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FCC sticks with Mendez

By Anthony Witrado
Rampage reporter

Fresno City College officials decided last week to take no action against men's basketball coach Mark Mendez after a lengthy investigation into his won-loss record before coming to FCC.

The school's interim president Art Ellish issued a press release stating the school "looked at the entire situation and opted to move forward with Mendez." Ellish also said "(FCC officials) are confident that our players will grow under his leadership, and we look forward to a successful season."

The investigation got under way one month ago and was sparked by an anonymous letter saying Mendez had given the school a falsified record on his resume. The resume said Mendez had an overall record of 265-90 and 119-67 during his time at South Mountain (Ariz.) Community College, including two conference titles.

Mendez also said the Cougars were 19-12 last season, but according to the National Junior College Athletic Association, he had a 76-95 record while at South Mountain and finished 13-17 last year, never winning a conference title. The NJCAA also noted Mendez had

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Fun raising for JDF



Photo by Louis Castro

The Fresno City College mascot stands on top of a fire truck, which leads the annual walk to cure diabetes held on Oct. 20. The walk raised approximately \$20,000. Story and photos on page 20.

\$32 million for colleges approved

Davis restores funds after cutting \$126 million in June

By Bill J. Perry
News editor

Racing against a midnight deadline, Gov. Gray Davis signed Senate Bill 735 on Oct. 14 restoring \$32 million – of \$98 million requested – in funding to California community colleges. Davis also approved \$14.9 million in planning funds for 34 college building projects.

The governor's actions have generated a mixed, if not tempered response.

"I am very pleased that Gov. Davis restored part of these budget cuts to the community colleges," said Senator Jack Scott, D-Pasadena. "Community colleges have repeatedly been asked to do more with less money.... I am happy that some of these budget cuts have been restored."

State Assemblyman Mike Briggs, issued a statement acknowledging reduced funding to colleges in Fresno and Tulare counties. "Although the governor signed a bill [on Oct. 14] that restored some of the community college funding cut last June, it was not the full \$98 million that I have been fighting for," Briggs said.

"We're disappointed," said Jon Sharpe, executive vice chancellor of administration and finance for State Center Community College District. "However, we recognize and understand that the economy has deteriorated in the past several months. So we are grateful to get a third [of the funding requested]."

Just four months ago, Davis was widely criticized for slashing \$126 million in community college funding – nearly one-quarter of all budget cuts – because of the energy crisis and dwindling state financial reserves.

Several bills to restore the funding were quickly put together and passed by the Assembly and Senate, eventually reaching the governor's desk in the form of SB 735. The bill requested \$98 million for scheduled maintenance programs and instructional equipment purchases, as well as \$15 million in planning funds for building construction. Facing an economy in continued decline and a state budget under strain because of the Sept. 11 attacks, Davis reduced the \$98 million to \$32 million when sign-

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Bad timing hurts local CD release

CD opposing American foreign policy released one day before Sept. 11 attacks

By Brianna Quilici
Rampage reporter

Democracy, as defined by local brothers Reza and Hossein, includes the right to disagree even in the roughest times. Devout Muslims, Reza and Hossein, who asked their last name not be used, expressed that right with the release of their new hip-hop album on Sept. 10: Jihad, the sword of the basement, "Oppression is worse than slaughter."

The next day, Sept. 11, was the day that shook the nation and took a toll on the album. Terrorists hijacked four jet airplanes, crashing



Hossein

"We struggle for God, for our neighbors and for life. Flying an airplane into buildings isn't Jihad."

-- Reza, right, FCC student



Reza

two into the World Trade Center, another into Pentagon and another in a field in Pennsylvania, shattering thousands of lives. Extreme Islamic fundamentalists are considered the prime suspects in the attacks.

"It was just a case of bad luck,"

Hossein said about the release of the CD one day before the attacks.

Translated, Jihad means struggle. "We struggle for God, for our neighbors and for life. Flying an airplane into buildings isn't Jihad," said Reza. "Jihad is a commandment for me."

Reza, a Fresno State University religious studies major and Hossein, a history student at Fresno City College, started recording the album two years ago. A division of The Basement, a Fresno based hip-hop group, Reza, 25, and Hossein, 22, use music to attack American

social and political issues with an Islamic viewpoint in their album. "No one of my religion had anything to do with the events of Sept. 11," Reza said.

The band's CD manufacturer, who wishes to remain anonymous, noticed the possibility of controversy and pulled out of its contract to duplicate the album. The band had to replace a picture on the inside of the album jacket, a photo of Reza with a burnt American flag over one shoulder. "The picture was a statement about false U.S. centricism; the idea that the U.S.

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Letters to the editor

Time to call it quits, Coke

This letter is in response to a letter submitted by Coke Mislant for the Oct. 17 issue of the Rampage.

I feel that Mr. Mislant's complaints are not about railroad consolidation, as he claims them to be, but more of his ongoing personal attack against the administration of our school and our representatives in the Associated Student Government.

In response to his claim that nothing is being done about the railroad tracks near the Health Sciences building, that is totally false! Our administration and student government representatives have been working diligently on this issue with members of the Fresno Area Residents for Railroad Consolidation group ever since the tragic accident that claimed the life of one of our fellow students, Junior Puletapuai.

As far as his continuous whining and complaining about last spring's Associated Student Government are concerned, I feel that this should be put to rest once and for all. What's done is done, for crying out loud. But, of course, Mr. Mislant does not understand this concept as he keeps on making outrageous comments about the administration and the ASG even today, six months after the elections have already been decided. He feels that the ASG should have an "activist" in office, and not "a puppet that they (the ASG) can control."

Letters policy

Opinions expressed in letters to the editor are those of the authors. The Rampage reserves the right to edit letters for clarity, grammar and length. There is a 30-day waiting period between published letters from the same author.

The fact of the matter is every member of the ASG is an "activist" of sorts. Actually, advocate would be the correct term to describe the ASG. Hey, if it weren't for them, we, the students, would have lost all say in the operations and the ongoings of this campus a long time ago.

He had his chances to appeal the elections, but they were overturned. And instead of putting this to rest, he insisted on badgering our administration, even going as far as calling one administrator a racist. I also recall an incident, during his hearing before the college administration, where one of his representatives from his Mexican American Political Action group badgered key witnesses, from that particular hearing, at the conclusion of it as they were leaving.

What is the point of this letter, you ask? Well, that is simple. It is to tell Mr. Mislant to grow up and either move on with his personal life (and most importantly, his education), or he can support the ASG

in their many endeavors that mainly are geared to help us students. Besides, the ASG certainly can't do it all by themselves, and they certainly are not paid for doing this, as he claims they are.

Nam Dang
FCC student

A message to 'graffiti scum'

I read Carl Geissert's tripe titled "The price of freedom" in your Oct. 17 issue and feel strongly compelled to respond.

Throughout the article, Mr. Geissert refers to graffiti scum as "graffiti artists." The way I understand art is that people create work on a medium that they own and present it wherever it is wanted; graffiti scum create their "art" on other people's property and display where very few members of society want to see it.

What I would like is for Mr. Geissert to send me his address (if he owns anything) and his car license. I will get hold of some of these artists and have them perform their work on his property. This way he gets to enjoy the "art," the graffiti scum has canvas, and I don't have to view it.

Sounds like a win-win situation. How about it, Carl?

Fred Emerling
FCC counselor

Campus calendar

Art

• **Beauties and Beasts: Delightful Dichotomies in Japanese Painting** – 1-5 p.m. today-Saturday. Selected masterworks of Japanese painting are at the Ruth and Sherman Lee Institute for Japanese Art, 15770 10th Ave., Hanford. For information, call 582-4925. Free.

• **Exhibition** – Thursday through Dec. 12. Ceramic works, sculptures and computer graphics by Bill Heiderich and Alvin Thompson at Art Space Gallery. Free. For information, call ext. 8909.

• **The Ram's Tale** – The deadline for submissions for the next edition of the Ram's Tale is March 1, 2002. Submit copies of original fiction, essays/autobiographies, poetry, drama/one-act plays, black and white photography, or two-dimensional artwork to the Humanities Division office. For information, call Clay Rooks at 442-4600, ext. 8122, or Michael Roberts at 442-4600, ext. 8569.

Career

• **Career workshops** – The Career Center continues its career-planning workshops: Career decision-making, 1:30-3:30 p.m. today, \$5. For information, visit Career Center Counseling, Student

Services building, second floor or call 442-8291.

Events

• **27th Annual Next-To-New Rummage Sale** – 6-11 p.m. Friday, best merchandise selection plus food and entertainment, \$12.50; 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, merchandise at bargain prices, free admission. Sponsored by Junior League of Fresno at Fresno Fairgrounds Agriculture Building. For information, call 224-0167.

• **2000-2001 AmeriCorps Class Graduation** – 7 p.m. Friday, with swearing-in ceremony at the Theatre. For information, call ext. 8484.

• **Club Rush/Bench Press Competition** – 10 a.m. Nov. 7, in the fountain area.

• **Veteran's Memorial Ceremony** – Noon, Nov. 9, recognizing and honoring the Hispanic-American Veterans, in the free speech area.

• **Police Academy Graduation** – 3 p.m. Nov. 9 and 3 p.m. Nov. 16, for classes No. 87 and No. 86 respectively. Both ceremonies will be held at the Theatre.

Stage

• **Invitational Choral Festival** – 9 a.m. today-Thursday, at the

Theatre. For more information, call Julie Barron at ext. 8465.

• **Oregon Shakespeare Festival Daytime Performances** – Free 40-minute daytime performances for students and staff members will be at Theatre Main Stage as follows: 9 and 10 a.m. Monday, 10 and 11 a.m. Tuesday, 11 a.m. and noon Nov. 7, 1 and 2 p.m. Nov. 8. For information, call ext. 8116.

• **Oregon Shakespeare Festival Performance** – 7:30 p.m. Nov. 9, a benefit for FCC Friends of the Arts at Theatre Main Stage, \$12 general admission, \$6 students. For information, call 442-8221.

• **Blue Window** – 7:30 p.m. Dec. 6-8, 13-15, and 2 p.m. Dec. 8 and 15, by Craig Lucas, directed by Chuck Erven at the Theatre. General admission, \$10; students, \$7. For information, call 442-8221.

• **City Dances—in The Studio** – 8 p.m. Dec. 6-8, and 2 p.m. Dec. 9, contemporary dance works choreographed by faculty and students, at the Theatre. General admission, \$10; students, \$7. For information, call 442-8221.

• **Voice recital** – 7:30 p.m. Dec. 10, at the Recital Hall.

• **Brass/Percussion ensembles** – 7:30 p.m. Dec. 11, at the Theatre.

Police log

From the files of the SCCCD Police Department

Oct. 11

- Officer took report regarding theft of cell phone from Business Education Building.
- Sergeant took report regarding vehicle burglary.

Oct. 12

- Sergeant took harassment report of one student by another.

Oct. 13

- Officer observed three suspicious individuals outside the library. Fresno Police contacted for assistance. All three subjects were arrested and booked into County Jail for vending machine burglary.

Oct. 15

- Parking control found vehicle with excessive unpaid citations. Vehicle impounded, released. Report taken.
- Officer took report regarding illegal access to student records.

Oct. 16

- Officer took report regarding theft of parking permit from Lot S.
- Officer took report regarding vandalism graffiti to Language Arts windows.

Oct. 17

- Officer took late report regarding non-injury hit and run in Lot E.
- Officer took report regarding vehicle burglary.
- Officer took report regarding petty theft.

Oct. 18

- Officer took report regarding theft of a parking permit from Lot C.
- Officer issued citation for wrong way on one way.

Oct. 19

- Officer dispatched to Clovis Center regarding domestic problem. Report taken.
- Officer took report regarding grand theft.

Oct. 21

- Officer initiated traffic stop. Illegal substances found in the possession of the driver. Driver arrested, cited and released.

Oct. 22

- Officer took report regarding harassment of instructor by student.



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Here come the holidays and, sneeze, the flu

Flu vaccinations recommended

By Terry Azamber
Rampage reporter

It's that time of year again: Thanksgiving turkey with your family, Christmas carols playing in the stores, and that other tradition of the holiday season – the flu.

The flu season is from November until April, peaking during late December and early March, which means students are most likely to get the flu during Christmas break until spring mid-terms.

Symptoms of the flu are a fever that ranges from 100 degrees to 103 degrees, headache, muscle aches and extreme fatigue. The flu may be accompanied by symptoms similar to a common cold such as a cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, but people who have a cold do not tend to run a fever or experience extreme fatigue that are the signs of the flu.

Gastrointestinal illnesses, commonly referred to as stomach flu, are not actually a form of the influenza virus, but caused by different organisms.

A gastrointestinal illness will have symptoms such as diarrhea, vomiting and fever.

Most people recover from the flu within one to two weeks. Some people can develop serious complications such as pneumonia. The Center for Disease Control reports that more than 100,000 people are hospitalized and over 20,000 people die each year due to complications from the flu. Young healthy people are less likely to develop life-threatening complications than those who are elderly or have chronic health problems.

The flu is transmitted through the air or by touching a surface contaminated by the virus. The virus enters the body through the nose and mouth.

Frequently washing your hands will reduce your risk of catching the flu. Do not kiss or share drinks with someone who had flu or cold symp-

toms. Make sure you get enough sleep and reduce your stress level since stress will increase the severity of flu symptoms.

The flu vaccine has been shown to be effective in preventing illness or reducing the severity of the flu in 70 percent to 90 percent of healthy young adults according to the CDC, yet many people do not get a flu shot. Some people believe the vaccine is not effective because they become ill after they were vaccinated. Effectiveness of the vaccine varies from year to year, depending on the strains of the influenza virus that circulate during the flu season, but the vaccine has been shown to lessen the severity of illness and to prevent complications and death.

The vaccine is recommended for women who will be more than three months pregnant during the flu season, health-care professionals, anyone who is over the age of 50 and residents of nursing homes. Anyone who suffers from diabetes, chronic diseases of the heart, lungs, or kidneys, immunosuppression or severe forms of anemia, should receive the vaccine. It is recommended that children and teenagers receiving long-term aspirin therapy receive the vaccine due to the risk of developing Reye's syndrome after a flu infection.

Side effects from the vaccine are rare. The most common side effect is soreness at the site of the injection, which can last up to two days, but it is usually mild. Some people, usually children, who have not been vaccinated before may have fever and body aches after vaccination. The symptoms will start six to twelve hours after vaccinations and may last for one to two days.

Fresno City College Student Health Services will have the flu vaccine available for students in mid-November. However, the flu vaccine is already available through most doctors and clinics.

New maps installed on campus

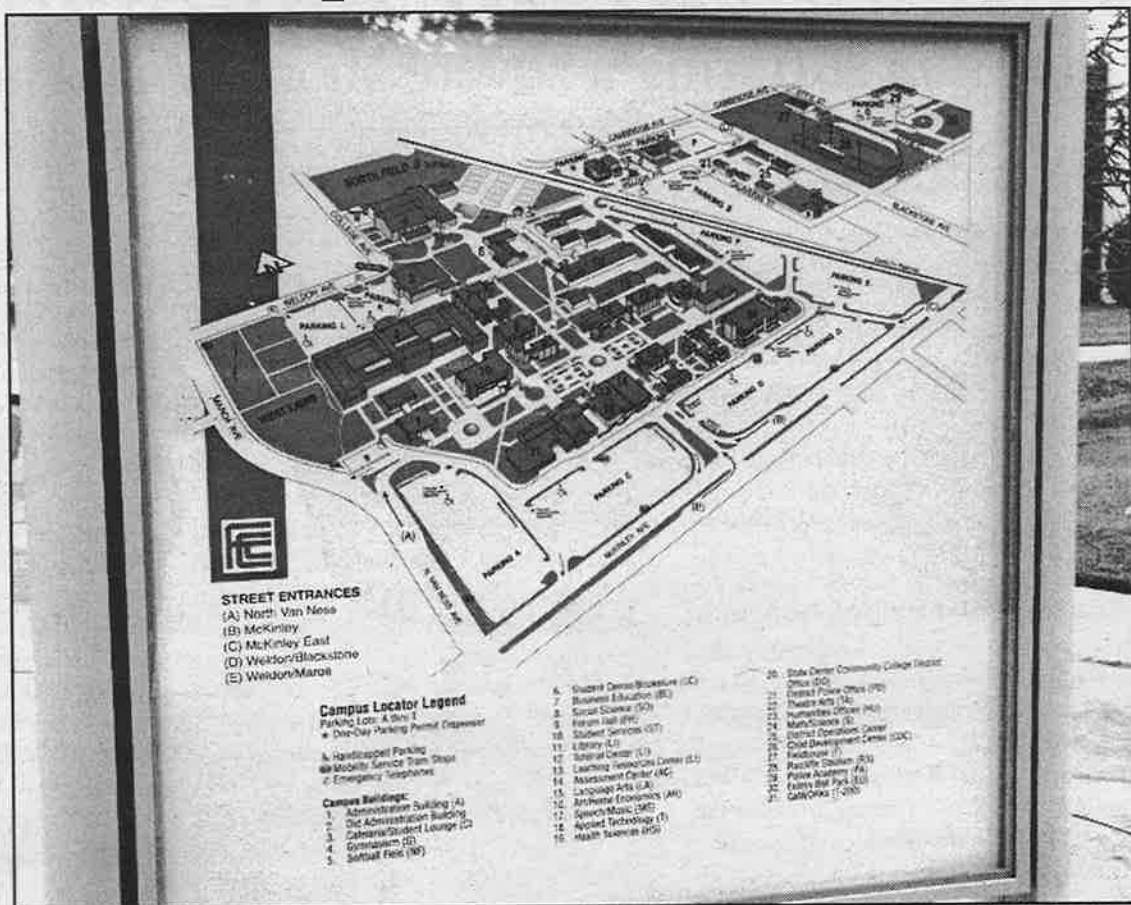


Photo by Louis Castro

New campus directories have been placed near all major entrances to Fresno City College, helping students and visitors find their way around the campus.

Anthrax fears on the rise

Early symptoms of the disease are similar to the flu

By Terry Azamber
Rampage reporter

The fear of anthrax has been sweeping the nation. People are reporting anthrax in their mail, on their food, in every powdery substance they see. But the vast majority of cases that are investigated prove to be benign substances such as talcum powder, sugar, and baking soda. Few people know how to tell if they have the disease. The Center for Disease Control reported eight confirmed cases of anthrax as of Oct. 21. Two of the cases were in Florida, two were in New Jersey, three were in New York and one case was in Washington, D.C. There have been no cases reported in other locations. Fresno County Department of Community Health's Public Health Laboratory received 45 environmental samples and 18 clinical samples which were suspected to be anthrax. All samples tested negative.

Anthrax is an infectious disease caused by the sporeforming bacterium *Bacillus anthracis*. The disease usually occurs in hoofed mammals but can infect humans. According to the CDC, the disease is more common in agricultural regions of South America, Central America, Southern Europe, Eastern Europe, Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, and the Middle East. It occurs in humans who are exposed to infected animals or animal products such as infected undercooked meat, contaminated wool or hides. The disease is rare in livestock in the United States.

Anthrax can appear in three forms: cutaneous, inhalation and gastrointestinal. The symptoms will vary depending on how the disease was contracted, but the signs of

being infected will usually occur within seven days.

Cutaneous anthrax is the most common type of infection, with 95 percent of all reported cases occurring after skin contact with anthrax. The bacteria must come in contact with a cut or abraded skin. The incubation period ranges from 1 to 12 days. Patients will develop a raised bump like a spider bite that progresses into a painless ulcer with a black area in the center. Lymph glands in the infected area may swell. The patient may also have a fever, fatigue and headaches.

Less than 1 percent of cutaneous anthrax patients who receive early treatment will die. Anthrax can be cured through the use of ciprofloxacin, doxycycline or penicillin. Even if untreated, cutaneous anthrax will result in death in only 20 percent of patients.

Inhalation anthrax is the most lethal form. The incubation period is from one to seven days, but may range up to 60 days. Symptoms are a mild fever, sore throat, fatigue and muscle aches. Although the symptoms are similar to the flu and the common cold, a patient who has anthrax will develop severe breathing problems and shock. Patients frequently develop meningitis.

Gastrointestinal anthrax is caused by the consumption of raw or undercooked infected meat. Like cutaneous anthrax, symptoms of the disease will occur within one to seven days. Symptoms are fever, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, loss of appetite, and septicemia (blood poisoning). The patient will experience severe diarrhea and vomit blood.

If someone is exposed to anthrax, infection can be prevented by antibiotic treatment. The anthrax

vaccine is 93 percent effective in preventing the disease, but it is not available to the general public and not recommended for general use because of possible side effects.

According to the CDC, there are currently enough antibiotics to prevent anthrax in 2 million people who have been exposed to the bacteria. ABCNews.com reported that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has arranged to purchase 100 million tablets of Cipro for \$95 million from the Bayer Corporation. The supply of Cipro, the antibiotic used to treat anthrax, will be enough to treat 12 million people who may be exposed to the disease.

The U.S. Postal Service will begin radiating letters and packages to neutralize any anthrax that may be among the mail. Postmaster General John F. Potter suggested people wash their hands after they handle the mail.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has issued instructions on how to identify suspicious letters and packages. They have warned the public not to open letters or packages with excessive postage, oily stains or odor, lopsided or uneven envelopes, protruding wire or aluminum foil, has a ticking sound, or has a city or state in the postmark that does not match the return address. If you open a letter or package that contains a powder, leave the room, close the door, wash your hands with soap and water, and call the police. Do not clean up the powder.

More information on anthrax and the latest health alerts and advisories, can be found at the Center for Disease Control Web site at www.cdc.gov.

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FCC seeks more nursing students

California suffering a severe shortage and needs 303,000 nurses by 2006

By Terry Azamber
Rampage reporter

California's shortage of nurses has posed the state on the precipice of a crisis in the health care industry. The state has only 585 nurses per 100,000 people according to figures from a Legislative Analyst Office report released by the office of State Sen. Charles Poochigian, 14th District.

As the baby boomer population ages and requires more health care, the gap increases. The state will need 303,000 registered nurses by 2006, but projected graduation rates indicate there will only be 277,857 registered nurses available, 25,000 less than are needed.

The San Joaquin Valley is especially desperate for nurses, according to Dr. Dianne Moore, director of nursing at Fresno City College. "The shortage of nurses is not funny," said Moore. "A lot of nurses are aging and going out of the field. The gap between the population and nurses is even higher here in the Central Valley because we have a high birth rate." Moore said that California is rated 49 in the nation in the number of nurses it has in comparison to its population. Nevada was the only state with less nurses.

FCC's nursing program has 251 students enrolled. Some students are reluctant to apply to the registered nurse program, intimi-

"Our students barely have their foot out the door after graduation before they have a job,"

-- Dianne Moore, FCC director of nursing

dated by the lottery system. But out of 95 applicants only 65 had completed anatomy, physiology, chemistry and the other prerequisites they needed to qualify. The program accepts 40 students twice a year.

The Paradigm Program will sponsor an additional 48 students each year. The State Center Community College District received a \$335,340 grant for a licensed vocation nurse program at Madera Community College. The college will start its first class of students in fall 2002. Moore plans to obtain grants to expand the faculty so FCC can accept more students into its nursing program.

Registered nurses make between \$50,000 to \$60,000 per year and travel nurses can earn as much as \$100,000 according to Moore. Nurses have no difficulty moving to another area since there is a shortage of nurses across the country. "Our students barely have their foot out the door after graduation before they have a job," she said.

She emphasized that although nursing can be a lucrative profession, only a certain type

of person should consider a career as a nurse. "We want people to go into the field who care about people," she said. "Nursing is the art and science of caring for people. We discourage people who think they will make a quick buck."

Many nurses have left hospitals to work in offices, clinics, or schools because of the hours and paperwork. "The shifts are hard if you work in a hospital," said Julie Guyette, a nurse practitioner. "You work weird hours and that's hard if you have a family. There is so much paperwork because of legal issues and the hospital's funding. You can't just do nursing and work with your patients."

New nurses undergo a hazing ritual simi-

lar to the horrendous hours that doctors endure in medical school. "We eat our young," said Guyette. "We are so critical of new nurses when they come out of school. We scare them away."

There are nurses who get discouraged with patient care. It is difficult for some people to spend all their work hours around sick people. "It's like a marriage," said Guyette. "You don't see patients after they have gotten better and they are out moving around. You see them when they feel the worst. The only time you will see them when they are happy is if you are working in obstetrics and they've just had a baby."

Despite the drawbacks, Guyette said nursing has a lot to offer. "It's a very flexible career. You can work part-time and still have benefits. You can work in schools or specialize. You have a lot of variety and options. It's still a wonderful profession."

Riders of FAX bus wish for fairer fares

By Anthony Losongco
Special to the Rampage

Every weekday, hundreds of Fresno City College students commute to campus on the local bus system, Fresno Area Express, or FAX. However, the student body has grown increasingly weary of higher fares and inadequate service.

Generally, students expressed praise for the service FAX provides. The agency operates three routes on the campus perimeter, as well as routes to FCC's Manchester campus and the Vocational Training Center.

Complaints usually begin with the frequency or reliability of the route schedule.

"Sometimes I wish [buses] ran more often, but they're pretty good," said Ginell McDonough, first-year student.

"The buses are overcrowded, and they don't run on time," said Linda Looney, American Indian and African-American studies major.

Looney, like many FAX riders, must allow for a much longer commute to school or work — or both — than most drivers.

"I leave campus at about ten before 4 [p.m.] and don't get home until 6 p.m.," she said.

Regarding her morning commute, McDonough said, "I leave the house at 6, and get here [to school] between 7:30 and 8 in the morning."

John Downs, FAX's transit planning manager, sympathized with riders' concerns. His agency, sorely under-funded, set ambitious goals to better serve its customers.

"We recognize that the service isn't frequent enough," Downs said.

Under an ideal scenario, FAX could reduce all routes to a 15-minute schedule within 18 months, Downs said. However, the government heavily subsidizes FAX's budget.

"The problem is paying for it," Downs said. "[A customer's] fare only pays for about 25 percent of the cost of the service."

FAX also serves FCC students with disabilities, but many have encountered insensitivity riding the bus.

Rico Singh, a visually impaired student, once told his driver he needed to go east to Maple Avenue. "He took me all the way to Clovis," Singh said. When Singh told the driver of the error, the driver said, "Go walk back."

As transit planning manager, Downs addresses complaints from upset riders, including those with disabilities.

"The most important thing someone can do is immediately file a complaint," Downs said. But he added that many customers complain without filing formal grievances with FAX.

FAX increased most fares on Aug. 1 after some initial public resistance. The monthly pass jumped from \$25 to \$35, and the cash fare climbed a quarter to \$1 one-way. FAX exempted senior citizens and the disabled from the increase.

Two months later, most students tolerate the fare hike.

"It sucks because I had a hard enough time getting 75 cents for the bus," McDonough said.

"It's OK for me, but I think it's unfair because a lot of people can't afford a dollar," said an accounting major who asked not to be named.

Despite the unreliable service, students continue to use the bus as a cheap and convenient alternative to driving.

"It doesn't bother me catching the bus," said second-year student Ernest Otero.

Speaking on the fare increase, Singh said, "You can't do nothing about it."

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Military showcase met by protesters

Annual event on campus brings two views of war on terrorism

By Bonner Creager
Rampage reporter

This year, Fresno City College had the same annual military showcase. This year, there were the same showcase booths, the same men in uniforms standing by the same new Humvees. But this year, there was something different.

Protesters ringed the fountain shouting and holding up signs that said, "Peace," and "No War" among others. They dressed up in fatigues with bandages tied red in certain parts. They looked like wounded soldiers representing the horrors and trials of war. Their signs had pictures of flaming Afghanistan with a red cross over it. They passed out literature about the "Truths" of this war.

The demonstration was organized in part by Food Not Bombs. Many of the students came from off campus. They also protest every Friday afternoon at Blackstone and Shaw. At the showcase, another group was protesting the protesters. But even this group was not really advocating for the war but instead it focused on patriotism and standing behind our country.

Protesters against military action were surprised at the lack of opposition they are receiving.

"We're getting more positive feedback," said protester Lindsay Quillon. Still there was tension in the air on the FCC campus.

"I don't know, I guess they think we're bad people or something," one soldier responded when asked what the protesters were doing.

"I've got nothing to say about that," said Marine Staff Sergeant Ortega, with a quick snap of his head.

Most of the students seemed to take a middle stand on the issue.

"They need to express their feelings and it's their right, but I think they need to investigate their stories a little more," said student Xyumxim Tzchieng. Xyumxim was supportive of the bombings, but still had no interest in joining the military.

"What needs to be done, needs to be done."

The protesters were angered that FCC was just showing one side of the story.

"We're against them trying to get College students to kill. Killing Afghanistan isn't going to change anything. Does that make us happier?" protester Tessa Hanna asked.

Recruiters are especially interested in enlisting college students.

"The army prefers college students because a lot of students go



Photos by Cathy Alexander

A military showcase Oct. 24 at Fresno City College draws interest from students, whether it be a replica of a jet or obtaining information.

to college because they're told to, but that's not really what they want and the army gives them something to do in the meantime," said Army Sergeant Woodman.

Both the recruiters and the protesters were trying to make the public more aware of events.

"We're trying to dispel a lot of myths about the military, a lot of people think it's like jail. We're trying to show that it's a little more relaxed," Ortega said. The Marines brought out a Humvee with fresh red paint and an expensive sound system. Each recruiting district had its own specialized Humvee, designed to attract the attention of young people.

Protesters also attracted a lot of attention with their views.

"We're putting out the facts that the mainstream public media isn't putting out," said protester Quillon.

Such facts, that the protesters felt the mainstream media were not covering, include these top five arguments.

One, although America has declared "War on Terrorism," terrorism is a tactic, not a group and that many of the U.S.'s own tactics are the same as the terrorists (such as bombing civilians) but on a larger scale.

The protesters second point was that America is not coming together. After the Sept. 11 attack, the airline industry has laid off tens of thousands of workers and although the government is giving billions to the airline companies, they are not giving any support to the actual unemployed workers.

Their third argument is that U.S. claims of liberating the Afghan people is a hoax because the U.S. supported Northern Alliance is no better than the Taliban. The Northern Alliance has accepted aid from the Russians, which has alienated

them from the people. Human Rights Watch implicates the Northern Alliance in attacks on civilians, rape and racial and religious persecution.

Also, they noted the Taliban is not composed of Afghans either. They are made up of Pushtu and Pahtan tribesmen as well as other Islamic radicals from around the world.

Attacks against key Northern City Mazar-e-Sharif has met limited success and the Northern Alliance is waiting for promised 40 Russian tanks and personal criers to resume the offensive. The Northern Alliance claims to have killed 35 Taliban fighters and captured 140 others.

The protesters fourth point was that Central Asia has the potentially largest oil reserve source in the world. And these oil reserves are the true reasons why the United States wants to control Afghanistan.

Their last reason that they stressed against the war is that Afghanistan is going through a famine right now and the United States has closed Afghanistan's borders and food is not allowed to get in that way. The World Food Program estimated that 7.5 million Afghans are in need of food. The United States has responded by air dropping over 785,000 food packages since the bombing began Oct. 7.

However, now the United States has reason to believe that the Taliban has poisoned the food and will blame it on the United States. Rear Admiral Stufflebeem has warned Afghans from taking the food if it is offered by the Taliban or been in Taliban hands. Many of the packages are landing in minefields, and the people must risk death to get them.

Most of the enlisted men have high moral and are supportive of



their country's actions.

"I wish it didn't happen, but we're willing to do whatever it is that we need to do," Ortega said.

"People feel that they want to do something. By serving in the military and joining up they feel empowered," said Sergeant Woodman.

Since Sept. 11, recruiters have been flooded with calls by people interested in finding out about the military but few have done more than inquire.

"We've had a lot more phone calls, but not more enlistments," said Air National Guard Master Sergeant Scott. "A lot of retirees and veterans have tried but they do not meet the qualifications."

Ortega voiced similar sentiments, "There has been a lot more inquiry but not a lot of enlistments.

They're about the same."

The Air-National Guard has been the most effected by the attacks on Sept. 11 out of all the local reserve units. Still only 10 percent of the Air-National Guard has been mobilized. Those who were mobilized were done so solely to protect California and there are no plans of going overseas.

"They're doing pretty well. They're doing what they were called to do. They have been training for it for a long time," Scott said.

In order to be better prepared, their weekend drills have been stretched to 12-hour days, along with 24-hour operations.

Airport detail is performed by volunteers who have had previous weapons training.

Jihad
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is the only country that matters," Reza said. "Under the circumstances, and because we don't want to be construed as condoning the actions of the terrorists, we replaced the photo."

The album contains songs and lyrics, under the circumstances surrounding Sept. 11, that may be considered controversial. "We are writers not artists," said Hossein. The photo is the only thing that the brothers have changed on the al-

bum, which contains such titles as "War Prayer," "A.L.L.A.H." and "The AmeriKKKan dream." Hossein said "AmeriKKKan Dream" deals with American values and the American Foreign Policy. "We [the U.S.] don't pay attention to Third World countries. We only care about terrorism when it hits home."

The brothers cite the ongoing American military attacks on Afghanistan as appropriate examples of what they view as self-serving American foreign policy. "A human life is a human life regardless of race, religion or location. There

are a countless number of people who suffer every day of their lives; not just when terrorism hits home," Hossein said.

The brothers, born and raised in the United States, developed their sense of activism after many years of learning and reading the Qu'ran, the Islamic holy book. Channeled through what they deem to be socially conscious hip-hop music they want to see the American foreign policy reexamined. "No where on the CD, does it say we condone terrorism. We are just exercising our right as Americans to free speech," said Reza and Hossein.

"I am not happy with what happened [on Sept. 11]. Innocent people died. However, I think the U.S. didn't handle their reaction to the terrorism properly because America provided that terrorism for itself," Hossein said. "By letting children die every day from malnutrition, that's terrorism in the worst form."

The brothers have had nothing but positive comments in regard to their album. "If you actually sit down and listen to the CD, you discover that it isn't about how awful America is. We just point out the neglected problems that Reza and I

think need to be reconsidered," Hossein said.

"I am 'Anti-American foreign policies,' not 'Anti-American people,'" Reza said. "There isn't any need for us to apologize for expressing our beliefs and feelings towards things we don't condone."

The CD is available for purchase at select Tower Records and on the Internet at www.thebasement559.com.

The brothers hope the bad timing won't affect the sale of their album and are confident that their message will be heard with open ears and minds.

It's not too early to register

Students can sign up for spring classes in November

By Bill J. Perry
News editor

Although there are still seven weeks to go before the fall semester ends, registration for the spring semester classes begins Thursday. The Fresno City College Spring 2002 Class Schedule, mailed to enrolled students, is available in the Student Services Building.

Beginning Thursday, currently enrolled students may register by appointment, as indicated at the top of the registration permits, which were mailed in October. New, transfer and returning former students may begin spring registration Nov. 26.

"I would encourage students, especially those who are currently enrolled, to register on time," said

Doris Griffin, admissions and records manager. "If they put it off, they will have to compete with many other students after Nov. 26."

In addition to registering in person, students who are in good academic standing have the option of signing up for classes by using a touch-tone phone or by using the Internet. Information on how to use the TouchTone or WebAdvisor registration systems is available on pages 5 and 6 of the Class Schedule booklet.

"I would encourage using a touch-tone phone or the Web to avoid standing in lines (to register)," Griffin said. These timesaving features allow students to not only avoid long lines, but also register using a home phone or computer.

Students may also go to the Web room in the Students Services Building to register online.

Despite registering early, many students end up standing in line at the start of the semester because of failing to pay their tuition on time.

"Once students get their classes, they should be sure to pay for them so that they are not dropped from their classes and then have to go through the registration process again," Griffin said.

Registration of spring semester classes ends Jan. 12, 2002.

Students with questions regarding registration may call the Admissions Office at 442-4600, ext. 8617 or access the college Web site at www.fresnocitycollege.com.

Budget
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ing the bill.

Although exact amounts for what SCCC and Fresno City College will be allotted were not available, Sharpe said it would probably be about one-third of what was originally budgeted.

That means that FCC could receive about \$200,000, instead of the original \$610,000 budgeted, for scheduled maintenance programs. Generally, scheduled maintenance includes projects such as repairing roofs, upgrading ventilation and sprinkler systems, and fixing sidewalks and parking lots. For FCC, funds will most likely be applied to the second phase of the installation of a wide area network – or WAN – which will eventually electronically connect most of the buildings on campus to a central computer network.

Sharpe also expects FCC to receive about \$315,000, far less than the \$960,000 originally anticipated, for instructional equipment. This would be used at the college's discretion to purchase such items as computers, printers, lab equipment and library materials.

Though the funding falls far short of what FCC has received in recent years, SCCC and FCC officials are grateful for any funding at all, in view of the Sept. 11 attacks and the tremendous financial burden the situation has put on the economy.

"It's going to be tight for the next few years to come," said Michael Guerra, FCC business manager. "The economic impact is still unknown. Funding to community colleges will be under greater scrutiny."

"Our whole economy has suffered because of [the attacks]," Sharpe said. "There's no doubt it had an adverse impact."

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Jazz ensemble gives a lively and energetic performance

Last Wednesday, at the Fresno City College Theatre, I had the pleasure of enjoying one of the best jazz concerts I've ever seen.



Nick Bergstrom
Rampage reporter
Music review

The headliners of this show were four Fresno City College faculty members, along with some friends. The faculty members were Mike Dana, the Music Department chair and in charge of jazz studies, on the guitar; Julie Barron, who runs the choral and vocal studies department, sang; Dale Engstrom, in charge of brass, history and ear training, played the trumpet; and Larry Honda, in charge of woodwinds and theory, played the sax. With them were Brian Hamada on the drums, John Lauffenberger on bass and Craig vonBerg on piano.

Mixing all these talented musicians together made for a spectacular show.

They opened with a song written by Engstrom, which he called "Athens." Throughout the song, there were many tempo changes – from fast to slow to fast. I especially enjoyed the rhythm section.

Hamada has a very energetic style and was fantastic. Dana's guitar solo was amazing. The song was headed by Engstrom with a great trumpet solo.

The next song, called "Intuition," was written by Honda. This song had a very mellow dissonance about its melody, but this contrasted with the first song. This song had a solo for almost every instrument, including sax, bass and piano. The piano solo was one of the best of the show.

Barron, the vocalist, took over in the song, "Close Your Eyes." Along with the fabulous vocal style of Barron, there was an astounding guitar solo by Dana.

The most entertaining song of the concert, "Bebop Bargain Basement," was next. The song was just all over the place. It had one of the best jazz solos I've heard.

And all these songs were just the first act of the night.

Next was the FCC jazz ensemble, which is made up of 20 students playing a wide array of instruments – saxophone, trumpet, trombone and the rhythm section. The group played a variety of music from many different writers, including one by Josh Appleby, which was very meaningful to me because it was in honor of my father, Robert Bergstrom.

It was blew me away how talented these students are. First they



Photos by Jenny Langworthy

The Jazz Ensemble's trombone section goes to work as the trumpets stand ready behind. The group's next show is scheduled for Dec. 13

played a song called "Booze Brothers," by Frank Foster. Appleby was the featured soloist in this upbeat jazz song. He was also the main man in the next song, "Lament."

He just lets it all go when he solos. In this relatively mellow and somber sounding song, the backup from bass player Colin Burgess, drummer Brent Bird and everyone

brushes and sticks. I highly enjoyed watching him.

The next song was an upbeat piece called "I Love You," with a highly enjoyable guest solo by Engstrom.

The supporting cast was also terrific, and the entire ensemble did its part to make it one of the best songs of the night.

The next, "Art of the Big Band," song had a very energetic sound to it. There were many tenor sax solos performed by Nate Katner, and he was fantastic in every one of them. Then there was the song in honor of my father, written by Appleby. The song, "Under the Depression," was very somber at the beginning, but there were many time changes in this piece. After the show, I thanked Appleby for writing it, and he said, "I wrote this piece for me, too. Bob was a good friend."

In the middle of the climactic part of the song, there was a trombone solo by Appleby. It was very moving, and you could tell he felt every note.

On the lively song, "Body and Soul," Nate Katner had a very virtuosic style on his sax solo.

The whole ensemble should be commended for this show. It was fantastic and upbeat. You could tell they enjoy what they do.

The jazz ensemble will play again Dec. 13 at the FCC Theatre.



Guitarist and saxophonist belt out some tunes.

else was great.

Then there was the song "Tip Toe," which was very interesting with its airy trombone section, and a trumpet solo by David Swigard that put the song up a notch, not to mention a fine sax solo by Derek Smith.

Jeremy Holmes on drums was a nice addition to the mix using

In Brief

Oregon Shakespeare Festival comes to FCC

On Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m., three people from the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Tony DeBruno, Chris DuVal, and Kristen Giroux, are going to be performing in a benefit performance for the Friends of the Arts called, "And Now for Something Completely Different."

Yet that is not the only performance they are going to hold. From Monday, Nov. 5 through Thursday, Nov. 8, they will be performing 40-minute free daytime performances. They are "What a Piece of Work is Man," which may include scenes from "Henry V," "Last Words," and "War Letters," and "The Seven Ages of Man," which may include scenes from "As you Like It," "Nancy" and "Who's On First."

Not only will they be running performances, they will also be holding workshops in quite a few classes. Some of the workshops include Hipsters/Flipsters Writing, Shakespeare's World: Duels, Brawls and Battles, Improv, Bring in the Clowns, Creating a Character Through Writing, and quite a few others.

— compiled by J. Riley

Horoscopes

By Josh Harding



Aries (March 21-April 20)

Your chances for love are great this week, waste no opportunities. The secret to utilizing this lies not in your words but in body language. Speak with your eyes and your smile. This week they will get you further than any words could.



Taurus (April 21-May 20)

This week you must force experience into your life at all costs. Throw out all doubt and inhibitions and hit the road. Take a friend or two to share the journey. Just make sure you don't end up face down in the ice-filled bathtub of a seedy Tijuana motel.



Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Hey now, buddy! Ha, ha, now did we really need to hear that? Just kidding, it's perfectly OK to share your interests, deep desires, and wishes this week. In fact, this is the best way to maximize yourself, let your individuality swarm out of you and into the faces of your friends and co-workers like so many angry bees.



Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today you'll have dual needs. On one hand, you'll want to take part in social activities. And at the same time, you'll need some time alone. During your alone time do things for others that express your creativity. This will benefit your social standing with others.



Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is an adventurous day. Well, actually an adventure will be had from only a small task. You will bend down to grab a dollar bill, and it will mysteriously jump out of your reach. Upon numerous attempts and a couple miles later you will notice a string leading out of the bill to a man standing behind a bush laughing at you.



Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Be wary of those you call friends, because one of them will lash out at you in a most unpredictable way this week. Do not show your anger and surprise to that person, rather build it up into a deadly calculating ball of hatred to be released upon them at the appropriate time (wink, wink).



Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Make up your mind! Today, spending too long making decisions won't benefit you. In fact, it could cause you some unnecessary grief. You'll tend to overanalyze your options, putting you in conflict with others. Think, stalling in front of Rosie O'Donnell at the buffet line ... now tell me you really want that kind of hurt?



Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Your judgment regarding the use of money is at below normal levels this week. Avoid giving financial advice to your friends. Except those who are 17 years old and drive a Jag. Heh, heh, they could take it!



Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

This is your chance to improve your relationship with that special someone. Allow it to mature to the next level by spending lots of time together doing things that are meaningful to both of you. So why not take her to the art museum ... parking lot.



Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Great day to focus on bettering your health. That's because today your health and physical well being are in stronger focus. Give up any nasty habits and start eating healthier food. Don't smoke that cigarette ... smoke that turkey!



Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)

This is your time to feel youthful, exuberant!! Do an activity you haven't done for years. Let your inner-child out to play ... but remember. For every nine inner-children, there's one inner-child molester, so be careful.



Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

This week you will notice that many people around you will differ in their beliefs, rather than engage a conflict, hear them out and allow yourself to be exposed to new points of view. Also there is a very strong chemistry between you and Virgos this week. You two will work very well together. Perhaps you could even assist a Virgo in its revenge plot.

City Life

by Jesse Garcia



10 Recommendations

Just a few humble suggestions from the editorial staff

Scary Movie to see: Thirteen Ghosts

There's always one good scary movie out this time of year, this year this is it. Matthew Lillard and Shannon Elizabeth star.

Scary Video to rent: Deliverance

It may not be the scariest movie, but if you're a guy (or Ned Beatty)...nothing is more frightening.

Scary CD to burn: Soundtrack to Resident Evil: Code Veronica X

True, it is a video game soundtrack, but it's full of really spooky music ... not to be listened to while alone in the dark.

Scary Book to read: Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark

It's a book written for younger readers, but the stories are still pretty scary and very familiar.

Scary Website to view: www.geocities.com/maladayomega/tdt.html

A site dedicated to fairly morbid black and white pictures ... perfect viewing for Halloween.

Scary Place to go: 'Scream If You Can' Haunted House

Located at the abandoned sanitarium on Clovis Avenue. Tonight is the last night to go there, but it might just be worth it.

Scary Live event: Trick or Treating

Come on, it's Halloween, you know you want to do it.

Scary Game to play: Silent Hill 2

Either play this one, or its predecessor, both are frightfully creepy, guaranteed to send chills down your gaming spine.

Scary Television show to watch: The Simpsons (Halloween Special)

The animated family is known for its special episode dedicated to this holiday.

Scary Poem to recite: The Raven

Nobody does creepy like Edgar Allan Poe. Most everyone is familiar with this gothic poem about loss and dementia.

Incubus' sophomore effort rocks

In my brother's garage at a party a few years ago, a young band took the stage. Who would have thought

they would become one of the biggest bands in America? From Goleta, a small beach town on the outskirts of

Santa Barbara, Incubus has made some drastic changes

in their musical style.

They started as a strictly rape

core band when they came out with their first album, "Enjoy Incubus." Then they added some jazz to the mix and turned their style into

something new for their second album, "Science." Then they kept the jazzy bass riffs and added some alternative guitar riffs for the album, "Make Yourself." All of these

things were thrown into a big pot, and it was melted together to become their new album, "Morning

View," which was released Oct. 23.

This band is made up of five very talented musicians: Brandon Boyd, lead vocals and percussion; Mike Einziger, guitarist; Dirk

Lance, the fantastic bassist; Jose Pasillas II is the drummer; and DJ Kilmore is one of the best on the turntable.

Incubus moved all of its equipment into a mansion on the beach in Malibu and used the view as an inspiration for making the new album. Producer Scott Litt From Days of the New and REM helped the process.

This CD has 13 tracks, all of which are different then all of the others. My favorite song from this album is "Wish You Were Here."

This song is about the time you

spend alone in a place that is so beautiful, and you just want to share it with someone else. It has a very uplifting sound with the mellow guitar by Einziger and heartfelt lyrics by Boyd.

"Mexico" is one of the contrasting songs compared to the rest of the album. It is one of the acoustics songs. I absolutely love this song with its melodic beginning and its very cool lyrics. It is one of the gems from this album.

If you wait for a few days, you can find Incubus gracing the cover of music magazines, Spin and Guitar One. Spin magazine. If you don't know much about this band and want to know more, check out www.enjoyincubus.com

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Rampage reporter
Music review



A Malibu view inspired Incubus' CD.

Godhead proves to be only 'Human'

Straight from Washington, D.C.'s underground metal scene to the second stage at OZZfest. Then last year, this band released its debut album, 2000 Years of Human Error. They sold thousands of copies, and they are one of the hottest new Goth rock bands in America.

I want to ask who better to produce this CD than Mr. Goth himself, Marilyn Manson.

Godhead was the first band signed to Manson's label, Posthuman Records.

Godhead is made up of four very talented musicians: Jason Miller on vocals and guitar, Mike Miller on guitar, The Method on bass and programming, and drummer James O'conner. In my opinion, Jason

Miller is the best songwriter in the Goth rock genre, and his really cool voice has something to do with it, too. Mike Miller has a very melodic and yet grinding style, which he shows off throughout this record. The electrical genius, The Method, adds the bass and all the extra sounds in the background, which gives their music an added electronic kick.

James O'conner is a very talented drummer; he can keep a beat better than anyone.

Their musical style is very sophisticated with a lot of electronics mixed in throughout their CD.

The song, "I Sell Society," is one of my favorites. It starts as a kind of mellow song through the verse and then explodes into an eruption of metallic shrapnel that will win over any metal head.

It's not hard to recognize Godhead members.

"Sinking" is another song that kind of starts slow and just jumps right into a powerful chorus. This song has very cool chorus that love: "Why do I always try to better what I am, can't I realize that I've always been sinking."

I don't know why I like this line so much. I just take it to heart because I follow every word.

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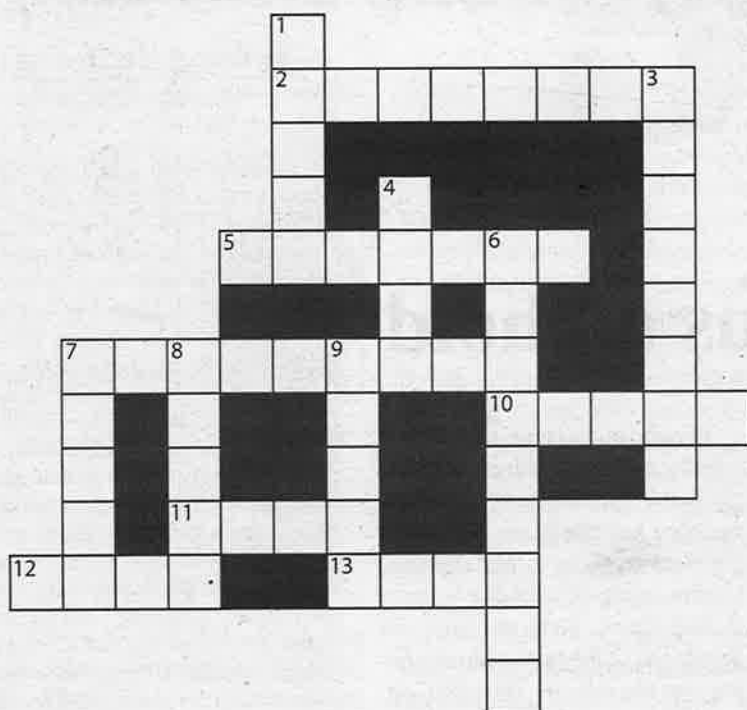
Say What?



"I'm gonna be naughty. I'm gonna be a naughty god."

With this feature we are testing your cinematic intellect. For those able to guess this week's film quote - you are among the elite. Last edition's answer: Billy Bob Thornton, "Armageddon"

Crossword



ACROSS:

2. Another word for creature
5. The first word in the title to a new political group on campus
7. What today is
10. A word for a large body of water
11. A word which refers to a part of a ship
12. A word contained in 10 across's question
13. Song title "I saw the ____"

DOWN:

1. The last name of a famous baseball player
3. The name of a musical artist, also a well-known food dish
4. What 1 down slides into
6. What many people wish they still had
7. The silent Marx Brother
8. The feeling you get when you find a four-leaf clover
9. The last name of the author of "War of the Worlds"

Answers to last issue's puzzle

ACROSS:

1. Roundup
3. Vendor
6. Pipes
8. B.S.
10. Opera
11. Hier
12. Oppose
14. Bob

DOWN:

1. Reverb
2. Pi
4. Depression
5. Rupiah
7. Silent
9. Soap
12. Pie

Choir's adventure in southland

By J. Riley
Entertainment Editor

At 11 a.m. last Friday, the College Choir headed to Santa Ana for the "Community College Choral Festival," on two buses and a van. Julie Barron, the choir director, warned everyone to eat before they left, but not that many people appeared to listen. By the time they stopped for lunch (at a small stop with vending machines full of junk food) many people were complaining, but it was their choice not to eat after all.

They arrived late to the hotel to change into their dresses and tuxedos, and while on the way to the festival, one of the buses got lost. They passed a store called "Big Saver" a total of 3 or 4 times, until they finally found First Baptist Church, the church they were to perform at.

Due to the lateness of the second bus, the choir had barely any time to warm up. Not only that, but it hadn't had the chance to have

dinner so the members were all hungry ... again.

The choir was the second to sing at the festival, singing the titles, "Hodie Christus Natus Est," by Luca Marenzio, "Hiney Mah Tov," arranged by Iris Levine, "The Turtle Dove," by Ralph Vaughan Williams, and "Hallelujah, from 'The Mount of Olives'" by Ludwig van Beethoven. Due to the hunger of the soloist on "The Turtle Dove," he began to sing a 3rd to high, pulling the choir along with him. Of course if they hadn't followed suit, they wouldn't have sounded good at all.

The judicator, Loren Wiebe, had a few comments for the choir, which he wrote down on a piece of paper, "What a fine initial sound," in response to "Hodie Christus Natus Est," and "Excellent sound men, a sense of mystery," on "Hallelujah."

Fullerton College, the host of the festival, closed the evening quite fittingly with "Sometimes I Feel like a Motherless Child," in response to the Sept. 11 attacks.

After the festival, the choir went

for pizza along with College of the Sequoias concert choir. Not every member of the choir wanted to have pizza, though, and many people went to the other restaurants in the area of the pizza parlor, three of which ended up getting left behind due to late food, and not synchronizing watches with Barron. Barron went back and picked them up in the van.

The next morning, the choir loaded on the bus, and headed for Santa Monica. Along the way, they stopped at McDonald's for breakfast. They arrived in Santa Monica at about noon, and while there, the choir explored the beach and Santa Monica Boulevard. Many people came back with interesting items such as seashells, CDs, and shirts with interesting (and some possibly offensive) sayings on them.

They left at 3:30 p.m. for Fresno, stopping at two more McDonald's on the way home. Quite an interesting twist of fate if you think about it, the only time the choir stopped to eat real food, three students were left behind.

More Recommendations

We had some arguments about some of the recommendations, so we decided to give you a couple more choices on this very special holiday.



Scary Video to rent:

Halloween: H20

Of course we're going to recommend one of the Halloween movies, but this most recent addition to the series takes us back to where it all started: Jaime Lee Curtis.

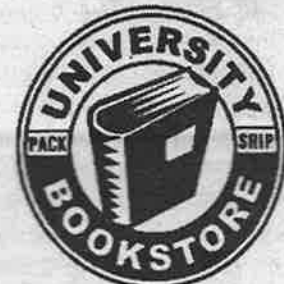


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NOTICE OF CIGARETTE MARKETING CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT

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A class action lawsuit is pending in the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of San Diego, entitled *Daniels v. Philip Morris, Inc.* Case No. 719446 (JCCP No. 4042). This Notice is to inform you of the Court's decision to certify a Plaintiff class (the "Class"), the nature of the claims and defenses, and your rights at this time. Are You Affected by This Case?

The following are members of the Class. All persons who as California resident minors (under 18 years of age) smoked one or more cigarettes in California between April 2, 1994 and December 31, 1999. The Defendants in this case are Philip Morris Incorporated; R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company; Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation; and Lorillard Tobacco Company.

What is This Case About?

Plaintiffs allege that during the relevant period, the Defendants engaged in unlawful, deceptive and unfair marketing and advertising practices in order to seduce and induce minors in California to smoke cigarettes in violation of Business & Professions Code §17200. Based on these allegations, the Plaintiffs seek to recover on behalf of themselves and the Class certified by the Court (i) disgorgement and/or restitution of all monies obtained by the Defendants from the sale of cigarettes to minors during the Class Period, and (ii) an order enjoining these practices. The lawsuit also requests an award of attorneys' fees and costs if the lawsuit is successful. It is anticipated that any such request by Class Counsel will be sought to be paid either by a deduction from any recovery obtained by the Class or directly by the Defendants. The Defendants deny all of the allegations of wrongdoing and liability to the Class. In addition, the Defendants contend that a settlement that they reached with the State of California bars this action in its entirety. The Defendants have asserted various additional defenses.

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Free candy, masks, fun

By Brianna Quilici
Rampage reporter

Ding-dong. Trick or treat. Knock-knock. Trick or treat.

Sit down. Repeat. The familiar actions of Halloween night.

This Halloween, all of the little princesses and Harry Potter's of the world have the events of last month biting at their heels. Parents are keeping an even tighter leash on their little angels and devils because of the terrorist attacks.

My question is why? If we cave in, if we allow ourselves to be afraid of our own neighborhood, then the terrorists win. They can't win. We can't let them take over our conscience.

The terrorists attacks, combined with the fright that accompanies Halloween and the anthrax scare, the traditionally celebrated trick-or-treating is taking on a different meaning. Parents aren't going to let their children go beyond the comfort block or cul-de-sac. On a usual Halloween, vanloads of children from all over Fresno come to trick or treat in multiple neighborhoods, racking up all of the candy they can carry.

Children only have one goal in mind when it comes to the big night; whoever gets the most candy wins. They aren't going to wonder if a terrorist is lurking around the corner.

Poisoned candy is still an issue, kidnappers are still a threat and unruly teen-agers are still ready to egg people and smash pumpkins.

Halloween is meant to be a night full of candy and haunted houses. A night of unforgettable yet unrealistic fright. Usually, people welcome this fright with open arms. This year, many aren't so willing to get scared out of their mind because of the circumstances we have been through.

All Hallow's Eve

Halloween celebrations on hold

By Jennifer Burke
Rampage reporter

Halloween has arrived and everyone has prepared in a plethora of ways. Never mind that Halloween is a gross distortion of several different religious observances including but not limited to the end of summer feast known as Samhain by the Celts and the eve of All Saint's Day, a celebration in the Catholic church. One should also keep in mind Halloween is primarily an American holiday, but that is beyond the point this author wants to make right now.

Halloween has been known by many different names and celebrated in a vast array of differing ways. Lest any one protest that Halloween had always been an "innocent and fun" holiday, even in the "olden days," let the reader beware. Halloween "mischief" had reached an alarming apex in the 1920s. That's right, you saw that number correctly.

The 1920s. Halloween was actually a marvelous night for young restless vandals to destroy property and harass people all in the name of "harmless fun." The Ku Klux Klan also took the opportunity to dress as dare I say spooks, and terrorize blacks without impunity. So, even as the urban legends of recent years, the ones filled with stories of animal sacrifice and poisoned candy begin to circulate you may rest easy knowing that Halloween has never truly had a very good track record of "good safe fun." But once again, we will come back to the original reason of this article.

America has just recently suffered the worst tragedy a nation can

bear. The violent loss of human life. More precisely, we didn't lose the many people in New York, Washington DC and Pennsylvania to a war or natural catastrophe, we lost them to terrorist attacks. In that light we should reevaluate Halloween as a whole. It is a holiday that centers on terror, horror and death. Homes and stores are draped in cobwebs, mock cemeteries are erected in front yards and images of death and the occult can be found everywhere.

Skeletons, ghosts, spiders, bats, witches and vampires are prevalent icons seen in banks, grocery stores, gas stations and disturbingly enough, in some doctor's offices. The key to Halloween seems to be fear and panic, and the delight people take in inflicting these feelings on their fellow human beings.

This must change. In a world filled with hatred and violence, why do we seem so eager to reflect and proudly display images of the effects of hatred and violence? Because of September 11, I believe that we have a responsibility to demonstrate tact and grace. Throw away the severed limbs that litter so many front yards at this time of the year. Take down the ghosts and skeletons. So many people have had to deal with those images in real life. Red Cross volunteers, firefighters and other rescue workers have sifted through the rubble of destroyed building and had to clean up the remains of a single day of unthinkable terror. Why bring to mind the grief that people are going through by making one's front yard a gravesite? Too many people will be visiting real gravesites this year.

People may argue that it is a holiday for the children. Whose children? Mr. Hyde's? If terror, violence and death are all images we want to show to our children, let them watch "Schindler's List." In that movie, there are very real depictions of the horror human beings are capable of. Too adult you say? Too shocking? How is letting a child dress as a horror movie character different from showing them the results of real life depravity?

Well, one will show them that we as Americans celebrate and encourage acts of violence; the other may change their life and make them a better person.

This year and in the years to come, perhaps Halloween will be less of a day to glorify death and spooky images and more of a time to reflect on the original reasons the holiday came about. It was once, even at its historical base, a holiday that celebrated the end of summer and the beginning of the harvest season.

At one time in the United States it was celebrated as such but as America grew and moved away from its rural communities, the reasons and ways we celebrated holidays changed as well. People have long lamented the commercialization of Christmas but ignored other holidays.

Well this year, take Halloween back to its roots, celebrate the end of summer with less violence and more togetherness. Violence and violent images do nothing to make our community better. If we keep this in mind, the fundamental spirit of the holiday will change irrevocably.

A brief history

By Katherine Strauss
Rampage reporter

Samhain (pronounced Sow-En), one of the four fire festivals in Pagan belief, is believed the most important of the fire festivals because it is marked as the Celtic New Year, also named "All Saints Day" on the Western Christian calendar. Since the Celts, like many other cultures, started every day at sunset of the night before, Samhain became the "evening" of "All Hallows" (hallowed or holy saints) which was eventually contracted into "Hallowe'en" or the modern "Halloween."

Since Samhain in the beginning of winter, the day before is the 'last day' of the "Light Half", and the day after is the 'first day' of the "Dark Half" making Samhain "between" seasons. This was considered a very magical time, when the dead walk among the living and "the veils between past, present and future may be lifted in prophecy and divination."

Philip Carr-Gomm, Chosen Chief of the Order of Bards, Ovates and Druids, spoke, "Samhain, from 31 October to 2 November was a time of no-time ... Celts knew that there had to be a time when order and structure were abolished, when chaos could reign. And Samhain was such a time. Time was abolished for the three days of festival, and people did crazy things. Men dressed as women and women as men ... and children would knock on neighbors doors for food and treats in a way that we still find today in a watered-down way, in the custom of trick-or-treating on Hallowe'en."

But behind this apparent lunacy lay a deeper meaning. The veil between this world and the World of the Ancestors was drawn aside and those who were prepared, journeys could be made to the "other side." The Druids, therefore, were concerned with making contact with the spirits of the departed, who were seen as sources of guidance and inspiration rather than as sources of dread. The dead are honored as feasted, not as the dead but as the living spirits of loved ones and of guardians of the tribe. With the coming of Christianity, this festival was turned into Hallowe'en (October 31), All Hallows [All Saints Day] (November 1), and All Souls Day (November 2).

What happened was the Christian church was unable to get the people to stop celebrating this holiday, so they simply "sprinkled a little holy water on it and gave it a new name," as they did with many of the other Pagan holidays. (cough, Christmas, cough).

Children going door-to-door begging for candy began fairly recently (the Middle Ages) when it was adults and older teens, in costume, going door-to-door begging for treats in exchange of their singing and dancing. Medieval householders didn't want to appear stingy in front of their visiting ancestors because of "bad luck," so they handed munchies over in good faith, and to bribe them not to menace their house. With the immigration along with myths and legends taking the customs askew we, today, have Halloween, the over commercialized holiday that gives greedy kids an excuse to get a huge sugar buzz.

Taking it to the streets

Compiled by Jenny Langworthy

What was your scariest Halloween experience?

"When I was a kid, I went trick or treating and I walked by this car. Two people were making out in the car, but I didn't know it. I heard a howl from inside the car, and I dropped my candy and ran."

--Kathleen Swan



"There was a guy in a chair. I thought it was a dummy so I just grabbed the candy, but then he jumped up and scared the crud outta me."

--Hiep Tran

"I was walking home on Halloween, and my friend was following me. He had his face painted and was carrying a paintball gun. I thought it was a real gun so I ran all the way home. My friend came up to the door laughing."

--Tajh Mar



"I was at home. My mom came up to me and started to peel something off of her face. I thought it was skin, but it was just makeup."

--Marcy DeFendis

To buy or not to buy, that's the question

It's 2 a.m., you're still awake, and there is nothing on TV but people hawking useless items with appealing effects, tossing false hopes and promises at the sleep deprived. Should you spend your money on these things? Do they even work?



Katharine Strauss

I looked into three highly advertised items that seem to always be on TV: Epil Stop & Spray, Hollywood Celebrity Diet, and AbTronics. In a world of "the perfect body," things to aid the image are crawling out of the woodwork, promising the perfect abs, a thinner build, a bigger chest, and the list continues.

Epil Stop & Spray is a "hair removal system that is scientifically designed to gently remove unwanted hair. With Vitamin C, it nourishes, softens and rejuvenates the skin's appearance."

Sounds great, huh? Well, for \$20 you can try it yourself or take the word of those who already have, and say, "Save your money." That "fresh citrus smell" they advertise not only burns your skin (concentrated citrus acid is always fun on skin) but also smells more like how the product works. Like pure bunk.

Pills, powders and drinks claiming drastic weight loss abound, but do they work? Apparently not. Hollywood Celebrity Diet, a juice plan, claims you can lose 10 pounds in two days. Problem is, the only way that's possible is by losing water weight, and 10 pounds is a very bad thing. Any diet claiming huge amounts of weight can be shed in that little amount of time is a sign to run away. And who knows, that running may work better than the juice anyway. But does it work?

No one is willing to say. Would you admit that you spend money on something like this to lose weight?

Now, this is a treasure. AbTronic, a belt that sends electronic pulses into your ab muscles, stimulating them to move, strengthening them. What a laugh. They advertise it as a pain free workout for the person with no time for the gym. But it's really for people who don't want to work themselves, and who have a loaded wallet. Those who have bought into this product claim it hurts so bad they can't even use it. They also say it's poorly made, and the customer service is not only rude but nearly non-existent. They also want you to keep ordering their batteries (which last about four uses of 60 minutes) and gel for a price that you would need to take out a second mortgage to keep buying. Ironically, a 9-volt battery and any water-based gel from any drugstore works just as well, if not better.

Sadly, most infomercials are here to prey on people with good intentions that are clouded over by the hype. It's all about the money. We have it (well, some of us), they want it, and they'll sell us our own left foot to get it.

Our loyal TV betrays us, showing us gimmick after ridiculous gimmick to feed our insecurities and tempt us with promises to save time. This just goes to show you can't have your cake and eat it, too. Well, you can, but then you might have to invest in an Ab Roller afterward.

You can't believe everything you see on TV, but if you are still not convinced and want to find out for yourself how the products stack up, you can always watch TV and find an infomercial on somewhere, or you can go to Asseenontv.com for all your infomercial needs. All I can do is wish you good luck.

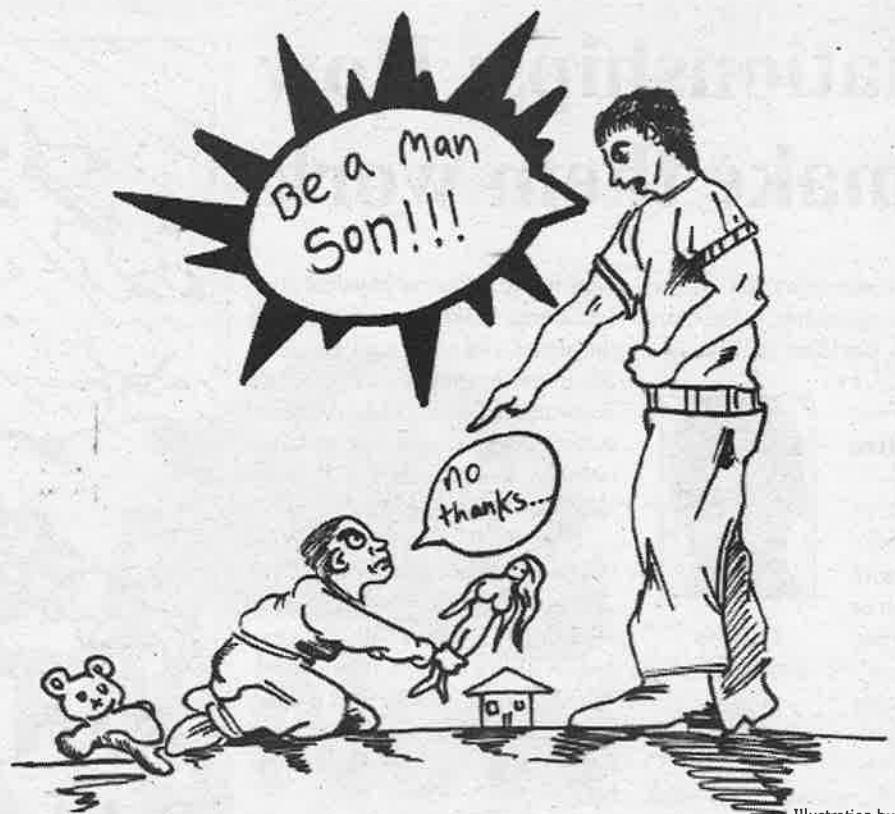


Illustration by Josh Harding

Redefining modern manhood

The absurdity of it all is comical; a boy, pretending to be a man—the hero-worshipping in itself—slays even the biggest beasts of haughtiness and self-proclaimed "good parenting." We are all children pretending to be men, adults; even women, in the end, cannot suppress their desire for manliness.



L. Gary IV
Rampage reporter
Opinion

To be a man concludes some sort of authority—some higher theory of life, some predisposition to prosperity and prominence... the likes of which holds much more than the superficial and societally acceptable status—the provider, discipline, protector, decision-maker. I suppose I am the least qualified of writer, humans, or any other alike miscellaneous being of life (whatever that means), growing up as I did without a strong, genetic male influence, my father being something of a stranger; but from a conceptual entry into pre-adolescence,

I became confronted with this stereotypical view of manhood; every facet of my young perspective was blinded with socio-economic moralistic heroes; He-Man, literally speaking, & the Masters of The Universe, his ongoing destruction of the evil Grayskull; G.I. Joe (the real "American" hero). Sgt. Slaughter and his ilk fighting against the evil Cobra regimes, effortlessly, no matter how many defeats ensued. It filled me with a sort of patriotism; I wished above all I could somehow acquire small arms and a covert operations unit; I practiced invading foreign countries with my actions figures, the bathtub my sea to shining sea; all to become a "man," defeating those clandestine Cobra scum, saving the world from evil. Propaganda, indeed.

The juggernaut of American media: It transforms you from birth into a single, socially distorted clone of majority ideals, concepts, and morality. But does what they present to me, to us, comprise an adult male? Is the physically domineering, blood and guts sentiment of the NFL, or the sexually preoccupied, perverted "good ol' boy" se-

mantics of television's "The Man Show" essentially what encompasses manhood? Could not a "man" be one of more humble dissertation, a quiet teacher, a reserved librarian; could not a man be a Victorian chef, New York City taxi driver, or Alabaman farmer; does their absence of oozing "machismo" (what exactly is this, by chance) disqualify them from what society deems acceptable?

Divulging this, dissecting these two seemingly opposite factions, the loud, almost obnoxious braggadocio, and the subtle, nerd-like simpleton, warring at the fiber of each coinciding composition, is quite difficult; perplexing even. At a time (young adulthood) when one is defining, discovering identity, it proves almost impossible to create any character without doubting the cultural precedent of himself; am I assertive enough, am I too feminine; should I punch this individual, or just walk away. I am not sure, nor will I be, possibly ever, what a "man" truly is. One of life's interesting little struggles.

Facing tragedy with the burning sting of sarcasm

Stand up Gen-X, revolt you slackers! All you put upon boys who were forced to register for selective services when you turned 18, refuse to serve your country!



Jennifer Burke

Burn your flag, stop paying taxes, and leave the United States for Canada. Girls, burn your bras, volunteer for the Peace Corps, join Amnesty International and march to Washington, D.C.

Who needs liberty? Or at least the kind offered to us by the butchers we call the military. The fools who died for freedom so many, many years ago were monsters and

baby killers. So what if the end result of these mass murders were the freedoms enjoyed in America today? People died for it! Have you no shame?

Topple the Washington monument, smash the statue of Lincoln where it sits, raze Arlington and tear down the ominous black wall that remembers the names of the killers.

Why glorify the murders who secured peace for our nation while believing that our nation would be free a little longer? Indeed President Franklin D. Roosevelt was not only crippled in body but in mind as well when he led us into World War II after Pearl Harbor was attacked.

Just because we had been attacked on our soil was no reason that we should have interfered with

the affairs of the world.

So what that the other nations raged that we were isolationist? Our interference in others' affairs only led to the deaths of our people. Sure, Hitler and Admiral Togo were military visionaries of the sorriest sort, but we sank even lower, supporting their enemies.

Why did we care about those interred on foreign soil? Let the dead bury their dead.

The same should have been applied for Korea, Vietnam and the Persian Gulf if communists and tyrants conquer other lands, why should Americans complain? They are not America. Neither is Afghanistan for that matter.

Even though America has been attacked on her own soil for the first time in 60 years doesn't mean we should suddenly revert to the tac-

tics used by the crippled minds and brute strength of our armed forces. We should stay on our soil and defend our own borders, not attack other lands. Let our armed forces stand guard in America, build fences around our boundaries, knock down the Statue of Liberty and close our borders.

In fact, it almost seems that the Taliban has the right idea. Freedom of speech and religion are truly overrated.

Let us be more like the reigning regime in Afghanistan; let us embrace Bin Laden's views.

It would settle all debates over gender, religion and politics; we might find a helpful ally in Mr. Bin Laden and our youth, so full of hope and flowery dogmatic ideologies of the hippies, might find their place in the world.

Young men would not stomp around and protest the injustices that their country foists on others; they would stand proud and armed ready to die for their country.

Young women would no longer run amok covered in near nothingness, they would meekly be shrouded in the utmost decency, willing to birth the next generation of soldiers. Sounds attractive doesn't it?

But if that is a situation you cannot fathom, consider my challenge. Arise youth of America, throw off the shackles of liberty earned through war and protest the people who have given their lives and revile the soldiers who are defending our country through violence.

Recognize the folly of our misled military and play your fiddles while the rest of America burns.

Relationships: How to make them work

Many people enjoy the idea of being in a relationship, some more than others. But there is a fine line between a healthy one and a destructive one.

Destructive relationships can begin with either partner or both. When one partner doesn't communicate feelings about things, problems arise. For example, my most recent breakup was with a girl who was unable or unwilling to communicate her emotions to me. Due to this, problems arose and eventually grew to a point in which she fell out of love with me. Had she only communicated her anxieties, we might still be together today.

We have all heard of the physical problems that can arise in a relationship, such as beatings, date rape, pressure, etc. Yet, we honestly don't like to talk about it. A few friends, who are closer to me than they would like to admit, have dealt with this situation, one of which is male.

His girlfriend was very abusive. She would hit him upside the head if he did something slightly wrong, or if she were mad she would beat him. Now he would have fought back had it been a guy (the friend was a big guy) but since his girlfriend was a girl (and he loved her) he couldn't.

Last but certainly not least along the lines of destructive relationships is the relationship that is based on physical stimuli. I know that it is

hard not to do some physical stuff (cuddling, making out, etc.) with the person you are in a relationship, but if that is all you have, then it's not worth it. No one should have to suffer through a relationship that is only physical; that can lead to problems later down the road.

I know I have been harping on the bad stuff in a relationship, but don't worry. Here comes the good relationships. First of all, the paragraphs above tell you the relationships to avoid, so I'll avoid talking about them. The most important part in a working relationship is honesty.

Anyone in the United States know what honesty is anymore? No? Then let me tell you. Honesty is not lying to avoid hurting someone, not waiting until they ask about something to tell them, and not lying to one's self. Honesty is the only way to go. Now I'm not saying that you should say to your partner, "Oh yeah, a really hot girl/guy hit on me this morning, they tried to give me their number," because there is really no point in that, unless you're the kind of person that has trouble remaining faithful. Another great thing about great relationships is that many of them still go out on dates no matter how long they have been together. Dates are a key factor in every relationship, and don't forget it.

I just have some advice in closing my article. Talk with your partner. Don't let what has happened to so many people happen to you. Make sure that you and your partner are equals in the relationship and maybe, just maybe you'll become known as the greatest couple to have ever lived.



J. Riley
Entertainment editor
Opinion

If you are the one making the plans for a date, it's a cute idea to come up with some surprises. Here are a few humble suggestions to get your creative juices flowing. Feel free to mix and match.

- Get dressed up, but instead of going someplace fancy, go to Blackbeard's for miniature golf.

- Rent a few of your favorite movies, and invite another couples (preferably an annoying couple) over. You and your partner take turns saying the lines out loud. You'll have fun and possibly never have to worry about being annoyed by the other couple again.

- Blindfold your partner and drive him/her to a secluded part of the woods where there is a private picnic set up for the two of you (hopefully prepared by a friend just before you arrived or else the food may be eaten by the animals).

- Turn your bathroom into a health spa and treat your partner to a few hours of massage, sensational aroma baths, and healthy edibles.

- Pick any page in the newspaper and circle any words that catch your eye. Then base your activity on those words. For example, if you picked "sky," "Southern Style" and "Riding," you might go horseback riding to a place to watch clouds in the sky, all while speaking with southern accents.

- Get dressed up and go out on the town during "Art Hop Night," the first Thursday of every month.

- Buy a container of watercolors and brushes, and head out on a picnic. Try sketching and painting each other's likenesses.



Illustration By Josh Harding

Taking aim on blind bombings

They say that tragedy brings out the best and the worst in people. Never has this been more true. In the wake of September's terrorist attacks, I was relieved to see masses of people swarming to blood banks, eager to do what they could, despite the three hour wait. It was inspirational to see a whole country come together in a time of crises, donating their time and money to help out those in need.

My feelings of relief quickly subsided however, replaced with an uneasy feeling in the pit of my

stomach and a deep sorrow for the thousands of innocent people that have yet to lose their lives as a result of our blind patriotism and misdirected rage. We have chosen to "make no distinction" between terrorists and countries that harbor terrorists, a decision that will surely yield disastrous results.

By bombing Afghanistan we are perpetuating an unending cycle of violence and retaliation that has gone on for centuries. An end to terrorism will not be achieved through violence, but through an understanding of the motivations that drive someone to terrorism.

The United States was not targeted because we are a "shining beacon of freedom" for the civilized world, as President Bush would like you to believe. We were targeted

because we give aid to those that oppress other people.

We were targeted because we have waged terrorist attacks on others in the form of bombings in far away lands. Bombings that by their very nature are indiscriminate, often killing many more innocent people than those that died in the trade center and the pentagon combined.

We were targeted because we are a nation of hypocrites, ignoring the suffering we have caused until it shows up at our doorstep.

As we seek vengeance for this atrocity, we should not use those that died as an excuse to justify more killing. The best way to honor their sacrifice is to make sure no more innocent lives are lost as a result.



Carl Geissert
Rampage reporter
Opinion

Keep disabled students elevated

Why are students misusing the elevators on campus when the elevators are for staff and people with disabilities?

Here are some comments from students and faculty on the subject:

"Our students must be trained or forced in some way to observe the signs on the elevators," said Jim Ross, a Fresno City College math instructor. "Too many able-bodied students continue to use the elevators, causing them to be overcrowded and often causing disabled students to have to wait to use the elevators, which often causes the disabled students to be late for class or appointments."

Student Kim Ford said, "Too many able-bodied students are using the elevators instead of the stairs, I am in a wheelchair. I am late for my class because able-bodied students won't let me on the elevators, and I am marked absent or late. If you can walk and are not staff, use the stairs please."

Another student, Jolie Caladona,

said, "Regular students should be respectful enough to use stairs and leave the elevators for handicapped students. You should at least yield to the handicapped and allow them to board the elevator first."

And this from student Ann Jimenez: "I think students who are able to use the stairs should not use the elevators, or at least let disabled students on first because they don't have another choice on how to arrive in class."

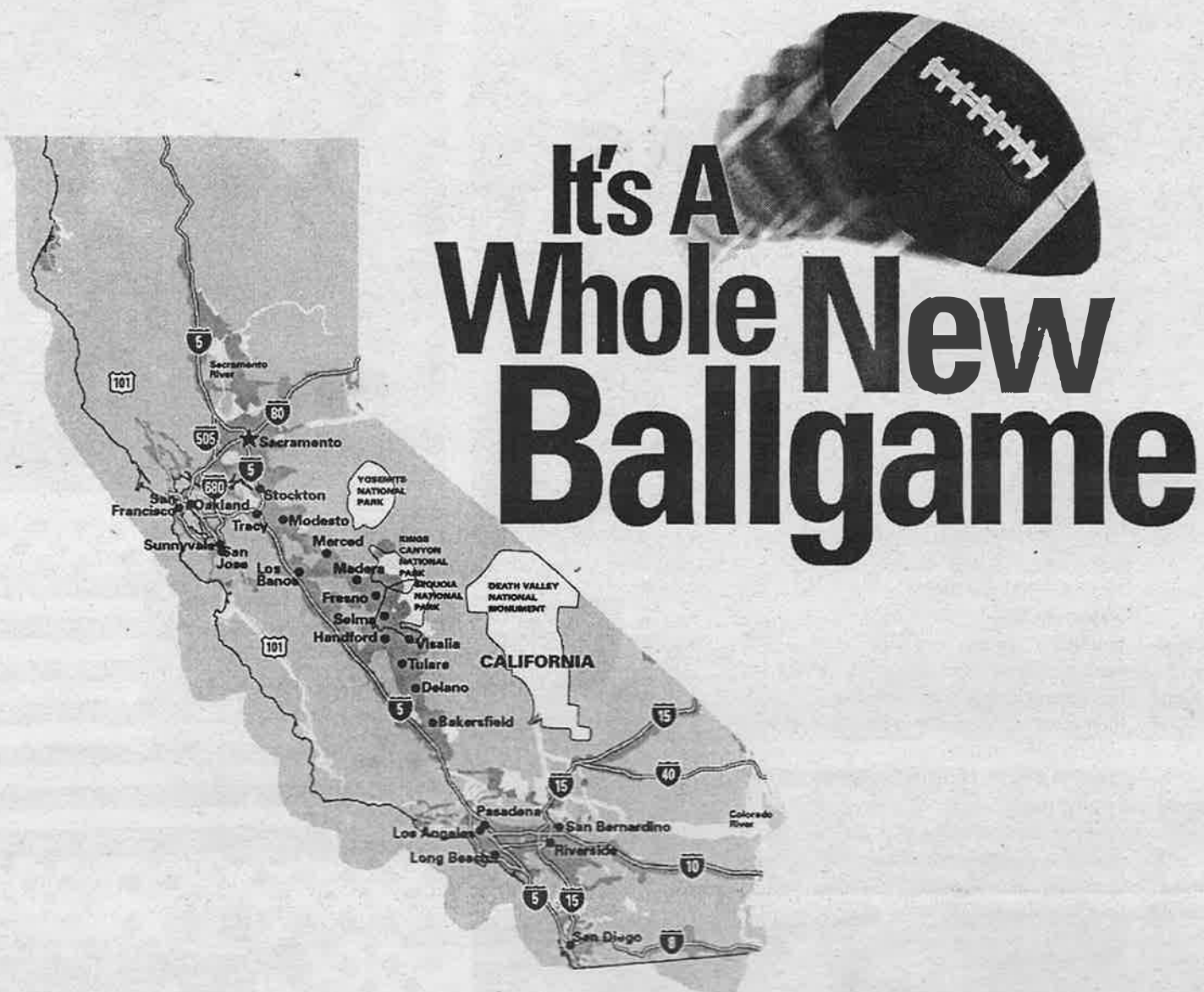
Student Carl Colley said: "The

able-bodied students should let disabled students go on the elevators first unless they are an aide or attendants. Other than that, able-bodied students should take the stairs and not the elevators."

What should we do? The concerns for the handicapped are valid. We can't ignore these concerns. It is time to find a solution to this problem. Elevators are a way of life for many disabled students, and we need to understand these needs and respect them.



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Scenes from Saturday's Homecoming during halftime of Fresno City College's game against Merced included cheering fans below, and the king (Justin Gonsowski) and queen (Alflorencia Carter) at the far right, below. Everyone had plenty to be happy about as the Rams won 41-6 to remain undefeated.

Photos by
Louis Castro



Homecoming



Taking it to the streets

Why didn't you run for Homecoming king/queen?

Compiled by Cathy Alexander and Louis Castro

"I didn't know about running because nothing was posted in the paper or on campus."

— Bahwandeep Kaur Singh



"I didn't know. I probably would have run had I known about it. I didn't know until people were saying, 'Vote for me. Vote for me.'"

— Jessica Bland

"I didn't run for king because I wasn't interested and I have a lot of studies."

— Darnel Leslie



"I'm full time with 17 units. I'm too busy, plus I didn't know about it."

— Edward Tomayo

"I didn't know about the specifics involved. I surely would have run for the homecoming queen."

— Venessa Foresta



Rams remain undefeated

By Anthony Galaviz

Sports editor

Entering their first Central Valley Conference game this season, the Fresno City College football team knew every team was coming after them.

Why not? They're the defending conference champions and West Hills was first on the list in hoping to shock the No. 2 Rams.

They did, but only in the first quarter.

Aaron Austin caught three touchdown passes and Earl Charles had touchdown runs of 7 and 13 yards, leading the Rams to a 50-28 victory over the Falcons at Memorial Stadium.

"We have a big bulls'-eye on our back," said Austin, who caught touchdown passes of 47, 9 and 29. "It's going to be like this for us in the conference. We just got to play hard."

The Rams' defense was caught napping in the first half when Rayvon Johnson broke some tackles and ran for a 56-yard touchdown down the sideline in the first quarter.

Fortunately for the Rams, the defense picked up. FCC forced seven fumbles, falling on five of them as the Rams scored 23 points on West Hills mistakes.

"We just had to step it up," lineman Loa Emmsley said. "We were playing flat in the first half, but we came back in the second half."

FCC forced another Falcon fumble as Emmsley recovered the ball on West Hills' 23-yard line. Two plays later, Charles scored on a 7-yard run to give FCC a 29-20 lead.

"They played hard," FCC coach



Photo by Brandon Castro

Merced's Leon Hall (1) looks for running room before he is smothered by Rams' Jared Garcia (32) and Matt Giordano (24).

Tony Caviglia said. "We just didn't play hard in the first half. "It was a tough game for us. I'm just happy that the kids stepped it up and hope we can continue to do that."

Rams quarterback Mark Hetherington was 11 of 23 for 153 yards against West Hills.

Fresno City 41, Merced 6

Merced did all it could in hop-

ing to upset the Rams.

In the early moments of the game, the Blue Devils converted two consecutive fake punts, but that was it for Merced.

The Rams scored 24 second-quarter points, highlighted by two touchdown runs by Charles and one by Rodney Davis.

"The offensive line did a great

job," Charles said. "I hope to keep the running game going."

Despite the lopsided score, Davis felt the game against Merced is what the team needed.

"It was a good hard physical game," he said. "The offensive line created holes for me."

After giving up 28 points to West Hills, the Rams' defense allowed

only six points against Merced.

"The defense did a good job," linebacker Adam Wagner said. "We accomplished what we wanted, but it should have been a shutout."

Merced's only score came on the last play of the game when Bryan Burkley hit Alex Thomas for a 58-yard touchdown pass.

Football Notebook by Anthony Galaviz

PIRATES AT RAMS

Where: Ratcliffe Stadium

When: Saturday, 7 p.m.

Last meeting: 2000 in

Modesto, FCC 41-35

Last week: FCC d. Merced 41-6; Modesto d. West Hills 40-28

Scouting report: The Rams defense will have its work cut out for them in the form of the Pirates' running back Ben Oehninger.

Oehninger, who set the 100 and 200-meter record at Sierra High, rushed six times for 146 yards against West Hills. He also had two touchdown runs of 57 and 80. Starting QB Tim Garcia is questionable for Saturday's game. Garcia underwent arthroscopic surgery Friday to repair a torn meniscus in his left knee. Garcia had light workouts Monday. Modesto has scored 27 of 28 quarters this season. City College of San Francisco held the Pirates scoreless in the third quarter on Sept. 22. Modesto lost 41-21. With FCC's speed and the No. 2 offense, expect the Rams to come out on top.

Next week: Nov. 10 at Reedley College, 1 p.m.

All eyes will be turned to Saturday's key Central Valley Conference against Modesto Junior College.

The Pirates, ranked No. 9 by the JC Athletic Bureau, are coming off a 40-28 victory over West Hills and will play FCC at 7 p.m. Saturday at Ratcliffe Stadium.

Saturday's winner should have the inside track to the CVC title and a possible berth in the Northern California championship game.

"Huge game," FCC coach Tony Caviglia said. "They're a great pass receiving team and a very aggressive team. This is the marquee game. It's going to be a high level football game."

The FCC defense knows a lot about the Modesto offense.

"They have a wing-T offense," defensive lineman Adam Wagner said. "Our defense will need to pick it up. We respect them. We just need to prepare for the game."

Running back Rodney Davis agrees.

"We just got to practice hard this week," he said. "A good hard physical week of practice."

Running backs Ben Oehninger and Jon Benton will lead the Pirates offense along with tight end Ben

Allison and backup quarterback Nick Brown.

Brown threw for 207 yards and hit on scoring passes of 62 yards to Gerald Fryman and 77 yards to Bobby Monges against West Hills. The Pirates rolled up 523 yards on offense, including 316 on the ground.

"They played a great game against West Hills," Caviglia said. "Saturday's game will be the best against the best."

Rams players set milestones

In catching three touchdown passes of 47, 9 and 29 yards against West Hills, tight end Aaron Austin grabbed a share of a school record with teammate Maurice Washington and former players Danny Aguayo and Ernie Nolte.

Also, quarterback Mark Hetherington, who threw two touchdown passes of 14 and 9 yards to Brandon Holland and Austin, respectively, tied Mark Rasmussen's 32-year old single-season record of 24. Against Merced, Hetherington didn't throw a touchdown pass keeping him tied with Rasmussen.

Caviglia wins No. 25

Another milestone was set against West Hills. Caviglia, who took over as FCC coach three years



ago, won No. 25 when his Rams defeated the Falcons 48-26.

Caviglia shrugged when asked by a reporter what he thought about his 25th win.

Prior to coaching the Rams, Caviglia coached Chabot College for three seasons with a record of 22-10.

Caviglia won No. 26 against Merced.

Rams drop to No. 4

Beating West Hills by 22 points didn't convince the pollsters at JC-Grid Wire to move the Rams up; instead, FCC dropped one spot to No. 4 for the week of Oct. 21.

Meanwhile, the Rams stay at No. 2 in the Commission on Athletics' Northern California rankings behind City College of San Francisco.

In the Southern California rankings, Pasadena and Chaffey are No. 1 and 2, respectively.

In the JC Athletic Bureau's state rankings, the Rams are No. 2 with two first-place votes for the week of Oct. 21.

FCC is expected to move up in the JC-Grid Wire rankings when they are released today.

Also...

Defensive back Vincent Oglesby returned a punt 77 yards for a touchdown with five minutes in the game, which put the Rams up 41-0.

"I hope to take one back every game," Oglesby said. "I couldn't believe it myself. The special teams are working harder every week."

Dazed and confused on Mendez

I am a little ticked off. I read the new Fresno City College class catalog from cover to cover. Read it once. Read it twice. Nothing. Nowhere did I find a course on how to lie on a resume, get caught, then be able to keep your job and have your superiors back you. Nowhere.



Anthony Witrado
Rampage reporter
Opinion

And it's kind of odd. I mean, that is what the school higher-ups are teaching us with this whole Mark Mendez coaching record situation, isn't it?

Interim president Art Ellis said

"there is no debate about the record," the record the National Junior College Athletic Association provided. A record that says Mendez was 76-95 as a coach at South Mountain (Ariz.) Community College, while Mendez's resume said it was more like 119-67 with two conference titles to dress it up.

Am I missing something? Can someone fill me in? I'm confused.

Does that mean when I transfer to a four-year school I can forge my transcripts to reflect a 4.0 GPA? Most who know better, know it is not that high. But so what? If I get found out, I'll just say "I don't know what my real GPA is," and that should be good enough.

"We have addressed his record over the past 12 years, and there is no question in my mind Mendez

had a good, winning coaching record," Ellish said.

Yeah, but what about his time at South Mountain?

Would an English professor be hired if he or she didn't graduate from high school, but for the 12 years before they were "B" students? Probably not.

I am serious. Can someone ... anyone out there give me a clue?

I was under the impression Fresno City was the biggest school in the Central Valley. And that it had storied tradition when it came to athletics, male and female. This school deserves a coach who won't subsidize players, a coach who won't embellish a losing record, and a coach who won't stick a player facing a statutory rape charge in the back of his pocket and tote him around as the premier player,

even if he is.

When the season opens Nov. 10, those who cheer for the Rams won't know if their team's coach is a winner or loser. And the best the school can come up with is it was too hard to dig up Mendez's real won-loss record, especially because a school he coached at before the one in question had its athletic building bulldozed and "they couldn't even tell you who holds the record for the 100-yard dash," as Ellish put it.

This isn't the only reason this situation looks bad. It is even worse because State Center Community College District chancellor Judith Redwine and everyone else involved in the investigation has been "told" not to speak on the matter. This is a little weird. Isn't the school proud of its decision to keep Mendez around? They claim they

stand behind him and that he is the kind of coach who can help the players grow, but they don't want him to talk. They don't want to talk.

This is the example our school is setting. Apparently, morals and integrity rank low on the scale.

Probably not that low, though. Just a notch under not looking foolish by firing a second coach in as many years and having to call up Peter Sharkey again. It's oh so close. But still, it is looking up at the bottom of Mendez's gym shoes covered with the guts of the Fresno City administration he stepped on.

Maybe I should try a course on how to poorly cover up scandalous situations by keeping quiet.

But then who would teach it? No one wants to talk about it.

Rams wrestlers sweep through the North

By Bonner Creager

Rampage reporter

The Fresno City College wrestling team swept the Northern Dual Meet by defeating Shasta, Sierra and tournament host Sierra Rosa.

The Rams lost only seven individual matches the entire tournament, one of which was a forfeit. FCC won the Northern conference, and Moorpark just barely beat Palomar to win the Southern conference. The two champions will face off Nov. 10 at a site to be determined to see who's the best in the state.

Despite the fact that FCC has beaten Moorpark before, there's still no guarantee of victory.

"A few of the Moorpark guys have adjusted their weights," said FCC coach Anthony Camacho. "It's always harder to wrestle in hostile territory. We're going to have to go back and review the (video) tapes."

Injuries are starting to become an issue, especially after the key



Photo by Wendy Alexander

The Rams have been turning the JC wrestling world upside down.

bouts of the West Valley tournament and the Northern Dual tournament. Because of FCC's depth, Camacho has been able to call on reserves and rest the others with injuries.

"We're going down with the whole team, and I'll put in who's best for the match. But hopefully we'll have all our chambers loaded," Camacho said.

Coming into the North Dual Meet, FCC had the No. 1 seeding, Sacramento City was No. 2, Santa Rosa was third, and Sierra was fourth. Santa Rosa pulled off an upset dual victory over Sacramento City.

Camacho's strategy of focusing on the long-term goal of state and peaking later rather than early paid off during this tournament. By holding back some of his wrestlers in the West Valley Tournament, most of the team was fresh for the North Dual Meet. Besides being fresh, FCC was able to register 2-3 wrestlers in every weight class, and Camacho was able to put in whoever was needed for the match.

"Our depth pulled us through," he said. "We were able to hide some of our injuries."

At 125, Adam Berry was 1-0 and Sergio Breceda went 2-0. At 133,

Bill Mathus went 1-0 and rising star Jorge Evangelista went 2-0, beating second-ranked Chris Hammer from Sierra in overtime 5-3. Ironically enough, Evangelista, whose ranking has risen from fifth to second, was Hammer's alternate in the North-South All Star Classic last weekend. "Evangelista was the key for us in the Sierra dual," Camacho said. "After he beat their best guy, you could see the wind coming out of their sails. We were pumped up after that. It was like running down hill, hitting all cylinders."

FCC's Russell Muira, ranked No. 1, went 3-0, defeating North all-star representative Jaret Newton. Muira has only lost one match this season, during the West Valley Quarterfinals to Chabot. But he avenged himself in the same tournament by wrestling back and beating Chabot for third place.

At 149 pounds, FCC's Ian Shaw replaced Scot Beck, who was out with a bad ankle, and went 3-0. And team captain Rudy Lopez, coming off an injury, went 3-0.

"Rudy seems to be completely recovered and is competing very well now," Camacho said.

Other team captain Telly Sanders dominated his weight class by winning his last match on a technical pin 28-8. This year, Sanders has only lost one match, in the semifinals of the West Valley Tournament. Camacho is confident of Sander's capabilities.

"Telly's a fun wrestler to watch," Camacho said. "Most of his matches turn into a brawl. He's very physical, very strong and talented. He has the tools to wrestle at the next level."

At 174 pounds, Josea Tirado went 1-1 and Anthony Soltero went 1-0.

Anthony Moreno was 2-0 at 180 pounds and Jose Chavarria was 0-1 at the same weight.

Brian Scheesly went 1-1 at 190 pounds and FCC forfeited one match to Sierra.

Mendez

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used an illegal player twice while at South Mountain and left the school on probation as a result. And Ellish said "there is no debate" about the records the NJCAA provided.

When asked about his record, Mendez said he did not know what his record was and that he stopped keeping track early in his coaching career. Mendez also said his record was whatever it said on his resume.

The investigation began nearly two weeks after Ellish said he received the letter, and a decision could be expected by the end of the week. But scheduling conflicts between the investigation team, which included State Center Community College District chancellor Judith Redwine, delayed the decision.

"The biggest confusion during the inves-

tigation was (Mendez's) won-loss record at South Mountain Community College," Ellish said. "We have addressed his record over the past 12 years, and there is no question in my mind Mendez had a good, winning coaching record."

But neither Ellish nor the school's release said if Mendez had lied about his record at South Mountain, nor did it give an alternative record they had found. During the investigation, Ellish said the school would not have hired Mendez had it known he was a losing coach and that if it were found that Mendez lied he would face termination.

"It was very hard to come up with a very accurate record," Ellish said. "He's coached at a number of places so it was difficult. An example was one of the schools he taught at before, their athletic building was bulldozed. So they don't have the slightest idea who holds any record at that school."

Ellish and Redwine said everyone involved in the investigation agreed to keep quiet about it, and calls and visits to Mendez's office were unsuccessful.

"We have all agreed to keep quiet," Ellish said. "But I'm starting to have second thoughts about that."

Ellish would not specify a reason for the "second thoughts," but he did defend the school's decision to keep Mendez.

"People assume because you don't respond (to accusations), you are guilty," he said about the 42-year-old coach. "He's a nice young man and has to learn to keep his mouth shut (to the media)."

The Mendez incident comes on the heels of last season's scandal, in which FCC fired coach Denny Aye for subsidizing players and the team was banned from postseason play.

Peter Sharkey, hired on an interim basis,

took over for Aye and led the Rams to a 12 record a 6-8 mark in the Central Valley Conference.

This season promised to be better when Mendez was hired in August. He came with the promise of turning the recent mess into a successful community-based program and singing the praises of former Washington Union standout DeShawn Anderson, who with former teammate and Utah Jazz guard DeShawn Stevenson, now faces misdemeanor statutory rape charges.

Anderson will have to carry the offensive load along with Queens, N.Y., native Harold Good because the Rams lost top scorers Carl Lee (academically ineligible) and Carl Fris (transfer). The season begins with the Foothill Tipoff Tournament on Nov. 10.

Coach not a fan of new rules

By Anthony Galaviz

Sports editor

Fresno City College volleyball coach Sheri Ostrand-Hess was disappointed to learn of a new rule that went into effect this year.

The National Association for Girls and Women in Sport, the official rules maker for NCAA and NAIA women's volleyball, passed several proposals at the Feb. 9-11 meetings in Reston, Va., including the change in scoring format.

Instead of scoring to 15, the NAGWS passed the legislation utilizing a best three-out-of-five rally scoring format to 30 points. That means a point can be scored on every rally, no matter which team is serving. Before, a team had to serve to score a point. All games must still be won by two points.

"I don't like it," Ostrand-Hess said. "There are a number of people who don't like it. The reason they did it is to make the matches shorter and move quickly."

However, if the game goes to a deciding fifth game, then it will be played to 15.

"This game is made around big kids," Ostrand-Hess said. "It's really difficult for the kids to get ready for the rally scoring. High schools might try it next year. I think there is going to be a lot of backlash."

FCC's Kiara Kebo, a freshman from Sanger High, likes the new rule.

"It changes the game," she said. "When you play to 15, taller defenders would dominate the game. Going to 30, it's more competitive."

While the game is still played lengthy, Ostrand-Hess said the rule was made for the fans so they could keep track of scoring and make it

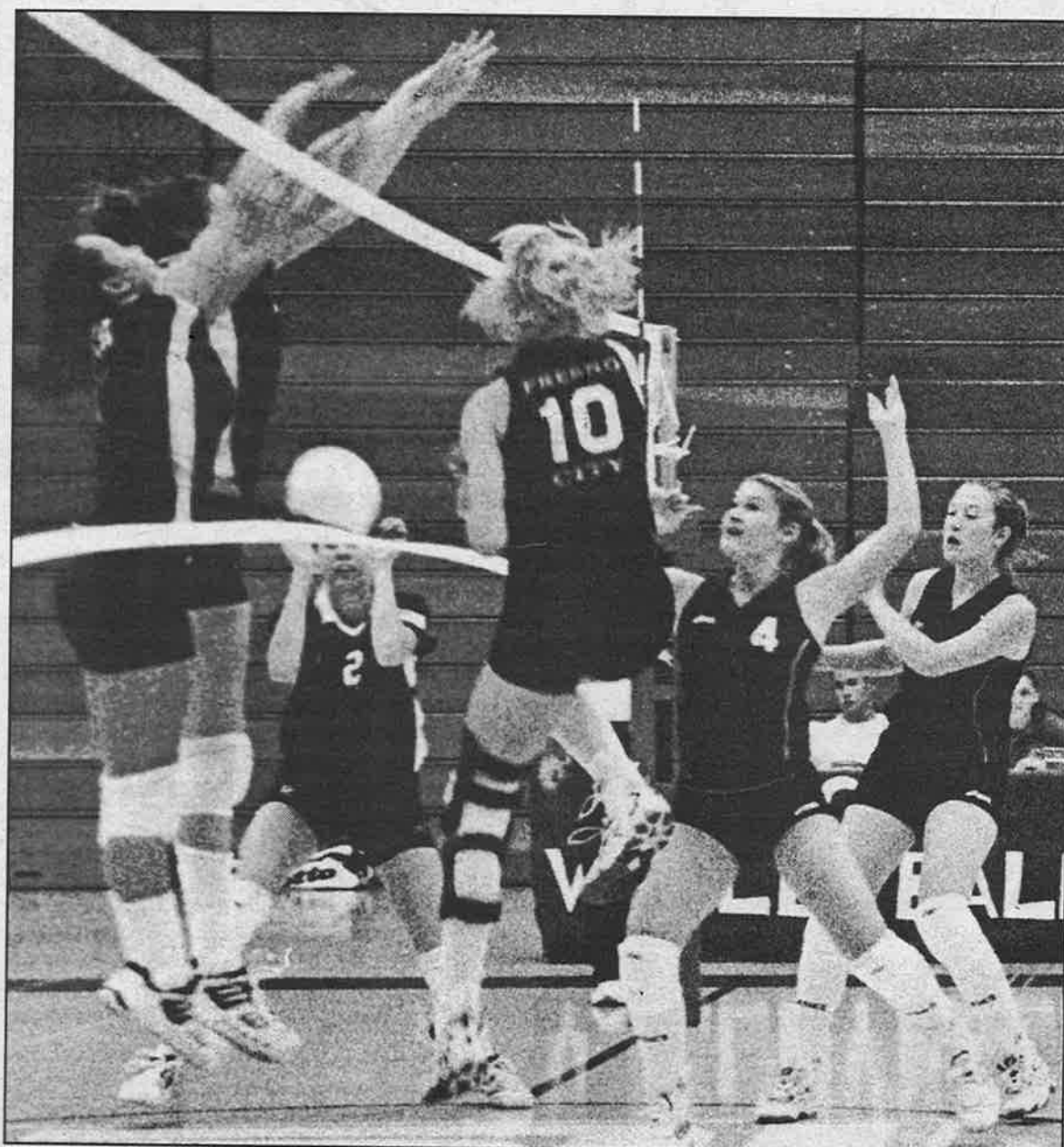


Photo by Wendy Alexander

FCC's Stacy Goodman (10) and Kristine Norris (4) get aggressive against Delta.

interesting.

In contrast, the rule doesn't help either team.

For example, if the team serves the ball out of bounds, the other team gets a point. That doesn't sit well with Ostrand-Hess.

"It makes teams who aren't good, very good when the team gets an error," she said. "If you make a mistake the old way, the other team gets a sideout."

"I've seen games when we actually won — out of 20-25 points they

earned five of them."

Other rules include:

Service: The toss for service must be contacted within eight seconds after the beckon for service. The old rule was five seconds.

A served ball that contacts the net and continues to the opponent's side of the net will remain in play.

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be considered disruptive coaching.

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Rams Roundup

by Anthony Galaviz

After their stunning loss to Porterville College on Sept. 27, the Rams have shown other teams that they mean business.

With goals by Marcial Torres and Raj Singh, FCC clinched at least a tie for the Central Valley Conference title with a 2-0 victory over Taft at Ratcliffe Stadium on Oct. 25.

"We're doing some right things," FCC coach Eric Solberg said. "Our defense has been great all year."

FCC will travel to Modesto on Thursday for a CVC showdown. If the Rams beat or tie the Pirates, then FCC will be crowned CVC champions, but if Modesto wins then both teams will be co-champions.

The Rams took a 1-0 lead when the ball deflected off the Taft goalkeeper as Torres kicked it to the right side of the net. FCC added an insurance goal when Singh took a 25-foot pass from Josh Sanchez and shot the ball to the right side of the net with his right foot.

"We didn't play that great," Solberg said. "But I think our best soccer is ahead of us."

That's scary for other teams, because the Rams went on a scoring spree against

Porterville on Oct. 23 and won 8-0.

"I couldn't believe it," Solberg said. "We played great that night."

The Rams haven't lost in seven games. In those seven games, two ended with a tie with Taft and Modesto.

In three years, the Rams have posted a 47-7 record.

Saturday, playoff seedings will take place and FCC is expected to be seeded No. 2

Women's soccer

Fresno City College women's soccer coach Oliver Germond couldn't be more pleased with his team's 2-0 victory over Central Valley Conference leader College of the Sequoias on Oct. 23.

Two days later, that was all forgotten.

FCC and West Hills played to a scoreless 0-0 tie, leaving an unempty filling inside Germond's stomach.

"I thought we had it figure out," Germond said. "Everybody was excited about the win (against COS). I was so proud of the way the team played against COS. We didn't show up against West Hills and I feel we're a better team than them."

"We should of beat that team."

Now, the Rams (6-9, 3-3) will hope to finish above .500 in the CVC standings with two games remaining on the schedule, including Tuesday's game in Porterville. FCC travels to Modesto on Friday for a 3 p.m. game.

Feeling disappointed, sophomore middle fielder Dana Serrato hopes to end the CVC season with pride.

"We didn't play good against West Hills," she said. "All we can do now is play for fun."

Cross country

Year after year, the College of the Sequoias men's team has been too strong for the Central Valley Conference. Move them to the Bay Valley Conference and you get the same result.

That's why Fresno City College coach Gary Bluth praises COS.

"They have a very good team, coached by Dave Bronzan," Bluth said. "They're just good."

Bluth's men's and women's team will compete in the Bay Valley Conference championship on Nov. 2 in Rocklin. On Nov. 10 the teams will compete in the Nor-

Cal Championships in San Mateo before coming to Fresno's Woodward Park for the state championships, which will be held on Nov. 17 at 10 a.m.

Leading the FCC women's will be Amanda Murphy. Murphy finished ninth out of 52 runners at the River City Invitational in San Francisco on Oct. 19. Murphy finished the 3-mile course in 20 minutes and 54 seconds. However, the Rams finished fifth with a score of 91.

On the men's side, seven COS runners finished in the top-10 and the Giants took the team title with 19 points. Mario Macias finished first with a time of 21 minutes and two seconds.

FCC's Antonio Estrada finished 17th (22:14).

Women's golf

The FCC golf team will contend for the Bay Valley Conference title on Nov. 6 in Sacramento.

Momentum will be on the Rams side when it will host the Nor-Cal tournament on Nov. 12-13 at Fig Garden Golf Course.

Rams beaten by top teams

By Anthony Galaviz

Sports editor

Fresno City women's volleyball coach Sheri Ostrand-Hess likes scheduling top teams in the state.

Because of that, the Rams (17-8, 7-4 Central Valley Conference) got a taste of what it is like to play with the top-two teams in the state at the Fresno City Invitational on Oct. 21.

Though it played the first two games strong against No. 1 Golden West from Huntington Beach, the Rams lost 29-31, 30-28, 30-20, 30-15.

"I always do that," Ostrand-Hess said of the scheduling. "I want the girls to get the experience, but we played strong the first two games."

Later in the day, San Joaquin Delta College defeated Fresno City 30-18, 30-19, 30-26. The Mustangs, ranked No. 2 in the state, defeated Golden West 30-24, 30-34, 28-30, 34-32, 15-11 before its match with the Rams.

Also...

The Rams continue to fall in the Central Valley Conference standings. Reedley defeated the Rams 31-29, 30-24, 28-30, 30-24 on Oct. 26. The Rams dropped to third place in the CVC.

Lakers in good shape for another title

By Anthony Galaviz

Sports editor

Los Angeles Lakers coach Phil Jackson likes to set goals for wins. So it wasn't a surprise what he set for his team this season.

"I've set a goal of 60 wins," he told the Associated Press. "It's something I expect this team to do. It's something they fell short of last year, and we'll go from there and hopefully find that momentum to get a couple of winning streaks which we never did last year until the very end."

You heard Jackson. With that goal set in the minds of the Lak-

ers' players, expect to see them win their third consecutive championship this season.

Los Angeles went 15-1 last season in the playoffs, but Jackson expects the league to be stronger.

"We were fortunate last year that our run put us into that situation all the way through," Jackson told NBA.com. "It will be as difficult [this season] as it was last year."

The Lakers picked up some key acquisitions in the offseason to help out Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant, which includes Mitch Richmond (Washington Wizards), Jelani McCoy (Seattle Superson-

ics), Samaki Walker

(San Antonio Spurs) and Lindsey Hunter (Milwaukee Bucks).

Adding Richmond to the mix gives the Lakers a third scoring threat.

The key for the Lakers, however, is Richmond's health. During his 13-year NBA career, Richmond has scored 20,237 points. Last season, Richmond only played in 37 games because of a left knee injury. Another scoring threat for Los Angeles is Derek Fisher. Fisher will be out until December because of a broken left foot.

If O'Neal, Bryant and Rich-

mond stay healthy, expect another parade in downtown Los Angeles.

Before that can happen, the Magic steps in the way of the Lakers third consecutive championship.

Yes, Orlando will challenge the Lakers in the 2002 NBA Finals after beating the Milwaukee Bucks for the Eastern Conference title.

Orlando was busy in the offseason, picking up Patrick Ewing (Seattle SuperSonics) and Horace Grant (Lakers).

With those two aging stars in the lineup with Tracy McGrady and Grant Hill, it will give the Heat a chance to dethrone the Lakers.

Grant re-joins the Magic after

playing for the Lakers last season.

Like the Lakers, it will be crucial for the Magic to stay healthy.

Hill suffered a slight sprain to the ankle and mid-foot in a preseason game but is OK. Hill sat out most of the 2001 season because of a broken bone in his left ankle.

Here are the top-8 playoff teams in each conference:

Eastern Conference: Orlando Magic, Milwaukee, Philadelphia, Miami Heat, Toronto, Charlotte, Indiana Pacers, Washington.

Western Conference: Lakers, San Antonio, Sacramento, Dallas Mavericks, Utah, Minnesota, Portland and the Los Angeles Clippers.

Collegiate athletics undermining education

College: the grooming place of young minds, the last bastion of educational purity. One would dare not violate this seemingly incorruptible symbol of universal upliftment... right?



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Rampage reporter

Opinion

Wrong! Camouflaged like army commandoes ready to pounce upon the slightest inclination, American capitalism strikes, digesting all it deems profitable and excreting a marketable, user-friendly scourge for commercial interests to clamor for. Indeed, college athletics were once a place of refuge for those weary of the glitzy and irrevocably corrupt world of professional sports; the crime sagas of the NFL, the narcotic negligence of the NBA. Unfortunately, tis no more. The Reagonomics of the mid-80s shifted the balance of wealth in America (educational grants and stipends were reduced by almost 50 percent, according to a Newsweek poll). This transition left public universities scattering in an attempt to recover funds lost by a growing conservative government. Lurking deviously, the capitalistic bureaucracy laughed, playing the proverbial devil's advocate, opening its arms to the struggling academic structures; the mom and pop buyout by the super megaplex mall.

Not as terrible as it seems, initially, commercial America inserting its claws into the jugular of American education; quite inevitable, some might reply. But the impact expands far beyond the single Fresno State University T-shirt or the University of North Carolina fitted cap. Schools extol mass amounts of capital into athletic programs (one top university extends 75 percent of its budget into the athletic) which, obviously, greatly subtracts from the amount of funds available for the educational process. So take, for example, the tuition paid by an ordinary student at the aforemen-

tioned school: \$31,000 a year for classes, room, and board. The student is not an athlete, far from it, actually, and is attending set school to become a teacher, ironically. By this school's current economic system, only \$3,875 (in theory) of this student's hard-earned funds are being directly contributed to the advancement of himself and his future. The other \$27,125 is being used to promote areas not necessarily relevant to an individual's purpose in attending school; also take into account that this is an isolated student; one solitary tuition. The school in question inhabits some 750,000 students every year!

Worse, in fact, than the plight of the humble student, is that of the student athlete. Here, an institutionalized system of commercial submersion presents itself, its roots entrenched deeper into the educational pool. From youth, individuals are trained, prepared to become the next Michael Jordan, Martina Hingis or Brett Favre. Little League Baseball, Pop Warner Football, Junior Olympics - all privately sponsored, financially resolute training grounds for future millionaires and athletic puppets. From these constructs, young athletes are diverted into elementary, secondary and high school athletic programs - scouted and recruited to play at particular schools, usually the most successful, and therefore, more economically secure. DeShawn Stevenson, local athlete turned NBA millionaire, grew up in Clovis, but played his high school basketball at Washington Union High School, located in Easton. Sponsored and funded by adidas, Washington's basketball program has yielded section champions every year since 1992 and state champions three times within that same span. It is no coincidence that former Washington Union player Chris Jefferies (Jefferies via the University of Arkansas - a Nike school) is a starter on Fresno State basketball team - formerly sponsored by adidas, currently sponsored by Nike. Demetrius Porter, also a former Washington High player, was a starter last season for the Bulldogs.

Consider also the recent scandal involving Clovis West basketball, forced to relinquish their 1999 section title because of an ineligible player. That ineligible player, Charlie Rodriguez, recruited from the Dominican Republic, had a forged birth certificate in order to comply with the California Inter-Scholastic Federation athletic guidelines. Again, coincidence or not, adidas is also a prime supporter of the Clovis West basketball program.

The pressure corporations place upon institutions to produce winning teams therein transcends into the individual athletes. Pushed and prodded like cattle on farms, these immature, impressionable youth are taught that their particular sport of interest is supreme, devaluing the educational process by which they are, in all likelihood, just going through the motions. One Fresno City College football player, who asked to remain nameless, was quoted as saying the following:

"Coach(es) make sure we're on the field, busting our asses, giving 100 percent at all times. But hardly any importance is placed with school - some kids are playing with like 4 units of school credit, flunking classes - but nothing is ever said, as long as that person is performing and catching touchdowns."

This emphasis, however insidious and shocking, is commonplace within most successful college athletic programs, and among more prestigious high school athletics. Adding to this utterly reprehensible phenomenon is the ever-growing influence of extra-curricular benefits within the student athlete collective. Florida State University football players, months after being crowned 1994 NCAA Champions, were arrested by mall officials in Tallahassee after receiving some \$500 of merchandise in Footlocker for roughly \$20 in actual cash. When questioned as to why personal involvement, one of the guilty party stated:

"Shoes are expensive - I need to get paid somehow. Not all athletes get paid for their services (football), most of us have to struggle and strive to stay alive."

Tyson Chandler, current NBA rookie with the Chicago Bulls and former Dominguez High School basketball star, was investigated frequently by the NCAA regarding extra-curricular benefits (cash, gifts, etc.) violations during his high school career, so much so that it prohibited the possibility of a future in collegiate basketball. It is no wonder, then, that Chandler, profiled as a 14-year-old on "60 Minutes" regarding the emphasis of major corporations (Nike) and high school athletics, left school (high school, no less), to become the No. 3 pick in the 2001 NBA Draft. This scene is a not uncommon, young athletes tempted and lured by outside, and thoroughly illegal, means. In most situations, it is difficult to blame the athlete, many of whom accept such outside gifts under financial duress, for looking to other means for security. Thoroughly passed on and overlooked in regards to education (some by personal preference), these individuals coast through intermediate schooling, lauded and touted as the next "great" athlete, only to arrive in college with 50 other players, all fed the same idealistic propaganda. Colleges rarely take an interest in the individual; in the multibillion dollar industry that encompasses successful collegiate programs, the "individual athlete" matters little; each is replaced yearly in the recruiting process, where crops of young men and women are coerced into believing they actually will succeed, coerced into believing they "matter." Truth be told, only 20% of college athletes ever make it to a professional level - with only 10% of that adjoining percentage enjoying successful careers therein.

Grim indeed, the future of those athletes whom fail to make it professionally; with no focus and little education to guide them, many fall by the wayside, lost in the American capitalistic underbelly. But what is to be done? Student athletes need to become more conscious of themselves, their responsibilities, and their future. For most, professional sports are not an option, and while it is important to dream, one must prepare himself for life thereafter. College certainly will not.

Ex-Rams Coach signs BYU deal

By Anthony Galaviz

Sports editor

Cleveland signs new deal

Former Fresno City College men's basketball coach Steve Cleveland

signed a multiyear contract to continue as Brigham Young head basketball coach, the school announced Oct. 24.

Terms weren't released.

"This isn't something they had to do. It's not something I asked for," Cleveland told reporters. "They came to me, and I'm very appreciative."

In his four years as the Cougars coach, Cleveland posted a 67-57 record and guided BYU to its first NCAA tournament last season since 1995, its first Mountain West Conference regular season title since 1993, and its first MWC tournament championship since 1992.

In Cleveland's first two seasons as BYU coach, the Cougars went 9-21 and 12-16. BYU were 22-11 in 1999-2000, losing to Notre Dame in the NIT quarterfinals. Last season, the Cougars were 24-9.

"The last four years have been among the most challenging times of my life," Cleveland said. "But they've also been the most rewarding."

Sports Schedule

FOOTBALL

Saturday: Modesto, 7 p.m.
Nov. 10 at Reedley College, 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Today: Columbia College, 7 p.m.
Nov. 7: at Merced, 7 p.m.
Nov. 9: Taft, 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Friday: at Modesto, 3 p.m.

MEN'S SOCCER

Thursday: at Modesto, 3 p.m.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Nov. 2: at Bay Valley Championships, Rocklin, 3 p.m.

WRESTLING

Nov. 2-3: at Junior College

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Nov. 3: at Cal Poly Tournament, San Luis Obispo, 9 a.m.

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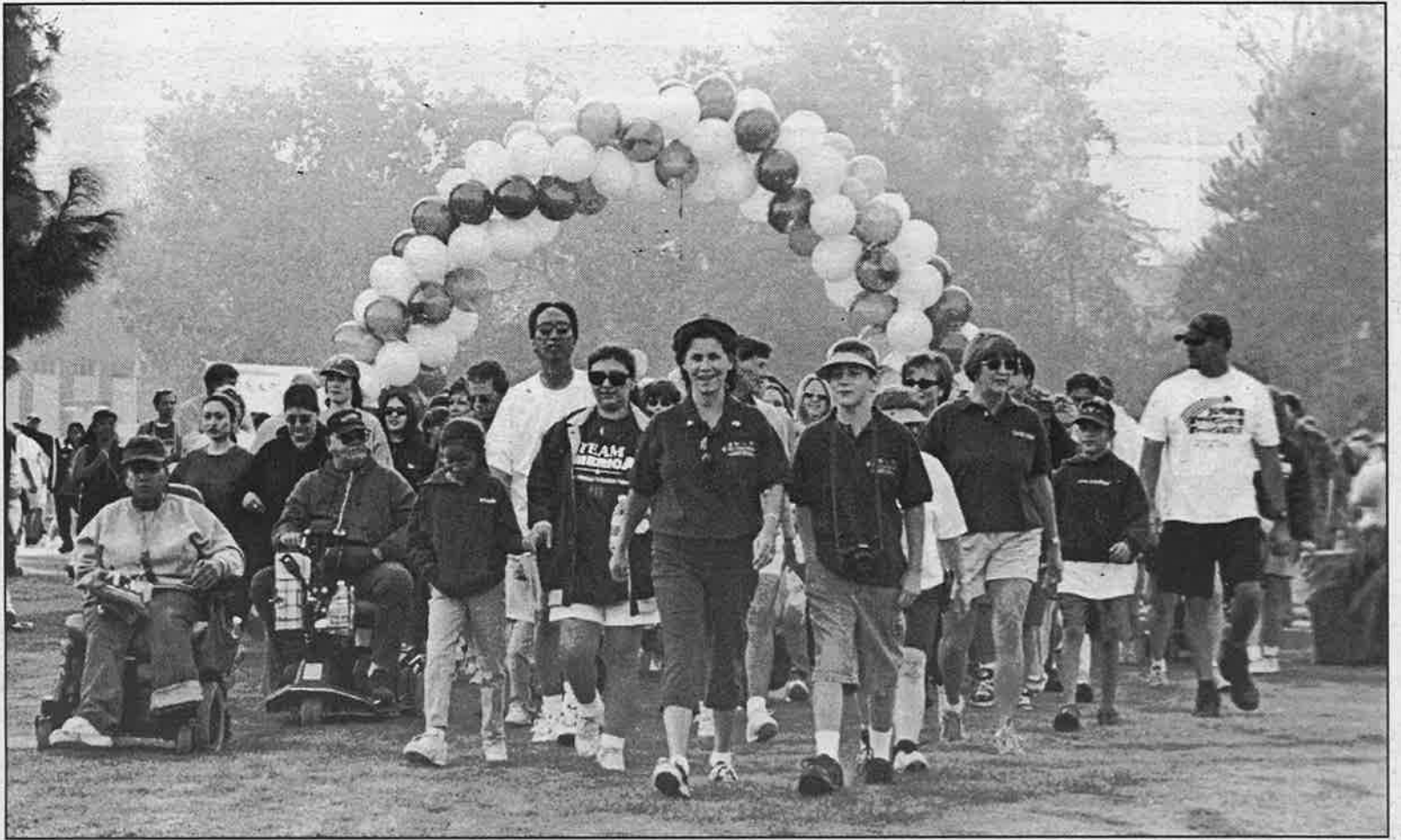
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Money raised for JDF



By Bonner Creager
Rampage reporter

More than 3,000 walkers marched in and around Fresno City College on Oct. 20 to raise money to find a cure for diabetes. They succeeded in part by raising approximately \$190,000 overall, including about \$20,000 by FCC, for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

The school raised about \$40,000 last year, but despite the decrease, FCC Director of Student Activities Gurdeep Sihota seemed optimistic.

"In spite of Sept. 11 and people

giving to the relief fund, it was a pretty good turn out. We've also given a lot since we lost Junior," she said, referring to the FCC football player killed by a train Sept. 13. "Next year we'll bounce back to peak performance."

Fifteen major teams comprised of different companies and organizations, such as Longs, Sears, Gottschalks, Fresno State University and Fresno City College, all raised money and made their own T-shirts.

Fresno City College received third place for best design on the T-

shirts. FCC had about six major teams. The Math and Science Department raised the most money out of the campus teams. Humanities Department secretary Pearl Supersad raised the largest amount of money for an individual.

The morning started out with warm-ups led by Ronda Murphy. Later, there were performances by FCC's pep squad and a dance group called Phocus. Donated food such as ice cream and sandwiches were sold with all the proceeds going to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.



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