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FCC I.D. Cards get makeover

By Maggie Garza

Assistant Editor

Fresno City College is issuing new student ID cards that are digitized. Why now? Gurdeep Sihota, Interim Director of College Activities, explained "We needed an updated system...that (previous procedure) was an older way of making cards. A lot of the colleges are updating."

According to an Associated Student Government spokesperson, the improved cards are conveniently packaged to provide an array of benefits to holders to include, among others, free admissions to all home sporting events, discount admissions to all FCC theater events, and a free Ramburger Round-up BBQ lunch once a semester.

Information about additional benefits not included in this publication may be obtained from the offices of Associated Student Government on campus.

In a comment on the upgrade of the ID cards, student Sonya Drehman, is quoted as saying: "I think that the quality of the cards has improved to make them work quicker for students."

The new cards have begun the first step to FCC's improved technology and have opened the door to an even more advanced project. FCC is now looking at a universal card, that serves a purpose far more than just your regular ID. "We are hoping to get to the level of a universal card where students have one card for different offices, such as the library," stated Sihota. When asked if this was just an idea at hand, Sihota responded, "The college has been discussing it for over a year."

Donald Curtis Caples Jr.

By Joe Chacon

Sports Editor

Funeral services for Fresno City College Rams offensive lineman Donald Caples Curtis Jr. were held Friday, January 14, 2000 at the First Galilee Missionary Baptist Church in Fresno, California. He died January 6 at the University Medical Center, in Fresno from unexplained medical complications. Friends, family and well wishers attended the services.

At 6'6", 330 pounds offensive lineman Caples was a ten game starter. His outstanding blocking helped All-American running back Maurice Morris break the State and National rushing record 1,623 yards and helped lead the Rams to a 9-2 season, culminating in a bowl game appearance in the Third Annual Kiwanis Silicon Valley Bowl Game against Foothill College 9-2. "

Caples was a good player a nice kid and were really going to miss him," Head Coach Tony

Caviglia said about Donald.

Caples a McLane high school graduate, was born in Fresno June 19, 1980. The family moved to Texas in 1984 where he began his Christian education. Growing up, he was not only active in football, but played soccer, wrestled, enjoyed swimming and basketball as a past time. He was a devoted Christian, and an excellent student with a 3.5 GPA. Caples is survived by his parents, Linda and Donald Sr., brother Russel Daryl Caples, numerous relatives, Grandmother Alicene Caples and loving friends.

A memorial fund for Donald Caples Jr. is being formed, from which funds generated will be used to buy gloves, blocking pads and sleds for the offensive linemen playing the game.

With help from the FCC family, Coach Caviglia and staff are hoping to contribute towards the Caples funeral expenses and memorial fund. Others



DONALD CURTIS CAPLES JR.
June 19, 1980 - January 6, 2000

Photo courtesy of PIO

wishing to contribute further may contact Coach Caviglia at 442-6000 ext 8271.

Riley's look at Superbowl 2000

By Devin Riley

Opinion Editor

After years and years of extreme mismatches, traumatizing half-time shows, and boring pigskin play, the Super Bowl finally lived up to its' name as the St. Louis Rams edged out a 23-16 victory against the Tennessee Titans.

The first half of Sunday's all important game was rather uneventful as neither team could get on track. Although the Rams displayed their trademark offensive brilliance to move the ball down the field, they couldn't manage to topple Tennessee's red-zone defense. The Rams got the ball past the 20 yard-line five times, but could only walk away with three field goals. Tennessee, on the other hand, never managed

a single score as conservative play killed off all their early drives. The half ended with the score 9-0 in the Rams favor.

The half time show was as frightening as ever. Toni Braxton and Christina Aguilera performed. The show also featured a performance by 1980's legend Phil Collins who is actually still alive.

After the horror ended, the game resumed and picked up an intense pace immediately. The Rams scored on their first possession to take a 16-0 lead over the seemingly hapless Titans. However, the Titans proved to be durable and marched right back into the game with a 16-point barrage that left all the new-found Rams fans stunned. The workhorse power of Eddie George proved true, as the defensive line of the Rams began to slow. After the Ti-

tans scored with time running out, it would be the Rams who would score the final blow.

With two minutes left, Ram QB Kurt Warner launched a rocket to superstar receiver Isaac Bruce who ran 73 yards for the dramatic score. No stranger to miracles, Tennessee hoped for one last chance.

On the final drive of the game, Titan QB Steve McNair was stellar as he completed nearly every pass and rushed for several yards as well. Down to the Rams' 10-yard line with six seconds left, the Titans made a completion to hot shor rookie Kevin Dyson who ran the ball to the one yard line as he was tackled and time expired. The Rams had won the best Super Bowl in recent memory by the tip of their horns.

Magnolia out-blooms the competition

By Chris Castro

Entertainment Editor

Tom Cruise's character, Frank T. J. Mackey perfectly personifies the extraordinary film, *Magnolia*. From the first glance, Frank is cocky and confident, strutting across a stage like a magnificent peacock showing off its plumage. Inside, however, Frank is unsure, scared and running from and trying to forget his past. These characteristics, as well as other surprising connections, are common with all the many, many characters in *Magnolia*.

Writer-director Paul Thomas Anderson, who also brought to the screen *Hard Eight* and *Boogie Nights*, infuses so much energy and honesty into *Magnolia* that it is hard not to get wrapped up in its story. With more than eight stories to tell, P. T. Anderson never has a dull moment within the three-hour-plus Los Angeles epic. Like any master storyteller, Anderson knows that the

key to drawing in an audience is to get them to identify with at least one character.

P. T. Anderson moves the plot of the film from one emotionally whacked-out character to another, like a ringmaster navigating the audience's attention. He moves from a lonely cop, a hauntingly beautiful coke-head, a former child prodigy who is now a loser, a guilt-feeling gold-digger and a dying rich man to a rising child prodigy, a controlling father, a remorseful game show host, and a repressed male nurse. All these characters are perfectly portrayed by one of the finest acting ensembles to ever grace the screen.

Then, of course, there's Frank T. J. Mackey. In a role that finally allows Tom Cruise to play a character unlike any he has portrayed in the past, Cruise gets a chance to display his considerable acting chops. As a self-help guru, Cruise lights up the screen as he motiva-

tionally-speaks toward his relationship-wary male audience. In an interview during an intermission of his character's seminar, he gets to show his character slowly, but surely, breaking down as he is confronted by his past and lies. Seeing Cruise's best performance of his career alone is worth the price of admission.

The problems of the characters in *Magnolia* makes those of the characters in the television series *Party of Five* seem to be the most healthy group of people in fictional life. This isn't the happiest film ever, but the whole point of the film is that we all have problems. What we take from those obstacles is what life is all about. To say that *Magnolia* is about life is an understatement; it is about characters who must face their fears and learn to forgive not only themselves, but the people who have hurt them the most.

The 10 List

As we continue into the year 2000 here's a look back at the best and worst films of 1999.

Chris Castro, Entertainment Editor

Best Films of '99

1. *Magnolia*
2. *Fight Club*
3. *Run Lola Run*
4. *South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut*
5. *The Iron Giant*
6. *Toy Story 2*
7. *The Limey*
8. *The Talented Mr. Ripley*
9. *Three Kings*
10. *Go*

Worst Movies of '99

1. *8mm*
2. *The Mod Squad*
3. *She's All That*
4. *Wing Commander*
5. *Never Been Kissed*
6. *Simply Irresistible*
7. *Jawbreaker*
8. *Entrapment*
9. *Analyze This*
10. *American Pie*

Devin Riley, Opinion Editor

Best Films of '99

1. *The Iron Giant*
2. *Being John Malkovich*
3. *Three Kings*
4. *Bringing Out the Dead*
5. *Dreamlife of Angels*
6. *Princess Mononoke*
7. *Election*
8. *Snow Falling on Cedars*
9. *The Winslow Boy*
10. *End of the Affair*

Worst movies of '99

1. *Lost and Found*
2. *The Other Sister*
3. *The Haunting*
4. *Kevin Costner Twin Pack: For Love of the Game and Message in a Bottle*
5. *The Omega Code*
6. *The Mod Squad*
7. *Analyze This*
8. *Star Wars: EP1: The Phantom Menace*
9. *Never Been Kissed*
10. *8mm*

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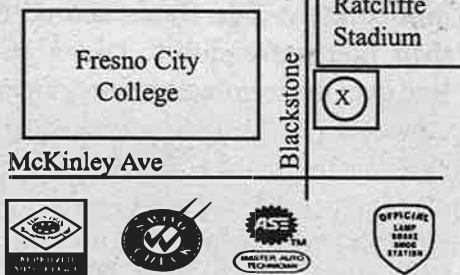
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Y2K IN SPORTS

By Joe Chacon

Sports Editor

As spring semester, 2000, begins at Fresno City College so does it's new year in sports, from the States top ranked Junior College men's basketball team in Central Valley Conference play, to the women's basketball team in a tie for first place. The season promise.

February brings six new sports teams; men and women's tennis, men's baseball, women's softball, men's golf and track & field. At any given time of the day or week, you will find some type of game or match in play. There is plenty of talent on-field as well as off. At the same time the Rams football coaching staff are recruiting future prospects through California and out of State, while the returning players remain conditioning for the 2000 season.

With the new school year upon us our studies and work take up most of our time, why not take a break from your busy schedule take in a basketball game, a few innings of baseball, a set of tennis, a few rounds of golf or be amazed at the strength and speed on the track? Whatever your choice of sport, come out and support your team and show your school spirit.

Fresno City College
Events February 2000

Feb. 4 Piano Recital- Rosemary Caviglia- MS132

Track Meet- Ratcliffe Stadium

Baseball Tournament- Euless Park

Gospel Night- Theatre

Feb. 5 Softball vs. West Valley and Solano -Softball field

Women's Basketball vs. Reedley Gym

Men's Basketball vs. Merced - Gym

Baseball Tournament - Euless Park

Feb. 6 Art Space Gallery Reception Michael McMillan Exhibition -AH 101

Baseball Tournament - Euless Park

Feb. 8 Speaker: Debo Kotun, Author of "ABIKU" - SO 104

Feb. 9 Club Rush - Fountain Area Concert Band and Honors at City Concert - Theatre

Feb. 11 Sisters Speak Forum - AH 208
Brothers Speak Forum - SO 104
Women's Tennis vs. San Francisco- Tennis Courts
Community Concert Band - Theatre

Feb. 12 Women's Tennis vs. American River- Tennis Courts

Feb. 13 Art Space Gallery - AH 101
Fresno Saxophone Quartet Faculty/Alumnus Recital - Recital Hall

FCC Rams Men's Basketball Team
Enjoying Much-Deserved Success

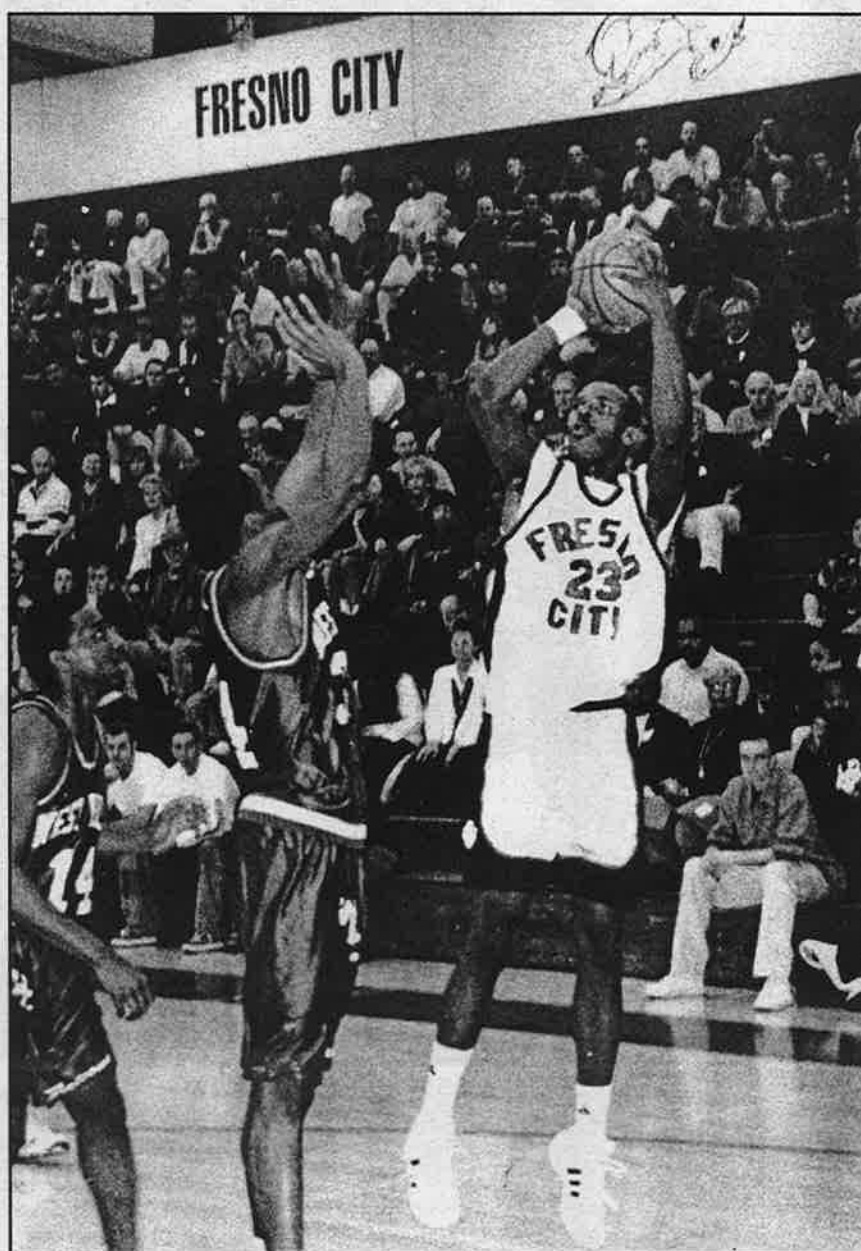
By Nam Dang

Rampage Staff

The Fresno City College Men's Basketball team has enjoyed a lot of success this season, having been the top ranked junior college men's basketball team in the state for six consecutive weeks. But on Monday, January 24th, the Rams slipped to number two in the state polls following their first two losses of the season (to Modesto Junior College and College of the Sequoias). Despite these tough losses, the Rams still have a remarkable record of 21-2 (as of January 25th), highlighted by an exciting victory against their toughest rival and Central Valley Conference power, Portville College, and has the distinction of being the most successful men's basketball team that the school has ever produced thus far.

The players attribute the team's success to a number of things. "The offense has carried us so far this season.", stated the Rams' all-CVC power forward Terri Miller. "We've got guys who can flat out shoot the ball, and because our outside game is so good, it opens up our inside game".

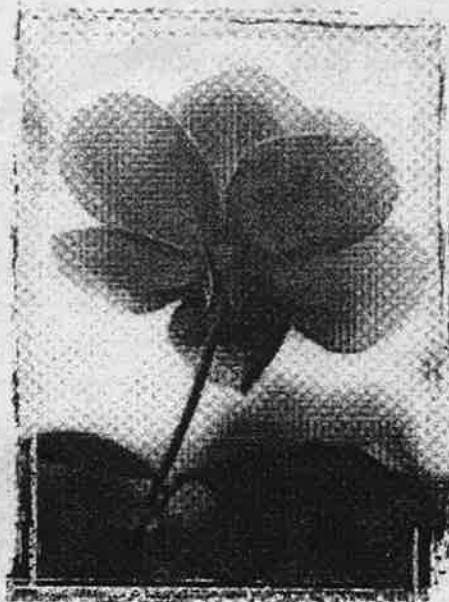
"The team itself has contributed to our success", stated Rams guard Kevin Crockrum. "Before the season, no one knew each other. But we learned to come together, put all of our egos aside, and play team basketball".



Terri Miller FCC vs. West Hills 2/20/99

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"The offense has carried us so far this season. We've got guys who can flat out shoot the ball."



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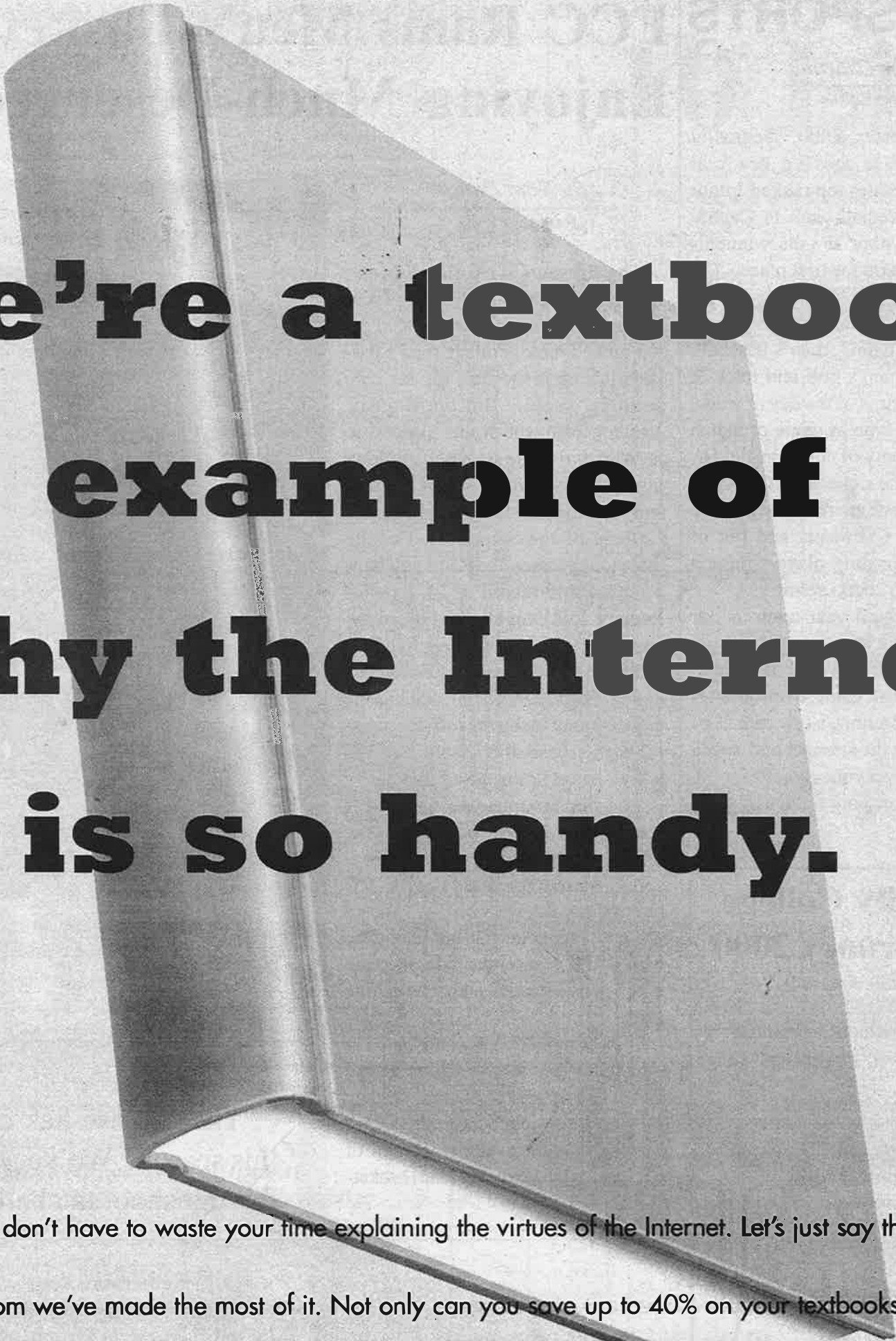
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