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Valley Children's boasts a new address

Transition is difficult but necessary, volunteers still needed to help with patients move



The hospital is distinctly larger than it's previous Fresno location.

The new Valley Children's hospital is a more appetizing environment for children. It has five brightly colored sections and individually decorated rooms. Photos by Syrida BonDurant

By Allison Beltz
Entertainment Editor

The new
hospital is
located on
freeway
41 and
Avenue 16
in Madera

If you drive north on Freeway 41 towards Madera, you'll be sure to see it on your left, the huge, beautiful building, brand new and exciting. It's the new Valley Children's Hospital.

On Monday, August 31st, patients were delicately moved from the old Valley Children's Hospital at Millbrook and Herndon to the new building.

everybody's very excited about it. It's really neat, pretty and new."

However, despite all the excitement over the new hospital, there is still something they need more of, volunteers.

"Volunteers are always needed," Goyette explained. "We have volunteers playing with the kids in the playroom, walking them from room to room, even working in the gift shop. Their main purpose is to make the patients feel comfortable."

Think about it, to be a small child in a strange environment can be terrifying, es-

“There's a lot to learn about where things are and how to find your way around, but everybody's very excited about it."

said Debbie Goyette RN at VCH

pecially when people in that environment are sticking you with needles and giving all sorts of medication. It is extremely reassuring to have a friend by your side.

FCC student Thomas Toby, who is a hospital volunteer, said the importance in volunteers lies in "helping to ease the hospital environment, and providing services which help patients feel more comfortable, not isolated."

For information on volunteering, call Valley Children's Hospital at (209) 353-3000 and ask for the Volunteer Services Department.

FCC class offered to ease stress of incoming freshmen

By Michelle Goyette
Rampage Reporter

To many the word college is synonymous with stress. Especially if you are a first time student diving into the college scene. Along with stressing over what classes are right to take, many freshman are undecided on their majors. But not to worry.

Fresno City College offers a class entitled, *General Work Experience 19/ Guidance Studies 70*. This class is designed to help incoming freshman to be able to make it through a successful semester. The class teaches students how to be organized and well prepared. The class also gives students valuable information about the workplace and today's job market. It discusses goals and objectives tar-

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geted to giving students a n advantage in the ever changing industrial environment we live in.

Cynthia Kaitfors is one of the instructors teaching the course here at FCC. Kaitfors is also a school counselor for fourth to twelfth grade. But she says that coming here to teach the GS 70 course is "gravy" for her.

"I get so much joy and satisfaction

in seeing students return and watch them continue in their successes," she stated.

When asked about the benefits of GS 70, Kaitfors stated, "The more the students put in, the more they will get out. Class participation will help students to learn more about themselves. Whatever they take on they can accomplish."

This course began in the fall of '97 under the Eagle program here at FCC. The major goal of this course is to keep the freshman in school. Forty to 45 percent of freshman drop out, and GS 70 wants to change that.

So much important information is offered in this course, all students are welcome to enroll. Those first years of college can be hard but GS 70 can benefit you.

This class is offered to any interested FCC student. It stresses academic success and the means through which to achieve it.

Club Awareness Day

Students come out to promote their organizations, fundraise



Students gather around the various booths while enjoying the music during Club Awareness Day. The event coerced many students out into the quad and encouraged them to join clubs. Photo by Eleazar Valdez

Tables and chairs were in position in the Free Speech area of our campus on the morning of September 9 as various clubs from Fresno City College began setting-up for their special day. This was to be the first of three during the Fall 1998 semester heralding the commencement of club operations geared to the wants and needs of students.

Although many clubs were not in attendance on this balmy and sometimes breezy morning, social devotees should be assured that their favorite club will appear again on campus before the next Club Awareness Day scheduled for October 16.

The food for sale as fund-raising sources seemed to be on the conservative side. Club representatives were "feeling out" the responses of students towards their ideals and motives.

In attendance were the Associated Student Government of FCC., Native American Indian Student Association (FCC), Club Azteca, Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), and other returning service and fraternal organizations.

The Press Club of Fresno City College made its debut at this September campus event. No food was sold, but a few students were interested in another way to gain access to the Rampage.

All of the clubs furnish unusual features and benefits. Students should feel free to investigate the campus clubs to determine if their brand of camaraderie and service is of use to themselves financially and socially.

-James Wilcox

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News in Brief

- Compiled by Devin Riley, Richell Horder

Elevator misuse is everyone's problem

Elevator accessibility for authorized staff and students with physical disabilities is a problem on the Fresno City College campus.

"The biggest problem is in the Math and Science building where the rooms split. I've watched students who don't know where to go, so they get on the elevator," said Janice Emerzian. The elevators are intended for the use of authorized staff and students. Students using elevators are preventing other students with physical disabilities from getting to class on time.

An idea to have welcome committee students at the elevators to help direct students has been discussed. We want to remind students that the elevators are for disabled students on the campus. But, we also want students to be sensitive to the needs of students who have hidden health problems, such as asthma and other heart conditions," stated Emerzian.

Students need to be courteous of students with special needs and use the stairs. If you need to use the elevators allow authorized students and staff to enter first.

Exhibit celebrates Mexican artwork

The Fresno Art Museum is presenting an exhibit entitled "Mexican Art in California" that runs now until November 1. The exhibition is being curated by Margarita Nieto, and will include original paintings, drawings and prints by Jean Charlot, Alfredo Ramos Martinez, Clemente Orozco, Diego Rivera, Jos, and David Alfredo Siqueiros as well as the work of Freda Kahlo. During the two decades after the Mexican Revolution, each of these artists molded, revised and deeply influenced Californian art as their works reflected the sociopolitical issues of the time.

The Fresno Art Museum is located at 2233 North First Street in Radio Park. The Museum is open Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., and on weekends from noon to 5:00 p.m. Members and those 15 and under are admitted free of charge. Nonmember admission is \$2, seniors and students, \$1. On Tuesdays admission is free. For additional information contact the Museum at (209) 441-4221.

Fresno artist featured in exhibit

Fresno watercolorist Rollin Pickford is currently being featured in a retrospective exhibition curated by his son Joel at the Fresno Art Museum. The exhibit, which runs until November 1, 1998, features Pickford's greatest artistic achievements, focuses on the artists' stylistic development and gives an overview of the works dating from 1940 to the present. The work has been selected from over more than 13,000 watercolors the artist has produced over his long career and affords Museum visitors the opportunity of 'revisiting many familiar views of Fresno and the surrounding landscape. Pickford was instrumental in the founding of the Fresno Center (now the Fresno art Museum) and the informal group of Fresno watercolorists known as "The Tuesday Group." This is the artists' fourth solo exhibit at the Fresno Art Museum and the exhibition coincides with the publication of a full color hand bound book of Pickford's work by The Press at California State University Fresno. For additional information, contact the Museum at (209) 441-4221.

*Channel 18 presents "Jobs"

Tune in every Monday night at 7:30 P.M. for a series of programs entitled "Jobs." This program, presented by Channel 18, profiles individuals from local businesses who speak on various topics such as job preparation, background information, and pre-job education. More information to follow in the next edition of the Rampage.

FCC must be aware, courteous of disabled students, staff



Student disregard for disabled students make it difficult for all.

Photo by Syrilda BonDurant

By David Pelton
Rampage Staff

Could I ask you to remain patient for several more years? Would you let me impose on your immediate conveniences for a while longer? It seems that we are less tolerant of obstructions when they infringe upon our rights. They pull out all of the stop signs, and take agitated, fully accelerated, half-drunk traffic congested pioneers, to set the pace. I know how we can solve these problems, create a larger scandal to cover.

Chester Faller, a professor here at FCC, tried to maneuver his wheel chair, through an overly elaborate labyrinth of distinctive proportions. He started his quest by travelling up the main ramp, while seeking the advantage of the automatic door entry, wandering through the atypical desert of languid student populous, "when unbeknownst to speed",

there lie dark waters ahead. A door had pistol grip entry handles, and a magical push bar that screamed a quick bi-pedular exit. However, it will be two unhurried, unclass bound, courteous students, that will hold the narrow beam split door open for him. Not exactly something you can cheat your way through. This path magically becomes apparent every semester and hantts many disabled students.

Faller sought out the representative in charge, Donna, the acting managerial staff member at the time who also works as the bookstore's accountant. He explained his dilemma: "Isn't there a better place to put the bag check? It seems like this popcorn machine is much more important than the handicapped." I tentatively agreed, but it is very clear that it surely couldn't be put inside the store. Seriously, with the number of patrons flooding the purchasing arena, not only would you battle your way through the store, but you may struggle to breathe! No, I believe it does need to be outside, that is if its absolutely necessary. Aren't the censors in the bookstore there to deter potential theft? Accept the responsibility to help fellow students and professors, disabled or not.

The media isn't the only one to blame for Clinton scandals

By James Wilcox
Editorial- Opinion Editor

“Perhaps the press, in an overall sense, has placed too much emphasis on the after hours pleasuring of an obviously love-starved World leader.”

At no time in the history of the United States of America has the high office of the President seen darker hours. As a matter of fact, the U.S., in general is experiencing similar divisive hours which try mens' souls as we draw closer to the turn of another century.

Our children disrespect us, children kill other children for no apparent reason and terrorist groups bomb embassies killing hundreds of people for esoteric causes.

Is this a prelude to the Second Coming, the end of human civilization as we know it. Most of the Devout say yes, but the majority of humans seem to be saying who the hell cares.

As an adjunct to the preceding comments, I offer the following with regard to opinion writing.

A school or college newspaper has the obligation and duty of reporting the news on campus as it happens, when it happens. My attempts last semester were fair comments on items that I felt were relevant and newsworthy. Opinion or observation is allowed under the auspices of "Fair Comment" of the news (Sullivan v. New York Times).

I intend to continue and strengthen this feature in the Rampage. However, news on campus and fair comment of those events will have the highest priority in my writing. William Jefferson Clinton was seen in 1992 as more desirable than George Bush. Clinton won over Bush, but it wasn't a landslide victory as some pundits said. Clinton did not have a mandate. The controversies about his personal life and his Governorship of Arkansas started almost immediately. Congress and the Press have been picking at his flaws from day one.

Many liked what he said about the economy and welfare during the 1996 election year, how he promised to change things if reelected. He carried the required Electoral States and a high popular vote. A landslide, but not a mandate of the voters. He made his promised changes while temperament was still hot in Congress for those changes. Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) became extinct and the power of the welfare purse was transferred to the states. The Food Stamp program was totally given to the states for qualification and administration.

Good changes to be sure, but then enter the rumored tryst episodes in the Oval Office. Attorney General Reno had appointed a Special Pros-

ecutor to look into the allegations of former Governor Clinton. With a nod of approval, Special Prosecutor Kenneth Starr added these new allegations of moral turpitude to his investigative agenda. The free press has had a field day with this news since then at President Clinton's expense.

And why not? Clinton is a public figure whose actions in office could affect the way we, the people, conduct our private and public everyday affairs.

"I finally got to hear the supposedly 'off the record' sound byte that caused former President Reagan a few moments of bad press last Sunday;

"...tell the Kremlin that we will bomb them in 5 minutes..."

The comment was a jest, but a few people made their way to the closest fallout shelter.

Perhaps the press, in an overall sense, has placed too much emphasis on the after hours pleasuring of an obviously love-starved World leader.

He is a lame-duck president and maybe we should ease-off on him a bit. He can't run again and I believe that the Democratic Party will not hold this office again from 2000 to 2008. Al Gore should apply for a job as White House custodian. He has a better shot at getting that type of work after the next election is over.

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VICKY SPEAKS =>

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Ever heard the saying, college can give you grief? Well, you probably haven't because I don't think it's a saying, but it's true. Yes, true that, college can make you a little blue. The first day of school, leaving behind your family can make a student weepy. So we believe that day is the toughest and we say, 'Give them a week and they'll be back on their feet.' The freshman will bounce back in no time, right? Well, not so. Research shows students can experience grief well into the first semester of college.

Too often, though, this grief goes unrecognized and may times suppressed. In society, we tend to look at these changes from an optimistic perspective. So, we overlook this nervous feeling and we think we aren't supposed to feel anything, but excited and happy about this whole new experience.

This feeling of invalidated grief and disappointment can make the first year so traumatic, that some students drop out. So don't hide or ignore feelings of loneliness and homesickness because you're thinking you are supposed to be happy. The only way to overcome these unwanted feelings is to realize them and take control. You're not alone and these feelings are normal and you may go through these states of emotions at first, but my advice is to deal with them, and move on. Talk to a friend and if you don't have one, make one. There are counselors, if you need them, and if nothing else works, call home and talk to your mom. That always works.

Letting those unwanted feelings out is your first step to defeating the new school blues. I'm no expert, but let me assure you this loneliness is normal and will pass in due time. Maybe not today, maybe not even tomorrow, but soon and baby, when they do, they'll never come back. Look at it this way, you go through a semester of blues, but you have a couple of years to make up for it. So smile, be happy, and most of all, enjoy school!! Did you know that smiles are the most recognizable signals of happiness in the world? They are so important we can see a smile from 300 feet, the length of a football field!

What's the Word

Safety first

Do you feel safe at FCC?

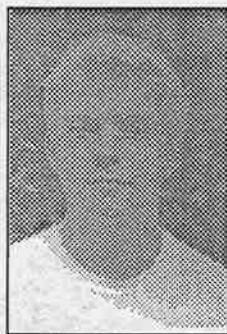


Mauricia Armstrong: "I feel we need better campus security."

Compiled by Allison Beltz
Photos by Eleazar Valdez
Rampage Staff



Sasha Rapisura: "I feel safe coming to school here, but I don't have any night classes so I don't think I have to worry about it."



Tom Toby: "I haven't seen any crime, but I don't feel safe leaving my car in the parking lots or anywhere around campus."



Marianne Collier: "I like how they [the police] are always around."



Hossein Nekumanesh: "I feel safe here at FCC. I don't think security could really improve anymore."



Jamie Granado: "It feels pretty safe around here. I just know not to leave any of my belongings laying around; I question the honesty of my fellow classmates. I heard that city college isn't safe. I hope security watches carefully."

PERSONALITY PROFILE

Cathy Bonilla

Meet your public information officer

By Vongsavanh Mouanoutoua
Rampage Staff

Fresno City College Public Information Officer, Cathy Bonilla, invested time from her busy schedule on Wednesday, August 26, 1998 to impart some helpful tips to the Rampage staff on the art of journalism and on overcoming obstacles while pursuing a story.

Before the first issue of our much heralded newspaper hit the printing press, Mr. Nash, faculty advisor of the Rampage, felt it necessary and an honor to have it's new staff hear Bonilla's tips. With a rookie-dominated staff joining the Rampage, her words of came at a very appropriate time.

Bonilla's resume speaks soundly of her abilities and wisdom, which includes a sound background in news production at television stations 24, 47 and another down in Bakersfield. Working directly with Dr. Larios, our college president, Bonilla takes pride in upholding the image of FCC.

Taking her six year experience here at FCC with her, Bonilla came to teach the virgin staff of the Rampage about the tricks of reporting and on maintaining professionalism throughout. She warned of problems that a reporter could encounter, such as failed interviews and silent sources. Then she offered tips on overcoming such obstacles with tact and grace. Most important, Bonilla encouraged to be prepared for each and every single story by being informed, being accurate, and being balanced. If followed, no reporter will suffer the pitfalls of pursuing and unfolding a story and, in turn will improve the reputation of the Rampage.

Yes, not much comes out of the other colleges in Fresno (Fresno City College), and this humbled exposure to the media strikes our campus like a double-edged sword. An omission from the media means that our staff and students refrain from controversial activities; however, at the same time, it also means that our school will lose the much needed exposure that will



Photo courtesy PIO

Cathy Bonilla keeps an open door policy for all students in need of campus information

draw the public's attention to our school. We need the media.

Did the Rampage staff learn from Bonilla? Read the Rampage, the products of what she has sewn will come to fruition in the work of each story and in each publication. Cathy Bonilla's sacrifice to teach and guide the Rampage staff is just one example of the many concerned and sincere staff of professionals that grace this campus.

BUMPER STUMPERS

Think you're good at trivia, try this question on for size!

While covering the Green Bay-Oakland preseason game, Fox football analyst John Madden inadvertently blurted out that while coaching a junior college football team, he moonlighted as a dancing instructor. What dancing course did Madden teach?

- A. Ballroom Dancing
- B. Square Dancing
- C. Tap Dancing

Answer... next edition

Last edition's answer: A. Jerry Garcia sang "I may be going to hell in a bucket, but at least I enjoyed the ride".

Sirens
police log

9/3/98

0905 hours - Officer was patrolling campus and noticed a trash can smoldering. he pulled over to check it out and noticed a cigarette had started it. No further action taken, report taken.

9/9/98

1015 hours - Dispatcher took a phone report regarding the theft of a Pepsi fountain machine from the cafeteria. Suspects unknown, report taken.

9/10/98

1122 hours - Officer responded to the bookstore for a subject attempting to pass a counterfeit bill. Subject was arrested and booked into the Fresno County Jail.

HOLE

New album reflects change in band's maturity

By Allison Beltz
Entertainment Editor

The many faces of Courtney Love... angry grunge rocker, junkie poet, beaming Hollywood starlet. We've seen it all. In the four years since her band Hole's album *Live Through This*, Love has metamorphosed so much it could make your head spin. And now, with the release of *Celebrity Skin*, Hole is back at the mike again, growling and ready to make more waves.

Live Through This was released just after the death of Love's husband, Nirvana's Kurt Cobain. The press murmured at the irony of the album's name at such a time. Back then, Love was known as the bad girl of the music industry, the strung out princess who smashed guitars and punched out fans at her shows. So much has happened since then to transform not only Love, but the entire band.

For one, Hole bassist Kristin Pfaff died of a heroin overdose. Though she was replaced by Melissa Auf Der Maur, she was never forgotten by the band. In fact, a portion of the proceeds from the sale of *Celebrity Skin* goes to the Kristin Pfaff Memorial Fund.

Love had seemed to be free from her own drug problems, and won the role of a small-time waitress in *Feeling Minnesota*. That led to her portrayal as Althea Flint opposite Woody Harrelson in the film *The People vs. Larry Flynt*. Many people said the part was all too close to Love's own character, but still she got immense praise by critics.

The band appeared on the soundtrack for *The Crow: City of Angels*, with a cover of Stevie Nicks' song, "Gold Dust Woman." A video was made and the song hit the airwaves, bringing Hole publicity while the rest of the band idled, waiting for Love to come back so they could start new material.

Last year, a collection of Hole rarities and b-sides was released in a compilation titled *My Body, the Hand Grenade*. Still, it was nothing new, and fans were made to wait until this month for *Celebrity Skin*.

The band had made it a goal to sit down again and really write



Hole's new album "Celebrity Skin" is now available in stores

herself — on what she used to be, what she's become, and what will be. Many people accused her of selling out, giving up the music and the life-style she was famous for the glitter and money of Hollywood. Love is very conscious of this on the album, and by the sound of many songs, she is bitter about her situation. But she never blames herself for changing. She blames them for selling her out.

As for the actual music on the album, it is significantly more developed than *Live Through This*. Guitarist Eric Erlandson contributed more to *Celebrity Skin* than ever before, composing entire songs on his own and exhibiting his immense field of talent. Three other musicians wrote for the album, including the Smashing Pumpkins' Billy Corgan.

You can currently check out the first single from the album, "Celebrity Skin," on local rock and alternative radio stations, as well as MTV. If you have access to the Internet, visit the Hole website at <http://www.geffen.com/hole> and download the entire song free. It is definitely worth your time.

a new record. Inspiration was slow at first, so they decided to write about something universal, trans-gender, the American dream: California. The result was the song "Malibu." From that point on, the ideas come like a waterfall.

Love, who composed all the lyrics on the new album, used some of the same themes from *Live Through This*: depression ("Northern Star"), abuse ("Hit So Hard"), emptiness ("Use Once & Destroy"). In "Petals," she uses a line from "Asking For It" almost exactly to the word. However, most of the album seems to be Love reflecting on

the HOLE Truth

Celebrity Skin is the first single to be released from the new album, it can currently be heard on alternative radio stations

For more information you can check out Hole's website at <http://www.geffen.com/hole>

You can look up information on the band and download "Celebrity Skin" for free

Tool rocks Fresno...

By Will Trachman
Rampage staff

"You will question authority, those who make the rules and who have the power to oppress," said Maynard, the lead singer of the rock/alternative band Tool.

The nightlife of Fresno simply isn't all that exciting, but Friday, August 28, Tool performed for the entertainment starved crowd at the Fresno State amphitheater. Almost 6,000 people showed up to commemorate the event, which lasted from about 8:00 p.m. to 10:20 p.m.

"This was the biggest thing in the Valley since 'Weird' Al Yankovic came to the Tulare Fair last year," said Scott Christiansen, 19.

The concert was sold out well before the day of the show. Those who couldn't get tickets were forced to stand outside fences guarded by heavy security. "My friend and I walked around the whole amphitheater, but we couldn't find a way to sneak in, so we met these girls and hung out with a security guard until the concert was over," said James Leveque, 18.

Tool enjoys controversy in the music world somewhere between Hanson and Marilyn Manson. Antics such as Maynard stripping naked and asking the audience to spit on him to wearing bras are common sights at the shows the band puts on. "They don't have that many ultra-right wing 'ba—s' on their [case] like Marilyn does, but they still put on a great show," said Justin Vinnard, 20.

Among the songs which were played, short speeches were used to encourage the questioning of authority and the independence of youth. These speeches served to educate in addition to entertaining the masses at the Fresno amphitheater. "I expected good music," said Thomas McLaughlin, 20, "but I got much much more."

Although some songs weren't included in the show like "Stinkfist," or "Prison Sex" most fans were glad they got the chance to hear classics such as "Sober" and "Swampsong." In general, the concert showed an excellent display of the musical genius of Tool, and should be enough to tide over the fans of Vanilla Ice until he restarts his tour.

Not quite "Alternative Nation"

By Allison Beltz
Entertainment Editor

With the release of Sonic Youth's new album *A Thousand Leaves*, I started thinking about the term "alternative." Of course Sonic Youth is labeled alternative, because they began to gain popularity in the early 90's, in a time of music revolution.

A new wave of musicians had come along, making music that didn't fit into any existing category. It was dubbed "alternative," the music by bands like Blind Melon, Weezer, Crash Test Dummies, and countless others whose songs we still sing along to reminiscently on the radio. They stemmed from musical genres like metal, rock, and grunge (then relatively new). Grunge gained popularity thanks to Seattle bands Mudhoney and Nirvana leading the way for Pearl Jam, Alice in Chains, Soundgarden, and Los Angeles' Stone Temple Pilots.

Alternative music was about angst and the plight of the youth of America. The bands screamed our thoughts, feelings and fears over music we could mosh to. It was an experience just to listen to it.

It seemed that just as Kurt Cobain was the voice of our generation, the music symbolized who we were and united us. Alternative. It was Generation X, which was so unique and different than those of the past and those that would come (as we would have like to have thought).

But it wasn't soon after that the entire music industry tried to cash in on the alternative trend. Pretty soon, every band was calling itself "alternative," and alternative became not the exception, but the rule. Cliché.

Radio stations didn't help. A local station carrying the slogan "the Valley's alternative" tried to pull off playing Hanson's "Mmmmbop" last year. Yeah. Right. Like anybody's gonna believe that a bunch of pre-puberty-prepubescent boys singing bubblegum songs could pass for alternative. Even the deejays were openly upset; they

would often mock the song on the air when they had to play it. Eventually the song was removed from the playlists because of dissension. However, that station still keeps White Town's techno-laden "Your Woman" and other completely un-al-

ternative songs on regular rotation. They also gave a disc jockey a Sunday night show for "The 50 Minute Buzz" — which was supposed to showcase new music, but basically gave the DJ a chance to spin his favorite techno tunes.

To me, it's as if alternative music doesn't really exist anymore. It's all just pop anyway, since most so-called "alternative" bands become that after they wind up on the charts. Of course it's good that people are supporting their music, but we shouldn't fool ourselves and just bulk every money-making band into alternative category. That's not how it started, and that's not what it should be about. "Alternative" means something different, a choice, a deviation from the norm. That music genre has lost its meaning.

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Touchdown

Football season opens with a bang

By Jeff Dockum
Sports Editor

The Fresno City College football team opened up with a huge victory over Laney College 57-21, last Saturday at Ratcliffe Stadium. The game which marked the 500th in Ram football history was never close. Coming into the game ranked 20th in the state by the California Junior College Athletic Bureau, the Laney College Eagles looked to be more than a formidable opponent for the young and talented Rams.

However, this was never the case. The Rams broke open the game with a 14 point first quarter, capped off with a 78 yard touchdown run by running back Maurice Morris, a tremendously talented Freshman from Chester, South Carolina who ended up with a total of 177 yards on only 14 carries and scoring three touchdowns.

With 330 yards of total offense at half-time and a comfortable 33-7 lead, the Rams were never in doubt. Sophomore Quarterback Kenny Rose passed for four of those touchdowns, throwing for all of his touchdowns in the first half. The special teams also came up huge with Morris returning a kick 89 yards for a touchdown and Jimmy Whitfields 53 yard punt return.

Defensively the Rams excelled throughout the game. With a defense of all first year players, the Rams held the Eagles to 231 yards of total offense, forcing a fumble, and limits their passing game to 93 yards. Allowing only 21 points against a state ranked team is always a good sign as well as totaling 454 yards in total



Touchdown by Maurice Morris insuring a win against Laney College.

Photos by Eleazar Valdez



Although thought by some to be inexperienced, the Rams prove themselves to be worthy competitors.

offense. The offense led by Rose and Morris is also loaded with key players such as left tackle Jim Simons, left guard Jeremy Dominguez, tight end Robin Matthews, wide receiver Mike Marquez, and fullback Phil Branstetter.

The Rams are young, talented, and looking for prominence this season after last years 3-7 campaign.

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NFL Preview...

A fanatical look into the AFC

By Jeff Dockum
Sports Editor

A division by division break down of what to look forward in the AFC this season:

AFC EAST

1. Miami- In a division with no clear winner on the outlook and every team sporting some kind of flaw, look for old wiseman Dan Marino to finally lead them to the promise land... past the wild card round of the playoffs.

2. New England-Clearly could be the winner of this mediocre division, but with injury prone running back Robert Edwards off and on with a torn sensitive region (groin injury) and backfilled mate Sedrick Shaw never amassing more than nine yards a carry in the preseason, even with Bledsoe at quarterback their will be no Boston Tea Party this year.

3. New York Jets- Testeverade??? Foley???? Quarterback controversy hardly. More like quarterback catastrophe.

4. Buffalo- It's hell growing old. The Bills could surprise a few teams but are too old to compete in a 16 game season, but new Q.B. Rob Johnson is a good start towards the future.

5. Indianapolis-With the current offensive line the Colts have, new Q.B. Peton Manning will spend more time on his back than a turtle.

AFC CENTRAL

1. Jacksonville-Mark Brunell is the franchise and his play alone will add up to at least nine wins. Key ingredients in place for deep playoff run.

2. Pittsburgh-Return to the steel cur-

tain????? Hardly, but Kordell Stewart and his incredible newspaper throwing arm and the "Bus" Jerome Bettis will keep the Steelers rollin'.

3. Tennessee-Add a defense and we're talking playoffs. McNair, George, and Thigpen should light up teams this year.

4. Baltimore-Defense will be elite in the future. Harbaugh and Rhett will unfortunately have to carry load for this young team.

5. Cincinnati-Neil O'Donnell is no Boomer Esiason, but running back Corey Dillon should have another break through year which will keep this team somewhat interesting.

AFC WEST

1. Denver- Never underestimate the heart of a champion even if it is an aging, old champion. Davis and Sharpe will keep this team forever young.

2. Seattle-Good thing Seattle is getting Mooned again. With Moon at the helm and Watters and Galloway on offense, the possibilities are endless. The Defense is among the league's best and will earn them at least a wild card birth.

3. Kansas City-Defense is the best in the league. Destroying the Raiders is not a new task for this team so don't get excited. You've got Elvis Grbac and Donnel Bennett as your quarterback-running back combo, help!!!!!!

4. Oakland-Memo to Raider fan, this year is not your year. Next year does not look too bright either. Not until Grandma Davis is let off the ownership bandwagon.

5. San Diego- Turning over a new Leaf. Too bad he has no one to throw too., same phrase as Manning.

AFC CHAMPION: Look for Denver to emerge over Seattle when the dust settles.

In two weeks: a look into the start of the NFC season!

A look back at 50 years of FCC sports

By Jeff Dockum
Sports Editor

Collegiate sports. A tradition that is carried out on most universities is having not only a winning sports program, but having one that has stayed clean and maintained top notch status over the years.

Fresno City College athletics have definitely achieved this, celebrating 50 years of student athletes this athletic season. 50 years with no scandals, no controversies, and no goofing around, city college sports have not only maintained winning status and doing the best they can do, but also working hard in the classroom.

Back on August 27, Fresno City College celebrated 50 years of athletics with the first annual sports luncheon. Several top newscasters and news-writers from the valley showed up to see that Fresno City College sports is all about a tradition of excellence, integrity and winning. Among the attendees: Dan Taylor (Channel 30 sports anchor), Ralph Wood (Channel 26 sports anchor), Bill McEwen (Fresno Bee sports columnist), Milo Bryant (Fresno Bee Football reporter), and several other sports news big wigs from the valley were in attendance. The event hyped up what should be an excellent year for Ram sports teams.

The event also stresses the importance of student athletics at Fresno City. Student athletics are a big part of Fresno City, unlike some schools which don't stress this method (a.k.a Ohio State University's football program, whose star linebacker and Heisman Trophy candidate Andy Katzenmoyer will most likely be allowed to play this college football season even though he may not pass classes in Aids awareness, golf, and music. Fresno City Athletics have prided themselves on not having these things happen and highly stressing student athletics.

Ram athletics have maintained this stable course throughout the entire 50 years. Just take a look at former Rams such as Hall of Fame Pitcher Tom Seaver, former Seahawks coach Tom Flores, or current Chicago Bear -tight end Ryan Wemight. This season has many opportunities for potential stars with over 400 students in the athletic department.

Tradition expands beyond just the individual accomplishments. Out of 17 total sports teams, five won State championships last year, and that is definitely not to shabby. Baseball, softball, the golf team, and both men's and women's cross country teams attained championship status last season and look to repeat it this season.

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The Poets Spot

"In the Interest of Life"

- Shy' Ann J. Callahan

What steps are next to be taken
what direction will they make
is there a chance of moral redemption
when our leaders are all so fake
putting our nation's trust
our love
our devotion of life in one man's hands
just to have him shove it down his pants
who is left to turn to
and where is he
Jesus is on the Internet
oh but don't fret
Satan's hanging there too
there's a little bit of everything there
for those who love their life
and those who simply don't care
the Russians are all poor
Japan's heading there too
but that will never effect me and you
say it will be OK sir and maybe some will believe
yet others will continue to try and push through
the crowded streets of self hatred
deflected to reveal
racism, prejudice, and the ultimate ignorance
no one existing the way they were meant to
technology won't have that
scientist say that's through
the simplicity of life is the most taxing to obtain
difficult complexity is where it's at
says who?
the cat in the hat
you'd label me a looney and put me in your bin
yet that's the life you choose to live day out and day in
anything worth obtaining must come at a high price
free education
free at what cost
says the eleven year old boy convict lined up on death row
pulling behind our taxes is the only thing he will tow
well things are getting a little stale around here
so I guess it's time for another war
who's going to be the enemy this time around
anyone keeping score
maybe my son of mixed colors and races
some call him the messiah of that "one world" type of thinking
others say it boldly disgraces
all the hard work put in to evade the inevitable
maybe all this is just the wild ranting of some radical
could it be I'm just off
well if your happy with the world today
there's no way in hell I'd ever want to be on
so what steps are next to be taken
what reflection will I make
ask yourself what's important
then ask your self
who's fake.

A Letter From The Chief

Ways to stay safe on campus

Editors Note: The following was provided by Chief of Police Marvin Reyes.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT POLICE DEPARTMENT

WELCOME STUDENTS

The State Center Community College District Police Department would like to welcome you to the College District and make you aware of the following:

1. The Police Department is a legislated law enforcement agency with full police powers.
2. Officers patrol the campus in marked police vehicles and on foot.
3. The Police Department enforces all State & Federal Laws & local ordinances.
4. Parking ordinances & traffic laws are strictly enforced (parking permits are required the first day of classes).
5. Parking is enforced in all neighborhoods surrounding the Fresno City College campus.
6. The District Police Department is located at 1941 N. Calaveras (corner of Calaveras & Weldon) and can be reached by phone at 442- 8201.
7. The District Police Department provides vehicle assistance to students who have valid parking permits on their vehicles.
 - A) Jump Starts
 - B) Unlocking vehicles with keys locked inside.
8. The District Police Department maintains a lost and found property.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

1. Emergency telephones are in place on the FCC campus. The phones go directly to the Police Department dispatch for emergency service.
2. All elevators on the Fresno City college campus have phones that go directly to the Police Department.
3. Any and all College Districts employees will assist students in making contact with the Police Department.
4. The Police Department can only assist you with problems they are aware of, so you are encour-

aged to report problems that concern you or anyone else.

5. The Police Department encourages you to report criminal activity that you may have witnessed.
6. Opportunity is the number one reason that theft occurs. Do not leave your property such as backpacks, purses & books unattended to avoid a potential theft.
7. Always locking your vehicle and not leaving property out in plain sight helps to discourage theft from your vehicle.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT POLICE DEPARTMENT

PARKING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Parking permits are required the first day of classes.
2. Parking permits should be clearly displayed in the right hand corner of the windshield to avoid a parking citation.
3. Permits may be displayed hanging from the rear view mirror, however it is the owner's responsibility to make sure that permits are clearly visible.
4. Parking is strictly enforced, so it would be in your best interest to obtain the Parking Rules & Regulations and read them. (The information can be obtained at the District Police Department or the Business Office where you pay your fees.)
5. The residential area northwest of the Fresno City College campus requires a "residential permit", district parking permits are not valid in these areas. It is important that you pay attention to the signs that are posted to avoid parking citations.
6. Loading zones on campus are not parking spaces and vehicles will be cited that are left unattended in those zones.
7. One-day permits can be purchased in several of the parking lots & the main entrance to the campus. Permit dispensers are red in color or yellow and take quarters only.
8. Parking meters are in several of the parking lots, the meters accept quarters only. Parking permits are not valid at the parking meters.
9. All questions regarding parking should be directed to the District Police Department.

what's happening

The following events are taking place in and around FCC and are open to all students

Club Name	Day	Time	Location
Alpha Beta Gamma	MWF	9am-11am	Health Science
Alpha Gamma Sigma	T	5pm-6pm	Senate Chambers
	TH	11am-Noon	Senate Chambers
Campus Crusade	T	11am-Noon	Senate Chambers
	W	Noon-1pm	Senate Chambers
Club Azteca	F	Noon-1pm	Senate Chambers
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	F	7am-8am	Cafeteria Room A & B
Filipino American Club	F	2pm-3pm	Senate Chambers
Hmong Student Club	T	3pm-4pm	Senate Chambers
Latter-Day Saint Student Association	F	Noon-1:50pm	Inst. of Religion
London or Bust	Arranged		
MEChA	T	2pm-3pm	Senate Chambers
Muslim Student Association	F	1:15-2:15pm	Senate Chambers
NAISA	T	4pm-5pm	Senate Chambers
PASU	T/TH	10pm-11pm	Senate Chambers
Philosophy Club	2nd F		
	each month	TBA	TBA
Phi Theta Kappa	M	4pm-5pm	Senate Chambers
Psychology Club	M	3pm-4pm	Senate Chambers
Remnant	W	11am-Noon	BE-134
Republican Club	M	1pm-2pm	Senate Chambers
SIFE	T	1pm	BE-137
Student Paralegal Association	2nd Sunday	3pm	arranged

Good Company Players productions, presents "Laughter on the 23rd Floor" - Opening Performance- Dinner from 5:45 p.m., Pre-show 7:30 p.m. Show 8:00 p.m.

Second Space: "Dancing at Lughnasa" - 8:00 p.m.

Butterfields is featuring the Ouzo Boys at 9:30 p.m. every Saturday night this month.

VeniVedi Vici: Live music each Thursday night at 9:30 p.m.

Avalon Billiards Club: College special \$5/hr. pool per ID after 6:30 p.m.

Daily Planet: Nate Butler at the baby grand Mon-Fri. lunch, Tues.-Fri. dinner