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Break-ins and thefts common on campus

by Matthew T. Mendez Rampage Reporter

The Fall 2005 semester kicked off a little over a month ago, and already there has been an alarming number of criminal activities on campus, including hit-and-runs, grand theft auto and office break-ins.

The Fresno City College parking lot has always been a dangerous place to leave valuable items unattended, and this semester may bring unforeseen problems that reach beyond campus boundaries.

That doesn't mean those who are lucky enough to park within school property are safe from the hands of voracious campus bandits.

Records from the district police office show that since the beginning of the Fall 2005 semester, there have been 14 incidences of cars being broken into that have been reported to the district police—the true number is estimated to be almost double that. Four cars have been reported stolen since Aug. 1.

Michael Roberts, associate dean of the Humanities Division, had his Palm Polite and his car keys stolen while away at a meeting for less than two hours. The crook would eventually take off in Mr. Roberts' car, which was not hard to find since it was in the dean's reserved parking space.

"After my Palm Pilot had

FCC finds connections to New Orleans

by Clare Godinho Rampage Reporter

Fresno City College has its own connections to the devastation of Katrina.

Chris and Allison Hays, former Fresno City College students, never imagined they would get caught up in a disaster like the Category 5 Katrina, but they did.

After attending FCC during the 1990s, Chris got a job work-

ing one of the hottest restaurants in the heart of the New Orleans' French Quarters, located on Bourbon Street.

"We still haven't heard from a lot of the employees." Chris said. Many co-workers were poor, living with multiple family members in tiny shacks that had been in their family for many generations.

Much of the people who wash dishes, or bus tables at Chris's restaurant were the first in their family to own a car.

"We still don't know if everyone is OK, especially from school because the University of New Orleans' email system is down," said Allison, who is currently taking classes to become a teacher.

According to a story published in the Fresno Bee on Sept. 15 the death toll in the five-state area rose to 710.

"It's almost impossible to get through," said Chris, com-

menting that he had to try twenty times before he was able to get anyone on the phone.

Cell phones in the 504 (New Orleans) area code have been down due to the damage of cell towers from the massive flooding.

After experiencing the effects of a tropical storm that swept through New Orleans earlier this year, they knew that the Category

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Not so close Mock trials at FCC



by Nigel Wojtak Rampage Reporter

Imagine the intensity of major U.S. trials such as NAACP v. American Arms Inc., McDonald's v. Hindus and Vegetarians, or U.S. v. Tobacco, then, have those trials take place right here at Fresno City College.

That's exactly what Nancy Holland, a business instructor at FCC, does with her BA 18 Business Law class every semester.

"Mock trials are an exciting process. Students find themselves deeply involved with the issues as they begin to meet with their team members both inside and out of the classroom. They explore the intricacies of the case and debate the issues that they have found. A synergistic energy begins to take over, bringing students together as a team, and solidifying their commitment to winning the case," said Holland. Beginning at the ninth week of the semester Holland introduces a mock trial of any major, real life trial that is presently in session in the U.S. Holland selects a trial that focuses on one or more amendments featured in the U.S. Constitution and it's implications on the business environment. She introduces the case to her class during the "mock trial kick-off" where students enjoy pizza and soda provided by Holland. During the kick-off Holland shows the students a pre-

been stolen," said Mr. Roberts, "I walked outside to wait for the district police and there was a girl already speaking with an officer about her stolen bike."

Sharon Ferrer, a foreign languages instructor, had her purse stolen from her vehicle when she went to pick up documentations from her office—on a Sunday evening.

Mrs. Ferrer blames herself for coming so late on a day when she knew there would be no security on campus.

"I thought I was only going to be there for a few minutes-just to pick up some pa-

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FCC head coach Tony Caviglia expresses his frustration during the fourth quarter of a 40-0 loss to City College of San Francisco Sept. 17 at Rams Stadium in San Francisco. -- Story on Page 6

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around with.

It was late at night when they made the decision to evacuate. They were sitting around, playing a game, and had the TV on in the background, waiting for updates on Katrina.

At that point in New Orleans, all local television stations had switched to 24 hour Katrina coverage.

"We heard the governor come on the TV after midnight on Sunday morning, to say if we can leave at this hour, we should."

They only packed a few belongings and headed out.

When they got on the freeway, they noticed that traffic was using both the east and west lanes in one direction only. This is a tactic that government officials use when the need for a city-wide evacuation should arise, called "Contra Flow." It allows drivers to use all possible freeway lanes to head west to Lafayette.

If they had waited until

morning, they would have been stuck on the freeway for a long time.

"The next morning was horrendous," Allison said, "Nobody could go west on the I-10."

The government put up roadblocks in Lafayette to prevent people from going into New Orleans.

They stayed at Allison's dad's house, along with Allison's brother and wife. Her little brother in High School had to fork over his room and slept on the couch.

After a spending few days there there, Chris and Allison made the drive across country to Fresno California, to stay with Chris' parents.

They've been able to get assistance from the government for food and medicine, and they imagine they'll get something from the Federal Emergency Management Agency as well.

They were also able to find employment in Fresno right away, from the companies they used to



FCC president Ned Doffoney has teamed with 108 other community colleges in California to raise \$1.09 million in relief funds for Katrina victims.



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work for.

"We are really lucky to have good relationships with our former employers, because we were working in less than a week," said Allison.

"It's sad, and odd, especially under the circumstances because we're forced to be here," Chris said, commenting about how he feels to be back in the valley.

They both agreed that they miss the Po-Boy sandwiches the most. Po-Boys are New Orleans' style sub-sandwiches, made with roast beef and gravy, shrimp, or oysters.

New Orleans might be ready for business as early as January, at which time, Chris and Allison plan to move back.

Ned Doffoney, Fresno City

College President, also has direct connections to Katrina's relief efforts, and victims.

Born and raised in south Louisiana, Doffoney still has a great number of friends and family there.

"We are personally and emotionally affected by the devastation that occurred in the community," Doffoney said.

A coalition, formed in part by Dr. Doffoney, has been created between other California community college presidents to raise \$1,090,000 dollars for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Each community college in California pledges to donate \$10,000 dollars.

"We remember home," wrote Doffoney in an email sent to Dr. Walter Bumphus, who is president of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System.

Among his numerous accomplishments, Doffoney worked in southern Louisiana as Chancellor of South Louisiana Community College, before he came to Fresno.

He also serves on the board of Southern Mutual Help Association, Inc., which has developed a special Rural Recovery Fund that will support the rural communities in the Louisiana area, like the Acadiana region around Lafayette. These rural regions often receive help last, compared to larger cities, and also receive the least.

"I know these people will get the money and the resources to the people who really need the help," Doffoney said.

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21	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	Fall Job Fair	Cafeteria, Free Speech Area, College Mall
23	10 a.m2 p.m.	2-on-2 Volleyball Tournament	Free Speech Area
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5	9 a.m2 p.m.	Blood Drive	Student Lounge and Patio
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Crime: Instructors as well as students report thefts, hitand-runs; campus police report 14 break-ins this semester

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pers," she told The Rampage, "but then I saw something that needed to be completed, and I ended up staying in there for about 45 minutes."

That was enough time for someone to break her window and steal several items from her car. She had parked fairly close to her office, but she closed her office door in the rush to finish her work.

William Riddlesprigger, one of Fresno City's preparatory English instructors, was shocked by an unwelcome surprise one afternoon while working in his office during summer school. Unlike Mrs. Ferrer, Mr. Riddlesprigger had an office window open, and was able to hear the crime take place. He heard the shattering of a car window, and quickly realized how personal the security problem on campus had just become.

"I looked outside and saw two guys running away from my car," he said, "they weren't able to take anything though."

Physically harmless crimes such as theft and vandalism aren't the only problems facing campus security guards and police officers this semester.

There have been three hitand-run incidences reported since Aug. 1, and of those, only two were listed as "non-injurious." The total of hit-and-run

accidents is expected to increase with the recent situation involving a Fresno City College film instructor.

Sid Harriet had the right side of his brand new Lexus demolished by a student backing out of a nearby parking space. The driver did not stay to inform Mr. Harriet of the inauspicious event, driving away instantly, believing nobody had seen the dirty deed.

There were, however, two witnesses, and they have been cooperating with police in their attempts to catch the driver. As of Wednesday, Sep. 21, the driver has yet to be identified.

"All [the driver] had to do was leave a note, and we could've dealt with the whole thing," said Mr. Harriet, "now [the driver] is gonna have a hitand-run tagged on record."

Jacqueline Palacioz, a Fresno City College student, had her car broken into shortly after the beginning of the current semester. \$200 worth of her textbooks was stolen from her car, as well as an unknown amount of money in CDs.

She was parked in the front parking lot right along McKinley off of Blackstone. The officer she spoke to told her that particular area was one of the worst places to park a vehicle, due to the easy getaway path at the thieves' disposal.

"The police came and took fingerprints on my front windows, and they told me they

had an idea of who broke into my car," she explained, "but I haven't been informed on whether or not they caught the person who did it yet."

The fingerprints were easy to come across because Palacioz's window was not broken; the crook shoved the slightly lowered window down with their hands.

It is no longer a rare oc-

News Briefs

Underpass ceremony postponed until Oct. 14

The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new underpass on Weldon Avenue has been postponed until Oct. 14.

Construction on the underpass began summer of 2004, costing the State Center Community College District \$1.2 million. CalTrans pitched in another \$1 million to build the structure.

Officials from SCCCD as well as from CalTrans will be present at the ceremony.

WAVE program in danger

Changes may be underway for the Work Assessment Vocational Education program, also known as WAVE, on the Fresno City College campus. The WAVE program, funded with state rehabilitation money, is under negotiation for a new contract by the California State Department of Rehabilitation. Until negotiations are done, the 28 students involved in the program on campus are being af-

currence to see piles of broken glass in the City College parking lot, but thieves have even more freedom in the residential areas where students decide to leave their cars.

Two semesters ago, on the first day of school in a residential area just beyond Maroa and Blackstone, there were two separate lines of at least half a dozen piles of what used to be the window to somebody's car.

The areas outside of the Fresno City parking lot have even less police officers patrolling the area than on campus grounds. With more and more students finding it more convenient to park outside the pathetically inadequate parking lot, this should certainly be a major concern for school officials.

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The Disabled Student Services program was established in 1970 to provide support and services to students with physical, learning and/or psychological needs. It was a landmark program at the time, with Fresno City College first on board in California to offer a comprehensive disabled students program. These programs were set up to enable students with disabilities to successfully pursue their goals in life.

The WAVE program began in 1992, and now more than a decade later, questions are sprouting up regarding the training of the students. Financial aid is given away despite the repeat of courses in the program. Also, with so many students repeating basic courses, the question has risen if these students will be prepared for a job after they complete the program.

Work-sites have been taken away from WAVE students this year and the students are not happy. Looking to see if the college is training these WAVE students effectively needs to happen as soon as possible.





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Rwanda comes to FCC

News

by Tawana Morgan **Rampage Reporter**

Paul Rusesabagina, real life hero of the movie "Hotel Rwanda" told a packed audience at Fresno City College on Tuesday that the world must heed the cries of helpless people around the world.

Retelling his now famous story of how he saved 1,200 people who took refuge at the Mille Collines Hotel in Kigali, Rwanda, Rusesabagina said his people were deserted by international peacekeepers and the United Nations.

Over ten years ago, Rwanda plummeted into genocide. Over 1 million people, mainly Hutus, began killneighbors. ing their Tutsi Rusesabagina, a Hutu married to a Tutsi woman, and whose father is Hutu and his mother, a Tutsi, turned his hotel into an improtu refugee camp for more than a thousand Tutsis and moderate Hutus.

When the genocide began, the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda (UNAMIR) had a peacekeeping force of about 2500 troops. The first reaction of the United Nations, indeed of other nations that had their own nationals in Rwanda, was to withdraw their troops and nationals.

"We can no longer trust the United Nations," said Rusesabagina, during his speech at FCC. "Before the genocide, we were confident, but when the U.N. decided to pull out of Rwanda during the massacre, we lost confidence.

I have taken world leaders' silence as compliance."

Abandoned by the United Nations and the rest of the world,

Rusesabagina, then a hotel manager, began cashing in every favor he had ever earned, bribing the Rwanda Hutu soldiers and keeping a blood thirsty militia (mostly) outside the gates during the hundred days of slaughter. In the end, he survived along with his wife and four children, and most refugees he sheltered.

His life story is now an acclaimed movie, Hotel Rwanda, which was nominated for three Academy awards. Paul Rusesabagina is portrayed in the film by Don Cheadle.

Paul Rusesabagina believes that both sides, the Hutus and the Tutsis, should apologize to each other and pay reparations.

"Until a roundtable of peace (talks) can be established between the Hutu and Tutsi, and democracy established, there will be political unrest and civil disobedience," Rusesabagina said.

He asked all in attendance to get involved to ensure what happened in Rwanda does not happen again.

"It is a pity to see history repeat itself," Rusesabagina said.



Photo by Jennifer Schmidt



Above: Paul Rusesabagina speaks in the FCC Gym Sept. 20. Right: Rusesabagina talks during a press conference at FCC before going on stage to talk about his experiences during the 1994 Rwanda genocide.

Photo by Daisy Rosas





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Latin Heritage Month SYMBAA student



Marisela Mesa and Eduardo Rodriguez of the Photo by Daisy Rosa advanced Mexican Folk dance class perform one of many dances from the region of Baja California Sur during the Latin Heritage Month celebration on Sept. 16 in the free speech area.

SYMBAA student counters negative image of Fresno Uncensored video

by Tawana Morgan Rampage Reporter

Delmer Falls, Jr., Fresno City College student, enrolled in the SYMBAA (Strengthening Young Men by Academic Achievement) Program, is producing a video to counter the negative image of minorities portrayed in the controversial video, Fresno Uncensored.

Delmer Falls, Jr., said he wants his video to highlight a more positive side of Fresno, adding "I won't condone illegal activities in my documentary."

Falls said, however, that he will not allow improper editing or censorship of the film footage. "My documentary will provide a glimpse into the lives of young people and how they relate to one another. My video will address relationship issues, and whatever happens, happens," he also said.

Of the arrests of Marshall Day and Lonnell "Nitti" Green, producers of the controversial Fresno Uncensored, Falls said, "Censors try to use the state to impose their view of what is truthful and appropriate." He added that those who censor others' work suppress and remove from public access information they judge inappropriate or dangerous.

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He said the actions of the agencies involved in the Fresno Uncensored case were an attempt to censor the realities of every day street life.

Fresno County Assistant District Attorney Alvin Harrell, who is currently prosecuting many of the individuals involved in the Fresno Uncensored video, disagrees. He said that the investigation of the Fresno Uncensored Video was "on no account, a public relations issue or an attempt to censor free speech."

"Individuals who participate in criminal behavior and then record it are not protected by the first amendment. It is not a free speech issue or censorship. If a person videotapes a homicide, would it be free speech?"

Falls' documentary will be filmed in Fresno, Los Angeles, and Southern California and will be funded by his family. He said no release date has been set. Cedric Hardamon, coordinator of the SYMBAA Program called Falls "a positive role model."

Trials: Students learn about cases currently going on in the U.S.

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sentation discussing the background of the case and what it is all about, the rules and guidelines the students will have to follow during their research and the trial itself and what will be expected of the each group during the trial.

"Doing a trial such as this teaches the students more about the law than what can be taught in the classroom, because it's 'hands on'," said Holland. The class is divided into three groups randomly picked by Holland.

The students then decide what area

they would like their group to work as: the defendant, plaintiff or the jury. They then split up and begin their research on the case and on the laws of which ever state the trial is taking place. For example, if the real life trial is currently taking place in the state of New York the students will need to research and learn the laws of the state of New York so that there is no confusion during the mock trial.

"The research part of the mock trial process is the longest and most thorough because the students need to learn and understand every aspect of the trial that they are doing. The defendant group needs to know the trial from their standpoint and the same for the plaintiff group. The jury, however, needs to research both sides and know the entire case from all angles," said Holland.

Swendenburg v. Kelly was the classes most recent trial involving a winery that was making shipments to the state of New York violating New York's ABC (Alcoholic Beverage Control). Librarian David Rackie, attorneys Cyndy Van Tripp and Timothy Nibler, and Cadets Mendoza and Craig from the FCC Police Academy were all on hand to help coach the students through the process of the trial.

Like usual the case was still undecided when the students were conducting their mock trial version. After the students made their verdict during their mock trial the real verdict was decided and it was the same that the students decided on just days before.

"I knew I had to continue doing mock trials in my class," Holland said, "because after I conducted my first I had perfect attendance."





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A San Francisco Defeat

Fresno City College loses big to San Francisco 40-0 on Sept. 17 in a rematch of Hawaiian Punch Bowl

By Joseph Rios Rampage Reporter

SAN FRANCISCO -City College of San Francisco made use of both its arms to throw its way to a shutout 40-0 victory over their rival Rams from Fresno City College.

"I'm surprised at the score to be honest," said CCSF Head Coach George Rush. "I thought it would be much closer than that. I don't think it's indicative to what Fresno City College is going to do through the end of the year."

Rush and his Rams have not been scored on in 10 quarters.

San Francisco could do little on the ground against FCC early on. Ferocious and swarming, the Fresno defense teamed up on every tackle to hold the Ram running game to a stand still.

Fresno's heavy pressure on sophomore Andrew Strom in the first half forced Frisco to revert to short passes and pass sweeps.

Both teams deadlocked

for the first and part of the second quarter. Without a running game, San Francisco depended on Strom to put up yards on the ground with his quick scrambles out of the pocket.

Strom broke the game wide open with a quarterback sneak only 11 minutes and 45 seconds from halftime. Fresno's David Veikune blocked the extra point, holding San Francisco to 6.

"For the first quarter it was kinda like we were playing checkers with each other," said Rush. "Then once our offense started to kick in, we were able to separate a little bit."

Fresno's Stanley Nihipali had trouble connecting with his receivers on offense. If he wasn't overthrowing them, they were dropping them; if not that, the Frisco defensive line was batting his passes down.

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FCC's Roger Brunswick (11) tries to calm his teammate Josh Smith away from the sidelines during the fourth quarter of a tough loss at San Francisco on Sept. 17.

Rams serve COS a dose of their own medicine

FCC volleyball team returns the favor to conference rival in a three game sweep at Sequoias

By Matt T. Mendes Rampage Reporter

second season as a setter. She has become more of a vocal leader since her freshman year, which she says stems from her summer experience as a youth club coach. lead the attack at the net this season.

So far, the Rams are 5-, and they reached 1-0 in gap

with a 3-1 run to make the score 8-6. The game would eventually be tied at the court and had a heated argument with the referee. On the very next day, the team had to wake up at

The 2005 Fresno City College women's volleyball team have high expectations for

themselves—and justifiably so.

Last year's team went 20-7 and reached the second round of the NorCal playoffs,

but the team is unanimous in their opinion that they can do better this season.

Sophomore Kaira Kachadurian is the team's most prominent returning player. She

was second in the Central Valley Conference last year in assists at 11.48 a

game, and that number is expected to go up in her

""Being a sophomore helps, and I did some coaching for the [Sport City] club

team."

Megan Roehl, who is also a sophomore, stands six feet tall and has improved her

vertical leap by nine inches. She also returns for her second season after an All-CVC outing last

year.

Roehl and 6-foot-1inch sophomore Katie Franz, the Rams' right-side hitter, will league play with a huge victory against College

of the Sequoias in the Fresno City College Gym.

"That was sort of a revenge game for us," said Roehl, "they beat us twice last year-that felt good."

The Rams pounded College of the Sequoias three games to nothing on Friday, Sep.

16. Throughout the entire game, FCC played like a cohesive unit, while the Giants often looked overmatched and discombobulated.

FCC jumped out to an early 7-3 lead in the first game before COS closed the 11-11

and 13-13, with FCC breaking the tie both times. The first game would prove to

be a seesaw battle, but the Rams would not allow the Giants to tie the score

again, winning the game 30-28.

The second game started even worse than the previous game for the Giants, as

the Rams pounced on them to take an early 4-0 advantage. COS's head coach would

show his frustration after calling a timeout when the score reached 16-10: he came to the middle of four o'clock in the morning for

the San Joaquin Delta College Tournament, and coach Hess said the team suffered

a come down from the inexplicable high of a vengeful prodigious conference

victory.

Taft College won the CVC league title last year, and even the Ram agree they are

the favorites to win the title again this season.

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Shooting toward their goal

FCC's women's soccer team looks towards another successful year and maybe CVC title

By Quinn Robinson Sports Editor

The Fresno City College women's soccer team is proving to all that last year's exceptional run into the playoffs was no fluke.

With a group of incoming freshman on the team and a vacant hole that Keri Ward left in the box after an outstanding freshman season, the Rams continue to win as the '05 campaign is under way.

"We knew coming in at the beginning of last season that Keri would only be playing for us for one season," said head coach Oliver Germond. "We had three goalkeepers last year and none of them are back. Fortunately we were able to find Sabrina in Hanford."

"I went to a bunch of her games because I knew she was a great goalkeeper and we knew she would really help us out. She's been a tremendous surprise because she really hasn't made a mistake. She's so confident and consistent and it really helps our defense because they have a lot of confidence in her and she's stepped in like she's been here for the last five years."

FCC traveled to



Photo by Daisy Rosas

FCC's Amy Kampf dribbles the ball as a defender from Cuesta College gives chase on Sept. 10. The Rams are 6-0-2 in season play this year as they are one of the top contenders for a Central Valley Conference title.

Cosumnes River up in Sacramento on Sept. 16 and fans that attended the game were expecting a defensive battle intertwined with some offensive plays. And that's what they got - well from one team at least as FCC beat Cosumnes River 5-0. The Rams (6-0-2) had one of their ties coming against defending state champion Cypress College in the Oxnard tournament over Labor Day weekend.

From the opening whistle, the Rams seemed one step ahead of Hawks as FCC scored their first three goals of the game in the first eighteen minutes.

The Rams entered half time with a 3-0 lead on the Hawks. In the second half FCC continued its dominance on offense by adding two more goals to their tally. Cosumnes River's attempts to get back in the game were shot down time after time by the swarming defense of the Rams and their only shot at a goal was denied on a great save by freshman goalkeeper Sabrina Lawrence.

"One of the things we talk about every game is to get better," said Germond. "It was unfortunate that the game

didn't go down to the wire like we're used to playing, but overall we played a great game and hopefully we'll keep improving as the season goes on."

Even with the new faces on the team this year, one thing the Rams still have from last season is depth at all positions.

"I think everyone has found a role on our team," said Germond. "We have the ability to sub people in at any given time without actually losing anything out on the field."

An obstacle the Rams are looking to overcome this season happens to be 90

minutes north on Highway 99

"Modesto's style of play is so different than ours," said Germond. "We try to posses the ball and set it up and they're more about hitting long balls and chasing and that gave us some problems so we're going to have to adjust to that."

"I felt like last year in those games we played against Modesto, things didn't go our way. Our main goal is to win conference and if we don't do that this year then that'll be a big disappointment for us."

The Rams are also waiting for word on the condition of forward Desi Rueda. Rueda who suffered a head injury in the game against Cuesta College on Sept. 10 is awaiting word from her doctor to get the go ahead to resume regular activity on the field.

"She was starting at forward and we definitely miss her but they took a CT scan and nothing showed up so we can't wait to have her back on the field."

The Rams next game is Sept. 23 against Ohlone College at 3 p.m. and then FCC hosts Mt. San Antonio College on Sept. 27 at 2 p.m.

Rematch: Rams struggle on both sides of ball against San Francisco

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With 5:22 left in the half, Nihipali found himself being chased out of the pocket almost immediately after the snap. He scrambled out to his right and tossed a lob out to an area without a Fresno Ram in the vicinity.

The only Ram in the area was Frisco's Larry Grant. He dropped to his knees to scoop the interception. Grant tacked up two interceptions in the first half. His second came with only 1:35 left in the second quarter. Grant read the pass from mid-field and darted to the left side of the field to make the grab and take carry it into Fresno territory. "Starting a freshman quarterback affects the quality of a team," said Rush. "Our game-plan was to pressure him as much as we can, make him throw the ball fast, make him run around, get him out of the pocket - just pressure the quarterback."

Freshman Jimmy Collins was substituted for Strom just before the end of the half. Immediately he showed his comfort inside the pocket.

With only 31 seconds to halftime, Collins reached under his center well within FCC's territory. He dropped back; Fresno's d-line showed pressure and Collins calmly stepped up into the collapsing pocket and fired a shot to Drake across mid-field in heavy traffic for a touchdown.

hit up with some big passes. Their quarterback was very accurate and made some good throws."

Frisco scored on a run from Tyrese Jacks with 7:21 left in the third. Grant scored after blocking John Abrams punt in Fresno territory only two minutes later, further separating CCSF from Fresno.



CCSF sat on a comfortable 20-0 lead heading into the second half.

Although FCC was successful in stopping the Rams' ground attack they could not stop Strom and Collins from firing away.

"We gave up big plays in the passing game," said FCC head coach Tony Caviglia.

"We wanted to stop the running game. But, they were able to go to the air and

Fresno special teams did block their second PAT, though, after Grant's scoop and score.

San Francisco's final score came with 14:44 left in the fourth. Strom connected with Drake in the endzone for six more points and the point after - the final nails in the coffin.

"It was a tough loss for the Rams," said Caviglia. "Everybody made mistakes. We couldn't get anything going on either side of the ball. That's what happens when you make mistakes you lose big."

FCC was hoping to mount an offense of that displayed on Sept. 10 against Chabot, in which the Rams put up 42 points in a blowout.

Sports

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Upcoming Events

Football

Sept. 24, 1 p.m. at Shasta Oct. 1, 7 p.m. vs. Modesto

Men's Soccer

<u>Sept. 23, 4 p.m at West</u> Valley Sept. 24, noon at Cabrillo Sept. 30, 3:30 p.m vs. Las Positas

Wrestling

Sept 24, 9 a.m. Sac City Tournament Sept 28, 7 p.m. West Valley Dual Oct 1, 9 a.m. Golden West Tournament Oct 5, 7 p.m. Chabot Dual

X- Country Sept 24, TBA at Costa Mesa Sept 29, 3:30 p.m. at San Francisco

Women's Volleyball Sept 23-24, San Jose College Tourney Sept. 28, 7 p.m at Merced Sept. 30, 7 p.m. vs. Modesto Oct. 5, 7 p.m. vs. Taft

Women's Soccer

Sept 23, 3 p.m vs Ohlone Sept. 27, 2 p.m. vs Mt. San Antonio Sept 30, 1 p.m. at Contra Costa Oct. 5, 2 p.m. vs. Yuba

Women's Golf Sept 22, noon at Sacramento Sept 27, noon at Lemoore Oct. 4, noon at Ceres



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Wuta Beta, a freshman forward for FCC, fights for the ball against Allan Hancock's Jose Perez during the FCC men's soccer team's 3-2 loss Sept. 13. Beta and Raul Gomez scored for the Rams.

Hancock's third and winning goal came when several FCC players tried to get the ball near their own goal. The ball rolled away from them and into the net, scoring for Hancock College. FCC and Hancock played Sept. 2, battling to a 0-0 tie.



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Sports

Football's in their blood

Twin brothers Chris and Jordan are the next Long family members to don Ram uniforms

By Joseph Rios Rampage Reporter

Their dad played linebacker for Fresno City College when they won back-to-back state titles in 1972 and 1973.

Their brother Connor played for FCC and is now a senior tight-end at Tulsa.

They themselves have been playing the game since the fifth grade.

In a house full of football players, it is Chris and Jordan Long's mother who hates the game.

"She hates it," said Jordan Long while Chris nodded his head in agreement, "You know there are always injuries. She had to see, through everyone in my family, what football can do to you.

"But she supports us."

Their father Mike Long is on Fresno City College's Wall of Fame. His football career was ended, though, due to a knee injury.

"Our dad never forced us to get into

we started getting into football he just did every thing he could to get us better.'

Chris and Jordan found their niche in the game back in elementary chool. They started off as hnemen at Fort Washington Elementary.

Those positions wouldn't stick, though, in the following year they each found their place on the field.

Chris moved to tightend. Jordan tool in spot in the backfield as a fullback.

The twin brothers stuck with those positions, through junior high and into high school at Clovis West where they made back-to-back-to-back appearances at the Central Section Championships. In their senior year

there they finally tasted glory and won their first Valley title.

With all of their family's history on their back, the Long boys feel

sports," said Chris. "When like they have to perform now that they are Fresno City Rams.

Our dad won a Valley Championship, we won a Valley Championship," said Jordan. "He won a state title while he was here at Fresno City, so it puts more of an edge on us to win one."

College ball took a little getting used to. though, coming right out of high school.

"I was kind of nervous at first," said Jordan ong. "Once you get out there you see that it is the same game you've been 🛶 playing since you were eleven."

"The game is so much faster," said Chris Long. "But after vour first hit. you calm down."

The brothers are close. But, with both of them on the field, sometimes there's a little sibling rivalry.

If Jordan makes a good run, Chris tries to make a good block or catch that will top his brother and vice versa. It's been going on since their days at Fort Washington, they said.

If the two were to go heads-up, it would be a stale-mate, they said.

"It would probably depend on who was more pissed off at the time," said Jordan.

Yeah probably," said Chr

The competitiveness carries over off the field as well. When they're not playing football, or watching football, or talking about football, or probably even dreaming about football, they are playing golf. Even that can get ngh

"We play with our dad and our older brother," said Jordan. "There's a lot of competitiveness there."

Both guys hope to get experience and exposure while playing for FCC After two seasons, they hope to move up to a fouryear university. On the subject of

which four-year universities they would like to attend, Jordan quickly said, "Any one that pays for my education. It's a good trade-off. They use you for sports and you use them to pay for school."

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"These coaches know what their doing," said Chris, "and they'll get you places. JC's are just where they expose you to fouryear colleges."

If nothing else, the boys will get to play the game they have loved to play since they were just fifth grade lineman.

"This is the funnest year I have had playing football," said Jordan. "It's not like I know a lot of people like I did in high school, it's just the whole experience. 'It's by far the

funnest year I have ever had.





IO September 21, 2005 Cool club rush?

Make the best out of college - Join a club and feel better about yourself



by Eddie Ortiz Rampage reporter

When I first entered Fresno City College, I was excited because I was about to embark upon in the life of the independent student, free to come and go as I please.

I realized I am heading toward an experience unlike high school, where I was on a fixed schedule, from 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Here at City College my schedule, like many of yours, is usually open and relaxed.

High school was a busy period in my life. Now that I entered college, I find myself trying to fill my schedule. I have now found ways to keep myself busy during these crucial college years.

I want to inform those who want to get involved here at Fresno City and even those who do not. It is important to care about yourself and those around you.

Why I believe it is important to get involved here at FCC is because when you do not get involved, do nothing with your time, you start feeling useless or unfulfilled and you start having those "should have, would have, could have" thoughts.

You do not want to look back on your

life with regret but be proud of what you accomplish in life.

Getting involved has also a meaningful purpose, you meet new people, make bonds and expand your horizons.

Some of you are thinking, "Who cares, I just want to get the day over with, go home and do something better." If you get involved just a little bit you prepare yourself for a higher education. Once you finish your education at FCC and transfer to a UC or CSU, you already expanded your knowledge beyond junior college horizon.

There are a hundred activities taking place on campus; student government, sports, clubs, or you can even get a job on campus.

Another way to keep you busy and fulfilled is volunteering.

Consider helping what hurricane Katrina destroyed. Donate money or give your time to the Red Cross or Salvation Army. Plus it will give you a sense of accomplishment!

Time is slipping away, you need to start caring now. Extracurricular activities do not have to mean being in the Associated Student Government or playing football.

You can also do something to help people less fortunate, volunteering time to the Salvation army or the Pavarallo House by passing out food to the homeless.

Show that you care and that you are thankful for all you have. Now is not the time to sit down but to stand up and get involved.





by David Witte Rampage reporter

Hey, you. Yeah, you.

Stop reading, put down the paper, and

go do your homework. You can not afford to get distracted while you are here at Fresno City College. Take it from someone who has been here far longer than he should have.

The whole purpose of California's community colleges is to give secondary education to those who either can't afford a university, or didn't have the qualifications. It is a gift, and if you do it right, you will only be here for two years.

So while you're here, don't get involved in anything that will distract you from your goal: to move on to a fouryear college.

I am not saying you should be a tightwad who spends all their time inside working and only comes out to tell people to get off their lawn. Or maybe I am. I don't really know any more. Sure, join a club or two. Sure, go to the sporting events.

Sure, experiment with marijuana, decide you like it, and spend all your time in a haze trying to remember if you drove, took the bus, or rode your bike.

Wait, no, don't do that last one.

Sure, get involved in school activities, if you think it will help you on your way to a decent transfer. But be careful, there are many people who are either still here, or not in school at all because they got distracted by one of those activities.

If you're not out of here on your way to a university within a reasonable time, then the whole community college system has failed. And no, six years is not a reasonable time.

And if the whole system has failed, then what's the point of pouring millions of dollars into it? Why don't we just double the salaries of the state legislature? Why don't we just spend all that money studying the mating habits of the North American ground squirrel?

Why don't we just turn this place into a big methadone clinic?

Okay, we couldn't do that. But there are millions of dollars that someone thought should go to second-chance education, rather than, say, breast cancer research (please, save the breasts).

Don't waste the opportunity that has been given to you. There is no reason to.

And what's my excuse, you ask? Hey, don't turn this around on me.

by Eddie Ortiz, photos by Robin Vallentyn

Campus Voices

Do you think students should engage in extracurricular activities in junior college?



David Gibson Biology



Jessica Gonzalez Liberal Studies



Tiffany Hoaglund *Photography*



Judy Thompson Nursing



James Entrocas General Education

"Yeah, you should get involved. You learn more and helps you meet new people."

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"I think you should just come to school and finish the day."

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"Yeah! You form bonds with other students and the faculty." "Yeah, you should get involved. You become more well-rounded." "It takes away time from my band, a band I'm dedicated to. For me, being at school means less time for my band."

by Christine Haeussling

For years, I have been writing down quotes of people I talk to, or people I don't even know. Since I consider a lot of it very funny, I am so generous as to share it with you.

Theresa: "Should I watch procrastinating here? Or go and procrastinate myself?"

Don Ray: "Girls don't have any idea what it's like to be a guy. Nothing you do is right but if you don't do it it's wrong."

Erik, after I he explains a word I

never heard before: "That's what, in the dictionary of Erik, it would be."

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On a day when I had been in a splendid mood, Joel said: "Not everybody here is having as much fun as Christine. All I can do is put extra cheese on my burger."

David: "I'm a fabulous cook! 'Gourmet Ramen' is my middle name."

Jason (as we studied Spanish): "Now what I don't get... is any of this."

Danny: "Who wants to be in a porn movie?" Christine: "How much money?" Danny: "It's for free!"

Eddie: "Is that your phone?" Christine: "That's my camera." Ed: "Jesus, Eddie, where have you been?"

Christine: "Did you notice that your kitchen light is broken?" Mark: "Yeah, but it's sort of a strobe light right now, that's cool."

David: "How's it going?" Christine:

Shannon: "Shush! You're destroying my inflated self-importance."

Mike: "I'm not lazy. I'm just a conservationist of energy."

"Life is good, isn't it?" David:

"Someone got laid."

Mike (about his brain): "There is very valuable information in there that I don't know about yet."

David Liu: "I have all the time in the world. I'm just busy being lazy."

We are addicted to ourselves

Is the secret of life to make money to get things, make more money to get more things and then die? What are we living for?



by Mike Read Rampage reporter

If I walked up to one of you guys and told you that the only way to heaven would be to put your faith in Jesus, you would either stare at me funny or punch me in the face.

This is kind of daunting for me as a Christian here at Fresno City College because if you think about it, this idea of anything being absolute really does oppose the thinking of most people walking around.

I am taken back at times as I strive to share something amazing in my life only to be met with words of dismissal.

"You believe what you believe," they say, "and I believe what I believe."

This effort of trying to shed

insight on life had lately caused me to take a knee for rest and ask the questions: Is every thing really relative? Are there no absolutes?

Take a minute and think about these two ideas.

On one hand you have this idea of absolute, which gives life a specific essence and purpose. And on the other is this idea of relativity that says life is only but what your mind shapes it to be.

These ideas are polar opposites.

I think something is wrong. The editors asked me to vent so here it comes: Daily I sit to the side of walkways and walk people pass by. Busily they scurry by to do life, unconscious to a real purpose, acknowledging only the desire to serve the self. To be honest, I am burdened by this.

Lately this thought of purpose has been consuming me. What the hell are we doing with our lives? Do we really have everything figured out? Is everything really relative?

I think the majority of the people walking around at FCC

think they do, myself included. In a rash attempt to meet my editor's deadline, I have semiaccurately placed them into two categories: those who are oblivious to thoughts of our existence and those who think they have it all figured.

To the first I know their time will eventually come, and to the seconds I ask a question: with what do we back those with feeble philosophical presupposing with that so many have?

I think there are very few people who really know what they believe and even less who know why they believe it. I think very few people really believe anything actually. But if you look around and talk to people, spend time with them and really get to know them, one thing comes out indefinitely, almost like they believe it unconsciously. It is that individually, their lives testify that they are the most important thing walking.

I ask that you look where you spend most of your time, for whom you spend most of your time, and what you spend most

of your money on. Then search yourself inwardly toward yourself and answer these big questions. Do you have a perpetual joy? Do you feel content?

It is impossible to answer yes when you live for only you.

I think when you are truly honest with yourself and you stop to think about why you awake out of bed each morning, the answers point to us. We wake up to serve our self.

We are addicted to ourselves.

I only bring this up as an example so that you might begin to understand. If you can at least acknowledge this, for the few that are still reading, I pray your mind will begin to wander to the question, "Why?" And to that there are answers for which you must only get up to find.

I want to urgently encourage you to do so because if there is one thing I have learned from 20 years of life, it is that serving your self makes you feel empty. We were not created to live

like that.

My last vent and word of caution is about the world,

specifically to the media, to whom I shake my fist at very furiously. It can be so bombarding with its messages of what we should value that I feel some people never get a chance to breathe.

What they have set as a standard is so screwed up. The world screams that in order to find the secrets of life, we are to live for ourselves, get things, make money, get more things, then die. If you do not see it, stop sometime and figure it out.

Read this please and acknowledge the beast of a thing inside us that is hungering to be filled by something of substance, something that does not leave you bored and longing for something else the next day.

If you can accept this even remotely, understand this last sentence; we are fallen, far from perfect, and if we are fallen, then that means we need a redeemer, and not something or someone that breaks apart when the waves of life come crashing down.

Californians, my favorite breed of their own

Christine's loving observations of cultural differences between California and Germany



1. Playing football, getting hurt and talking about it -Broken bones or other severe injuries make football more brutal, violent and testosterony, thus more authentic and Californian. 7. Never turning the A/C on higher than 60 degree Fahrenheit - I know the summers here are hot but buildings inside are just too cold! 8. Having Mexican





by Christine Haeussling

Rampage reporter

Having spent more than a year in Fresno, I noticed several behaviors that seem absolutely American/ Californian to me. Behaviors that Californians themselves might not even notice. Since I love making lists, here is it.

Please note before reading, that I very much love Californians and can really only talk about this state since I have not been in any other. That actually is very Californian already. 2. Thinking that California is the best state - whether having been to any of the other United States or not

3. Driving an SUV; unnecessarily big (Come on, do you really need that SUV?), gas-devouring vehicle, right up there with Pick-ups. 80% of the Pick-ups I see are spotless.

4. Smacking while chewing gum - this is, not only for me but many Germans, a very American sound

5. Having an estimated 1,000 channels on a very large TV with 900 channels being Pay-TV

6. Mostly entering your house through the garage

gardeners and a maid 9. Not respecting coins - oh, let me rephrase that, you DO pick up coins, but no copper! That is why I find at least a cent a day on campus which will make me rich in only...

10. Blanket on bed consisting of a sheet-system that never stays in place - and I mean, never. It drives me crazy when I wake up at night, not to mention what an act it is to make the bed! What is wrong with a down-comforter? As a blanket of course, not to sleep on.

Alternative fuels instead of hybrids

No one wants to drive the butt of a joke around, time has come to change fuel sources or suffer humiliating trips to work



by Matt Mendez Rampage reporter

Things are getting a little ridiculous. Since when did it become acceptable to consider \$2.99 for a gallon of gasoline cheap?

The time has come for us to either begin lobbying seriously for alternative fuel sources, or convert to electric/hybrid vehicles.

I believe most Americans, myself included, find those such vehicles to be absolutely hilarious. Nobody wants to drive in something that makes them laugh.

As Americans, we love our cars, we adore our trucks and we're uncertain about our sport utility vehicles, but we're not ready (or willing) to change that part of our lives.

The type of automobiles we drive is highly unlikely to change anytime soon enough to make a true difference. That is why it is much more practical to begin a strong push towards an alternative source of fuel that can compete with oil.

The future of oil depends on Saudi Arabia, which is no secret by now. They are in possession of 22 percent of the world's oil resources, and they are currently producing 10.5 million barrels a day. They claim that can be boosted to above 12.5 million a day by 2009.

Recently, the Bush administration has fervently lobbied for the opening of Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for oil drilling—a proposal that has been stalled by the Senate because of a delay in congressional work to finalize a broad package of federal spending. In other words, legislators don't quite know who is going to steal exactly what money yet. But you can rest assuredsomebody's money is going to be stolen. The hold up regarding ANWR is not about the philanthropic conflict at hand, which is the potential cultural genocide of the Gwich'in nation of Alaska and Canada, but instead, the congressional delay is about fiscal differences.

would not be pumped until 2015—that's assuming the government leases its first exploration tracts in 2007.

That's not exactly a short-term solution.

Ras Tanura, the world's biggest oil terminal (in Saudi Arabia), produces nearly 10 percent of the world's daily supply and rests on over 50 million barrels of oil. Saudi Arabia alone possesses oil reserves of almost 263 billion barrels; Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is only believed to possess about 10 billion barrels.

There is, however, only so much that can be asked of Mother Earth, and many sociologists believe we are draining her close to her limit. Gas consumers like you and I are utterly helpless in our attributions to this figurative despoilment of our planet— we absorb 84 million barrels of oil a day worldwide.

We hear on both the evening news and during governmental press conferences that gas prices continue to rise due to an increase in consumer demand. Of course demand is going up! Gas doesn't last as long as it used to. The \$15 that used to fill up the gas tank for the entire school week now only lasts until Tuesday night.

Just because we have to buy gasoline every other day in order to keep our cars running doesn't mean the demand is suddenly going up—it means we have no other alternative. It's not as if we have been buying unnecessary amounts of petroleum because we enjoy the delicious aroma.

Still, we are being led to believe that the high price for gasoline is somehow our fault. That is exactly the type of excuse that is fueled by greed -- the decadent contagion that can be the most insuperable force on earth. We cannot allow such reckless nincompoopery. It has now reached that inevitable point in time where some people are simply unable to afford the fuel to drive them where they want to go. Oh sure, they can afford to get to the places they need to be, but where's the fun in that? The end of oil is no longer a pessimistic foreshadow, but an idée fixe; it has almost become the accepted future, or worse yet, a fixed idea. The true question is: when will it all run out? Therefore, something very tedious needs to be done by someone who is very determined in order to get the nation behind a switch from fossil fuel to a more efficient (and less expensive)

source of energy.

The number of stations that offer E85, a mixture of grain alcohol, or corn-based ethanol and a little bit of gasoline, has nearly doubled since January. There are over 460 gas stations now carrying E85 in America none of them happen to be in California. A gallon of E85 is almost 50 cents cheaper than a gallon of regular gasoline.

We cannot overlook the impact that Hurricane Katrina had on the oil industry either. Not only did she temporarily raise the price of gasoline, but Californians can even expect their natural gas bill to nearly double in the next few months. As the weather begins to cool down for the winter season, the difference will be easily noticeable when the gas bill arrives.

I hope the nation has undergone somewhat of a change of heart in regards to our feelings towards alternative fuel sources. There needs to be more money plugged into finding more efficient ways of running just about every device that we humans use and depend upon on an everyday basis. At this point in time, this country—this world—does not need another plan to bleed the earth dry of any more oil.

But before I go, I must correct a mistake that I made in my last column; it has been eating away at me ever since I noticed it in print. I mistakenly labeled Donald H. Rumsfeld as the Secretary of State—he is the Secretary of Defense. Damn that felt good.



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Reviews

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Horoscopes David Witte

(The smartest guy this side of that wall over there)

One must take some things with a grain of salt. For these, you'll need a chunk the size of a Buick.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You will win \$2 million in the lottery, but lose it all when you accidentally punch a lawyer in the face while celebrating.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The image of the Virgin Mary will appear in 2,700 tortillas nation-wide. And one bowl of tapioca pudding.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The KKK will announce universal brotherhood, France will win a war, and Bush will admit it was all about the oil. Ha, ha. Just kidding.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your long-time dream will come true when someone gives you a shark with a frikkin' laser on its head.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A horde of squirrels will overrun your living room, drinking all your Pabst Blue Ribbon and peeing on the drapes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Did President Bush actually accept responsibility for a mistake? Holy crap, it's the first sign of the apocalypse.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) The National Coalition of Ducks will sue Nintendo over Duck Hunt. The judge will say that was 20 years ago. The ducks will say the whole flying-southfor-the-winter thing really messed up their schedules.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You will be very relieved to find out that Mad Cow disease is not sexually transmitted.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You will slip and fall from a 20-story building, but a conveniently placed Rosie O'-Donnel will break your fall.



Why did we get the **Spice Girls,** but none of the British bands that are actually good?

fluke visit from

MTV's Matt Pinfield. In the UK, Pinfield acts like an A&R guy, representing Columbia Records. His impression of Longview was so positive thatpossibly for the first time everthe Brits didn't have to perform once in America before they were signed Stateside. For drummer Al, this worked just fine. "That was more real than playing a showcase to a bunch of corporate types," Al said recently to a San Francisco magazine.

Sadly, not all bands parallel Longview's good fortunein fact many do not make it here at all. Why is this? What could explain the cavernous vortex between success in one Englishspeaking nation and another? Alas, it seems there's no concrete answer.

But a few British bands have their theories.

Tom Chaplin, lead singer of "Keane" said "the competition is fierce [in America]. You have to...work really hard and make them fall in love with your music. That's what we're trying to do, we just have to wait and see if it works." For this guitarless threesome, it certainly did. But Manchester band The Doves argue that mass appeal is the most significant factor in achieving American recognition.

The Doves guitarist Jez argued that few imports could be successful in the States "without heavy rotation on

American radio." And fellow band member Andy added that the terms were unsavory: "We'd never change our music just to get played on the radio."

Do all imports have to alter their formula to be successful in America? "Keane"whose album "Hopes and

Fears" transitioned seamlessly to the States- would say no. But ask Delta Goodrem -who reworked many of her tracks and is rumored to have added guest appearances from people like Robbie Williams to make it even more desirableand her answer may be quite different.

If this is the case, could it be that diehard music fans actually don't want their bands to about it. Just like they are in England: once they get a hold of "their" band, they don't want [them] to get too big."

And if commercializing one's music is so taboo to many musicians, where does that leave the international music fan? Drowned in a sea of empty bubble gum pop, if the likes of Aqua and The Spice

Girls are anything to go by. And consequently, real

American music fans are left with the misguided view that Britain only serves up something truly decent every year or two. Which isn't true.

What you listen to is up to you- the DJ's decision isn't final, even if it means searching 5000 miles for what you really want. Thanks to music stores being bigger and better than ever, import CDs are no longer cost prohibitive.

And if you're content simply to listen to new music rather than buying it, European radio sites offer live feeds to their most popular music shows; www.bbc.co.uk/6music and www.capitalfm.com are great examples.



January 2006 marks the release of a debut album by pop artist Delta Goodrem. US marketing dubs her as a protégé to the likes of Celine Dion- meaning that many of you won't rush out to buy "Innocent Eyes" when it hits shelves early next year.

But with her genre aside, Goodrem acts as a symbol of today's modern import: a little late. "Innocent Eyes" was released in November 2003 in the UK, and March 2003 in her home country of Australia. This is just the beginning. Countless bands have achieved astronomical success over in Europe but have waited 6 months, a year or even longer to parallel their accomplishments in the States.

Take alternative band

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Everything will go wrong in the next week, but on the brighter side, only 87 percent of stuff will go wrong for the next 237 weeks.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb. 18) Your new screen saver will give you an epileptic fit, causing you to regurgitate your lunch, which will pool on your desk in the image of Elvis.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You will discover the phrase "heart-to-heart chat" takes on an entirely new meaning when you're talking to cannibals. "Longview", whose album

"Mercury" took almost 2 years to get to America, and even then it was the result of a be successful?

The Doves' Jez says yes. "People latch onto our music and [are] almost defensive



The Doves would rather not change their music in order to break into the American music scene.

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Thin plot, great animation in 'Corpse Bride'

On the eve of his arranged



Jacob Wiens

What can be said about a little cartoon entitled "Corpse Bride," a film from the gloomy imagination of Tim Burton? The gifted director behind such hits as Edward Scissorhands, Big Fish and Batman now brings us back to his true love: stop-animation.

In 1993, Burton teamed up with Disney to bring us the unforgettable stop-motion-puppet musical "The Nightmare Before Christmas." "Corpse Bride" follows the same animation style as "Nightmare", but has a heart all its own.

marriage to a shy young woman (voiced by Emily Watson), Victor Van Dort (Johnny Depp) panics and takes off to the woods to rehearse his wedding vows. After a rehearsal of the lines, he realizes he has mistakenly married the Corpse Bride (Helena Bonham Carter), who was mysteriously murdered on her wedding night and wants to find her true love. The story follows Victor and his new bride to the underworld and through a journey of true love.

The wonderful voice cast brings these characters to life. Depp could make a car insurance commercial sound great and with a string of hit films under his belt, he seems to do no wrong.

Depp and Burton have teamed up numerous times in the past and that equation always seems to lead to box office gold. Burton makes the settings and visuals the most important part of the film. This was not unexpected; all of his films are visually pleasing.

The round of tunes from Danny Elfman are reminiscent of "Nightmare" but fit the mood of the film nicely. The story behind "Bride" is spread a little thin throughout, but is visually amazing.

"Corpse Bride" is eye candy and that alone is worth the ticket price.

Director: Tim Burton

Voice cast: Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter, Emily Watson, Albert Finney

Rating: PG - some scary images and action, and brief mild language

Discriminating indiscriminately



Comedy Central has a new face for Wednesday night. His name is Carlos Mencia and he's shaking up late night television one racial slur at time.

Mencia isn't your average Me xican comedian who rags on their crazy Mexican households and how funny white people are like the many before him.

What makes Mencia's comedy stand out is that he is successful at offending just about everybody.

From Hispanics to African -Americans, Asians to Homosexuals, and even the mentally retarded - on Mind of Mencia, no group is discriminated against.

Because of that, everyone can't stop laughing.

Mencia is definitely a

new breed of comedian and with the new season of the Chapelle's Show still a question mark, his new show is a breath of fresh air to avid Comedy Central viewers.

Besides, people have heard enough about Rick James and Mencia's show provides an ample supply of fresh quotes to re-tell at recess or at work, depending on your situation.

Mencia may be a rude loud mouth who is angry at the world but he is quite the giver.

Before his show hit the air waves, Mencia ruled the standup circuit. After doing a show in Fresno, he signed the audience's ticket stubs and told them that they could come see a taping of his show in Los Angeles for free if they showed stub.

Those who aren't hating on Mencia can't help loving him. As long as his show doesn't get thrown off the air, there is no doubt that this beaner will keep hitting America where it hurts every Weds at 10:30 p.m.



'Four Brothers' has a little bit of everything



They all do things very differently, but they realize that since they don't have a mother, they need to be closer than ever and cherish every moment that they live together as a family.



"Four Brothers" has a little bit of everything.

This movie is about four brothers

that had an adoptive mother who is murdered during a grocery store holdup.

The Mercer brothers-- Hot-headed Bobby, Hard-Edged Angel, Family man and Business man Jeremiah, and Hardrocking Jack -- Reunite to take the matter of her death into their own hands.

At the funeral, the brothers discover that their mother may have been the victim of a planned murder, and they want revenge. They do a little bit of their own street research and they discover a

gang-oriented crew was behind of the killing of their mother.

Starring Mark Wahlberg, Andre Benjamin, Tyrese Gibson, Gariett Hedlund, and Sofia Vergara, it really makes you think about enjoying what you have alive right now instead of waiting for them to be gone.

The brothers all start to become closer once their mother dies, and they realize that each and every one of them have great goals that they can achieve even if their mother is not around.

This movie is rated R for strong violence, persuasive language and some sexual content.

The reason that some parts are Rrated is because there's a lot of shooting going on in their home where there mother use to live.

Four Brothers

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Singer-songwriter James Blunt breaks the molds with his album 'Back to Bedlam'



Victoria McLoughlin

For singer-songwriter James Blunt, international stardom is just around the corner. His debut album "Back to Bedlam" has sold over 900,000 copies in the UK and airplay this side of the Atlantic has already caused quite a stir. Refreshingly, Blunt is not "the new" anyone.

While his album features whispers of artists like David Gray and Chris Martin on occasion, the Brit never imitates. In fact he couldn't: just when you think there's something John Ondrasik (particularly on Five for Fighting's 100 years) about Blunt's poignant addresses, he breaks into a song like "Wisemen" the melody of which, at times, echoes Elton John on his track "Tiny Dancer". So there you have ithe can't even be pinned down to a nationality, such is his singularity; pretty impressive.

So it makes sense that Blunt breaks the mold with his 10-track offering, which dares to cover subjects like loss, loathing and bravery- as inspired by his time stationed in Bosnia. Indeed, long before he began work on "Back to Bedlam", Blunt acted as a NATO peacekeeper in Kosovo. After a promotion to Captain, he was the first British officer to lead his (30,000) troops to the capital, Pristina. Indeed, there is no doubt that when Blunt sings "I have seen peace, I have seen pain... I have seen birth, I have seen death" in his song "Cry", he means it.

If I had longer to talk about Blunt's extraordinary life, I'd tell you about how he ended up living with Carrie Fisher in LA, how he recorded the track "Goodbye My Lover" in the actress' bathroom or how he was asked to guard the Queen Mother's coffin at her funeral in 2002. But this is an album review.

A slightly more relevant fact about James Blunt and his imminent debut? In his home country, Blunt was able to do the almost unheard of- rise to number 1 in the singles chart six weeks after his album's debut at number 12, as well as topple Coldplay's "X and Y" from its number one position in the UK album chart.

So, what's next for the 28year old song-writing, countrydefending artist, now that he's broken ground in America? An international fan base even stronger than its UK counterpart? Only you can decide that. "Back to Bedlam" will be

released in the US Oct 4 2005.



www.jamesblunt.com



Coming Attractions



Be on the lookout for these and other events taking place on the FCCCampus!

Fresno City College celebrates Latin Heritage Month September 15-October 15

Latin Heritage Month Film Series Thursday, September 22, 1:00pm: *Romero* Tuesday, September 27, 10:00am: *Blood In Blood Out (Bound by Honor)* Tuesday, September 27, 2:00pm: *My Crazy Life (Mi Vida Loca)* Monday, October 3, 1:00pm: *Real Women Have Curves* Tuesday, October 11, 1:00pm: *Salt of the Earth* Thursday, October 13, 1:00pm: Maria Full of Grace

<u>***All films will be shown in the College Center**</u> Some films may contain violence and/or other adult content. Viewer discretion is strongly advised.

PANEL DISCUSSION: LATINO GANGS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 11:00AM IN THE COLLEGE CENTER

FEATURING FORMER GANG MEMBERS, REPS FROM THE FRESNO PD, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS <u>Panel Discussion:</u> <u>Latino Community Leaders</u> Wednesday, October 4, 11:00am in the College Center

Featuring representatives of the media, business, arts, and Latino Activism communities



Open Mic Poetry Jam Friday, September 30, 7:00pm College Center All poets and non-poets are welcome!





2 on 2 Intramural Volleyball—Friday, September 23, 10:00am-2:00pm Sign up NOW in the College CenterI

FCC Football vs. Modesto JC

Club Rush!!



Saturday, October 1, 7:00pm Ratcliffe Stadium

COME SUPPORT YOUR FIGHTING RAMS! Wednesday, October 5, 10:00am-2:00pm Main Fountain Area FOOD! FUN! MUSIC! CLUB INFO!



Get the Royal Treatment! Run for Homecoming King or Queen!

Applications available Friday September 23, in the College Center Applications DUE Friday October 7, by 3:00pm You know you want to...

For more information on these events, please call 559-265-5711