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Rams rev up to meet Pirates



Dallas Blanchard/Rampage

The Rams gear up at a practice to meet the Porterville Pirates at the Homecoming game, coming up this Saturday at Ratcliffe stadium. For a schedule of Homecoming Week events, see Sports on back page.

Students risk arrest by railway police

John R. Graham
Staff writer

Some Fresno City College students have been breaking the law and, if they continue, are in danger of being prosecuted, a railway inspector has said.

Somebody has cut a hole through the fence that runs along the railroad tracks making a shortcut to parking lot S and the Child Development Center, said Inspector W. W. Leavens of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Police Department.

This shortcut is about 800 yards shorter than walking north to Weldon or south to McKinley to cross the tracks.

It has become a regular route for so many students that railway workers are concerned that some-

body may get hurt.

"When you have an accident with a train," said Leavens, "it's usually fatal. We have very few minor injury accidents."

One of his concerns is that students won't hear a "highrail car" coming and will be hit by it. These are fast, high-tech, quiet vehicles that patrol the rails. They can be deadly according to Leavens.

"I just don't want to see somebody hurt," he said. "I'm the one that would be called out to investigate an accident. When somebody's been hit by a train, it's not a pretty sight."

The tracks are railroad property and the railway company is willing to press charges of criminal trespass, Leavens said.

According to Glen LoStracco of the district attorney's office,

criminal trespass is punishable by up to 180 days in jail, a \$1,000 fine or three years probation.

"It's not often that somebody would receive the maximum," said LoStracco.

"A more common sentence would be about ten days on the Adult Offender Work Program (picking up trash along the freeway) plus a fine and probation. If they wouldn't accept the terms of probation, then they'd get jail time."

LoStracco said railroads were "adamant about having their cases prosecuted" and weren't likely to drop the charges just because somebody is a "bright young college student."

Civil liability is one reason that railroads will do anything they can to keep people off their tracks.

Damage suits against railroads are "notoriously high" according to LoStracco. "It's not uncommon to see multi-million dollar judgments against a railroad because they have very deep pockets," he said.

Leavens pointed out that the railroad has a private police department which gets none of the money from the fines when they issue citations.

"We're not doing this for the money," he said. "We would like to see voluntary compliance, but I'd rather issue 100 citations than have one dead student."

LoStracco said that the final sentence only consequence of being cited for a trespass crime.

"The time spent in court, hiring an attorney and the embar-

assment are probably worse than the sentence," he said. "You have to think about all those things."

Enforcement of the railroad right of way is the responsibility of the railroad police but other police officers, including the College Police Department and the Fresno Police Department can also issue citations for criminal trespass.

Other options, such as a tunnel under the tracks or a bridge over them are impractical according to Leavens. Existing bridges are having to be raised to accommodate the large loads trains now carry.

"Security in a tunnel would be impossible, especially at night," said Leavens. "How could we protect students against rape, assault and murder in there?"

Job placement center provides variety of services

Daniel Cabuco
Staff writer

The Job Placement Office is the place to go if you're looking for work. Located on the first level of the Student Services building, it provides job search assistance, resume reviews, interview skill building, on-campus interviews, job fairs, and career days. The Job Placement Office of-

fers its services to full and part-time students as well as graduates and alumni.

Students who have completed their academic programs and are seeking career positions can work with a job placement coordinator for in-depth job search assistance.

Students can pick up pamphlets at the office that explain how to use the facilities.

Students seeking employment or work experience are encour-

aged to use job placement.

"There's nothing more discouraging than having a good job opening and having no one go out for it," said Ruth Tarver, coordinator for job placement services. "And that has happened before."

Following the belief that a job should not interfere with a successful education, work experience is a large part of placement services.

Work experience allows a stu-

dent to receive academic credit for work relating to his or her major.

Tarver, who coordinates most of the office's activities, has many plans for job placement in the future.

To make the office more efficient, the move to computers has already been set in motion and should be ready by mid October.

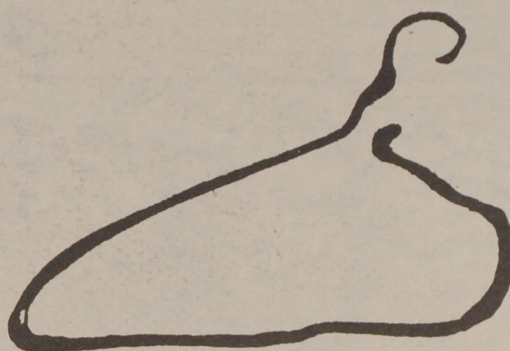
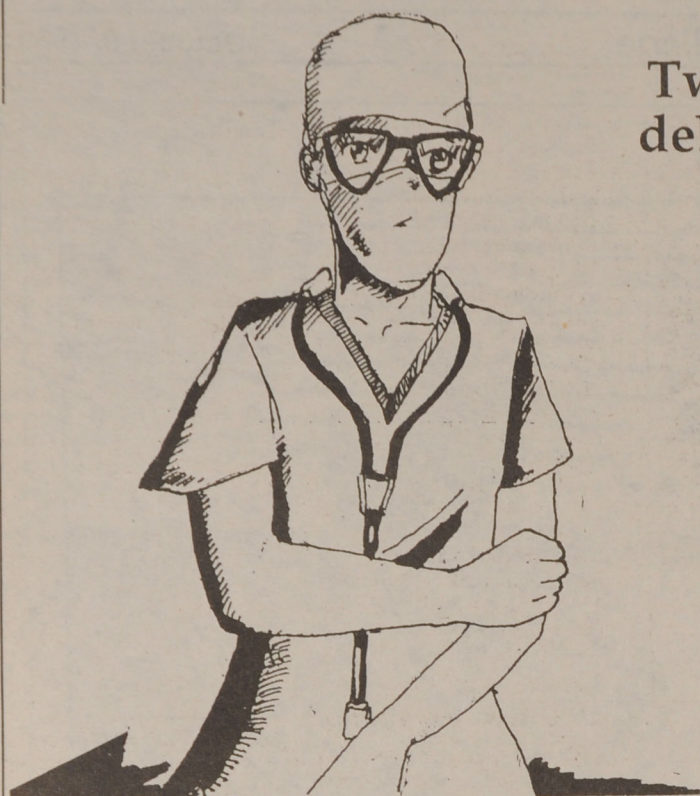
"[The computer] will allow us to instantly match the right job with the right person," said Tarver.

Besides the career fair in spring, Tarver is also considering a mini job fair for the upcoming holiday season to take advantage of the increased employment demand at that time.

She also hopes to bring more employers to FCC to build full time career opportunity.

The Job Placement Office will move to the upper floor where it will have expanded facilities in October.

Two alternatives in the abortion debate...



...which side are you on?

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Two sides speak out on Operation Rescue controversy

Rescue protesters violate basic American principles

Dean Owens
Guest opinion writer

"The right of the people to peaceably assemble," and the right to voice an opinion are both part of the First Amendment of the Constitution. We in the United States are very lucky to have the chance to protest any issue or policy and to be involved with the governmental processes which affect our lives.

Yet today, there are people who refuse to become involved with legitimate processes of our legal system and who violate others' rights by violently denying access to facilities which provide many services other than abortions.

Last March, at Family Planning Associates in Fresno, more than 100 Operation Rescue members were arrested for trespassing, unlawful assembly and failure to disperse when they decided that they were above the law.

This is self-righteousness at its worst. These people have no right to restrict others from deciding whether they wish to go to these clinics, for whatever reason.

Our nation was based on the principles of individual freedom and the right to make choices as we see fit.

The radical group, Operation Rescue, continues to attempt to destroy these rights and freedoms which have been part of our society since the onset of its creation.

By allowing these militant, un-American individuals to protest in the manner they have chosen, we are allowing them to rip the fabric of our society by disregarding our Constitution. When we begin ignoring the Bill of Rights, we begin losing our civilization.

These people are willing to disregard the laws of our nation and so are eager to ignore the basis of our civilization. These radicals are not protesting the abortion issue, they are protesting the American system of law and order which we have worked so diligently to protect for the last 214 years.

Whether they are right or wrong about abortion is irrelevant. They have broken both federal and state laws and now must pay the price for their lack of regard for our freedom and our way of life.

Judge R. L. Putnam's verdict this past Thursday sends a clear message to the militant Operation Rescue people to go with the system instead of trying to fight it. By continuing to buck the system, they are losing what little legitimacy they had to bad publicity.

If they are going to protest, they can at least do it peacefully and in a manner which doesn't infringe on the rights of others.

Pro-choice side guilty of 'semantic sleight of hand'

Diane Napier
Guest opinion writer

The treatment of the recent Operation Rescue trial by Fresno Municipal Court and its media coverage involved a lot of misleading terminology and an unfair portrayal of the intentions of the so-called protesters.

For one, Operation Rescue is not a protest group but a movement of people committed to stopping the daily killing of more than 4,000 babies by abortion across the United States. Thus they are not protesters but rescuers.

The misnomer may seem minor but it is one of many involved in the abortion debate.

For example, those who believe abortion on demand should be a legal right are not called "pro-abortion" by the media but "pro-choice." That's interesting since Dr. Wright, the abortionist at Fresno Family Planning, testified at a pretrial hearing for Rescuers that the clinic does not discuss the baby with women who come in for counseling. (By the way, what "counsel" do you think they give women when they stand to make over \$200 cash for each abortion performed?)

How can a woman make an intelligent "choice" when half the choice is not even discussed? Any woman considering an

abortion should have the right to know that if she is eight weeks pregnant, the unborn baby has its own brain waves, heartbeat, and fingerprints, and that it can feel pain.

The legal definition of life is based on whether there are measurable brain waves, so even as early as the first trimester, the fetus is already a living individual. However, according to Dr. Wright, it is no more human than your appendix or a "cancerous growth."

Randall Terry, founder of Operation Rescue, has said that if the media would show abortion for what it is, it would cause national outrage.

Instead, the media and the pro-abortion camp keep talking about "rights" while avoiding what an abortion does. It's actually semantic "sleight of hand." They talk about a woman's unlimited right to abort a baby being part of her right to control what goes on within her body, but fail to address the right of the baby.

By the way men, if she wants to abort the baby that is a result of your shared conception, sorry, you have no rights in the matter,

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Letters to the editor

Attacks editorial 'castle'

Paul Edward's editorial on the Bush drug plan (September 15) reminds me of a saying I once heard to the effect that: "Dreamers build castles in the sky." It seems to me that not only did Mr. Edwards build such a castle, but he has taken up residence therein.

The crux of his argument was that President Bush is addressing the effects of the drug problem rather than the causes. Mr. Edwards' solution is that we ought to be "formulating working solutions to the ... problems of poverty, social stratification, and the erosion of the inner-city family

structure."

And just how does he suggest that we do this? He doesn't. How can we solve problems like poverty and social stratification? Should we start paying tomato pickers the same as doctors and lawyers? Maybe we could buy new BMWs for all the nation's fast-food workers.

The reality of the situation is that poverty will always be there; social stratification is always present in civilization; and the family structure is a problem for communities and individuals to deal with—not the government.

We need to get serious about this problem and wake up to reality. America's founda-

tions were laid upon the base of individual liberty. That doesn't just mean freedom of speech and freedom of the press. It also means the freedom and responsibility to clean up our own messes without expecting the Federal Government to do it all for us.

Poverty, social stratification, erosion of the family structure—these aren't the causes of the drug problem, they're the excuses. The fundamental cause at the heart of the matter is lack of character. Drugs are harmful to the body, the psyche, the family, and society as a whole. When a person can overlook the fact that his actions are under-

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More News



Dallas Blanchard/Rampage

Guitarist Jimmy Lee Vaughn performs with the Fabulous Thunderbirds Saturday night at the Fresno Fair at the Paul Paul Theater.

Miscellaneous news in brief

Short term classes begin

FCC's short term classes for fall 1989 begin October 16. These classes are available for students who have drop classes need to recoup lost units, and for students who were not able to start at the regular time. For more information call the Admissions Office at 442-4600.

\$2000 vocational grant

For students planning to pursue a vocational/technical course in college the Elks National Foundation is offering a \$2,000 vocational grant. Students interested in an associates degree, certificate or diploma are eligible for the grant. Applications are available in the FCC's Student Service Building in Room 108, deadline is Novem-

ber 25. For more information call FCC's School Relations Office at 442-8225.

Art exhibit

FCC's Art Space Gallery is holding a "Fiber and Mixed Innovations" exhibition October 5-27. The exhibition is being held in the Art/Economics Building.

Dr. Edward Teller at FSU

Nuclear scientist Dr. Edward Teller will speak on "Peace Through Technology" at Fresno State University in the Residence Hall Dining Room October 10 at 7 p.m. The dinner price for the public is \$20. Tickets are available by calling 252-3333 or 252-5607; 431-0954 or 255-7220.

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mining everything he holds dear just for a temporary sensation of euphoria, then there is something wrong with that person, and it isn't a socio-economic problem either. It is a clear-cut case of moral bankruptcy, plain and simple.

Yes, we do need a war on drugs. But we need to understand that this isn't a war against a distant enemy. This is a civil war. We are at war with ourselves. Just as in the first American Civil War, there are bound to be countless casualties. But if the American people will pull together like they have in so many past crises, then I can foresee the end of the drug problem and an era of reconstruction that will put our nation back on the right track.

Mark Ross

Lectures to feature Edwin Newman, distinguished guests

Siege Diddy

Contributing writer

Town Hall, Inc. will feature a series of six lectures for the 1989-90 season. All lectures will be held at Fresno's William Saroyan Theatre at 10:30 a.m.

The season will open on October 11 with widely-known author and newsman Edwin Newman. He was the head of NBC bureaus in London and Rome, and an anchor of new programs as well as a host of countless documentaries. He is well-known for views on the state of the English language and will speak on preserving a civil tongue.

Michael Josephson, educator, law professor and businessman, and founder of the Josephson Institute for the Advancement of Ethics will speak on November 15. He will focus on the pursuit of ethics in America.

Terry Lynn Karl, a professor of political science at Stanford University, will lecture on the Central American crisis on January 17, 1990.

Stephen A. Garrett, a professor of International Policy Studies at the Monterey Institute of International Studies, will focus on the development of the CIA and will discuss the moral and pragmatic considerations surrounding the use of covert action. He will speak on February 14.

Nien Cheng, author of the best seller *Life and Death in Shanghai*, will tell her story of imprisonment and torture under the Red Guard during China's Cultural Revolution.

Hedrick Smith, Pulitzer Prize winning New York Times reporter, will close the season on April 18, 1990 with a lecture on the Soviet Union.

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but if your name goes on the birth certificate (even if you didn't want a child) you have the "right" to pay child support for the next 18 years.

But don't feel alone, the baby doesn't have a choice, either.

The rhetoric describing the pro-life side is also misleading. The media describe anyone pro-life as "anti-abortion," a term which emphasizes the procedure rather than the issue of life that pro-life is concerned with. I have never met anyone who was against aborting in cases such as a tubal pregnancy, in which the lives of both the mother and child are in danger.

Our judicial system is also biased. At the trial of the first group of Rescuers, Judge R. L. Putnam disallowed the defense because he

had decided beforehand that abortion would not be discussed with the jury present.

The assumption that a fetus is not human is not universal in courts. Two weeks ago, the D. A.'s office charged a man accused of murdering his girlfriend with double homicide because she was five-and-a-half weeks pregnant.

So, the legal definitions of the unborn's status are subjective at best. If a woman values her baby as a human being, the law says it is; if she doesn't, the law agrees it is not.

Isn't that the bottom line in the abortion debate---not whether it is killing a human being, but whether that human being has any value? And that's a frightening question for our society to be asking.

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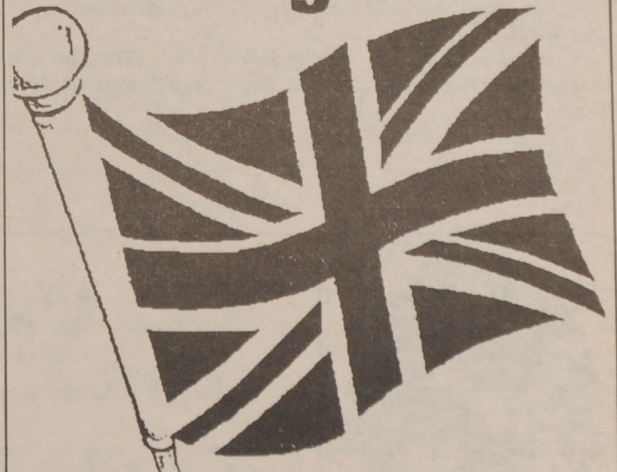
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Tash Stubblefield/Rampage

Ken Fontes uses a sulfex move to throw Manuel Hurtado during wrestling practice last week in the gym.

FCC Homecoming Week events

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| Monday, Oct. 9 | Noon | Gladiator Fights | Free Speech Area |
| Monday Oct. 9 | Noon | Tug of War | Free Speech Area |
| Tuesday, Oct. 10 | Noon | Dating Game | Fountain Area |
| Wednesday, Oct. 11 | Noon | Mud Wrestling | Free Speech Area |
| Thursday, Oct. 12 | Noon | Ram Relays | Free Speech Area |
| Friday, Oct. 13 | 11 a.m. | Powder Puff Football | Ratcliffe Practice Field |
| Friday, Oct. 13 | 11 a.m. | Miss Intramural Competition | Free Speech Area |
| Saturday, Oct. 14 | 4:30 p.m. | Tailgate Party | Ratcliffe Practice Field |

Miss Intramural will be judged on poise, swimsuit competition, intramural response and appearance.
The Tailgate Party will include volleyball, frisbee toss and a lot of other fun.

Upcoming sports calendar

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| Oct. 7 | Wrestling | 9 a.m. | Cuesta Tournament at San Luis Obispo |
| Oct. 7 | Football | 7 p.m. | Sacramento City College at Sacramento |
| Oct. 10 | Soccer | 3:30 p.m. | Rams at Delta |
| Oct. 11 | Volleyball | 7 p.m. | Kings River Community College at FCC |
| Oct. 13 | Soccer | 3:30 p.m. | Santa Rosa Junior College vs Rams at FCC |
| Oct. 13 | Volleyball | 7 p.m. | FCC at Taft |

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| Tuesday | October 17 - 8 a.m. to 12 noon |
| Thursday | October 19 - 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. |

Women's volleyball ranked 16th in state

Jeannette Baeza
Staff writer

The women's volleyball team is preparing for league competition starting October 13. The group has played several preseason tournaments, making it to the playoffs each time, said coach Susan Yates.
There are six returning players and seven new freshmen on the team. "The group is very fast, in excellent shape, strong hitting and is strong defensively," stated Yates. "Their weakness would be playing together as a team." Yates explained that is why they play so many preseason tournaments. "They come from all over the area and this lets them get used to playing together."
"It is hard to say how well the team will do overall. You just never know," said Yates. The group is currently ranked 16 among 76 community colleges in the state.
The team captains are second-year members Laura Cox and Laura Teran. The starting line-up consists of outside hitters Teran, Cox, Lasonia Cole, Robyn Pseis, Middle blocker Michele Maher, setters Dara Dale and Jennifer Mobley.
On October 12, the team will play at Taft College. They will participate in the DeAnza College Tournament in Cupertino October 22. On October 25, they will play Allan Hancock college in Santa Maria.



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