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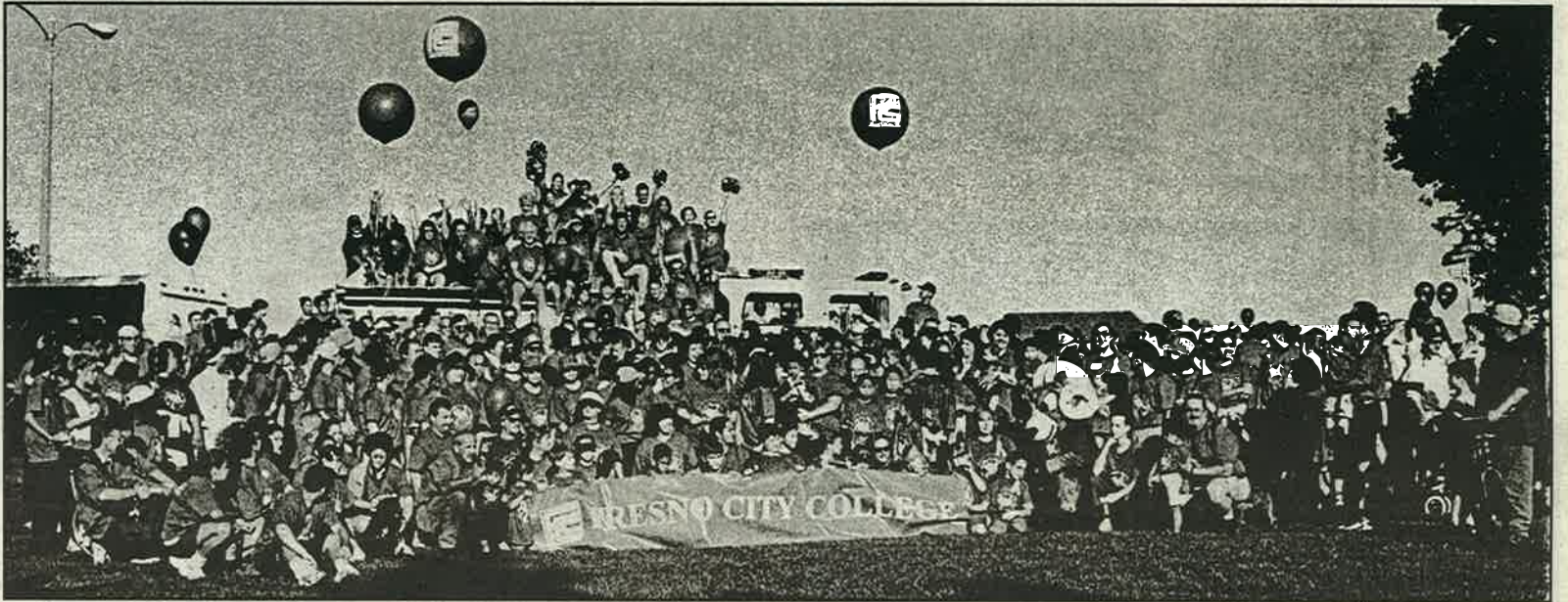
FCC presents major contribution to JDF Walk

By Charoletta Hister
RAMPAGE STAFF

Fresno City College recently netted in over 28 of its initial 20 thousand dollars fund raising goal to help support research to find a cure for Juvenile diabetes.

Represented by 22 teams at the "Walk to Cure Juvenile Diabetes" held at Woodward Park, the faculty, students, and friends of City College successfully surpassed the targeted goal for the event. The mile walk, with intermission stops at every quarter of a mile, followed the park's Lewis S. Eaton trail.

The event's Chairman and Fresno City College President Dr Daniel Larios, and State Community College District Chancellor Judith Redwine, and an array of academic divisions leaders took pivotal parts in the drive



Fresno City College participants take group photo prior to the Juvenile Diabetes Walk.

Photo by Adriana Martinez

during which Math & Science Engineering and the Humanities Division respectively got first and second place recognitions for raking in top dollars. The Math & Science Engineering rased 45 hundred dollars while Pearl Supersad led the Humanities Division in rais-

ing 19 hundred dollars.

Vital other institutions and groups, with central interests in the cause to find a cure for Juvenile Diabetes, were fully represented at the 200 thousand dollars fund raising drive for the foundation. They included Saint Agnes Hospital and California State

University Fresno, among others.

The recent event featured a fire truck, mascots "Geoffrey the Giraffe" of Toys R' Us, and "Sam the Ram" of Fresno City College at the front of the walk.

In a comment on the "Walk to Cure Juvenile Dia-

betes", FCC interim director of college activites Gurdeep Sihota said that by pulling together, the 22 teams representing the college were able to succeed in their goal. "Thanks to our efforts we made it even more possible to find a cure for diabetes," said Sihota.

Rampage Managing Editor grabs First Place at JACC



Photo by Samuel Yuk

The Rampage congratulates Managing Editor Adrian Rodriguez on taking first place for On The Spot Copy Editing at the Northern California JACC (Journalism Association of Community Colleges) Conference, held on October 16 at San Jose State University.

Career Day spawns a very large turnout of High School students

By Abel E. Jimenez
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Forty-five Central Valley high schools, with enrollments of 2,246 students attended the 1999 Fresno City College Business/ Technical-Industrial Career Day program held on October 13 across the FCC campus. Courses ranging from Accounting to Welding were available for students looking for a career.

"I'm extremely pleased with the turnout, this is the largest group we've had since we started Career Day," said Sherian Eckenrod, Dean of Business Division, who along with Richard Cristl, Dean of Technical and Industrial Division presented this event.

Each section of high schools was composed of

three colored teams (Blue, Red, Yellow) and were assigned to two workshops and to the gymnasium to listen to keynote speaker Dr. Joe Fawcett, President and Owner of Mount Tabor Productions. In the keynote speech, Fawcett talked to students about failures before success. "Don't be afraid to take risks, or be afraid to make mistakes, or to be afraid of failure, just keep on going," he urged.

At the Welding workshop, Doug Belmont, senior team leader of PELCO served as speaker and says his goal in teaching students is to: "Tell the students about the benefits of Welding as a career path, but I also try to instill in them to get into the habit of learning, whatever career path they choose to take, not just Welding, and



Workshop speaker Doug Belmont instructs students on the business and knowledge of welding.

Photo by Samuel Yuk

to have a thirst for knowledge, and Welding is a good place to start for those in the Technical nature."

Among the many programs featured, Eckenrod and Cristl said that according to students: Computers (Business) and Police Academy (Technical/Industrial), were the most popular workshops at Career Day.

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News

International Culture Night FCC gets involved in Big Fresno Fair

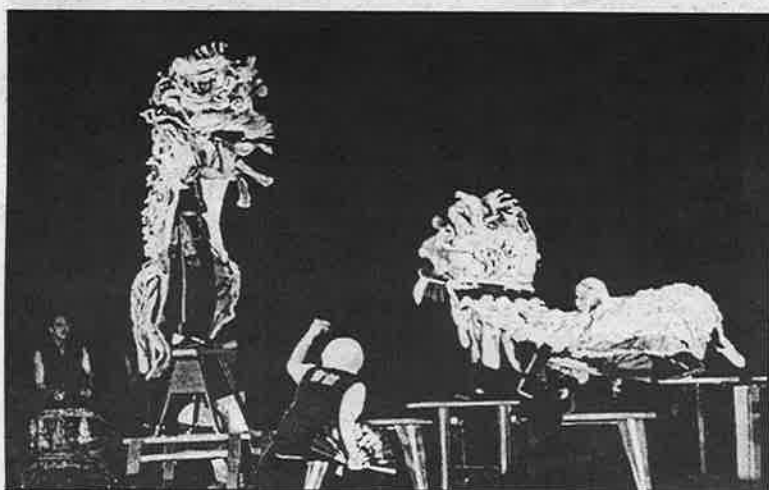
By Maranda Brandt
RAMPAGE NEWS EDITOR

International Culture Night was held at Fresno State's Satellite Student Union Friday Oct. 8. The event brought an evening of cultural music and dancing open free to the public.

The event, sponsored by International Student Services and Programs and Fresno State's Diversity Awareness Program, included a variety of

music and cultural dances from Mexico, Latin America, Africa, Taiwan, Haiti and Thailand and others.

The event was organized to entertain, and to show people the diverse cultural backgrounds provided by the Fresno students and residents. "The variety of music and dance really caught my attention," said Johann Smith, a student at the program. "It was definitely educational as well as entertaining."



Taiwanese dragons appear in Culture Night program.

Photo by Kristy McDaniel

By Abel E. Jimenez

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Fresno City College staff members participated in the Big Fresno Fair by having a booth inside the Industry and Commerce building at the Fresno Fairgrounds.

"Our purpose was to show off our college and provide an outlet for people who may not otherwise have an opportunity to come by. We handed out information to people, we had an interest card for people to fill out, as well as applications and brochures from various campus entities, business divisions, and the Re-entry program, as well as applications and information for financial aid and admissions, I think we put out our information in a good light so people could enroll and get interested in the other aspects of the college," said FCC spokesman Woody Wilk.

According to Ken Chavez, coordinator for School Relations at FCC, the college "began having the booths in 1987 outdoors at first, but in 1990, we moved our booth indoors to the Industry building and we've been very successful since. At first, the School

Relations department was in charge of the booth, now, various divisions and departments at FCC sit in and help high school students and Re-entry students with any questions they might have." (The Public Information Office has now been in charge of the booth the last two years.)

As for FCC's involvement in the fair, Kristi Brangle, Director of Public Relations for the annual event stated: "We've definitely enjoyed FCC's involvement at the fair, and we appreciate their coverage. We look forward to working with them again next year."



Staff member Rita Gerard and Rachel Fernandez-Johnston man the FCC booth at the Big Fresno Fair.

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A Votre Sante, O - l - e Ad'mn

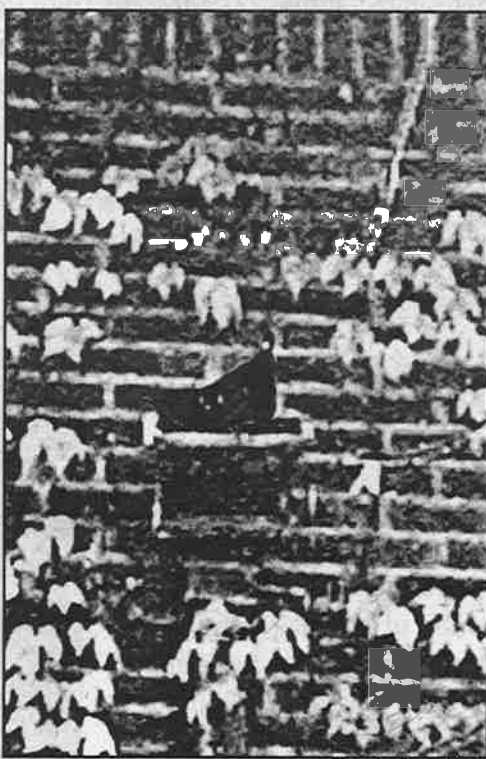
A Thought from

THE RAMPAGE STAFF

Decommissioned nearly a quarter century ago, but still dazzling, emaculate, and prototypical of a splendid infrastructural sophistication which distinguishes it from the protomorphic trend it supplanted, the Old Administration Building (Ole Ad'mn) at FCC still stands unequivocally and undauntingly tall, and subsumes for somnambulatory journalism localities a culmination of a symbolic "sacred cow" (and a "Babylon Revisited" of sort) caught between "damned if you do

and damned if you don't!!!"

Undaunted, as it were, by Coalinga, Los Angeles, Mammoth, and phenomenal other Richter R-U-M-B-L-I-N-G-S (with catastrophic consequences), Ole Ad'mn still manages to baffle the prophets of geochronology and seismism and, therefore, the foundation of quick-retrofit arguments and referendum which were accelerants for its capitulation to an unceremonial retirement ... a perkless retirement



Pidgeon epitomizes state of old Administration Building.

Photo by Samuel Yuk

notwithstanding longevity and selfless service to humanity and country.

Requiem for Ole Ad'mn? Oh no!!!! What then? Requiem in A-B-E-Y-A-N-C-E for the arthritic venerable whose dormency was set in motion by the lingua barrier and seismological inclinations of its creator-admirers and techno-nemeses.

Philosophically waxed, wisdom imbued, and much in touch with life as cap-

tured by the carpeted verdancy of its exterior, Ole Ad'mn's architectural and myriapodous properties still mirror awesome flamboyance and a sanguine beauty that simply will not relent.

Abandoned by yester-years occupants, current other creature residents today man the corridors of Ole Ad'mn once centers of administrative conferences, debates, declarations, and ideological posturings.

VIVA OLE AD'MN!



Ivy covers the walls but can't protect the windows.

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Impressions from

Life

By James Wilcox

OPINION EDITOR

Happy Y6B

On October 12 the world population reached the 6 Billion mark according to a non-profit corporation called Zero Population Growth. Worse yet, by 2050 that figure could jump to 12 Billion. See what happens when we don't have a World War or a bout of Bubonic plague! Are we doomed, with 2.5 Billion people added annually, to endure our version of Star Trek: TOS (The Original Series), The Mark of Gideon?

Gloom and Doom prophets always get my goat. For just once, can't somebody say something good about

the Human Condition? Look at all of the things man has done that openly support the feeling that humans are not a waste of skin. Agreed, there have been some things brought into existence that should not have been, but for the most part I give humans an A-plus grade for effort.

It's not hard at all to sit around and point the finger of blame at this situation, or that group of people, for the world's problems. Not hard at all for countries to think up reasons to make war on others. Acquisition is the best form of conquest and Wall Street does this daily, but no one has ever realized

the implied warfare connection.

Rush Limbaugh has been credited with the saying, "The purpose of an Army is to break things and kill people."

Rush does not see that Wall Street can have the same effect on people's lives by operating with different tools. Mergers and acquisitions put people out of work and change the way products are made. Where small Mom and Pop companies make things with caring and quality, corporate structures operate under the 'profit-motive'. Comparable products usually cost less, but are not of the same quality. There is time and room enough for change and invention, because everything has not been invented. Congress thought otherwise in 1904 and wanted to close down the US Patent Office.

Midterms are coming up,

so let's give a little help to those who need hints in studying for those "killer" examinations. Well, first of all, don't kill yourself by overdoing the chore. Intensive review is fine, but don't forget to come up for air. Organize your study time and focus on your toughest subject first. Give this topic maximum push and take a healthy break before pressing on with the rest of your class-work.

Keep outside distractions to a minimum or none at all to insure that your studying has continuity. Schedule breaks when you need them and reward yourself in some way when you feel that you have done well with a particular effort.

The Fresno City College Administration does not endorse the following procedure, but it is a good thing to do since you can't substitute grades if you earn a

'C' and I might not be able to mention it before Finals; if the known trend of your grade in any class needed for graduation looks as if it will be a 'C' and you intend to repeat the class in a later semester for a better grade, then do the following: (1) continue with the class(s) learning as much as you can from the instructor and homework assignments and (2) "blow" (don't show up for) your Final Examination.

The only advice that I will give to folks gnawing their nails over the Y2K anticipated shut-down of the banking system is **why worry about it?** If it happens, it happens. Don't give yourself an ulcer. Do what you can to prepare for the worst and let all else fly over your head.

The end of a millennium does not mean the END OF THE WORLD.

Setting it Straight

Two issues ago, the Rampage reported on Transfer Day, in which a source stated that FCC's transfer rates are among the lowest in the valley. That information turned out to be incorrect, according to Transfer Center coordinator Jill Harmon: "FCC is the number one community college in California for transferring students to California State Universities out of 107 California Community Colleges during the 1997-98 year. Of the six highest transfer-producing community colleges, we are virtually tied for the total number of transfers when compared to the total Fall '95 pool at 7% for '96-'98 year." The Rampage deeply regrets any inconvenience this may have caused the parties involved.

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Fresno Fair

KC and the Sunshine Band recreated memories for Fresno audience

By Sarah Lopez
RAMPAGE STAFF

KC and the Sunshine Band recently held a large crowd of dance and music lovers spellbound during the 90 minute showstopping performance at the Paul Paul Theater.

crowd wanting to have a great time . . . and a great time they had.

With music playing, and the fans caught up in the excitement of the introductory hit, *Shake Your Booty*, members of the crowd repeatedly danced to the beat of KC and the Sunshine Band. *That's the Way I Like It* and *I'm Your*



Henry Wayne Casey (KC) performs his disco classics with his Sunshine Band.

Photo by Sarah Lopez

ater of the Big Fresno Fair.

With the stage set in rainbow colored lights, and sparkling disco balls crisscrossing from the ceiling, party freaks from all walks of life, including the young and old, could not wait for the old school beats of KC and Sunshine Band to begin.

The performance on October 14 was described as peaceful and enjoyable, with members of the

Boogie Man were also played.

KC, accompanied by his Cuban percussionist, Enrique, has entertained fans with his performances for nearly 26 years.

A member of the crowd described the old school band as still having the right moves for the new. Their music, he said, "is something anyone can dance to . . . the band was cool back in the days, and still is."

Older and wiser, the Doobies prove they can still rock the house

By Abel E. Jimenez
CLASSIC ROCK GURU

Coinciding with their thirtieth anniversary of existence, the San Jose rock group, the Doobie Brothers, performed before a crowd of over 4,500 at the Paul Paul Theater in the Fresno Fairgrounds on October 7. The concert, part of the Big Fresno Fair was presented by classic rock radio station KJFX (95.7 the Fox).

Formed in 1970, with the title "Doobie" a slang term in California for a marijuana joint, their history reads like a feature film: An ever-changing personnel rotation, a change of music style from Rock to R&B, 16 top 40 hits, five top ten singles, two number one songs, and nine gold albums featuring fancy titles like *Toulouse Street*, *The Captain and Me*, and *What Were Once Vices Are Now Habits*.

The cornerstones of the band's success were guitarists Tom Johnston (a Visalia native),

Patrick Simmons and keyboardist Michael McDonald, all three wrote and sang their own material, when the band played at the fair, only McDonald was not present, because according to Simmons: "He's sick . . . of us."

The group opened with the high octane, motorcycle anthem *Rockin' Down the Highway* with Johnston on lead vocals. At 51, the smooth vocals of Johnston have not lost its touch, while Simmons, also in his 50's, still plays a mean guitar lick.

Other songs the Doobies performed included *Jesus is Just Alright*, *Black Water*, *The Doctor and Dangerous*. They also pleased the crowd with soul classics *Little Bitty Pretty One* and *The Way You Do the Things You Do*. The McDonald-penned *Takin' it to the Streets* was performed by Simmons and the bass played only known as "Skylark." The only new song played at the concert was a ballad penned by Simmons, *Can't Stand to Lose*, slated to be

placed on their new album in the Spring of 2000.

After playing their top smash, *Long Train Running*, Johnston and the group sang "Good Night" to the fans, it was long before a large chant of "Doobie, Doo-bies" surrounded the Paul Paul Theater and the band returned to performed two of the best songs. The seamy, scandalous Texas romance about preacher and a teacher, *Chinatown*, and perhaps one of rock roll's 10 greatest anthems, *Liste to the Music*.

Rock n' roll bands seem come and go as the times change but after 30 years of working together, performing together and touring together, the Doobie Brothers can still rock the house down and leave a crowd with a smile on their face.

(Reporter's Note: Billboard magazine, Sony music, and 95.7 the Fox program director "Sports Illustrated" contributed additional information to the story).



Gladys Knight puts on memorable show

By Jennifer Vicuna

RAMPAGE STAFF

Soul singer Gladys Knight performed at the Big Fresno Fair's opening night on October 6. Over 3,000 spectators of all ages came and relaxed to see the diva of the 60's and 70's.

Among the songs Knight performed were *Neither One of Us*, *The Best Thing That Ever Happened to Me*, and one of her all time favorite hits *Midnight Train to Georgia*.

Many individuals remembered Knight when their mothers and grandparents were listening to her in the 60's. Robin Sims and Robert Riley were two of the many

spectators at the concert. "Listening to her and her group, the Pips, brought me back to the time when I was a kid," said Sims. "*Midnight Train to Georgia* was my favorite song to hear," said Riley.

Knight refused to give interviews due to a personal tragedy, but she gave her fans the kind of show they deserved. Many individuals and critics who listen to her material classify Gladys Knight as a performer who sings "Love Songs."

As she said farewell to Fresno, the crowd screamed. In retrospect, Knight is a "Diva" who everyone will remember not just for her talent, but for her way of making all her fans feel good.



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"The Hobbit" Brings Magic and Adventure to FCC

By Chris Castro
RAMPAGE STAFF

The Fresno City College Theatre Arts Department presented a dramatic adaptation of author J.R.R. Tolkien's classic novel, *The Hobbit*. While the play was geared toward entertaining young children, many older fans were in attendance.

The strength of the story sets the production apart from other FCC plays created for children. Instead of following the adventures of Alice, of Wonderland fame, *The Hobbit* centered on its hero Bilbo Baggins. The short and stocky protagonist is commissioned as a burglar, which he isn't, by the famous magician Gandalf to help the dwarf Thorin Oakenshield and his company of twelve dwarves on a journey to reclaim their dwarf kingdom and slay the dragon, Smaug, who destroyed their once great land.

Bilbo was wonderfully portrayed by Sam Laakso, who brought out Bilbo's characteristic bewilderment of the trouble Gandalf had gotten him into and the character's reluctant trans-

formation from a reclusive adventure-phobe to full-blown hero. D. Scott McQuiston delightfully enacted the part of the demonic, riddle-spewing Gollum, from whom Bilbo "steals" a magical ring, which plays heavily into Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* (which, on a side note, will be made into a motion picture trilogy set to be directed by Peter Jackson, who also directed *The Frighteners*). He also gave voice to the devilish dragon, Smaug, which was a massive creation that took up half the stage.

The majority of the characters, including the dwarves, were lively acted out by puppeteers, who reminded me of the television program "Fraggle Rock" because the puppets displayed an array of emotions from sadness to joy, and from defeat to anger.

With expert direction by Daniel Wheeler and creative costuming by Debbi Shapazian, *The Hobbit* succeeded on many levels, appealing to both the young and those of us who are still "Toys 'R' Us" kids at heart.

Beck deserves more respect than what he got in "Loser" town

By Joe Doyle

ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Beck was greeted by a less than sell-out crowd on October 7, at the Fresno State's Satellite Student Union. The concert, featuring Beck as the sole act on the bill, served as a warm-up to his forthcoming performance at Indio's Coachella Festival.

Performing some of his less popular songs to an audience unaccustomed to a high-profile act like Beck, made for a concert that lacked enthusiasm. With an audience well less than the 800-seat holding capacity, you would think the crowd might be a little more excited.

His last visit to Fresno's Rainbow Ballroom, saw Beck in the middle of his red-hot tour for the 1996 Grammy winning album, *Odelay*. Widely recognized as one of the best tours of the 90's, with a prominent feature in *Rolling Stone Magazine's* recent "Best Concerts of the 90's" special edition, Beck was tremendous, and the audience was very re-

ceptive and well behaved.

Unfortunately the fans that turned out for his October 7 show, probably thought Beck was the actor David Spade from TV's *Just Shoot Me*. This particular audience, spent more time jumping onto the stage, than actually appreciating his music.

Beck's Grammy winning songwriting demands more attention than the immature, "New Rock" sponsored crowd could ever deliver. When Beck transitioned into his soft, melodic acoustic set, the less unappreciative crowd began demanding "We Wanna Boogie!", until an obviously disgusted Beck put down the acoustic guitar and returned to the more dance-rock influenced numbers.

Throughout the beautiful "Nobody's Fault but My Own", a soft acoustic ballad, with more meaning than the crowd's obviously unhealthy diet of Len, Limp Biskit, and Matchbox 20, the audience members used the pause from the action to engage in unexpected behav-

ior by taking advantage of Beck on stage and rolling joints in front of officers. (Why security did not intervene in this remains a mystery.)

The only moment the crowd showed any interest, was when Beck left the stage after returning for a one song encore. This rowdy Fresno audience, began peppering the stage with expletives, in disgust for the concert that didn't even come close to 90 minutes. Little realizing that if they had just kept their mouths shut, enjoyed the music, and stayed off the stage, they would have gotten their money's worth.

Add Beck to the list of quality bands and artists who most likely will never set foot in Fresno again, like these other modern rock bands: Tool, Korn, Radiohead, Metallica, Garbage, Live, Primus, The Offspring, etc. Keep it up Fresno and the only major concert you'll ever see is the "Birthday Bash" full of one-hit wonders.

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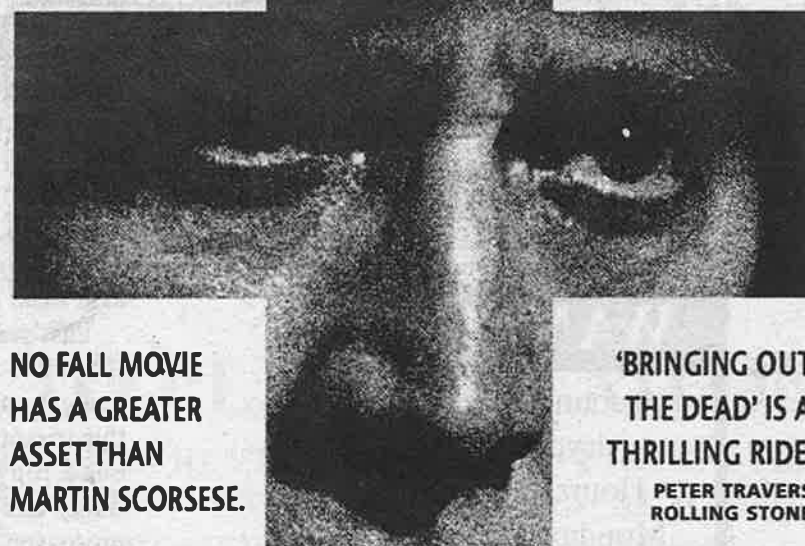
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Sports

The Rams take control of the Jags 42-6

By Joe Chacon
FCC FOOTBALL BEAT

The Fresno City College Rams, playing at San Jose on October 9 against the Jaguars, took control of the game and kept San Jose scoreless with the only touchdown occurring in the fourth quarter. The Rams 42-6 over the Jaguars improved the Rams to 5-0 their best start ever since 1948, when that team finished 7-2.

The passing game was allowed only 63 yards by the San Jose defense. Coach Tony Caviglia said on the offensive front: "That we got to get better at blocking, and to work on the simple things". Ryan Weatherston was 4 of 8 for 31-yds. Jimmy Whitfield had 2 receptions for 33-yds.

Maurice Morris' scoring ability broke the single-game school record scoring 5 TD's, with 21 carries. One touchdown with two defensive players closing in, Morris

spins, jumps and breaks away for a 49-yd TD for the longest run of the night. Morris ran for a 154-yds, totaling 250-yds for the Rams compared to 83-yds rushing for the Jaguars.

Capitalizing on last week's bye, Caviglia planned to use the time off for working on the basics and also to recuperate and prepare for the five remaining games: "We're banged up right now, we need some time to rest. It's time for our players to get reacquainted in the classrooms, do extra work in class. This also gives us the chance to get back to the fundamentals, we're going to make this situation as positive as possible".

The Rams play at home against the Merced Blue Devils Oct 23 at 7 P.M. at Ratcliffe Stadium in a Valley Conference game, then play Modesto on Oct. 30 at Ratcliffe Stadium in the Homecoming Game.

Rams "headed" for two "goals" in single shot

By Steven Viramontes
RAMPAGE STAFF

Cylinder cones spread out across a field in need of fertilization. Girls are running, coaches coaching, and cars honking. Sounds like every young male athlete's life: girls, coaches, and cars. Take off those football cleats and try on these cleats, it's time for Lady Rams Soccer.

is to win our conference," emphasizes team captain Kristi Nichols. "Everyone has their own talent that they bring to the team and it will be great when we can use that talent together."

With only four sophomores leading the team, they look to prepare themselves for the future along with achieving their season's goals. "I have 18 players, and

"We need to be in shape for future games and work together as a team, every time we step on the field, for we have great chemistry on and off the field," said captain/defensive player Elisha Lopez.

The second half of conference play is coming soon and the state play-offs are following short after, but after next, what ate next for these girls?



Rams Women's Soccer in an early season game.

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With the first half of the season and conference play almost over, the Fresno City girls soccer team constantly practices like its a game.

"If you get out there and give it 100 percent and you come off the field feeling good, you've done good," said head coach Bill Neal.

Last season, the Rams finished 8-6-5 and have already made dramatic improvements this season beginning conference play 3-0-1 (at press time) and going 5-3 in the preseason.

"Right now, our main goal

their all key players. Each have their very own points and individuality," explains Neal. "Whoever is in the goal, on the field, or on the bench, they're contributing."

Summer is wilting away and autumn is starting to blow in. Playing conditions are changing and endurance is the key to success when it comes to a 90-minute ball game. "We're trying to get our body's conditioned to play the full game, and be physically fit and mentally alert," explains Neal.

"We have four sophomores and the rest our freshmen. We're young, but good," said Lopez.

Teams outside of the conference are recognizing the talent here at City. Even though its halfway through the season, four-year universities are observing these young ladies' accomplishments.

"San Jose St., Santa Barbara, Sacramento, San Francisco, and Chico are looking at our girls," states Neal. "We have players that are division one players out of high school and want to attend a university."

Now after the cleats have been on for two years and the AA degrees in hand, what uniforms will these girls be wearing? Who knows, but they will remember that it all started on that field that is still brown and dry.

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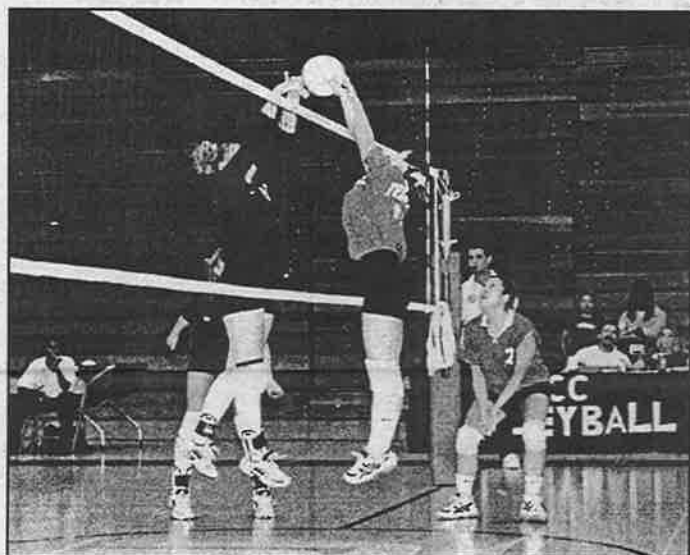
Lady Rams lose two crucial conference games, second half awaits

By Veronica Cruz
FCC VOLLEYBALL BEAT

On October 8, the Fresno City College Rams Volleyball team lost to the Taft Cougars in Bakersfield in five hard fought sets, in the process, the Rams played their hearts out and gained respect for each other, and their coaches. Head Coach Sheri Hess said, "I'm really proud that the team has been

tober 13, at the FCC gym.

The Tigers won the first set of the match 8-15, but the Rams came back and won the second set 17-15. Reedley went on to win the next 2 sets by 13-15 scores. The latter score was the result of a controversial call by the head referee, causing the Rams to lose a chance by sideout. Hess said after the match: "We are the first team in



Elisa Cortopassi attempts to stave off a block by Reedley's defense.

learning how to compete with the top teams in our conference. They're also learning how to have fun while at the same time playing intense ball."

After an impressive run at the College of the Sequoias Invitational in Visalia, in which the Rams posted big games from Staci Gorubec, Marissa Braness and Allison Parks, but fell short in the finals against Ventura College, the Rams faced their top rival, the Reedley Tigers, on Oc-

tober 13, at the FCC gym. The Tigers won the first set of the match 8-15, but the Rams came back and won the second set 17-15. Reedley went on to win the next 2 sets by 13-15 scores. The latter score was the result of a controversial call by the head referee, causing the Rams to lose a chance by sideout. Hess said after the match: "We are the first team in

the conference to prove a real threat to Reedley and to come this close to winning." Looking ahead to the second half of the season, Hess said, "Our task is to prove to the teams that we lost to that we'll be ready." The Rams start the second half of conference play tonight at Sonora against the Columbia Claim Jumpers, then play host to West Hills on Friday night.

The Dock's Thoughts

By Jeff Dockum
SPORTS EDITOR

How 'bout those Rams? Both the Fresno City College Rams and St. Louis Rams have proven all naysayers wrong, including myself, who would have never guessed that both teams would be sitting at 5-0. I must also take this time to say that my Niners ultimately are old, sagging, and ready for the dialysis machine. As far as the St. Louis Rams go, it is good to see a team that has been mired in obscurity, finally have an arch of success (no pun intended).

After last season, no one would have thought the FCC Rams would even have an outside chance of making the December 11 championship game which, this year, will be right here in our backyard at Ratcliffe Stadium. With five games left, and three at home, knock on wood: December 11, there will be a home game for the Rams.

With the two best baseball teams of the 90's set to square

off on Saturday in a best of seven World Series matchup, I must say the Yankees are making good use of that profitable merchandise revenue, (all those red yankee hats) in using it to "pay off" the umpires, as was evident in the Boston series (just a theory, I don't have concrete proof, hence the quotations). With this unfortunate "deception", the Braves may have no chance to win, despite having home field advantage.

The Rampage deserves a "full nelson" for lack of coverage on what is a very skillful squad of FCC wrestlers. I am looking forward to providing extensive coverage of the Ram wrestling team in future issues of the Rampage.

In closing, I, as Sports Editor, wish the other FCC programs (Men's, Women's Soccer, Volleyball, Cross Country, Golf) all the best in the second half of the season as we end the twentieth century.

Those are the Dock's thoughts for now.

Volleyball Schedule

October 20

at Columbia

October 22

West Hills

October 27

at Merced

October 29

Alumni Match
(Gymnasium)

November 3

College of the
Sequoias

November 5

at Modesto

November 10

Taft

November 12

at Reedley

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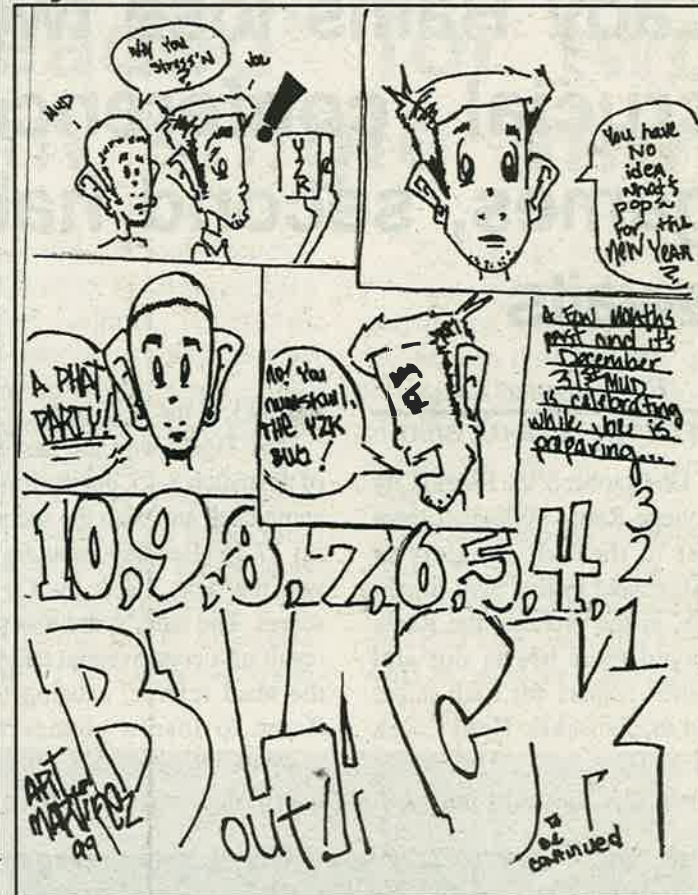
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BILLY

by Charles Davis



By Arturo Martinez



1999 HOMECOMING WEEK

"CELEBRATING MILLENNIUM MADNESS"

OCTOBER 25 - 30, 1999

SHOW YOUR RAM PRIDE AND WEAR RED & WHITE

MONDAY

FCC Football Team visits Valley Children's Hospital

TUESDAY

Vendor Faire Campus Mall 9am - 6pm

FCC Football Team visits the Veteran's Hospital

WEDNESDAY

Ramburger Round-up
Free Speech Area
10am - 6pm
Dance Contest
Free Speech Area - 11am
Vendor Faire
Campus Mall
9am - 6pm

THURSDAY

Vendor Faire
Campus Mall
9am - 6pm

FRIDAY

Homecoming Parade & Rally
Fountain Area
Meet at 11:45 a.m. in the Free Speech Area to begin the Parade!

SATURDAY

- * Safe -N- Sane Halloween Carnival at Ratcliffe Stadium, North Field, 4:30 p.m.
- * Pre-Game Party at Ratcliffe Stadium, North Field - 5 p.m.
- * Homecoming Game vs. Modesto
Kick-Off at 7pm

HALFTIME SHOW

- * Honored Alumnus: Assemblywoman Sarah Reyes
- * Announce the 1999-2000 Homecoming King and Queen
- * Parade of former players - Tribute to the 1949-50 team
- * Float Competition

For more information call the FCC College Activities Office at: 265-5711

Pencil's Playground

"A Dream of Love"

By Jeetley Xiong

There's something pleasant in the way that
you look
A certain something about you that I've
liked from the start
A peaceful and pleasing feeling you give me
every time I look into your eyes
It's nothing I can completely describe...
But it's everything that I've prayed and
dreamed
This love that I have for you is pure and
innocent of all illusions
I want nothing but to be apart of you.

Knowing you, my life will never be the same
You've made everything I've overcome in
life...
Worth all the hardships I've had to face just
to be standing here today!

You're my soul's every remedy,
...my journey,
...my destination,
...my longing..

...And I'm glad to be united at last.

Dedicated to the one I'll someday meet..
...to the one I'll someday spend the
rest of my life with..
...To You!!