



FCC football team destroys first opponent

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Formaldehyde issue fizzles out

by **Matthew Mendez**
Rampage reporter

Construction crews finished sanitary repairs in the Fresno City College Math-Science building last month after nearly a year under state scrutiny due to hazardous chemicals circulating through the ventilation system.

Officials of the State Center Community College District

announced that a brand new ventilation system had been installed, along with the complete sterilization of the chemical storage area, on Aug. 2. Officials also said the building was safe for faculty and students, but Fresno City College's President, Ned Doffoney, said the situation will continue to be monitored.

The school replaced the building's exhaust system and vowed to replace a number of previously used chemicals with

less mephitic chemicals as well as promise to keep track of all specimens used in biology class.

The safety improvements came as a result of an investigation by the state Division of Occupational Safety and Health, which had received a complaint from several City College instructors. The complaint outlined a number of health related inequities: ventilation deficiencies; inadequate

controls of hazardous substances and regulated carcinogens; and exposure to formaldehyde.

The investigation drove Cal-OSHA to smack the district with a \$20,100 fine, which the State District is currently in the process of appealing. The district claims it was oblivious to any hazard or violation despite reports from teachers who work in the building that have been lobbying for a change for the

last 17 years. Dean Fryer, a spokesman for Cal-OSHA in San Francisco, said in a recent article in The Fresno Bee, "An appeal can take up to a year."

The most prominent chemical the investigation reported finding was formaldehyde, which the school was using as a preservative to store animals for future dissection. Formaldehyde is one of the

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ASG lobbies for bus passes

by **Tawana Morgan**
Rampage reporter

Can Fresno Area Express offer a solution to FCC parking problem? According to Associated Student Government and Patrick Stumpf, President of the ASG the answer is, yes.

The proposal: FCC students would be able to purchase a bus pass \$25-\$30 for a monthly pass on campus in the Business Office.

"Initially the proposal was denied but, we are still working out the kinks," Stumpf said. "If students and faculty are really interested in solving the problem ASG needs all the help it can get." The current student government counsel consists of eight members, which is the fewest number of students the school bylaws allow.

For this project, ASG needs students who are willing to help, by signing a petition inside the ASG office. The student Government plans on presenting the signatures to a city council member, or mayor Alan Autry, if a deal can not be worked out directly with FAX.

"What ever you do just get involved," Stumpf said. "If students really want a solution to the parking problem and are not able to commit the time, we are open to suggestions and can be reached at 442-8275."

ASG Meetings are held Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Senate Chambers (inside the Student Lounge) The time allotted to address the board on agenda and non agenda items is three minutes per item and a fifteen minute time limit.

For more information contact Gurdeep K. Sihota, Director of College Activities and Advisor for the Student Body Association at 265-5711 or e-mail: gurdeep.sihota@fresnocitycollege.edu (post e-mail Suggestions Parking) Associated Student Government Office located in Room SC-205 (Above the Bookstore).

Passing under



Photo by Daisy Rosas

Workers put final touches to complete FCC's new underpass. The underpass was started in the summer of 2004.

\$2.2 million underpass was inspired by two deaths and one injury in the last five years

by **Clare Godinho**
Rampage reporter

Fresno City College has a new underpass it can be proud of, with the completion of the project on schedule, and within budgetary confinements.

"It was a great project... the opening happened on time," said Tom Driscoll, Manager of Construction Services for the State Center Community College District.

Up against a tight agenda, contractors have worked since April, at all hours of the day, to complete Phase II

in order to meet the Aug. 15 deadline.

Phase I of the project began in the summer of 2004 thanks to the monetary assistance of \$1 million dollars from Caltrans, \$1.2 million dollars from SCCC, and an additional \$627,000 of local monies, collected from parking fee revenues.

"It sure changes the geography, and the perspective when you drive around here," Driscoll said.

The new underpass provides students with a safer means of getting on and off campus. After the death of two people and the accident of another in the last five years, former campus po-

lice chief Marvin Reyes' repeated petitions to The State Public Utilities Commission, and The Federal Crossing and Trespassing regional manager were finally heard. Both the State and the Feds "saw how many students we had crossing the tracks every day," said Brian Speece, Vice Chancellor from the SCCC, "it was a great project and they agreed to participate."

The SCCC and their engineers competed for state bond money, from Higher Education funds from Sacramento in 2002, and were awarded the

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FCC students receive \$70,000 in scholarships

by Tawana Morgan
Rampage reporter

Susi Nitzel, this year's student speaker at the scholarship awards banquet, received three scholarships to pursue an associate degree in anthropology.

The scholarships were awarded by the Anthropology Club, Don Wren Memorial Scholarship for Anthropology and the Fresno County Archaeological Society Scholarship.

Susi will receive her associate degree in Liberal Arts in May she will Graduate Phi Theta Kappa with Highest Honors and a perfect 4.0 GPA.

The highlight of the evening at the Fresno City College Awards Scholarship Banquet was student Susi Nitzel, who said during her speech, "Even though I began drinking and using drugs recreationally in high school, it was in my late twenties that I began to actively pursue such activities; going for my major in them, so to speak..

Susi was dignified in her delivery and spoke about dropping out of CSU Fresno and about her life experiences, which included battling a drug and alcohol addiction.

Four years ago, after getting the help she needed, she enrolled at Fresno City College and her life changed. Susi is also the 2005 Dean's Medillion winner in the Social Sciences Division; she plans to finish her bachelor's degree at California State University, Fresno.

Ultimately she would like to attend the University of Tennessee for her master's in Forensic Anthropology. Her goal is to work in the field of medical anthropology.

After overcoming personal setbacks she showed academic persistence and is an inspirational woman to many students and faculty alike. The 2005-06 scholarship recipients had a chance to thank their benefactors in person

"Wonderful event, good opportunity for students and donors to understand the real purpose of philanthropy,"

said Dr. Ned Doffoney, president of FCC.

The recipients received their scholarship awards from over 131 organizations and foundations for a variety of disciplines.

This year over \$70,000 will be distributed, the largest in FCC history, thanks to private donors. The private donors provide the funds yearly or through endowment accounts.

Register on line for a free scholarship search at www.wiredscholar.com, www.fastweb.com, and <http://search.cashe.com> (College Aid Sources

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Community College Foundation. For more information, contact Dr. Joan Edwards, executive director of the SCCC Foundation at 224-5991

The Fresno City College Scholarship Awards Banquet program included master of ceremonies Don Larson, Dr. Ned Doffoney, Dr. Joan Edwards, the SCCC Foundation Executive Director, and SCCC Foundation President Keith Kompsi.

Calendar of events

September

7	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Club Rush	Main Fountain Area
9	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	3 on 3 Basketball Tournament	Gym
14	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Transfer Day	College Mall
14	6 p.m.-9 p.m.	College Night	New Exhibit Hall, downtown Fresno
15	9 a.m.-2 p.m.	Allied Health Job Fair	Cafeteria, Student Lounge, Free Speech Area
16	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Latin American Month opening celebration	Free Speech Area
19	11 a.m.-3 p.m.	Film: "Hotel Rwanda"	Student Lounge
20	11 a.m.	Speakers Forum presents Paul Rusesabagina	Gym
20-Oct. 20		Drawing Matters	Art Space Gallery
21	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Fall Job Fair	Cafeteria, Free Speech Area, College Mall



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August 31, 2005

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Underpass: Structure was on time, under budget, and caused no major jams

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grant. Once funding was available, Burlington Northern came in and helped by designing the bridge in 2004, and building the bridge in April of 2005. This job was done in between the trains, so that train service was never interrupted.

As far as the police and traffic on campus are concerned, the new underpass brought a pleasant surprise.

"We had some backups on the first day of school, but by 9:30 a.m. they were all gone," police lieutenant Ron Watson said. The normal push to find a parking spot when classes let out was still present, and expected, but by Tuesday, there was a significant drop in the number of cars on campus, because students found alternative means of getting to school. The trend continued on into the following week where even fewer cars were brought onto campus.

"We were really worried about the delivery trucks, but the engineers did it right," Lt. Watson said, referring to the

angle of the left-hand turn heading under the train tracks to get out to Blackstone Avenue. "We haven't had one problem, we lucked out."

Each of the sidewalks is going to take turns being closed the week of Sept. 12 for the shotcrete job to be done. They will keep one sidewalk open for student access throughout this process.

The sidewalk design is elevated off the road for safety, and will soon be getting fences to ensure people can't get from the pedestrian walkway to the road. The road had to be a lot deeper than the



Photo by Daisy Rosas

A sign near the railroad crossing on Weldon Avenue points toward the new underpass. This is where Deondrae Mullin died a year ago, and is now closed permanently.

walkway because of ADA requirements, allowing for easy passage both down and up the underpass. Trees and shrubs are also scheduled to be put in.

Speeding along the underpass, which was designed in the first place for student safety, has been quite a concern for campus police. Both the City of Fresno, and campus police will have their radar officers out, periodically throughout the year, citing people who drive in excess of the posted speed limit of 15 mph.

"There are a lot of

people walking back and forth, and we can't afford to have people driving through there at 35 mph around that curve," Lt. Watson said.

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony Friday, Sept. 23, at 11:00 at the corner of the parking lot where the ramp starts down toward the underpass. Caltrans dignitaries are coming to dedicate the underpass.

There are other upcoming projects to look forward to.

"We have another \$2.2 million dollars from measure E in our local bond monies, to add additional parking," Speece said. SCCC plans to build a parking lot in conjunction with the Old Administration Building restoration project. This project is scheduled to be completed by 2009.

Seventy-five to 100 parking stalls are also scheduled to be made available upon the completion of the construction in Lot S. A small lot will increase parking options for the SCCC office and campus police station as well.

Students to get help on Transfer Day

by Matthew Mendez
Rampage reporter

There are at least two noteworthy events in September that every student looking to better their current situation (and who isn't) needs to be aware of: Transfer Day and the Allied Health Job Fair.

Transfer Day will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 14. This is a chance for students who are unfamiliar or intimidated by the whole transferring process to get more acquainted with a four-year university.

All nine UC campuses will be represented, as well as several California State Universities and independent universities.

The event is much like a college carnival, with each school trying to sell its programs to worthy students.

School representatives will be looking to promote newly available majors like out-of-work Hollywood hopefuls pitching another bad movie script to an annoyed superproducer. Their selling points will include housing options, local recreational events and hang outs, job opportunities and anything else that may persuade a student to apply for ad-

mission to their school.

Attending schools will also provide transfer materials, and attempt to illustrate exactly how a student goes about transferring to a new university. Tips will include requirements for General Education and GPA.

Leticia S. Canales, coordinator and counselor for Fresno City College's Transfer Center, described the single day event as "One of the biggest events of the year, especially for students looking to transfer for the Fall 2006 semester,"—her message to all students: "This is the one event you should not miss."

Transfer Day will be held at the College Mall, which is the main strip of land from the front fountain to the bookstore; it begins at 9 a.m. and will conclude at 1 p.m.

The Allied Health Job Fair, which is being held in the Fresno City College cafeteria on Sept. 15, isn't being limited to students hoping to enter a career in health science—although it may be limited to students with deep pockets.

According to the Employment Resource Center, FCC has well over 500 students in their allied health programs—including more than 350 nursing students.

Fresno City College is regarded as having one of the best nursing programs in the state; a propitious program that is also one of the largest in the nation.

Other allied health programs at FCC are Health Information Technology, Radiological Technology, Dental Hygiene, Clinical Medical Assistant, Contemporary Health, Respiratory Care Practitioner and Surgical Technology.

However, students interested in working in these such fields aren't the only ones who can benefit from the Job Fair.

"A hospital is like a little city," said Sean Henderson, Coordinator for the Employment Resource Center, "besides nurses and doctors, you have security guards, maintenance crews, the janitors and many other jobs."

Many hospitals have daycare centers and hospital volunteer programs, where people (usually students) can volunteer and provide various auxiliary services.

The Allied Health Job Fair begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m. on Thursday Sept. 15. The fee to attend the Job Fair is \$150 and includes a parking permit, a table with tablecloth, two chairs, continental breakfast and catered lunch.

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OSHA: District was fined twice for chemical fumes



Photo by Daisy Rosas
 SCCCD has spent \$155,000 to upgrade the fume hoods in the Math/Science building. Students and staff had reported medical problems stemming from chemical fumes in the building.

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more common indoor air pollutants, and if inhaled, it can cause irritation to the eyes and mucous membranes, resulting in an intense burning sensation in the throat, severe headaches, diffi-

culty breathing and watery eyes. Formaldehyde can be fatal if imbibed; the solution converts to formic acid once inside the body, creating an acidic increase in the blood and may possibly result in comatoseness or death.

Cal-OSHA inspectors

were denied entrance into the Math-Science building on May 18 before their first attempt at performing a second investigation into the complaints of substandard ventilation. During a meeting on May 20, the district agreed to allow the investigators

into the building; however, on that same day, state officials obtained a subpoena from a Fresno County Supreme Court judge forcing the college to let inspectors inside. The warrant stated that the condition of the building was "not in conformance with the requirements for maintenance of a safe and healthful workplace."

Investigators were finally able to commence their official inspection on May 23. Three inspectors, one of them a district manager for the Concord office of the state Division of Occupational Safety and Health, spent two days interrogating college officials about the school's storage of laboratory specimens, as well as how it took care of the preservative that specimens were packaged with. They observed minor details by scouring the depths of every cabinet in the laboratories, and paid great attention to major cleansing procedures when they studied a contractor as he removed preserved specimens for disposal.

That investigation led to yet another fine, this time for failing to notify employees within 15 days of formaldehyde monitoring results and failure to provide adequate headroom in the Forum Hall office area. The school's offices were 6 feet 8 inches from the floor to the ceiling; regulation height is 7

feet. These and two other infractions (failing to mount, locate and identify portable fire extinguishers and failing to provide sufficient training for employees who come in contact with asbestos) cost the district another \$2,340.

The ordeal started on Oct. 15 of last year, when the chemistry department shut down labs for the following week. Faculty had complained about the storage of chemicals and substances such as cadmium and mercury.

Cadmium is a relatively rare, soft, bluish-white transition metal occurring primarily in copper, zinc and lead ores. Mercury is a silvery-white metallic element used in thermometers, vapor lamps and, like cadmium, in batteries. Both elements are extremely toxic even in low concentrations; cadmium is one of the few elements that has no constructive purpose in the human body. Inhaling cadmium laden will quickly result in respiratory tract and kidney problems that can turn fatal. If ingested, it causes immediate damage and poisoning to the liver and kidneys.

Over the last two and a half years, the district has spent \$155,000 to make improvements to the fume hoods that expel gasses into laboratories where students are working and eliminate excess odors.

Brian Speece, the associate vice chancellor for business operations, said at the time of the first investigation, "Chemical odors exist because hoods aren't completely enclosed, and the college doesn't have fire-proofed vaults for storage."

At least one staff member and several students who frequently used the laboratories around that time reported health problems relating to formaldehyde gas usage in a number of the school's science courses.

Nearly every teacher or school official The Rampage contacted for an interview, including the president of the State Center teacher's union and the department chairman, did not respond to emails, letters or phone calls. A few teachers who frequent the Math-Science building responded with "no comment at this time."

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health has a specific limit on the amount of formaldehyde concentration that is secured for those in the labs.

Last year The Rampage reported that Fresno City's formaldehyde concentration was at certain points four times over the required level of 0.1-ppm (parts per million) in indoor science facilities.

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Folk Dance class a unique opportunity

by Nigel Wojtak
Rampage reporter

The Mexican Folk Dance class, instructed by Dr. Maria Guadalupe Castro-Paramo Ph.D., is a unique, co-gender class in which students learn the culture and dance of the Mexican heritage.

Even though Fresno City College is the only institution that provides this kind of class in the state of California, scares of money loss and discouraged students might make this culturally charged class unavailable.

Mexican Folk Dance class is a five-hour class involving two hours of lecture and three hours of movement. The two hours of lecture include slides, videos and presenting of costumes, provided by Dr. Castro-Paramo, to teach the students the history and culture they are learning dances from. The following three hours included learning the choreography of the different dances ultimately to perform them. Dr. Castro-Paramo is also working with Arturo Amaro to change the number of units that the class offers so that students are not discouraged when they see a five-hour class that is only three units. Students that are interested in enrolling in the class should talk to Dr. Castro-Paramo by the end of the semester to request a form with her signature to make registration less of a hassle.

"I start the semester with the history before the arrival of the Spaniards, then I follow with

the impact the Spaniards had on costumes, dance and culture," said Dr. Castro-Paramo.

There are two separate classes. Beginner classes meet on Mondays and advanced classes meet Wednesdays. However, there are no auditions to determine whether the student is advanced or beginner. The student can decide which class they would do best in based on past education in Mexican folk dancing. Beginners' classes include all of the same criteria as the advanced class, except beginners learn bits and pieces of different dances from different regions and the advanced class learns four different dances from one region. The semester includes four papers and reading from students and they are tested on the meanings of symbols, colors and costumes. The class is more than just dancing, it's "living history", as Dr. Castro-Paramo says.

On May 7, 2005 the class performed at Noche de Danza Mexicana to a sold-out show. Dr. Castro-Paramo hopes to see the same kind of success next year. However, in order to give performances money is needed for the expensive, ethnic costumes that are used. Money was given to the class from Fresno City College the first year that Dr. Castro-Paramo was employed at FCC, August of 2002, but that money has since been spent. Classes are raising money by selling tacos on school rush dates and

donations for performances. The class will sell tacos on their first fund raising date on Sept. 7. If you would like to help raise funds for the Mexican Folk Dance classes you can attend meetings on either Monday or

Wednesday at 5 PM.

Other goals for the class include putting together a performance group of dancers from the advanced class.

"Fresno State has a one hour class with a performing

group and FCC has a five hour class with no performing group," said Dr. Castro-Paramo, "I would like a performing group that is bigger than life."



Photo by Vivienne Henry

Above: The beginning Mexican Folk dance class rehearses a militaristic ritual dance called 'Matlachines'. The dance comes from San Luis Potosi.



Photo by Daisy Rosas

Above: Joyita Gil (left), Eduardo Rodriguez (center), and Faviola Perez (right) rehearse a dance called 'Huapango', which is from Tamaulipas. They are in the advanced Mexican Folk dance which will perform here on FCC's campus to celebrate Latin Heritage Month on Sept. 16th.

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Shooting their way to the top

Fresno City College goes through their final preparations before the season begins Sep 10.

By Joseph Rios
Rampage Reporter

You can tell a lot about the physicality of a sport just by standing in the gym hallway when practices are ending.

The tall lanky built basketball players come out of practice laughing and joking amongst themselves. They argue over whether they should go to Home Town Buffet or just have some home cooking.

Just then a wrestler comes flying out the wrestling room barely able to breathe then flops onto the floor with his chest rising up and down in exhaustion. A few more come out panting. They lean against the wall while they catch their breath.

Their shirts are drenched. Either they just had a wet t-shirt contest or one tough workout.

It is the beginning of the season and many of these guys haven't stepped onto the mat since the end of last season.

"We develop a culture of hard work," said head coach Jared Smith.

"They understand that when they come into our room. They are going to hurt. They're going to do things they never thought possible. Whether they start for me or only wrestle one match, they'll walk out of here a better man."

When you venture into the wrestling room, either accidentally or on purpose, the first thing you notice is the smell.

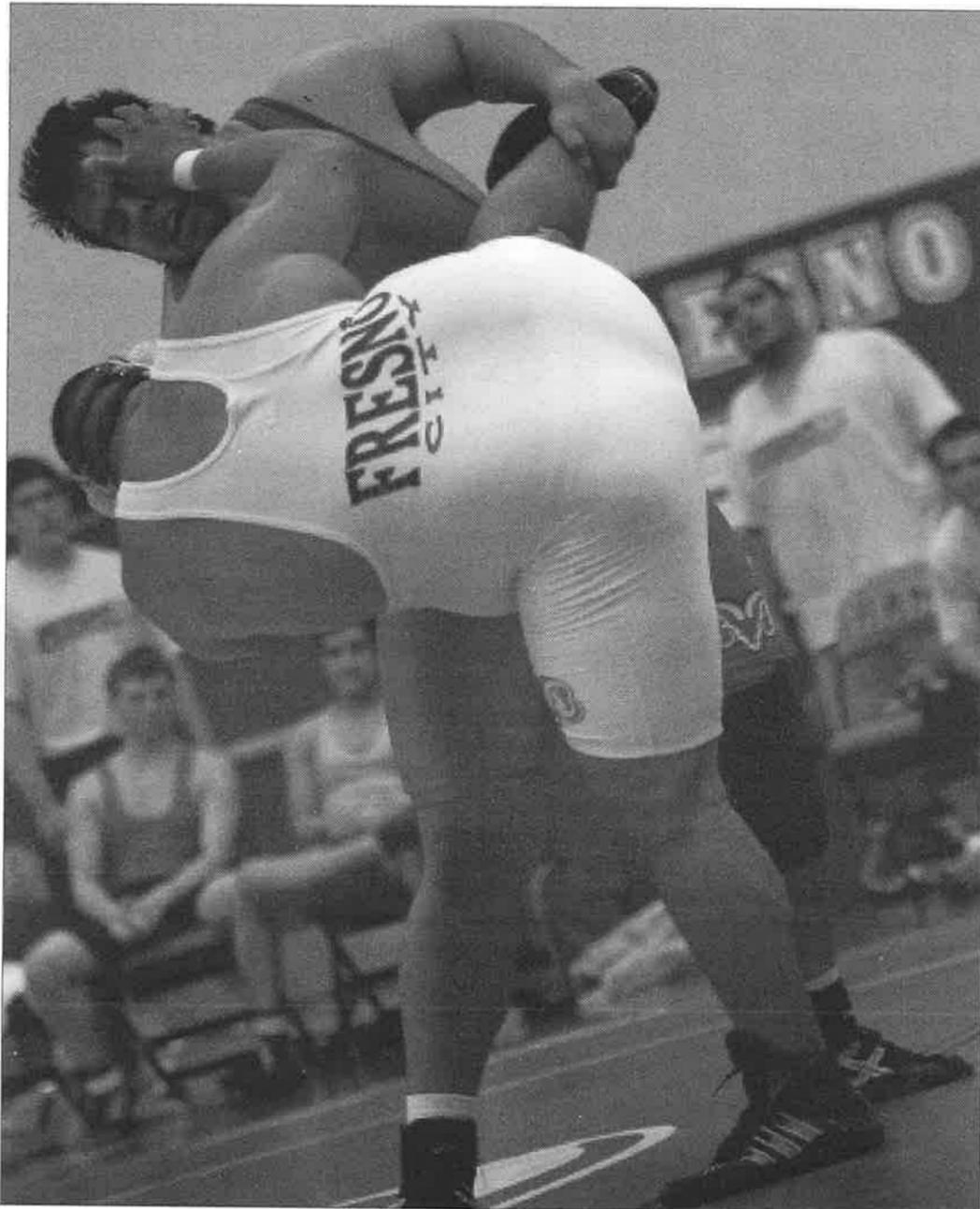
It's what Mean Joe's towel must have smelled like after a game - or maybe his jock strap. The room has a musty odor; it's a stench you can almost feel in the air. But nobody seems to mind.

Out on the mat are about eight pairs of guys sparring with one another.

By the end of the grueling practice, the wrestlers are so spent it looks more like rolling around than wrestling.

Although the guys still show spurts of fire, their faces show fatigue as their mouths droop open and their arms hang loosely at their sides.

When coach calls for



Edgar Deleon (foreground) is taken to the mat by Luis Leyva (background) during one of the matches at the Red vs. White scrimmage in the FCC gym on Sept. 3.

Photo By Daisy Rosas

them to bring it in, one guy takes a step toward coach then heads for the throw-up bucket to relieve himself while Smith ends practice.

All of this will change, though, as the season continues. They will get into wres-

ting shape with time.

Smith is looking forward to the talent in this year's group. With the State Championships being held in Fresno this year, the Rams have the advantage in vying for the title in front of a

home crowd.

"I don't care where it is; I want to win it," said Smith. "It would be especially sweet to win it here. That's our goal. It's extremely important that our kids know that that's our goal:

to be champions here at home."

Fresno City has a hand full of guys returning to the roster that will help lead them in the quest for a state championship.

"This year's squad is pretty tough," said Smith. "We lost a few good guys. But, we replaced them with some transfers and some red shirt guys."

Sabi Singh who placed fourth in the 125-pound weight class of state finals last season and Brian Wedstone a heavyweight who finished eighth will be returning as well.

"My goal is to win state," said Singh. "Last year I got hurt and I came back but I wasn't in top shape. I did good, but not as good as I wanted to. It made me hungry to work harder this year and show what I'm really made of."

"I think a lot of guys are going to step up this year because we're hungry and we want it," said Singh. "We're not about getting second or third we're all thinking about getting first every time."

FCC also picked up Fresno State transfer William Griffin. Griffin who is slated to wrestle at the 184-pound division and could quite possibly jump up to the 197 slot for the Rams.

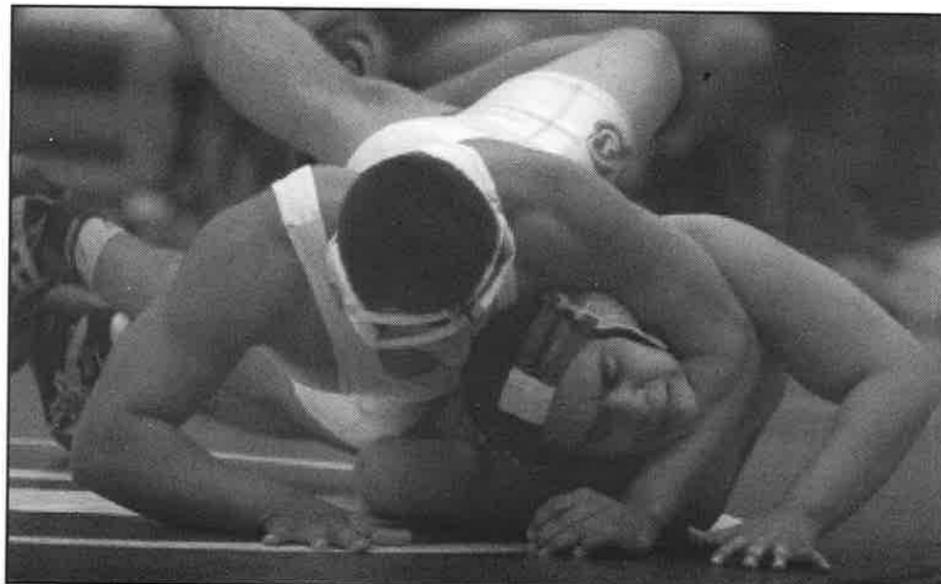
"He's solid," said Smith. "He had a couple good years at Fresno State. He'll be very good for us. I expect to see a lot of good things out of him."

Another wrestler Smith is excited about is Sinai Pizzat. Sinai is a wrestler from Farmersville that red shirted last season for the Rams.

His older brother Yasser Pizzat was a two time state champion at FCC and now a graduate assistant under Smith.

"Growth wise, I am very impressed with [Sinai]," Smith said. "I think he is really going to surprise a lot of people."

The Rams first regular season match is Sept. 10 at the Palomar Dual in San Marcos at 5 pm.



Jimmy Gallegos (top) tries to apply a submission hold on Abel Espinoza (bottom) during the Red vs. White scrimmage. The Rams first dual of the season is Sep. 10

Photo By Daisy Rosas

Flying high against Feather River

The Rams amass 422 total yards as they win their season opener on Sept. 3.

By David Witte

Rampage Reporter

When Fresno City College defensive back Ivy Jones picked up a fumble ten yards from the end zone Sept. 3, he saw an opening.

"I saw the ball pop out on the ground," he said. "My eyes got wide, and I knew I was to the house."

What he couldn't have known at the time was that his touchdown on the fumble recovery was just the first of many plays by a stifling Rams defense.

FCC kicked off its 2005 campaign with a 41-12 victory over Feather River College, led by a defense that allowed only two big plays.

The first came when Feather River's A.J. Montano found a wide open Kevin Murray for a 54-yard foot race touchdown, followed by a missed extra point. It was Montano's only completion of the day, and Murray's only reception.

"The best thing was that we regrouped from it," said FCC defensive back Andre Jones. "We didn't let that one play take us down, we didn't get on each other or nothing like that. That's when we got

to come together even tighter."

FCC scored another defensive touchdown midway through the third quarter, when Feather River quarterback Rudy Artuyo avoided going down in his own end zone for a sack, only to fumble the ball. Linebacker Joey Palacio jumped on the ball for the touchdown.

Three Feather River quarterbacks combined to complete five out of 11 passes, compiling only 83 yards.

"We knew this wasn't really a passing team," Andre said. "But we didn't want to underestimate them either. We saw they couldn't pass on us, and they weren't that effective on the run, so we just came together and made sure we made our tackles and played our assignments correctly."

On offense, Jeff Schott completed 20 of 33 passes for 225 yards, but he did throw two interceptions and no touchdowns.

"They did a good job, their punter pinned us," Feather River head coach Rob Cushman said, referring to two punts by FCC's Terrence Brown that were downed in-

side the Golden Eagles' 5-yard line.

The highlight of the game came late in the first quarter, when Schott launched a bomb into double-coverage. Wide receiver DonShay Warren leaped into the air and snatched the ball from the two defenders, then fell on the 2-yard line.

Jose Rojas took the next play for a 2-yard touchdown run.

Backup quarterback Stanley Nhipali showed his ability to escape would-be tacklers when he ducked under a defender's tackle, and shot a 22-yard strike to Ryan Hudgins in the end zone.

The Golden Eagles spread the running game to 11 rushers, who combined for 124 yards on 35 carries, led by Brylee Callendar, who had 90 yards.

"We run the football," Cushman said. "I mean, we led the state in rushing last year. We have to improve that first."

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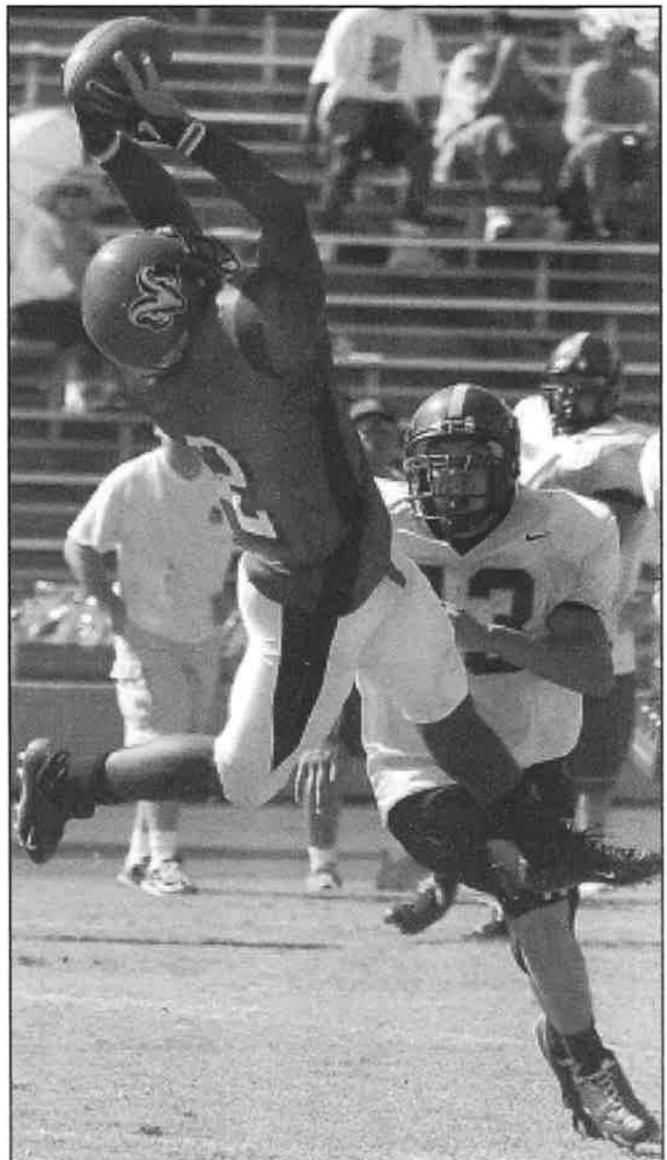


Photo By Daisy Rosus

FCC's Ryan Hudgins (2) leaps to make an acrobatic catch for a touchdown against Feather River's Kael Johnson at the end of the third quarter on Sept. 3.

Hotel Rwanda: A lesson to be learned



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Flying: Rams score 41 points in season opener

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Callendar gained most of those yards on a 70-yard touchdown run down the sideline in the third quarter, closing the score to 27-12. Feather River went for the two-point conversion, and failed on the rollout.

A full third of Feather

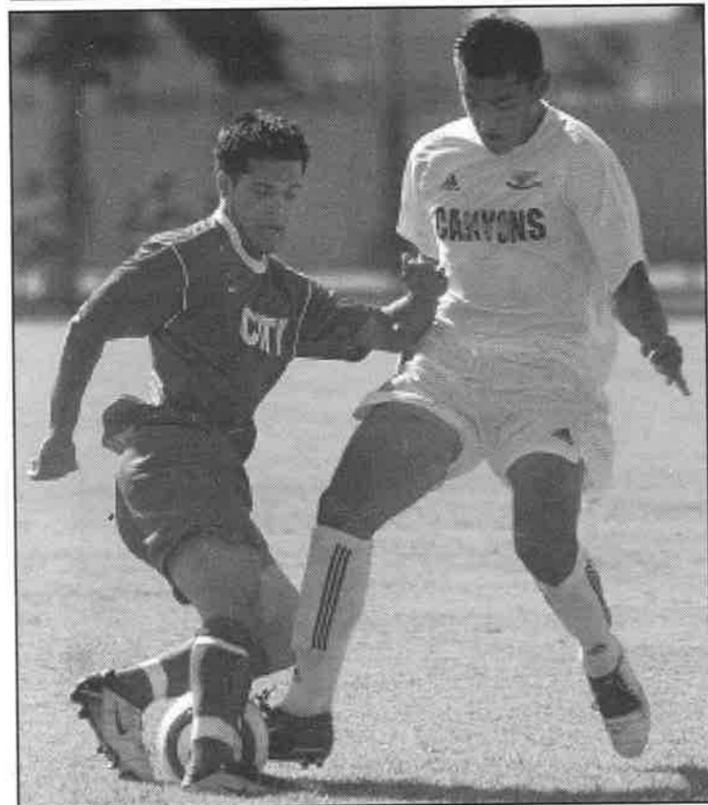
River's offensive yards were gained by FCC penalties, something the Rams struggled with all day.

"Being that it was the first game of the season, we were tired of hitting each other," Andre said. "We finally see a different-colored jersey, and it's just the heat of

the moment, you know."

The Rams gave away 120 yards on 10 penalties.

"The first game was a little sloppy on both sides," Cushman said. "They're a good football team. Their defense did a good job against us, and we were our own worst enemy."



Right: Heather Mathos (center) weaves her way around two College of the Canyons defenders during FCC's 2-0 victory on Aug 31. Coming off their best season in recent years, the women are picking up where they left off by shutting out their first two opponents in the '05 campaign with Sabrina Lawrence in the box as Kerri Ward, who played goalkeeper for the Rams last season, received a full scholarship to Cal State Fullerton.

Photos by Daisy Rosas

Above: FCC's Raul Gomez dribbles the ball through Canyons defender Nick Garcia on Aug. 31. Canyons starting goalie Eric Cordova sustained an injury five minutes into the game which allowed the Rams to unload on reserve goalie John Vedin as FCC compiled six goals in a 6-1 victory.



Upcoming Events

Football

Sept. 10, 3 p.m. vs. Chabot

Sept. 17, 2 p.m. at C.C.S.F

Men's Soccer

Sept. 9, 3:30 p.m. at Las Positas

Sept. 13, 4 p.m. vs. Allan Hancock

Women's Soccer

Sept 9, 2 p.m. vs Bakersfield

Sept. 10, 11 a.m. vs Cuesta College

Women's Volleyball

Sept 9, 5 p.m. at West Valley

Sept. 10, 11 a.m. at Foothill

Women's Golf

Sept 13, 12 noon at Visalia

Sept 15, 12 noon at Modesto

X-Country

Sept 10, 8 a.m. at Woodward Park

Sept 18, TBA at Sacramento

Wrestling

Sept 10, 5 p.m. Palomar Dual

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Underpass - good or bad?

Worth any kind of inconvenience and money

The underpass is not worth the loss of parking spots.



by **Eddie Ortiz**
Rampage reporter

Among the major construction that Fresno City College has been undergoing lately is the underpass.

Finally, after more than one incident, the tracks on campus will not have to be crossed anymore but we can go and drive through an underpass.

Now, some may not agree with the project because of numerous reasons such as: we lost parking spots.

First of all, considering that people died while crossing the tracks, losing a few spots is a minor sacrifice. Besides, once construction is finished we will get some 70 parking spaces back.

A railroad underpass is an improvement FCC can use since three students have already tragically been killed crossing the tracks. One girl, a male student and a football player have lost their lives in the past few years.

Recently another female student of Fresno City College was badly injured in a similar accident.

Now that we have the underpass we can rest knowing no lives will have to be claimed just from crossing a railroad. This subject might seem small and insignificant to some but I promise you, it is not.

As soon as one person had lost their life on the tracks this problem should have been in the forefront and resolved sooner.

The tracks running through campus is an important issue that we must address together. It is crucial to remember that we are the generation of tomorrow and we should show that we care about more than MTV or HipHop.

We should show that we care about things happening around the world and especially on our campus.

The underpass is by no means a sacrifice or even an inconvenience but a pure salvation. Whenever there is a choice between life and death you should always choose life.

I encourage every student on campus to not only look at this project as an improvement but I also encourage students to get involved, have your voice heard. Join the Associated Student Government!

Let's be a "do-generation," a generation that doesn't sit on the sidelines. Let us be the ones everyone looks up to.

In the end, we will get some parking spots back anyway, and since this railroad underpass will prevent students from getting injured or killed while crossing the tracks, it is worth all the time, effort, money and hard work.



by **Christine Haeussling**
Rampage reporter

Finally, the underpass. While some FCC students do not have any clue ("Underpass? Never heard of it, this is my first semester."), others seem to be obsessed, whether they are for or against it. I am against it albeit not so much that I would not use it. But it was not necessary.

Yes, some people died crossing the tracks on campus. Of course that is tragic, however it happened. Meanwhile, how many people did daily cross the tracks without getting hurt? Yeah, cars had to wait at the tracks when a train passed. Now that is not the case anymore but instead we have a little intersection with three stop signs. This will also make people wait during rush hour on campus, believe me. Already makes them wait, I should say.

I do not think the underpass was necessary. Even students who are not coming to class in their own car know that there are not quite as many parking spots

as we would like to have and use. Now guess what: the underpass took a few more from the some 3,000 parking spots we had, for the roughly 10,000 students who buy a parking permit every semester.

Once people realize that there is a convenient underpass north of McKinley they might, if they are in a hurry, try to cruise through campus instead of waiting at the crossing. We probably do not need more traffic on campus, people just trying to get through as fast as possible.

Although I have no classes this semester on the east side of the tracks, I noticed something: The way for pedestrians is a lot longer than before and I do not think that many people get their car just to drive through the underpass. After all, possible time gained with this maneuver would be lost again, looking for a parking spot on the other side.

As I wrote in an article about the parking situation last semester, there will be more parking lots for Fresno City College. In the year 2009, that is, after the reconstruction of several buildings, including the old administration building, finished. The new lots will be on the lawn behind the old administration building where the bungalows are now.

Could we have not skipped digging the underpass, instead focused on the reconstruction so the parking might be here a little earlier? Not that I plan on attending FCC for four more years but I feel with my fellow future students. I don't believe that the parking problem will mysteriously solve itself until then.

Campus Voices

by Theresa Carr, photos by Jennifer Schmidt

Do you think the railroad underpass was a good idea? Why?



Tiffany Hoagland
Photography

"Yeah, I think it's a good idea because it's less dangerous."



Richard Lee
General Ed

"Yeah, Should've been done a long time ago when they built the school."



Rodney Brown
Business Admin.

"I think it was a good idea because the train won't hold up the traffic anymore."



Alyssa Garcia
Criminology

"Yes, because you don't have to walk all the way around to get to the other side."



Mandy Gospodnetich
Pharmacology

"I think it's a good idea because it's the only street that's not a one-way street to get on to Blackstone."

Eavesdropping

For years, I have been writing down quotes of people I talk to, or people I don't even know. Since I consider a lot of it very funny, I am so generous as to share it with you.

Christine: "Danny, what happened to your dreads?"

Danny: "I cut them off. Well, I first cut one off and I dissected it and I was like 'Eww!'"

Paul Gilmore: "If we had some eggs, we

could have some ham and eggs, if we had some ham."

While I was sitting at Starbucks in Tower District, I listened to a conversation next to me and heard a guy say: "If you're having a drinking contest with Shawn.. (meaningf (meaningful pause) You're not gonna make it."

DJ: "Well, yeah, without the whole lowering my standards- thing: I wanna get laid."

When I said that the population of my German hometown is only 20,000, some American guys were really amused.

Chris: "Come on, 20,000 people, might have it's own airport."

James: "Yeah, for paper-planes!"

In Santa Cruz, a big poster in a surf store read: "Sanity is overrated. Keep your screws loose."

I never heard about Germans being a "camper-nation" until some guy asked

me: "What part of the German anthem is about the RVs?"

Marc: "A 200-piece silverware-set, who's gonna put that together?"

Curt: "You slammin' beers?"

Christine: "No. Just enjoying A beer."

Curt: "Followed by A-nother beer and then A-nother beer."

Johnny: "That's not weird. It's totally sick is what that is."

by Christine Haeussling

Evolution is a theory, not fact



by Mike Read

Hi!

Evolution is not science. The theory of evolution has just been taught long enough and in a manner that has caused students to accept it (and teachers to teach it) as a scientific explanation for our origins.

In reality the jumps of faith and logic which must be taken to give evolution validity are no less wide or reasonable than that of my Christian faith. Yet evolution is the first state-funded religion.

Follow me as I start this by trying to clear the haze on

two very important terms. The first is macro-evolution, the process that would occur over a long span of time where a dog, for example, would eventually produce something that is not a dog. This is not science because it has never been observed or repeated. It is based on belief.

Next is micro-evolution, a process that creates variation within species. This means cats produce a variety of cats, for example, or roses produce a variety of roses. This is science because it is observable and can be seen repeatedly in nature. It is based on facts.

I have not found sound evidence supporting macro-evolution. Yet through dozens of examples of variations within species, we are somehow led to believe that these are grounds for macro-evolution. It does not make sense.

A leap of faith must be made in order to make the con-

nection. The whole theory of evolution rests on this leap but somehow it has been deemed worthy to be taught in our schools.

Adolf Hitler once said that if you tell a lie long enough, loud enough, and often enough the people will believe it. And it is with this that my point comes to focus. This theory is the only one being presented in text books which inherently gives the impression that it is the only logical hypothesis for our existence.

An organized movement has begun as a viable option for determining the origin of humans and this universe. Rivaling the theory of macro-evolution, the theory of intelligent design is being pushed forward by many scholars and scientists in opposition to the theory of macro-evolution.

"[Intelligent design] is

controversial because of the implications of its evidence rather than the significant weight of its evidence."

(www.intelligentdesignnetwork.org)

Intelligent design focuses on the scientific process of design detection.

And it is with these implications that I say the patterns and complexities of this world scream for a creator.

All the physical laws and a completely structured universe of galaxies, systems, stars, plants, moons orbiting in perfect balance and order beg the question: "Where did it come from?"

I admit being biased on my reasoning but let me answer that both, the theory of intelligent design and the theory of evolution, take faith.

Neither can be proven. I think it is wrong for the theory of evolution to be presented as

fact without allowing intelligent design to also be debated.

These are important issues that demand your examination. A well of knowledge is out there waiting for you to tap. Seek, learn, and understand.

I encourage you to come learn with me. You can find me in the Rampage newsroom Monday and Wednesday from 1 to 1.50 p.m.

Anybody thinking they do have sound evidence please e-mail me at spiiikemiike@hotmail.com.

There is a major debate emerging in the U.S. on whether schools should teach the theory of intelligent design as well as Darwin's theory of evolution.

As a devout Christian, I believe the theory of evolution, which has been taught as a factual explanation of our origins, needs to be balanced by also teaching the theory of intelligent design.

Are we really looking for Osama?

One of the best scams ever: distracting from Osama bin Laden by fighting Saddam Hussein.



by Matthew T. Mendez

I think it's safe to say we all can remember where we were the day those commercial jets heaved themselves in our nation's financial and military headquarters.

That historical event ferociously rocked whatever sense of security we had as the world's last superpower. Hopefully, that day hasn't become just a distant memory in the minds of those living in California.

The four-year-anniversary of 9/11 is approaching, and Dr. Ayman al-Zawahiri and Osama bin Laden aren't finished with us yet—not by a long shot.

To make matters worse, our representatives in Washington aren't in touch with the everyday citizens of America, but there's nothing new or unusual about that. The problem is, it doesn't seem like enough of the suits working selfishly in our nation's capital care about us common folk—or much for our opinions.

Recent polls show that President Bush's approval rating is rapidly falling below 40%, and the country's view toward the war in Iraq has been below that percentage for months now.

However, there doesn't seem to be any mention of that when

we hear anyone from the administration give us another one of their unctuous, upbeat sound bytes.

"Our nation has given so much to the Iraqi people, and what are they giving us in return?" Senator John W. Warner (R-Va.), the Chairman of the Armed Service Committee, said to Secretary of State Donald H. Rumsfeld while asking him to testify in front of Congress.

Wow.

Anyone up for a debate? I know of about a couple million people living in Iraq who would beg to differ.

Granted, there is a substantial amount of Iraqis who are siding with the Americans (roughly 75%; 40% Sunni), but how many of them believe their country is a safer place today than it was before the day al-Qaida launched 19 of their men into the U.S.' conscience—along with sending nearly 3,000 unsuspecting people to their squishy deaths?

To get a clearer perspective, let's take a look at how things have changed since the 2003 invasion of Iraq.

There are more wealthy Iraqis today than before 2003, and a new stock market is actually trading billions of shares a month.

There were absolutely no commercial TV or radio stations during Saddam Hussein's regime; today there are at least 23 and 80 commercial broadcast stations respectively. There were only eight independent newspapers and magazines prior to U.S. occupation—there were 170 by the end of May

2005.

On the flip side, the unemployment rate and the availability of electricity has sharply declined since the days of the Baathist regime. However, the real permutation of Iraq can be revealed by tallying up body counts.

There was a monthly average of zero foreign civilians killed by May of 2003 (the first full month after the fall of Baghdad); by June 2004, that average skyrocketed to 22 foreign civilians killed per month. Thankfully, that average has been cut in half, as the monthly mean now stands at 11.

There was an average of 25 Iraqi civilians killed by warfare during Hussein's reign, and now that average is up to a prodigious 600 a month. Insurgents attack either American forces or their own people at an insane rate of 70 times a day. The estimated ratio of insurgents to foreign fighters is 16:1 (in thousands).

Everyday the American military confirms the death of at least one more U.S. soldier, and usually they release three or four names due to roadside bombings being the enemy's weapon of choice. As of Sept. 5, 2005, the number of confirmed U.S. troops killed in Iraq is exactly 1,876.

But did Saddam Hussein and his Baath regime really have anything to do with the attacks on Sept. 11? Nope. Have we captured those who are responsible for the events? Nah, who cares about those guys—we've taken down Hussein and his regime with impeccable preci-

sion. Meanwhile, Iraq (especially Baghdad) has become the perfect training ground for youthful militant extremists.

It is becoming increasingly difficult for the Bush administration to justify our occupation in the first place. Everyone is aware that there have been no weapons of mass destruction found, and if you buy into any of this current democracy/liberation talk, you must be living under a chthonic stone.

We can't simply evacuate Iraq now, no matter how hard Cindy Sheehan and her followers protest and beset the president. If we do, we will no doubt allow the inception of a civil war between the Shiite and Sunni Muslims. After they're done frivolously killing each other, who do you think they are going to blame for all their suffering?

Saddam Hussein was certainly an iconoclastic dictator, but Iraq wasn't this dangerous until we, the United States of America, invaded their country.

Even the mere rumor of a suicide bomber can prove catastrophic, as we saw on August 31, when over 950 Shiite pilgrims were killed in a stampede while crossing a bridge. That massive loss of life came only a few minutes after insurgents fired mortar rockets at the shrine of the Shiite Islam martyr known as Imam Musa Kadhim, where the pilgrims were heading, and after U.S. forces fired back in retaliation. Nearly all the survivors blamed the insurgents for the stampede.

I'm no war strategist, but having 140,000 troops overseas

in Iraq—while deploying less than 20,000 troops searching for bin Laden and al-Zawahiri between the border of Pakistan and Afghanistan—is not a very good strategy for punishing those who attacked us Sept. 11.

For those who do not know, bin Laden and al-Zawahiri are the leaders of al-Qaida.

Those two are still running loose and gaining more followers daily with our questionable occupation of Iraq.

Lee Hamilton, Vice President of the 9/11 Public Discourse Project, illustrated some of the difficulties that come with working alongside Afghan and Pakistani forces.

"They will not let our forces in there to capture Osama bin Laden."

That may be true, but the American invasion of Iraq has made the "War on Terror" much more complicated than simply terminating Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida.

So, is the world safer today than before Sept. 11, 2001?

Well, considering that London and Jamaican born citizens are willing to blow themselves up in order to punish western infidels, I'd say no.

Considering we have about 80% of our active armed forces fighting an ambiguous war, instead of sending 100% of our troops to locate and capture the people who attacked our nation on that horrific day (and fervidly vow to do so again)—I'd say no.

Maybe we shouldn't have trusted the president as much as we did.

I'm afraid it's only a matter of time.

Horoscopes

David Witte

(The Squirrel Master)

The Rampage claims no responsibility for any injuries resulting from the reading of these horoscopes.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
The next few hundred years will be rough, but after that, it's smooth sailing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You will successfully avoid your boss and get off work early, but you won't have as much luck avoiding that cement truck.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
You will be trapped inside a warehouse for three days, only to discover the door says "pull," not "push."

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
You will have a small accident, but shoot, who needs a small intestine anyway?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You will earn the lead role in "Rambo IX: A Day at the DMV," and your acting career will end shortly thereafter.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You should really have a more positive outlook on life, you jerk.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Two things will have an effect on your week: One is your English professor's lecture on Shakespeare, and the other is viral meningitis.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
A forest fire will destroy Reedley, forcing the government to declare it a national "Don't Really Care" zone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
A Catholic, a Baptist, and a Jew walk into a bar — what, you've heard this one?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You will find yourself thinking about how funny the phrase "devoured by dingos" sounds.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb. 18)
You will be treated to one of the rarest spectacles in nature when you witness the Mating Dance of the Catatonic Brazilian Tree Frogs.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Your day will be ruined when you step in dog crap. Oh, and there's that whole wife-running-off-with-the-Hell's-Angels thing.

Po' Girl's genres come to Fresno



Christine Hauessling

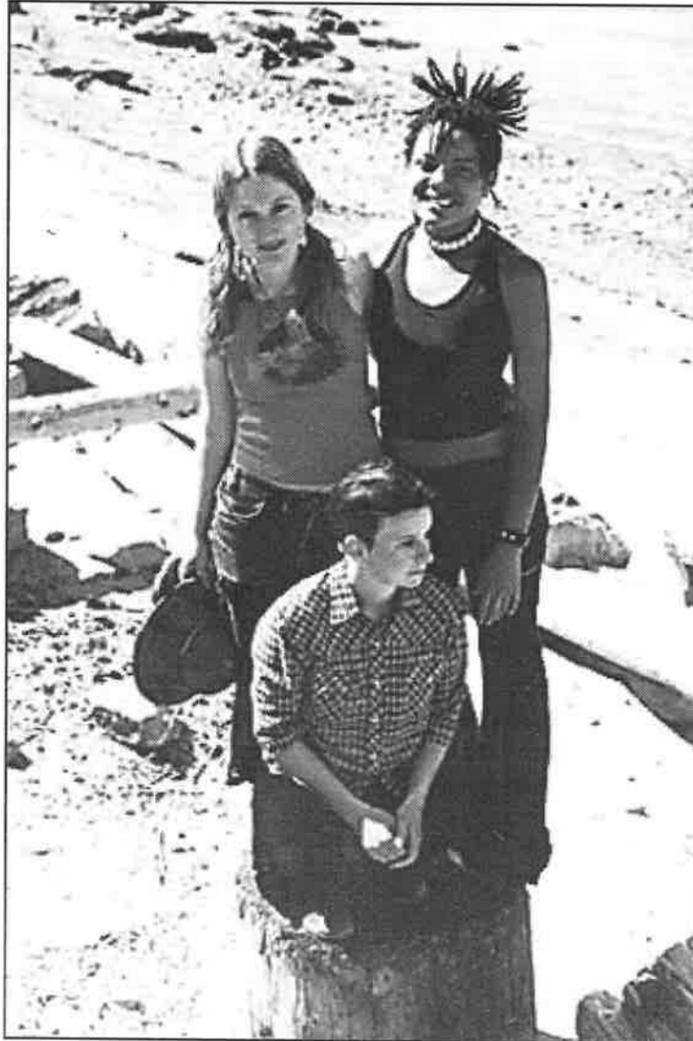
The alternative country band Po' Girls played in Fresno at Club Fred's in Tower district on Aug. 22, on one of the last stops of their west coast concert tour, before San Francisco.

Po' Girls consists of Trish, playing the guitar, and Allison, who founded Po' Girls four years ago, singing all vocals and playing the clarinet.

Diona has now been playing the fiddle and keyboard for two years, and John has been drumming and singing in some songs for a year. Awna, playing the fun-to-look-at gut-bucket base, joined the band in February this year.

The gut-bucket base is a bucket, standing on the floor upside down, with a stick mounted to the rim. A rope tied to the top of the stick goes to the center of the bucket. The tighter the rope, the higher the pitch. A gut-bucket base is tuned by ear.

All members of the band met within the Vancouver/west



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Canada music scene. While they each play in different bands, everyone comes from the crossover/alternative country scene. A match made in Vancouver plays what guitarist Trish calls mod-

ern urban folk with country roots.

All Po' Girls are full-time musicians. With being part of several ensembles, every one of them spends the better time

of the year touring.

Po' Girls have already been to the UK and Scotland four times, toured the east as well as the west coast of the United States, Texas and, of course, Canada.

Vagabond Lullabies is their second album after the debut in June 2003.

Tracks six and ten, Poor Girl and Driving sound like a mixture between country and rap. John is telling a story, speaking along to the music.

It actually sounds really nice, albeit you need to hear it...

Vagabond Lullabies is an excellent soundtrack to sitting around a bonfire during a cold night in fall, maybe somewhere around Kernan.

Although most of the songs on the album are rather slow paced, the sound is never lame but always kept going by good beats. And the voice of the gut-bucket base, of course.

As Tony Peyser from the Santa Monica CA Mirror put it, "If wild flowers that grew out of holes in sidewalks could start a band, this is what they'd sound like."

For more information go to www.pogirl.net. Besides information on events and song lyrics, there also are numerous songs to listen to and contact information to order their CDs.

'Exorcism' doesn't rely on cheap scares



Jacob Wiens

In a movie such as this, there are key ingredients an audience member expects to see.

A typical horror movie in recent years depends on outlandish gore and jump out of your seat frights.

The Exorcism of Emily Rose does not depend on these tactics to thrive. It relies more on a general creepiness, the kind that follows you home long after the movie is over. Sure, it has its moments of easy scares so you can grab onto your date, but there is a sense of eeriness in the story that is missing in a lot of horror movies in recent years.

The story of Emily Rose (played by the very convincing

Jennifer Carpenter) is based on actual events, and no one can be sure what actually happened to the young college student. The events in the movie follow the trial of a priest accused of negligence resulting in Emily's death. The story is told in terrifying flashbacks as we see a young girl experiencing violent visions and hallucinations she claims to be because of a de-

monic possession. Emily's family decides to rely on the help of the family priest in an exorcism, which was recorded and played a crucial role in the trial.

The movie drags along during the scenes of the trial, but is well worth it when Carpenter comes to the screen. She portrays Emily in a realistic, terrifying way. She was creepy, very creepy.

Was Emily Rose really possessed by demons, or was she just a sick girl who needed to be taken care of? This movie poses lots of questions and I'm sure will be quite controversial.

This kind of controversy might draw a different kind of crowd to see the film, but true horror fans should appreciate the film as well.



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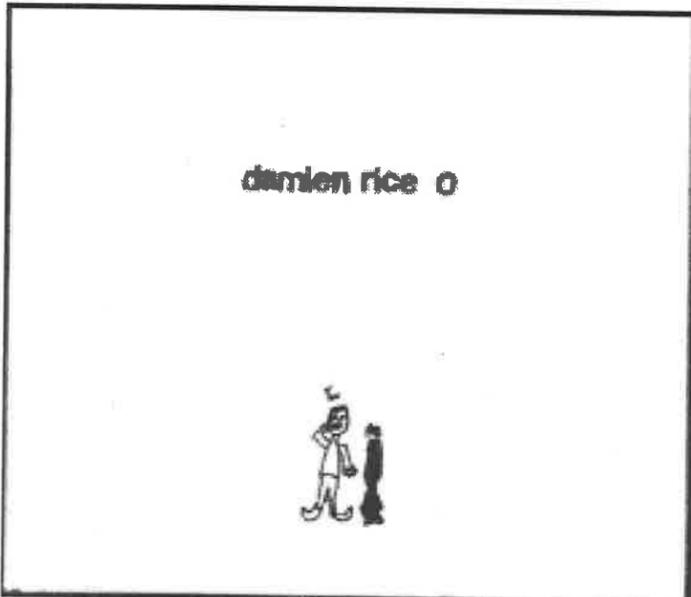
Not your average Irish guy



Victoria McLoughlin

Cast aside the draft Guinness: this offering may soon be labeled "Ireland's Most Delicious".

If you like mellow alternative tracks from the likes of David Gray, Keane and Snow Patrol, you're sure to love Damien Rice. But even if they're not your favorites, take a listen to Rice's "O" anyway. His beautifully memorable melodies and honest, soulful storytelling make his sound truly unique.



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In fact, you might say for: a real musician who could lend a haunting melody to many of your best-kept secrets.

Buy the album, and

you'll see why Rice shook up the singer/songwriter herd. He doesn't just plant a seed in your mind, he adds water and fertilizer, stands back and

watches it grow. He has the rare ability of making a great track even greater by adding cellos, violins, silence and.....soul.

And he's Irish. Infinite talent and Celtic roots? What could be better? Infinite talent, Celtic roots and his own record label. That's right: Damien Rice released "O" first in Ireland through his own record label,

DRM. Around a year later, it was released in England, Scotland and Wales through the label East West.

And now's your chance to sample the best of Damien Rice. "O" is available through all good stockists, and there's no need to pay import fees. Amazon, for example, has a US version no more expensive than a regular, homegrown CD. Enjoy.

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