Student employees affected by Black Friday

By Ciara Norton
The Collegian

While many families are preparing for their Thanksgiving feast, some people are looking forward to what happens after the feast: Black Friday. Some people love it and others hate it.

For some shoppers, the day after Thanksgiving, also known as Black Friday, is a day that offers great deals on gifts and merchandise.

For some employees, Black Friday can be a nightmare.

Adrian Gonzales, a Fresno State biology student and a Fresno Target employee, is scheduled to work from midnight to 6 a.m. on Black Friday. He isn’t happy about it.

“It’s not fair to the employees,” Gonzales said. “People don’t think about it that way but I have to go to bed early on Thanksgiving so I can get up early on Black Friday. It’s never been like this before.

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But Black Friday wasn’t always this way. The term Black Friday stuck because when retailers looked at accounting balance sheets in the past, black ink represented a profit. The market research firm ShopperTrak also revealed that more than 200 million shoppers crowded stores last year, spending nearly $61 billion on Black Friday. The following Saturday, more than $6 billion found its way to retailers to close out the Black Friday shopping day of the year.

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Fresno State United Student Pride club releases LGBT anthology

By Esteban Cortez
The Collegian

Fresno State’s United Student Pride club held a reception on Nov. 17 to celebrate the release of their anthology titled “Our Stories: Voices of the LGBT Community.” The 57-page long anthology features a collection of short stories, essays, poetry and art that illustrates the LGBT experiences of writers from the Central Valley.

More than 40 people attended the reception Thursday evening at the Arne Nixon Center in the Henry Madden Library to celebrate and praise the club’s efforts to bring the community together through the publication. The release party featured an interactive program including presentations from the United Student Pride anthology committee and other community members.

“I’m incredibly proud of the way the anthology came out,” adult mentor to United Student Pride members Kaylia Metcalfe said. “We’re really pleased with the quality and variety of the submissions.

Metcalfe, a member of the Gay Central Valley organization, was one of five members of the United Student Pride anthology committee. The committee was responsible for ensuring funding, collecting submissions and printing the anthology. Metcalfe also assisted in editing the publication and provided writing advice to contributors.

United Student Pride president and Fresno State student, Zoyer Zynedel said that the club published similar anthologies in the past. They strived to revitalize the event because they felt it is have the same food like turkey, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce and stuff,” said Dr. Olivia, a freshman engineering student at Fresno State said.

The history of this American and Canadian holiday originates back to the first Pilgrims who came from England and settled at Plymouth Rock. However, the story of how the Pilgrims and Indians came together has been debated.

“The one that historians refer back to is the original Thanksgiving that happened about 1630, the New England colonies had eliminated an entire Indian tribe — Dr. Brad Jones, Fresno State history professor

Students make impact at health awareness fair

By Johnathan Wilbanks
The Collegian

Fresno State public health student hosted a health fair on Tuesday, Nov. 15 that aimed to raise awareness of common health issues among students.

The bi-annual fair featured new booths this year including booths about organ donation, fitness, obesity, debt awareness and grief.

“I think this was a great [event]. I think this really gives us an opportunity to practice what we learn in class before we graduate,” public health student Victoria Partida said.

In the past, people have criticized the repetitiveness of information at the health fair. However, many students felt it was not an issue this year.

“I think everybody did a really great job. You always hear people say it’s the same booths on prescription drugs, but everybody had their own ideas,” public health student Tina Franco said.

“I thought the whole thing was last.
To the editor:
Here I am in class intensely listening to the lecture, or trying to make some kind of sense of it, and one of the most irritating things, second only to that annoying group behind you that won’t stop yapping about what happened this past weekend, someone decides it’s OK to noisily pack up their things and leave. We’ve all heard the same excuse: “I don’t like the class” or “my class is across campus.” The excuses literally go on and on.
Well the truth is, I really don’t care. A lot of people probably don’t like the class, but hey at least they have some human decency to stick it out. And for those of you that complain that your professor speaks quite enough as it is, and unlike you at least I have some respect for the guy. It’s people who act like they have better things to do that don’t even belong in the class in the first place.

Elisa Garcia
Criminology

To the editor:
Due to the budget cut that is probably going to happen, there will be major changes occurring in the next school year. The change that would occur is the increase of tuition. It is already a given fact that tuition would increase because of the budget cut. There’s hasn’t been a year yet that the tuition has decreased because if it did then a lot of people would have been happy. With the increase in tuition for the next school year, students would probably not be able to afford it and some would probably have to take out loans to help them. I don’t think it is fair that we have to pay more for our education. The price we are paying now is already expensive enough with the expensive books and courses.
Another change that might happen is the merging of the College of Science and Mathematics. Being a science major, more specifically chemistry, I do not wish for this to occur. If this does occur, then the students will not be able to get a good amount of resources for their major. The classes would be cut down and there wouldn’t be enough faculties to help give information to students when needed. If given a chance, then students should take the opportunity and give their opinion about the situation. Let’s make our voices heard.

Sandy Xiong
Chemistry

To the editor:
There is no doubt that everyone is upset over the tuition increase. I am one of many that are very disappointed about this. What I fail to understand is why it is that the tuition must be increased? I have heard that prisons increased? I have heard that prisons are too expensive. I have heard that they aren’t there other means by which the state can make our voices heard.

Leontia Ortiz
Science and Mathematics

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Luis Sierra

WRITE: Send The Collegian a letter to the editor and see yourself published in the paper

NOTES & ASIDES

By Tony Petersen
The Collegian

Commentator “Ararat” disagreed with my take on Republican foreign policy.

“The leader of America’s foreign policy cannot be someone who will treat Pakistan, a perilously important ally in the Middle East, in such a derogatory manner.”

You sound like Neville Chamberlain. He said stuff like, “Hitler is (was) a man we can work with.” Neville’s passive comments pretending Hitler and Nazi Germany were A OK. Sometimes it’s best to stop pretending a fascist is something other than a fascist.

Maybe you should read up on Chamberlain’s nemesis, William Churchill, who was not afraid to stand in the way of the PC crowd and to call Hitler and Nazi Germany the maniac and fascist state that they really are.

What’s wrong with calling Pakistan a loose cannon that breeds Islamists like they grow on trees? Is the truth really something to hide?

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HISTORY: Evolution of Thanksgiving

Day not well-known among Americans

Native Americans to celebrate unity and the survival of the New England colonies against the harsh wilderness of the American continent.

Like many other historians, Jones said the celebration was for political purposes. People tend to think of Thanksgiving as a time when the Pilgrims and Indians came together to break bread, but in reality, it was for a diplomatic peace agreement to help preserve the colonies but in the process became a detrimental moment to the Native Americans.

"About 1630, the New England colonies had exterminated an entire Indian tribe," Jones added.

However, the actual Thanksgiving holiday didn't come around until centuries later.

"During the Civil War, President Lincoln introduced a day of observance or of mourning for those who had died in the awful war. And that day, November 26, was adopted as the official day for Thanksgiving," Jones explained. "Lincoln did not mean to make a day for Thanksgiving but it evolved into the current observance day 20 to 30 years later.

Many people feel that Thanksgiving Day has become associated with the American cultural phenomenon of holiday shopping. Some believe that our society has fallen away from the traditional ideas of being thankful for what we have, which was what President Lincoln had originally intended when he first introduced the day of observance.

I hate it when people miss the point of what Thanksgiving is really about," De Oliveira said. "Holidays are great and I'm happy that I get to see my family and that's what it should be about.

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The Toys R Us anonymous employer doesn't know why stores are opening on Thanksgiving now instead of on Black Friday.

"We open at 9 o'clock on Thursday," she said. "That's just crazy. It's not even Black Friday yet. I don't think stores should be doing this because it's really unfair. But in the end, all they care about is the profit that Black Friday sales bring in.

"I was a period of incredible turmoil and strife.

— Dr. Brad Jones, Fresno State history professor

Health: Wellness fair addresses student health

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Annual Turnout of the release party was great and I'm happy that I got to see my family and that's what it should be about.

The anthology will be available for purchase at the LGBT Community Center located on Van Ness Avenue in Fresno. The club is also working on setting up a web store for the anthology. Jennifer Crowe of the Arne Nixon Center mentioned at the event that during the release party. An initial run of 125 copies of the anthology was printed and was made possible by a grant from The Undergraduate Research Grant Program. The club plans to use funds collected from sales of the anthology to produce issues in the future.

Since the publication of "Our Stories," the goal of the club has shifted towards making the anthology available to the public through schools and libraries.

"We still have a long way to go," Metcalfe said. Following the reception, the publication will be available to the public at the Center. She commended the club's efforts to bring the community together through their stories.

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LGBT: USP releases anthology

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Jennifer Crowe said that 23 submissions were published and covered topics like soul-searching, rejection and resiliency. Metcalfe said that the anthology committee requested submissions on Facebook, Twitter and other media outlets.

Metcalfe added that submissions from Stockton to Bakersfield were featured with a myriad of voices from the LGBT community, including straight allies.

"These stories are all genuine to the LGBT experience," Zynel said.

Steven Barcelos, a United Student Pride member and contributor to the anthology, was extremely happy with the turnout of the release party and the publication. Barcelos, who identifies himself as gay, wrote a creative non-fiction story for the anthology titled "Eggs." In the short story, he tells readers about a dinner conversation he had with his father. In his story he discusses his father's initial and current reaction towards his sexuality. He admits that it was a really awkward situation, but he wanted to share it with readers.

"The Central Valley isn't known for being very open towards homosexuality, so writing this story was important to me," Barcelos said. "Maybe someone else will read my story and feel less lonely." Barcelos and several other United Student Pride club members sat behind a booth throughout the night selling copies of the anthology for $10. Over 30 copies were sold at the reception. More than 30 copies of the anthology were sold at the reception.

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"Breaking Dawn" is weekend’s breakaway winner

By Andrew Cooper
McClatchy-Tribune

LOS ANGELES -- The latest installment in the "Twilight" series didn’t break franchise records this past weekend, but the film still had the fifth-best domestic opening of all time at the box office.

The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn -- Part I raked in $139.5 million, according to an estimate from distributor Summit Entertainment. While that was an impressive opening, "Breaking Dawn" still fell just short of its $145.8 million opening weekend record held by the second movie in the series, 2009’s "New Moon."

Meanwhile, "Happy Feet Two," the weekend’s only other new release from a major studio, did not have much to smile about. The 3-D animated sequel starring dancing penguins collected a disappointing $22 million.

"Breaking Dawn," the fourth movie in the series based on Stephanie Meyer’s popular vampire romance novels, was only the second film this year to open to more than $100 million, behind the final installment in the long-running "Harry Potter" franchise, which Warner Bros. released in July. In 2010, four movies debuted with more than $100 million.

Heading into the weekend, Summit said it was not expecting "Breaking Dawn" to gross more than $125 million this weekend, though prerelease audience surveys had forecasted an opening of as much as $150 million. Richie Faxon, Summit’s domestic distribution president, surmised that "Breaking Dawn" may have opened to a slightly lower figure than "New Moon" because the "Twilight" audience is "aging up."

"As we all know, as folks get older, the impulse to go out and be the first one to see the movie isn’t there," Faxon said. He said he still expects the film to ultimately gross around $700 million worldwide, about the sum the last two "Twilight" films ended up collecting globally.

"Breaking Dawn," starring Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart and Taylor Lautner, features a highly anticipated wedding and a dramatic, high-risk pregnancy. The Bill Condon-directed film -- which has received the worst critical reviews of any movie in the series -- cost Summit about $110 million to produce after tax rebates.

Those who saw the film said this weekend -- an 80 percent female crowd -- assigned it an average grade of B-plus, according to market research firm CinemaScore. ("Happy Feet Two" received the same grade.) In the U.S., the movie did most business at two theaters in Salt Lake City. The top-grossing theater was the Megaplex Theaters at Jordan Commons, which also sold more tickets to the last "Harry Potter" film than any other multiplex in the country last summer.

Overseas, where Summit has presold the film to local distributors, "Breaking Dawn" grossed $144 million in 54 foreign markets. The film performed best in the United Kingdom, where its star Pattinson hails from. The fourth picture brought in $22 million there and had the highest debut of any "Twilight" movie in the region.

The movie also did exceptionally well in Russia, where it grossed $15 million, and in France, where it collected $14.5 million.

"Happy Feet Two" had a far softer debut than its predecessor. The first movie, which won the Oscar for animated feature, debuted with $41.5 million in November 2006 and ended up grossing $384.4 million worldwide without the benefit of 3-D ticket surcharges.

Roughly 30 percent of this weekend’s "Happy Feet Two" ticket sales came from 3-D receipts.

After its lackluster start, it remains to be seen if the second "Happy Feet" will collect as much in ticket sales as the original Warner Bros. and co-financier Village Roadshow Pictures spent about $156 million to produce "Happy Feet Two."

About 57 percent of audience members who turned up for the animated sequel this weekend were female. But Dan Fellman, Warner Bros. president of domestic distribution, said the film lost much of that key demographic to "Breaking Dawn" this weekend.

"We were fighting for females from "Twilight," and we were expecting to have a little issue with them, but our weekend figure certainly came in a little under our expectations," Fellman said.

Still, he added, the studio felt it was worth it to open against "Breaking Dawn" to get out ahead of three new family films opening over the Thanksgiving holiday, "The Muppets," "Hugo" and "Arthur Christmas."

Fellman said he was not worried about the competition those three PG-rated films could present for "Happy Feet Two."

"The tracking on the movies that are opening is not great," he said, referring to information gathered from early audience polling.
DOGS: Fresno State will get a chance to build off this win next week in the WAC finale against San Jose State

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impressive.

While the Hawaii offense started off slow, the Fresno State offense was able to put some points on the board before the end of the first quarter with Carr leading Fresno State on a 12-play, 82-yard drive that ended with a senior Kevin Goessling 32-yard field goal to give the 'Dogs a 3-0 lead.

The second quarter started out the same way the first quarter did with Carr and company using up the clock to keep the ball away from the Hawaii offense. Carr led the 'Dogs on another 12-play drive, but this time it was of 69 yards. Fresno State ended the drive with junior running back Robbie Rouse plowing it in from one yard out to give the 'Dogs the 10-0 lead. Rouse finished the game with 27 carries for 177 yards and one touchdown.

Before the half, Hawaii finally got on the board as the Warriors made a switch at quarterback to Graves and proved to be a necessary spark. Graves drove the Warriors down the field the way Austin wasn’t able to. Graves called his own number to end the drive as he ran it in from six yards out to cut the Fresno State lead to 17-7.

The third quarter was won by the Warriors with Graves leading the way during the first couple minutes of the period. Graves lead the Warriors on a nine-play, 78-yard drive, ending with Graves finding senior wide receiver Royce Pollard for a 24-yard touchdown to cut into the Fresno State, 17-14. Graves finished the game completing 13-of-27 passes for 190 yards and two touchdowns.

Fresno State’s offense couldn’t get into the end zone in the third quarter when Hawaii had the momentum and were mounting a comeback. Graves brought the quick-strike ability to the Warrior offense as he hit sophomore wide receiver Billy Ray Stutzmann with a 69-yard touchdown to take its first lead of the game, 21-17.

The fourth quarter was when Fresno State’s offense finally put it all together. Carr led the 'Dogs on a four-play, 85-yard drive that ended with Carr finding freshman wide receiver Josh Harper for a 43-yard touchdown to give Fresno State the 24-21 lead. Carr finished the game going 19-of-29 for 271 yards and two touchdowns.

The Skipper-led defense held the Hawaii offense off the scoreboard for the rest of the quarter as it allowed 306 yards of total offense. The 'Dogs held on to win 24-21 helping Fresno State improve to 4-7 on the season.

Now the ‘Dogs will return home for their final home game of the season against WAC rival San Jose State to try continue to build momentum as the season nears an end.

USC makes a statement with huge win at Oregon

By Michael Lev
The McClatchy Tribune

EUGENE, Ore. – USC quieted Autzen Stadium and made a bold statement to the nation. Trojans corner Nickell Robey summed it up in two words.

“SC’s back.”

After two down years, and in the midst of NCAA sanctions, the Trojans re-established themselves as a college football power Saturday. On a cold night in Eugene, No. 18 USC upset No. 4 Oregon, 38-35, in front of 59,993 stunned fans.

The Trojans (9-2, 6-2 Pac-12) ended the Ducks’ six-game winning streak, which had been the longest in the nation. They also broke their home winning streak, which had been the longest in the nation.

The Trojans’ celebration spilled into their locker room. Special-teams coordinator John Baxter described the scene as follows: “There’s something like it. You can’t replicate it. The things you remember are the things you do together. They fought together, and they celebrated together.”

Players said USC coach Lane Kiffin didn’t single out any individuals in his postgame address, as he usually does, instead saying it was a team victory. It took all three phases to hold off Oregon (9-2, 7-1 Pac-12).

The Barkley-led offense put up 38 points in the first three quarters, including two touchdowns by receiver Robert Woods, who took a punt-kicking injection in his shoulder so he could return. Barkley held the high-scoring Ducks to seven points at halftime. The special teams blocked a punt and, in the players’ minds, with Maldonado’s field goal to miss.

All hands were needed, because Oregon’s onslaught was inevitable, and it came hard and fast. Barkley’s fourth touchdown pass, a 5-yarder to tight end Randall Teller, put USC up, 38-14, with 3:28 left in the third quarter. But Oregon’s De’Anthony Thomas, the one-time USC commit, returned the ensuing kickoff 94 yards for a touchdown.

After USC punted, Oregon put together a touchdown drive covering 75 yards in 2 minutes, 16 seconds. After Barkley threw an interception, Oregon needed just 1:27 to go 66 yards and make it 38-35. With 7:05 left in the game, Kiffin couldn’t help but feel uneasy.

“I never felt comfortable,” Kiffin said. “You can’t. They literally score in one minute.”

USC’s best defense at the point was its offense, and Barkley’s fourth touchdown pass, a 28-yard line to the Ducks’ 11. But Barkley and Marc Tyler botched a handoff, and Oregon’s Branden Hanna recovered the ball at the 14.

The Ducks advanced to the Trojans’ 18, where, on second-and-10, safety Jawanza Starling tackled receiver Lavasier Tuinei for a 2-yard loss. After Oregon quarterback Darron Thomas centered the ball, five seconds remained.

USC had blocked six place-kick attempts before Saturday. The Trojans didn’t get a hand on this one, but they were certain that stat was on Maldonado’s mind.

“It’s definitely in the head of the opposing kicker,” Starling said.

Oregon coach Chip Kelly’s mindset was to score a touchdown. But USC’s defenders kept everything in front of them.

“I thought we had a shot up until the last tick of that clock,” Kelly said. “But that’s what that team does, they don’t get down, and I will give them a ton of credit. They feel like if they just keep playing, something is going to happen.”

Kiffin’s message to the defense before it took the field, according to Robey, was: “We need you right here, right now.

Let’s go.”

And Robey’s message in the huddle was: “This is what we live for: This is why we came to USC.”

The Trojans had become accustomed to winning championships under Pete Carroll. Because of the sanctions, they aren’t eligible for the first Pac-12 Championship Game, which probably will take place at likely North champion Oregon.

But USC can win the South regular-season title outright by defeating UCLA next week.

“We’re going to enjoy this, no doubt about that,” Barkley said. “But at the same time, we do have to finish this race, we’ve been running for one more week.”
Fresno State gets much-needed victory

By Jerry Huerta
The Collegian

A win was what the doctor ordered for Fresno State as the ‘Dogs ended their current three-game losing streak.

Fresno State picked up a much-needed victory against Western Athletic Conference rival Hawaii, who will be making the jump with the ‘Dogs to the Mountain West Conference next season.

The last couple weeks have been tough sledding for Fresno State as head coach Pat Hill suspended three players for undisclosed reasons and then defensive coordinator Randy Stewart resigned, leaving the ‘Dogs to prepare for Hawaii with an interim defensive coordinator and looming questions about the future.

Linebackers coach Tim Skipper stepped into Stewart’s vacated position on Saturday to try and slow down the top passing team in the WAC.

In the game, the Fresno State offense would be the one to strike first with sophomore quarterback Derek Carr leading the ‘Dogs down the field with a three-play, 69-yard scoring drive. Carr ended the drive with a 44-yard scoring strike to his top target sophomore wide receiver Jalen Saunders. Saunders finished with three catches for 67 yards and one touchdown.

The Fresno State defense has struggled to stop opposing offenses all season long, but it was able to slow down the Hawaii attack that was without one of the nation’s leading passers in Bryant Moniz.

The former Fresno City College quarterback injured his leg in the previous-week loss to Nevada and didn’t line up against Fresno State on Saturday.

With Moniz injured, senior Shane Austin and sophomore Danny Graves had to step in behind center and lead the Hawaii offense. Austin had the first chance to make an impact.

The Fresno State offense had its second consecutive dominant game, as piling up 488 yards in the win.

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