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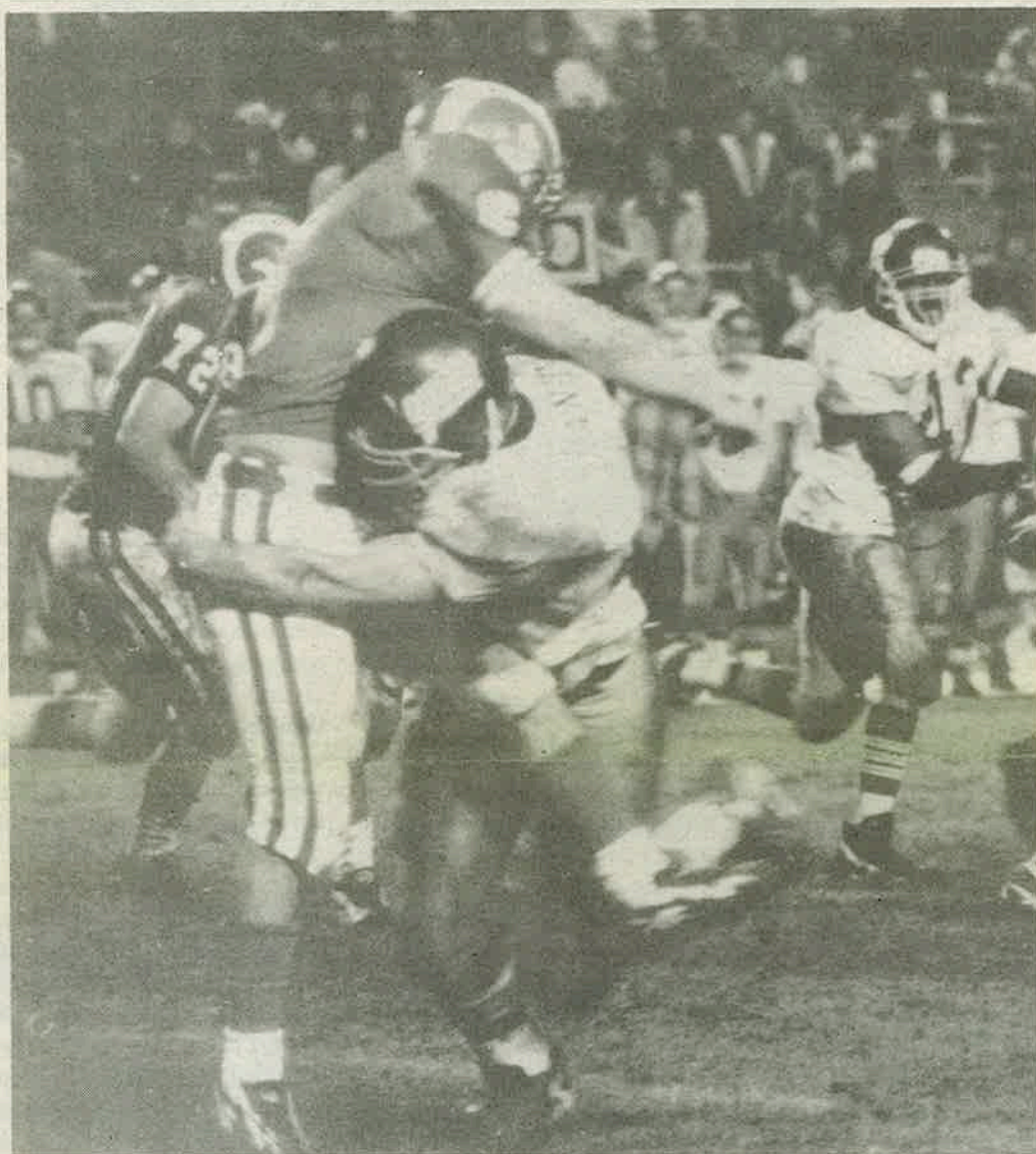


Photo by Cert Xaypangna

Rams strength tackled by 'Giant' opponents in the annual FCC bout

RAMS VS. GIANTS

By Sean Cabibi

What happened!? That was my reaction as the College of the Sequoia literally walked over the Fresno City College Rams in a 40 to 13 bout.

It was like a flash of light. In an instant, College of the Sequoia took a 27 to 0 lead early in the 2nd quarter. They never looked back as a stunned Ram team all but watched their shot at the Central Valley Championship disappear.

The Giants scored a touchdown on the second play of the game mentally taking the Rams out. Receiver Desmond Faison took quarterback Joey Todd's pass 66 yards to open the game 6 to 0. From then out, Giants running back Jeromy Blackwell scored a touchdown on a 37 yard run, and receiver Herbert Goodman took it in from 2 yards out.

FCC got rocked to 33 to 7 halftime score. The FCC defense was able to hold C.O.S. in the second half (holding the Giants to only one more score) but failed to get themselves in the end zone. Twice the Rams were on the goal line only to have the Giants stop the drives.

FCC's only scores of the game came in the 2nd and the 4th quarters. In the second, running back LeRon Cook caught a 16 yard pass in the end zone from Jason Rossotti. In the fourth, receiver Nick Chester caught a 28 yard touchdown pass, also provided by Jason Rossotti.

The Giants bout clinches a share of the CVC title. They will share the Championship with Merced, who also won by beating Modesto 43 to 12.

FCC 13

COS 40

HISTORY OF TRADITION

By Amy Klassen-Cox

The Thanksgiving season is upon us once again, and as always, various organizations are busily collecting donations for those less fortunate. This activity is so synonymous with the holiday season and the spirit of giving, that it largely goes unquestioned. But where does it stem from? Surprisingly, the tradition of sharing our bounty goes back many years.

There is a Thanksgiving tradition that actually predates trick-or-treating. At the turn of this century, children would dress in rags and go door to door asking if the residents had anything for Thanksgiving. The resi-

dents would pass out handfuls of nuts and fruits, with an occasional cookie or piece of cake thrown in for good measure. Sometimes the children would share their goodies with those people in their own neighborhoods who were poorer than they were. But as is the case with present day trick-or-treaters, most children kept the collection for themselves to eat at their leisure. This custom ended at the beginning of World War I.

For a deeper understanding of the true generous spirit of Thanksgiving, we need to go back to Plymouth, Massachusetts in the year 1621. The Pilgrims had

pulled through a brutal winter that killed many of their population. An Indian named Squanto, who had returned from servitude abroad to find his people gone, aided the Pilgrims in planting and cultivating crops. When the harvest was in, the Pilgrims were in a festive mood. They invited 90 Wampanoag Indians to share in their good fortune. Had it not been for the knowledge of farming that Squanto imparted, the Pilgrims may have very well starved during the approaching winter. It was only right that the Pilgrims shared their wealth with the Indians.



Congratulations to Maria Veronica Reyes & Jouquin Garcia, our Homecoming King & Queen from the Azteca Club

They still have a reason to smile this week, it's official we've been invited to the Producer's Dairy Bowl December 7th

Editors Note

Too bad it takes a negative situation to prompt our first letter to the Editor this semester. Experiencing a larger than normal staff size we are working very hard to polish our new organization. However, as we have always published, we encourage any type of feedback. Thank you for your comments.

Letter to the Editor

By Mel Chaddock

Darren B. Angelos

Re: "Library or Prison?", an article appearing in the November 13, 1996 Issue

Mr. Singh's allegations of racial discrimination and improper use of power by library staff could have had devastating effects on FCC, if those reading them had acted on the anger the article produced, instead of engaging in the critical thinking we are taught here. The facts are that Mr. Singh's claims are a twisting and fabrication of information. This is not an opinion. Since the advent of this article, several students interested in this situation have approached library staff and inspected the facilities offered by the library. We have interviewed student employees and library staff at several levels, and the information has remained consistent throughout.

Since this is a letter to the editor and not a full blown article, I'm going to give the short version of what we found. Seating policies in the library are based on access, too many seats means people can not get around in certain areas. The Seats in the new addition have not been reduced by half, more like one third or less, and there are tables for two and for four there. There are areas where students can do group work up to six at a table, just not in the new addition. The library has the right to post signs as needed to apprise the students in the facility of rules, the signs are not directed towards any one or group of students. Mr. Singh's quoting of several persons to include Dean Fox in a selective manner, twisting of fact and willful misinterpretation of the Police presence in the library (they were here for unrelated reasons) are in the worst traditions of scandal mongering and yellow journalism.

POLICE LOG

Nov. 14: Two suspicious characters were observed removing college property from the garbage dumpster in parking lot K. They were contacted by the police, identified and given field interview cards (cards kept on file regarding the suspect's general information). The subjects were then sent on their way.

Nov. 15: A female claimed she was being threatened and harassed by two other females, as reported by an instructor. Officers contacted the victim and obtained all the required information.

Nov. 15: A student reported that her checkbook was stolen from the bookstore. No suspects were found.

Nov. 16: A suspect, who was believed to have been joy riding in a district-owned vehicle, went into the police department to be interviewed concerning the matter. The subject was arrested, cited and released. He was also suspended pending a meeting with the Dean of Students.

**MEIKO'S
Corner**

By Meiko Brumfield

GIVE THANKS WITH YOUR TURKEY

When you think of the commercialized idea of Thanksgiving Day, you think of turkey, stove top and pumpkin pie with all the fixins'. But this day means a lot more. Most minorities are beginning to voice their feelings of anger over this celebration, stating that it makes light of the fact that the Pilgrims used and hurt Native-Americans for their own personal gain. Some African-Americans feel they should not celebrate Thanksgiving because its concept lies in being thankful for being brought to America, and as we all know the first African-Americans brought to this continent were stolen away on cramped ships and used like farm tools.

These facts are disturbing and horrifying, yet they should not be the only things focused on during this holiday. The main thing that should be focused on is giving thanks...for whatever! If your ancestors have been manipulated and mistreated, if you are financially in debt, or even bogged down with school assignments, you can still find something to be thankful for, despite all of your odds.

Yes, your mother's well known adage is true—"There are people starving in Africa." And there are people starving everywhere, and if you're not one of them, be thankful. If you are not sick, be thankful. If your family is safe and sound and gathered around the table fighting over the goodies, be thankful they are there. Be thankful that even though the quality of life may not be what it should for all races and creeds of people, it's better than what our ancestors and older relatives have experienced.

When I feel

frustrated and overwhelmed, I step outside at the end of the day and look up at the sky where I can always find something to be thankful for. It's dusk at that time of day and the heavens are alive with radiant shades and hues that are all perfectly blended together.

Even if you have no religious inclination, you can at least marvel at the beauty of it all and appreciate that small things like these can make all the turmoil and stress of the day seem trivial. So learn to be thankful for the small things as well as the big things in life; not just on Thanksgiving, but every day.

Thanksgiving Day, you think of turkey, but this day means a lot more.

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From Your
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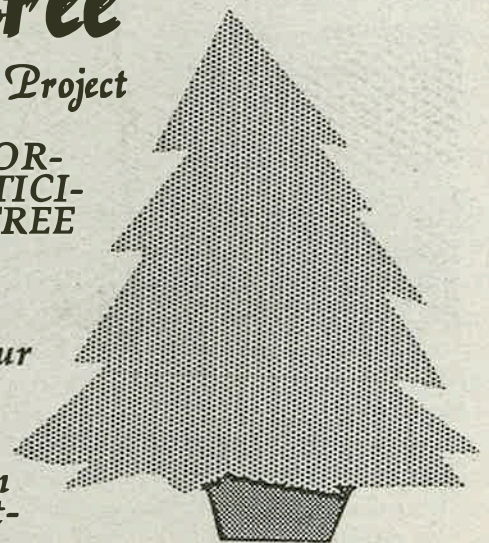
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RAM QUOTE
OF THE WEEK

"I try not to think about anything. I just go out there with a clear mind and try to swing the golf club."

--golfer Monica Hernandez on her mental strategy following her fourth place finish at this week's State Championships.

RAM CALCULATOR

MEN'S SOCCER

11/18--MODESTO 3, FCC1

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

11/19--FCC 63, SAC. CITY 60

11/23--FCC 72, OHLONE 46

MEN'S BASKETBALL

11/19--FCC 87, SAC. CITY 66

11/22--FCC 110, GAVILAN 70

11/23--FCC, 117, CERRO COSO 72

FCC Volleyball caps

12-4 Season

By Scott A. Mayes

Last week's season ending game for FCC's volleyball team can only be described by one word: domination.

The Rams, led by Sophomore Emy Lopez, silenced Modesto Junior College in three games: 15-7, 15-6, 15-8. Lopez lead with a team-high 12 kills.

Other highlights include eight kills each by sophomore hitters Brandy Wood and Joanne Levy. Both players are returning from last year's team. They were selected as second team all-conference selections in last year's campaign.

Team setter, Cindy Danihel, had three aces for the 12-4 Rams. Danihel was a first team all-conference selection from last year's team. The Northern California playoffs will take place on Nov. 26 and 30.

FCC Boasts Number
2 Golf Team

By Scott A. Mayes

The 1996 edition of the Fresno City College Women's Golf team wrapped up the season last week with a second place showing at the state championships. The tournament took place on Nov. 18 at the Woodhaven Golf Course in Palm Desert. This year's team, in just their second season of existence is led by coach Susan Yates.

The lady Rams took second in the state after finishing behind The College of the Desert for the second year in a row. As a team, FCC shot a score of 333 while the College of the Desert shot a tournament low of 326. Foothill and Cypress were the next two teams with scores of 346 and 356 respectively.

Sophomore Monica Hernandez led the way for the Rams with a 77 stroke performance. She tied for third individually but was awarded fourth by virtue of losing a scorecard tiebreaker. Monica was backed up by Molly Herring with an 83 and Jan Baker with an 84.

"We really peaked at the state tournament," said Yates. "We played some of our best golf at the state tournament. It was the first time this season that every player golfed at or below their average."

Hernandez, Herring, and Jenine Panniccia are sophomores.

Northern California, placed 2nd and 3rd in Fresno and Foothill while chasing The College of the Desert. This is significant because the North has only been playing women's golf for two years. The South has been in competition for six years.

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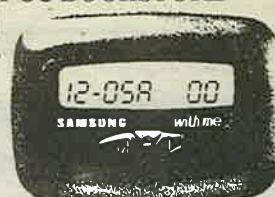
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Morales, Flynn frontrunners
at Cross Country Championships

By Scott A. Mayes

Valley runners Sammy Morales and Melissa Flynn led their respective teams at the Cross Country State Championships this past weekend. Woodward Park was the site of the 1996 championships which took place Nov. 23 as the Rams came home with the state's number 13 men's team. The women took 22nd behind Flynn.

Morales, previously from Washington Union High School, had a time of 21:28 which rang through for 24th place in the men's competition. Cecil Litiema, a student from Nakuru, Kenya, finished 44th overall and the second Ram across the finish line. His time was 21 minutes, 44 seconds.

The top five teams were Moorpark, Pasadena College, El Camino, Rancho Santiago, and Trade Technical.

On the women's side of the ledger, Melissa Flynn finished 15th overall with a time of 19 minutes, 30 seconds. Fresno's Souriya Syhalath was the second FCC runner across with a time of 21:38.

The women's top teams were Mt. San Antonio, L.A. Mission, West Valley, Pasadena City, and Orange Coast.

Morales, Litiema, Flynn, and Syhalath are all sophomores. Coach Gary Bluth will return four men and three women to next year's squad.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

NOV. 23-NOV. 30 DIXIE TOURNAMENT AT ST. GEORGE

DEC. 3 VS AMERICAN RIVER AT FCC 7PM

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

NOV. 27TH AT SANTA ROSA JUNIOR COLLEGE 5PM

NOV. 30TH VS ALLAN HANCOCK AT FCC 7PM

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

*NOV. 30 2ND ROUND NORCAL PLAYOFFS

*DEC. 6-8 STATE TOURNAMENT

MEN'S SOCCER

*NOV. 30 2ND ROUND NORCAL PLAYOFFS

*DEC. 7-8 STATE SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS

WOMEN'S SOCCER

*NOV. 30 2ND ROUND NORCAL PLAYOFFS

*DEC. 7-8 STATE SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS

WRESTLING

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