



## Football season comes to a close

By Mark Anthony Febbo

Southern Arizona Community Academy beat Fenster School 46-38 in the final game of the season, according to José Rodriguez, head coach.

Defense for this game was led by José Blanco-Lopez, Jorge Atondo and William Wright, while Rashed Pulliam, Terry Black and J.R. Robinson

spearheaded the offensive effort for the Eagles.

Coach Rodriguez noted that the game represented a turn around for the team. He also said that the team should be proud of the way they represented the school.

Rodriguez said that he has made a consorted effort to help his players both on and off the field.

The Eagles started off strong with an opening season win against Fenster,

and then went on to suffer three losses in a row.

According to Rodriguez, the team did not allow this to deter them from continuing to train hard with the tournament in view.

*“This team put in a lot of hard work, and the entire school should be proud of the effort they put forth.” - Coach Jose Rodriguez*

tournament,” Rodriguez said.

Fenster won the round one game against SACA, but SACA went on to prevail in the tournament game for third place against the Academy of Math and Science.

The trophy is now on display in the main entrance lobby of the school.

Rodriguez said that Eagles quarterback J.R. Robinson was unable to

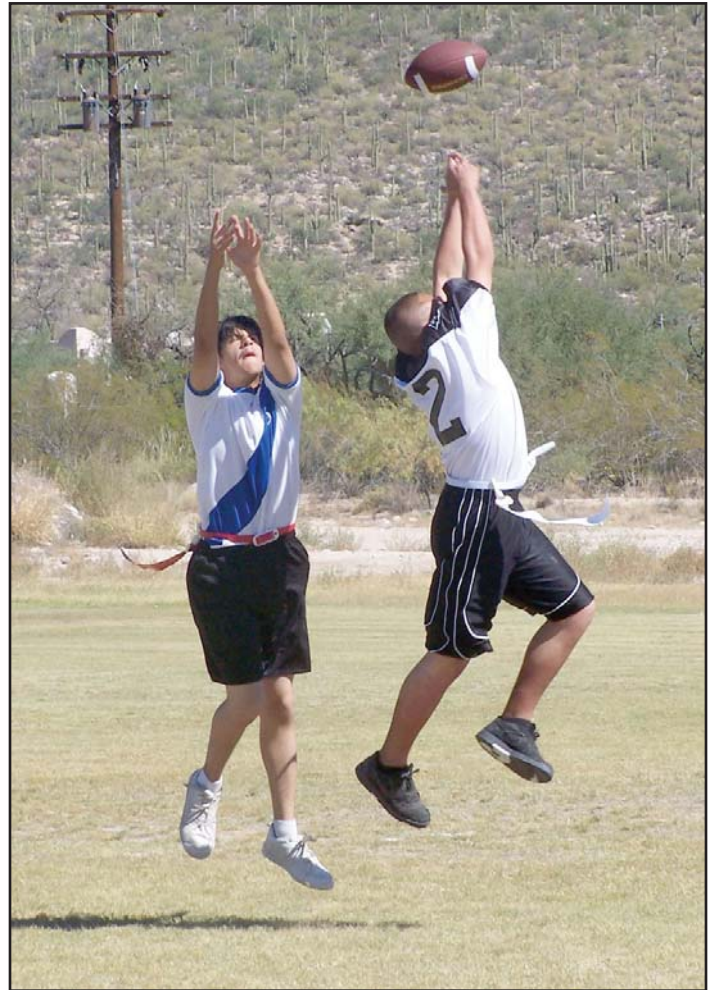


Photo by David Goodall

José Blanco-Lopez defies gravity in the tournament game for third place.

attend the tournament games.

The quarterback spot was filled alternately by Black, Blanco-Lopez and Pulliam.

Wide receiver Matt Gallaher was also unable to complete the season

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### Upcoming Sports

Men's Basketball season will start the week of Thanksgiving. Women's basketball will start the week after Thanksgiving. See Coach Rodriguez for details. Practice starts November 5th.



Photo by Kelley Kain

Above: Cheyenne Barber (Left) looks on as Cory Eiler contemplates the inherent charm of arthropods.

## Annual Mt. Lemmon field trip promotes hands-on learning

By Mark Anthony Febbo

On Oct. 18 students and faculty ascended Catalina Highway to the top of Mt. Lemmon as part of Southern Arizona Community Academy's annual science field trip, according to Kelley Kain, Science Instructor.

This year, the trip included three faculty members and 20 students.

Kain noted that students are encouraged to fully engage themselves in the trip and get some hands-on experience with science.

"On the way to the lake we stop at Molino Basin so that everyone can get acquainted with the mountain biomes and

vegetation," Kain said.

Students are taught about scientific methods through experiments in observation, collection, water chemistry, and bank erosion.

Rory Ksionda, one of the students who took part in the field trip, noted the extreme differences in the topography and biology from top to bottom.

"It started off with hundreds of cacti and little trees—if you could call them that—and gradually ... larger trees stood strong against the mountain. Soon after, there was a great forest to be seen," Ksionda said.

## Students take aim

By Melissa Haller

What a way to end October and begin November: tests, tests, tests. October 30<sup>th</sup> was the Writing AIMS Exam, October 31<sup>st</sup> was the Reading AIMS Exam, and November 1<sup>st</sup> was the Math AIMS Exam. Over the past six weeks our students have been diligently preparing to pass these exams.

Between 40 and 60 students took each exam in our West classroom while they snacked on apples, crackers, trail mix and bubble gum. It has been shown that students who chew gum during an exam are less nervous while taking it and in effect, do better on the exam.

Throughout October

and part of September our students worked very hard on their reading, writing and math skills. They practiced writing numerous essays on topics such as "Building an Amusement Park," "Why it is good to stay in school," and "Traits you admire in adults." The math students honed their skills in Algebra 1 and 2, practicing over 100 math problems. To prepare for the reading exam, students read excerpts from stories such as "Pandora's Box," *All Quiet on the Western Front*, and "Powder."

We are extremely confident that our students will do well on these state exams. Grades are due to come back in mid-December. We are keeping our fingers crossed.

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# SACA will offer interactive texts

By Mark Anthony Febbo

Southern Arizona Community Academy intends to be on the cutting edge of online learning in the State of Arizona according to Lalo Cubillas, principal.

At SACA's first open house of the year, Cubillas noted that SACA is pursuing a course of action in regard to making interactive textbooks available to students.

The school hopes to eventually make these textbooks part of an online high school curriculum, that students would be able to work on from any computer with internet access.

The State of Arizona is

currently only allowing seven schools to have online curriculums, but may bump that number up to 14 in the near future.

Cubillas said that he would like SACA to be one of the new schools to receive state sanction for online learning. "It's the wave of the future," Cubillas said. "We want to be ready to go when we get the go ahead from the state."

Annie Carpenter, IT Specialist and Technology Instructor for SACA, is heading up the project and is currently in the process of putting together an online curriculum.



Photo by David Goodall

William Wright (Left) and José Blanco-Lopez (Right) hoist Jorge Atondo and SACA's third place trophy into the air in a post-game moment of triumph.

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due to injuries sustained off the field.

Gallaher noted that the season provided a great challenge.

"The season was fun and exciting: a lot of hard work and team work. ... no matter what position you play it plays a role in the game ... Basketball is next!"

Coach Rodriguez noted that the season had its ups and downs, but was a pleasure overall.

"It was a thrill to be a part of the first ever football team here at SACA. This team put in a lot of hard work, and the entire school should be proud of the effort they put forth," Rodriguez said.

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

Man's best friend enters into the history of November at least twice! Once in 1666 during the first experimental blood transfusion (between two dogs) and also in 1957 when the Soviets launched the world's first inhabited space capsule (just one dog on board). Below are some of the most fascinating events to take place in the month of November.

**November 4, 1845** - First nationally observed uniform Election Day in the United States. Before this time, states could hold their elections anytime in a 34-day period before the first Wednesday of December. As communication technology improved, it became necessary to set a uniform date for the whole country; the Tuesday after the first Monday of November was chosen.

**November 7, 1917** - Russian Bolsheviks overthrew the provisional government of Alexander Kerensky in Petrograd. The Council of People's Commissars was then established as the new government of Russia, with Nikolai Lenin as chairman, Leon Trotsky as foreign commissar and Joseph Stalin as commissar of nationalities.

**November 7, 1944** - President Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected to an unprecedented fourth term, defeating Thomas E. Dewey. Roosevelt died less than a year later on April 12, 1945.

**November 8, 1519** - Hernándo Cortés entered the Aztec capital of Tenochtitlan and was peacefully received by Emperor Montezuma. By 1521, under the authority of the Spanish Crown, Cortés besieged, conquered, rebuilt, and renamed the city to its modern name, México.

**November 9, 1965** - At 5:16 p.m., the Great Blackout of the Northeast began as a tripped circuit breaker at a power plant on the Niagara River caused a chain reaction. The blackout affected one-sixth of the entire U.S. population. Electricity also failed in Ontario and Quebec.

**November 9, 1989** - The Berlin Wall was opened after standing for 28 years as a symbol of the Cold War. The 27.9-mile wall had been constructed in 1961.

**November 13, 1956** - The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that racial segregation on public buses was unconstitutional; an early success of the Civil Rights Movement.

**November 19, 1863** - President Abraham Lincoln delivered the "Gettysburg Address" during ceremonies dedicating 17 acres of the Gettysburg Battlefield as a national cemetery. Famed orator Edward Everett of Massachusetts preceded Lincoln and spoke for two hours. Lincoln then delivered his address in less than

two minutes. Although many in attendance were at first unimpressed, Lincoln's words have come to symbolize the definition of democracy itself.

**November 20, 1910** - The Mexican Revolution, a period of political, social and military turmoil, began with the call to arms made by Francisco I. Madero to overthrow the dictator Porfirio Díaz and lasted until 1917. It is estimated that the war killed more than 1 million of the 1910 Mexican population of 15 million.

**November 22, 1963** - On Elm Street in downtown Dallas, Texas, President John F. Kennedy's motorcade slowly approached a triple underpass. Shots rang out. The President was struck in the back, then in the head. He was rushed to Parkland Memorial Hospital where fifteen doctors unsuccessfully tried to save him. On board Air Force One, Lyndon B. Johnson was sworn in as the 36th President.

**November 29, 1623** - The Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony celebrated the first Thanksgiving in the "New World." Although some of the early U.S. Presidents proclaimed a Thanksgiving Day, it did not become an annual national holiday until declared so by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863 and was set on the final Thursday of November.