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FOCUS ON CULTURE:

Dance troupe provides a basis for cultural appreciation

By Ana V. Michel
Rampage Staff

The Ballet Folklórico de Mexico put on a two hour performance Wednesday September 16, 1998, at the William Saroyan Theater. The Ballet Folklórico was hailed as "Beautiful... Dazzling... Gorgeous!" by the New York Times. Amalia Hernandez founded the Ballet Folklórico de Mexico and began a weekly show called "Gala Performance" on Mexican television showcasing folklore dance. By 1954, she had arranged 67 programs for a growing and enthusiastic audience, creating new dances for each show. That year, the Department of Tourism, impressed by the vitality of the program, made the Ballet Folklórico de Mexico the official cultural ambassador of Mexico.

"What is dance? What is dance if not the celebration of art brought to life on stage?" asks Hernandez. "To know the culture of a nation so rich in traditions as Mexico, one must first understand its feelings. The best way to experience them is through its art. Mexico's art faithfully reflects the traditions of its people, the feeling that passes through generations." To reflect this feeling is the goal of the dance troupe through nine uniquely different dances.

THE AZTEC GODS- narrates the legend of the Aztec god Quetzalcoatl's struggle to create man.

SOUNDS OF MICHOACAN- Michoacan is one of the states of Mexico and is richest in folklore with a grand amount of treasure in its history, tradition and folk art.

REVOLUTION- Modern Mexico began with the Revolution of 1910 where, for the first time in the country's history, Mexican women joined men in the political struggle. This ballet is directed to the "Soldaderas," the women who participated in the Mexican revolutionary movement -as soldiers and supporters- to fight for liberty. The songs "Juana Gallo" and "Adelita" are dedicated to their namesakes, two heroines of the Revolution. The final song of this number recounts and celebrates the brave and decisive fight held in Zacatecas, where Francisco Villa defeated the Federal Government.

GUERERO GUERRERO- The title comes from the name of the hero Vicente Guerrero, which signifies courage. In this dance there are three different categories: *Serenade, Las Amarillas, and El Gusto.*



The Ballet Folklórico de Mexico dance troupe performs at the William Saroyan Theater hoping to promote cultural awareness through dance.
Photo by Eleazar Valdez

DANCE OF QUETZAL'S: This ancient dance has its origin in the legend of the Quetzal, a mythological bird of Mesoamerica.

YUCATAN: DANZON AND JARANA- Danzon is a traditional dance that originated in Cuba as a result of the Afro-Cuban culture.

WEDDING OF TEHUANTEPEC- In this dance the couple imitates the movements of the turtles in the beach while they lay and fertilize their eggs.

THE YAQUIS FROM SONORA- THE DEER DANCE- The Deer Dance, probably the most frantic of Amalia Hernandez's dances and one of the finest examples of imitative magic, is based on a propitiatory rite that takes place on the day before a Yaqui hunt.

JALISCO- the Mexican state of Jalisco is well known for its beautiful women, its dashing cowboys and its highly-skilled mariachis. The dance is also called the Mexican National Dance, better known in the United States as the Mexican Hat Dance.

Today, Amalia Hernandez's children work beside her at the Ballet Folklórico de Mexico. Nevertheless, she is not about to step away from the world she has so lovingly set in motion. "It is a gift," she says. It is a gift that Hernandez hopes to continue to share with the world, with all the intensity of a first love.

The BALLET FOLKLORICO DE MEXICO celebrates 46 years of promoting cultural awareness through dance.

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Guest speaker demonstrates the humor of human sexuality



Sex columnist Anka Randakovich talks to a mixed FCC audience about her views on human sexuality.

Photo by Jenna Robertson

By Richell Horder
Rampage Staff

The Speakers Forum asked candid columnist Anka Randakovich to lecture on *The Mating Game* in the Fresno City College theater on September 14. Randakovich believes that society has made sex the eighth deadly sin.

“I look at the lighter side of sex. It's comical,” said Randakovich.

“I started my column eight years ago, because I wanted to give a female perspective on dating, relationships and sex,” said Randakovich.

Radakovich, author of *The Wild Girls Club: Tales From Below the Belt*, is the sex columnist for the men's magazine *Details*. She has appeared on numerous talk shows such as “Late Night with Conan O'Brien” and MTV's *LoveLine*. Her humorous undertaking of sex and outspoken point of view have made her one of the most popular columnists around, with her column being published internationally.

“I've written 80 columns at this point. I've been to wife swapping conventions, sadomasochism parlors and nudist colonies. I look at the lighter side of sex. It's comical,” she stated.

During her speech she spoke about the differences between men and women and what they want. Her raunchy tales held the attention of her audience young and old.

“We did a sex survey of 2,000 people asking, ‘What do you want?’ Men said, more oral sex and women said, more communication,” said Randakovich. “The are so many facets of sex. From

dating and relating to relationships.”

“It's interesting to see how powerful sex is. For instance, Clinton: The power of sex made him embarrass himself, his wife, his daughter and the country,” said Radakovich. “What is it about sex that causes someone to do this?”

At the end of the session Radakovich answered questions from faculty and students. One question that seemed to stick out was the issue of sex in society. “What do you think about the way society in our country deals with the issue of sex versus how it is dealt with in other countries?”

“Well,” said Randakovich, “the Clinton issue has forced us to talk about sex. More talk about sex the better, I'm not saying go out and have sex with a lot of people, but talk about it. I have studied our sexual culture. My parents were open and joked about it. Even the Europeans are open about sexuality. In the United States we seem to be embarrassed by our bodies,” she said. “We are taught shame on sex, nudity, etc... I think it's ridiculous,” said Radakovich.

Radakovich started her column to entertain people about sex. She says she tries to tell it from a humorous point of view that both men and women can enjoy.

Radakovich went on to say, “I don't want to be morally judgmental or make fun of people's desires. I simply talk about sex from the female side.”

It's fair game

Elementary school students and FCC team up to promote multi-culturalism



Heaton Elementary School students enjoy the petting zoo

By Abel E. Jimenez
Opinion Editor

An estimated crowd of over 200 people attended Heaton Elementary's yearly multi-cultural fair on September eleventh. Among the festivities were a cake walk, a multi-cultural book fair, a petting zoo provided by "Barnyard Buddies" and entertainment provided by dancers and singers from different nationalities.

The event, spearheaded by Heaton principal Nancy Hensel provided a strong turnout for clubs and administrators from Fresno City College. Craig Reid, FCC's College Activities Director liked the attendance turnout for this event and credits Hensel as not just being one of the top principals in Fresno, but in the United States. "Principal Hensel truly loves kids

and that's what she sees. She doesn't judge by the race, color or nationality, she sees a kid and she wants to do everything she can for the kids in her school." Hensel could not be reached for comment.

In regards to FCC's involvement with Heaton, Reid states, "The Board of Trustees asked Chancellor Bill Stewart, Vice Chancellor John Sharpe and President Dr. Daniel Larios to reach out even more to the community and have neighborhood revitalizations. We are pleased to help Heaton Elementary with books, food and things of that nature, we're here to help."

The who's who of the FCC administration were present for this gala occasion, among them: Dean of Humanities Anthony Cantu, Dean of Business Sharian Eckenrod, Dean of Math/Science Susan Speece as well as Tom Frost from the Fresno Police Department, which brought the robot police car called "P.C. Winky." Copper the clown provided balloons for the kids present for this event. FCC's Associate Student Government's involvement in the fair pleased President Pamela Morris. "This is my first trip to this fair and I'm having a great time here," said Morris.

College Center Assistant Gurdeep Sihota enjoyed the impact the college played in this fair. "All the assistants from the students, faculty and staff contributed to the success of this event. We've had a lot of donations for books, as well as the cake walk. This has just been great, it's a lot of help to our neighbors."



Clownin Around: Clown makes balloon animals for youngsters at the Multi-cultural fair.

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Among the future events FCC will be participating in with Heaton include, "Safe Halloween" activities on October 31, the "Partners in Pride" cleanup in early November and participating in the November Winter Coat Drive which will donate all unwanted or unused coats to Heaton Elementary.

Coming Up:
- "Safe Halloween" activities
- "Partners in Pride" cleanup
- November "Winter Coat Drive"

**** Fresno City College and Heaton Elementary School working together.

KRZR to celebrate "straight pride"

By Allison Beltz
Entertainment Editor

It's the nineties. It's politically correct to be proud of your sexuality. Even if you're straight.

Local rock station KRZR has thought concept of "straight pride" through. The brainchild of the morning show The Front Row's Chris Daniel, it acquired such positive response from listeners that it was developed into a parade: a rebuttal to the gay pride parades that have, in recent years, allowed homosexuals to publicly display their sexuality. The idea was a sort of running joke at first, but gradually it evolved into reality.

Don't get them wrong — the Straight Pride Parade is not gay-bashing in any way, shape or form. It is simply a way for heterosexuals to announce their happiness in their life-style. "We're just not going to apologize for our sexual orientation," stated Daniel. In fact, there will be a section in the parade made up of gay supporters of straight pride. This is to show that there isn't a double standard in either gay or straight pride.

The parade is set for October 24 at noon. Marchers will meet at the Fresno Water Tower and will march past Selland Arena, completing the 1.7 mile route back to the Water Tower.

Anyone is welcome to participate. Pro-straight signs, banners, slogans and floats are welcome, as long as they are not anti anything. However, everyone is expected to behave themselves. Straight or gay, militants and troublemakers of any faction should stay home.

Also, if you plan to do anything in the parade other than marching (ie. taking a float, vehicle, or animals), you need to register by Friday, October 9 at 5:30 pm. Be sure to include your name, the name of your group or organization, the number of participants, your address, fax number or e-mail address, phone number, and specific description of the float or vehicle. Return the entry to Chris Miller, 1066 E. Shaw Ave., Fresno, CA 93710. Or fax your entry to (209) 243-4301. You can call the station at 243-4300 for more information.

Clubs merge to reach the community

By Abel E. Jimenez
Opinion Editor

Fresno Rotary Club: has merged with Omega Psi to form the Omega Psi/Rotoract. The club centers it's activities around community service.

This semester, the Fresno Rotary Club bonded together with campus club Omega Psi to be come one club known as the Omega Psi/Rotoract for Fresno City College. "The Rotary Club does community service around the world and Omega Psi was formed to do community service. After a period with S.I.F.E. (Students in Free Enterprise), the Rotary was looking for a new sponsor to pick it up because the club kind of died down for a couple of years. With Omega Psi being a new club and having no sponsors and performing community service, the Rotary Club and our club reached a compromise and became one whole club," said Omega Psi/Rotoract Club Advisor Bonnie Smith.

The purpose of Omega Psi is to encourage students to participate in community service activities. "As a member of Alpha Gamma Sigma along with Treasurer Max Amara, we had a number of people help us in community service activities that were not members of the club because of their grade-point average. This club (Omega Psi) was formed for students who don't have the GPA to join clubs and want to do community service. The main requirement is that you're registered for classes," said Omega Psi President Thanh Tran.

Along with Vice-President Alan Tran, Secretary Huy Tran and Representative Jimmy Tran, Omega Psi/Rotoract keeps in touch with the campus community. Among the recent events covered by the

club are participating in the Partners in Pride cleanup, setting up networking for the computers in the Business Education office, serving people at the Povarello House, participating in Kids' Day (selling newspapers for Valley Children's Hospital) and participating in the Secret Garden event (A food and wine-tasting fund-raiser to benefit the refurbishing of Storyland at Roeding Park). Upcoming events include comedian Jamie Wolfe appearing in various elementary schools for the Rotary Club and the club participating in escorting Wolfe to the schools. They will also participate in Career Day on October 20-22 and a joint fund-raiser banquet with S.I.F.E. in the month of November.

Among the many advantages of being a member of Omega Psi/Rotoract is getting in touch with various people in the community. "Performing community service gives you a self-enriching feeling by helping others and being able to participate in helping the community and the college," stated the club's advisor. President Tran agrees. "When the club was first formed and we got involved in various activities, we met new people from different clubs and they planned on working together with us. In time, I recognized a lot more faces in the clubs. When you're in the club, you learn a lot more about the school, making it a lot easier to do things."

The club is known as BGO 96-Business Leadership, units vary from 1-3, if this club appeals to you, contact Advisor Bonnie Smith at 442-4600 ext. 8303. The club meeting is held every Friday from 9-9:50 a.m. in the Student Senate Chambers in the Student Lounge. Everyone is welcome.

Swiss Air Flight 111 reminiscent of another Titanic tragedy

By James Wilcox
Contributing Writer

On August 7, Swissair Flight 111 left Kennedy International Airport in New York at 8:30 EDT bound for Geneva, Switzerland. About an hour later, the plane crashes into the icy Atlantic killing all on board.

The captain radioed that there was smoke in the cabin, called an emergency flight condition, and began dumping fuel in preparation for a safe emergency landing in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

No further radio communication was heard after the declared emergency.

Six minutes after this emergency contact,

the McDonnell Douglas MD-11 slams into the ocean at full speed seven miles out near Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia.

Drivers began finding larger pieces of the plane, the largest being a part of the fuselage some 40 feet in length. There were no distinguishing marks to indicate an explosion or fire aboard the ill-fated aircraft. No clues that this crash was caused by terrorists or saboteurs.

Peggy's Cove is the closest point of land to another great sea disaster, the sinking of the Titanic in 1912.

Being near the beginning of World War I, no one forwarded the possibility of the Titanic being sunk by a submarine's torpedo, but a few years

later the Lusitania was sunk by a torpedo attack which brought the U.S. in to the war. Too many survivors of the Titanic saw or felt the impact of the iceberg.

When the Titanic was found by deep submergence technology in recent years, no holes were found in the hull. That would have been evidence of dastardly undersea weaponry being tested as a prelude to war.

The gash below the waterline of the Titanic was found and it traveled from the bow through the length of the ship where several watertight bulkheads were located.

This eliminated any idea that the White Star liner was sunk by anything other than a wandering chunk of ice.

“Peggy's Cove is the closest point of land to another great sea disaster, the sinking of the Titanic in 1912.”

No pigs served by these cops...

Police function a success

By Will Trachman
Rampage Staff

As if Fresno weren't already enough of a police state, Sunday, September 13, the Fresno Police Officers Association put on their annual Neighborhood Barbecue in the Tower District. The event, which took place near Archer's Music at the corner of Wishon and Fern, lasted from about 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. "This is the biggest thing since the World Wrestling Federation came to Selland Arena last year," said Scott Christiansen, 19.

Those who ate dinner there were charged an exorbitant amount of \$8.00 for some chicken and a roll with a can of Storm. The atmosphere was profoundly okie-ish as country music flowed freely from a large truck on a side street. "We don't come out here for the music, but everything else is great. The kids are having a really fun time," said Paul Pierce, 50.

In addition to dinner, the event also included a petting zoo, "wagon rides," face painting, and a small mechanical police car to entertain children. Although the petting zoo was small, it seemed as though the children were enjoying themselves. "I like the animals," said Daro Pierce, 7.

Many of the people there were regulars, who enjoyed spending time with others from the community. "Part of the reason we come every year is that this event demonstrates the tight knit social community of the Tower District, and we enjoy seeing that. Also, we're waiting for Cafe Midi to come back," said Patience Milrod, 45.

While sitting with police officers, they told stories about stupid criminals and mentioned that their jobs are nothing like on television. "That show called NYPD Blue is not realistic at all, we don't do that sort of stuff in Fresno," said Officer Tromberg. Anyone interested in going next year should watch for local event calendars and bring their own food, especially if you're a vegetarian, as they don't take kindly to vegetarians there. Overall, the barbecue was just enough family fun to make your weekend complete.

IMPRESSIONS

Inspiration presents itself in many arenas

By James Wilcox
Contributing Writer

There are, without a doubt, students on this campus who are truly awe-inspiring.

Currently, I am traversing my own type of infirmity, not of choice, but by chance. Leading with my right last Friday after the school week had concluded, my right [hand, that is] suffered third-degree burns. I saved a number of apartments where I live from being destroyed by fire.

The people I speak of now have had their particular infirmity from day one in their lives. I will have this unfortunate incumbrance for only a short while, but I do admire those individuals who roll about gregariously on four wheels, with walkers, or on crutches.

Their fortitude and patience with themselves, but mostly with others who do not truly understand their plight, their wants, or their needs is more than laudable to me; it is outstanding! I tutor math to one such remarkable person who does more than just render that "old college try."

He succeeds where failure would surely be assured. I expect that this young man will pass his class in style. All of the tutors in the Learning Resource Center are good and we are there

if you need us. Give us a try. It's no crime to ask for help in a course if you need it. I salute those of you who have used our services.

So who the heck is really crippled in this world? Nobody! Infirmity is a legal state only by definition. A reason to collect unreasonable royalties from society by those who believe that they are doomed to fail from their moment of birth and just don't try.

Predestination is a myth, the Grand Lie of the Devil. People may be born to poverty and hardship, but a greater crime is committed in remaining in that condition when you learn that there is a difference that you can make and your condition can be changed by your own actions.

Individuals can and MUST change their own state of existence by any LEGAL way possible. Education is one way and work is another. Even welfare payments can affect a cure if you approach it with the attitude of getting off the dole eventually.

Don't give up trying. Get help where and if you can. Just do it.

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Good lookin' out

All eyes on me?

Appearance isn't always important

By Vicky Longoria
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Have you ever felt like everyone is looking at you? Watching your every move as you walk down the hall. Sometimes when I'm walking to class, I feel like everyone notices that I'm having a bad hair day. Well psychologists call this familiar feeling that the whole world is watching you the "spotlight effect." But, you will be happy to know, that spotlight is not as big and bright as you think or feel it is. People do not notice us as much as we think they do. And even if they happen to notice us, usually I don't believe they are really scoping you out, like it seems.

I was reading an article from "Psychology Today," and I read about an experiment that was done at a school for a semester. The experiment went as follows: Students rated their classmates on whether they looked better or worse than usual. The results show that the raters were less aware of variations in appearance than were the students they scored. Like I mentioned before, most people just don't notice when we're not looking our best or worst.

Do you wonder why? Well I did, so I did my research and this is what I discovered. "It's just simple egocentrism," says Ph.D. Kenneth Savitsky. Since we are focused on ourselves we assume that others pay close attention to us too, but everyone else is concerned with their own problems. So let me put it simple, we're just not as interesting to others as we are to ourselves. (Sadly to say!) I hope this information helps you to not feel so self-conscious next time you have that bad hair day. Unfortunately, everybody has these days, but good thing not everybody knows when you do! In the mean time, like my good ol' friend B-Down always says, "Peace and hair grease!" And don't stress on the tress!

**Enjoy life, it's the one thing you don't have a pair of.

PERSONALITY PROFILE: Shifra Goldman brings Latino, Chicano art history to FCC

By Ana V. Michel
Rampage Staff

Shifra M. Goldman has a Ph.D. in Art History from the University of California, Los Angeles, with a specialization in modern Latin America. She is a Research Associate with the Latin American Center, ULCER; has taught art history at California State University Los Angeles; and is presently teaching at ULCER; she is also Emerita from Racho Santiago College in Santa Ana, CA. Dr. Goldman has major essays in a number of anthologies, and has published in Europe, Latin America and the United States. Her work can be found in catalogues, as well as newspapers and magazines like; *La Opinion*, *Artweek*, *Aztlan*, *Arte en Colombia/Art Nexus* (Bogota), *Art In America*, *Art Journal*, *Art History* (London), *Casa De Las Americas* (Cuba), *Plastica* (Puerto Rico), *Plural* (Mexico) and many more. She has lectured widely on many aspects of Latin American and Modern Art, and is working on *Chicano Art: Continues and Changes* for publication by the University of California Press.

In February 1992, she received the (CAA) College Art Association's Frank Jewett Mather Award for distinction in art criticism and, in February 1993, an award from the Women's Caucus for Art for outstanding achievement in the visual arts. CAA's Art journal, dedicated to "The Columbus Quincentenary and Latin American Art: A Critical Evaluation" coedited by Dr., Goldman and Luis Camnitzer, appeared in Winter 1992. She was elected to the Board of the CAA in 1995 and will serve until 1999. In 1996, her book *Dimensions of the Americas*, was granted the Hubert Herring Award for high achievements by the Pacific Coast Council on Latin American Studies.

A speech was given by Goldman on Thursday, September 17, 1998 in two presentations at 11:00 am and 12:00 pm in the Fresno City College Theater.

The (CLS) Chicano Latino Studies Instructor Mr. Amaro states "I think she is a cutting edge of analyzing the history of Latino and Chicano Art. Her expertise is a result of her personal contact and knowledge of Mexican and Chicano Artists throughout the United States and Mexico."

For a lot of students that were at the presentation, it was an eye-opener because many had never



Photo by Jeany Hung

Dr. Shifra has a PhD in Art History heard an expert talk about this in such depth. Her use of artistic, historical slides made her presentation come to life.

Amaro went on to say, "In the future we hope to have the support of students, community, and the college to invite guest speakers of this caliber."

"I think she is a cutting edge of analyzing the history of Latino and Chicano Art," stated Mr. Amaro, Chicano Latino Studies professor.

Play ignites laughter, entertainment



The Good Company Players presents Neil Simon's comedy, "Laughter On The 23rd Floor."

By Richell Horder
Rampage Staff

The Good Company Players (GCP) are presenting the hilarious Neil Simon comedy "Laughter On The 23rd Floor," an autobiographical story of being part of the writing team for the legendary television variety show, "Your Show of Shows."

The play takes place on the 23rd floor of an office building in New York City during the 1950's Golden Age of Radio.

The opening scene starts with one morning in March 1953, as the writing staff for the Max Prince show are coming into work. Max Prince is their demented but genius boss for whom they write in his weekly show. The play takes place in the 1950's when society's taste for television begins to change the world with the rise of Senator McCarthy. GCP has issued a language advisory in this show due to some of its PG-13 moments. This was a difficult show to do at GCP because no previous show with adult language

had been done before. "People bring their children with them not knowing what to expect," said Fred Bologna, director for 23rd Floor.

An excellent cast of characters was chosen for this show, all of who fit their characters they played with ease. Each character was different, from Max Prince the demented boss to Ira the staff hypochondriac.

"Directing this show was difficult to do. We spent a lot of time with one line jokes, getting the actors in the right place. Timing and placing are everything," said Bologna. "Scene changes were a nightmare for the prop people."

"Laughter on the 23rd Floor" was called "the funniest comedy on Broadway in years" by Variety Magazine, when it premiered in 1993. The GCP production, directed by Fred Bologna, features local actors Ken Ashley, Heidi Doyle, Ted Esquivel, Scott Hancock, John Masier, Gordon Moore, Dan Pessano, Randy Stump and Alyssa Whitecavage. "Laughter" is a contagious comedy, sure to please and delight all.

Sirens police by

Photo courtesy of Good Company Players

- 9-14-98
 - 0510: Officer initiated a traffic stop at Ashlan and Freeway 41 after observing a driver driving recklessly. Driver was cited for speeding.
 - 0820: Officer took a report of a burglary to a locker. Suspect unknown. Report taken.
 - 1000: Officer took a report of a stolen pager. Suspects unknown. Report taken.
 - 1956: Officers took a counter report regarding a stolen bicycle taken from in front of the library.
 - 2054: Officers responded to the Madera Center after receiving a request for assistance by parking control because of a fight in progress. Report taken. Under further investigation.
- 9-15-98
 - 0821: officer responded to the nurse's office for an ill staff member. Ambulance was called and patient was turned over to American Ambulance. Report taken.
 - 0916: Officer took a report from the bookstore regarding the passing of bad checks. Suspect is under investigation. Report taken.
 - 1445: Officer contacted about a female on campus who was causing a disturbance. She was turned over to paramedics and taken to UMC for evaluation. Report taken.
 - 2059: While on mall patrol, an officer observed two subjects in an altercation near the Administration Building. Suspects fled prior to patrol officer arriving. Area searched with negative results. Investigation ongoing.
- 9-17-98
 - 2130: Officers were advised via telephone by a Fresno Police Department Officer of a subject on campus who had a \$9000 warrant out for his arrest. Subject was arrested without incident and turned into the F. P. D.
- 9-21-98
 - 1144: Officer responded to the cafeteria for a disturbance. Upon arrival a female was taken into custody for being mentally unstable. An ambulance was called and the female was taken to University Medical Center for observation. Report taken.

-Compiled by Dianna Segura

Candid Campus — Bruce Gates



BUMPERSTUMPERS

Which member of the Los Angeles Rams "Fearsome Foursome" coined the phrase "sack" in means of tackling a quarterback?

- A. Rosey Grier
- B. Deacon Jones
- C. Merlin Olsen

Answer....next edition.

Last edition's answer: John Madden taught (A) Ballroom Dancing.

Simon Birch proves big miracles can come in small packages



Simon Birch proves to be an enthralling tale of friendship and mystery

David Pelton
Rampage Staff

A pictureless book of approximately 20,000 words would probably be enough for me to make an accurate interpretation of the positively panoramic cinema presentation of *Simon Birch*. It is indeed a film that needed to be made, and is based on the novel, *A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving. This film boasts a fresh winded story's surprising marvel, while simulta-

neously slapping the audience with an almost unparalleled, mass media-less popularization of an actor everyone has grown to love and loves to watch. With writer/director Mark Steven Johnson's lavishly hilarious unveiling of Jim Carrey within the first five minutes of the film, to the first hints of smart headed humorous profanity, he mysteriously entertains an audience of any age, race or even a heavy, politically close-minded individual.

Watching previews of this film, just like myself, your mind might have associated it with "Forrest Gump." However the miraculous dispositional misfortunes did not consume the plot, and it genuinely spied the sarcastically incredible intellect of the main character. The flow of this movie, moved greatly by the art of composer Marc Shaiman (Addams Family, City Slickers, Sleepless in Seattle) was very heavily and impeccably appropriate, fluid noted score. Music in a movie with this much serious dialogue, spirit, and soul, creates an emotional attachment between viewers and the movie's characters. Simon Birch, played by Ian Michael Smith, was historically recorded as the smallest delivery in Gravestown Memorial Hospital. Although doctors were completely unsure of his life span and his parents considered him a peculiar disappointment, they all proclaimed him as a living miracle. Throughout the beginning of the movie, Simon

continually professes his goal to be a hero and that God has a special plan for him, as well as everyone else. He argues faith with his controlling Sunday school teacher played by Jan Hooks (Saturday Night Live), "I don't see what coffee and doughnuts has to do with God?" He then interrupts the sermons of his priest (David Strathairn) "I didn't think people came to church because of the free continental breakfasts."

Simon and his friend Joe were engaged in an afternoon baseball game, while his team was down in runs, Simon was typically walked due to his incredibly tiny strike zone. But this time Simon was called to speed up the end of the game, coach told him to swing. When the slow motion onslaught pending bat's contact, road-kill in the middle of I-80 silence, and as the audiences' gazing announces another friction based surprise, Simon decommissions his best-friend's mother with a foul ball to the head.

As if Joe didn't have enough on his mind, his mother had kept the identity of his natural father completely secret. Now that she has taken it to her grave, the boys try to resurrect the truth, consumed with gritting intense passion, as they attempt to locate Joe's questionable roots.

One of the many subplots found in many other Disney films, will always include the marvel and wondrous magic of life. Even to the unobservant viewer, they will notice the obvious "Disneyesque" twist that is able to conceive anything that is possible. With well placed scientific questions of proof to the existence of God, seen in many movies including Contact, and sinister comedy equivalent to my own, this prevails a clever twist to a story that just hasn't been told a hundred million times. As some people fight to relive and/or to keep living in the past, this is the definition of our known existence. That is the catch phrase I seem to

Simon Birch

A film about friendship and determination.
Narrated by: Jim Carrey.
Our vote? 4 stars

hear this movie screaming out loud. Beauty born from disaster like an vehicular traffic accident brings outstanding conflicts like incredibly jaunty, rigidly raw, and shaky camera footage clearly depicting the continuous hectic mayhem, that a tragedy of this distorted force inebriates.

Simon Birch was a movie that even the tired movie theater worker would peak in and catch the ending. As Simon's own bravery awakens his hypothermic slumber, it is guided by the help of a kiss and his best friend who is willing to accept the responsibility of Simon's dying wish. I will continue to instigate that Simon Birch is a collection of miraculous thoughts, that will continue to echo a tune of dynamic fore-boarding, and to remind us to sit back and listen to the dissonance of soundly eyes. Experience a shatterproof humanity, a four star rating for Simon Birch.

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Concert celebrates birthday of local radio station

By Allison Beltz
Entertainment Editor

Continuing in their tradition of celebrating their years on the air, local radio station New Rock 104.1 threw their third annual Birthday Bash concert at the Fresno Fairgrounds on Sunday, September 20.

Headlining the show was the Violent Femmes, but it also included swing band the Amazing Royal Crowns, Philadelphia crew God Lives Underwater, San Diego punk trio Blink 182, Sprung Monkey, rhy's, alternative rap group the Urge, and ska band Save Ferris. All bands, excluding the Violent Femmes, signed autographs for fans at the Tower Records booth. In between sets at the main stage in the Paul Paul Theater were several local bands, including Sleepover Disaster, Flipside, and I. Astronaut.

The concert opened at 4 p.m. with the Amazing Royal Crowns, who played a good set including their popular song "Do the Devil." Though the band begged for more crowd response, the audience just wasn't warmed up yet.

God Lives Underwater took the stage next and wowed everyone with their interesting mix of alternative-industrial rock. A downside to their set was that they were rushed to play before they were ready, and the equipment kept shorting out — first a guitar got unplugged, then the microphone got cut off. However, the band took it in stride and rocked the crowd with "From Your Mouth."

Next was Blink 182, who were hilariously... blunt. Some people might call it vulgar; I call it uncensored fun for the entire family! (Serious. I saw a boy about six years old sitting on his dad's shoulders, singing along to all the songs.) For the first time, the audience went absolutely crazy, moshing and crowd surfing till the very end. The one guy who actually made it up onto the stage was escorted out of the theater by

security.

Then came Sprung Monkey, who surprised me by playing grungier rock music that sounded nothing like their current radio hit "Get 'Em Outta Here." They put on an energetic show that showcased not only their onstage stamina, but also their clever lyrics.

Fly's was another band whose live sound seemed different from the song they are known for. If they hadn't been announced before their set, I would not have recognized them as the group that sang the alternative ballad "Got You Where I Want You." Their heavier sound was refreshing, but the crowd was still thrilled to hear the song they knew from the radio.

The wildest point came when Urge took the stage. Clothed in white suits, the group blew the crowd away with their outrageous stage persona, and the audience reacted with crazed enthusiasm. The pit took over the entire front rows and up the middle section, making it impossible for one to get through without getting shoved over by a wave of hundreds of frantic people. Push-and-shove tactics came in handy. It was savage, but it was an incredible rush.

The tamer, yet punky, Save Ferris came next, and zealous followers of the ska band skanked and pogo-ed to their little hearts' content. It was the band's first visit to Fresno, and they made it memorable. They performed many songs from their album, including "Come On Eileen," "The World Is New," and "Superspy."

Last but not least were the Violent Femmes. Together since 1983, they have gathered a large following. The Femmes played their three most popular songs, "Blister In the Sun," "American Music," and "Add It Up" (dedicated to Bill Clinton), among others from their albums. They had the longest set, as they were the last — and most anticipated — band of the evening.

If you missed the Bash this year, be sure to catch it next year; it seems to be getting bigger and better as time goes by.



Dishwalla fights the sophomore album jinx

By Allison Beltz
Entertainment Editor

In the three years since their debut release of *Pet Your Friends*, Dishwalla has grown significantly. We last heard them comparing themselves to inquisitive children in their hit song "Counting Blue Cars," and that album went gold. Now with their new single "Once In A While," from their second album *And You Think You Know What Life's About*, they are challenging the front that many people put up to impress — just one example of their lyrical, musical and philosophical development.

Not about to fall prey to the all too familiar "sophomore album jinx," Dishwalla took no chances, built their own studio in late 1997 to write and record new material for the album. Just outside their hometown of Santa Barbara, the band was able to retreat to the privacy of their studio, leaving the outside world behind and enveloping themselves in their music.

This change in scenery was immediately reflected in the songs for the new album. During the production of *Pet Your Friends*, the band members traveled to Philadelphia to work with producers Phil Nicolo and the Butcher Brothers. However, this return to nature gives the new album more depth. It has a different feel than the first album, with stronger pounding drum work.

This new sound can partly be attributed to the band's ever-evolving musical influences. As opposed to the classic American rock the members listened to while making *Pet Your Friends*, *And You Think You Know What Life's About* has more of a British pop sound. Another reason is keyboardist Jim Wood, who joined Dishwalla about halfway through the tour of their first album, *Pet Your Friends*. The rest of the band drew from the ideas and opinions he brought with him.

The band tackles new issues on the album: universal themes such as loneliness, frustration and truth, as well as more personal subjects like confusion and co-dependency. "Everything is introspective," says lead singer J.R. Richards. "The inspiration really came from that time spent touring, which was the only thing we did between finishing the first record and writing the second one." The main theme of most of the songs seems to be disillusionment.

"Until I Wake Up" (which appeared on the limited edition CD single of "Counting Blue Cars" in 1996) is a beautiful rock ballad, and the emotion in Richard's voice as he sings about the disappointment of reality is wrenching.

Another song, "So Blind," is about being blind to the actuality of your life and eventually having to deal with what is real.

"Five Star Day" is more of a positive song — although Richards seems a little bitter as he sings about things going so well that they start to go bad.

Overall, *And You Think You Know What Life's About* is an incredible album. Dishwalla's musical development is definitely something to check out.

If you'd like to see more information about the band, visit their official website at <http://www.dishwalla.com>. You can also write to the band and join their mailing list at: Dishwalla, P.O. Box 22921, Santa Barbara, CA 93121.

PIGSKIN REVIEW:

Rams lose high scoring affair, look to next week for redemption



All Rams were saddened after the loss

By Jeff Dockum
Sports Editor

After starting the season 1-0, via the trampling of Laney, the Rams looked to light it up once again against the College of Siskiyous. It was too bad the Eagles had to light it up as well.

In a game that looked destined for overtime, the Rams were upended in the final seconds of a 60-53 loss to the Eagles, when Nate Scott plunged in on a four yard run for the Eagles with 14 seconds to go. The combined 133 points set a new Ratcliffe record.

Despite the loss there were some bright spots in the game for the Rams. Sophomore Quarterback Kenny Rose lit it up on the ground as well as in the air, rushing for 108 yards and a touchdown and completing 16 of 27 passes for 224 yards and two touchdowns, continuing his incredible season and keeping his status as one of the top passers in the state.

Freshman Maurice Morris also continued his rampage on defenses, rushing for 192 yards on 32 carries despite the Eagles concentrating on containing him. The defense showed signs of inexperience. However, the defense is young with no returning starters. Coach Vance Stanley "anticipates them coming along and getting better each week."

The team is taking one game at a time, especially with the Central Valley Conference looking real tough this season. Coach Stanley says his team "has a good opportunity to finish high in the conference, and a bowl win would be a nice climax to the season." He is also confident "that his young defense will be really sound by the time league rolls around."

The Rams are currently preparing for San Mateo on October 3rd and Foothill on October the 10. Both games are to be held at Ratcliffe Stadium.

Photo by Eric Mendoza



Too late: Rams cornerback tackles Eagles receiver in endzone.

Photo by Eleazar Valdez

The Rams
meet San
Mateo on
Oct. 3rd at
Ratcliffe
Stadium

NFC preview...

49ers predicted to win NFC title

By Jeff Dockum
Sports Editor

A inside look at what has happened in the first three weeks of the NFC Season and who will emerge in the end:

NFC EAST:

1. Dallas: Hell growing old, but the Cowboys still have the triple threat of Irvin, Aikman, and Smith in tact and enough strength still left to win the second lamest division, the NFC least.

2. N.Y. Giants: Another weak team, but the defense is so good (so good it basically is the offense), if the Giants ever got some good offensive players they would be a Super Bowl contender. Memo to Coach Jim Fassel, Jason Sehorn is not an offensive player, errr!!!!

3. Washington: Yes, I know they are 0-4, but once a quarterback emerges from the dust, this will be a team to beat. If Frerote would stop suffering concussions from running into stadium walls and start being an NFL Q. B., the defense will hold it's own.

4. Arizona: Too young, too early. A team of the future, but this year a team of torture-upon themselves. The defense will be elite in the near future, but are still learning.

5. Philadelphia: The worst team in the NFL. Bobby Hoving is a lame excuse for a quarterback. Throw in Rodney Pecte in place of Hoving and they might win three games. The defense plays like they are playing on a happy meal salary.

NFC CENTRAL:

1. Green Bay: Cheese this: Another division title. One more year of devastation on the rest of the league before the team begins to fall apart via free agency. Brett Favre: MVP again!!!!

2. Minnesota: The real triple threat should be the Vikes receiving core. Carter, Moss, Reed, are simply awesome but the injury to Brad Johnson was key. Randall Cunningham is no Brett Favre, or anything close and this time of change for the Vikes will hurt come playoff time.

3. Buccaneers: The real reason Dilfer

is struggling again: He can't find his receivers! Literally, with not a receiver over 6 ft, the Bucs pass offense has struggled. Still too young to challenge for the Super Bowl.

4. Lions: Scott Mitchell has been hell on earth for his own team. It is not his fault as much as it is the crack head owner who signed him for 5 years, \$25 million. Just imagine if this team had an actual quarterback. Not even Barry Sanders and Herman Moore can help the queens of the central out this season.

5. Chicago: Da Bears, Da Bears. They have come close against some good teams but close doesn't cut it. Curtis Enis has looked impressive, as he has carried the load almost single handedly. They will win a few games however.

NFC WEST:

1. San Francisco: Is this even hard? I think division realignment is needed. The Niners are just too good for this weak division. The test will come playoff time with a healthy team, this team could be unstoppable.

2. Atlanta: Chris Chandler is at quarterback and they are 2-17. The offense is explosive and in this division, the Falcons will light off more than fire crackers.

3. Carolina: Kevin Greene, Greg Lloyd, Lamar Lathon, the defense should not be getting terrorized by the Rams and Saints. The Panthers should rebound and make the wild card chase late in the season, but Kerry Collins still deserves a swift kick in the sphincter.

4. New Orleans: Ditka is the team. Ditka is the Saints, how else could they be 3-0. I myself have trouble naming more than five players on this team. They will slow down late on in the season due to lack of experience.

5. St. Louis: Tony Banks will not last the season if he keeps going head on with opposing linebackers. This team is too inexperienced and has too bad of an ownership to contend this season.

NFC CHAMPION: In the end the 49ers will emerge over the Packers, due to the emergence of garrison Hearst.

Timeout!

FCC sports in brief

Wrestling

The Men's Wrestling team, currently ranked #1, started the season out strong with a dominating 28-8 victory over #3 Palomar College. The team impressed coach Robert Arballo, who feels "Our wrestlers preformed really well as this shows our team should be tough at the end of the season, but we still have a lot of room to grow."

Winning eight of ten matches certainly starts the Rams out on the right foot, who won most of their matches in the upper weight classes where they look really strong this year.

Cross Country

On September 12, the men's and women's Cross Country team competed in the Fresno Invitational at Woodward Park. Michael Kashun dominated the four mile men's race finishing first with a blistering time of 20:38, winning the race by two seconds over the second place finisher. Martin Uroz was the next nearest Ram finisher in 59 place with a time of 22:43.

The FCC Women's team dominated as well. Angela Ruiz was impressive coming in ninth place with a time of 20:08 and Irene Wright came in 32nd place with a time of 21:22. This past weekend the team competed in the Greagle Invitational.

The team is currently preparing for the Los Vasquez Invitational at San Francisco on October the Second.

Thumbs up:

- Student government restructures to serve fellow students better
- Fresh & Natural replaces Taco Bell and adds variety
- Photo Department receives technological advancements
- The addition of new class GS70 to help guide freshman
- All those who helped raise \$8,781.50 for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation

Thumbs down:

- Trying to find a parking spot on campus is like trying to find a needle in a haystack.
- Football team has dropped games in a row.
- Poor turnout for Club Awareness Day
- For the 6-8 week refund policy to receive checks for classes dropped.

VISIONS: A special section dedicated to FCC student life CELEBRATING DIVERSE CULTURE



Dancers entertain students who forged into the quad to celebrate Mexican Independence Day

On September 16, students gathered around the quad to celebrate what, for some is an intricate part of their culture, Mexican Independence Day. The event included live music, games and folkloric dancers.

*All photos by
Eleazar Valdez*



Despite the heat, the folkloric dancers retain their composure and keep with the beat



After some time students joined the dancers in their celebration

ACHIEVING HIGHER ACADEMIC STANDARDS



A representative from CSUF tells students about its transfer program

FCC provides for the academic needs of its student body. "Transfer Day" allowed students to gather information on transferring to four year universities.

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Erica Verdialez
"Fulfilling your personal dreams and goals."



Natalie Barragan
"Finding the happiness that fulfills your dreams."



Robert Cawley
"Success is a path you follow that you will never achieve."



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Club stresses importance of business, economics

Fresno City College/Students In Free Enterprise (FCC/SIFE) is off to another great start this year. The student organization has a new faculty advisor, Mr. Ron Dustin, who is an accounting instructor. SIFE is a nonprofit organization involving college students with the business community and the public. College students get hands on experience teaching others about business and the free enterprise system through outreach projects. Through these projects, students develop leadership, communication and team-building skills. Some of the projects FCC/SIFE students have been involved with include the Renaissance Faire, selling tri-tip sandwiches and business activities book targeting elementary school children that teaches them the value of earning money.

SIFE students also participate in regional and international competitions in which they present their projects in written and oral presentations and are judged by CEO's and officers of major national companies, such as Wal-Mart, Office Depot, Kinko's, Radio Shack, American Greetings, and American Drug Stores. These competitions give the students a great opportunity to network with business leaders of major Fortune 500 companies.

So far this year FCC/SIFE has been involved in selling pizza at the Volunteer Fair and the first Club Awareness Day. SIFE also contributed to College Night and the Juvenile Diabetes Walk. If you are interested in an organization that gives students hands on experience in entrepreneurial and outreach projects in the community, please contact Mr. Ron Dustin at 442-4600, ext. 8479.

PASU commits itself to Afrikan unity

The Pan Afrikan Student Union welcomes all new and returning Afrikan and Afrikan American students to Fresno City College. We are also inviting you to become part of our family!

As a paid member of PASU (\$3.00 per semester), you will be surrounded in a POSITIVE AFRIKAN ENVIRONMENT. Attend the weekly meetings and have the opportunity to build life time friendships, get assistance with your classes, receive support and guidance with problems, and participate in culturally enriching activities.

The club meets in the Senate Chambers every Wednesday at 12 p.m. Come get involved in cultural activities and BE PROUD TO BE AN AFRIKAN AMERICAN!

Planned giving program helps students

Ways to donate

By Michelle Goyette
Rampage Staff

Charitable Trust- a trust set up for public purpose.

Charitable Remainder- a trust that benefits designated individuals for life or a period of years then distributes money or property for a charitable purpose.

Living Trust- a trust that takes event while the person setting it up is still alive

Unitrust- A trust in which a fixed percentage of the trust is paid out each year.

Thousands of dollars will be transferred from one generation to the next in the coming years due to an aging population in our country. In order to ensure that this transfer will benefit generations of students in our district, the State Center Community College Foundation is giving full support.

"The district needs to position itself to provide information and services to the aging population for their gift planning needs," said James Meinert SCCC Foundation Executive Director.

There are several ways planned giving can be done. "The federal and state tax codes include provisions for charitable giving that are beneficial to the donor and the charity," said Meinert.

A donor from within the district established a trust that guaranteed her income for life at an annual rate of eight percent of her gift. She avoids capital gains tax, which she enjoys. When the donor dies, the remainder of the gift passes on to the Foundation. As Meinert puts it, this is a "win-win-win situation."

Most planned gifts occur when the Foundation is named in a will. However, there are several

other ways to leave a charitable gift.

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>Living Trust- a trust that takes event while the person setting it up is still alive, as opposed to one set up under a will.

>Unitrust- A trust in which a fixed percentage of the trust is paid out each year.

Corinne Martin was hired by the Foundation as a coordinator to help donors with planned giving. She will be housed in the new Health Science building and works in the district office.

A heritage club has been created to recognize those who have already given. The club is made up of special donors who, in the years to come, will benefit greatly.

"A number of friends of our Foundation and colleges have made planned gifts that are beneficial or will be beneficial to students," said Meinert.

Richard Dietrich is the Foundation's prominent attorney for those interested in planned gifts. The local CPA is Gerald Dotson. They are helping with their services to aid donors to the district.

The Rampage

We welcome your Letters to the Editor, and contributions to our Poet's Spot feature. Please bring contributions and letters by SC-211, located above the bookstore.

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