



Football Season off to a Winning Start

By Mark Anthony Febbo

Southern Arizona Community Academy Eagles football is off to a promising and optimistic start with an opening season win of 46-30 against Fenster School, according to head coach Jose Rodriguez.

The Eagles were able to prevail in spite of the nine penalties called against the team. Fenster only garnered the attention of the referees enough to be called for two.

Rodriguez noted that Eagles offense led by JR Robinson and Rashed Pulliam proved unstoppable for Fenster.

Pulliam scored a total of three touchdowns.

Team defense, lead by William Wright, was able to hold off Fenster with Terry Black and Josh Hoover both scrambling hard for the team's two interceptions.

Both Black and Hoover ran back the interception for a touchdown, but Black's was called back due to a blocking penalty called on Robinson.

"We're excited. We're doing good. We're going to win them all," Wright said.



Photo by Jeanne Cotham

Matt Gallaher runs the ball for one of SACA's six touchdowns in the opening season game against Fenster.

Students Encouraged to Focus on AIMS

By Mark Anthony Febbo

Juniors and seniors should be gearing up in preparation for this year's AIMS retest, according to Annie Carpenter.

Carpenter, who is an IT specialist and Microsoft Master Instructor, says the tests will take place the week of Oct 30, and

will cover the subjects of writing, reading and math.

These tests will take place on Oct 30, 31 and Nov 1 respectively.

Students need to arrive by 8:30 a.m. to take the tests.

"Students who want

to do well on the tests will benefit from the preps we are handing out," Carpenter said.

She also noted that in addition to helping students pass the test, the preps are

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Photo by Kelley Kain

Left to Right: Rob Scrivner, Kenny Mizelle, Adi Kuric, and Javier Romero man the SACA tent at Fall Ball 2007.

SACA Provides a Safe Place

By Mark Anthony Febbo

Southern Arizona Community Academy is pleased to announce a partnership with Project Safe Place, according to Edward Lovio, principal.

Lovio noted that as a Safe Place "site" the school will become a hub for Project Safe Place, meaning it will be a place that students and youths in the community can go to in time of crisis.

If youths in the commu-

nity are in a situation that is physically or emotionally detrimental to their well being, they can seek out Safe Place by asking a teacher or administrator to call Safe Place for them.

Safe Place can provide shelter and necessities for daily living in order to help those who need it get back on their feet.

Eagles Manage to Loose Some Despite Winsome Beginnings

By Mark Anthony Febbo

After an opening season win against Fenster School, Eagles football has suffered two losses according to Jose Rodriguez, head coach.

Aztlan Academy prevailed over the Eagles 27-13, and Fenster redeemed themselves with a rematch win of 40-32.

Rodriguez is proud of the team and notes that build-

ing a winning team is a process that takes time.

"We must continue to improve on the little things: picking up blocks, coming up with turnovers ... Wrigley Field wasn't built in a day, and neither is a championship football team. This team will win the championship."

Student Volunteers Recruit at Fall Ball

By Mark Anthony Febbo

Student and faculty representatives of Southern Arizona Community Academy were on hand at this year's KFMA Fall Ball to get the word out about SACA and alternative education, according to Kelley Kain, science instructor.

Faculty representatives included Kain, Barry Fox and Jose Rodriguez.

"It was a unique opportunity to meet students, and many previous students expressed interest in coming back to SACA," Kain said.

Students Adi Kuric, Kenny Mizelle, Oscar Rodriguez, Javier Romero and Rob Scrivner helped to man the SACA tent and sign up potential students for an mp3 player raffle.

Gifted Conference Helps Prepare Local Teachers

By Melissa Haller

Gifted and talented children in Arizona are extremely lucky.

Thanks to the Arizona Association for the Gifted and Talented, AAGT, educators across the state are able to receive quality training to give optimal educational opportunities to those who need it.

On Saturday, September 15th AAGT held a conference here in Tucson.

SACA staff who attended were: Melissa Haller, T.J. Fech, Barry Fox, Jose Rodriguez and Gia Leonetti.

Our very own Terry Cubillas and Jennifer Wechsler were the conference coordinators.

Our staff attended classes such as "Hooking Gifted Learners," "No Child Kept Behind," "Gifted Underachievement," and "Creating Environments that Enhance Learning."

Attendees of this conference learned ways to enhance their own skills in assessment strategies, curriculum for gifted children, networking for gifted education, and properly diagnosing gifted students.

The gifted and talented students of Arizona, especially those at SACA, are going to benefit greatly from this wonderful conference.

We are all looking forward to attending next fall's conference, too.

A Week in the Life of a SACA Athlete



By Jorge Atondo

Monday morning I arrive at school at 6:30. Progressing in my studies is mandatory in order to play football. From 12 o'clock until practice at 4:30, I help my dad with work around the SACA office.

At practice, we work on offensive and defensive plays. Game day is tomorrow. I hope we are ready.

Tuesday is the same as Monday—with one exception—nervousness and excitement is evident with the entire team. At the game, however, our opponent

doesn't show up because we have an outdated schedule. Each team shows up at a different park.

Wednesday we obtain the new schedule, and find out that we will be playing against Fenster on Thursday.

Thursday is game day, and we head off to Fenster at 3:00 in the afternoon. We finally get to play our first game and show everyone what we're made of. Of course, everybody knows coach is going to get a penalty in the first five minutes of the game—and he does.

Friday we come to school to tell everybody the great news: we won our first game, and we plan to win all season.



Photo by Judi Goodall

Rashed Pulliam (foreground) and Terry Black (background) ready themselves for their season opener against Fenster School.

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worth elective credit.

The reading and writing preps are both worth ¼ credit each, and the A and B portions of the math prep are also worth ¼ credit each.

This credit is available to students even if they have taken the preps before.

In addition to the preps, students who need ad-

ditional help getting ready for AIMS in reading are encouraged to ask one of the English instructors for a practice test packet.

The practice test packet will give students some idea of what AIMS expectations are, and will allow students to become more comfortable with the test's format.

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This Month in History with Mr. Fech & Mr. Rodriguez

There are so many great things to talk about for the month of October: from President Lincoln's 1863 issuance of the last Thursday of November as Thanksgiving Day, to the beginning of the Space Age in 1957 when the Soviet Union launched the first man-made satellite. Other runners-up include the Roman Emperor Claudius being poisoned by his wife in 54 A.D. and the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962. Below are our favorites for the History of October!

October 8, 1871 - The Great Fire of Chicago broke out. According to legend, it started when Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over a lantern in her barn on DeKoven Street. Over 300 persons were killed and 90,000 were left homeless as the fire leveled 3.5 square miles, destroying 17,450 buildings. Financial losses totaled over \$200 million.

October 10-14, 1908 - The fourth official World Series marked the third consecutive postseason championship appearance of the Chicago Cubs. This was also the last World Championship for the Cubs. The Cubs would go on to appear in the World Series in 1910, 1918, 1929, 1932, 1935, 1938, and 1945 losing the Series all seven times. The Cubs had one of baseball's most dominant teams in the early 1900s, but unbeknownst to their fans in 1908 this

would be the end of it, for nearly a century so far.

October 12, 1492 - After a 33-day voyage, Christopher Columbus made his first landfall in the New World in the Bahamas. He named the first land sighted as El Salvador, claiming it in the name of the Spanish Crown. Columbus was seeking a western sea route from Europe to Asia and believed he had found an island of the Indies. He thus called the first island natives he met, 'Indians.'

October 13, 1792 - The cornerstone of the White House was laid by George Washington. The building, located at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, is three stories tall with over 100 rooms. In November of 1800, President John Adams and his family moved in. The building was first known as the "Presidential Palace," but acquired the name "White House" about 10 years after its completion. It was burned by British troops in 1814, then reconstructed, refurbished and reoccupied in 1817.

October 21, 1879 - Thomas Edison successfully tested an electric incandescent lamp with a carbonized filament at his laboratory in Menlo Park, New Jersey, keeping it lit for over 13 hours.

October 26, 1881 - The shootout at the O.K. Corral in Tombstone, Arizona, occurred between

the feuding Clanton and Earp families. Wyatt Earp, two of his brothers and "Doc" Holliday gunned down two Clantons and two others.

October 28, 1886 - The Statue of Liberty was dedicated on Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor. The statue was a gift from the people of France commemorating the French-American alliance during the American Revolutionary War. The pedestal of the 300 ft structure contains the words, "... Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

October 30, 1938 - The *War of the Worlds* radio broadcast panicked millions of Americans. Actor Orson Welles and the Mercury Players dramatized the story by H.G. Wells depicting a Martian invasion of New Jersey. Their script utilized simulated radio news bulletins which many listeners thought were real.

October 31, 1517 - Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of Wittenberg's Palace church, denouncing the selling of papal indulgences and questioning various ecclesiastical practices. This marked the beginning of the Protestant Reformation in Germany.