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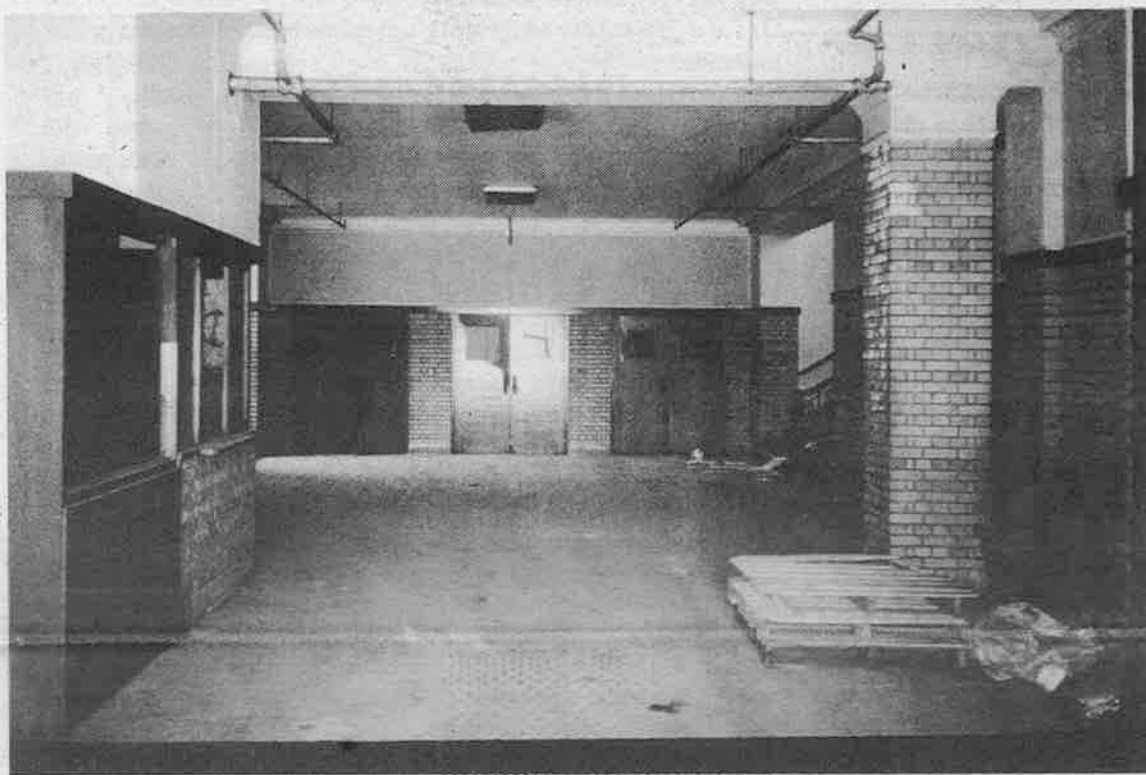
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THE CLOCK TICKS ON...

**Time running out
for this 'Idle' Giant**

By Dan Martin- Special to the Rampage



ABOVE- Interior of Old Administration building.
BELOW- Graffiti stained wall of the abandoned relic.

FILE photo

"A horrible waste of property. The committee (Fresno Historical Society) advocates repair and reuse of the building"



FILE photo

The Old Administration Building has stood since 1916. But on the 80th anniversary of its dedication, its future is uncertain.

In the early 1970s, the building was to be demolished, and classes were relocated away from it. Parking facilities would have replaced the building, which did not meet earthquake safety requirements specified in legislation passed in 1933. State Center Community College District officials did not want to be responsible for possible injuries to occupants.

But local citizens responded by forming a committee to protect the building for its historical significance. The building was not demolished, but it became vacant in 1976.

"That's a horrible waste of property," said Bruce Owdom, Chairman of the Fresno City and County Historical Society Preservation Committee. The committee advocates repair and reuse of the building and is discussing such possibilities with the district.

But the building's poor condition places restoration estimates around \$9.3 million to \$18.4 million. "If you look inside, the facility is falling into disrepair," said Jon Sharpe, Vice Chancellor of Business at the SCCC.

Photographs of the interior do reveal crumbling walls, peeling paint, and graffiti - however, being idle for 20 years

has certainly added to that sum.

"The campus does not need a 98,000-square-foot building for its programs," said Sharpe.

Many disagree. "I think it should be saved as one little part of history for Fresno," said Marian Morris, a student who attended classes in the building between 1941-45. "Because of the war, there weren't many men on campus," Morris recalled.

Her music and history classes were held in the building. "It had a feeling of charm to it," said the retired Fresno educator of 23 years.

But sophomore Sonya Smith thinks the charm is still present. She said she has spent a lot of time admiring the building. "It's sad in a way. We really could use that building."

And Owdom said that's what he would like. He said that if the building is restored, it could be used for community gatherings or education. "We're exploring a lot of different ideas."

Minor repairs are scheduled later this month to reduce future restoration costs. But no plans are in place to reuse the building.



Photo by Veronica J. Funk

BOOKSTORE DILEMMA

Part 2 of a 3 part series

By Leah Eddens



Book prices too 'high' at FCC. *Photo by Cert Xaypangna*

About 98 percent of Fresno City College students polled by the Rampage believe the prices of textbooks in the bookstore are too high. Student Bonnie Smith agreed; she found an identical book at the California State University Fresno bookstore for eight dollars less. "I was furious!" she exclaimed.

Donna Rivera, interim bookstore manager gave reasons for the high book prices. "We do not set the prices of textbooks, nor do we choose the textbooks." Rivera went on to explain that the State Center Community College

District sets the mark-up price at 26 per cent greater than the original price of the book.

This mark-up covers several areas of cost. The bookstore must be financially self-supported, its revenue is dispersed into the following areas: More than half of the generated revenue goes directly into operating expenditures. Non-operating expenditures consume about seven percent of total revenue. These expenses include a transfer to a co-curricular account, a transfer to a capital projects fund and capital improvements.

According to Frances

Lippmann, an FCC accounting technician, co-curricular accounts are the athletics department, which included the resurfacing of Ratcliffe Stadium's all-weather track, and homecoming; the performing art department; and the humanities division which includes "The Rampage," Forensics, and the "City Essayist."

Another area of sponsorship is the new contract the bookstore has with the library in supplying the reference desk with each required text book.

The transfer to a capi-

See **DILEMMA** page 8

Editor's Note

In regards to the article on the front page of this issue, we as members of free speech must narrow down and resolve such issues of significance. It bothers me to wonder how certain people's who are in charge, can decide the fate of an individual present and future advancement.

I cannot tell you the hurdles we face as a tabloid to present to you the weekly news. Our own facility is lacking many needs and is as neglected as this once cherished relic of our pastime. We as individuals should be the deciders of our own needs and fate, for we are strength in numbers.

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Dear Traci

By Traci-Ayn Girder

Power Trip Therapy Explored

Sometimes life seems unbareable and even the smallest of problems can be come overwhelming when you don't have a solution. We as students, work so diligently to produce good grades, hold part time jobs to enable us, at least a little spending money. we try to take care of our bodies, keep our cars running, and on top of that, we have to keep our emotional affairs straight too.

It's hard to keep this life style in balance though. Juggling schedules and pleasing the people whom are important in your life is an incredible challenge, especially if you don't always have the answers to life's daily dilemmas.

Q> DEAR TRACI: My boyfriend goes to the bar every Friday after work with his buddies. He never comes home until seven or eight o' clock. By the time he hets home, if he doesn't pass out, he has to take a shower and do his hair and a bunch of other things before he can go out with me. How can I get him to understand that every friday night is a bit too much and that he needs to take my feelings into conideration too?

BORED AND BLUE

A< DEAR BORED AND BLUE: First you need to ask yourself this, is eight o' clock on a Friday night really that unacceptable? Perhaps you are sunconsciously trying to brake off your love's Friday night routine to esbablish a little power in the relationship? It sounds like you need to take a good look in the mirror. Is your self esteem low? Are you uncomfortable with yourself or your body? I think a lot of women would tell you you've got a good man if all you have to complain about is an eight o' clock curfew. No pun intended but the grass isn't always greener. You need to look inside of yourself and anylize why you need control of your boyfriend. When you figure it out, change it! Power struggles can be very unhealthy.

Need advise? Dear Traci is waiting to hear from you!

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MEIKO'S Corner

By Meiko Brumfield

Hey kids! Do you encounter people on a day-to-day basis who appear so blatantly different from you that you doubt the two of you would never be put in the same category (unless it's a class roster)? I'm quite sure you do, like the teeny bopper with the black leather jacket and the bright blue streaks in her hair, or the penny loafer wearing gentleman with the Oxford sweater and well maintained hair part. I want you to put all of your

preconceived notions aside and attempt a conversation with them. Perish the thought right? But with all sarcasm aside, greet them and attempt a conversation starting with mild-manner chit-chat. You might find out that these individuals are not so different from you and are actually interesting and fun. You might actually learn something about them, yourself, or the world around you.

And you youngsters out there should take the time to meet someone who is

considerably older than you in age and vice versa with those two groups. With difference aside you might find the conversation refreshing. Some of my most cherished friendships have been with fairly older women I work with go to school with, an encounter in church. These women have been an inspiration for me because they have done so much and in many eyes and have succeeded in life.

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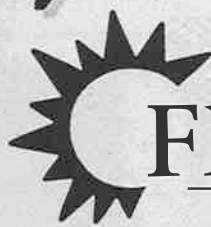
& LEARN

Though you may not agree with their point of view at the time, you generally appreciate the frankness and expression of character.

So swallow your pride, your stereotype, and whatever other garbage in your way and reach out and learn something about one of the greatest subjects of all: people.

Dedicated to: Ms. Norman, Ms. Kelley, Ms. Mangum, Ms. Rochoa, Ms. Leon, Ms. Moore, Ms. Reed and any one else who taught me something along the way.

Spring Into Action!

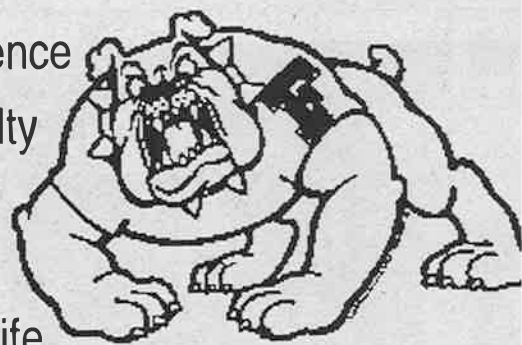


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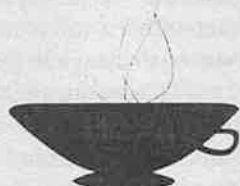
Menu

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A La Carte

Ham & Veg. Ramen
Chicken & Veg. Ramen
Teriyaki Chicken Bowl
Veg. Curry with Rice
Chicken Katsu with Rice
Fried Shrimp Curry with Rice
Sweet & Sour Chicken Wings
Egg Roll (Sweet & Sour Sauce)
Steamed Dumpling (4pcs.)
Steamed Rice
Veg. Croquette (2 pcs.)
Chow Mein
Extra Teriyaki Sauce

Gourmet Coffee



Espresso
Double Espresso
Cappuccino
Double Cappuccino
Cafe Latte
Double Cafe latte
Cafe Mocha
Double Cafe Mocha
Ice Cappuccino
Gourmet Hot Chocolate

Sushi

Available Lunch & Dinner Time

Cucumber Roll
Crab Roll
California Roll
California Roll & Shrimp Nigiri
Eel Roll
Spicy Tuna Roll

Tea

Hot English tea
Hot Flavor Tea
Hot Green Tea
Hot Water
Ice Tea

Combination Plate

All Come With Steamed or Fried Rice,
Chow Mein, and Green Salad

- #1) Sweet & Sour Chicken Wing
- #2) Egg Roll
- #3) Pot Sticker
- #4) Steamed Dumpling
- #5) Chicken Katsu with Special Sauce
- #6) Ginger Chicken
- #7) Japanese Style Fried Fish & Veg. Croquette
- #8) Chicken Katsu & Fried Shrimp
- #9) Fried Fish & Shrimp
- #10) Teriyaki Chicken
- #11) Fried Fish, Shrimp, & Chicken
- #12) Teriyaki Beef

Value Meal

- A. Teriyaki Hamburger
 - B. Teriyaki Chicken Sandwich
 - C. Cheeseburger
- All come with medium drink

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Season's Greetings from The Staff at Yoshino's

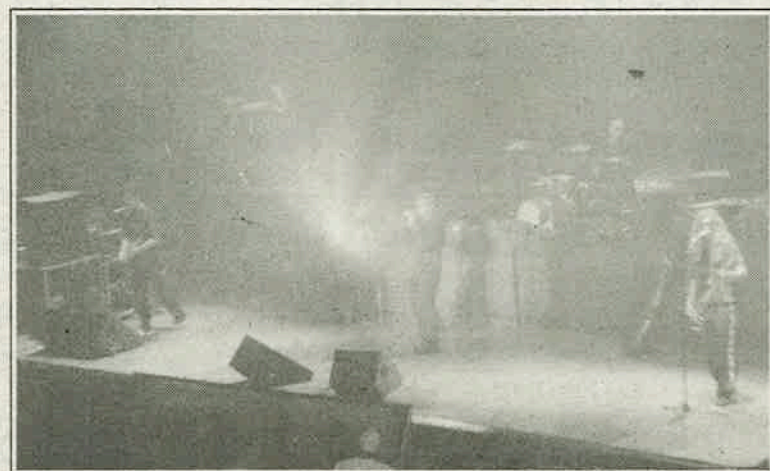
NEWSBOYS

'ALTERNATIVE' MESSAGES

The NEWSBOYS hit the streets of Fresno late last month, performing at the Warners Theatre in an extravagant style. Seeing many concerts in my lifetime, and of all styles and legendary performers, I have to say that this one was among the best.

The Newsboys are a contemporary Christian Pop group who originates from Australia and who calls it their 'hometown.' Forming together just out of High School, they started playing and recording in garages of each other's homes and called themselves the 'NEWS.'

In the next few months, they were known as the NEWSBOYS, rising up the charts on a destined path. Then, in 1986, they adopted themselves in the non-secular market and took flight. "Our name did not really have a gospel connotation to it until we all became Christians that same year," explained Peter Furler, Lead vocals and Drums. "The name then meant something more, as we are spreading the news to others about our faith," said Furler.



Newsboys, at the Warners - Photo by Darren B. Angelos

As I entered the Warners that night I noticed the variation of ticket-buyers who had come to see this band. Old, young, kids and late teens to mention a few.

What I really noticed though, was the more rough, non-believer types sporting Metallica T-shirts and heavy metal wear coming to see this show. And it was those that I seen later leave the Theatre in the most awe. "Take Me To Your Leader," the bands latest 'alternative' sound is unlike anything ever

written before by them. This band is known to be very creative in their style of writing as well as performing. From revolving stage sets that would rival any Andrew Lloyd Weber production to large video screens that also act as the platforms of the 'spaceship' that delivers the band members to the stage to perform.

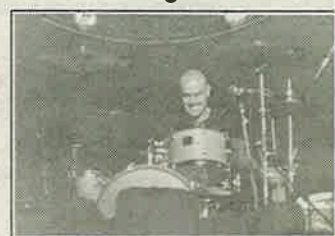
Underneath all that glitz that even included a large blimp that encircled the audience, the underlying message these guys are trying to relay to the listeners is *love*. "It's not just the gospel that holds the meaning, it is 'love.' Without it, even if you may have a lot of the material things, you have not got a thing," Furler relayed.

Having the chance to meet and talk to these guys

I will conclude in saying these are truly unique performers. They have a real meaning to their talent, and are definitely real in their individuality.



Photos by Veronica J. F.



Drummer and Vocalist Peter Furler

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RAMusic REVIEW

By Ernest "E" Shel

New Edition, 'Home Again'

New Edition is back together again, with their newest album for the late 90's, entitled *HOME AGAIN*. This is the first album that includes Johnny Gill as the sixth member of the group. N.E. last album *HEARTBREAK*, didn't have Bobby Brown in the group, due to the fact that he was riding the success of his second album *MY PREROGATIVE* during the time of recording for that album. Enter Johnny Gill, who came to replace Bobby Brown as the fifth member of the group

in the late 80's. Before the release of their album *HEARTBREAK*, N.E. made a four member album called *UNDER THE BLUE MOON*.

This album was compiled by Ralph Tresvant and Ricky, Ronnie and Mike, A.K.A Bell Biv DeVoe. When the original 5 members first came together in Boston, Mass. to form New Edition in the late 70's, they were in many ways regarded as the second coming of the Jackson 5. The early 80's brought about new types of mass media geared towards the "pre-teens" of America. Two magazines that were at the forefront of this craze were *Right On* and *Stuff* magazines respectfully. They had the same effect in the 80's that Vibe and Rolling Stones have now in the late 90's. N.E. did well as a 5 member group, but did poorly in their single effort as a 4 member group. Enter "copycat" groups such as New Kids on the Block and Hi Five. Now where are they? One of the many down falls of the Jackson 5 and other large groups is that it was hard for the other members to be known for something separate or outside from the group. In the case of New Edition, the brief break up enabled the members to gain their own identities.

Johnny Gill and Ralph Tresvant later followed with their own solo albums. Bobby married Whitney Houston appeared in *Ghostbusters 2* and a *Thin Line Between Love and Hate*. Ralph made a cameo in *House Party 2* and did music for the soundtrack as well as for

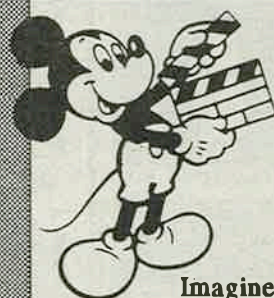
the movie *Mo' Money*.

Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis rejoins the group to give us the old-school New Edition appeal with a 90's twist with songs like, *I'm Still in Love with You* and *One More Love*. For the Hip-hop flavor with a little bit of street appeal producers Jermaine Dupri (Brat, Escape and Kris Kross) and Sean "Puffy" Combs (Total, Faith Evans and Bitty Smalls) make 4 of the songs on the album hard to listen to more than the Combs' *You Don't Have to Worry* song was featured on the Nov 1 airing of FOX's Thursday night show *NEW YORK UNDERCOVER*. for the easy-listening mid 90's hours N.E. has a song on the album that was written and produced by Gerald Levert called *How Do You Like Your Love Served*. *HOME AGAIN* is a nice album that not only embodies certain styles of an old-school fan of the group can relate to, but with the young and up - in - core producers, plus the first time that all six members of the group are together for a whole album brings a certain freshness to the whole idea of New Edition. All the songs are nice to listen to and it's fun to try and guess who is singing. The whole album is great to have and would serve if bought on Compact Disc. This is one album that you don't already have, might wanna write it down as a stocking stuffer for Christmas. Don't miss the boat on this album, New Edition is for *HOME AGAIN*.

RAMREVIEW

Romeo & Juliet...

By Charletta Hister



Imagine... the year is 1996 and there are two families that are rivals in Verona Ca. Out of these families there are two individuals that love each other very much, and want to be together. Does this scenario ring a bell?

From the old to the new, William Shakespeare's wonderful play *Romeo and Juliet* has shown the real meaning to the word love. However, in other cases the new version also made William Shakespeare look bad and non-fictional. Individuals who watched the movie took a very weird reaction to it when it started. However, the 90's version of *Romeo and Juliet* played by Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes not only gave viewers a sneak peak of how blood is thicker than water, but it also gave individuals a bad version of how William Shakespeare *Romeo and Juliet* is supposed to be announced.

The reason why this movie was considered "bad" is because when making a sequel of a wonderful play like *Romeo and Juliet* people expect a better scenery, and a better environment. William Shakespeare was a wonderful producer; however when doing this play he wanted people to understand the reasons of being in love. He didn't want his play to be exploited like this. This movie gives people the reaction of crime and how it's okay to fight. Does that seem like something that William Shakespeare involved in the play *Romeo and Juliet*?



From the Desk of..

BIG E

Ernest Shelton

While sitting in a reggae club the weekend the Yankees won the World series, I was reminded on how it really feels to be home. The Yankees baseball team knows what I mean as do the L.A. Lakers with their showtime in Los Angeles. Home is a place where you don't have to ask to use the restroom. It's a place where you'll drink out of any cup because you can trust that you or someone else that lives with you has washed the cup (or so you think right?).

The FCC Rams football team at the beginning of the semester were favored by many to represent the Central Valley in the Conference Championship game in December due largely to the fact that 7 out of their 10 games are played at home. With only three games left to be played at home, the football team's record thus far is 2 wins 2 losses.

With the weather changing, fans of most outdoors sports will migrate indoors to enjoy other sports such as basketball. FCC women's basketball program will have newly hired Karen Wood at the helm of this season basketball program that will look to improve on last year's record that had won less than ten games the entire season.

Band wagon is a term that is used to label a person who loves the any team that happens to be winning at the moment. With Shaq signing a 7-year, 120 million dollar contract with the L.A. Lakers over the summer, all of a sudden people that have said that they have loved the Lakers all along are starting to come out of the wood-works. Granted I enjoy watching the Lakers play, but I'm not convinced that they should be handed over the NBA title just yet.

It all comes back to feeling at home. Like the Orlando Magic, the Lakers will win 35 or more of their 41 home games, but keep in mind that last season, with Shaq playing the Center position, Orlando last season had 15 road wins in contrast to 18 road losses. Fact of the matter is that in close games the visiting team usually loses to the home team. This explains why coaches, in big games or series, would prefer to have home field as opposed to playing on the road.

At home you feel more like yourself, you feel that you can do anything you want based on the simple fact that in some cases, you don't half to ask permission to do things. It brings to mind a certain catch phrase that is used in most rap songs today, "It's not were you're from, but where you're at."



CALIFORNIA CIRCLE

OAKLAND RAIDERS 4-5

After a dissapointing week 10 loss to the Denver Broncos, the Raiders prepare to rebound against the 1-8 Tampa Bay Buccaneers. On Nov. 4 at The Oakland Coliseum the Raiders lost to the Broncos 22-21 in a game which Denver's John Elway orchestrated one of his famous come from behind wins.

With the Raiders ahead 21-16, Elway hit wide receiver Rod Smith for a 49 yard touchdown to provide the final margin.

The Raiders should have no problem with the Buccaneers but need to keep the right mental focus. Anytime you play a team that's 1-8, it's easy to look past them. The Raiders out-talent the Bucs tremendously. No contest.



SAN DIEGO CHARGERS 5-4

The Chargers are a team that has really been nagged with injuries and has been searching for a running game all season.

In week 10, they met up with an Indianapolis team which almost mirrored them. Indianapolis may be the only team more banged up than San Diego and it showed.

Jim Harbaugh was intercepted 4 times in the first half. Despite that glaring statistic, Indianapolis only lost 26-19.

This week the Chargers will meet the Detroit Lions on Monday Night Football. Detroit has played poorly and has a potential quarterback controversy brewing with injured Scott Mitchell and backup Don Majkowski. On the other hand, the Chargers still have one of the league's worst defenses and Herman Moore and Barry Sanders...need I say more. The Lions win.



SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS 7-2

The 49ers are struggling a bit right now. I think one thing that's hurting them tremendously is their schedule. The NFC West is so weak that they don't get great challenges which makes them vulnerable.

In the last few weeks, they have been barely getting by teams like Cincinnati and New Orleans. This is a scary thought. Guess who's next? You guessed it. The Dallas Cowboys. The good news is that Steve Young and Elvis Grbac are healthy again...sort of. Perhaps the bad news is that so is Michael Irvin.

Unlike years past, the Cowboys are playing for their life. Dallas is desperate. San Francisco is at home. Desperation wins out.



A CLOSER LOOK....

FROM THE TOP LOOKING DOWN ON THE NFL'S WORST

1. GREEN BAY 8-1	16. DETROIT 4-5
2. DENVER 8-1	17. MIAMI 4-5
3. PHILADELPHIA 7-2	18. OAKLAND 4-5
4. WASHINGTON 7-2	19. SEATTLE 4-5
5. SAN FRANCISCO 7-2	20. NY GIANTS 4-5
6. PITTSBURGH 7-2	21. CHICAGO 4-5
7. NEW ENGLAND 6-3	22. ARIZONA 3-6
8. KANSAS CITY 6-3	23. CINCINNATI 3-6
9. BUFFALO 6-3	24. JACKSONVILLE 3-6
10. DALLAS 5-4	25. BALTIMORE 3-6
11. SAN DIEGO 5-4	26. NEW ORLEANS 2-7
12. CAROLINA 5-4	27. ST. LOUIS 2-7
13. MINNESOTA 5-4	28. ATLANTA 1-8
14. HOUSTON 5-4	29. TAMPA BAY 1-8
15. INDIANAPOLIS 5-4	30. NY JETS 1-8

Fresno Falcons

Back in Business...

By Patrick Serban

In front of a crowd of 2,181 on Saturday night, the Fresno Falcons came back from a home opener loss to beat the Reno Renegades 4-3. Improving Fresno's record to 2 wins and 3 losses. By the end of the first period the Falcons were leading 1 to 0, thanks to a goal by Garaeu who was assisted by Numminen.

Four and a half minutes into the second period Reno's Fukami tied it all up at 1-1. Fresno came back with first year Falcon, Mark Szoke scoring a goal assisted by rookie Brandon Carper and Falcon veteran Brad Haelvle. Five minutes later Haelvle scored with an assist by Carper. At the end of the second period Falcons led 3-1. Half way into the third Fresno's leading scorer Craig Lyons flipped it into the top shelf completing thier drive to a winning game.

Reno's Thompson and Keith scored late in the game, making the final score 4-3 in favor of the Falcons. Reno's strategy at the end was to pull goalie Reynolds imposing a six man line against the Falcons. They had hoped to tie the score and force a period to win, but obviously this did not happen. Fresno's goaltender "Fergey" stumped Reno's 23 of 26 shots. During a full line change in the second period, one of the Falcons ran over a Renegade and recieved a two minute minor for interference, now this got the crowd going.

The attendance was smaller than usual due to the important Bulldog game happening the same day, however most spectators there were also present at the Friday game and were very happy to see the Saturday night win. On Friday, the Falcons lost their home opener to the Bakersfield Fog, 6-5.

NFL SCHEDULE WEEK 11

ARIZONA AT WASHINGTON
ATLANTA AT ST. LOUIS
BUFFALO AT PHILADELPHIA
GREEN BAY AT KANSAS CITY
HOUSTON AT NEW ORLEANS
INDIANAPOLIS AT MIAMI
NEW ENGLAND AT NY JETS

OAKLAND AT TAMPA BAY
PITTSBURGH AT CINCINNATI
DALLAS AT SAN FRANCISCO
BALTIMORE AT JACKSONVILLE
CHICAGO AT DENVER
MINNESOTA AT SEATTLE
NY GIANTS AT CAROLINA
DETROIT AT SAN DIEGO

Refugees... a story of pride

By Alina Vannavong



Alina Vannavong-
1996 Lao Association
President

What comes to your mind when I say the word immigrants? What comes to your mind when I say the word refugee? Do you know the difference between these two words? Immigrants are people who have choices to leave their native country while refugees, on the other hand, are forced to leave their countries usually by war and politics.

Today, I will educate you a little about the plight of Southeast Asian refugees - from their homelands, to the camps in Thailand and Malaysia, and then their adjustment to the American lifestyle.

Many refugees come from Southeast Asia such as Laos, Vietnam, and Cambodia. These countries were usually relaxed before the war and communist came along. Everything got worst for the people of these countries because war and politics caused bad economic situations as well as human suffering.

People had to leave their homelands and love ones behind. Before the refugees can reach their destination, they have to stay in the Malaysian or Thai camps to be interrogated in order to come to the United States or other countries. If they pass the interrogation, they are qualified to leave the camps. If not, they will remain there until they pass the interrogation or they have someone to sponsor them.

I wanted to focus more on the United States because everybody wants to come here because of freedom and opportunity for a better life.

In America, it wasn't easy to adjust to the American way of life. We struggle with our identities, to make a living, fit in the society as portray, and sometimes keeping our memories alive to remind us of the good times we had back in our countries. Sometimes memories cling onto you like lint on a sweater. One that is stuck in my mind is a very special story a former Vietnamese student at

Fresno State wrote in "Passages" about his feelings of separation from his family which touched my heart deeply because I, too, am separated from my love ones including my father and three brothers who are still back in Laos.

Can you imagine not only are you separated from your family, but you are alone, struggling in a foreign country trying to make the best of what you have. Although I have my mother and now four of my brothers, I still find it hard to continue with life as nothing had happened. Sometimes I sit in silence and pray to God what went wrong? I still can't find the answer.

Others as well as myself have experienced identity crisis. In your eyes, you see me as oriental or Asian, but I never really considered myself fully Lao. I consider myself Asian American. I may be born in Laos, but I was raised in America most of my life that's why I consider myself Asian-American.

Here's a perfect example of a person who really experienced an identity crisis and also expressed his feeling in his writings.

We studied his piece in Asian-American 15. The professor read it to the class and asked the students what they thought of the person who wrote the piece. The first word that came out of their mouths was "whitewashed." Very little will you find someone who admits that he/she is more American than Asian.

In conclusion, I just wanted to promote understanding between people, so you can understand the reasons we are here and the physical struggle as well as the emotional wounds.

FREE Radio

By Amy Klassen-Cox

There's a fairly new station here in Fresno, serving up a variety of music styles ranging from hip-hop to punk, with a steady current of political activism thrown in. What makes Free Radio Fresno 102.3 different from other local stations is that "They play what they get paid to play. We play what the people want to hear," said Free Radio Fresno DJ JoJo Romelo. In addition to their varied musical offerings, they also feature political commentaries.

They got their start when an individual from a Berkeley pirate radio station began selling radio transmitters and other equipment. According to Romelo, "People just came together. We're self-sponsored." They are also in-

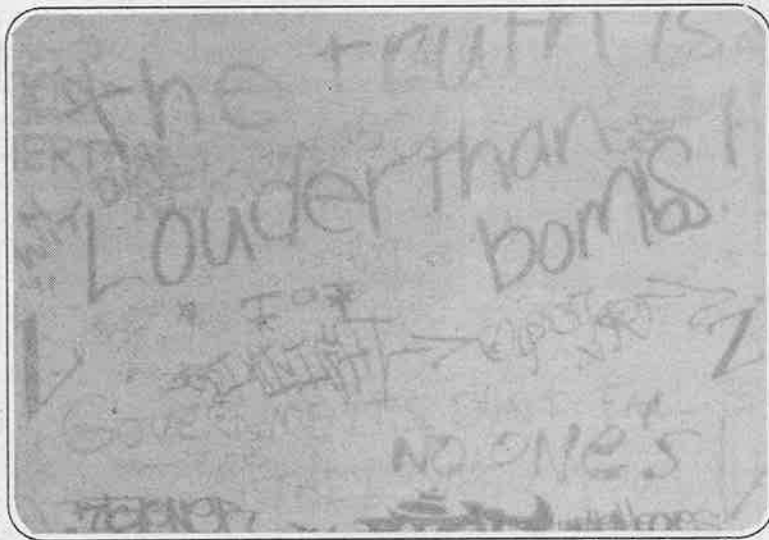


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Location of station held secret- photo of inner wall to studio.

involved with their community, feeding the homeless in Roeding Park on Saturdays.

As for their political views, they're as varied as the DJ's musical preferences. Most are anti-corporation, while some are fighting the same causes that hippies took up back in the '60s, such as freedom of speech and protection from police abuse. One person in-

involved with the station wants to start a labor force-oriented political party.

Currently they broadcast as far north as Herndon Ave. and as far south as Manning Ave. If you're out of their range, hold tight. Within another month or so the station will have bought another transmitter, so that they can broadcast to all of Fresno and Clovis.

RAMProfile:

DANCE 42 - African-American Rythm

By Amy Klassen-Cox

The rhythms of Western Africa are alive and well on our campus. The students enrolled in Dance 42 have learned not only how to play the percussion instruments native to Guinea, Senegal, and Nigeria, but they have also learned some of the native dances as well. They bring their talents to schools all throughout the valley. According to the instructor, Dr. Nwanne Onyemenem, the group "uses the whole program to teach the history of the African-American culture through songs, dances, and the percussion instruments."

The class also incorporates the concepts of positive lifestyles, true relaxation techniques, and self expression through dance to give students a more harmoniously balanced life. They incorporate an interdisciplinary approach to relate what they learn to all of their other classes. The instructor stated that the central focus of the group was "the African idiom of the arts."

The troupe has been in existence since 1984, and has been very well supported by the community.



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-tal projects fund is an allotment of \$900,000 over a period of three years to go to the building of the new Madera community college campus. "This has its good side and its bad side," said Cary Catalano, ASG president. "On the one hand all FCC students are not benefiting from what they pay, but on the other hand, FCC will always be the 'mother' campus, and we are always benefiting from surrounding communities."

Capital improvements, the third non-operating expenditure, is money that goes toward remodeling. Rivera said it took about 15 years to save enough money to remodel the bookstore.

The high cost of textbooks is not unique to FCC. Rivera said that 80 to 90 per cent of United States colleges

average a 20 to 30 per cent markup on text books the book Smith found at CSUF was cheaper in part because the sale of Bulldog merchandise helps off set the lower prices of text books, but it was still at 20 per cent mark-up.

Offsetting costs is nothing new to the FCC bookstore. Until July 1, when CSUF took over the business of the cafeteria, food services was losing up to \$100,000 per year. This loss was offset by the FCC bookstore.

According to Rivera, the price of education does not go unspent regardless of the beneficiary. But if the opinion of 98 per cent of the FCC students, including Bonnie Smith, is correct, the money should be going directly back to FCC students.

RAMTOP 10

TOP 10 CAMPAIGN PROMISES THAT CLINTON IS SORRY HE MADE

- 10- To use old Star Wars satellites to give everyone free HBO
- 9- Not inhale anything...
- 8- Find Locke 'NESSY'
- 7- Deflower Brooke Shields
- 6- Dispose of old nuclear waste through Home Shopping Club
- 5- Find out what that thing is on Gorbachev's head
- 4- Bring more "pretty boys" into the executive branch
- 3- Buy brother new saxophone
- 2- Have lunch with Carter and wife in Africa
- 1- Reveal membership and stock purchase in Rogaine corp.

SABOTAGE...?

Rampage Weekly spotted this vehicle 2 weeks prior to election day, a subject of vandalism. The culprit, an obvious Democrat, decided to forewarn his opposition by gift-wrapping toilet paper to his vehicle and embossing it with a "Dole" bumper sticker bow to "top it off..."

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