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FCC crime Doubled

by J.L. Zewe

There are approximately 22,000 students enrolled in Fresno City College and only seven district police officers on staff. Crime at FCC has almost doubled since last year.

"Our activity has increased drastically," said District Chief of Police Kenneth Shrum, "But not everything we get turns out to be a major crime."

Theft is a serious problem on campus. There was an individual loss of over \$19,000 due to theft in the month of August alone.

"We always have more theft than anything else," said Shrum. "For the month of August we (FCC PD) had two cases of grand theft and eight vehicles stolen." There were also 18 cases of petty theft, one vehicle burglary and one strong arm robbery.

The majority of the crimes committed on campus are not committed by FCC students.

"The biggest percentage of our arrests are not students," he said. "They're not related to the college at all. They're people who come here (FCC) to commit crimes.

One example of that is the Student Lounge break-in on September 22. Three juveniles were arrested, but the case is still under investigation.

"We've had some smaller breakins where some stuff was stolen," Shrum said,"But this was the first break-in of this magnitude."

"Most of the stuff that goes on is pretty routine, not everything is earth shattering," he said, "Students sometimes set the emergency phones off for the fun of it. When they do that they tie an officer up for that amount of time. We can't ignore anything."

Overall there are a lot of car alarms

Rapist

by Michelle Brennan

Fresno police have arrested the man they believe is responsible for the outbreak of rapes that took place in the Tower District.

Rudolph M. Acosta, 26, of Fresno was arrested Thursday, October3, at approximately 5:40 a.m.

Three rapes were reported in the Tower district of downtown Fresno between September 16 and September 20.

Law enforcement sources, who asked not to be named, said Acosta admitted to raping three women in the downtown Fresno area during that time.

Acosta faces 30 charges including: suspicion of rape, sodomy, oral copulation, burglary, robbery and lewd sex acts with a juvenile, said a supervisor at the Fresno County Jail.



Paul Bolin maneuvers soccer ball away from opponent.

Soccer teams 2-0

by Scott A. Mayes

After four games Head Soccer Coach Bill Neal has a perfect 4-0 league record. Neal, who coaches both the men and women, has a 2-0 record with each team.

"Our greatest strength is probably our physical condition,"said Neal, "and we are getting much better on our greatest weakness our defensive angle of pursuit."

This years women's team has started the season by shutting down ers.

Modesto 6-1 and American River

The offense is led by forwards Joey Cardenas, Jackie Carter, and Steph Cox.

The midfielders are Danielle Brown, Valerie Cano, Crystal Inman, Kara Prouty, and Virginia Santesteban

A strong defense includes goalkeepers Kelly Bebb and Kris Juarez in addition to defenders Karen Garcia, Teresa Hiatt, Tiffany Martin, and Monique Torres.

The men's team has had just as much success while shutting out Merced 2-0 and defeating American River 3-2.

The men's cast is lead by forwards Paul Bolin, Jeff Hartman, and Tim Cannon.

Chris Cooper, Mark Dingman, Gerber Hernandez, Jes Rasmussen, and John B. Roth are the midfielders.

The 1991 defense consists of the goalie—Craig Beck—and defenders Travis Beene, Jason Denman, Salvador Flores, Eric Holcomb, and David Rickerd.

The assistant coach is Femi Olukanni.

The men's team will have upcoming home games on October 16 against Modesto and on October 25 vs. Merced

Book prices drop

by J.L. Zewe

The Student Government passed a resolution October 3, to reduce book prices at Fresno City College.

The resolution proposed seven book price reduction measures. The measures are: the selection of the cheapest, suitable textbooks available, adoption of a one course, one text set standard throughout FCC and the use of alternative, non-traditional texts when traditional texts are too expensive.

For example, David A. Leon,. Senator of the Associated Student Body Government, proposed that Literature courses use less expensive books.

"The Literature people use various compilations of The Norton Anthology- a huge 60 volume set of all the important works of literature. That sets sells for about \$40.00," said Leon, "There is nothing inside the anthology that you can't buy in the form of paperback. pocket books. The paperbacks cost about \$2.95-\$3.95 and you can buy at least seven of those books for less than \$30.00. There is no university in the nation that would say that we have an illegitimate literature course because we read out of pocket books."

The resolution also proposes the implementation of a pure, breakeven, non-profit bookstore format, fixing an ideal per-course text cost at \$30.00 (adjusted for inflation) a per course cost limit at \$39.99, also adjusted for inflation and a six semester use time for any given text

The Student Government proposed that these seven book price

reduction measures be implemented voluntarily by the Academic Senate and the Board of Trustees.

Although Leon's proposal to have the set price of \$30 per-course is based on the good intention bringing down the cost of books and the expense per semester (which he estimates to be \$251.36 per-semester), Dr. Ray Cramer, Dean of the Math and Science division found the idea of \$30.00 per-course impractical.

"I don't think it is practical in most of the Science areas," said Cramer, "In most cases, we as teachers, depend on the text to be more conclusive and comprehensive. The bigger texts will undoubtedly be more expensive."

Leon first introduced this resolution in September because he felt that book prices were too expensive and damaging to students who didn't have the funds to buy costly books.

"The community college system is based on equality of access. Everyone should be able to come here and have access to higher education and they shouldn't be locked out because the prices of the text books are too expensive," Leon said, "If the prices of the text books are so high that people are actually being locked out then that is wrong and it needs to be changed."

The goal of the Student Government is to make book prices and higher education accessible to everyone by bringing the costs down.

The administration and the instructors are said to be essentially divided on the issue of book prices, everyone wants lower prices, but no one is willing to sacrifice their ideas.

NEWS NOTES

Wednesday, October 23, there will be a Job Fair in the Campus Mall. The Job Fair will be from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Stores such as Macy's, Walmart and J.C. Penney will be recruiting temporary help for the holidays.

The Enabler Program will be sponsoring Disability Awareness Day activities, October 25, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. There will be booths, games, refreshments, entertainment and demonstrations in the Free Speech area.

St. Paul Newman Center will be holding its Renaissance Festival October 26 (7 a.m. until 7 p.m.) and 27 (9 a.m. until 4 p.m.) The festival will be held at the St. Paul Newman Center. There will be food, entertainment, arts & crafts and much more. For more in call: 439-4641.

"The City Essayist" new campus mag

by J.L. Zewe

Fresno City College hasn't published a literary magazine for about two years. But Jim Ewing is the man to change that.

Ewing is the sponsor of the new campus literary magazine, "The City Essayist", as well as the sponsor of Potpourri. "The City Essayist" will consist of student essays.

"What I'm really trying to get started is a means of publishing good student writing," Ewing said, "to allow students to see their essays in print and recognize excellence outside of the classroom."

"The City Essayist" won't have any specific themes. The magazine will have student essays, accompanied by a picture and a brief profile of the writer.

"I think any writer needs to be aware that he or she has an audience. I think that encourages awareness of writing as a craft, something that you devote time to. You don't just turn work in and then forget about it," he said.

A native of Scotland, Ewing first came to America on a track scholarship in 1963.

"I was going to go home to Scotland right away but I just stayed and stayed and stayed. Finally I ended up in Fresno, of all places," said Ewing.

Ewing has been teaching English and composition for 22 years. He taught in Mississippi and Texas before coming to Fresno. He's been teaching at FCC for five years.

Most of the work "The City Essayist" gets is submitted by English teachers, but Ewing encourages shy writers to submit their work directly to him.

"If a student feels that something is worthwhile he or she could certainly leave their work with me. In my mailbox in the Administration building, in the Humanities office or they can drop it off at my office," he said.

All work must be submitted by November 1. It must be typed, double spaced, proof read and have the student's name, hometown, major and if they're in an English class, the name of the class and teacher.

Ewing said he would like to give recognition to the teachers as well as the writers.

The first issue of "The City Essayist" is expected to come out in late November. Ewing said that he hasn't had a lot turned in to him yet so it may take until spring to get "The City Essayist" to take off.

"I think we're in an age that does not recognize excellence in writing, but I see signs of a resurgence. and I'd like to be a part of it," He said, "I want to broaden "The City Essayist" eventually, this is just the start of it. I want to get a whole integrated writing program going here. This is really just the first forum to recognize good student writing."

Abortion kills life

by John R. McAllaster, Editor

Egg bashing vs. skull smashing

Biology textbooks make it a point to emphasize how fetal development of humans compares to the development of other mammals, reptiles, and birds. There are pictures showing how physical features of embryos from various species are almost identical to each other.

Although biologists use these similarities to support their argument for evolution, these same comparisons don't seem to matter much in other arenas.

"It is unlawful to take, possess, or needlessly destroy the nest or eggs of any bird..." says the California Department of Fish and Game code 3503.

There is a \$1,000 fine and/or six months in jail for breaking this law, according to Captain Kenneth L. Bain from the Wildlife Protection Division of the Department of Fish and Game.

Smashing a bird's egg is a severe crime, but crushing a human fetus' head with a pair of tongs is a legal choice.

Abortion is legal, but if you tamper with the California condor's nest, you are in big trouble with the government.

This double-standard exists because today's liberal agenda seeks proof for evolution, sanctity of animal kingdom life, but freedom to choose to kill human life. "Chain yourself to a tree, but don't you dare picket abortion clinics!"

Any life is important, but why is unborn human life not protected like birds' eggs are? To be consistent, we should fine every doctor and woman involved in each abortion and provide a jail sentence to boot.

The Department of Fish and Game realizes that unborn life should be protected, but liberal "politically correct" ideology is blind.

How do we define "life" anyway?

Biology means "life science." Biology courses focus on criteria characterizing what life is. On the first page of the introduction in Sylvia S. Mader's *Inquiry into Life*, a biology book used this semester at FCC, you can find this criteria:

Living things...

- 1) are organized and are made up of cells.
- 2) grow and maintain their organization by taking chemicals and energy from environment.
- 3) respond to the external environment.
- 4) reproduce and pass on their organization to their offspring.
- 5) evolve, or change, and adapt to their environment.

A rock is not a living thing. A car is not a living thing. Cement is not living. Computers don't live.

If something moves, respirates, has a beating heart,

and is growing, it is obviously living. We don't even need a biology book to pick out what is living and what is nonliving. (Examine the chart "The First Two Months of Life" to see how embryos *live*.)

Something just plain "dies" when it stops living. Something is "killed" when someone else induces the death.

Since a fetus is a living thing, and if someone aborts the fetus voluntarily, he/she is killing the fetus.

Simple logic can aid even pro-choice advocates to understand how abortion is murder: fetal tissue is living tissue; fetus' have their own heartbeat, brain waves, DNA, fingerprints, etc.; fetus' can kick, suck thumbs, and move.

Abortion ends life. Ending life is killing. Killing a human intentionally is murder.

Even at conception, the unique embryo starts to grow... it lives. No one is forcing the embryo to develop; the human grows on it's own.

Life is a force in nature hard to define. It's something no scientist can produce from non-living things. They may be able to tell you how much of what chemical exists in each living thing. They may be able to put it all together, but who's going to give it a jumpstart?

An unborn baby, at any stage, is already jumpstarted. It already lives. It may not be a fully functioning human, but then again, neither is a bird in an egg.

You can't solve a problem with another

Abortion is a problem within many other problems. Even if everyone stopped aborting babies, the reasons why mothers are choosing the easy way out do not diappear.

Pre-marital sex, adultery, pornography, incest, rape, father desertion, and dysfuntional families are just some of the root problems leading to abortion.

We need to hit these problems head-on and find social solutions. We can no longer avoid the root issues by killing babies. The problems just don't go away on their own.

If we belive killing people relieves social problems, where's it going to end? Perhaps we should kill the mentally handicapped, the bed-ridden elderly, the homeless, people with aids, and people in comas.

Instead of militantly choosing abortion, why don't we as a nation work hard and long to weave threads of morality back into our country?

It seems people in this world want to do what feels good and right at the time without thinking of what the results might be.

"Abstain from sex until marriage? Are you kidding?"

No.

We need to sacrifice our desires and stop sacrificing our babies.

The First Two Months of Life

MONTH IS

*Conception: sperm fertilizes egg *Fertilized egg implants in lining of uterus *Mother misses first menstrual cylce

*Eyes developing

*Foundation laid for brain and spinal cord *Heart beats reularly (24 days)

*Arm and leg buds appear

*Muscles forming

*1/4 inch long-- 10,000 times larger than fertilize egg

MON51 2:

Brain waves recorded
Lungs forming

*Muscles work together *Reflexes present

*Begins to move

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Dustin Riley escapes his teammate's clutches at practice.

photo by Cory Tyler

Injuries and pins

by Scott A. Mayes

Injuries and eligibility set the tone for 1991-92 Ram Wrestling Team.

"We have a great chance to win the state championship," said veteran Coach Bill Musick, "injuries and eligibility are the big question marks. We have had our share of injuries already."

Jason Pearce at 177 lbs. is out for the season with a shoulder injury. Knee injuries have also hampered 150 lb. wrestler Ismael Quintana and 126 lb. wrestler David Goblei.

Musick's squad is returning from a 9-3 season in which the team finished 2nd in the league, 2nd in the region, and 3rd in the state.

Only wrestling teams from Moorpark and Lassen Junior Colleges placed higher than FCC in last year's state tournament.

This year's returning sophomore wrestlers are—Eric Legarreta (118 lbs.), Heath Haupt (158 lbs.), and Rodger Norred (167 lbs.)

Featured 1991 freshmen include—Detren Gant (1261bs.), Ben Ervin (134 lbs.), Dustin Riley (142 lbs.), Randy Motl (150 lbs.), Gene Atkins and David Umada (177 lbs.), Jerry Urzua (190 lbs.), and Ed Neal (heavyweight).

Off to a good start, the Rams took on Bakersfield College and Cuesta College on October 4. Gant, Urzua, and Neal delivered pins as FCC defeated Bakersfield 31-15.

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A day in the life of FCC quarterback Sven Wiker

by Scott A. Mayes

Sven Wiker is the 1991-92 FCC quarterback. Do you ever wonder what that is like? Today you will spend "A typical day" in the life of Sven Wiker.

Picture yourself in your apartment fast asleep. As the clock strikes 6 a.m., you must get up. There is a breakfast meeting at 7 a.m. with FCA (The Fellowship of Christian Athletes) under the direction of Don Larson.

At 8 a.m., you go for a two-hour film session with coach Pielstick.

Economics, art, and history fill your next three hours on campus.

A Ram team meeting will take place before practice at 2:30 p.m. Following the team meeting, the offensive unit will have its own meeting.

At 3:30 p.m. practice begins. It will last for two hours.

At 6 p.m., you are in for 45 minutes of weight training followed by 45 minutes of films.

It's 7:15 p.m. "Time management is the worst," said Wiker.

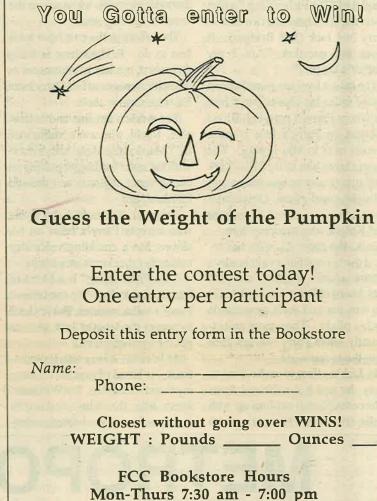
"Sometimes you would just like an hour to kick back, relax and keep in touch with your family."

Despite his family being far away, they've never been closer. His parents, of Swedish decent, live in Alaska.

Sven has two older brothers. Stig Wiker is 26 and Erik Wiker is 22. Stig lilves in Alaska with his parents. Erik is a starting offensive tackle for the University of Idaho. sponded, "They've always been there. I've always had a lot of support from my parents. My family is one of the most important things in my life."

Sven is a major in secondary education and will continue to play football as long as it lets him.

"I'll just take one year at a time. I don't know where I'll be this time next year. If my capabilities let me continue in football, that's what I'll do."



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Williams like always "Dracula:" scary, funny in "Fisher King"

by Ann Ridolfi

Early in "The Fisher King" Robin Williams (Parry) tells the story of the Fisher King: As a boy, the king is sent to the forest alone to prove he can be king. There, he's told by a holy vision that he'll be the keeper of the Holy Grail. Drunk with power, he reaches into the fire for it and burns his hands. He despairs an is near death when a fool gives him water to quench his thirst, and the Grail reappears.

There is a moral here that is key to the plot of "The Fisher King," a film about the bond between two men-Parry and Jack (Jeff Bridges). It raises the question, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

The men's lives are joined after a crazed radio fan shoots into a fern bar where Parry is partying. Blood splatters on Parry's face when a woman next to him is shot. The trauma takes him to the New York City streets and he becomes a sort of bright, angelic bum. Only sometimes he has a vision of a fearsome Red Knight who terrorizes him.

Jack, the radio d.j. who has ignited the twisted fan's violence by a remark against Yuppies and fern bars, learns of Parry's experience in the fern bar and feels responsible for his plight. They meet coincidentally when Parry rescues Jack from thugs one night.

In Jack's effort to make it up to Parry, he and his grilfriend Anne (Mercedes Ruehl) set him up with Lydia (Amanda Plummer) whom

Parry loves from afar.

Williams, as Parry, with his quirky spontaneity and intensity (he must find the Grail to become whole again) steals the show. He shows the same wild-eyed looks and uninhibited craziness we expect. Only Williams could carry off the nakedmoonlight romp in Central Park, calling his friend Jack to join in, shouting, "c'mon, free up the little guy!"

Sometimes an actor's personality dominates a role. Williams' almost does here, but there are some dramatic moments when we see the terror in his very soul.

The others in the cast have a bit less to do. Bridges here is fairly detatched, but has his moments as when he manages to free Parry from his unconscious shell.

The women are fine and believable. Ruehl, who was a Mafia wife in "I Married the Mob," plays Anne with the same hard edge, puffing an ever-present cigarette and dressed flambouyantly.

Plummer, the bookish shy Lydia who accepts Parry's heart on his sleeve, has a crackling voice that makes her meekness interesting.

"The Fisher King" is a blend of fantasy and reality. We can believe Parry's hallucinations. But it's hard to accept the lengths Jack goes to get the symbolic Grail.

At bottom, it may seem pretentious—a blend of psychic delving, myth and friendship. But Williams' spirit lifts the film, making it memorable and even heartwarming.

by Ann Ridolfi

The master of the "undead" has returned to the boards at Fresno City College in a suspenseful, sometimes funny version of "Dracula."

Directed by Donald Gunn and with an effectively brooding set by Jim Watkins, the play brings a freshness to the classic. For one thing, Count Dracula (Jeff White) doesn't dominate the action, much of which takes place in the house of researcher Dr. Seward (D. Scott McQuiston).

Through its arches pass the key players: Mrs. Harker (Kimberly Helms), whose niece is Lucy (Janice Thompson) who is to marry Dr. Seward, Dr. Van Helsing (Shannon Fuller) comes to further her metaphysical research, and Abigail the maid (Heather Capps).

Dracula's pawn Renfield (Chris Swindle) serves also as a research tool for Dr. Seward. Renfield is part man, part creature. In fact, he eats creatures like toads to prolong his life. He quotes the Bible "blood is the life." Before long, we realize that the Master he calls to is none other than Count Dracula. Renfield has been imbued with the taste for blood by him.

Meanwhile, Lucy suffers from a strange malady, followed by her aunt, Mrs. Harker. There are also

rumors of children found dead on the hearth, apparently from loss of blood. It's left to Seward, Dr. Van

Helsing, and Mrs. Harker to unlock the mystery, and plan the destruc tion of the cursed Count from Tran sylvania.

More victims follow in Dracula' lust for blood—no surprise to the audience. Yet, Dracula's first ap pearance through the French doors swirling his black cape and bather in moonlight, is striking. And when he approaches a sleeping Lucy, w can almost feel the piercing of he tender flesh.

Much credit must also go to the production designers: Jim Watkin for his set and lighting, Anne Mari Wade for her costumes, and Davidlee Waterson for makeup.

Last performance will be tonigh

Cross-country to 2nd place

by Scott A. Mayes

"We improved tremendously," said Gary Bluth after coaching his men's cross-country team to a second place finish.

The team finished with a 2-1 record, good enough for second place.

Allen Hancock Junior College finished with a 1-3 conference record and Taft was 0-4.

The College of the Sequoias was the only team to beat Fresno with a perfect 4-0 conference record.

The men's team is lead by freshman Scott Curtis and two sophomores: Tom Sabatino and Jesus

may never run again after an auto accident left him with a broken back.

Today, Curtis is a 1991-92 All Conference candidate.

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