By Samuel Cooby
The Collegian

Student Veteran Organization pushes to get a veterans-only lounge and rededication of the Fresno State fountain.

"Of all the CSUs, Fresno State is one of the few places that doesn’t have a designated area for veterans," said Luke Newton, president of the Student Veteran Organization at Fresno State.

"San Diego has a whole building for veterans. We don’t even have an office that we can go to, gather, have meetings or put out information," Newton added.

Newton explained that the Student Veterans Organization is one of the few things at Fresno State tailored to veterans’ needs.

"We’re here to serve the veterans on campus," Newton said. "We want to give assistance in finding out what’s available, as well as helping to ensure the smooth transition from military to student life."

"Omega Delta Sigma is a veteran fraternity at Fresno State created by and for veterans. Fraternity members Devon Mathis (left) and Anthony Graves try to recruit members and provide information for fellow veterans."

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Fresno State Student awarded Fulbright Award

By Lisa Dugas
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Zenovich, 22, graduated with a Bachelor’s degree in political science and is now making the Fulbright experience a part of her master’s degree in communication.

"I am very lucky to have been awarded a Fulbright to study in Montenegro," Zenovich said. "But at the same time, I worked very hard with my mentor to make sure my application was strong enough to be considered."

Zenovich and her advisor, intercultural communication professor Shane Moreman, worked together for about five months to ensure that Zenovich was as prepared as possible.

"We spent the weekends working together," Moreman said. "I remember one Saturday she came over to my house at 10 a.m. and didn’t leave until 8 p.m. She is a steadfast, very focused individual."

In Montenegro, Zenovich will be studying women in a post-communist environment and how they view themselves.

"These experiences are going to help shape who she becomes later in life," Moreman said. "For someone her age to go abroad and experience a different culture for a whole year is life changing."

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**You don’t have to be human to be humane**

*By Maddie Shannon*

The Collegian

R**ecently, I stumbled across a funny little YouTube video titled, “Jazz for Cows.” In this video, a group of jazz musicians from the United States decided to play a song for a group of cows in the French countryside, where the band was touring.

Despite what some people may think, these cows didn’t act indifferent toward the music or become frightened by these new strangers. Instead, they all wandered to the side of their enclosed pasture to listen to the musicians perform.

This got me thinking. According to the 17th century philosopher Rene Descartes, animals are not conscious beings. They have no sense of being, morality or sense of pain or being. They have no sense of well-being or humanity.

As we approach the end of this century, our society is increasingly more aware of the suffering of others as a way of relating to them. The musicians’ performance successfully brought awareness to the suffering of other living beings.

To me, it reinforced the concept that human to be humane.

The Right Tone

**TONY PETERSEN**

**D**uring the summer, in the midst of the debt ceiling fracas, President Barack Obama said this about himself: “I’m prepared to take on sig-nificant heat from my party to get something done, and I expect the other side would be willing to do the same thing if they mean what they say."

This is how the president has presented himself to the American people.

He is the “adult in the room.” He is the pragmatist, the non-ideological reasonable man in between the cacophony on the left and the right. He was the “post-partisan” president who would solve all of our problems past the sheer force of his personality.

As for those cows in the French countryside, I like to think that they had a sense of humanity.

When we love our pets enough to spoil them rotten with dog carriers, kitty sweaters and their pet, indeed, does have a soul."

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**Obama needs to get serious on the debt**

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In the article, he compares the distress of human babies to the distress of rats. “If you want to cause a rat distress,” he wrote, “you can expose it to the screams of other rats. Human babies, notably, cry more to the sound of other babies’ recordings of their own crying, suggesting that they can identify with the awareness of someone else’s pain, not merely to a pitch of sound.”

This finding throws a wrench into the Cartesian theory of animal consciousness. If our own babies exhibit the same reaction to the suffering of others as a lowly rat, then we, as a race, need to reexamine what it means to have a sense of humanity.

As for those cows in the French countryside, I like to think that they liked the jazz music that the touring musicians played. It obviously entered their consciousness that there was pleasant music being played, and they wanted to get as close as they could to it. To me, it reinforced the concept that a being doesn’t necessarily have to be a human to have a sense of the humane.

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**Letters to the Editor**

Agnus Agrippa: We have noticed Fresno State’s smoking policy being broken by so many students and staff. I have tried to do my part in letting the people I know see the smoking policy on campus, but this semester has been far too overwhelming for me, and I am sure that it has been the same for many students and staff as well.

Not a day goes by where I don’t see students walking through the campus smoking. To make matters worse, I have seen students walk by campus cops and officers, and nothing is said to these students.

I urge you to be more like Nolty and those in charge of the smoking policy last semester, but it seems as though matters have gotten worse. Perhaps it’s all the new students that arrived during the fall semester, but this is getting out of hand.

I am aware that there is so much money you could use! But I was hoping you could use The Collegian to bring this matter to the attention of everyone who is part of this campus. It is only one voice, and my voice can only travel so far.

Abraham Ayalu

*Graphic Design major*

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**TAXES:** Students can pay less taxes

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You paid and writes you a check if there is any left over,” Alley said.

“Tuition can be hefty for similar private universities such as Fresno Pacific University, which averages about $20,000 per year in fees according to the school’s website.

Biology major Kailie Privett commented on how she feels taxpayer funding affects her education at Fresno State compared to private universities.

“It’s not the tuition prices I have a problem with, it’s how it’s spent. Like the pool we just built,” Privett said.

“While the point of college education so I think the money should have been used to add more classes instead.

“Also, I don’t think it is fair that administration is getting raises while our tuition goes up and classes are cut,” Privett added.

“At least in a private university I would get the education I am paying for.”

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Summer Arts honored with Horizon Award

By Dylan Patton
The Collegian

Awards are a reason to make anyone smile. Receiving an award usually means something has been accomplished. The “Horizon Awards” are a yearly event held by the Fresno Art Council (FAC) that honors art contributions of both individuals and businesses. This year the Summer Arts program, which was hosted on the Fresno State campus for the 13th straight year won an award.

The FAC has held this ceremony since 1984, and its purpose is to show recognition to the art community in Fresno, as well as those that have helped artists around Fresno. FAC executive director Lilia Chavez explained that the winners are based on nominations from members of the community. The public can attend by purchasing tickets to the event.

There are a total of six different nomination categories. The “Artist” category is comprised of visual, performing or literary artists. The “Businesses” category honors the businesses throughout Fresno that help support the various art genres. The “Citizen” category awards those who have helped the art community. The “Educator” category is named after the Ella Odrofer educator award that is given to art instructors. The “Special” category is given to those who have made special contributions in the art community. The final category is the “Youth” category, which awards a young artist who has shown promise.

Local artist Bob Kliss was hired to design the awards that were to be given at the ceremony. “He is an exceptional artist, His art is very beautiful,” Chavez said.

Summer Arts received recognition at the last ceremony. Director of Summer Arts, Jim Spalding, was one of those that received an award marking the first time Summer Arts has received an award. One of Summer Arts award recipients, Jim Spalding was excited and touched when he received the award.

“I was very humbled. It was an excellent presentation,” Spalding said.

Another recipient was Jackie Doumanian, who is the community relations specialist of the Summer Arts program. She received an award in the Special category. About two or three weeks before the ceremony, Doumanian received a phone call notifying her of her nomination. “It was pretty exciting,” Doumanian said.

Various colleges in the CSU system make bids on where the Summer Arts program will take place, and Fresno has won the bidding every year since 1999. Next year, however, the Summer Arts program will move to the CSU Monterey campus. The Summer Arts program is more than happy to help up-and-coming artists to pursue their dreams. They also arrange to have guest artists come and work closely with the students. “You have to have a lot of passion,” Doumanian said.

She also advised that students work hard to build connections. “Don’t be bashful, put yourself out there,” Doumanian said.

Spalding also had some last advice: “Follow your heart. Be true to who you are.”

Summer Arts has been honored with Horizon Award

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MEN: Debut over-shadows shortened, eighth season

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thanks in no small part to curiosity over the introduc-
tion of the series’ first transgender contestant.

NBC, meanwhile, suffered a bruising defeat in both reality competition “The Sing-Off” and sitcoms. For the 11 p.m. drama “The Playboy Club,” viewers logged barely 5 million view-
ers apiece.

“Men” even wrapped its rat-
glows around a new CBS sitcom, “2 Broke Girls,” which averaged 19.4 million view-
ers, making it the highest-

rated fall sitcom premiere in a de-
august.

The next few weeks, howev-
er, may cut “Men” back down to size.

“I don’t think anyone expect-
ed that number,” said Brad Adgate, an analyst for ad firm Horizon Media in New York.

“Unfortunately for CBS, the audience for the comedy will only go one way, and that is down.”

Once the Kutcher novelty wears off, the sitcom will prob-
ably settle this season in the 12 to 14 million range, which is what it was averaged in recent years, Adgate predict-
ed.

CBS Entertainment President Nina Tassler said in a statement, “We are cognizant that it’s only one in a long season, but it’s certainly a spectacular and rewarding way to get started.”

Kutcher was introduced mid-episode in “Men” as

Walden Schmidt, a loveable Internet billionaire who had tried to commit suicide by walking into the ocean near the Malibu beach house previously owned by Sheen’s char-
ter. The episode’s opening revealed that Harper’s death is what it’s revealed to them.

Shen’s appearance, however, is far from dead for some fans. Comedy Central’s “Roast of Charlie Sheen” — shrewdly targeted as counterprogram-
ing to “Two and a Half Men’s” season premiere — drew 6.4 million viewers, a record for the cable network’s popular roast franchise.

Celebrities who came to insult the troubled actor included William Shatner, Kate Walsh and “Family Guy’s” Seth MacFarlane.

Though Monday was the offi-
cial start of the 2011-12 TV sea-
on, some new shows jumped the gun last week. NBC may have reason for optimism with “Up All Night,” a sitcom about young parents (10.5 million), but the workplace comedy “Free Agents” looked weak (6.1 million). At the CW — a youth-targeted mini net-
work with a shorter ratings yardstick than its broadcast competitors — Sarah Michelle Gellar fans turned out for the thriller “Ringer” (2.8 million) and the teenage witch fantasy “The Secret Circle” drew a respectable 3 million.

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Cross Country starts its season with high hopes

By Jerry Huerta

The Collegian

The journey for repeat national champion coach Sean McManus is in its third season as head man of the cross country program and is impressed with his returning roster, one runner of which he proud.

“Eric [Battles] is one of my all-time favorites,” McManus said. “He’s nearly a 4.0 stu- dent. He’s been All-WAC on the track team in his country. So he’s one of those all around-student-athletes that you just love having on your team as a leader. He’s a senior now and he is kind of fulfilling that leadership role. If we had a team full of guys like that I would have a lot less gray hair probably. So we’re happy to have him and we’re going to miss him when he graduates after this season.”

Battles was the premier returning Bulldogs, men or women, along with junior Ann Poythress who have both made their presence felt so far this season. Battles fin- ished second in the 6K race in the Nevada Chase Race, the team’s first meet of the year held on Sept. 2. Poythress finished the mile women’s race in third place. Battles’ performance helped the Fresno State men’s team finish 16th and the women’s team finish third overall.

The Nevada Chase Race was the Bulldogs’ first meet of the season and they have since competed in the Hornet cross country invitational hosted by Sacramento State on Sept. 10. The ‘Dogs had a suc- cessful trip north as Battles finished within the top five for both the men’s and women’s teams. Although the veterans on the team have made a differ- ence, McManus said it was the only Bulldog contributors to get the load and help Fresno State make a run at a conference championship.

“Hopefully they contribute. It’s always a little bit of a wild card with freshman making a big splash and the jump,” McManus said. “On the men’s side for cross coun- try, the distance compared to high school is a lot longer,” The run 8K in high school and we run 8K for the majority of the season. So that takes a little bit of work. For the women, the courses are the same. The races are 5K for the majority of the season and then 8K at the end so it’s only a half-mile longer. It’s really a little bit easier transition for the women. So, we’re excited about all of our freshmen.”

Freshmen Chris Grimble and Kevin Poythress, Ann’s younger brother, have fin- ished in the top 10 in the Watermelon Run, which is open to the public. This past weekend the men’s team finished first overall and the women, second place.

The Bulldogs look to remain competitive in the Mountain West Conference this season, which was moved to include the West Coast for the first time.

For the men, the problems to stick around are scheduling perennial top-notch competition – or so do in reasonable proportions. Fresno State has already started playing against competition from the Football Championship Subdivision, but the problem is scheduling more post-season meets. An example of this is from this past weekend when North Dakota played the ‘Dogs hard-er than they expected, almost pulling off the upset before losing 27-22.

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A lot has changed in 10 years - but again fell short, losing 39-6. It has been almost been six years since that game in Los Angeles and Fresno State has never really put the idea of a BCS bowl game. There are a couple of things head coach Pat Hill can do to get the program back to where it was a decade ago.

One is scheduling. Fresno State has known to make the mantra “anybody, anytime, anywhere,” meaning it won’t back away from the nation’s premier competition. A looming factor is when Fresno State plays so many tough opponents in the same season, it becomes harder for it to be successful later in the season. A scheduling problem is avoiding scheduling perennial top-notch competition – or so do in reasonable proportions. Fresno State has already started playing against competition from the Football Championship Subdivision, but the problem is scheduling more post-season meets. An example of this is from this past weekend when North Dakota played the ‘Dogs harder than they expected, almost pulling off the upset before losing 27-22.

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Calkins, horsemanship rider on need for financial help

Calkins, a Kansas State transfer rider for the Wildcats for one season. The California native was the cap- tain of her high school eques- trian team. Crivelli is a trans- fer from San Luis Obispo and has already qualified for the 2011 American Quarter Horse Youth Association World Show in horsemanship and other events. She was one of the 2005 Year End Nor Cal Grand Champion for 17 and under youth.

Co-head coach Stephanie Crivelli, who coaches both the western reining unit and west- ern horsemanship team can’t wait to see the entire squad in action.

“I think we probably have the most depth we’ve ever had on the west side, which makes me very excited to see how they perform both here and on the road,” Reeves said.

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Equestrian gets back to work

‘Dogs head to the East Coast this weekend for first lineup of competitors

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Coming off a year that ended with first-round losses to TCU in the Western Bracket and the University of Tennessee at Martin in the Hunter Seat Bracket at the Varsity Equestrian National Championships, the Fresno State equestrian team has a chip on its shoulder this season.

The squad finished last season as the 10th-ranked team in the country. Fresno State is the 9th-ranked team in this season’s preseason coaches poll. The Bulldogs now begin their march to get back to the Varsity Equestrian National Championships this Friday when they travel cross country to South Carolina. Fresno State last competed against the Gamecocks in the 2010 Best in the West Tournament, edging the visitors 7-5.

Immediately following the trip to South Carolina, Fresno State will travel north to Delaware to take on Delaware State and Texas A&M on Saturday. The Aggies are the top-ranked team in the preseason coaches poll and took first place in the Valley Equestrian National Championships Western Bracket a season ago. In last season’s matchup, the Aggies beat the Dogs 11-8.

The East Coast road series will be followed by the Willis Invitational at the end of the month, which consists of Miami of Ohio, Baylor and South Dakota State in competition with Fresno State. Baylor is the fifth-ranked team in the country in the preseason coaches poll after its third-place finish in last year’s Hunter Seat Bracket.

The ‘Dogs won’t compete at home in their first meet until Oct. 8 against New Mexico State. The final home meet of the first half of the season will be against Stanford on Oct. 29. Co-head coach Julia Scrivani recognizes the daunting schedule her team faces, but also sees how this season can be special.

“I’m really excited for this upcoming season. We’ve got a strong team and I hope they can show their strength.” — Julia Scrivani, Co-head coach

The team is broken up into two separate divisions: English Hunter Seat and Western. The two squads compete in two different competitions with the winning riders of each receiving a point for the entire team.

The Western riders compete in horsemanship and reigning. The English Hunter Seat team competes in equitation on the flats and equitation on fences. The team captains are senior Sammie Jo Stone for horsemanship, senior Shawna McClurg for reigning, junior Lauren Carr for equitation on flats and senior Holly Elsbernd for equitation on fences. Joining the quartet of leaders are some new additions to the stable with the ‘Dogs welcoming in 11 new riders for this season. Some of the notable additions are English rider Belle

The Fresno State equestrian team opens the season as the 9th-ranked school in the country and will try to prove that national ranking in its first contest against South Carolina on Sept. 23.