Students to attempt fruit salad world record

By Ciara Norton
The Collegian

On Thursday, Nov. 3, Fresno State marketing students will attempt to break the world record for making the biggest fruit salad.

The attempt will be held at 7 a.m. at P-R Farms, located at the corner of Willow and Shepard Avenues in Clovis. The fruit will be cut up and placed into a 2,500-gallon water tank where it will be weighed and recorded.

The abundance of fruits and vegetables grown locally inspired students enrolled in the Marketing 158 course to make the world’s biggest fruit salad as part of their senior project.

The current world record fruit salad was made on July 27, 2003 in Peru and contained 8,866 pounds of fruit.

So far the Fresno State marketing students have collected 12,000 pounds of fresh fruit, including peaches, plums, nectarines, apples and Asian pears. Most of the fruit was donated by Kingsbury Orchards, Trinity Fruit Sales and other local growers.

“This area is completely driven by agriculture,” Nick Morales, a Fresno State marketing student involved with the project, said. “Therefore it just makes sense to hold a record breaking attempt that shows all that we have to offer.”

Proof of the abundant of agricultural production in the San Joaquin Valley can be found in the Fresno County 2010 annual crop and livestock report. The report shows that in Fresno County the most common crops produced are grapes, almonds, tomatoes, poultry, milk, garlic, pistachios, oranges and cotton. The report also revealed that in 2010 the total gross production value of Fresno County agricultural commodities was just less than $6 million.

Morales said that although the San Joaquin Valley is an agricultural mega-center, many people lack food.

“We’re still struggling, so we have to push our kids into the American Dream,” said Morales.

Many young Americans are finding themselves worse off than their parents were at their age, without jobs or working below their skill and education levels. The unemployment rate for 16- to 24-year-olds is 17.4 percent, up from 10.6 percent in 2008.

“The situation is even tougher for children of immigrants, such as Romero. These students paid the way by working tough jobs so their children could get an education and secure a place in the middle class. Now, with middle-class jobs disappearing, many children of immigrants are settling for the jobs their parents did, even if they are better educated.”

“We’ve never had so many American-born working in the fields,” said Joe Del Bosque, the Central Valley farmer who hired Romero and other laborers like him to pick melons. ‘Farm work is usually the big step for some people to push their kids into the American Dream.’

They include Raul Lopez, 23, who worked as a contractor for a utility company during the construction boom but is now back in the fields picking cantaloupes.

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Economists worry that this lack of mobility imperils the country’s productivity, especially since about a third of American adults ages 18 to 34 are foreign-born or children of immigrants.

“It’s a great waste of talent and motivation,” said Alejandro Portes, a Princeton University sociologist who studies children of immigrants.

“Since this is a growing population, the fact that they find so many obstacles to becoming productive citizens represents a significant waste for a knowledge-based economy.”

Only 47 percent of Americans think the children will have a higher standing.
Managing student loan debt

By Barack Obama

Over the last few weeks, I’ve had the opportunity to get out of Washington and talk with folks across the country about how we can create jobs and get our economy growing faster.

But we can’t wait for Congress to do its job. So where they won’t act, I will. That’s why I’ve announced a new policy that will help families whose home values have fallen refinancing their mortgages and save thousands of dollars. We’re using our executive authority to get jobs putting their skills to work in hospitals and community health centers.

And at the University of Colorado at Denver, I announced steps we’re taking to make college more affordable and to make it easier for students like you to get out of debt faster.

Michelle and I know what it feels like to leave school with a mountain of debt. We didn’t come from wealthy families. By the time we both graduated from law school, we had about $120,000 worth of debt between us. And even though we were lucky enough to land good jobs with steady incomes, it still took us almost 10 years to finally pay it all off. It wasn’t easy.

Living with that much debt forces you to make some tough choices: Will I get the new car that makes it easier to go to work or the new bike that makes it easier to get exercise? And when a big chunk of every paycheck goes towards student loans, it isn’t just painful for you — it’s painful to our economy and harmful to our recovery.

That’s why we’re making changes that will give about 1.6 million students the ability to cap their loan payments at 10 percent of their income starting next year. We’re also going to take steps to help you consolidate your loans so that instead of making multiple payments to multiple lenders every month, you only have to make one payment a month at a better interest rate. And we want to give our young students a simple fact sheet called “Know Before You Owe” so you can have all the information you need to make your own decision about paying for college. That’s something Michelle and I wish we had.

These changes will make a real difference for millions of Americans. We’ll help more young people figure out how to afford college. We’ll put more money in your pocket after you graduate. We’ll make it easier to buy a house or save for retirement. And we’ll give our economy a boost at a time when it desperately needs it.

That’s not just important for our country right now — it’s important for our future. Michelle and I are where we are today because our college education gave us a chance. Our parents and their generation worked and sacrificed to hand down the dream of opportunity to us. Now it’s our turn. That dream of opportunity is what I want for my daughters, and for all of you. And even in these tough times, we are going to make that dream real once again.

In the weeks ahead, I’m going to keep doing everything in my power to make a difference for the American people — including young people like you. Because here in America, when we find a problem, we fix it. When we face a challenge, we meet it. We don’t wait. And I hope you’ll join me.

Barack Obama is the 44th President of the United States.
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It is over, the 12,000 pounds of fresh fruit will be donated to the Poverello House, Fresno Rescue Mission, various local charities and other non-profit organizations.

“There’s always been this problem here with the homeless and the less fortunate and it’s hard to deal with because we live in such an agricultural area,” Morales said.

Morales said that’s the reason why the marketing students decided to donate the fruit after the record-breaking attempt, so that something could be given back to the community that produced so much.

While the record-breaking day is fast approaching, organizing it took quite a bit of time.

Students and community members can also get their share of the fruit salad by going to the P-R-Farms on Thursday and Friday morning.

Sam Mahanta, a Fresno State marketing major and student involved with the project, said that it has been a long and exciting process.

“It takes a couple of weeks for Guinness and the county to approve it,” Mahanta said. “It’s a good learning experience though. There’s a lot of technical things that go into the planning.”

Students involved with the project are excited to attempt to break the world record and have learned many helpful strategies along the way.

“The best part has just been getting out there and networking and making those connections that will help in the future,” Villarreal said.

Cynthia Villarreal, a Fresno State political science major, believes that people should try and get involved in activities that demonstrate what the Fresno area has to offer.

“It’s really important to support your local businesses and producers and for us here that just happens to be agriculture,” Villarreal said.

More encouraged students come to the world record-breaking attempt on Thursday and said that any help would be much appreciated. Anyone interested in helping or looking for more information can email worldrecordfruitsalad@gmail.com.

The FREAKS gaming program has had 103 students in attendance this semester, with as many as 51 active participants.

Due to the success of freaks, the College of Health and Human Services and the department of public health have provided funds to ensure the continuation of the program.

The program now recognizes Associated Students, Inc., Party, strategy, dexterity, kids, dice-based, card-based, sports, racing and war-based games are always available for ages starting as young as 5 years old.

“These German-style board games are a broad class of tabletop games that generally have simple rules and short-to-medium playing times. The games emphasize strategy, downplay luck and conflict, lean toward economic rather than military themes and usually keep all the players in the game until it ends. German style games are sometimes contrasted with American-style games, which generally involve more luck, conflict and drama.”

FREAKS participants meet every Friday night at 5 p.m. in the Satellite Student Union and gaming lasts until midnight.

“A good way to relax. My cognitive abilities didn’t really come into it, but it’s nice to have somewhere to go where drinking isn’t an issue,” said Fresno State student Aaron Sorensen.

“The games are interesting and it’s a great way to meet new people,” Reedeley student Jonathan Burnett added.

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Pap exam services available without co-payment starting August 2012

By Elizabeth Borg
The Collegian

Starting August of 2012, Fresno State students will be able to receive Pap exams without having to pay a co-payment. Currently, this service is offered for free only to those who meet the requirements of the PACT (Planning, Access, Care, Treatment) program.

According to the American College of obstetricians and gynecologists, “Women should get one at the age of 21 unless the woman had a previous abnormal screening. Women in their 20s should have an exam every two years if their previous ones were normal.”

A Pap exam, or sometimes called a Pap smear, examines cells collected from the cervix for cancers or abnormal cells that may lead to cancer. A Pap exam also checks for infections and is the best way to prevent cervical cancer.

For young college women, sexual health becomes an important issue when students become sexually active and the Health Center on campus offers sexual health services. Young women can also find sexual health services by visiting the local Planned Parenthood health center. Services such as contraceptives and STD testing can be available to those who qualify.

One way is through the Family PACT program. This program is offered at both locations, and offers free general and sexual health services to low-income men and women to those who are uninsured.

Fresno State’s Student Health Center has been a part of the PACT program since the spring of 2009 and offers family planning services as well as information and awareness about sexual health. Students seeking information on sexual health and services can come into the health center and, depending if they’re eligible, can enroll in the PACT program.

A young college woman may fall under this category since the program looks solely at her insurance and income individually and doesn’t include her parents. Unless the individual has a spouse or children, she may be eligible.

Once enrolled, students have access to the Family PACT Peer Health Education Program (PHE). PHE program selects and trains students on every aspect of sexual health. Students who want to help their peers and become part of the program can be of any major and train throughout the school year. The health center finds that students feel more comfortable when they talk to other students.

Rathy Yarmo, the coordinator for Health Promotion and Wellness Services, promotes the importance of sexual health and lets students know about what is offered to them at the health center.

She comments that all conversations are confidential. “It’s someone’s prerogative to have their confidentiality met,” Yarmo said.

At Planned Parenthood, the same services are offered to young women and men including birth control, STD testing and annual exams such as breast exams and cervical cancer screenings like Pap exams and pelvic exams.

“We work to promote and improve reproductive health and to ensure patients get quality health care,” Pedro Elias, the director of public affairs for Planned Parenthood for the Madera and Kern Counties said.

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Play to provide funds and toys for the Toys for Tots program

By Cameron Woolsey
The Collegian

As Joe W. Ozier walked along the streets of Madera, he came across a dog tied up in a yard. Feeling pity for it, he convinced the owner to let him take the dog home.

Ozier soon began writing music and backstory for the dog, and how he ended up where he was today. Over time what he wrote became “Shep’s Christmas Wish,” a musical comedy that will play at the Warnors Theatre on Nov. 5 for one night only.

The goal of the play is to raise money for the Marine Corps’ Toys for Tots program. All ticket sales will be donated to the program, and patrons are asked to bring along one toy to donate.

“The play is very funny,” Sue Smilie-Janecek, stage manager for the play, said. “It’s a musical comedy about a young man and his dog and their selfless love and family.”

The play is for all ages and features singing and dancing by both human characters and the dogs as well.

Both Smilie-Janecek and Ozier hope patrons will bring out their own toys and fill out the theatre’s 2,100 seats.

“We would like people to buy tickets so that all the money that we raise goes to buying toys in a bulk fashion,” Ozier said. “It’s a good thing for people to come and buy tickets and come and see. It’s a funny show; it’s a heart-warming show and the message of the show is kind of synonymous with the United Way in terms of its message of hope and love and those sort of things. Their goal is to raise $30,000 in one evening.

They have less than half the seats sold, but Smilie-Janecek remains optimistic about Fresno’s theatre-going crowd.

People from Fresno are notoriously late purchasing tickets,” she said. “They like to wait to the last minute.”

Smilie-Janecek plans on using the theatre’s attractive qualities to draw in a large crowd.

Executive Director Jim Pacini, Jr., who oversees Warnors, said the theatre is a historical landmark and one of the most beautiful theatres in Fresno. Warnors is enormous, with an interior boasting Spanish and Italian Renaissance elements.

To make sure not a dime is wasted, Smilie-Janecek is counting on the economic talent of the Marines. “The Marines have this awesome buying power. They can take a dollar and stretch it—maybe get $5 for the toys out of it. They can buy toys directly from the manufacturer and from distributors like ToyCo and people like that. We can get a lot more toys for our money.”

At the theatre there will be a large red and white collection box guarded by Marines in full uniform. Patrons with toys for donation need only to drop the toys off before enjoying the show.

“We want to raise as much as we can,” she said. “It all goes to toys—100 percent of our ticket sales goes to toys.”

Located in the Tower District, the famous Warnors Center for the Performing Arts has offered performances since 1928. United Way has been allowed to rent out the theatre at a low cost, insuring that most of the money made goes to the kids.

“We try and work with different groups in the community, so that they have a decent place to come at a reasonable price,” Pacini said.

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Amy Winehouse outtakes album coming Dec. 5

By Randy Lewis
McClatchy-Tribune

LOS ANGELES — Amy Winehouse’s record company will release a collection of previously unreleased tracks, including several new songs and alternate takes of earlier releases the singer made before her death from an alcohol overdose in July.

“The Lioness: Hidden Treasures” consists of a dozen tracks spanning some of the five-time Grammy-winning singer’s earliest recording sessions in 2002 through her final studio session earlier this year with Tony Bennett, when the singers dueted on the pop classic “Body and Soul.”

Among the other songs scheduled for release Dec. 5 are bossa nova classics “Like Smoke,” that will be on the new album. During the same sessions she recorded a duet with rapper Nas, “Like Smoke,” that will be on the new collection. The tracks on “Hidden Treasures” are produced by Remi and the producer of her “Back to Black” breakthrough album and hit single “Rehab,” Mark Ronson.

She died on July 23 at age 27 in what a British coroner ruled as “death by misadventure” from an accidental alcohol overdose.

By Christina Napier
Collegian

The Fresno State Bulldog Marching band will team up with numerous area high schools for the annual Band Day this Saturday.

This year’s Band Day will feature a halftime show that, between Central Valley rehearsals with the Central Valley’s Drum Major Shannon Weber.

“I am loving every minute of this event. It’s an absolute blast to be a part of a college marching band, and that’s what we want to show all these high school kids.” — Shannon Weber, drum major

“This is Weber’s fourth year participating in Band Day; an event she agrees is an “awesome recruiting tool.”

The goal of Band Day is not only to generate interest in attending Fresno State and being a part of the marching band, but also to participate in band for the duration of high school and collegiately.

“It’s an absolute blast to be a part of a college marching band, and that’s what we really want to show all these high school kids through Band Day, and also what we can possibly do to entertain the crowd while having a good time ourselves.” — Weber said.
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Consistency is on the mind of the Fresno State offense

Fresno State needs to win four out of its next five games to give head coach Pat Hill his 12th bowl game appearance in 15 seasons.

By Angel Moreno
The Collegian

With a sub par 3-5 overall record, and a 2-1 Western Athletic Conference record, Bulldog football has proven to be about as inconsistent as autumn weather in the Central Valley so far this season.

Head coach Pat Hill has been the face of the Fresno State football program for 15 years and has seen that inconsistency has hindered the 2011 version of the Bulldogs’ offense. “We’ve been very inconsistent,” Hill said. “Inconsistency is what gets you beat. There are some good teams that have had lapses and we’ve had some lapses that have gotten us beat. We’ve got to just learn to be more consistent.”

Last weekend, it was allowed Fresno State get its legs back and get back on the page. It may have helped the offense, which will need to provide some consistency with the ‘Dogs having five games remaining on their regular-season schedule.

The Bulldogs had gone without a full two days of rest for 14 straight weeks this season, until last week when Hill gave his players and coaches three consecutive days off. Junior running back Robbie Rouse was grateful that he and his teammates were able to catch their breath and recover from the first half of the season.

“It felt good and it was good for a lot of our bodies,” Rouse, who is just 18 yards short from breaking the 1,000-yard mark on the season, said. “To get that bye was great. I think everybody is refreshed and ready to get back for this five-game stretch.”

Every player will need to be refreshed as they welcome Louisiana Tech for their 13th meeting on Saturday. Fresno State leads the all-time series 9-3.

Rouse has been a staple for the Bulldogs’ offense this season and has proved to be a workhorse for a young offense. This is his second year as a starter and is closing in on his second 1,000-yard season of his career.

He is currently the ninth-leading rusher in the nation with his 984 yards on 192 carries and seven touchdowns. Rouse is also averaging 123.0 yards per game, which is ranked eighth in the country.

Although Rouse has found success in the running game, he knows the ‘Dogs will need to improve their consistency in order to win.

“They’re still some things we have to learn on offense and got to execute,” said the 5-foot-7, 185-pound running back. “Sometimes when we have to score, we do, but there are other times we don’t. We need to learn to do that from start to finish.”

That inconsistency to produce defensively has plagued the ‘Dogs and could cost them a chance at a bowl game. Fresno State must win at least four of its next five games in order to become bowl eligible this season. Fortunately for the ‘Dogs, history is on their side as they have won at least four of their last five games of the regular season eight times during Hill’s tenure.

Hill has led the Bulldogs to 11 bowl games in a 14-year span and knows the offense, but stresses a more consistent approach down the stretch.

“Our offense has been playing pretty well but the consistency is what is hurting us,” Hill said.

Junior running back Robbie Rouse is eighth in the country in average yards per game and will need another solid performance to help the ‘Dogs get the win against Louisiana Tech this weekend.

We just got to win Saturday. That’s what we have to do.”

— Pat Hill, head football coach

Hill said at the team’s first practice since the bye week on Sunday. It’s all got to go together. You can have a great offense, but you have got to win the games. Every time we have the ball we need to put ourselves in scoring position.”

For the Bulldogs, getting the ball into scoring position has been anything but easy. They have only reached the red zone 24 times this season, while allowing their opponents within scoring position 29 times.

With Rouse on the ground and sophomore quarterback Derek Carr attacking through the air, the ‘Dogs will need to be consistent in order to get into scoring position and generate touchdown opportunities.

As for Hill, he just has one goal for the week:

“We just got to win Saturday.” Hill said. “That’s what we have to do.”

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Saunders becomes go-to target in sophomore season

By Tim Salazar
The Collegian

From out running defenders to snagging breath-taking catches, sophomore wide receiver Jalen Saunders has matured into an even bigger playmaker in his second season in the program.

Standing at a mere 5-foot-9, Saunders is not built like today’s prototypical wide receivers, but that has not stopped him from electrifying the crowd with his speed in the open field.

Saunders’ body type and play on the field can draw similarities to the Carolina Panthers’ Steve Smith. Both are listed at similar heights and weights, yet Saunders has been able to bring the deep ball to the Fresno ball.

The Elk Grove, Calif. native is given annually to the best wide receiver in college football. It is given to the best receivers in college football. A couple weeks ago, the ‘Dogs faced Utah State and Saunders showed that he can turn minimal gains into game-changing plays.

A simple screen pass to the right side of the field, Saunders may have made the biggest play of homecoming night as he was able to use his elusiveness to escape the reach of four defenders by cutting back across the field then diving into the left corner of the end zone to cap off the 25-yard score.

The Pleasant Grove High School graduate has made plays all year and talked about his knack for his game-breaking ability. “It’s just what I react to,” Saunders said. “It is not something I can really practice.”

With Carr at quarterback, Saunders has added 67 receptions with over 15 catches, behind only Georgia Tech’s Stephen Hill (38-4). Saunders’ 86-yard touchdown against North Dakota is currently the ninth longest reception this year in Football Bowl Subdivision play.

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Although Saunders was missing for a couple seasons, he has done the most damage to opposing defenses, scoring 13 touchdowns and averaging 13.2 yards a carry.

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