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Letter from the Editor

As time goes by, it seems that we fail to recognize our stepping stones of life. We continually push forward toward a future unknown, never really recognizing how we came into the present in which we all reside. It is time to look back to our achievements of yesterday and remember our historic community, campus and institution as it was back then. I dedicate this issue to all the visionaries of the pastime who through their hard work and dreams made all that is possible for what we see today and to our readers who actually take the time of the present day to honor it.

-- Darren B. Angelos

TODAY FCC THEN FJC...

1910

Fresno City College first opened its doors in the fall of 1910 under the roof of the old Fresno Technical High School building at Stanislaus and 'O' streets. Three instructors welcomed 20 students in the first class on opening day.

The college, labeled 'FJC', later became known as the first junior college in the United States as it acquired its status by the members of the California Historical Landmarks Advisory Committee on Friday, September 17, 1965. - Fall 1965, FCC Bulletin

DEDICATION AS FIRST JC

1965

It was September 17, 1965, the day Fresno City College became dedicated as the state's first junior college. Arch Bradshaw, then FCC's President, unveiled the landmark with Richard McCarthy, chairman of the California Historical Landmarks Advisory Committee.

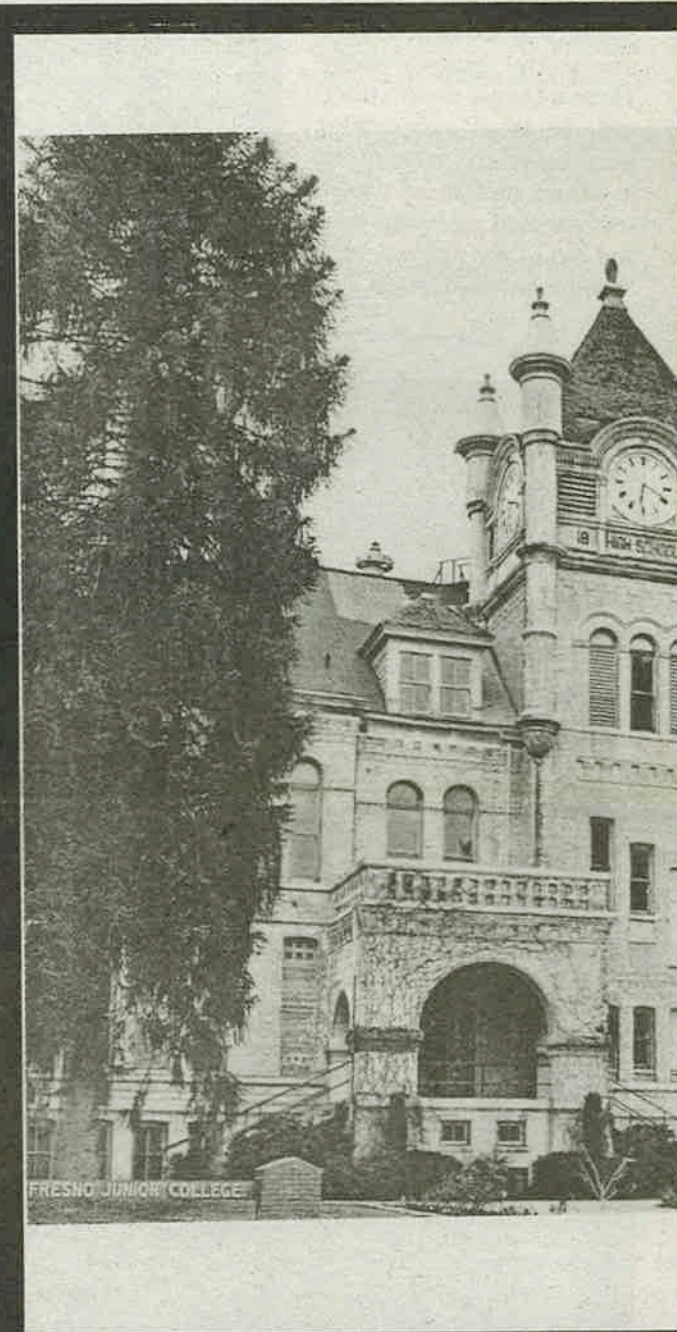
The historical landmark was founded on the corner of Stanislaus and O streets and today is listed as California Landmark no. 803 in the committee's listings. Also present in the photo are Ronald Primavera, student body president of 1965 and Stuart M. White, superintendent of the State Center 'Junior' College District of the same year. State Center Junior College District is known today as the State Center Community College District.



Dedication landmark



FCC president 1965



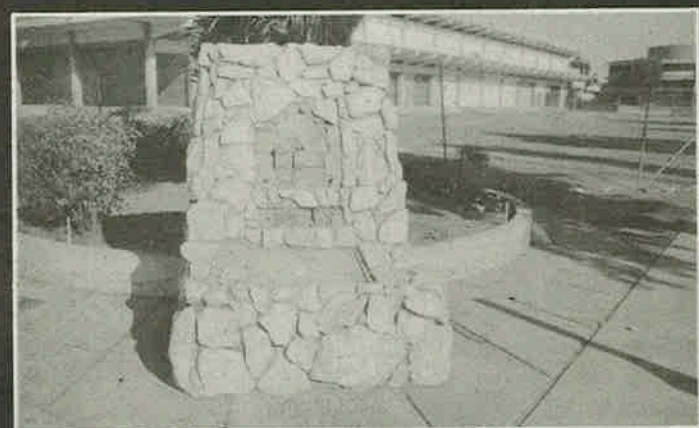
Campus Site 1948

EXISTING LANDMARK AT PRESENT

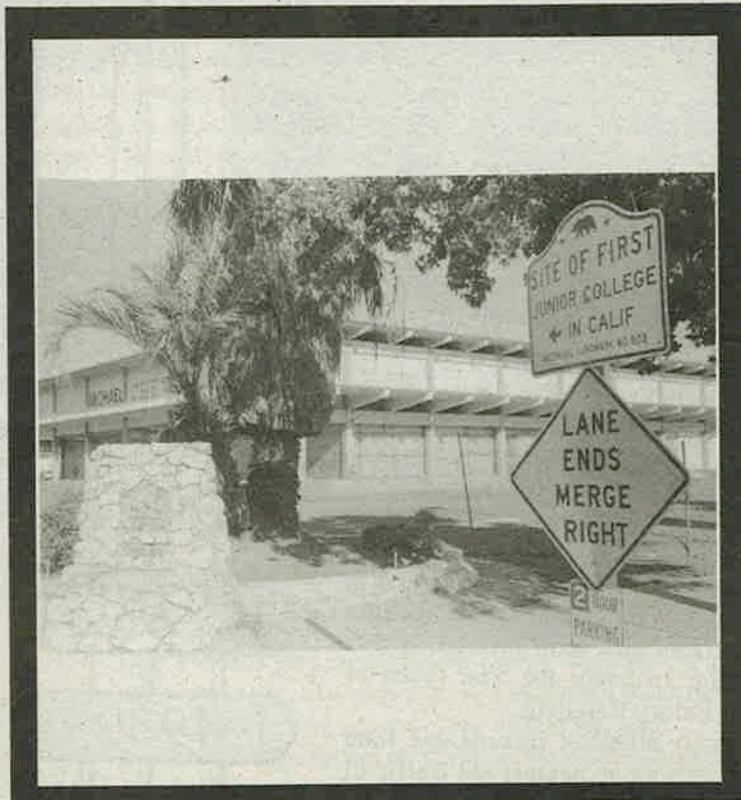
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The photographs to the left indicate what the location of Fresno Junior College appears as today indicating the progression of time and modernization. Nothing is left that resembles the structure from the past but a abandoned car dealership from the 70's.

The historic site was originally the first location of Fresno High School in 1896, One-Hundred years ago exactly on this month. The school remained for 14 years at this location before turning into Fresno Junior College, the original site of Fresno City College as we know it today.



Relic of the past victim of vandalism



A landmark gone, replaced by an empty lot

TURNING BACK THE CLOCK OF TIME

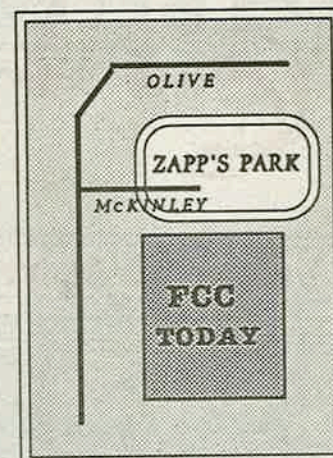
Located in the vicinity of Blackstone and Olive avenues Zapp's was a recreational park and playland for all ages housing one of California's first rollercoasters and the only one of its kind in the valley.

At the time of printing of this issue, exact zoning was not determined about the boundry of the park in relation to our campus today. There were not many streets and the areas surrounding were basically agricultural in nature and the area itself was deemed as being rural and out of the city's normal 'downtown' population.

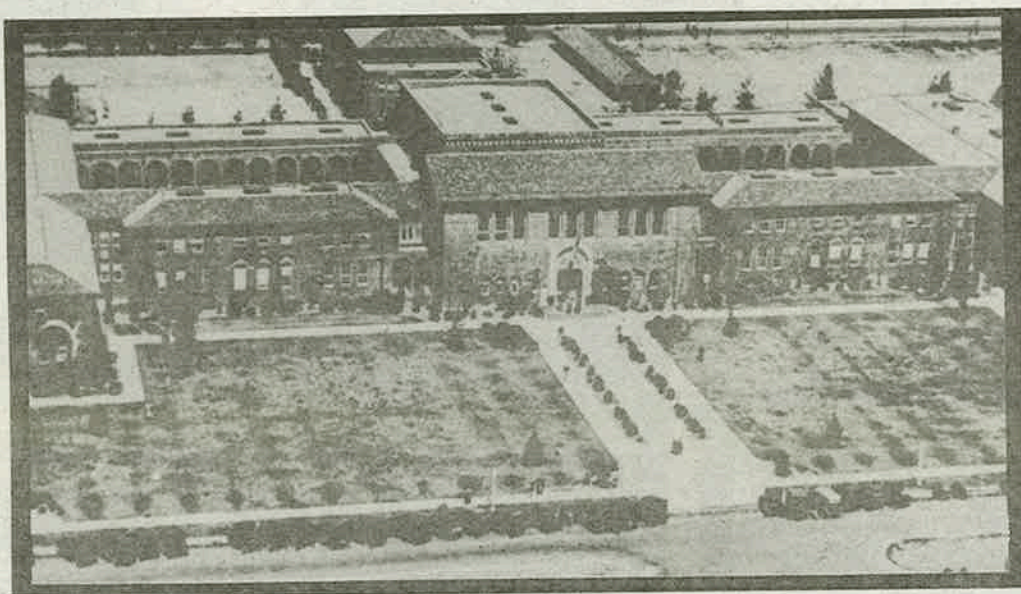


A glance back in time. Photo from the Fresno Historical Archives - Pop Laval

1907-1920

**Legend of Zapp's Park**

A 20 acre park that sprawled between Olive and Blackstone, near our campus today.



Aerial photograph taken in 1920 - Fresno Bee Library

76 YEARS AGO . . .

1920

A BEGINNING

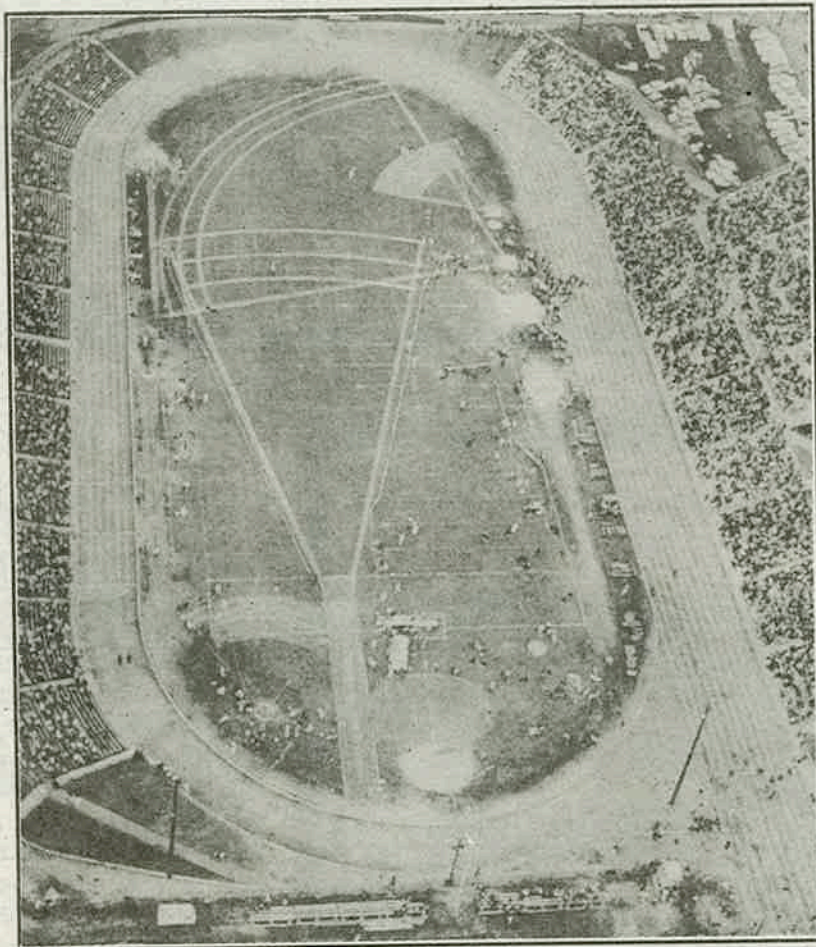
The campus of Fresno City College sits on McKinley and Van Ness avenues and was built in 1915 as a state college. This was the site for students attending Fresno State College, known back then as Fresno State Normal School.

Students who attended Fresno Junior College at Stanislaus and O streets were not far away from the campus and its activities at

Fresno Normal.

Both locations were a distance away from the central city where a majority of the population existed then.

Looking at the picture towards the center is our "Old Administration Bldg.", bottom is what is now McKinley ave., and the right center empty lot is what is known as the bookstore, Yoshino's, and home of the "Rampage", and new "Rampage Weekly."

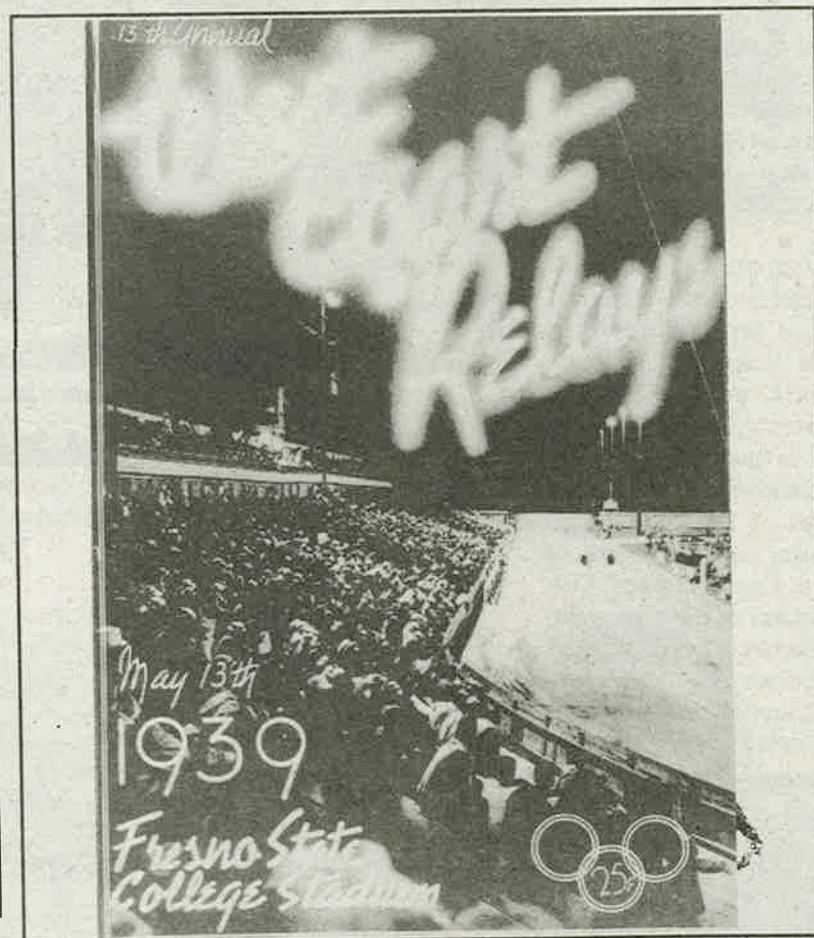


Ratcliffe Stadium was built in 1926 and dedicated to Fresno State Normal School as the 'main' events stadium for all of the sports programs that were offered. It was renamed 'Ratcliffe Stadium' to honor the first coach of football for Fresno State, Emory Ratcliffe.

Being the home of many athletic records and fond memories, the stadium stands alone against the traffic of modern day life along Blackstone avenue, as it has for over a half a century.

1926

1939



The above photograph illustrates what the front 'cover' of the program for the annual West Coast Relays looked like back then. The photo to the left is also a picture taken during the 1958 West Coast Relays, a very popular event with spectators. In the early days, activities such as this were 'the' event of the week, and many attended with school spirit and pride.

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ARTICLES

TODAY IS PEARL HARBOR DAY

1950

Today is the ninth anniversary of America's entrance into the costliest and bloodiest battle in history.

Memory of that war is still with most of us, and already we are engaged in another struggle - this time in far-off Korea - where our friends and members of our families are fighting or preparing to join the fight.

About the only thing we can be thankful for is that the battle is there and not here. It is a terrible thing for American blood to be shed on foreign soil, but how much worse it would be if this great country of ours were laid waste by the destruction of war.

We all know now that America's armed forces will not be home for Christmas; let us remember them now and in the future. It would not be out of place for each and every one of us to take a moment of sober reflection and give a prayer for their speedy victory and safe return.

RAINBOW WILL BE FORMAL SITE

1950

The Christmas Formal Dance will be held on Dec. 21, from 9-1 at the Rainbow Ballroom.

John Mullins, general chairman of the dance committee, today announced that men are not required to wear tuxedos, but suits and ties are a "must".

Tickets will be sold in the bookstore next week. Prices are \$1 per couple with a student body card and \$1.75 without.

The Rainbow Ballroom will be exclusively for FJC students and their guests on December 21. Tickets will be on sale at the door for those students who have not gotten theirs earlier.



WRITER LEARNS LESSONS AT FAIR RACES-- THERE'S NO SURE THING

1950

The bangtails were off and running at the Fresno District Fairgrounds last Saturday afternoon, and I should've been doing the same, but as it was, I found myself standing in front of the fair grandstands with the total sum of \$2.67 in my pocket, a racing form in my hand, and a gleam in my bloodshot eyes.

Being a racing fan (the last race I saw was run at the Clovis horse classic in 1938), I decided to really go all out and have a fling at making some big time loot. My G.I. checks will be a little late this year you see.

As I approached the ticket window, a slight figure sneaked out from the shadows under the grandstands and offered to give me the hottest tip of the day, providing that I would cross his palm with silver- he finally broke down and offered to give me the tip for a quarter. Dutch Apple, he said, "This is a sure thing."

The grandstands were packed by the time I got away from the betting window, so I joined the "railbirds" down near the track. These gay people were certainly excited about the fact that all of us were going home with a pot full of money. One of those good people mentioned, "I am a sure thing this race- Dutch Apple."

As the horses came out a ripple of excitement ran through the crowd and you could feel the tension mount at every step as the sleek thoroughbreds paraded in front of the grandstands. That is; everyone was excited and happy except those of us who were standing near the rail, and who had bet on Dutch Apple. Yes, there she was- the saddest, most emaciated, broken-down filly that has ever graced a race track. As she stumbled past us we all bowed our heads in an moment of silent prayer.

Suddenly the trumpets blared and the P.A. system screamed, "They are off and running." Off, yes, and all running except Dutch Apple who stayed behind to help haul the starting gate off the track.

I've learned my lesson: I'll never bet on the ponies again. I've got the "sure thing." I'm selling "sure things" at the betting windows now.



JOE LOUIS FAILS COMEBACK BOUT; CHARLES RETAINS CROWN

1950

After thirteen years as a champion, Joe Louis last night lost his try at a comeback to Ezzard Charles. The fight in Yankee Stadium went to Charles by unanimous decision of the three judges after a gruelling, bloody fight that unexpectedly went a full thirteen rounds.

Both Louis and Charles had their left eyes badly battered early in the fight, even though they were fighting cautiously. In the seventh round both were fighting on half vision and points seemed to be about evenly divided.

Louis made his best showing in the eighth round, when he nearly floored the Cleveland boxer. From then on Charles seemed to forget his caution; both men were fighting hard. The next few rounds had Joe Louis breathing heavily; twice he was on the ropes. Both he and Charles were covered with blood, as they concentrated on each other's heads.

In the eleventh, fans came to their feet as Charles staggered Louis in his own corner, but Charles failed to press his advantage. By the thirteenth, it was apparent that it was Charles' fight. Louis fans stilled hoped for one of his smashing rights, but it did not come.

The judges' decisions were 12-3, 13-2, and 10-5 for Charles.

It was in June, 1937, that Joe Louis won the championship from Jim Braddock with a knockout in the eight. Louis is 36, considered old for a fighter to make a comeback.

YEARBOOKS ON SALE

1950

"Uncalled for copies of the 1950 yearbook will go on sale today in the bookstore," announced Mrs Helen Stryker, bookkeeper.

Students who placed their names on a waiting list will be given first opportunity at the books which are priced at \$4.

ENROLLMENT GOES UP STEADY

1950

The total enrollment of the Fresno Junior College reached 1,239 early today announced Mr. Maurice Reetz, Dean of Instruction. With the addition of the new president, Dr. Thomas Blakeley, and ten new faculty staff members offerings have been increased this year in all divisions. There are also 24 new trade extension instructors.

Six hundred seventy-four students registered for the regular day classes compared with 667 JC students and 121 high school students last October.

The trade extension classes, which meet at night, have an enrollment of 446 students.

The pre-enrollment classes, also meeting at night, have 73 students enrolled in automotive mechanics, auto body and fender repair, and welding.

The junior college also offers courses to 56 half-time students from the city high schools. Last year 61 students attended these half time classes.

RECORD FINDER PROMISED KISS

1951

Someone accidentally picked up a march recording during the Taft-FJC game that the pep girls need to practice their routines with.

The finder is guaranteed a kiss from each of the eight pep girls if HE finds it, or a kiss from Stan Wilson and Ken Wright if SHE finds it! Hurry, hurry, and find that record! Badly needed, yes, yes!

THREE JC GALS GO TO GAME-- THE HARD WAY

1950

The chartered bus, which was to transport students to the Pierce Junior College-Fresno Junior College game, was cancelled at noon last Friday, leaving a few guys and gals "waiting at the gate," so to speak.

Of these unfortunate souls, three gals decided that the only way out was to pool every available penny and dime, and go to the game via the canine special, the Greyhound bus.

They boarded their four-wheeled chariot Saturday evening and with pompoms waving madly, arrived at the game in time to join a group of Ram rooters watch the rampaging Rams butt the hapless Pierce Junior College Brahmas from one end of the field to the other.

On the way home, the bus on which the trio secured passage developed engine trouble, and our little friends decided that the only way to beat the home curfew was to get out and hoof it. It happened that Si Pipkin, Rampage sports editor, was chugging along 99 in his "hopped up" 1922 Essex, and he offered the gals a ride. They arrived home on time, so we fall back upon the old proverb that "All's well that ends well."

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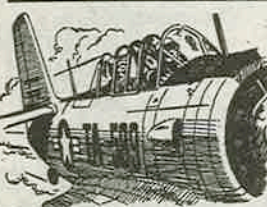


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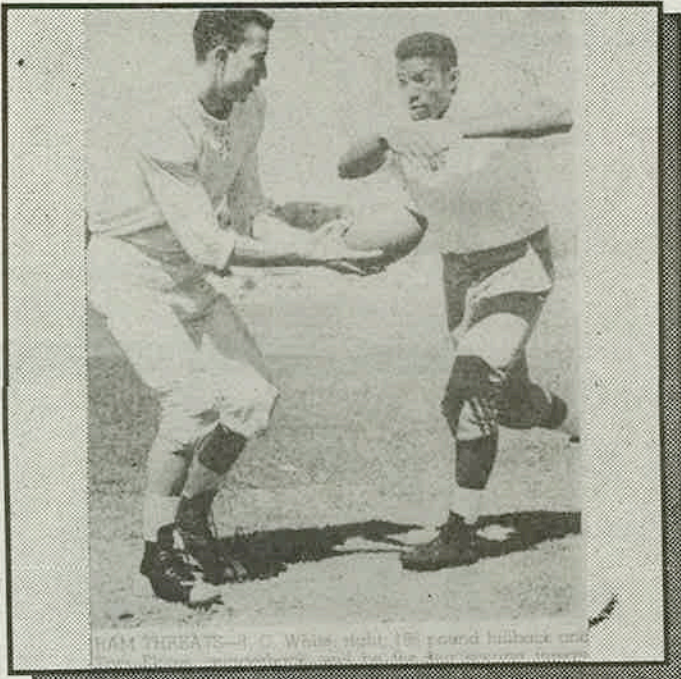
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Achievements

1948 - 1968

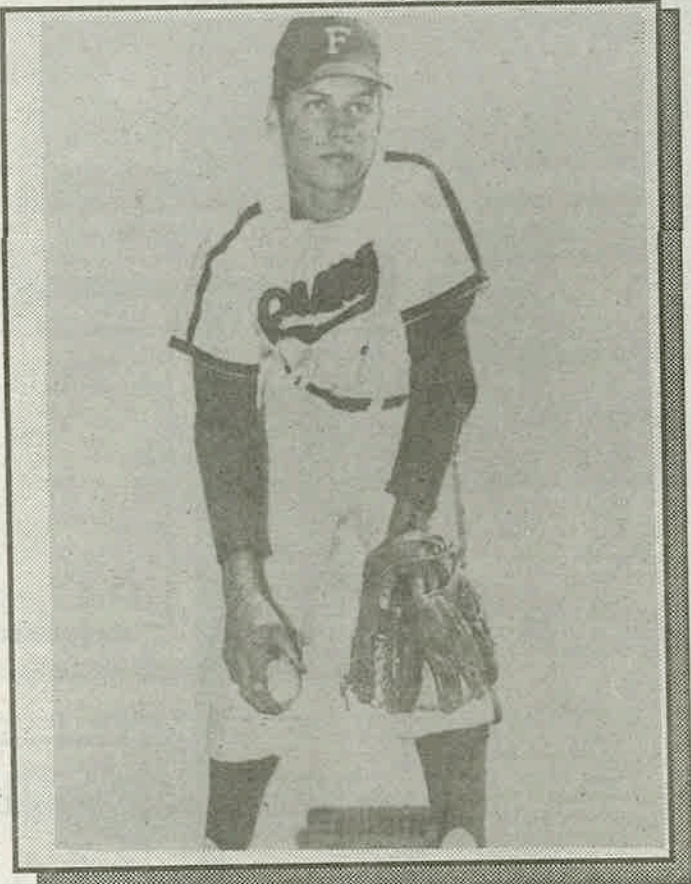


Rams Quarterback Flores and 198 pound teammate.

TOM SEAVER...A LEGEND

Tom Seaver was arguably the best baseball player to ever play at Fresno City College. After careers at Fresno and at USC, Tom played major league baseball primarily with the Cincinnati Reds. He had short campaigns with the Red Sox, White Sox and Mets before retiring from baseball. At FCC, he broke records.

In 1992, Tom Seaver was voted into the Baseball Hall of Fame with the most number of votes in baseball history. His father spoke of the induction from his Connecticut residence, "this was a thrill that could never be repeated. It was something that we had looked forward to for years. Even in Little League he had good stuff."



Tom Seaver in Rams uniform

Baseball Legends

TOM FLORES

Tom Flores, Ram player-turned NFL coach has left his mark on sports. Flores, who got ejected from a 1954 game at Taft following a sack, would get up, dust off his uniform and move forward in an exciting NFL career.

The above mentioned game would be the first conference loss for the Rams in five seasons. The game was a roughly played bout which would see Fresno Junior College, (as they were known in 1954) get hit with 95 yards in penalties. The quarterback of choice, Tom Flores, would get tossed out of this one for an early-game altercation.

When asked about the incident, Tom jogged his memory to return to that 1954 night of football: "Well I got hit and I was laying on the ground," recalled Flores. "This guy was trying to twist my head off, so I punched him in the stomach. It was probably stupid on my part. They kicked me out. It (the ejection) was totally ridiculous."

Flores went on to play football at the College of Pacific. From there he would play in the NFL with Kansas City and Oakland which would later move to Los Angeles. It was here, in the AFC West, that he would spend his career.



Super Bowl Victor

The Raiders won two Super Bowl Championships under the direction of Flores. Known as 'Tommy' during his days at Fresno City College, Flores calls football the last true team concept. "Other sports have become individualized. Football is more specialized, but it's still our eleven against yours working as a single unit."

Today, Flores has been spending his time primarily golfing and working with The Sanger School Board. Flores is pursuing charity work in Sanger where Tom Flores Stadium honors his name. In closing, Tom gave his expertise on the game of golf. "Playing golf everyday is overrated but it gives you a feeling of independence."

Athlete of the Year
Spring 1955AMS President
Fall 1955Stoney Johnston
FCC's first coachLegendary Coach
Hans Wiedenhofer

1948

Johnston

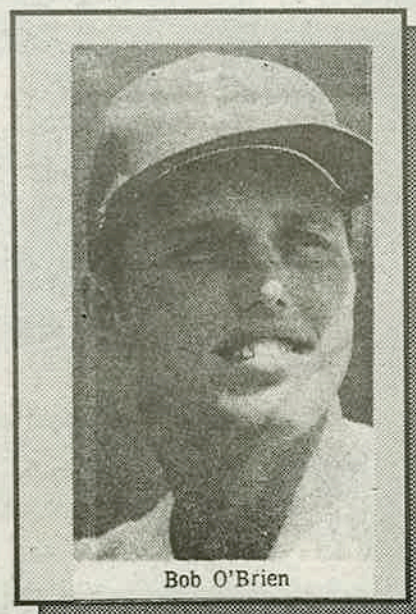
1951

Wiedenhofer

RAM SIGNS WITH DODGERS

Bob O'Brien received a record year at FCC in 1969, a 5-1 record in the Valley Conference with a 0.51 earned run average, lowest in the league.

O'Brien's freshman year at Fresno City College was spent mostly as a reliever, however, during that same year he advanced as a starter. In the same season he managed to have a strike-out season and was known as Fresno City College's star pitcher from then on...

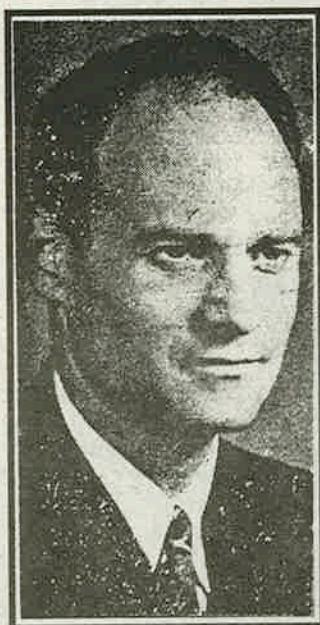


Bob O'Brien

Bob O'Brien- FCC Rams
Baseball 1969

FACULTY PROFILES

HISTORICAL LEGEND AND DEDICATIONS



Thomas A. Blakeley

FJC President 1950



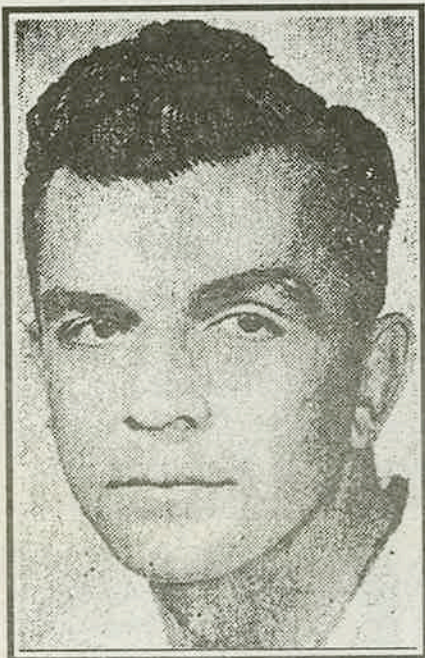
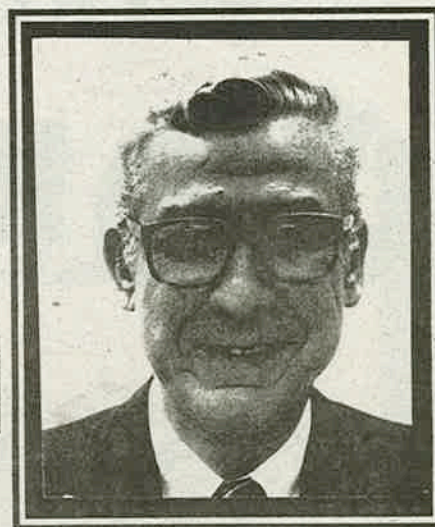
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Fresno/Rampage Editor and wife
1948-1950

Dr. Arthur Elish
1973 Dean of Students

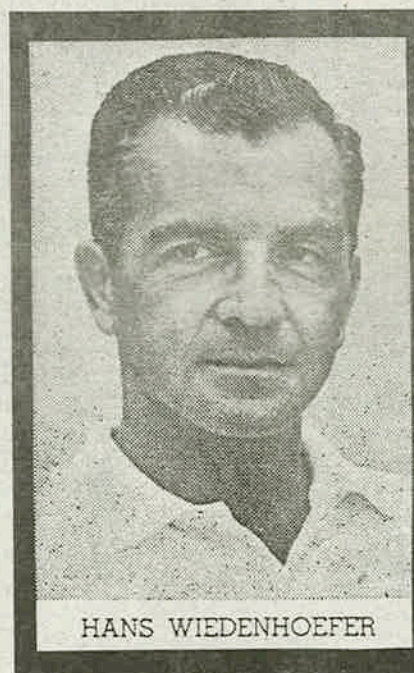
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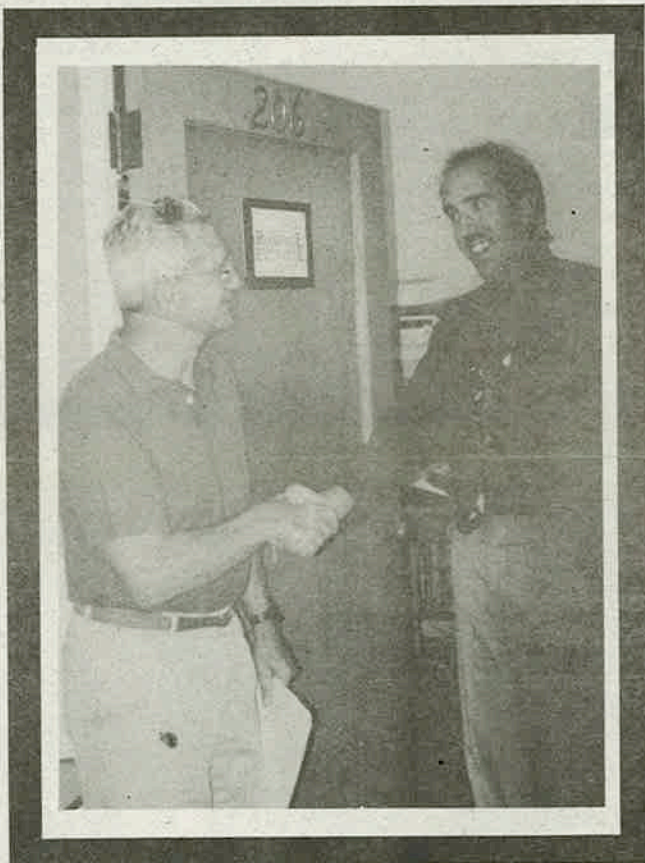
RAMPAGE MEETS A
LEGENDARY
COACH

HANS ENTERS
HALL OF FAME

Hans Wiedenhofer entered Fresno Junior College as an assistant to Stoney Johnston in 1948. What he did not realize is that he leave as a legendary coach. Hans was coach to the likes of sports hopefuls such as the great Tom Flores. He will be honored in November of 1996 into the Fresno County Hall of Fame.

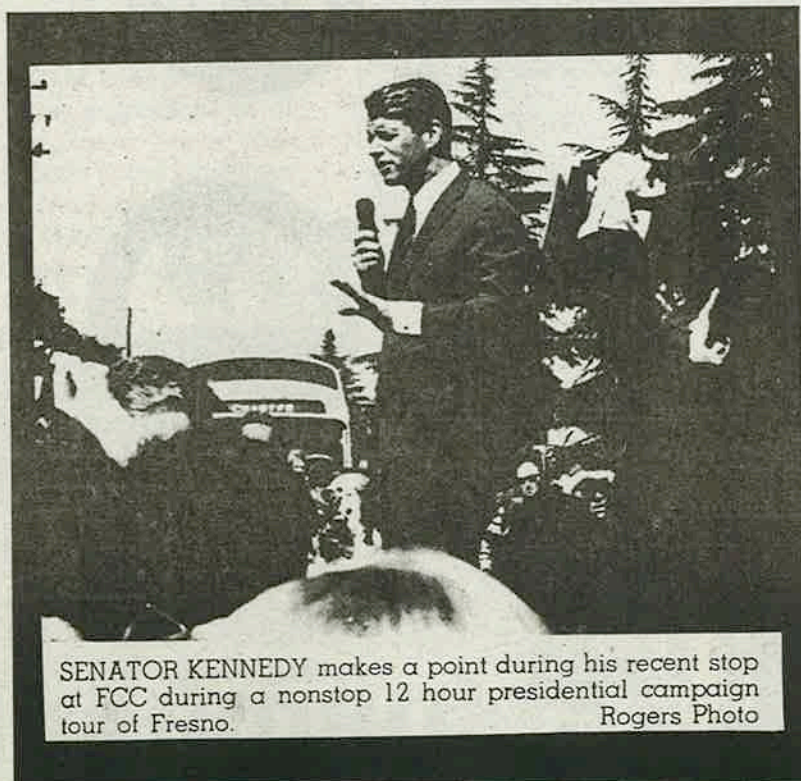


HANS WIEDENHOEFER



Editor welcomes Hans Wiedenhofer

OTHER
GUESTS AT
FCC



SENATOR KENNEDY makes a point during his recent stop at FCC during a nonstop 12 hour presidential campaign tour of Fresno.
Rogers Photo

Kennedy 1968



JOHNNY MATHIS

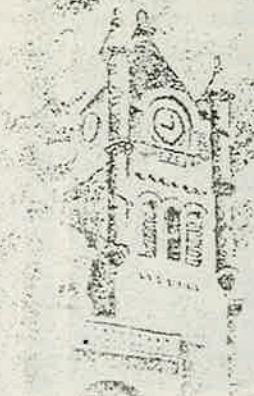
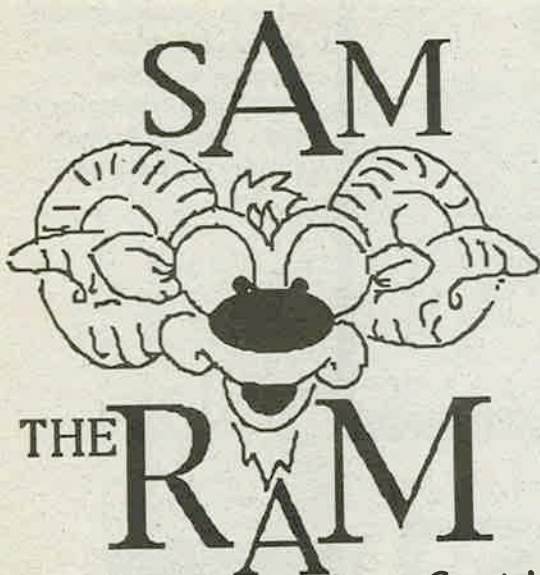
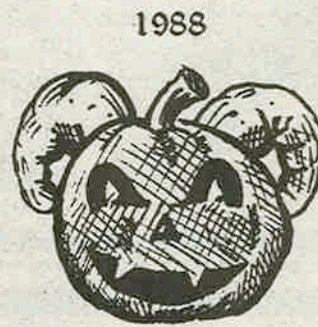
Johnny Mathis
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knowledge of your past give us greater respect for our futures, John Brymer,
Selma Enterprises, and of course Hans Wiedenhoefer, thanks for our
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