



Rape suspect strikes near FCC campus FCC prexy named

By Michelle Brennan

A Fresno City College student was raped just two blocks away from the campus two weeks ago at approximately 5 a.m.

This is just one of several sexual attacks which have taken place in the the Tower District in the past few weeks.

The attacks have all taken place during the early hours of the morning.

The attacker is armed with a semi-automatic handgun and wears a ski mask, said Detective Al Murrietta of the Fresno Police Department's Sexual Assault Unit.

Though similarities exist in the attacks, Detective Murrietta said that the Fresno Police Department is "not dismissing nor divulging the fact" that it may or may not be a single attacker.

During a recent stake-out, Detective Murrietta said he was shocked by the amount of "legal" activity taking place throughout the early morning hours between 2 a.m. to 6 a.m.

This makes it difficult to recognize a "suspicious individual," says Detective Murrietta.

"People seem to have gotten lazy in regard to personal protection," says Detective Murrietta.

The Fresno Police Department suggested people lock their doors and windows and keep an outside light on to help prevent future attacks.

One of the rape victims prior to the FCC student was able to see her attackers face. The composite drawing of her attacker is based on her description.



Suspect is described as an Hispanic male age 25-30. He is approximately 5'6"- 6' tall, weighs between 140-160 pounds with a mustache. He is noted for wearing a long sleeved plaid shirt or long sleeved burgandy sweatshirt and dark, baggy pants.

If you have any information on the suspect please notify the Fresno Police Department's Sexual Assault Unit at 498-4403.

By Jodi Zewe

Dr. Brice W. Harris was appointed President of Fresno City College by the State Center Community College District Board of Trustees last Tuesday.

William J. Smith, president of SCCC Board of Trustees, described Harris as a well-respected educator who has been active in his Kansas City community and in outreach for the Metropolitan Community Colleges system.

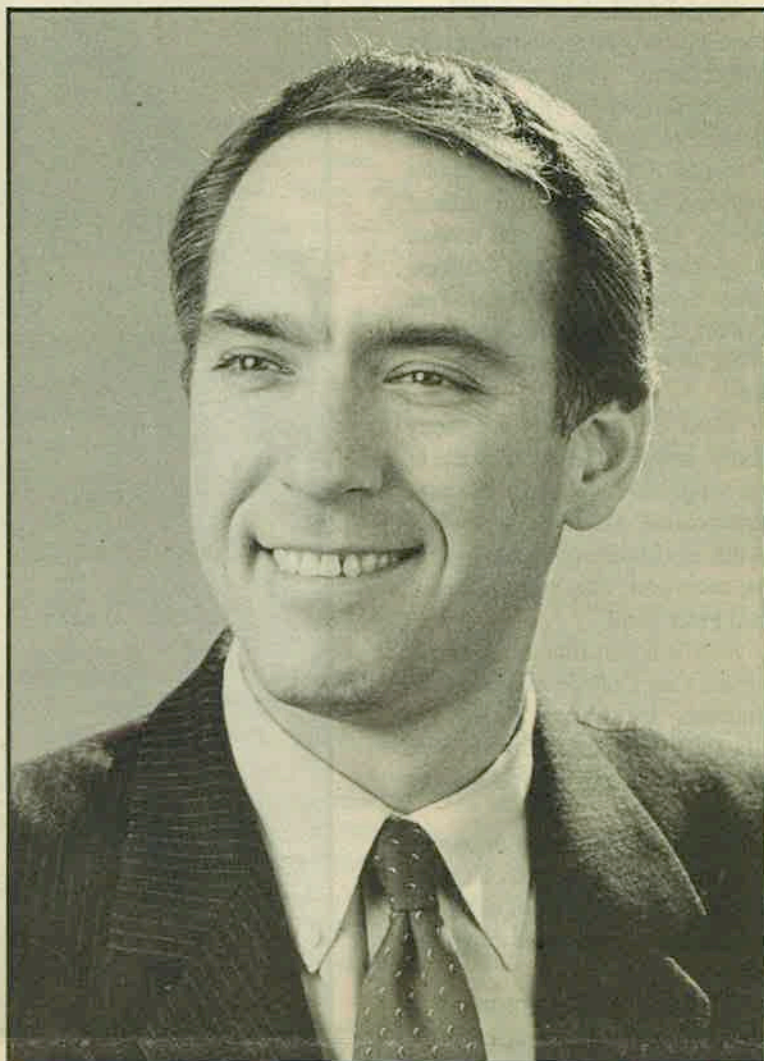
Harris was selected from a pool of more than 40 candidates who applied for the FCC presidency.

His career began as an educator in 1972 in a three-college system with the 52,000 students. He has held various positions including assistant to the chancellor, instructor of communication and theater and associate dean of instructional services.

Harris said he is looking forward to FCC's challenging problems like tight budgets and overcrowding.

"You don't want to go into a college or district where there are no challenges," said Harris.

Harris holds a doctorate in higher education administration from Nova University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; a masters degree in communication and theater from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville; and a bachelor's degree in communication and theater from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in



New FCC president: Dr. Brice Harris

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He has been involved with community campaigns concerning a wide range of issues from adult literacy to pornography. He is also

a licensed foster parent.

Harris is replacing Ernest R. Leach, who resigned in May, and will begin his term on December 2, 1991.

Six men inducted into FCC football Wall of Fame Scholarships available for almost anyone at FCC



Five newly inducted Wall of Famers from left to right: Mike Long, Jack Mattox, Mike Freeman, Ron Chapanian, and Vestee Jackson. Missing from photo: Rick Jelmini.

By Scott A. Mayes

On a night filled with kickoffs, pass receptions, and quarterback sacks, six men out of uniform stole the spotlight.

Six former Ram student/athletes were inducted into the Fresno City

College "Wall of Fame" during halftime of the home opener on September 28.

The annual "Wall of Fame Game" honored Jack Mattox, Ron Chapanian, Mike Freeman, Mike Long, Rick Jelmini, and Vestee Jackson Sr. in the 1991 ceremony.

"I am quite honored in this selection," said Mike Freeman, "a lot of fine individuals have made great contributions to the Fresno City College Athletic Program. To be grouped in this category is a great honor."

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By Jennifer Neeley

Students receive financial help from Fresno City College's scholarship program every year.

"Without the financial help," said FCC School Relations Coordinator Kenneth R. Chavez, "many students would be financially unable to attend Fresno City."

A wide array of scholarships are awarded to students. "For this school semester," Chavez said, "92 scholarships were awarded, amounting to about \$19,000 in aid to students."

Chavez further said that the average award per scholarship ranges from \$200 to \$250, issued annually. Half the total is issued per semester after the first two weeks of school to ensure the student does not drop out.

This year, 350 students applied for scholarships. Each is eligible for only one scholarship, said Chavez.

"A common misconception among students is that you have to have a 4.0 grade point average," he noted. "In reality, most of our scholarships are based on financial need first."

As a result, Chavez said that the scholarship office advertises in *The Rampage* and *City At Large* when applications are being accepted.

Most students who receive scholarships come from student outreach programs at local high schools which recruit in-coming freshman. Chavez said that about 60 percent of recipients are freshmen and the remaining 40 percent are returning students.

Most scholarships do not have unusual requirements. Some are based on race, gender and academics, according to Chavez.

In memory of a former FCC student, an unusual award was recently set up for graduates of Sierra High School who now serve with the ASB. It will be given for the first time this spring, Chavez said.

He added that few scholarships go unawarded. If it does happen, he usually contacts the dean of the specific department the scholarship is designed for and asks for recommendations.

The application deadline for the spring semesters scholarships is March 2.

Mental Radio offers "fun" sound to Valley listeners

By Jodi Zewe

Mental Radio is a unique local band with original sound and diversified talent. From message-oriented to just-for-fun, their songs are favored by the area's young adults.

Mental Radio is comprised of a kaleidoscope of talented musicians: Robert Gaddis, 26, lead singer/songwriter and rhythm guitarist; John Scheidt, 27, bassist; Pete Gorritz, 25, lead guitarist; and Peter Wolf, 24, drummer and percussionist.

"Most of our songs are pretty goofy, just guy-girl songs. Some of our songs have a message. We have a song called 'Abandon Ship,' which is our environmental tune, but for the most part, they're fun songs," said Peter Wolf.

Wolf is a part-time art major at Fresno City College as well as the drummer for *Mental Radio*. No stranger to the music industry, Wolf has been involved in music since he was 12.

"My first performing ensemble in a band was when I was 12 years old. I performed in front of all the parents at the sixth grade thing," he said.

"My band teacher got me on a drum set, got a bass player and a guitar player and we all sang these two songs, 'The King of The Road' and 'Big John.'"

Wolf has come a long way since then. At 17, he moved to Los Angeles in search of the "golden opportunity" and was picked up by a band.

The band that picked up Wolf said they saw great potential in him. "They paid for my apartment and studio time and said, 'play the drums.' I said 'great, I'll do it,'" Wolf said.

He stayed in L.A. for two years before returning to Fresno.

Wolf was initially hired as a studio musician to back the songwriting

and singing of Robert Gaddis. Gaddis was going to record a few of his songs to present to future publishers. Gaddis and Wolf soon realized that their possibilities were endless. Not long after, Pete Gorritz and John Scheidt joined in and together they formed *Mental Radio*. The band played its first gig in May of 1990.

Gorritz and Scheidt are no strangers to music either. Gorritz picked up a guitar at 14 and has been playing ever since. He is influenced by the likes of Jimi Hendrix, Van Halen and B.B. King but he says he has his own style.

"I don't think I really sound like

anyone else as far as being a carbon copy. I play a mish-mash of a lot of things," Gorritz said.

Scheidt has been playing for approximately 12 years. His background is mainly in heavy metal and hard rock but he doesn't see any of the various backgrounds as a problem. Scheidt thinks *Mental Radio's* unique sound appeals to all types of people.

"We can play to all college people and then we can go over to a heavy metal crowd and play to them," Scheidt said, "I don't think we're really trying to go for one specific group of people. We're trying to cover as much territory as we can

and bring all of these different people together."

Scheidt describes *Mental Radio's* music as "an alternative type of rock. It's not heavy metal, it's rock and roll with a twist. It's like reggae, pop, funk and dance."

"There's a lot of depressing music out there," Wolf said, "There aren't that many bands that are out there doing stuff that makes people happy. We like to take people through the gamut of emotions in our performances."

The group seems to think that the songwriting and lead vocals of Rob Gaddis give *Mental Radio* their unique edge. The songs are the

"thought provoking" backbone of the band.

Mental Radio may not always get the response they want. According to Wolf, Fresno Audiences are highly apathetic and sometimes they don't clap.

"There's always going to be some people that aren't going to like us," said Gorritz, "We're kind of unusual, our music might provoke a little thought. It's not that we're political or anything, but our music makes you think."

Mental Radio's next gig will be at FCC. They can be heard playing a benefit to raise money for the Student Union on October 12.



Cheerleading team

By Scott A. Mayes

As a chemist combines hydrogen and oxygen to form water, the 1991 cheer squad is forming success by mixing the elements of fun and dedication.

This year's eight member squad is under the direction of student/coach Jodi Campbell. The cast includes: Campbell, Captain Toni Edwards, Monica Maldonado, Annette Hardy, Claudia Davis, Arlene Cortez, Hayley Philp, and Dawnette Rollins.

After summer camp at UC Santa Barbara the squad looks forward to pep rallies and cheering at FCC sporting events.

In addition to these activities, cheer clinics are held periodically for younger, potential members. The most recent one took place in Easton, south of Fresno, for the 12-13 year old age group.

Each member must have a minimum of four years of previous cheering experience. In addition to games and other cheer activities, all members are required to participate in six hours of practice each week and maintain a 2.0 G.P.A.

The role for cheerleaders changes quite a bit as students enter college. "The attitude is much more serious in college. Cheerleading is no longer a thing of popularity," said cheerleader Claudia Davis.

The overall goal of college cheerleading is to have fun as well as do a job. Coach Jodi Campbell looks on her squad as a job within a job.

First, Campbell must do her best to insure success. Second, she added, "We must realize that it's our job to keep the crowd in the game. That's our goal as well as our job. We will be sufficiently able to do that as this year's team brings in an ample amount of cheer, pep, and dancing experience."



Photo by Cory Tyk

Injury twists volleyball team line-up

By Scott A. Mayes

With a season ending injury to outside hitter Lisa Aten, the Rams have been forced into a new offense. The change displays an offense with one setter rather than two, as the previous offense had. The 14-member squad is adapting well to the challenge.

Aten suffered two torn ligaments in her right knee taking her out of play for the rest of the season.

This year's team is headed by middle blockers Annie Lovett and Michelle Haworth. Outside hitters are Frances Bynum and DeAnn Jackson.

The weakside blocker will be Susan Graham from Fresno High School. The setter is Madera's Raelene Sesock.

The team will also feature two defensive specialists— Merry Moreno and Monica Gomez.

Joylene Kerber and Maria Esquivel are 1991-92 redshirt players.

Team Captain Annie Lovett looked upon the injuries as a positive: "We have acquired the ability to shake it off and adapt. There is a point where we gel as an entire unit.



Anne Lovett (left) and Lisa Aten (right) perfecting their technique at a recent practice.
Photo by Selina Castillo

When injuries occur, we just have to work that much harder to get back to that point."

Sophomore Monica Gomez added, "Injuries give diversity to the team. It gives others a chance to step in and prove themselves."

Despite the setback, the Rams have opened their season on a positive note. They did so by placing fourth in a 17-team field at the Yuba College tournament. They followed this effort by winning their division at the UC Davis tournament.

"Overall," in the words of Coach Susan Yates, "hard work is going to pay off in the future. Changing the offense midstream is going to cause confusion. In the long run, it will make us stronger."

Turnovers key in Rams' loss to Laney

By Scott A. Mayes

In a game characterized by seven FCC turnovers, the Rams lost their own battle—the battle of ball possession.

The Rams gave up four interceptions and three fumbles in a 14-10 upset loss to Laney College on September 28.

Last Saturday's home-opener marked the Ram's first loss of the season.

Laney College entered the game ranked 17th in the state while FCC was ranked eighth.

Following this weekend's bye the Ram's will host Sacramento City College on October 11 for their league-opener.

According to Ram linebacker Steve Crombie, "There is always a certain excitement about league openers. This year's defense is characterized by a crew of hard workers and over-achievers. If mistakes are made, they happen at 100 mph. This element should add to the excitement."

WALL from front page

There are two levels of recognition on the Fresno City College "Wall of Fame." To be inducted is the initial step. The greatest honor is to be inducted as a Fresno City College "cornerstone."

Jack Mattox is the "cornerstone" of 1991.

Mattox graduated from Clovis High in 1956 where he was a member of the football, basketball, and track teams.

Following a two year stint at FCC, Mattox attended Fresno State.

In his senior year, Mattox was selected as an All-California Collegiate Athletic Association Lineman and Co-Captain.

Mattox went on to play with the Denver Broncos during the 1961 and 1962 seasons. He began his coaching career in 1964 at Citrus College.

Fate brought Mattox back to FCC where he currently is employed. His 25 consecutive seasons as a fulltime member of the football coaching staff has not been equaled.

Ron Chapanian was a Ram fullback graduating in 1951. Chapanian set an FCC record with 17 rushing touchdowns in 1951 which still stands today.

Chapanian followed his career to Santa Clara and Fresno State before joining the Army football team.

The career of this highly-touted fullback stopped rather abruptly when he tore cartilage in his right knee.

Chapanian currently owns the Chapanian Furniture Company.

Vestee Jackson Sr. was a versatile all-around player.

The 1957 graduate of Edison High School played offensive running back, defensive linebacker, and participated on the FCC track team.

Jackson's career was highlighted by a three touchdown performance against Reedley College. The Rams won 21-12 and Jackson rushed for

199 yards.

Today, Jackson is employed by ABC Direct in Los Angeles. His son, Vestee Jackson Jr. is a cornerback for the Chicago Bears.

Mike Long and Rick Jelmini played for the Rams in 1972 and 1973. Long was a linebacker and Jelmini was a Ram quarterback.

Mike Long was a first team JC Grid Wire All-America selection as well as an All-Valley Conference first team pick.

Long pursued a career in dentistry. Following his football career, he studied Dentistry at the University of Pacific. Long opened his Fresno practice in 1980.

Rick Jelmini received honorable mention on the JC Grid Wire team. He was also selected as the All-Valley conference quarterback.

Jelmini transferred to Fresno State before ending his career due to injury. A shoulder separation in 1974 turned Jelmini towards Dentistry, like his former teammate.

Jelmini studied Dentistry at Georgetown before opening his Fresno practice in 1983.

Mike Freeman graduated from McLane High School in 1963. This defensive back was a hit at FCC scoring an All-Valley Conference selection in his sophomore season.

At Fresno State, Freeman's talent continued to shine.

Freeman was selected to the All-California Collegiate Athletic Association and the All-Coast team. Freeman highlighted his college career by receiving Honorable Mention All-America status.

1968 saw Freeman in the NFL as an Atlanta Falcon where he played until 1970.

Freeman completed his post-graduate studies at Fresno State and received a Master's Degree in Physical Education. He has spent the last 15 years at the Clovis Unified School District.

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Survey says students have six concerns

By Barbara Burnett

The Student Welfare Committee survey has revealed six areas of student concern.

These six areas include: the high cost of books, crowded class rooms, overflowing parking lots, priority registration, the lack of enough teachers, and the long lines throughout the registration period.

The Committee addresses a different topic at each meeting. The meetings are held every other week on Wednesday at 3 p. m. in room BE-221. There will be guest speakers for these topics along with some other issues that the Committee has collected.

"Student Welfare will address any need or direct it to another committee," according to Mike Mattox, who sits on the Committee.

The Committee, chaired by Bill Bertolani, reports back to the Academic Senate made up of faculty members.

FCC Homecoming week begins Monday

By Ann Ridolfi

FCC Family Comes Home: Homecoming Week Begins Oct. 7 By Ann Ridolfi

If it's fall, it must be Fresno city College Homecoming. Students past and present, staff and the community, will participate in a variety of week-long events ending with a football game between the Rams and the Sacramento City Panthers on Friday, October 11.

"It's important that students support and take part in Homecoming. A lot of effort and resources go into the annual event," says Greg Simmons, AS president pro-tempore. "Bring your friends. It's open to everyone."

"We also need volunteers to help decorate, make streamers, signs and so forth."

Campus organizations will be active in homecoming also, says Simmons who serves as campus coordinator of clubs. Some clubs will man booths. Some will provide

ethnic foods for sale.

The three main events, says Simmons, will be Friday's rally the morning of the football game, the tailgate party before the game, and,

of course, the game. AS cardholders will be admitted to the game free of charge.

Students who wish to help can get involved by going to the AS

office. But the main thing is to enjoy the week. Alumni will be able to gather together, since the founding of the FCC Alumni Association last semester, says Simmons.

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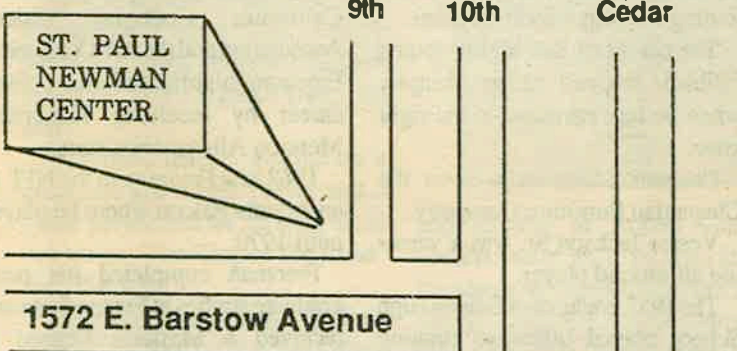
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