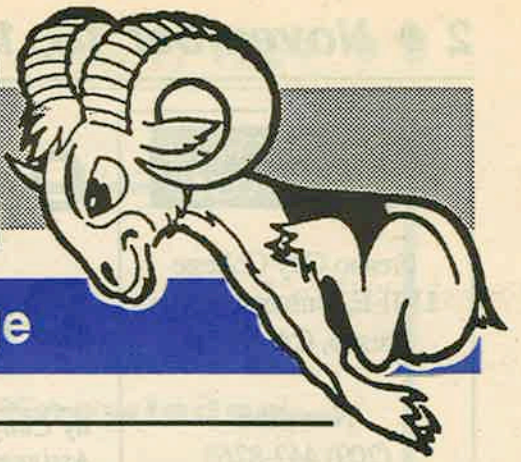


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Rams end season with Dairy Bowl brawl

The King and Queen



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Dianne Dean, left, and Thavone "Tommy" Vongseng, 1994/95 FCC Homecoming Queen and King, take a lap around the track at the fifth annual Producers Dairy Bowl last weekend. Mayor Jim Patterson and honorary alumna Beth Marney were also in attendance at the game that saw the Butte College Roadrunners claim victory and the Dairy Bowl Championship in a painfully close, 24-28 game.

Bookstore holding Christmas gift raffle

by Kellye Galbraith
Rampage Reporter

The Fresno City College Bookstore is celebrating the spirit of Christmas with the "Great Stocking Raffle," which is being held to benefit the children of the YWCA's Marjaree Mason Center.

According to FCC Bookstore Manager Michael Guerra, he and the bookstore staff wanted to do something special this year for a good cause.

Some of the bookstore staff had ideas about things to do and everyone finally came together about having a raffle.

The Holiday Project for the Marjaree Mason Center will be the recipient of giftgiver's goodwill.

The center is a 30-day emergency shelter for women and children fleeing domestic abuse as well as a transitional

center for homeless women and children.

The length of stay is no more than 30 days, and the shelter houses up to 40 children at a time.

The shelter's address and phone number are not made public because of the possibility of the center's residents having their abusers coming after them. Contact can be made through the YWCA.

The center's namesake, Marjaree Mason, was murdered by her abuser, and the center was opened in 1979.

Visitors to the bookstore during the last two weeks have have seen the Christmas tree and the giant stocking near the Bookstore's exit.

The Christmas tree will go to the center and the stocking

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Rams team members show the frustration of their closely lost Championship dreams at the fifth annual Producers Dairy Bowl at Ratcliffe Stadium last weekend. A fight broke out between the Rams and the Butte College Roadrunners after the game had ended.

by Ernest Shelton
Rampage Reporter and
Coby Jackson
Assignment Editor

As in the movie "Forrest Gump", life sure can be like a box of chocolates... you never know what you're going to get until you bite into one.

Last Saturday at the Fifth Annual Producers Dairy Bowl, the Fresno City College Rams with a record of 9-1 tried to bite into long time rival Butte College who boasted a record of 9-0-1, and left with a bad taste in their mouths.

What may have proven to be a critical factor in the outcome of the game was the fate of running back Daimon Shelton who was hurt early in a set of events which proved to be costly for FCC.

Frank Sinclair did as good as any second string running back could do by running for 124 yards across Ratcliffe's wet, green, open spaces in place of "Big Shuttle" Shelton.

Butte's Roadrunners came into town poised and focused and with the intent of taking the Dairy Bowl championship title home with them.

Dan Marino himself couldn't have done a better job than the offense of Butte College.

Ranked No. 3 in the state, Butte College became the Grinch that stole Christmas by upsetting the two time defending Dairy Bowl champions on their own springy turf.

At every turn, Butte seemed to out perform Fresno with the Roadrunners garnering 24 first downs in comparison to the Rams' 14.

Fourteen of the visitors' first downs were achieved through rushing, as were eight of the home teams'.

In fact, the game was pretty evenly matched with yards gained 275 for Butte and 284 for FCC. Rams also led in net yards gained by 275 to 237.

Going into the fourth quarter with a score of 17 to 7 in the FCC's favor, the Rams were stunned by a pounding offense that sent a flurry of passes and rushes that culminated in two touchdowns for the opposition in the fourth quarter with only one in this quarter by FCC.

This game was action packed right down to the last minute with the Rams leading Butte College by 24-21 with just about 15 seconds left in the game.

Butte College was knocking on the Rams door when they were inside the 10 yard line.

With the clock still running, the Rams defensive line was conned into thinking that Butte's offense was going to down the ball so that the clock would stop and give the visiting team one last shot at getting into the end zone.

But instead of lining up to the line so that they could spike the ball and stop the clock, or even trying to tie the game with a field goal, Butte College went

for it all in a style that was reminiscent of the Miami Dolphins vs. the New York Jets in the last week of November in the National Football League.

In that one move with the daring that seemed just a little bit lacking on the other side, the Roadrunners made the winning touchdown and snatched victory from off the horns of the mighty ram.

Now the bragging rights belong to the number 3 team in the state, Butte College, who also happens to be the 1994 Producers Dairy Bowl Champions.

As for the runners-up in the Dairy Bowl, The FCC Rams will have not only have a long winter, but also 10 games next season to work toward a possible rematch with the team the denied them not only the chance to become the first back-to-back-to-back champions of the Dairy Bowl, but also a shot at being the number 1 team in the state.

Kwanza a part of holidays

by Soul Vang-Chol Bristar
Rampage Reporter

The snow is falling. The sleigh bells are ringing. Colorful lights and decorations are up all over the place. Christmas time has arrived, but this

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Opinion

Dairy Brawl result of childhood

by Coby Jackson
Assignment Editor

On December 3, 1994, Fresno City College seemed to exemplify all of the elements that are embodied within the morals and ethics that we Americans hold dear to when we send our little ones out onto the field to participate in organized sports.

When little Johnny comes home with a busted lip from playing touch football and getting touched a little too much, his parents more often than not will tell him not to be a wuss, to dry those tears and march back onto that field of dreams and knock little Billy's block off.

So when the Fresno City College Rams charged out onto the field for their second battle that day with the Butte Roadrunners, they were just acting out the aggression that was kindled in them from childhood

and encouraged to grow as they grew into manhood.

Our busted lip was a player who was allegedly trampled by Butte's celebration of their hard won victory.

Our parents were the coaches who goad their players every day to be meaner, tougher, and rawer, to be killers.

Our children were the players themselves, who couldn't take such a close and teasing brush with victory sitting down. They had to get up and do something, and from the sidelines of the game I could see it in their eyes.

First there was a terrible childish glee as they thought they were going to win. When it dawned on them in the last moments of the game that winning was not an option, the glee was replaced by the gleam of tears running down muddily streaked cheeks.

And like a child whose had

its favorite toy snatched from its grip, our players reacted with anger and threw quite a tantrum as they raced out onto the field to do battle with Billy.

Parents tell their children that it's not whether you win or lose but how you play the game.

The saying is at least misleading and more likely fallacious because of the high importance that is almost universally placed on winning.

If winning were not important, if fun were the only purpose of sports, then no one would keep a permanent score of any game and the outcome that determines who was better than whom or who is ahead of whom would be deemed irrelevant.

It is whether you win or lose that at least determines a big part of how you played the game.

Furthermore, how you win or lose can help to define you as part of a culture.

American culture, through the popularity of sports like football and basketball and even baseball, shows a mirror image of itself that looks distorted to the untrained eye, but is more true than it seems.

Although our sports encourage and teach the importance of cooperation, teamwork, and a disciplined attitude in maintaining the skills needed to excel, they also teach that above all victory is the prize, not a game that is well played.

Parents need to stop giving their children the double message that winning isn't important as long as they bring home that trophy and coaches need to quit hammering home the idea that winning is all that counts.

Then maybe if their parents lighten up, Johnny and Billy can go out on the field and have some fun.

Campus Crime Log

11/14 12:52 p.m. Four subjects were seen loitering around vehicles in the dirt lot on Calaveras and University. Upon contact, the driver was found in possession of burglary tools and a stereo and amp with the serial numbers removed. The burglar tools were confiscated and the driver was arrested cited and released. The other three subjects were identified and released.

11/15 7:00 p.m. Two suspicious juveniles observed walking through parking lots looking at cars. Stopped after getting into vehicle, driver unlicensed. Passenger in possession of items he had removed from vehicles both on and off campus. A student in class that had given the two juveniles a ride to campus had illegal weapon in vehicle. Juvenile #1 arrested for being an unlicensed driver. Juvenile #2 arrested for two counts of petty theft. Student arrested for possession of illegal weapon. All three suspects were released on field sites.

11/16 12:52 p.m. Officer advised of a fight in the cafeteria. Suspect was apprehended and found two knives on him, one was concealed. Suspect arrested, cited and released.

11/18 10:15 p.m. Suspect assists disabled motorist on Wishon Ave. and then started to masturbate. The victim was

advised to contact the Fresno Police Department.

11:43 p.m. Subject found to be taking money from the cafeteria. Subject cited, arrested, and released.

11/20 11:16 a.m. Officer observed vehicle in Lot-S with the right side turn signal going on and off on his way to work. Officer investigated incident at 2316 hours. Vehicle was discovered to have been broken into. Suspect(s) broke driver's window to gain entry. The steering column was severely damaged and the interior was ransacked. Nothing reported taken. Vehicle had a "Pro-Lock" device to prevent theft.

11/22 1:50 p.m. Subject committed a petty theft from the cafeteria of a bottle of juice. Subject arrested, cited and released.

4:30 p.m. A disturbance was reported in the cafeteria between a male and a female student with the possibility of a battery. Officer made contact with both Enabler students. Under investigation.

4:25 p.m. When responding to the above disturbance, a third Enabler student interfered with the police officer. The student then proceeded to headquarters where he made threats to the officer directly to chief. Referred to the dean

of students.

11/23 9:00 a.m. Upon contacting a suspicious person in Lot S, the officer discovered that he was not a student and that he was in possession of burglary tools. Subject arrested and turned over to Juvenile Hall.

11/26 10:25 p.m. Phone report of a subject who was assaulted on the west side of the gymnasium after the basketball game. Under investigation.

11/28 9:03 a.m. Mother and daughter had an argument at home. Argument continued as mother took daughter to school. Daughter struck mother in ribs. Daughter turned over to American Ambulance for transportation to Valley Medical Center for psychiatric evaluation.

5:08 p.m. Employee of Wendy's called and stated he saw the suspects in a robbery of Wendy's on 11/25/94 in the Yale/Glen area. Checked with negative results. Case turned over to the Fresno Police Department.

11/29 12:03 p.m. Subject enters cafeteria, takes food items without paying, consumes items then leaves scene. Arrested and released on a field cite.

8:25 p.m. Local resident with diminished mental capacity was seen scavenging the garbage cans in the cafeteria for food. Subject was contacted and sent off campus.

11/30 9:25 p.m. Sgt. Stoval and Officer Garcia witnessed a hit and run. Turned over to Fresno Police Department.

12/1 3:00 p.m. A subject reported that he was approached in the restroom by another subject in a lewd fashion. The suspect was located and arrested. Under investigation.

12/2 6:39 p.m. 10 to 20 shots heard in the area of Maroa/McKinley. Area checked with negative results. Turned over to Fresno Police Department.

12/4 8:36 p.m. Employee injured his ankle crossing the railroad tracks. He was taken by his father to seek medical attention.

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time is also a time for celebrating many other important holidays.

There is Hanukkah, the Jewish holiday celebrating the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem after its destruction by Syria. There is Hmong New Year, a celebration of harvest and a courtship festival. And then there is Kwanza, a harvest festival that originated in Africa and has spread to many communities of African origin all over the world.

"Kwanza is an African celebration that is traditional all over the African World," said Donprey Martin, president of the Pan African Student Union. "The word Kwanza is a Swahili word meaning

'first' or 'first fruits.' Kwanza originated when our ancestors gathered together to celebrate the harvesting of the first crops."

This African harvest celebration lasts from December 26 through January 1.

"Part of each Kwanza celebration is the traditional lighting of seven candles. One for each of the 'Nguzo Saba', the seven principals of Blackness," said Martin.

As with Christmas, Hanukka, Hmong New Year and other holidays, Kwanza is a time for gathering, sharing, loving, and celebrating the process of life.

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will be raffled off to those who have contributed.

The drawing will be held Dec. 16 at noon in the bookstore.

The Christmas tree and the giant stocking were purchased and donated by the FCC bookstore staff.

"We used the stocking

giveaway as a vehicle to get people to participate, but I believe people just want to do good this time of year, somewhere," said Guerra.

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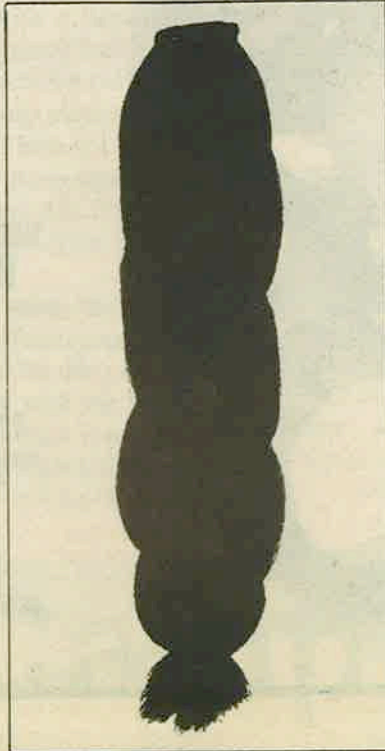
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