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Neighboring elementary school in need of donations

By Nam Dang

For those of you who don't know about Heaton Elementary School, maybe the Heaton Multi-Cultural Faire, scheduled Friday, might be able to help you learn more about the school's ethnic

Heaton has a partnership with Partners in Pride, which helps the school put on this memorable

event. This is the eighth year for the Heaton Multi-Cultural Faire.

The faire will consist of food, prizes and live entertainment by Fresno and Roosevelt high schools, the California Hmong Girls Dancers, Polynesian dancers, folklorico dancers, as well as the Country Fun Petting Zoo, and the Fresno police, fire and sheriff's departments.

The faire will begin at 5 p.m. and will conclude around 8:30

p.m. Nancy Hensel, Heaton Elementary School's principal, hopes to show the students, parents and the community the different diversity of the ethnic groups at their school.

In addition, Heaton has also developed a new reading program called C.A.R.E. (Children Achieving Reading Excellence). This is the second year of the program, and is to promote daily reading at home. Donations of books are

needed; these books will then go to the students. Since the program started, Hensel has noticed an improvement in the students' academic performance and hopes that the improvement increases.

Also, Heaton is in need of baked goods that will be used in the "cake walk" contest during the faire. If you donate baked goods, please do not bring them until the day of the Heaton Multi-Cultural Faire. If you would like to donate

any books or baked goods for this event, please contact our campus' College Activities office or call (559) 265-5711.

Drive and dine promo

By Nam Dang

Students get a taste of Mexican independence

By Lisa Silguero Contributing Writer

The Latino spirit is back once again, but this time not with mega superstars Jennifer Lopez and Ricky Martin, who were "Living la viva Loca" for the television and radio air-

It was actually the celebration known as Mexican Independence Day, not to be confused with Cinco de Mayo, which is celebrated May 5.

Mexican Independence Day is actually celebrated Sept. 16. Since a significant portion of the student population is Hispanic, the school needs to be more aware about our Latino population.

The festivities started 10 a.m. Friday morning. The day consisted of entertainment and food by different clubs. During the festival, students competed in a dance contest.

Couples from the audience



The San Joaquin Mariachi Band during Mex. Ind. Day

danced away, while the audience observed who was the best Latin groove dancers. Students weren't only shaking their hips but their vocal chords as well. Another contest allowed students to see

who could scream the loudest, which resulted in laughter and embarrassing moments for the contes-

The afternoon ended with food and music just as it had started. It

had seemed as the festival was coming to an end, the number of people in attendance kept grow-

ing. All in all, the turnout was

strong and the day went smoothly.

News Editor The Associated Student Government of Fresno City

College, in conjunction with the Commission on Athletics and Hyundai Motor America, will be conducting a two-day promotion Oct. 9-10 titled "Drive And Dine." Fresno City College is one of 34 community colleges in California that was selected to participate in this promotion.

This event will consist of several Hyundai cars on display as well as two cold-air balloons and a student sign up

The goal of the event, for the community colleges involved, is to get as many students to fill out interest cards as possible.

'Our (the ASG's) main priority is to get as many students involved as possible by having them fill out these interest cards as well as raffle tickets," said student body president Dale Risenhoover.

The prizes that will be awarded from the raffle are Walkmans, gas cards from Chevron, and \$35 gift certifi

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Opportunity knocks for students

By Maranda Brandt Reporter

Transfer Day, held Sept. 13 in the FCC Campus Mall, gave students this semester a chance to seek out information about four year colleges. The event is an annual activity which includes booths from various four year universities offering pamphlets and books about their schools.

The purpose of Transfer Day is for students who are interested in transferring to a four year school to find out what colleges are available and what curriculums they have to offer. It is also to inform those who have not con-

sidered the option of transferring and are interested in finding out more about each school.

Some well known schools such as Fresno State, UC Santa Barbara and UC Berkeley were in attendance, as well as University of the Pacific, University of Hawaii and Loma Linda University.

The main difference between a Junior College and a university is the university offers a Bachelor's Degree, while a JC offers only Associate's Degrees. Besides this obvious difference, representatives from Transfer Day feel there are other reasons students should consider when deciding to transfer.

Blia Yang, a representative from UC-San Diego, said, "Attending a four year college is more of a growing experience. It definitely opens your options career wise." Yang finds that students who "go away" to college have more fun because there are more activities to get involved in and there are more exciting surroundings.

Kendyl Magnuson, representative from CSU-Bakersfield, feels that most people who attend a four year college have a much easier

"A student is more likely to be involved in campus activities,



(see Transfer, page 3) Taking a break from transfer considerations

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A memory of days gone by, the former administration building

ngs demise is undecided

By Anna Ramos Rampage Writer

It's tall, red bricked, covered

in ivy, and has a fence surrounding it.....what is it?

For some new students on campus, that was their very question. The old Administration building is one of the last original buildings (besides the Library), that is left from the original college. This building was once home to Administration offices, as well as classrooms, a theater, and a once beautiful courtyard where graduates of the nursing program would hold their Commencement Ceremonies. It was once a beautiful building that many Alumni students of the 50's, 60's, and the 70's have fond memories of. That was until the new Administration buildingwas built and the old one was closed. The old Administration building was sealed off to students due to cancer causing

abestos. Ever since then the building has been fenced off and no one is allowed inside.

There have been many different ideas of what to do with the building. Some have had the idea of just tearing it down and creating more parking space. However others (like the Fresno Historical Society) believe that this building is a part of Fresno's history and needs to be fixed up and reopened.

In 1988, when the Accreditation Team came to Fresno City College to accredidate the college, they recommended that the college do something with the Old Administration building.

In 1997 there was an idea to turn the old Administration building into a "Senior" Center; however nothing has happened.

The main issue that has been keeping everything at a standstill is the money factor. It would take millions of dollars to renovate the entire building, taking out all of the

asbestos, and making the building up to today's standards. Where would the college get all of the funds to do a project like

In the Spring 2000 semester the Accreditation team came once again, and once again noted in their final report that the college has yet to do anything with the Old Administration building since their last report.

So what is to be done with this aging building? When and how long will it take for the college to do something with this building? If the college managed to keep the original Library, then how come we can't save the old Administration building? It is a part of Fresno City College's history. Hopefully when our Accreditation Team comes around again in ten years, the college will have done something with the ivy covered, fenced up building.

August 30 - 2:59 p.m.

Officers dispatched to Campus Mall regarding disturbance. Fresno Police Dept. assisted. Two individuals arrested, booked into Fresno County Jail. Report taken.

August 31 - 12:09 p.m.

Officer dispatched to Campus Mall regarding disturbance. One individual arrested, cited and released. Report taken.

August 31 - 1:04 a.m.

Officer took phone report regarding a missing per-

September 5 - 6:04 p.m.

Officer took general incident report regarding a domestic disturbance.

September 6 - 7:55 p.m.

Upon attempting to cite a vehicle for a parking violation, parking control found that vehicle had over five outstanding parking tickets. Vehicle impounded. Report

September 7 - 9:15 p.m.

Officer took a report regarding several students being harassed by other students.

September 8 - 6:53 a.m.

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News

Fresno Covenant Foundation in need of volunteers

By Nam Dang

News Editor

The Fresno Covenant Foundation, which was esatblished in 1999, is an organization that help immigrant families in Fresno County ease the difficulties of trying to integrate into our community.

They are trying to accomplish this is by providing the children of these families with group and oneon-one tutoring. The tutoring program is designed for students that are in the first grade and above,

need of assistance with reading and writing; because of the fact that their parents do not speak English. In addition, classes in ESL (English as a Second Language) is available for the students' parents.

The foundation is hosted by the

First Covenant Mission Church, which is located in Central Fresno, and currently employs numerous students from the colleges here in Fresno. This includes two students (Sue Thao and Brenda Jordan) from FCC. They are always looking for volunteers to assist the stu-

dents in their program. If you would like to help, please contact the foundation's volunteer, Michael Feliciano, or their director, Luis Santana by telephone at (559) 226-4672, or you can e-mail foundation FCFoundation@cs.com.

Club Rush invites student-body

By Anna Ramos

Staff Writer

The sight of balloons, red canopies and the smell of food filled the fountain area of the campus Sept. 6. For those who didn't know what was going on, Fresno City College held its first Club Rush of the Fall semester.

This was an opportunity for clubs and organizations on campus to sell food to raise money and gain club membership. More than 10 active clubs/ organizations participated in this event. Clubs varied from the Hmong Club, to SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise), Campus Crusade for Christ, to the Associated Student Government. The food varied from meat kabobs, fried rice, pizza, baked goods, sodas and root beer floats.

Several other booths handed out information and were accepting new membership. Although many clubs said that this Club Rush went well for them, many new students on campus were unaware of what was going on at the fountain and therefore didn't bother to check it out. Students expressed that next time they hope there will be some type of fliers posted to remind students of when this event is coming.

The next Club Rush will be held Oct. 4 in the Free Speech Area along with an air guitar con-



Fundraising is one of the many aspects of club rush.

Photo by Louis Castro

Hyundai

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cates from the Outback Steakhouse; with the grand prize being a brand new Hyundai Tiburon.

"The main beneficiary of this event is the athletic department because Hyundai is a corporate sponsor of community college championship athletic events," Risenhoover said. school that particpates in this event automatically receives a \$500 check for just simply holding the event. This money will go toward each school's respective athletic department"

This event has been held in past years at FCC, but the athletic department was the only party involved. "The athletic department has invited the ASG to become involved in the past but didn't get a good response." said Risenhoover

In addition, three other monetary awards will be

given to the three community college student government organizations that generate the most amount of student interest cards: \$1,500 for first place, \$1,000 for second place, and \$500 for third place.

"The money that is awarded to the winning school's student government directly benefits the students," added Risenhoover.



Many of the clubs' members spent time recruiting new students. Photo by Louis Castro

Transfer

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clubs and sports," Magnuson said. "This has a lot to do with the fact that most four year universities have on campus housing."

Magnusen said proximity to the school almost always will change the students attitude about school.

Yang realizes most students are unsure about what school they want to go to and she was happy to offer all the information she could.

"Usually people just come up to the booth and ask questions and pick up pamphlets. At least we know they will look at it later and there are phone numbers available in case they decided to call."

One of the reasons many students do not make attempts to transfer, according to Magnusen, is because they lack information about other options than a JC campus. Transfer Day is a chance for students on campus to obtain the information about transferring that they otherwise might

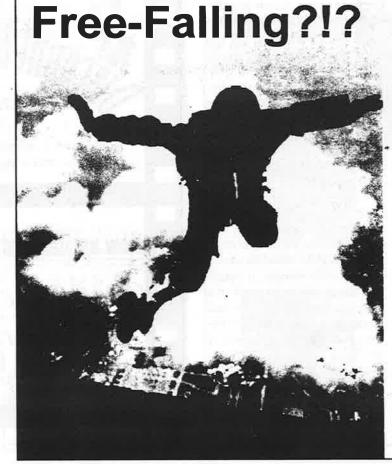


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Rene Zellweger is mesmerizing in "Nurse Betty"

By Nam Dang

News Editor

The beginning of the fall movie season has brought about several really good new movies, so far. One movie that stood out during the first weekend of the fall movie season was "Nurse Betty."

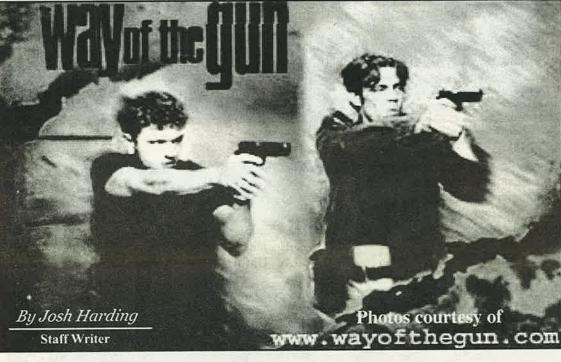
In a brilliant performance, Renee Zellweger ("Jerry Maguire"; "Me, Myself, and Irene") stars as Betty Sizemore, a waitress at a local eatery in Kansas with a huge crush on a soap opera actor, Roger (played by Greg Kinnear), who plays her favorite "doctor" character, Dr. David Ravelle.

Betty is traumatized after witnessing the heinous murder of her husband, Del, by a hitman team (Morgan Freeman and Chris Rock) She spends nearly the rest of the film hiding from reality by, unbeknownst to her, taking on the personality of "Nurse Betty," (an imaginary character who is the exfiancée of Dr. David Ravelle.) Betty decides to travel across the country, to Los Angeles, in search of her "knight in shining armor."

During her "Wizard of Oz"like journey, she charms everyone she comes into contact with, from a woman whose relative she saves to the actor Roger and a writer from the show "A Reason To Live"

Meanwhile, Betty is being followed by the two hitmen, who are after her to get possession of something Betty's' late husband stashed in the trunk of her car.

"Nurse Betty" is not a typical romantic comedy; it has a lot of twists and turns. But yet it is a sweet and entirely enjoyable film with a message (upon confronting Betty, Freeman's character tells her she doesn't need anyone to define her life ... she has herself and that is more than enough) we could all stand to learn.



Live by the sword, die by the sword, or in this case the gun. Nearly everyone's packing heat, or at least the attitude in Christopher McQuarrie's dark, western style, crime-thriller, "The Way Of The Gun." McQuarrie writes and

for the first time directs in this fateful story of two small-time crooks that get in way over their heads

Ryan Phillipe ("Cruel Intentions") and Benicio Del Toro ("The Usual Suspects") play "parker" and "longbaugh," who are career criminals, outsiders to society with nothing to lose. In the

opening scene they manage to anger a large group of people, punch out an obnoxiuos women and get beat down by an angry mob. It may be hard to like these characters, if only they weren't so dam cool about everything.

There is a great chemistry between the duo as evident in some scenes where their body language or expressions communicate more adequately than words ever could. They are a team, trusting only each other, and that's easy to buy.

One day on a routine donation to a sperm bank, they stumble upon their greatest scheme yet. There they learn about Robin

(Juliette Lewis), a reluctant surrogate mother for an extremely wealthy "businessman" and his wife. She becomes the pair's chance for easy money and lots of it. Whisking her away from bodyguards they begin their journey to

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that almost inevitable destination: south of the border.

Being a part-time money launderer, the would-be-father is not exactly inclined to bring in the police to solve the matter. Rather, he enlists the help of his shady bodygaurds, as well as veteran hitman Joe Samo (James Caan), who seems to have a very special interest in this particular job.

James Caan is great in this movie. He plays the part so well, steals most scenes with his imposing presence and has some of the best lines ("Karma is justice without satisfaction, and I don't beleive in justice"). In addition, he

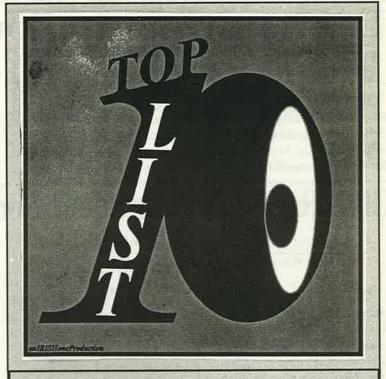
rounds up some <u>seriously</u> grumpy old men for the final showdown and is the only one to walk away without a stain on his polo shirt.

The plot has many twists and turns and may be hard to follow at times. Fortunately there are

plenty of guns being waved around and a pistol-whip here and there to keep your attention. There are also some odd coincidences that tie things together, but McQuarrie's writing is so good that things stay interesting and relatively believable. There is a new degree of originality and life in the characters and dialogue, and that keeps them from remaing cliché.

If you're hoping for some action, this film probably delivers more violence, blood and gore than any of its counterparts. You just have to wait for the final crazy gun battles at the end of the movie. Unfortunatly, though, it seems McQuarrie was in too much of a hurry cleaning up the mess and wrapping things up; the plot becomes confusing near the end of the film.

Overall, "Way Of The Gun" is a pretty entertaining movie, "parker" and "longbaugh" have some good philisophical moments to give you something to



Top Ten Signs of The Apocalypse

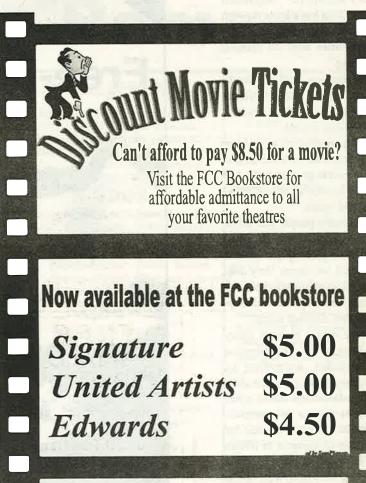
By Chris Castro

Entertainment Editor

- 10. Those coffee cups labeled "Warning: Contents May Be Hot!"
- 9. Dennis Miller co-hosting Monday Night Football.
- Those advertisement billboards supposedly written by God (personal favorite: "What part of 'thou shalt not' did you not understand?").
- 7. Tom Green's testicular cancer.
- 6. Those mechanical robot dogs.
- 5. Locusts.
- 4. Those Radio Shack television commercials with Terri Hatcher and Howie Long (who are the ad wizards behind this couple?).
- 3. "Big Brother" the television program.
- 2. There is a sequel to Urban Legends... and it has actually been released... in theaters!
- 1. George W. Bush may be our next president.

think about while the credits are rolling. Though the ending is somewhat sketchy, it resolves itself in a way most true to the movie. McQuarrie really took a lot of elements from different films and used them well together. So

now we have "Way Of The Gun": a twisting plot, plenty of shady characters, dry humor and lots of guns and violence. All on a verywestern backdrop, but without the cowboy hats.



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Out of Sight writer gives birth to Pagan Babies

By Chris Castro

Entertainment Editor

"Dead people," the priest said, "attract the flies."

The line above appears near the end of the inventive crime novel, Pagan Babies, though it would not be out of place near the beginning of the book. The story begins with a practicing priest, Terry Dunn, hearing confessions outside of a church in Rwanda. He must practice in the outdoors since "the church had become a tomb" for 47 bodies that were massacred there, during mass, no less than five years prior and have yet to be removed. To make matters even worse, a man has just confessed to "Father Dunn" that he was one of the men responsible for at least four of those bodies in the church and says how he will soon kill more.

By setting the opening of this novel in a foreign locale, author Elmore Leonard takes a risk in losing the reader in unfamiliar territory. Leonard's novels, including Out of Sight, Jackie Brown, Get Shorty and its recent sequel, Be Cool, usually take place in the urban metropolises of Miami, Los Angeles or Detroit. Rwanda is a setting that takes some getting used to, though, once Leonard moves the action to more familiar ground and sets his hero against a rogue's gallery of shifty characters, the novel gets into a satisfying groove.

Terry Dunn is actually a former small-time crook from Detroit who conveniently flew away to help uncle, a priest in Rwanda, when he was indited for his involvement in a cigarette-smuggling operation. Upon his return to Detroit, his brother introduces Terry to Debbie Dewey, a standup comic. The two hit it off immediately and have much in common, aside from a shared sense of humor: he just got back from his service in Rwanda and she was just released from a three-year prison sentence for aggravated assault.

Debbie uses her experiences as her material. She ended up in prison after she "happened to run into her ex-husband ... with a Buick Riviera." She tried to get out of the charge by telling the officer since her ex was crossing traffic against the light, she "had the right of way," which she did in more ways than one. Her ex-husband, Randy, who now owns a high-class restaurant he scammed off of another lady, took Debbie for over \$67,000, which sparked her assault with a deadly automobile. Now that she's out, before getting back into standup comedy, she'd like to settle her score with Randy. Terry Dunn is more than willing to help Debbie

with her scheme.

Of course, Terry and Debbie, as cool and charming as they both are, soon find themselves in over their heads. They seem to have cast themselves into an already embroiled situation, with Randy trying to cut himself loose of his newfound mob entanglements. Add a gangster trying to move up in the Mafia hierarchy, a couple of dumb-and-dumber crooks for hire, plus a purse of \$250,000 up for grabs, and you have the perfect recipe for an entertaining crime

Elmore Leonard has written over 36 novels and is widely heralded as the unrivaled master of crime fiction. His ear for dialogue is unparalleled in the business; a novel of his often reads like a screenplay with a full description of setting. Pagan Babies is also filled with many hilarious moments. In one such instance, a crook asks another what time it is and the other, after going to great lengths to work his wristwatch out from under the sleeves of his shirt and jacket, hold his wrist up to the illuminated dial of a digital clock to read the time off of his watch. Another has Debbie talking shop with a Mafia boss (he asks her if she's serious about her work, she says she's "trying seriously to do comedy"; he offers to help her out, she says, "how, write my material?").

In the end, Leonard wraps up his story, full of crooks who have no idea what they're doing or who's double-crossing who and a pair of lovers who aren't sure the other feels the same way, with the simple wisdom that things seemed so much clearer, and safer, for Terry Dunn when all he had to deal with was war, famine and enlightening the "pagan babies" in Rwanda.

New hteous rom

By Chris Castro **Entertainment Editor**

Five long years ago, Joan Osborne had a hit single with "One of Us" in which she asked, "What if God was one of us, just a slob like one of us?" Critics were wary to label her a one-hit wonder due to the strength of the album containing "One of Us." Relish was a strong record indeed and displayed Osborne's vocal talents more than her one hit wonder ever did (in fact, "One of Us" is the weakest song on the album). Many thought Osborne was a gifted musician whose soulful voice would yield many a musical treat

Unfortunately, many of those prognosticators were way off. In the time since Relish was released, Fiona Apple has released two well-regarded albums; Sheryl Crowe has grown as an artist; Sarah McLachlan finally received the attention she deserves and many other female singersongwriters have happened upon the scene (such as Lauren Hill and Dido). True, Osborne did have some trouble getting her followup album finished; she was forced to change record labels and now resides on the Interscope roster. However, it seems that no matter how early she released Righteous Love, it was bound to be viewed as a disappointment.

Primarily a rhythm-and-blues record, Righteous Love fails to impress as much as Relish did. Save for one standout number ("Grand Illusion" blends a new-wave feel

to a "doo-whop" Diana Ross sound), Osborne's new album feels like a soul-less offering from a very soulful voice.

One problem with the album is it seems to be over-produced. The music should highlight Osborne's vocal ability. Unfortunately, Osborne's voice is drowned out by horns, guitars and keyboards. Though perhaps that was the whole idea.

Osborne's lyrics are hardly as soul-searching as they were on Relish. This is mainly because Righteous Love seems more oriented toward white-bred soul, meant to make one want to dance rather than think. Osborne just sounds like she's wailing for no reason whatsoever. Her passion seems to have died out when she blares the uninspired lyrics on Righteous Love. The most mindnumbing bad move is the final

track on the album, a cover of the Bob Dylan song, "Make You Feel My Love." Osborne sings like she's on auto-pilot and a very out of place twangy guitar succeeds only in distracting the listener into making sure they didn't just pop LeAnn Rimes into there stereo.

So, instead of an album with the one bad song being released as the single, Righteous Love turns out to have only one good song among a mountain of rambling misses. Osborne has recently got online magazine (www.herionemag.com) up and running. The website is a celebration of female artists and inspirations. Osborne should toil less on her internet musings and spend more time working on music that will inspire one to do something other than hit the "scan ahead" button repeatedly.



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City Life

By Jesse Garcia



Napster and the Music Factory: Sharing or stealing?

By Chris Castro

Entertainment Editor

Ahhh... remember the good old days of rap music? Biggie Smalls only made one think of oxymorons, Young M.C. told us to "Bust A Move" on our way to "The Principal's Office," and 2-Live Crew was "Banned in the USA." My, how times have changed: I have been banned by Dr. Dre.

Let me elaborate: Rap "artist" Dr. Dre, along with many other musicians (including Metallica), have decided to take Napster (the file-sharing system on the internet that allows users to download mp3 musical tracks) to court. (At press time, the trial has been postponed and should commence within a few weeks.) They have accumulated a list of hundreds of thousands of Napster "clients" who have, in their minds, illegally offered songs of theirs without their consent. I was on Dre's list since I downloaded his song with Eminem, "Forgot About Dre" (strangely enough, I wasn't even able to download the entire song; the transfer was cut before I could get the entire song. So, in fact, Dre has banned me for downloading a 30-second snippet of his song... isn't that about how much you'd get if you went to CD-now.com and listened to a sample of a song?). Since I'm on Dre's list, I can no longer access Napster from my computer.

It vexes me; I'm terribly vexed. Yes, because I can't get free songs. Yes, because I don't want to buy Dre's whole album, especially now. I'm not going to lie and make it sound like that isn't the main reason I'm irked; it is. That's not to say, however, that other loftier concerns aren't on my mind.

Question: Why is Napster so popular? Answer: It's free. It was just a matter of time before someone put an end to something so wonderful. I have downloaded many songs from Napster that I wouldn't have bought a whole album to get. Why is that? Simply put, because artists aren't artists anymore; they're opportunists.

Remember when you could buy an album, listen to every song on it and love every single track?

Neither can I. I only wrote that to make a point, really. In fact, there are quite a few albums I have purchased of late that are quite wonderful the whole way through. I'm merely expressing the disappointment any longtime fan of a highprofile act has felt after listening to a lackluster release.

So, why are musicians attacking Napster? For fear that their albums will not be purchased by Napster members who opt to download their songs for free. Okay, perhaps they are using their high profiles to plant a stop sign in the name of lesser artists who don't have any pull to have a say in this issue. I do not agree with their view, however.

A true artist would be happy to have their music being passed around easily. The more people that hear their music, the better, no? If anything Napster is a useful poll of just how powerful good music can be; Napster could raise the profile of a band that has no access to mass-market promotion or a music company's press department. Without Napster, I probably wouldn't have bought at least

five albums that I will forever treasure (as opposed to the ones I will eagerly get rid of on one of The Wherehouse's trade-in-5-used-for-1-new-release Tuesdays). Napster makes people interested in music and once someone downloads a song from a worthwhile artist, it can only help whet their appetite for more from said artist.

Unfortunately, this is due to the dollars-make-sense attitude that has taken over the minds in the music industry. No matter how good an album is, unless it stays in the top 10 for 10 consecutive weeks and sells over 10 million copies, it is deemed a failure. Why does Napster truly scare the industry? Because the consumers (which is all we are to them) that would've bought an album from a performer who has only one hit and 11/12ths worth of filler for an album, can simply get that one single and obliterate the worthless performer to spending the rest of their days toiling on the Lollapaloser tour.

So, to sum up: Metallica's afraid that people will be listening to their good songs and not lis-

tening to their junk, Napster help spread the wealth of good musi to ears everywhere and help keep the scourge of hear-today gone-tomorrow top-40 garbag from deafening our ears, and D Dre thinks I'm infringing on he rights as an artist.

Well, I'm sorry Dr. Dre, I'r not going to buy your nev record, but I will buy all c Eminem's releases. Dr. Dre about as worthless as Britne Spears, though I don't want to d to Dre what I'd like to do to he (by that I mean kill, since, if I ki Dre he won't be able to produc any more of Eminem's album and I don't know what that not so-poor boy will do then... Wha did you think I wanted to do t her? What dirty, though slightl correct minds you all have!).] Napster is forced to shut its meta phorical doors, at least we ca take comfort that another "file sharing" system will find a wa to take its place, such as the al popular Scou (www.scour.com). However, un til that day comes, keeps stealin from those stars!

Editorial: Should there be organized prayer in school?

By Maggie Garza

Editor in Chief

The banners are up, the buttons are on, and the candidates are being heard. Yes, it is...election time. And what do we Americans love most about election time? The issues!

Once again, candidates will carefully choose a side on Americans' most controversial issues, in hopes that it may appeal to one's decision on voting.

Once again, debates among Americans on issues that still haven't, and may never, be settled will stir.

From graduation prayer to a morning prayer at the start of each school day; prayer in school continues to lead Americans into debate. It has become one of the top issues of the 2000 elections.

So who's right?

As the debates begin and candidates rave, Americans like myself wonder who is right?

Well, on one side the argument goes (as brief as I can put it): Denying prayer in school is denying freedom of religious speech.

On the flip side, the argument claims (again, very brief): Allowing prayer in school is violating the Establishment Clause, which prohibits government speech endorsing religion.

It's sad to say, but in a way, both are right. No matter what we do or decide, we are inclined to break some kind of law. Doesn't that apply to everything? The govern-

ment is filled with holes and laws that can be interpreted in a number of ways. As long as someone's willing to argue and debate, the debate will never end.

Both are right and both are wrong.

So each side did their homework and brought back enough evidence to prove that they are right to some degree. Good job, but it doesn't do nothing but leave us once again in a tight spot (this time more confused with all the old laws and clauses they dusted off and brought out).

The fact of the matter is prayer is nice, but this is America. We have Catholics, Baptists, Mormons, Christians, Pentecostals, Presbyterians, Buddhist, Jehovah Witnesses, Jews, Atheists...too

many people believing too many different things. We can't have student led, teacher led, anyone led prayer. So what could we do, to put this to rest? 0

I am a firm believer in "a moment of silence." Set aside a certain amount of time at the start of each day for students to practice whatever they believe. If they want to pray to God, let them pray. If they want to meditate, let them meditate. If they want to pray to the desk, let them pray to the desk. If they don't want to do anything, it can be used as "thinking time" (believe me students could use more "thinking time"). This way everyone is happy, and candidates will have to find some other issue to preach about.

As far as graduation ceremony

is concerned, don't we have enough speeches? Isn't graduation long enough? Seriously, if you'd better be ready to represe

everyone's beliefs.

Isn't that what baccalaurea night is for? If that's what you rally want, (even more) speech and prayers, then you can atterbaccalaureate (where it's voluteer and not required to participate).

In reality, this debate is unne essary. Of course, not everyone going to agree, not everyone b lieves in the same thing.

What your concern should be this election is who's planning do what with your money.

Sports

Rams end the Eagles misery

By Brandon Castro

Sports Editor

It was hunting season for the Rams as they pounded the College of the Siskiyous 34-21 Saturday afternoon.

The FCC defensive back Demorieux Reneau ended the Eagles first drive, by intercepting Eagles quarterback Bryan Sapp at the 30 yard line.

Then six plays later Rams running back Rodney Davis caught a 9 yard pass from QB Kyle Biggs for the first touchdown of the game.

The Eagles second drive was

no better than their first. Rams defense forced the Eagles to go three and out. FCC then took the ball 67 yards in six plays for the same result as their first possesion, a TD pass from Kyle

Biggs to wide receiver Chris Haagenson, from 29 yards out. Making the score 14-0, Rams.

The Eagles on their next drive

showed that they were not quite out of it, by taking the ball 63 yards in six plays. Eagles drive was capped off by a 17-yard TD pass from quarterback Bryan Sapp to Martin Grassegger. Bringing the scoreboard to 14-7,



Rams Line Backer/Safety Max Stewart knocks





Rodney Davis takes a punt 80 yards for his second touchdown of the game.

After a Rams punt, the Eagles punt to Davis who returned the punt 80 yards for his second TD of the game. To take the 14 point lead once again, 21-7.

With less then five minutes left in the half the Eagles attempted to cut the Rams lead to 11, but the Rams Josh Norman flew off the line of scrimmage at the snap of the ball to block the field goal.

The Rams fail to capitalize off the blocked FG, and punt the ball, where the Eagles returned the ball to their own 49 yard line. 42 yards later the Eagles cut into the Rams lead, by a 9 yard TD run from Edward Ash to make the score going into the half 21-14.

The Rams second possession of the second half went for it all, with a 41 yard TD pass into the endzone, ruled incomplete. On the very next play FCC offensive line created a huge hole good enough for RB Pete Hingano to run 41 yards for a TD increasing the lead to 28-14.

Eight minutes later the Eagles RB Edward Ash ran for a TD to make the score interesting going into the fourth quarter, at 28-21.

After the kick off, the Rams started at their own 25. Then after an 8 yard loss, and an incom-

plete pass. On third and 17, back up QB Adam Efird hooked up with WR Layton Johnson for a 19 yard gain

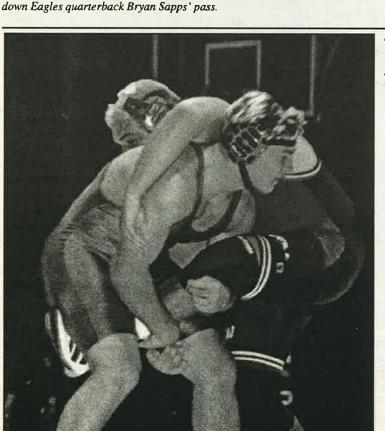
for the first down. Six plays later on the Eagles 22 RB Davis, shows he can do it all, by throwing a 22 yard TD pass to a wide open WR Frank Jordan. The extra point was blocked to make the score 34-21.

During a time out fan, John Glover jokingly yells to the field, "Ref, you can't drink all that water! Hey, Ref, you can't drink all that water you gonna get sick!" Followed by fans laughing. But Saturday afternoon the Rams defense was all business, stopping the Eagles offense on fourth down with less than seven minutes left in regulation. It seemed over for the Eagles, but on the very next

> play Rams RB Hingano, fumbled the ball away to the Eagles defense on the Rams 34 yard line with 5:33 left to go. After seven

plays, one personal foul (by the Rams), a false start by the Eagles offense, the Eagles were fourth and goal on the Rams eight. Eagle's QB threw a pass to the back of the end zone where defensive linemen Umar Alfa deflected the ball to stop the Eagles.

That's all the hunting the Rams would need to bring their record to 2-0.



FCC's Brian Scheesley is on his way to a first-round pin.

Rams knock out the Comets

34-12 route sends Palomar City packing

By Julian Torres

Photo Editor

The Comets were not in orbit when Palomar City shot into FCC's gym last Friday night. Coach Robert Arballo's wrestling Rams charged on to a season opening 34-12 victory of the visiting Palomar City Comets.

Robert Sepulveda, sparked off a Ram rout with an 11-0 major decision over Palomar's Nick Randell. The 141-pounder launched a series of four consecutive Ram victories, which included Casey Olson's first-round pin of Bryan Bone and Josul Tirado's second round pin of Al

In the evening's most dramatic match, FCC 157-pounder Danny Hawkins trailed 1-0 going into the final round. Hawkins nabbed an escape, which led to a 2-point takedown and a 3-2 victory.

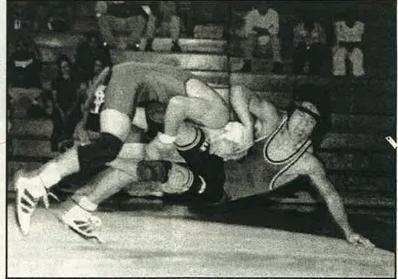
"We were really outmatched here," said Lealar, of Palomar City.

There was no better example of a mismatch than Brian Scheesley's dominance of Jason Paul, with a pin in 32 seconds of the first round.

"That guy didn't stand a chance out there," said spectator Shawn Lyke of Fresno, about Scheesley's win.

- After the Modesto Junior Col-

lege Dual tournament on Sept. 16, Arballo's team will prepare for road trips to Moorpark College on Sept. 20, the Sacramento City College Tournament on Sept. 23, and the Skyline College Tournament, in San Bruno on Sept. 27. Fresno will get to see the rams in action on Wednesday, Oct. 4 against Chabot College at 6p.m.



FCC's Joey Stewart drives Isreal Navarro into the mat.

Sports

NFL Preview Raiders vs Browns Brandon Castro Sports Editor

The Raiders played an old fashion, rock'em, sock'em game to open the season, blooding and beating the San Diego Chargers 9-6.

Then the Raiders took their game on the road to face the Indianapolis Colts, where the Raiders played a high scoring Twenty-first century game and won 38-31. The Raiders defense terrorized the Colts offense and quarterback Rich Gannon picked apart the Colts defense in the second half, scoring 31 points. In the third week the Raiders suffered their first loss at the hands of division rival Denver Broncos, losing 33-24. The Raiders wide receiver Tim Brown caught two TD passes to tie and surpass hall of fame WR Fred Biletnikoff, for the most all-time touchdown's by a Raider. That would be the only highlight for the Raiders though, as rookie Bronco, Mike Anderson took over and ran for 111 yards in the second half.

Cleveland Browns

The Browns opened the season by losing to the Jacksonville Jaguars 27-7. Jags, quarterback Mark Brunell, and company drove all over the Browns defense.

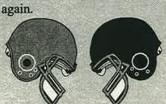
The Browns bounced back the

second week to beat the moderate, no show Bengals. The Browns commanded by quarterback Tim Couch controlled the rest of the game, scoring 17 unanswered points. The Browns finished the game with a 24-7 victory.

In Week 3 the Browns edged the Pittsburgh Steelers in front of the Cleveland Dog Pound (fans). QB Couch threw for over 300 yards, with two TD's, and completed 23 of his 31 pass attempts.

Browns rookie line backer, Courtney Alexander, had 3 sacks, including the game winning sack and also brought down four ball carriers.

The Browns travel Oakland next Sunday to face the Raiders. This will be a difficult game for Couch and the Browns. Couch faces an angry defense that got torn apart against the Broncos offense. Defensive backs, for the Raiders, veteran Eric Allen and the talented Charles Woodson will be ready for Couch. Gannon, Brown, James Jett, and Andre Rison will look to find their passing game while Napoleon Kaufman and Tyrone Wheatley search for their running game



RAMS SCORE IN STYLE

By Brandon Castro Sports Editor

Rams soccer team had two goals against Evergreen College on Sept. 6, but an exciting and physical game ended in a 2-2 tie.

Both of Evergreens goals came from forward Francisco Ayala. Evergreen also had five shots on goal.

The Rams had a total of seven shots on goal and looked sharp when they did put the ball in between the goal post. The Rams K.C. Kirkland received a pass from teammate Ryan Bitter and put the ball in the net for a score that looked way too easy. For the Rams' second goal, Josh Sanchez blasted a shot from just outside the goalie's box for a beautiful second point. Ruben Rivera got the assist. Goalie Matt Buckman recorded three saves.

The Rams record after five games stands at 2-0-3. The next game for the Rams is at 4 p.m. Tuesday against Josh Hernandez dances rough to keep ball away from Evergreen.

Moorpark at Ratcliffe Stadium.





FCC's Amanda McIntosh shoots at Delta Colleges goal

Rams take charge

By T.J. Levaomana

Staff Writer

Picture this. You're playing quarterback. You get set to throw to an open receiver. Suddenly, you see in the corner of your eye, a huge red tidal wave breaking

through your front line.

But that's no tidal wave. That is **FCC** the Rams wild 'n' hungry defensive line. That's right, hun-And gry. there's nothing better than having quarterbacks for dinner. So

by the time you get done with a quick prayer, this mean pack of wild Rams has already swarmed in around you, where they will chew you up.

It is estimated that the Rams' D-line combines a total weight of about 1,500 pounds. The biggest Ram leading this aggressive pack is No. 96 Rocky Faga, who happens to be in the heart of the D-line at nose guard. And believe me, towering at 6-feet 3-inches and 285 pounds. of tough Ram

Rocky always has his "nose" in the offense's pocket. Alongside this newcomer is top key returner Kevin Hines. With Keyin's experience, and Rocky's power, it can lead to problems with the opposing team's running game.

Also, linebacker Max Stewart can smell a ball carrier within 30 yards. Rams like these

are the reason why our 4-4 defense

is so stingy. Rocky Faga by the way, was discovered in Hawaii, along with eight other soon-to-be Rams by Dline coach Niko Liulamaga. These nine players have the potential to lead our Rams through uncharted waters in the near future.

Women's Soccer **Show Their**

Toughness

By Brandon Castro Sports Editor

Women's soccer team faced San Joaquin Delta College, on Sept. 12. Delta College controlled most of the first half scoring early for there only goal of the

Amanda McIntosh, first year player out of Bullard

High, scored for the Rams i the second half. After fallin hard and being injured McIntosh got past the pai and scored the tying goal th game. The game ended in 1-1 draw. The next women game is vs Butte College o Thursday Sept.28 at 2:00.



FCC's Miguel Perez keeps pace.

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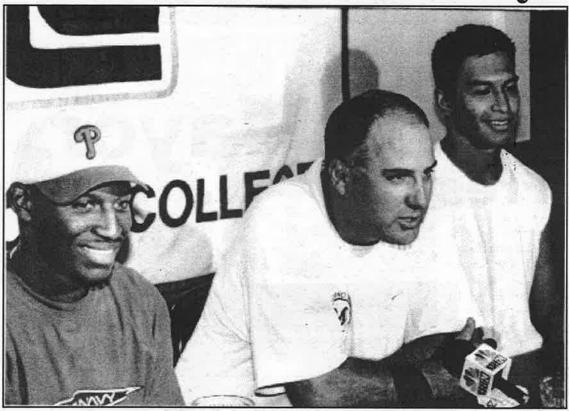


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Sports September 20, 2000 9 Rams shut down Laney in the second half



Ram's Head coach, Tony Caviglia (center), with running back (7) Rodney Davis (left), and linebacker (44) Brandon Gonzales (right) answers questions at a post game conference.

Joe Chacon Assistant Editor

Fresno City College's first football game was in Oakland against the Laney College Eagles. The Rams ran away in the second half to shutdown the Eagles 35-14. Laney, though, kept it close in the first half.

The Rams scored first on a 17yard pass from quarterback Kyle Biggs to wide receiver Frank Jordan, charging down the field in 11plays for 76 yards. Laney answered back with a Jino Vital 23-yard run to make it 7-7.

In the second quarter on a dropped punt by the Rams, Laney recovered the ball and five plays and 20 yards later, the Eagles scored on a 7-yard run by Lamont Davis. With 4:14 left in the half, Rams running back Rodney Davis tied it up on a 7yard run.

Rodney Davis, the outstanding offensive player of the week, said, "Our line (offense) did a great job blocking, they didn't allow a sack. I can take it in the end zone anytime because our line does a great job."

With less than 30 seconds left in

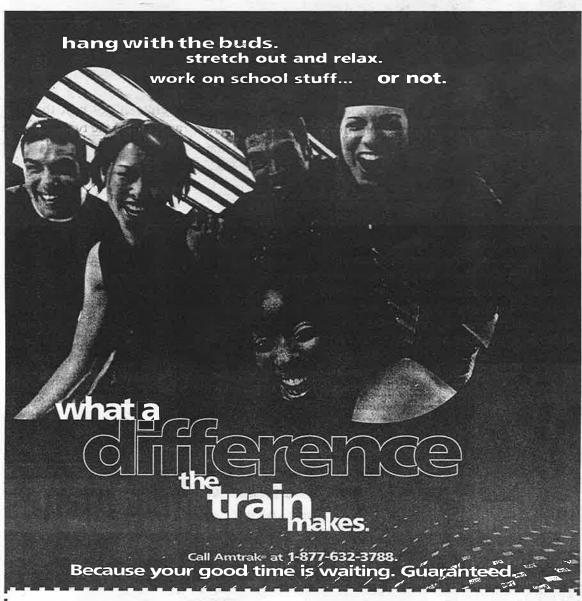
the half and Laney on FCC's 5-yard line, the Rams defense held the Eagles and forced Laney to try for a field goal. The Rams called a timeout, and Laney kicked wide to end the half at 14-14.

In the second half, the Rams trounced the Eagles with 28 unanswered points. Linebacker Brandon Gonzales ended any hope for a Laney comeback when he intercepted a Laney quarterhback Jason Umbarger pass and returned it 23 yards. Gonzales had 7 tackles and a QB sack for a 21-yard loss to earn outstanding defensive player of the

week. "It got our guys going. We all got each other going. Rodney got the job done and our LBs can make plays," Gonzales said.

Biggs had 35 attempts, 11 completions for 159 yards with no sacks. Punter Eduardo Ceballos had five punts with the longest at 40 yards. He averaged 30 yards a punt and one was deflected.

Laney had a total 193 yards rushing and 107 yards passing with five sacks.



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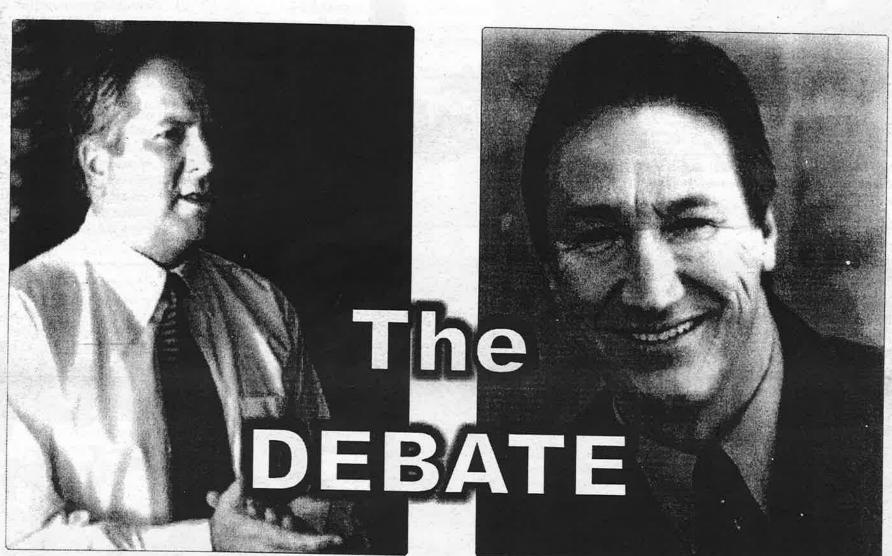
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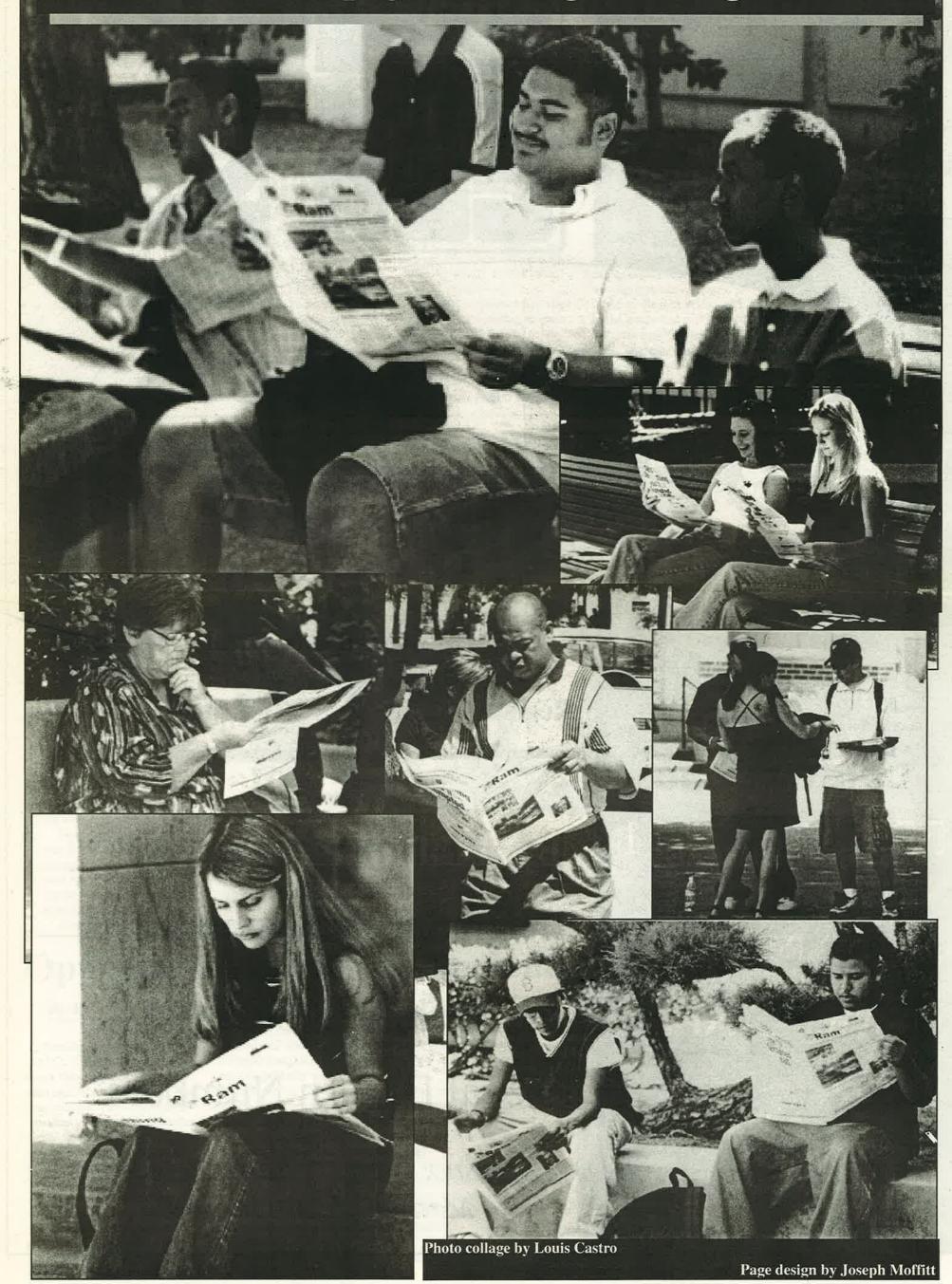
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