

OPINION

Freedom Bowl proves Mickey really can fly

Ah freedom, that abstract concept that all of us here in the United States of America cherish so fondly. But what does it mean really — especially in connection with the Freedom Bowl in Anaheim.

Unless you were on the football team, the band or a member of the press covering the game, nothing was free.

The smog-filled highways known as the Los Angeles area offered many activities to kill time before and after the game. Of course there is the obligatory trip to Disneyland — where you get to pay \$27.50 to hang out with sweaty kids wearing costumes reminiscent of acid flashbacks.

Disneyland, also known as the happiest place on Earth, obviously caters to people who enjoy standing in lines and going to malls the day before Christmas. The best part of the theme park was when Alice in Wonderland gave Mickey some mushrooms. He climbed to the top of Space Mountain claiming he could fly, swooped down off the rollercoaster, bit off Goofy's head and spit it into the Los Angeles River.

A word of warning about the Park. They have a crack security team seeking out and removing anyone who is just too happy for the happiest place on Earth. So be careful.

One overly-happy tourist was strapped into the Pirates of the Caribbean ride while not being allowed to show that he was bored after the first 30 seconds — truly inhumane.

Parties, official and unofficial, abounded in the land of real suntans and non-peroxidized blonde hair. One Luncheon featured long lines, limited seating, a buffet of cold-cuts and beers costing an additional \$4 each for a mere pittance of \$18.50 admission — a bargain at twice the price. The Alumni Association has received several complaints and is asking for an apology from the people who catered the event.

But, to really get the spirit of the Freedom Bowl you have to talk to Colorado State's mascot, the ram. He has the best deal of

all. He gets taken care of, including meals and a place to live, and all he has to do is run up and down the side lines when the team scores. Of course, no one has ever asked the ram if he would rather feed himself and find his own place to sleep, but it sounds like a good deal to me.

It is also rumored that after the game the ram was the main course at a \$100 a plate fund

stadium.

While staring at the backs of the band's uniforms was spiritually uplifting, it certainly wasn't worth the cost of their southern migration. It would have been cheaper to play a Milli Vanilli tape, set the uniforms on a bunch of coat racks out on the field and let the ram rearrange them periodically.

Obviously, the biggest let down of the Freedom Bowl was

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raiser to think of a mascot that isn't already being used by a professional team. Duck fans accustomed to paying \$18.50 for cold cuts, snapped up all the tickets to the event minutes after they went on sale.

Another good deal was received by the Oregon marching Band. The band got an all-expense paid trip to the bowl game and hardly had to play a note. The tradition of playing "Louie, Louie" after all Duck touchdowns was not continued. And during the halftime show "one of the premier college marching bands" did not bother to play one song facing the Duck inhabited side of the

contingent of fans from the University of Oregon. Not only were they too cool to do the wave, they got out-screamed by half as many Colorado State fans. Anyone can yell for a winning effort, but the team needs the most support when they are down on their luck.

Maybe next year if the Ducks go to a bowl game, we can bus in fans from Oregon State. They're used to cheering when their team is behind.

On a side note: Thanks to Coach Brooks for going for two points instead of settling for one. I don't believe anyone traveled to Anaheim to watch the game end in a tie.



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