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## Calendar provides insight to industry

■ Project will help students understand print technology field.

Jess Vincent  
Rampage reporter

January 14-20 is International Printing Week. To celebrate it, a project designed by the local Printing House Craftsmen Club, a Fresno chapter of the International Association of Printing House Craftsmen (IAPHC), is bringing new eyes to the field of Print Technology.

The project is taking both the Duncan Regional Occupation Program (ROP) students and the Fresno City College Printing Technology and their facilities, together with representatives of the Fresno Craftsmen Club, to work on a calendar to inform and educate the new generation to the Print Technology field.

The concept was to get four elementary schools, two from Fresno and two from Clovis, to come up with twelve pieces of artwork, a cover and a list of



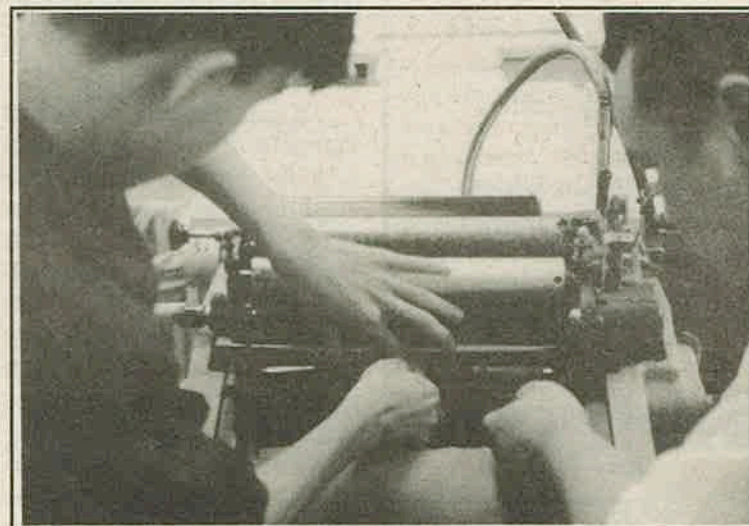
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Print Technology instructor Craig Polanowski oversees production of calendar.

important holidays and events for the calendar project. This involvement would provide an insight into the industry for the students. Guidelines and time tables along with a template specifying the size limitations for the artwork were written by the Fresno Craftsmen Club and provided to the schools.

The Fresno Craftsmen

Club group is very committed to education. They had the Duncan ROP students research the history of Printing, the Famous Inventors, the advent of movable type, the invention of the Mergenthaler Linotype machine, the technology change from Relief to Offset Lithographic printing methods, and the impact of computers



Jess Vincent/Rampage photographer

Two Print Technology students participate in the project during their class here at FCC.

on the industry as a side bar of information to appear on each page of the calendar.

The elementary students will take a field trip to Fresno City College to observe the Duncan ROP students in the production of the calendar and receive a 50 sheet personalized stationary, including the calendar.

There will be 500 calendars for each school to use as they please as a compliment of the Fresno Club of Printing House Craftsmen.

The Duncan ROP students will get to enter the calendar in the "Gallery of Fine Printing competition" in the student category at the local district level of the Craftsmen Club.

## Students, schools to be dropped from direct lending

■ 40% of total student loan volume is direct loans.

United States Department of Education

Congress is preparing to kick out thousand of college students and hundreds of schools from the new direct loan program. Approximately 2 million college students at more than 1,350 schools have direct loans.

Under direct lending, students bypass the maze of lenders and other middle men that comprise the old guaranteed loan system and borrow directly from the federal government through their campus financial aid office.

Eliminating these middlemen saves taxpayers billions of dollars. And students are given the option of paying back their loans as a percentage of their income, so that they can repay the loans more easily.

"Congress is pitting students against special interests," said U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley. "Partisan politics and special interests are winning out over common sense and the best inter-

ests of students, schools and taxpayers. Returning to the old loan program means wasted time and hassle for students when they take out their loans, but it also means preserving billions of dollars in profits for all the middle men that make up the old system."

Recently, Congress changed the accounting rules to show that direct lending costs more. However, respected economists disagree.

For example, Lawrence Lindsey, a Bush appointee to the Federal Reserve Board, said, "As long as it is necessary to provide a profit to induce lenders to guarantee student loans, direct lending will be cheaper."

Riley said students and parents like the program because it's faster and easier. They work directly with the school's student aid office instead of shopping around for a lender and waiting for the bank to process the paperwork and forward it to the school.

As a result, loan money is available within days rather than weeks. And direct lending offers flexible repayment options, including one based on income, which gives bor-

rowers greater control over their finances and career choices, and decreases the likelihood of defaulting.

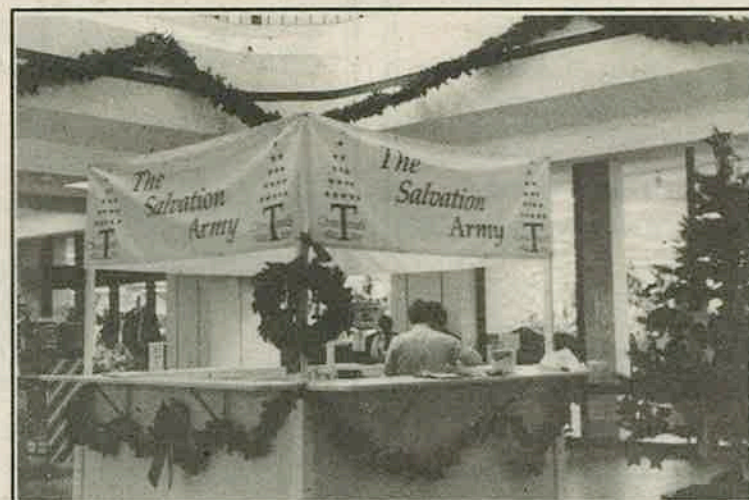
Independent surveys of aid administrators have found that schools like direct lending's streamlined and simple processing system. It involves less paperwork, and less time and money tracking loans with lenders.

Direct lending improves cash flow and allows schools to structure the loan program to fit their particular needs and capabilities. Most of all, it frees schools to offer better service to students.

"It is rare that the federal government creates a program that both saves money and improves service to its constituents. Direct lending is such a program," said Jerome Supple, president, Southwest Texas State University.

Karen Fooks, financial aid director, University of Florida, said, "I don't even want to think about going back to the guaranteed-loan system. The whole idea of going back is a nightmare."

Direct loans currently account for nearly 40 percent of total student loan volume.



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The Salvation Army is a common sight around the winter holidays.

## Coats for Heaton drive successful

■ Fifty coats were donated to the cause.

Beth Beacham  
Rampage reporter

The Rotaract club's coat drive for Heaton elementary school was a success.

Rotaract member, Brent Whalen, said that the club received 50 coats and sweaters from students and faculty.

He says that the coats and sweaters were dry cleaned by One Hour Martinizing dry cleaning who donated their services to the club.

"All in all the coat drive

turned out very well," stated Whalen.

The coat drive started on November 1 and ended on November 30. Rotaract saw a great improvement from last year's effort, which only prospered with five coats. They received 45 more coats, giving 45 more Heaton Elementary School children warmth for the upcoming winter months.

As an incentive the Rotaract club challenged all divisions on campus to compete for the most coats turned in. The incentive gave the drive the encouragement it needed to succeed.



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## New speed limit poses new danger

■ Death rates may increase.

Tiffany Pereira  
Editor-in-chief

Ready, set, go. Thank you, Mr. Clinton for letting us decide for ourselves for once. It is about time we were able to decide how fast we should drive in the No. 1 way to get in an accident: our cars and trucks.

It's a commonly known fact that getting into a car accident is a far greater chance than crashing in an airplane. A lot of people seem to disregard this fact with alarming ease, including our government. The United States government now recognizes that the speed limit on America's roads should be left up to the states.

This is the part of the article that I disagree with the new law. It is an appalling decision. To me, my government is telling me that limiting the speed limit is unnecessary and doesn't help safety reasons any.

Let us think about this for a moment. What would happen if the speed limit is increased?

Ask yourself this question and how it would affect you. I've already carefully analyzed the situation and have come up with what I think is an honest



Jess Vincent/Rampage photograph

Students earn print technology skills by hands-on experience.

opinion. It doesn't mean that what I think is right or that you should support my ideas without thought. It is, however, a reasonable assumption that deserves some consideration.

Raising the speed limit would not necessarily create more accidents. You can not assume that it would. That would be impossible to predict. What you could reasonably assume is that the people that would get into accidents would suffer less. In fact, they wouldn't suffer at all. They would be dead on impact. Although, you will not have more accidents, you will have more deaths.

Let us look at three states that have already considered a new speed limit. Take first for example the state of Montana. They intend to abolish the speed limit altogether. Now think about what would happen if two cars hit each other

going 90 miles per hour. Let's face it, 90 miles per hour is realistic (considering that American society is obsessed with speed). Do you honestly think anybody would walk away from that accident not dead or at least brain damaged for life (excluding drunk drivers and miracles)? The only comprehensible answer is no.

California and Texas aren't taking as strong a rebellious step as Montana. California is rumored to be raising the speed limit to 65 and Texas to 70 miles per hour. But, like Montana, they will probably see an increase in injuries and/or deaths from automobile accidents. It certainly won't be as drastic but it would be enough to scare many people afraid of flying to forget about their inhibitions and find themselves sitting in an airplane the next time they have to go someplace.

I have left myself very

open for opposition in this article. There are a lot of people who know me who will wonder what I *really* think. You see, I am a speed-junkie myself. I love to drive my car faster than the speed limit. So, writing this article is making me a hypocrite. People like myself like a little danger in their life. Driving over the speed limit may not seem to many people to be that dangerous but it gives the person more power and control. You can feel very untouchable, especially if you are never caught doing it.

But, with the new speed limit, I am not willing to put myself in that much danger. People always tell you that you never know what cooks are on the road. And, although I am prepared to meet the one who created me if I had to, I prefer to live a little longer. I just hope that other speed demons feel the same way.

## Sexual identity creates crisis for cousin

DEAR TERRY: My cousin is having personal problems and I don't know what advice to give him. He is a young man with a great deal of professional singing talent, but his personal life is a mess.

I think that he is questioning his own sexuality. He acts very effeminate and has that limp-wristed attitude that everyone associates with homosexuals, but he professes that he likes girls. He has had a couple of girlfriends but the relationships always seem superficial and never last long.

I always took him at his word that he was heterosexual but recently when I was out having lunch with him, this guy walked up to our table and began talking to him like he knew him and I got the feeling that they were or had been more than just friends.

I feel that he is struggling with his sexual identity and needs to come out of the closet. I understand that my cousin's sex life is none of my business, but he is contemplating becoming involved with a young lady from our church. I'm not sure that it is fair for him to misrepresent himself to her if he



Theresa Deveau

is really attracted to men. What should I tell him? RESTLESS RELATIVE.

Dear RESTLESS: If I were you I would hesitate to give unsolicited advice to anyone, especially a family member. But if your cousin does come to you and open up about his situation, I would recommend that you help him confront his own sexual identity, whatever it is. Help him understand that being gay is nothing to be ashamed of.

And, by the way, simply displaying effeminate mannerisms has no bearing on sexuality. If your cousin is gay and is not revealing it to women that he dates, then he is behaving in an unethical manner which is unfair to those women. Make sure that he understands this. Good Luck!

DEAR TERRY: I have a best friend who is involved in an abusive relationship. She is committed to her boyfriend and claims that her love for him can change him into a more caring man, but every time I see her she is wearing another mark of his temper.

She possesses the kind of personality that allows her boyfriend to run all over her. I hate to watch this continue and not be able to do anything about it but she doesn't listen to me. I think that she is insecure because she is in her late twenties, has a son from a previous relationship, and thinks that she may not be able to get anyone else.

I know that watching his mother be abused can not be good for the little boy, and eventually I think that her boyfriend may do my friend some lasting physical or psychological harm. Answers? Very Concerned.

Dear CONCERNED: Your friend is in a very dangerous situation. You must urge her to exit this relationship immediately. The two parties involved can work on what is wrong after they are apart, but the most important thing is to insure your friend's safety and that

can only be done with her out of there. I know that this will be hard to accomplish, but if she is really your friend you will do whatever is necessary.

If you need ammunition for your impending debate with your friend, consider reminding her that she is still young and there are plenty of good men out there who will not abuse her. You can also emphasize the negative effects that this may produce in her child. There is growing evidence that exposure to abuse in childhood is a leading cause of dysfunctional behavior.

If she doesn't want her son to abuse or be abused, she needs to take action and end the cycle of abuse by ending the relationship. And once she does this she may need you more than ever, so be there for her. I hope you succeed!

"Dear Terry" appears bi-monthly. If you have a problem and want some advice, you may write to Dear Terry at the FCC Rampage, 1101 E. University Ave., Fresno, CA 93721.



# Psych Services Top 10 student stressors

■ Students need to 'chill out' when it comes to stress.

Randy Haber  
FCC Psychological Services

Stress is alive and well on the Fresno City College campus. Younger students face challenges of adulthood, being on their own, and making new life decisions.

Older students have families and/or jobs, and unique responsibilities. We play "super-student" roles pretty well most of the time. However, sometimes the curtain will seem to crash down on your act! Even when it doesn't, do you like being evaluated,

tested, and measured? Happens a lot, doesn't it! Do you like changing from one "brain focus" to another in 10 minutes? Happens all the time doesn't it? The fact that you handle student life successfully means you have psychological strength. You can tolerate stress!

But, what is your limit? We all have our limits, but nobody brags about them, and few of us are nice enough to ourselves when we face them. If we can't get something done, we push ourselves harder. It's good to work hard, but it's great to ease up before you crack up.

Knowing yourself is the critical factor. Know all of you, the good and the bad, the

strong and the weak. Love and care for yourself enough to honor all sides of who you are. As a student, you already are here to accomplish great things for yourself. High goals are encouraged. Go for it, but be realistic!

Remember your limits and be nice to yourself when you get near your limits. If you work hard (and you do or you wouldn't be here), then you also have earned the right to say "enough" when you need to.

Remember also that your limits change. Student life is stressful by itself. If other things happen that add stress to your life, you may need to lighten your student load to get under the breaking point. If

you have trouble knowing your limits, dealing with stress, or letting go of "too much," get some help from Psych Services.

Here is a brief quiz to see if you know when stress is too high. The following are frequent or serious stressors that effect students. Mark the item where you know you would make changes in your life tasks to lower your stress level.

- \_\_\_ 1. Getting behind in classwork.
- \_\_\_ 2. Getting sick more often.
- \_\_\_ 3. Being injured.
- \_\_\_ 4. Failing a class.
- \_\_\_ 5. Arguments increasing with special others.
- \_\_\_ 6. Problems coming up at work.

\_\_\_ 7. Having a drug control problem.

\_\_\_ 8. Becoming sexually compulsive (or pregnant).

\_\_\_ 9. Loosing a serious relationship.

\_\_\_ 10. Death of someone you love.

Any of these deserve caring attention (among others as well).

Remember, when you are in the midst of high stress circumstances, your judgement may be cloudy. Supportive friends can be valuable, and professional help can be a benefit as well. Psychological services are available at no cost to students here at FCC. You are welcome to use these services at any time.

## Sacrifice of students' time much appreciated

■ Editor thanks staff, encourages others to do same.

Tiffany Pereira  
Editor-in-chief

Well, it's finally Christmas break and many of us have already started rejoicing. Christmas break means no school, which means no more stress, late nights, early mornings and frequent trips to the library.

This is welcomed to all of us, including myself. Putting together a newspaper isn't an easy job and even a day of vacation away is revelled.

But, like any other stressful job, a newspaper doesn't

consist of only one person. There are many people who give up their spare time to help the process move along.

It is my intention for writing this article to thank these people along with persuading those who are in a similar position as myself to give the same respect to their staff.

Requiring long hours, patience and teamwork, a college newspaper production day is enough to make anyone crazy (which would explain why some journalists seem to be a little off the deep end at times). A staff that is willing to pull all-nighters to get the job done is very lucky for an editor to

have.

This semester, although some deadlines were missed and mistakes were unnoticed until it was too late, I have been very lucky to have the dedicated students to help me and the returning *Rampage* staff from last semester to put out each issue of the paper. I want to thank them all for their time and effort.

I also hope that they come away from the semester with some knowledge and a better understanding of newspaper production. I really do appreciate all their help.

In closing, I encourage anybody else in a similar posi-

tion as mine to take the time and acknowledge the people who have helped them. Even though you may have had some problems with certain individuals or unexpected mishaps, and I could sympathize with completely, it is still a good idea to give thanks.

It's better to part on good terms than vengeful ones. You never know when a bad situation that was left unresolved could come back to haunt you.

Remember, college is one giant learning experience after another. Learning to deal with things and ending on a good note will help you in the future.

### Campus Crime Log

11/16 Subject riding a bicycle recklessly on campus. Upon contacting him, he was found to be in possession of stolen property.

11/20 Back pack stolen from student services building.

11/20 Graffiti found on fence line on Weldon and railroad tracks.

11/22 A 911 call received at a pay phone in gum area okay.

11/24 Subject found using gym without authorization and asked to leave.

11/25 Subject found at bus stop near Maroa and University naked. He appeared to be mentally disturbed and was a danger to himself and others. Transported to Valley Medical Center mental ward.

11/27 Vehicle stop was made in Lot E. Driver was unlicensed and false registration tags on license plate.

11/27 Four tires and wheels were stolen off of a van that was parked in lot between T-200 and T-300 buildings.

11/27 Female report of harassment in English class.

11/29 Staff member found notes on her vehicle from her husband for whom she has a restraining order against for domestic violence.

#### Editor's note:

This is not a complete list of the crimes officially reported to campus police. It is only a sample of these reports. If you have any questions concerning the crime log, please contact the Rampage at 442-8263 or address a letter to The Fresno City College Rampage, 1101 E. University Avenue, Fresno, CA 93741

## Survey Says

What was the worst Christmas gift you ever received?



"A Hawaiian shirt! It was bright yellow, green, and orange and it was made of polyester."

Shellie Ansel  
General Ed

"When I was nine, I wanted a real G.I. Joe set but, instead, I got a fake set."

James Routh  
Physical Therapy



"Garfield crap from hell and a pink t-shirt."

Traci Sturgeon  
Genreal Ed



## Student wants FCC to clean up its act

■ Bowman has started a campus recycling drive to beautify FCC.

Robert Stiftinger  
Rampage reporter

The dedication and persistence of a lone FCC student is all that stands between a beautified campus and piles of garbage.

There is also a lot of money to be made from somebody else's trash.

Beginning in the spring of 1994, student Robyn Bowman noticed a sizable amount of trash strewn about that was not put in various trash receptacles located throughout campus.

Bowman said, "Students were treating garbage cans like they were sculpture and not what they were originally intended for."

Seeing all this garbage lying around gave Bowman the idea to start a campus-wide recycling program for bottles and cans.

A paper recycling program already exists for faculty and staff to recycle their colored, computer, and copy paper.

"I was disgusted with all the littering and trash about

campus and I decided to do something about it," Bowman said.

That is not to say the maintenance men and groundskeepers aren't doing their job.

The already overworked crew has enough work to keep themselves busy all over campus Plant Facilities Manager, Brian Speece said.

Speece wholly supports the idea of a recycling program but would like to see more students involved with the effort to maintain a clean campus.

"We simply don't have the staff to constantly maintain a recycling program, but we will do what we can to help the students out," Speece said.

The incentive to recycle the large number of bottles and cans consumed daily by students is a goldmine waiting to be harvested.

Bowman would like the ASB (Associated Student Body) to profit from the recycled materials by having them rotate a two week shift of sorting the bottles and cans, then have them taken to a recycling center for cash which the clubs can use however they see fit.

Bowman received a good response from the ASB when

she first presented the idea to them at the beginning of the Fall 1994 semester.

Originally, Bowman wanted Plant Facilities to provide transportation to the recycling center, but Speece said he couldn't afford to take one of his men off their regular duties on campus to drive to the recycling center.

"I didn't realize it would take this much time and effort into organizing this program," Bowman said.

Persistence has begun to pay off for most of Bowman's efforts.

After contacting local businesses about supporting her idea, Bowman began having time and supplies to help spread the word about campus recycling.

Tim Montgomery, from local printing company Val-Print gave Bowman a very good price on printing four color posters on their new state-of-the-art laser printer featuring non-fading UV resistant paper for her ad campaign.

Another local company, Unisource, donated recycled 11x17 size paper for smaller flyers to be printed on.

Western Waste, which already recycles all the paper on campus, has expressed interest

in providing recycling containers for bottles and cans.

Bowman has two ideas and slogans for posters to get her message across to the student body they should be serious about recycling.

The first poster idea is a picture of Bowman's four year old son putting trash in a can with the slogan, *If a four year old can do it, so can you.*

The second poster idea consists of two pictures, one of a garbage can and one of the fountain area featuring the slogan, *This is a garbage can, this is not!*

The motto for the entire program, is *Can your trash!*

At this time, there are no plans for a recycling center to be located on campus due to budget constraints and lack of space for such a facility, but Speece hasn't ruled out the possibility of one day recycling all trash on campus.

For now, a cardboard baler is the next project Plant Facilities is working on purchasing after guidelines for reducing solid waste were handed down by the state three years ago.

By spreading the word now about the recycling program, Bowman hopes to make students aware of it and put in place for the spring 1996 semester.

## "White Man's Burden" flips the script

■ Film reverses racial roles.

Erin Rachel Beacham  
Rampage reporter

In a perfect world, there would be no social classes, the shade of an individual's skin would matter to no one, and war would be oblivious to everyone. The unfortunate reality is that we do not live in that kind of a world, and neither do the characters in the movie "White Man's Burden."

In every society, hierarchies tend to form. In the soci-

see BURDEN, back page

## New club brings leadership skills to it's members

■ Club created writing contest for junior and high school students.

Elvira Viveros  
Rampage reporter

A new club on campus this year has introduced students to the ideas of freedom of choice through free enterprise.

Students In Free Enterprise (S.I.F.E.) provides an opportunity for students to learn and get involved in basic business principles.

The club focuses on the free enterprise system of America, which gives individuals the freedom to open a business according to certain guide-

lines.

The club members learn leadership skills through community projects. This year the FCC S.I.F.E. team has created a project called the Deficit Reduction Essay Contest.

It's purpose, according to Glennva Yuenger, the A.S.B. President of FCC, is "for the students in the junior high and high school level to become aware of what is happening in our government and how our country is in debt and that there are ways we can solve the problem."

Through this project S.I.F.E. hopes to reach and inform as many people as possible about free enterprise and

the national debt.

Pauline Ann Bieniek, who is public relations director for S.I.F.E. and is part of the Executive Council, says that the club has given her new perspectives on her skills.

"I've built marketing skills that will help me when I major in business," Bieniek says, "Through working with many people, I've learned to plan events and build networks in the business world."

The S.I.F.E. club meets on Tuesday's at 1 p.m. in room BE-137. For more information, call ASB at 442-8275.

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# Fiesta Bowl will determine NCAA Football Championship

■ College bowl game results projected by sports-writer.

Trent Hensley  
Rampage reporter

For every college football-fanatic, it's that time of year when you get to munch on your favorite snacks and bond with your favorite alcoholic beverages while you throw pillows and empty beer cans at your brand new 68 inch big screen television over a holding penalty against your beloved teams.

All eyes will be on the Fiesta Bowl which presents us with the college Super Bowl between the top ranked Nebraska Cornhuskers and the second ranked Florida Gators. There will be plenty of other

appetizing bowl games to entertain fans.

Quarterback Peyton Manning will bring his Tennessee Volunteers to the Citrus Bowl to engage in a shootout with the Ohio State Buckeyes.

Although, both teams are ranked fourth in the nation, look for the Buckeyes to run away with this one 41-27. The Buckeyes high-powered offense lead by quarterback Bobby Hoving, running back Eddie George, and wide receiver Terry Glenn will shred the Volunteer's unproven defense.

The Oregon Ducks and the Colorado Buffaloes are headed to Texas for a showdown in the Cotton Bowl. The Ducks have lost every bowl game they have played this decade. On the other hand, the Buffaloes are infallible in bowl games of late by

going undefeated since 1990. If Colorado can contain Oregon's all purpose back Ricky Whittle early in the game, it's their game to win, 28-24.

The Florida State Seminoles will try to salvage their season in the Orange Bowl against the Notre Dame Fighting Irish. With quarterback Ron Pawlus questionable with a broken arm, the Seminoles will have little trouble blowing out the overrated Irish. Notre Dame will lose for the second consecutive year in a bowl game 38-21.

In the Sugar Bowl, the Texas Longhorns will meet the Virginia Tech Hokies. The Longhorns impressively defeated conference rival Texas A&M for their first conference championship in five seasons.

After dropping their first two games, the Hokies bounced back to win their last nine games and the Big East Conference.

This will be a game of defenses which both teams dominated their regular season opponents with. The Hokies will win 17-16.

Tim Biakabutuka will bring his Michigan Wolverines and the school rushing record of 1,724 yards to the Alamo Bowl to take on the Texas A&M Aggies. The Wolverines offensive line will be the deciding factor between these similar teams. The Wolverines will be victorious 31-24.

A year after an undefeated season, the Penn St. Nittany Lions have lost three games and are facing the possibility of dropping a fourth in the Outback Bowl against the Auburn Tigers.

Coach Terry Bowden will have his Tiger's prepared and up for the challenge but Joe Paterno has made a habit of winning the season finale. It may take a couple of trick plays but the Nittany Lions will win 25-21.

The Kansas Jayhawks will go to the tropical resorts of

Hawaii to play the UCLA Bruins in the Aloha Bowl. Kansas surprised the Big Eight Conference by defeating the Colorado Buffaloes and finished with a 9-2 record while the Bruins finished up a strong season in the Pacific 10 conference.

The Jayhawks will overpower the Bruins to win the vacation bowl 27-17.

In the Granddaddy of all bowls, the Northwestern Wildcats will try to fulfill their Cinderella season and keep their bleak national championship hopes alive against the USC Trojans.

Wildcats running back Darnell Autry has been the heart of the team while the defense has been the backbone.

The Trojans are a one man team in Keshon Johnson. He is the premiere wide receiver in college football who single-handedly put USC in the Rose Bowl.

Coach John Robinson will keep his Trojan's close but the Wildcats will pull away in the fourth quarter 25-14.

On January second, every bowl will have already been played except for the Fiesta Bowl. The Cornhuskers will try to be the first team to win consecutive national championships in nearly two decades.

Florida quarterback Danny Wuerffel is looking to put a halt to Nebraska's two year dominance by bringing the

championship home to the Gators. With the games most prolific aerial attack, the Cornhuskers may have a tough time covering the Gator receivers.

This particular bowl will be a game of momentum changes. Look for Florida to take the early ten point lead and carry it into the locker room at half time.

When the second half begins, the Cornhuskers offensive line, which averages over 300 pounds, will take control like they did in last year's bowl. Nebraska offensive line didn't allow a single quarterback sack all season and don't expect Florida to change this statistic.

Running back Lawrence Phillips is back in top form and quarterback Tommy Frazier has made a living on stepping up in big games.

Nebraska will win the game and the national championship on a memorable last minute drive 31-30.

## Men's hoops wins two

■ The Rams improve to 8-1.

Ernest Shelton  
Rampage reporter

The Fresno City Rams men's Basketball team started off the month of December by getting to know their home crowd a little bit better by playing a weekend double header.

Although the second game that was suppose to be played Saturday, December 2 was canceled and counted as a forfeit win for the Rams, they still had to face Compton College, a team from Southern California, the night before. In this game, three players combined to grab and pull down almost 35 rebounds.

Charles "don't call me Hailey" Bailey, Kerry "doe" Baker and Claude "running" Walker were the most active in crashing the boards. TJ Atkins lead all scores with 22 points, 5 assists and was 4 for 6 from the free throw

line. As a team, the Rams shot nearly 50 % from the field but were 5 for 19 when shooting for three-point land.

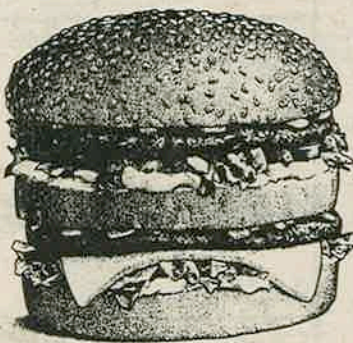
The Rams lead by ten at the break with a score of 38 - 28. That ten point lead wouldn't hold up in the 2nd half, as Compton College would go on to out score the Rams 39 - 34. Even with the score tied late in the final period, Compton College's run would not find a win. The Rams beat Compton by five points.

Great defense and hustle by the Fresno City Rams determined the final outcome of the game. The Rams win against Compton is their first of December. Out of 11 players (Johnny Davis did not play) 4 were in double figures, and as of December 4, the Rams are 8 - 1.

Coach Cleveland looks determined to get his team back to where they were just a year ago in the Great Eight State Playoffs. Winning the Central Valley Conference won't be so bad either.

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## Christmas toys of old back in business

■ Mr. Potatohead, Etch-a-Sketch and slinky get new life on shelves.

Chris Young  
Rampage reporter

Each year toy companies compete for new toys kids just have to have. With the wide variety of toys and gadgets to choose from, it's no wonder it is such a problem for parents to figure out what to get their children for Christmas. Should you get that little brat niece of yours the doll that talks, spits, pees, and vomits, or a something that requires some of her own creativity like a supply of Play Doh?

Just recently two new Toys-R-Us stores were built on Shaw, one in Fresno and one in Clovis. Since their grand opening, the two stores have been packed with holiday shoppers eagerly searching for that perfect Christmas gift.

"One of the most popular

items is the 1-2-3 bike from Playskool," said Diane Sorondo an employee at the Toys R Us in Clovis. "Also selling real well are the Batman Forever and Star Wars action figures. Dolls like Baby Slip n' Slurp are doing real good, too."

For girls, there are a few dolls that are disappearing rapidly off of sales floors. The Rosie doll is a favorite for girls ages four to nine. When someone holds both of her hands she sings the tune "Ring Around the Rosies." Another popular choice for girls is Baby Tumble Surprise. Baby Tumble will tumble right before your eyes (batteries not included).

"I like horses, any kind," said nine-year-old Debbie Cervenka. "I love stuffed animals."

Boys seem to be more interested in action figures and remote controlled cars. The most popular action figures are characters from the Nintendo and Sega games like *Mortal*

*Kombat* and *Street Fighter*.

Remote controlled vehicles that are doing well in the market are big wheelers and race cars. In-line skates by Playskool are also popular items kids want.

"I've been pretty good this year," said eight-year-old Andy Stuckey. "I help take out the garbage. I want a new bike, a remote controlled car, and some Batman toys."

Classic toys have also made a comeback for Christmas 1995. The popularity of old toys such as Mr. Potato Head and Etch-a-Sketch can probably be accredited to the new Disney movie "Toy Story." Toys like the Easy Bake Ovens, Lite Brites, and Slinkys have been taken down from those high shelves, dusted off, and displayed as if they were new.

Games are also great gifts for kids. This year the Chicken Limbo was in high demand. The Chicken Limbo is just like regular limbo. The likeness

about this game is that on the limbo bar is a plastic chicken that when touched will laugh, which means you're out of the game.

Other common games for Christmas are Chutes and Ladders, Candyland, Memory, Hungry Hippos, and Don't Wake Daddy.

Many parents interviewed thought that this year prices seemed to have risen, making this Christmas more expensive.

"I'm hoping this year won't be expensive," said mother Carmela Cervenka of Clovis. "Our family decided

to draw names and just buy for those kids that we drew out."

"So far I've spent \$300 just on Lego's," said Greg Perer a Clovis resident. "I have an eight-year-old and a 10-year-old, both boys, and they wanted Lego's for Christmas. I don't think this year is different, every year is expensive."

"The prices for toys are just higher this year," said Jane Kelly of Fresno. "When new toys come out they're always expensive. But, no matter how much this Christmas costs, it's going to be a good one."

## Christmas Tree, Candy Cane Lane leads traditional holiday decorating craze

■ Mother began Van Ness tradition after tragedy struck her son.

Chris Young  
Rampage reporter

The on-going tradition of trimming has turned into a type of craze. Each year millions of families participate in beautifying their homes, yards, and even cars with festive decorations to show off their holiday spirit.

Throughout the month of December, neighbors in numerous areas have gathered together and decided to publicly display their hopes wonderfully decorated for the Christmas season.

The most popular of these neighborhoods is Christmas Tree Lane of Fresno. This Christmas event began 75 years ago when a Van Ness homeowner's son was killed.

The mother of the boy lit a tree in her front yard with strands of colorful lights and decorations, which inspired other Van Ness homeowners to do the same.

Hundreds of families view, the spectacular decorations, lights, trees, and other adornments by cruising down the lane in their cars. This year "Christmas Tree Lane" had a "Walk Night" that occurred December 5th. Observers were required to have tickets to walk down and gaze at the enchant-



Veronica Funk/Rampage photographer

A display of Santa and his Reindeer.

ing scenery. Christmas Tree Lane is the neighborhood of Van Ness and is open from 5:30 p.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday. On Fridays and Saturdays the Lane is open until 11 p.m. Donations are accepted and the lane is non-profit. Call 439-8175 for more information.

Another spectacular light event is Candlelight Christmas on Huntington Boulevard in Fresno.

This year Candlelight Christmas celebrates its 11th year.

Huntington Boulevard has more than 100 decorated historic homes on display for the whole month of December.

Each year Huntington homeowners light the Wishon Christmas tree and carriage rides are available upon reser-

vation. Candlelight Christmas is open December 3rd to December 26th. Donations can be accepted and this event is non-profit. Call 266-4242 for more information.

Candy Cane Lane is on Purvis Street in Clovis. This annual event has been a tradition for over 10 years.

Candy Cane Lane involves local school children trim trees, sing carols and trolley rides are also available. The lane is non-profit and donations can be accepted. Call 299-7273 for more information.

All three events are must sees at least once this holiday season. With happenings like these, the holiday blunders disappear with warm fuzzy moments given off of the beautiful lights.

## Santa's Station



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Santa's chair is empty while he feeds his reindeer stationed outside Manchester Mall after a long flight from the north pole.

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# Chaffee offers 'wild' gifts for Christmas

■ Adopt-an-Animal program at zoo gives alternative to holiday presents.

Darren Angelos  
Rampage reporter

Ever wondered what to get that 'hard to buy for' person on your Christmas list?

Well, how about an Asian Elephant, an African Lion, or even a Harbor Seal- Sound expensive? Hard to care for?...Ah then, 'no worries mate.' The Fresno Chaffee Zoo offers an 'Adopt-an-Animal' program as well as many other types of exotic gifts for that special someone this year. The Adoption list has grown significantly since the Chaffee Zoo initiated the program. It is becoming increasingly popular, especially during the holiday season.

Adoption terms are on a yearly basis and rates range from a reasonable \$20.00 an



Darren Angelos/Rampage photographer

Chaffee Zoo's store (left) is located in the Sierra Vista Mall. The harbor seal (top right) and tiger (bottom right) are among the animals adopted.

animal up to \$1,000 for the more exotic. These more 'exotic' animals are usually more rare or on the endangered species list. The Chaffee Zoo also has special 'share' rates for

these types of animals making them easier to adopt for the more budget conscious.

"The most popular animal to adopt seems to be the Green Iguana. Everybody loves

them," said Ann McGowan, Rainforest Ranger and Zoo Docent of five years. "They are free to roam the Rainforest Exhibit so people can get really close and interact with

them more than the other animals."

Funds raised from the Adoption program go directly into the Chaffee Organization for improvement projects such as Habitat repairs, expansion projects, and educational programs. With each adoption, the recipient receives a Certificate of Adoption, a biographical fact sheet, and your name displayed on the centrally located 'Adopt-an-Animal board.' Also, the Zoo invites each Adoption 'Parent' to an annual picnic in their honor. "There are many types of species one can choose from," said Sandra Neilson, also a Rainforest Docent and former FCC student. "The Harbor Seal seems to be another popular animal to adopt in the Zoo. They are from the Mammal family and the 'Parent' list on them is a very long one."

Lists can be picked up at the Chaffee Zoo or at their seasonal gift shop "This Place Is A see ZOO, back page

## Fresno's "Nutcracker" gets underway

■ Version of ballet somewhat different this year.

Darren Angelos  
Rampage reporter

Tis' the holiday season again. There will be the usual long lines at the malls, Christmas card lists as long as or longer than the lines in the malls, and wallets which seem to be the only things that actually are short.

Well, if Santa's getting you down and you have got the holiday blues, treat yourself to a

night on the town.

The 'Lively Arts foundation' is presenting the Central California Ballet of the 'Nutcracker: The Mouse Queen's Revenge', on December 16 and 17 at the Tower Theatre. I can't think of a better way to wisk you from the hustle and bustle of the holidays than to watch a holiday musical fantasy of dance, spectacle, and entertainment.

This version is somewhat different than the 'Nutcracker' on stage, also at the Saroyan Theatre. The 'Mouse Queen'

version is an original adaptation which incorporates all of the famous music and traditional classical ballet choreography with elements of the older fairy tale upon which the 1890's Russian ballet was based. Show times are at 2 pm and 7:30 pm Saturday, and 2 pm matinee on Sunday.

The 'Nutcracker' at the Saroyan Theatre is performed along with the Fresno Philharmonic Orchestra and usually is portrayed in a 'Theatrical' manner, being a bit more on the elaborate scale with large



Darren Angelos/Rampage photographer

Dancers rehearse 'Waltz of the Snowflakes.'

stage settings and extravagant costumes.

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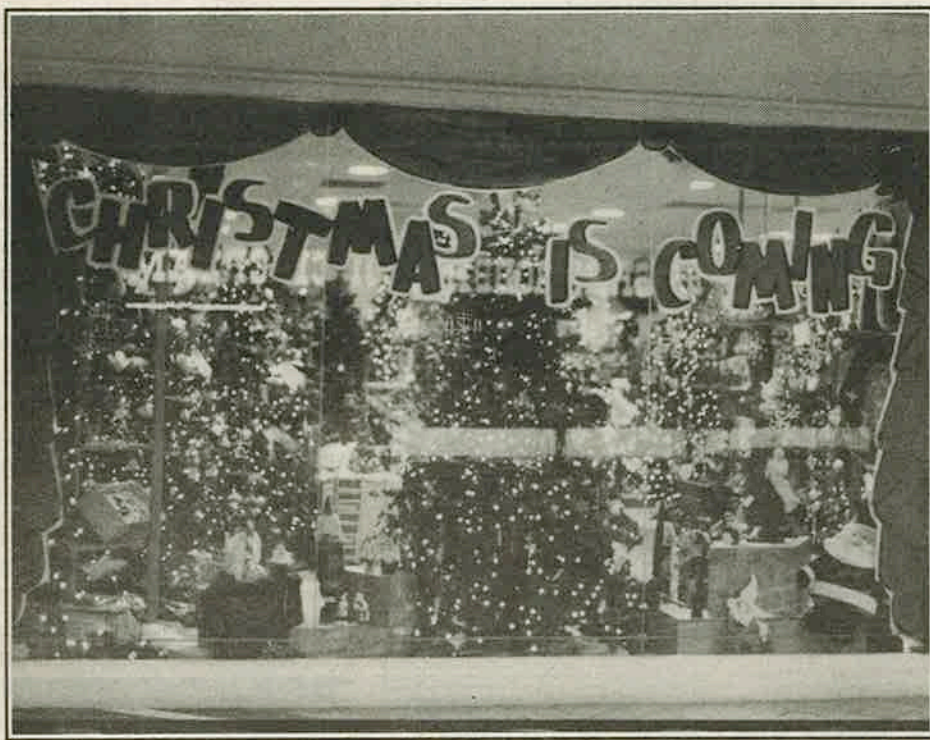
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## Manchester Mall participates in the spirit of the holidays



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"Christmas is Coming" window displays a gala of decorated Christmas trees and other holiday ornaments in time for the coming season at Manchester Mall in Fresno.



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Santa's out in full force. Parents line up with their children to see Santa Claus in his booth next to the Carosel at Manchester Mall, corner of Shields and Blackstone.

## ZOO

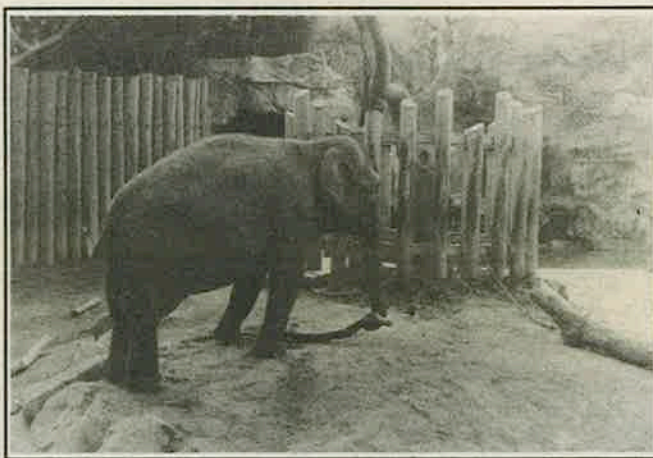
Zoo" located in the Sierra Vista Mall. This is the third Christmas the Zoo Society has opened the store in the Mall. The store contains nature related products and specialty gifts for everyone.

Gift certificates and memberships to the Chaffee Zoo can also be purchased at the store.

All proceeds from the store go to the Fresno Zoo Society for expansion and renovation.

Every Saturday from 1-3pm during store hours "This Place Is A Zoo" gives 'live' animal presentations or Bio-Facts on species found in the Chaffee Zoo.

For more information on



Darren Angelos/Rampage reporter

Elephant exhibit at Chaffee Zoo.

the Adopt-An-Animal program, call (209)264-5988. The number for the store, "This Place Is A Zoo," is (209)325-9714.

Both are great gift ideas that the whole family will love.

Who says you have to buy the same things for Christmas?

## BURDEN

ety, hierarchies tend to form. In the society in which we live, the more advantaged people are generally Caucasians.

The society in which Pinnock and Thaddeus live is one that the more privileged people are predominantly African-American.

John Travolta plays a blue collar worker, a "delivery boy" to be precise, named Pinnock. In hopes of making things financially better for his wife, played by Kelly Lynch, and his six-year-old son, he applies for a promotion.

Instead of walking out of his boss's office promoted as foreman, he finds himself completely without a job due to a misunderstanding of communications between his employer and the company owner, portrayed by Harry Belafonte.

Pinnock's financial problems and his family are still there. His income is not. Need I say, his life turns extremely gloomy extremely fast. He decides to vent his anger on the man who caused it, Harry Belafonte's character, Thaddeus.

In "White Man's Burden," the statuses of people and their classes are the complete reverse of what our own are in reality.

This is a very interesting idea concocted by writer and director, Desmond Nakano.

My only complaint is, why didn't someone make a movie like this sooner?

The viewing of this movie is a real eye-opening experience. It takes seeing the opposite of what I am so used to seeing as being ordinary in our daily life to make it boldly apparent of where the power of our society lies.

The fact that this film was so inconceivable to me may be a result of how much our present society's racial preconceptions have impacted my consciousness.

This new perspective of social classes seems strange. But, why should it?

I bet that if our race status really was reversed as in the movie, then I would be asking myself, why is it hard to imagine a social order in which the biggest portion of dominance rests in the hands of a few wealthy people, most of who happen to be Caucasian?

Everyone needs to take the blindfolds off and see the movie. For those who find it hard, the film will do it for you.

Unblinded, I give the film a solid 9.

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## Announcements

■ **Correction:** Homecoming King Junior Preciado's quote was taken out of context. The Azteca club does not donate the money to everybody who comes in need of help. They donate to somebody who is chosen already.

Homecoming Queen Stephanie Starks was taken out of context also. She helps

plan the talent shows. Other students also help in the planning of the shows.

■ **Holiday Baskets:** The holiday baskets for people who are in need will be available on December 13 and 14. The people who will receive the baskets were chosen earlier through letters.