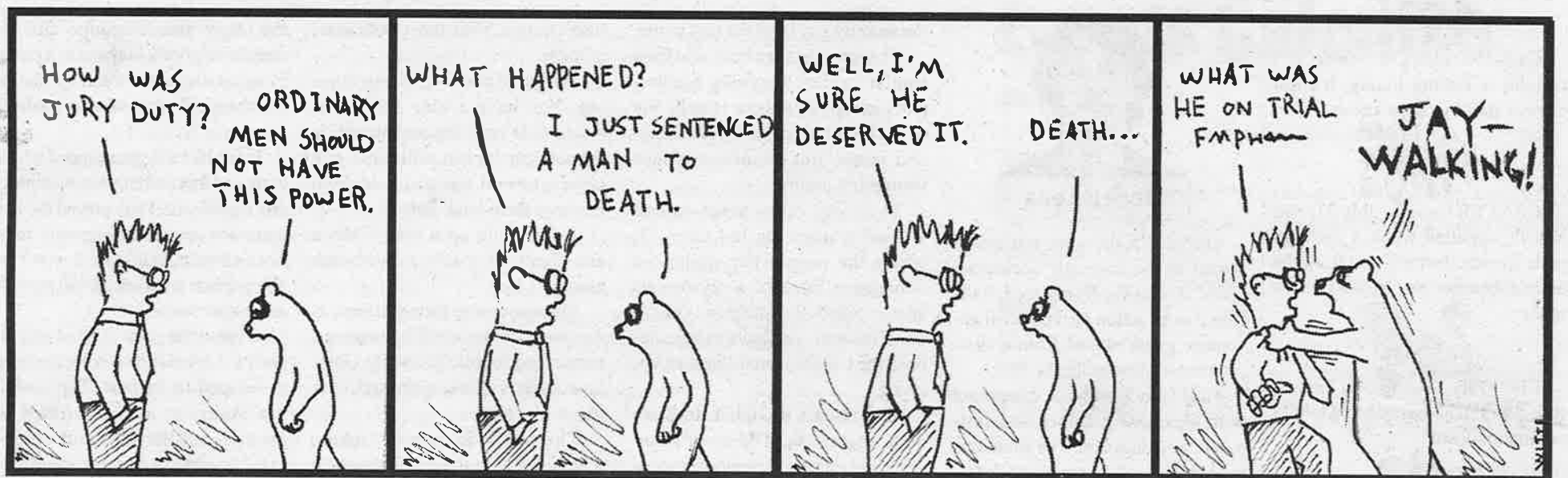
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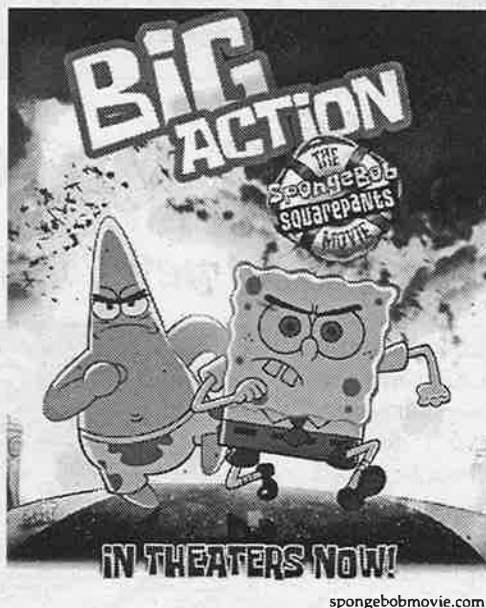
If you like the TV show or you are a cartoon nut in general, then you may enjoy *SpongeBob Squarepants The Movie*.

The film debuted high on the box office charts just under *National Treasure*, which took the top spot.

The movie starts out a little slow, but picks up the pace with the "bigger and better" attributes that we've come to expect from TV to theater transitions.

The plot goes something like this: King Neptune's crown has been stolen and it looks like the culprit was none other than Mr. Krabs, SpongeBob's boss.

SpongeBob and his trusty sidekick Patrick embark on a dangerous journey to



a place called 'Shell City' to recover the crown and save Mr. Krabs from King

Neptune's vengeance.

All of the characters from the show are featured, but some of the more prominent ones are pushed to the side making minimal appearances in the movie.

Some outside talent was used, Alec Baldwin and David Hasselhoff. Baldwin took on the role of Dennis the assassin fish while Hasselhoff actually appeared as himself, lifeguard suit and all.

Much of the movie, mostly the first half, seemed like nothing more than an extra long TV episode, except for the grand intro, which featured live action pirates, ship and all.

The first half was a little boring with some funny jokes, but not enough.

The latter half of the movie was when things began to pick up and get me laughing along with the other audience members, who were all adults strangely.

This movie should appeal to children

with its bright colors and sheer goofiness.

Teenagers and adults may enjoy some of the humor, especially when more pop culture references are used.

However, if you had no intention of seeing this movie or think that it is far below your status of cool to see such a film, then do not go see it. You won't like it. It's just as silly as you would imagine.

The film is mostly for kids, although it does throw in some humor for the teen and adult crowds.

I found certain parts of the movie to be funny, and overall I enjoyed my experience. *SpongeBob Squarepants*

The Movie is rated PG for some mildly crude humor and was released by Paramount Pictures, Viacom International Inc. and Nickelodeon Movies.

Watch an action-packed treasure hunt, 140 minutes of Nick Cage

By Felix Sanchez

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Jerry Bruckheimer does it again. With action movies like the 'Bad Boys' series and 'King Arthur' under his belt, Bruckheimer teams up with Walt Disney Studios in his newest action-packed movie 'National Treasure.'

Nicholas Cage stars as Benjamin Franklin Gate, a treasure hunter who is in search of the biggest treasure discovery ever.

At the start of the movie we are introduced to the family of Gates, through the youngest Gates.

A brief history is told to us during that time heading all the way back to the beginning during the age of the Egyp-

tians. And coming all the way up to present time of when the story was being told.

After the brief history, the movie jumps to present time where Gates and his team of explorers end up at the Arctic Circle where it turns out that there is a ship buried below the ice and snow.

Gates then discovers that the captain is in the cargo hold keeping something safe to make sure that others don't get to it.

When Gates' team is able to find out what the item is, it ends up being another clue leading to the world's biggest treasure ever.

Gates vast knowledge on the history of the world and certain aspects of history don't compare to what is taught in

modern day education.

The knowledge that Gates holds causes some turmoil among the group members as the group divides in two in search for the treasure, not knowing that the biggest key to that treasure is on the back of a document that solidified the US as an independent country.

Gates and his team head out to find the treasure and share it with the rest of the world as the other team tries to beat Gates to the punch and keep the treasure to themselves.

Chaos and comedy follow as the teams race against each other to find the treasure.

'National Treasure' is a movie that gives the audience an interesting look on some of this country's history without the boring lecture from a high school history teacher.

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