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Railroad lethal, say staff, activists

□ Groups says on-campus crossing endangers lives

By Dan Martin
Editor-in-Chief

An intoxicated man wanders toward the train tracks by the California State University, Chico campus. It's 10:30 p.m. He's struck.

It's not rare, a CSU, Chico campus police dispatcher said last week. "It usually involves intoxicated people at night," he said.

The FCC student government and faculty are worried people — especially students — could be struck here, too, on the tracks by the Health Sciences Building at Weldon and Glenn avenues.

"It could happen," said FCC Associated Student Government Senator Pamela Morris. "Students in the parking lot are crossing the tracks, trying to beat the train to get to class on time," she said. "What if they're hit?"

A national organization is concerned, too. "This creates all kinds of problems," said Alan Kandel, co-chair of Operation Lifesaver, an organization that promotes railroad crossing safety.

According to Kandel, there should be concern because FCC is in the most dangerous state in the nation for train-related accidents. "California has the most annual accidents involving trains and people," he said. "In 1995, there were 73."

But the concern is exaggerated, according to FCC student Kevin Slater, who attends a class in the Health Sciences Building. He crosses the tracks several times a week. "I think most of the time the students are pretty careful," he said. "They know how to look both ways before crossing."

Slater said he has crossed the tracks himself as a train approached. "I knew

I could make it," he said. "And I didn't want to be late to class."

FCC College Nurse Pat Brunetti said that in the past, the tracks on Weldon Avenue have been a problem — though a train has never hit a student. "People have stepped into the cracks in the crossing and sprained their ankles. There have been falls and scraped knees," she said.

But safety is just one concern, Kandall said. "If somebody were to get struck by a train and injured, it might raise liability issues," he said. "If proper action is taken ahead of time, then these kinds of situations don't come up."

Morris said the construction of an underpass is an excellent idea.

But that would be hard to pay for, Brunetti thought. Her short-term solution to the problem: "We just want students to be more cautious than they are."



Coming through. A train charges south on the tracks near the Health Sciences Building.

Photo By Juana Echeveste

Woman Commits Suicide on Tracks

A woman laid across the train tracks a few blocks north of Fresno City College last month. The approaching train did not frighten her away.

The woman died on the tracks when the train ran her over north of Clinton Avenue, on Sept. 17 at about 10 p.m., Fresno police said.

Before her death, the engineer saw the woman 75 to 100 yards away, a Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad employee said at the scene. "He sounded the horn several times and tried to stop."

Witnesses said they saw the woman's body parts near the tracks.

Fresno Police Lieutenant Greg Garner said a woman in the same area threatened suicide on the phone hours earlier.

According to Garner, this was not



Sneaky. A student crosses the railroad. Rampage File Photo

Fresno's first train suicide. "They happen periodically — some are accidental, some aren't."

The train was traveling from Richmond, Calif., to Chicago, Ill.

Native Americans Drum into FCC

□ Group says crossing endangers students' lives

By Sheryl Youngblood
Staff Writer

Hundreds of people attended the pow wow presented by the Native American Indian Student Association of Fresno City College, and the Native American Clubs of Valley High Schools, on the FCC campus Sept. 13.

People came from as far away as Texas to enjoy and participate in the activities honoring Native American youth in education. "The purpose of the pow wow is to get the Native American kids comfort-

able with college and to celebrate their academic achievements," said Laura Wass, NAISA president. According to their mission statement, NAISA is an FCC organization that is dedicated to supporting education of Native American students attending Fresno City College, and to promoting awareness of the values of education throughout the Native American community.

Crafts booths, food booths, and information booths were arranged on the west lawn in front of the Old Administration Building. Sixteen tarps raised by participants enclosed the circle where dancers in colorful regalia performed dramatic and spiritual ceremonies. The

music of beating drums and choruses of emotional singing filled the air throughout the day-long event that began at 10 a.m. and ended at 10 p.m.

In addition to the dancing, singing, and drumming, craft booths displayed earrings, necklaces, dream catchers, arrowheads and arrows, pipes, dolls, clothing, hats, belts, beads, and Native American books, cassettes and compact discs.

One booth displayed the Aztec calendar. In another, an old woman was kneading dough to make tortillas.

Another booth presented a petition for a new trial for Leonard Peltier, a Native American convicted of the deaths

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Rampage 50th year

□ Award-winning newspaper begins fiftieth year of publication at FCC

By Elizabeth Leffail
Staff Writer

The Rampage will begin its fiftieth year as the Fresno City College newspaper next week.

From the hiring of new instructors, to the first football queen, to the \$167 million construction of the Technical and Industrial division, the Rampage has been here with the rest of history — to 1948.

When the first edition appeared, only five weeks after the school's establishment as "Fresno Junior College," it was temporarily called "Fresno Junior College News."

The second edition's name was de-

cided with a vote from students and faculty: "The Fresnan." Later, a front-page editor's note asked students and faculty to suggest and vote for a final name. On November 17, 1949, it became the Rampage.

Since then, the newspaper has grown with the school. It was first Fresno Junior College, a four-year college. FJC was renamed "Fresno City College" by the county board of education in May, 1958. Then it became a two-year college.

Over the last 50 years, the Rampage has been recognized by the Associated Collegiate Press and the Journalism Association of Community Colleges with first-place awards.

Today, the Rampage staff works to report about what's important to the FCC community.

Restaurants slow to honor student discount

Restaurants that have agreed to give FCC students with ASB cards discounts are giving them — but many employees were unaware of such discounts, the Rampage found last week.

The discounts are based on agreements between the associated student body and the restaurants.

DiCicco's employees at Blackstone and Clinton avenues would not honor their 15% discount unless they were showed "on paper" that FCC students get discounts there.

When a Rampage reporter showed employees the "1997/98 A.S.B. Merchant Discount List," they said they would give the discount.

But managers at other discount restaurants said they're used to students asking for the discount. "I get guys who

show me their card two to three days a week," said IHOP manager Chuck Klinkby.

The associated student government agreed to remind the restaurants of the agreements in place last week. "That's certainly something we have to look at," said David Shaw, associated student government president.

Restaurants offering a 10-15% discount to FCC students include:

- DiCicco's, 2549 N. Blackstone Avenue, 227-9851.
- DiCicco's, 5251 N. Blackstone Avenue, 447-9058.
- IHOP, 3639 N. Blackstone Avenue, 229-1841.
- KFC, 2031 N. Blackstone Avenue, 226-6191.
- Rodeo Cafe, 535 5th, Clovis, 299-3750.
- Wendy's, 2005 N. Blackstone Avenue, 222-1414.

Students staying fit

By Latasha Marin
Staff Writer

If you think to yourself, "I need to join a gym," you should have went to the FCC Fitness Fair on Wednesday, Sept. 25. It took place in front of the bookstore.

Representatives from every gym in Fresno were there to demonstrate their fitness techniques.

There were activities, too — such as a bench press contest. Most of the FCC football team participated, with all eyes on them.

And the heat didn't slow participants down. They kept pumping.

In the heavyweight division, there was a first place tie between Charles Bell and Christopher "Jason" Fairburn, who both lifted 335 pounds.

The prize was a Gold's Gym hat and t-shirt.

New Student Club

Would you like to visit New York, or Hollywood? Join the Model U.N. Club. Students attend conferences, (First trip scheduled November 1, 1997 for the Hollywood United Nations Conference. Deadline Oct. 10.) Interact and debate with other students on various issues affecting us nationally, attend globally. Have lots of fun, meeting people and traveling to exciting

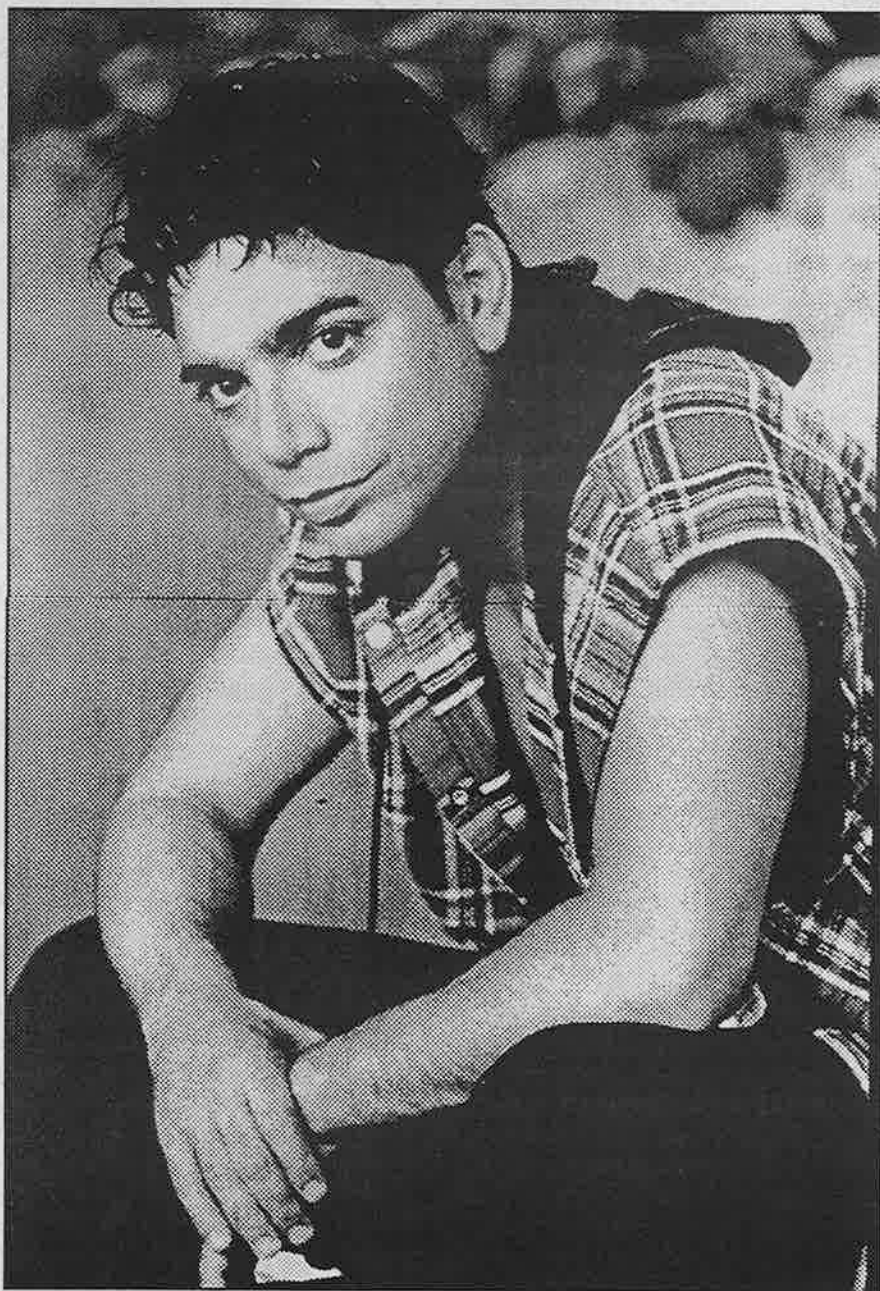
conferences.

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VITAL STATISTICS

THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL DEBT AS OF YESTERDAY WAS \$5,387,864,171,303.57. THE NATIONAL DEBT INCREASES BY \$594 MILLION EACH DAY. THE WORLD POPULATION IS 5,871,658,818.

Hollywood Actor Coming to FCC



Michael DeLorenzo — best known as "Detective Alex Torres" on Fox's "New York Undercover" — will be at Fresno City College on Thursday, Oct. 9 at 10:30 a.m.

DeLorenzo is expected to talk about his childhood in the Bronx, N.Y., how he succeeded with acting, and what his plans

are.

The event will be sponsored by the Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the State Center Community College District.

The event will take place in the FCC student center, inside the cafeteria building.

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Pow Wow: exhibits held

American convicted of the deaths of two FBI men in a shootout on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, in 1975. The conviction is said to be based on false testimony from the FBI. The shootout concerned the FBI looking for a stolen pair of cowboy boots.

A booth set up by the Indian Housing Authority of Central California was taking a housing and land need survey for Native Americans.

Behind the Roosevelt High School booth sat some of the students who promoted the pow wow.

The NAISA mission statement asserts that many Native Americans still feel that they are unable to compete in the world of education. "When I talk about getting kids comfortable," Wass said, "it's due to the racism that still occurs."

NAISA is promoting education and celebrating achievements of Native American students. Educational events

sponsored by NAISA will continue, including the American Indian Movement conference on Nov. 21 and 22 at the FCC theater.

The featured speaker will be Dennis J. Banks, co-founder of AIM, who travels the globe as an educator and lecturer about Native American traditions.

His lectures address reservation industries, sacred sites, grave desecration protection, mascots, environmental issues, Big

Mountain, and the "Bring Peltier Home" campaign. Also featured will be Floyd Red Crow Westerman, widely known as Ten Bears in "Dances With Wolves," in concert.



Spinning. "Head boy dancer."

Photo By Rebekkah Mitchell



Honored. Native Americans honored by the city of Fresno as veterans.

Photo By L. Burgin



Ending with a flourish. Aztec dancers bring an Aztec dance to its end.

Photo By L. Burgin

Free food at Ramburger Round-up

Students with an associated student body card can get a free meal today. Hamburgers, cheeseburgers, chips, desserts and drinks will be served in front of the Fresno City College bookstore.

"It's one of the best things we do," said Craig Reid, college activities director.

Without a card, meals will cost \$3.

Reid said the event brings students together with the college administration and staff members. "It's just fun having the college community together."

FCC President Dan Larios will participate in the event.

At the same time, the "Volunteer Faire" will take place—an event to find volunteers for 30 different agencies.

Ramburger Round-Up will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 7 p.m. Reid encouraged everyone to come. "The food's good, and the service is good."

SETTING IT STRAIGHT

The last edition of the Rampage had on the front page an incorrectly attributed source. A quote was taken from the article and was attributed to the wrong student.

Club views TV on grass

By Sheryl Youngblood
Staff Writer

A new student club is visible on-campus every Friday — on the grass in front of the art building. FCC Anime Club members meet to watch Japanese animation films.

The purpose of the Anime Club is to expand inter-cultural knowledge through the viewing of a variety of Japanese entertainment and reading of Japanese "Manga" comic books.

Club President Dustin Hempel brings his television from home — along with a selection from his 250 animation videos. Members bring chairs or sit on the grass. The television is plugged into an outlet in the Art & Home Electronics Building.

"A lot of us are anime junkies and can't get enough of it," said club member Joe Lewis. "It's a pretty popular art style. It's completely high quality."

"We show the same series each week," Hempel said. "Most anime are divided up into half-hour episodes." Club activity hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., and members watch the films between classes.

Hempel said that the animations are generally romantic comedy and comedy action stories. "People think we're just watching Japanese porn," he said. "It's clean humor. It's not bloody and violent."

Occasionally, movies other than animations are viewed. "We try to show one

cult film a week," Donald Woolman said. Members watched "Animal House" and "Ferris Bueller's Day Off." Woolman said that they are trying to get "Rocky Horror Picture Show" and "A Clockwork Orange."

A program schedule is taped to the television every Friday. Flyers may be posted around campus. "We'll need to go to Student Activities and get permission," Hempel said.

The advisor of the club is film and English teacher James Piper.



Tuned in. Club members view Japanese TV

Photo By L. Burgin

The viewing is not restricted to club members. "It's free to anyone who wants to sit down and watch," Lewis said. "I like Japanese-style humor. It's a refreshing change."

Coffeeshouses offer relief in boring Fresno To study, or not to study

□ College students frequent coffeeshouses for life

By Ericka Montana
Staff Writer

It's tormenting. Fresno offers nothing to do. Across the valley, students feel the boredom blanketing this town.

Someone from a larger city might not appreciate the collection of cafes here. But someone from Fresno—in great desperation—cares not so much about quality, but, for once, entertainment.

"Moving here from San Jose, I soon realized the limited activities going on," said FCC student and Java Cafe employee Eric Munoz. "After six years here, I still haven't found anything better to do than come to a coffee shop."

For music lovers, the Java Cafe is graced with various local musicians throughout the week and weekend. Thursday through Saturday evenings, calming melodies of jazz, blues and folk tunes are performed on the cafe's quaint back patio.

A \$1 cafe mocha is yours when you come on a "Mocha Monday." Java Cafe's roastery offers a diverse selection of fresh beans available for sale by the pound. They also have an elaborate menu selection for breakfast, lunch, dinner and appetizers. Along with meals, you can enjoy an alcoholic beverage, or even a "Java Smoothie." The list of coffee beverages is extensive and worth the commute to Java Cafe.

If you crave association with fellow college students, the Daily Grind is ideal. Heading the Bulldog Plaza, the Grind is a common catch, vivid with intellects from

FCC and FSU.

You'll never feel bored with their pool table, chess boards, exotic artwork and frizzle-frazzle caffeinated drinks. Dare to try a "little green man"—a mochaccino with irish cream flavoring. Freshly baked cinnamon rolls and other sweet treats blend into the Daily Grind's bubbly atmosphere.

And you're not alone when in search of a place to study—comfortable couches surrounded with fellow exam-cramming students.

"It's definitely a kicked back atmosphere here," said FCC student Kim Van Genderen. Van Genderen works at the Daily Grind. "When school is in session, a lot of college students come here to study. You meet lots of new people all the time."

For a relaxing evening to relieve your academic terrors, venture to the Krakatoa, nestled in the Fig Garden Village. Serving six selections of international coffees, Krakatoa is a magnet for all kinds of people. Their unique assortment of gelato



Photo By Dustin Splan

Something to do. Java Centrale, 3335 W. Shaw Ave.

is itself one reason to visit. Or even a "Krackaccino," a blended, iced latte.

Study sessions would work well with the soft-spoken ambiance of the interior. Concentration is powered by the sounds of a waterfall.

The next time you think about the negative aspects of Fresno, erase those impure thoughts and replace them with a shot of espresso and conversation.

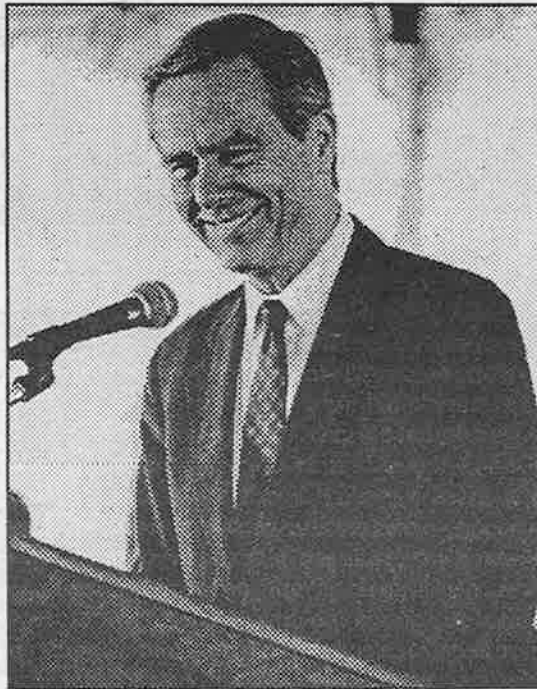
Face it—we live in a fiery pit of horror. Try to enjoy it anyway—with a smile on your face at a local coffeeshouse.

Welcoming the Gap

□ Gap, Inc. will build a distribution center near the Fresno Air Terminal during the next few years.



Conversation. Jim Patterson and Pete Wilson Photo By Don Davis



Joking. Governor Wilson welcomes the Gap, Inc. to Fresno during a ceremony Sept. 22.

Photo By Don Davis



Sendoff. From the left edge of the sign to the right: Senator Jim Costa, California Governor Pete Wilson, Founder and Chairman of Gap, Inc. Don Fisher, and Fresno Mayor Jim Patterson.

Photo By Don Davis

By Scott Cropper
Staff Writer

It's said that you get out what you put in. The same rule might apply to test taking. FCC students are beginning their seventh week of school—and the majority have had a test or two of some sort.

"I usually get the grade that I expect," said FCC student Brittany Brawley. Brawley, in most cases she finds that an instructor's lecture isn't enough. She believes taking notes is just a small part of studying. In her four-hour study session, Brawley uses lecture notes as an outline as she reads her text. This gives her a better understanding of the material.

But to get a good grip on the subject, she finds herself doing extra research, like studying the summaries at the end of chapters, and writing definitions.

Some students feel that too much class time is filled with instructors giving personal anecdotes, taking away from lecture time. Sandara Nawk, an FCC student, finds this to be a big problem for her. "I feel that I need to know what to study for before studying. When they aren't specific, it's hard for me to go back through the text."

If a student is having trouble with a specific part of a class, such as understanding the material, with enough persistence, a student can correct it, compensate for it.

Health Science instructor Jack Mattox teaches his classes with a multimedia system. This gives the students the visual and sound aspects of his lecture.

He believes that this is important to help students learn. "Most students improve their grades by getting more involved with the class instead of just reading the text. They need to pay attention to notes, study guides and lectures."

Mattox also hosts study groups during the week for students experiencing difficulty. After attending these, he finds that students get much better test scores.

Courses can differ from each other and require different amounts of studying. FCC student Jimmy Bratton says he studies eight hours before a test and has been happy with the results. He blames himself for "not enough studying" when his test scores aren't what he expects.

When tests don't go as well as they should, student Elizabeth Alves thinks it's because she didn't give herself enough studying time. "I think it has to do with me, and it's my fault if I didn't study enough."

It's a majority opinion that studying is the key to good grades, but students sometimes blame instructors when they fail.

They may make up the grading scale, but it's another story once tests are given to students. Mattox said, "I grade on a curve, so it becomes the students competing with each other."

He said there is no such thing as a perfect test, and he said if his students are having trouble with one, he'll present the topic differently, or change the wording of a question.

He also finds that students don't spend enough time studying outside of class.

While students may want to be independent, they need to do the work to reflect it. Students not studying for tests stress that they didn't have to in high school. But as teachers and students agree, college is work, and work must be done to succeed.

The Gab Column

"WHAT MAKES YOU LAUGH?"

"Totally off the wall, crazy people."
— Kat Jones

"My kids happiness makes me laugh."
— Johnathan Kimball

"My friends facial expressions."
— Jocelyn Dwyer

"The way weird, unusual people act, it's like 'what in the world are they thinking?'"
— Mgeni Mpolo

"My brother, because he acts dumb."
— Alfred Moran

"Music makes me happy"
— Roy Fernandez

WHAT'S AHEAD IN OCTOBER

- 1 • Ramburger Round-up barbecue in the Free Speech Area at 10 a.m.
- 1 • Volunteer Faire in the Free Speech Area at 10 a.m.
- 1 • FCC Women's Volleyball vs Merced College in the FCC gym
- 2 • FCC Women's Soccer vs. West Hills College at Ratcliffe Stadium
- 9 • FCC Theatre production: The Hostage, at 7:30 p.m. in the theater
- 14 • FCC Women's Soccer vs. Merced College in Ratcliffe Stadium

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By Dan Martin
Editor-in-Chief

To be honest, I have been going to Piemonte's Delicatessen since I was a baby — not that I drove much back then. If the place has been in business for all 19 years of my life, and another 13 beyond that, I claim it is worth visiting.

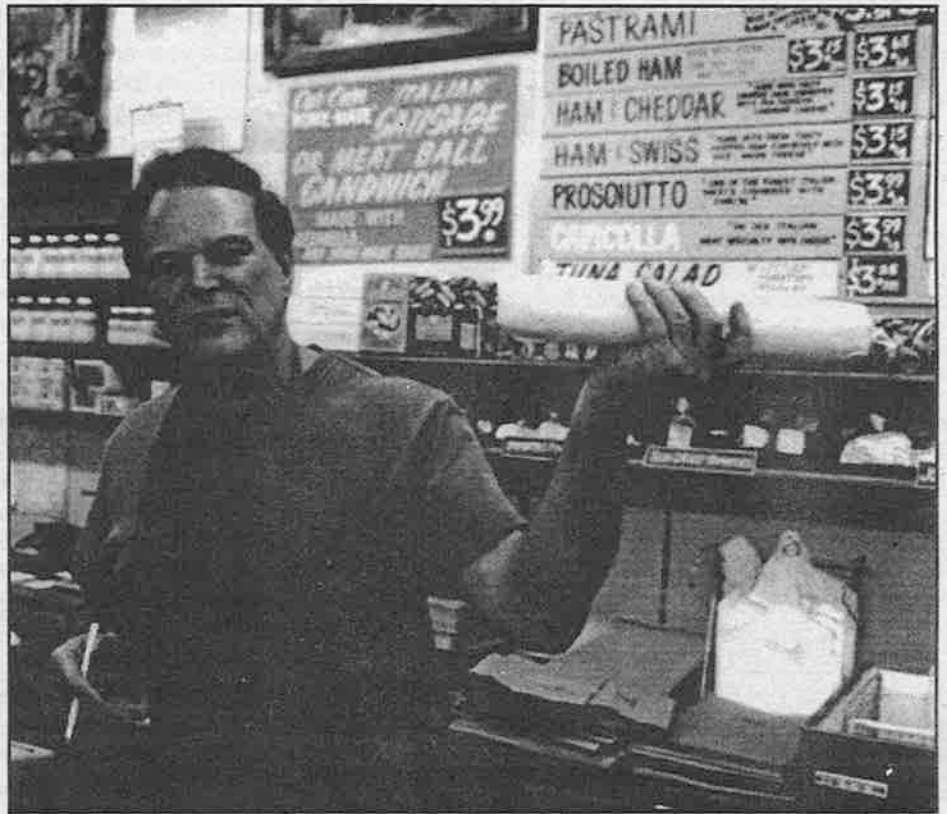
You should go for lunch. The deli is loaded with international meats and cheeses — and they utilize these things in the manufacture of many kinds of sandwiches. They've done this in the same building for 32 years.

Behind a long row of glass display cases, you'll see the meats, cheeses, olives, pastas and salads that make up your choices. If you face the opposite wall, you'll see hanging pictures of numerous scenes in Italy, and below, olives, olive oils, pastas and so on.

I should warn you, though: don't barge in and immediately take a place in line. You might find that someone who got there after you gets to go first — you should take a ticket with a



Lunch in Brief



Order ready. An employee holds a wrapped sandwich.

Photo by Linda Burgin

number.

And when you get helped, an employee devotes his or her full attention to you. At this time, you can ask to sample some of the items behind the display case. I sampled three kinds of olives during my last visit. You might like the Sicilian ones. They're green.

But the salami is red. I have always purchased a few slices of salami and a

cheese of some sort. Last time, I got one of their Swiss cheeses. These products are always sliced before your eyes, to your preferred width.

Your pocketbook should not be affected much more than it would be during a visit to a Subway Sandwich Shop. And as with all *Lunch in Brief* restaurants, Piemonte's deli is close to Fresno City College. Pay them a visit.

MR. MANNERS

A Return to Etiquette

DEAREST READERS,

Before we address your letters, Mr. Manners would like to brief you about what is happening in his life. What a terribly busy two weeks it has been. First, Mr. Manners had to deal with the sorrowful death of his close friend, Mother Theresa.

Soon afterward, Mr. Manners received a phone call from the pope. He asked Mr. Manners to become the new mother superior. The pope said that Mr. Manners is such a marvelous and charitable individual that he would waive the usual sexist gender requirements for a mother superior if Mr. Manners would accept this high post.

Mr. Manners sat in deep thought in his study for several days. Would Mr. Manners become Mother Manners?

In the end, you, gentle readers, helped Mr. Manners decide. If he became Mother Manners, he would have no time to help you with your problems. And Mr. Manners could never overlook you, even for the poor starving children in India. No: the college students of Fresno, Calif. need Mr. Manners' guidance.

Thank you for your recent kind letters, gentle readers. Mr. Manners is very excited that his advice program at FCC is taking flight. Remember to continue writing about your dilemmas. Mr. Manners is here to help all of you. Why? Because Mr. Manners is the most wonderful human being on earth.

Let us direct our attention to a young gentleman who hates when people talk

his ears off.

DEAR MR. MANNERS,

I have this problem. Actually, it's like someone else's problem. There are a few people I know that, when they talk to me, talk for way, way, way too long. They go on and on about things that I don't want to know about. You ask them a question, and they answer with a personal story, intended to answer the question eventually, but it never does — because they go off on a tangent forever. And sometimes they have bad breath, and it's truly excruciating. Without being rude, how do I make these people get the hint that I don't want to sit and listen to them ramble into the 21st century?

DEAREST SHAUN,

What a vexing problem. Mr. Manners is quite aware of it, as it is a common one. Mr. Manners has observed it occur during the time he has been dedicated to etiquette.

The first and foremost thing to keep in your knowledge-hungry mind is tact. For if one does not have tact, gentle reader, one does not have manners. And we all know how Mr. Manners feels about those devoid of simple social graces.

To illustrate, let us suppose that you are having a conversation with your lovely Aunt Luwanda. "Aunt Luwanda," you say, "what a lovely dress you are wearing today. Wherever did you get it?" Now, perhaps you do not truly care about your aunt's dress — you are merely saying this in order to boost her self esteem.

(For the record, Mr. Manners affirms white lies as matters of necessity.)

You also want to know where she got it so you can make sure that your girlfriend never frequents the market of horrors from which it came.

But rather than answer the question, your Aunt Luwanda gabs on and on about the material of the dress and various other topics too frivolous to deserve attention.

To remedy this situation, you must have tact. It would hurt her feelings if you said, "Aunt Luwanda, stop yammering on like a cow and cut to the chase. Where did you buy that ugly muumuu!" And it would be rude, too.

Hence, you must politely nudge her in the right conversational direction. Perhaps you could interrupt with, "Auntie, you are right, that material truly is extraordinary. Cotton has never been so exciting. I simply must know where such a gown of fine proportions can be purchased!"

This interruption tells her what she wants to hear — that the material is wonderful. No doubt this will steer her in the right direction. However, if your corpulent relative still insists on powering away her motormouth, you must realize that she is rude. And although Mr. Manners is not fond of using force, sometimes it must be done.

Remember that you are in the company of others.

Quietly invite your aunt to follow you for a short distance. As she does, steer her toward the broom closet. Upon arrival, place a six-inch strip of duct tape over her oversized oral cavity. Then, gently but firmly send her on her silent way

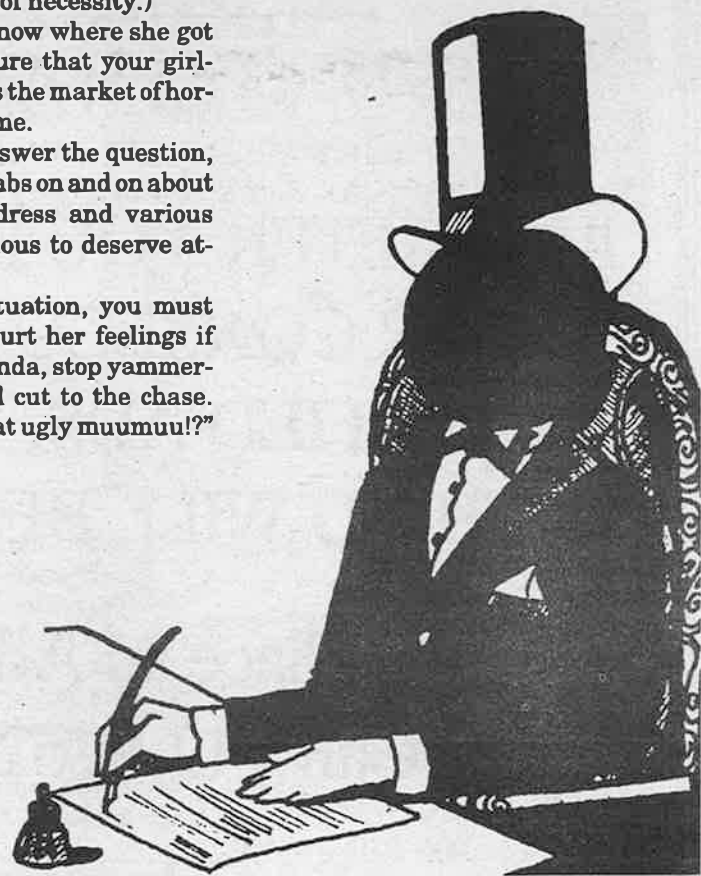


Photo By Cedric House

into the closet. Lock the door.

Now you may enjoy your family gathering in peace. Undoubtedly, the rest of your family will thank you for your stress-relieving actions — a fine display of etiquette. If Mr. Manners were attending, he would personally pat you on the back.

Shaun, remember that these situations do occur sometimes, and the key thing to remember is tact. Use it to try and steer her back on track during the conversation. When that does not work, use force.

Remember, faithful readers, to send in your questions. Mr. Manners is here for you.

FCC Student senator watches out for disabled

□ A note from the FCC
Associated Student Government

By Senator Pamela Morris

As a Fresno City College student body senator, I have witnessed two disabled students that could not make it up the stairs to the Associated Student Body office because the lift near the bookstore was inoperative. I find this lift extremely dangerous and it seems to me that Brian Speece, assistant vice chancellor of business and operations, does not care about our disabled students.

The first student on the lift I witnessed was a man in a wheelchair who had to be, by hand, carried up the stairs after the lift stopped while en route. As I was leaving the ASB office to go to a class, I tried to find out if the student was all right. He was physically all right, but truly shaken up. He expressed to me how frightening it is to be in a wheelchair and helpless.

Our Associated Student Government President, David Shaw, and staff member, Fernando Hernandez physically carried this student up to the ASB office to

all flustered because we haven't formally been instructed about how to use the lift. The man from maintenance informed us that the lift was not to be used again until it was fixed, but we never saw a sign saying it was "out of order" when the next disabled student tried to use it.

Amber Godwin and Prisilla Gallegos (two staff members in the ASB office) were informed by someone in maintenance that the lift was working. Not so.

The next incident of a student trying to use the lift worried me. A woman was using the lift and had her assistant with her from the Disabled Students Services Office. The lift stopped at the top of the stairs and the student was unable to get off. Maintenance was called again, and the worker told us the lift wasn't working.

My question is, "Doesn't anyone care about these students who have only one option to get upstairs?" This is negligence, and I am very upset. I went to Disabled Services after helping the lady on the lift get back down, while the maintenance worker stood in front of her and guided us down the stairs to speak with Janice Emerzian about the problem, but she was

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I am a third semester student at FCC. I sometimes pick up the *Rampage* to read about local school news and activities. I recently picked up the latest edition and was quite offended by the caption of the picture on the front page: "Unconcerned about being seen, students gather in front of the Music & Speech Building to smoke marijuana last week."

This statement implies that everyone who gathers in front of the Music & Speech Building smokes marijuana. I relax every day in front of that building as do many of my friends, and we do not smoke marijuana.

Since the article appeared, I have noticed an increase in the frequency with which police officers walk by us — staring at us like we doing or preparing to do something wrong. We feel as though we have been singled out and accused of something we don't do.

I also would like to point out the statistics that you used in the article — nine out of 13 students polled said they use marijuana. To read that you polled more than 100 students and got those results, and used them to evaluate a school with over 15,000 students is quite a shock. That would mean that out of the estimated 15,000 enrolled students, 10,385 smoke marijuana. Somehow, I highly doubt that is true.

I am respectfully asking that the *Rampage* print an apology or a retraction to amend the offense felt by myself and others that frequent the area. We feel that we have been wrongly accused and pointed out as something that we are not. As a respected newspaper, the *Rampage* should be more careful about what it prints.

— Sean Worchester

Dear Sean:

Thank you for letting us know about your concerns. I can understand your feeling about having fingers pointed at you as a result of the appearance of the article.

An apology from me can go only so far. I am sorry that the appearance of the article may have caused you discomfort. But I am not sorry for printing an article that summarized facts which my staff found. I'm sorry I'm not sorry about that.

It seems that isn't what you want me to be sorry about, anyway. You assert that: 1) we printed an article; 2) in the article, we used facts to "evaluate a school with over 15,000 students"; 3) We harmed your image by printing the article.

I can't be sorry for #2, as there was no such evaluation made. A news article should never evaluate anything — this one didn't. It should report facts from balanced and varied sources. Like the detective said: "Just the facts, ma'am."

This article reported the results of a poll conducted by *Rampage* staff members. I supervised the polling, and believe it was sufficiently randomized.

Now, the conclusions you draw from the facts we report are your own business, and everyone is entitled to them. And as a result of the article, addressing your third concern, some may form a bias against people who gather in front of the Music & Speech building.

That's unfortunate, and I wish it didn't cause you discomfort. When determining the editorial content of the *Rampage* from now on, we will hope that it will not prompt adverse conclusions to be drawn.

Dear Editor:

Let me first say that after reading the Sept. 17 edition of Mr. Manners, I laughed so hard I couldn't contain myself.

Finally someone has enough concern for the lack of manners that most people seem to be afflicted with today. Add with this concern comes an incredible sense of humor. I think you have to have a taste for Mr. Manners, though — some people I talk to don't get it.

But I still think it is refreshing to have someone to get advice from and hopefully avoid embarrassing or uncomfortable situations, while remaining as well-mannered as possible.

I'm hoping that more people will be read this column and get some clue on the do's and don'ts of etiquette, if even some of Mr. Manners' methods are a bit "out there."

I hope other readers at least get a good laugh out of it, as I did.

— Wesley Severson

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Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down

👍 to the cafeteria. The price for a 32-ounce large drink is \$1.39 — 40 percent more than the competing Yoshino Pacific Cafe's price (\$1). Thanks to Yoshino's management for better prices.

👍 to the paper bags in the restrooms that poorly simulate hand towels.

👍 shuttles that take to the disabled students and others from one end of the campus to the other.

👍 to the FCC Activities Director, Craig Reid for being an overwhelmingly cheerful and considerate role model.

👍 to the weak-flowing drinking fountains throughout the campus. To get water, one should not have to kiss a spout.

👍 to the emphasis of cultural diversity at FCC — as demonstrated with a recent pow wow and Mexican Independence day celebration.

SAN FRANCISCO AMBUSHES FCC INTO LOSS



Barging through. Joe Washington searches for a hole.

Photo By Don Davis

□ FCC football team demolished Saturday night

By Allen M. Coleman
Staff Writer

They hadn't met for 15 years. And Saturday night, the Rams of San Francisco City College overpowered FCC in a 48-13 victory. And it seemed SFCC knew it would happen.

SFCC confidently cheered before the pre-game Star Spangled Banner was over. After that, they wasted no time in getting on the scoreboard. Before long, SFCC had a 14-0 lead.

Meanwhile, everything was going wrong for FCC. Quarterback Kenny Rose suffered a knee injury and was out of the game. "I can't wait to get back."

Nothing went wrong for SFCC during the first half. Kevin Brown scored again on a 49-yard run. Cornerback Chris Martin's interception set up another touchdown, and Kevin Brown again wove his way through the Rams' defense for a 40-yard touchdown run down the sideline.

The SFCC defense completely shut down the FCC offense in the first half.

They proudly headed back to their locker room at half-time: they had a 38-0 lead.

The second half didn't seem any different. SFCC receiver Jerry Roquemore's reception on the 4-yard line set up a touchdown run for Edward Henderson — and SFCC took a 45-0 lead. Place kicker Adam Hodgerny added three more points on an 18-yard field goal for their final score on the night.

"We were out manned," coach Vance Stanley said. "I tell my players 'if you think you are a Division I player, this is the type of football player you want to be.'" SFCC is a top-rated junior college football team in Calif., and has only dropped five games in the past five years.

As for Rose's injury, Stanley said, "Right now, it doesn't look good. I think we will have to wait until tonight to see."

According to Rams athletic trainer, Scott Nelson, the injury could keep Rose out for a while. "If we get him back in three weeks, we're lucky," Nelson said.

Sophomore Robbie Bogdanovich who has a season of experience under his belt will start against College of San Mateo on Saturday. "Bogdanovich will do a good job, he's a real tough kid," Stanley said.

Women's soccer team wins CVC opener

□ Rams take advantage of short-handed Porterville

By Eric Mendoza

Freshman Bethany Kubley scored once and had two assists to lead Fresno City over Porterville, 3-0 in their Central Valley Conference league opener, last Thursday at Ratcliffe.

Porterville made the trip with just eight players and were forced to play defense for the entire game.

Fresno City's Linda Mendez scored on a pass from Kubley at the 20-minute mark, the only score of the first half.

Porterville goalie, Chelse Green played well given her teams situation. Green saw 57 shots come her way and set a new

school record with 36 saves.

The Rams finally put the game out of reach with two goals in the final 20 minutes of the contest. Kubley's second assist, this time to sweeper Karen Trapp gave Fresno a 2-0 lead. Trapp scored from twenty yards out, just out of Green's reach.

With just ten minutes remaining Kubley, a former All-League standout from Hoover High School, scored — firing the ball to the right side of the net, too fast for the Porterville goalie.

"I think we're going to be alright," said Head Coach Bill Neal. "It's hard to tell from a game like this, I hope it doesn't affect us (in a negative way)."

The Rams' next home game will be on Saturday, Oct. 4, against Modesto Jr. College. Game time is 1:00 p.m.

Rams edge rival Modesto team

□ FCC opens league play with 2-1 victory

By Eric Mendoza
Staff Writer

The Fresno City College Men's Soccer team opened its 1997 Central Valley Conference schedule against their league nemesis, the Modesto Jr. College Pirates — and beat them 2-1 last Thursday night at Ratcliffe Stadium.

Goals scored by Jose Garcia and Jason Carter, along with great defense led by freshmen goalkeepers Aaron Bryan and Rick Reyna, helped defeat the same team with which they shared their 1996 CVC title with.

Both Fresno (3-3), (1-0) and Modesto (2-2), (0-1) are heavy favorites again to compete for the top spot in 1997.

So for one night assistant head coach Scott Alcorn allowed his team to float on cloud nine knowing his club will face a tough three-week conference road trip, ending Oct. 14 — against Modesto.

"This was a big game, early in the season," Alcorn said. "It set the precedence that we're the team to beat in the CVC. Our key tonight was that we dominated the center and midfield. Nick Correa, Adam Finley, and Corky Sells controlled the middle."

The game proved to live up to its pre-season hype, as both teams played aggressively and with the intensity of a title game.

Rams Adam Finley, Phil Marin, Jose Garcia, and Corky Sells controlled the ball and the tempo for much of the first half.

Freshman striker Anthony Murrill also sparked the Rams with inspired play off the bench. Murrill pushed the ball downfield several times, but his best goal chance was blocked by the Pirates' goalie as he made a sliding leg save.

Modesto's first serious threat was nullified by an offside penalty and their first shot on goal was stopped by Bryan, as the Clovis High graduate made a leaping, two-handed grab over a Pirate striker. Bryan finished the first half with a shut-out and two official saves to his credit.

Two minutes after Garcia missed high with a penalty shot atop the box, his low line-drive got through a crowd of Modesto defenders and the keeper's legs, giving Fresno a 1-0 lead at the 20-minute mark and on into halftime. "That's what I'm out there for," said the midfielder. "Luckily, I kicked it hard enough to get through."

Just five minutes into the second half, temporary disaster struck the Rams as Modesto scored on their first offensive possession — on an untimely error by newly inserted goalkeeper Rick Reyna.

The Pirate shot appeared to be ready to handle, but as both teams turned upfield, Reyna fell to his right, the ball rolled under his body and had just enough steam to reach the back of the net.

"I was too excited," said Reyna after the game, smiling from relief. "I was maybe too nervous [about being in the second half line-up]. Butterflies, I guess. I thought about it, instead of reacting."

Modesto seemed to have a window of opportunity, but before the Pirates took

Clean slate for women's volleyball

□ New head Coach Sandi Auble inherits league's youngest team

By Eric Mendoza
Staff Writer

Any questions about Fresno City's volleyball team and its youth or lack of experience have been answered during the first two weeks of the 1997 season: the Rams are 3-2, 1-1.

This includes a perfect 2-0 on their home court, under first-year head coach Sandi Auble and assistant Rich Loper.

Coach Auble is in good spirits as her team tries to accomplish what no other team has done in school history: win a league championship.

So far, so good. "This is a really good group," Auble said. "The transaction has been made easy — because we have such good girls."

The group is led by co-captains Michelle Medrano, freshmen Tangi Graf, and 5'11" Toya Selley, a hard-hitting force at the swing position.

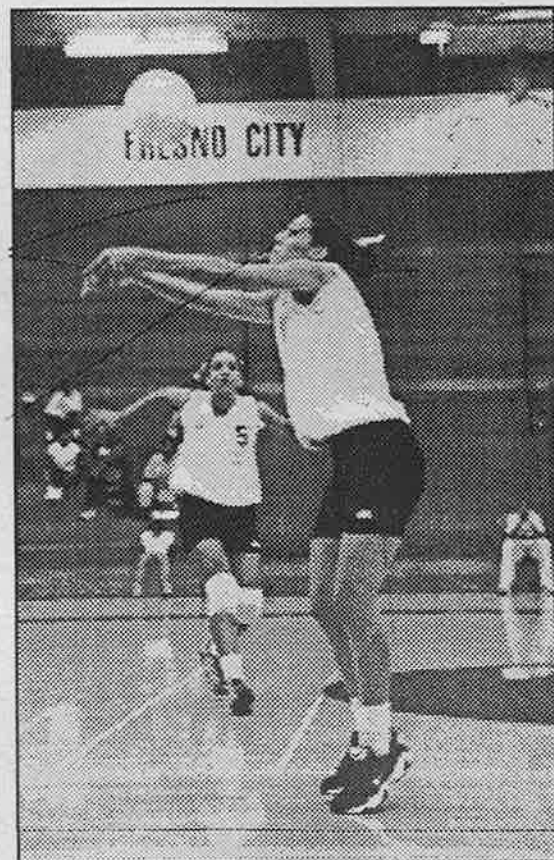
"Michelle brings stability. She's a good all-around player," said Coach Auble. "She has great ball control and has good court sense." Medrano helped spark FCC to a second place finish in pool play, during a 12-team tournament hosted by American River College in Sacramento on Saturday, Sept. 20.

After losing to Kings River Community College on Sept. 17, their league opener in Reedley, the Rams rebounded and beat Hartnell College, the following night (15-5), (15-9), (15-7) in the campus gymnasium.

Despite Columbia's height advantage, with two 6-foot freshman middle blockers in Cristy Riker and Cherly Tepfer, the Rams' frontline proved to be too much for Coach Morgan McBride and her Claim Jumpers.

Seeley was awesome in her left corner spot, as she slammed and tipped her way to a game-high 18 kills, before leaving the match early in the fourth game with a knee injury. "When Toya's hitting is on, she's real strong," Auble said.

With Seeley out for the remainder of



Passing. T. Graf guides the ball. Photo By Don Davis

the match, the Rams rallied behind

"It was a good win... Columbia is a strong team, but we stepped it up when it counted."

— Coach Auble

and the game (15-4).

"It was a good win," Auble said after the match. "Columbia is a strong team, but we stepped it up when it counted. Michelle and Toya really played more consistent. The key tonight was our passing game."

FCC will host Merced College Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. in the gym, after a trip to Davis for a Cabrillo tournament.

Medrano (13 kills) and middle blocker Sharon Stewart who stepped in for her injured teammate. After leading (2-1) in the decisive game, FCC reeled off eight points before finishing off the Claim Jumpers

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Soccer: Rams win

advantage of any momentum, the Rams
 answered. Not too soon for Reyna.

No doubt thinking about his mental
 breakdown, Reyna watched his team battle
 offensively for the next five minutes. It was
 the 40-minute mark when Nick Correa's
 corner kick found the center of the box,
 where Jason Carter managed to leg it
 through a crowd, as the ball hit the top
 crossbar, came straight down and bounced
 across the line for a Ram 2-1 lead.

Carter redeemed himself, as two min-
 utes earlier Jason was issued the first of
 two Fresno yellow cards.

"We had a couple of good chances to
 score before," Carter said. "I had to put it
 through. We dominated [the game] and we
 had to pick it up a notch. We had to hold
 them [after Modesto scored], we stayed
 pretty positive."

The final 20 minutes rested on the shoul-
 ders of Reyna and his fellow defenders, as
 the goalkeeper found new life and stepped
 up with two crucial saves down the stretch.

Modesto had two corner kicks batted
 away in the final three minutes of play and
 the Rams held on to its lead.

"This is a big win, a big boost," Garcia
 said. "We play [Modesto] three more times
 and this gives us an advantage to beat
 them again. We're on the road to the state
 championship." Freshmen from Fresno

High said, "It was the best 90 minutes
 we've ever played together."

The Rams will travel to Sacramento on
 Sept. 30 to play Consumnes River College,
 the first of five consecutive road games,
 before coming home to face West Hills
 College on Saturday, Oct. 18.

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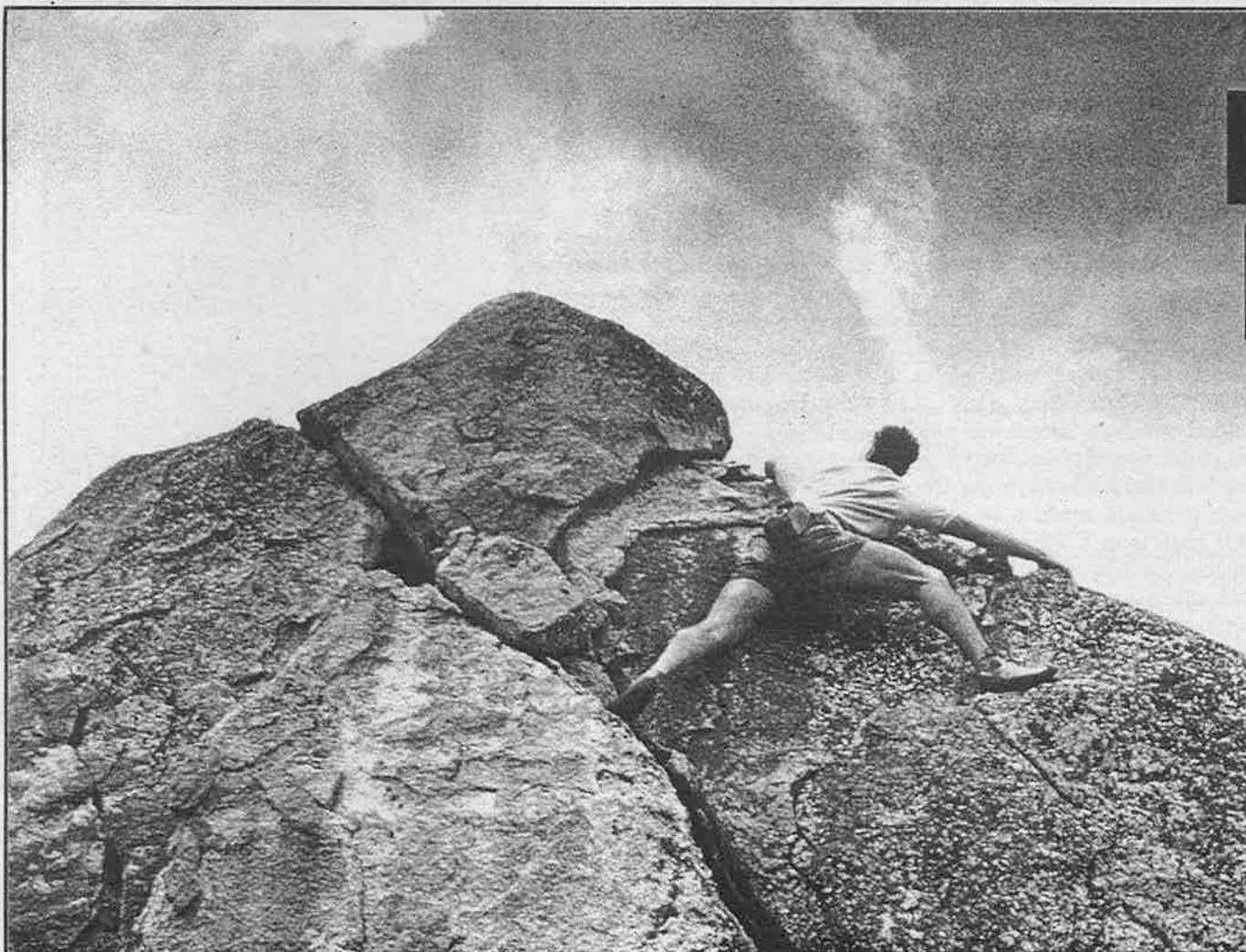
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