Head coach Pat Hill fired

The Pat Hill era has ended after 15 years at Fresno State

By Jerry Huerta
The Collegian

For the past 15 years, Pat Hill has been the face of Fresno State football, leading the school to multiple bowl appearances and implementing his "Anybody, Anytime, Anywhere" mantra along the way never shying away from squaring off against some of the nation’s premier schools.

But following Saturday’s season-finale loss to San Diego State, Hill has been fired by Fresno State after the ‘Dogs didn’t meet expectations in the past couple years, especially this season during which Fresno State finished 4-9 overall, the worst season in the Hill era.

Director of Athletics Thomas Boeh and President John Welty came to the decision to relieve Hill of his duties as the head coach.

"The last six and seven years we’ve had in regular season and postseason play has resulted in the financial situation that we are in," Boeh said. "The community has not responded to the record we’ve had the last six-to-seven years.

The Bulldog faithful hasn’t been filling Bulldog Stadium as seen in seasons past. For the final home game of the season against San Jose State, the attendance was at 25,492, which is not close to filling a 41,031 seat stadium.

With Hill leaving the football program, Fresno State now embarks on a search to find his replacement soon with National Signing Day in February and many universities nationwide also in mid-coaching search. When the new

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Provost discusses department consolidation

By Ciara Norton
The Collegian

Students, faculty and other community members met with Provost William A. Covino and the Academic Affairs Budget Advisory Task Force on Dec. 2 to openly discuss the proposal to combine and reorganize schools and colleges at Fresno State.

The open dialogue at the Satellite Student Union was scheduled after the Academic Affairs Budget Advisory Task Force created a list of recommendations addressed to the Provost about reducing the budget gap at Fresno State.

The task force identified in its findings that Fresno State is currently faced with a budget gap of $1.7 to $2 million. Among other suggestions by the task force, the proposal that has gained the most attention from the public is the consolidation of the College of Science and Mathematics into the College of Agricultural Sciences.

"I don’t think my degree is going to be worth as much if it comes from the College of Agricultural Sciences."

— Rebecca Asami, Fresno State student

Students to vote for new ASI executive

By Elizabeth Borg
The Collegian

Associated Students, Inc. met last Wednesday to discuss new bylaw changes that include adding another executive position to ASI. This proposed new position would be the vice president of external affairs. However, it is not known whether it would be a paid executive position.

The vice president of external affairs will be responsible for handling outside media relations and community relations between ASI and the Fresno community.

Senators and executives extensively discussed whether Fresno State students should vote on approving another executive position or leaving the

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Reactions to the firing of football coach Pat Hill

By Tony Petersen
The Collegian

After 15 seasons roaming the sideline of Bulldog Stadium, the bolo-tie-wearing head coach Pat Hill has been fired by Fresno State after a disappointing 4-9 season ended with a loss to San Diego State. Hill often embodied the city’s personality with his “Anyone, Anytime, Anywhere” mantra.

Hill took the Dogs to 11 bowl games in his career, amassing a record of 112-48. In 2003, he led Fresno State to a No. 8 ranking as the Bulldogs nearly became the first non-Bowl Championship Series team to reach a BCS bowl game. Hill won one Western Athletic Conference championship game during his tenure.

Here are some reactions to Hill’s firing.

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<td>The lady ‘Dogs, their tough game against Stanford notwithstanding, are in the midst of yet another stellar season under the reliable Adrian Wiggin. And the men look much improved after an 82-52 drubbing of Utah. There’s a lot to like on the court for Fresno State.</td>
<td>The Dogs ended a very disappointing with a 35-28 loss as the hands of San Diego State, To make matters worse, the loss came after having a 21-0 lead. Pat Hill is gone, but something will have to change next year on the defensive side of the ball for the Dogs to make any kind of improvements this year. If not, it doesn’t matter who they hire or fire.</td>
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<td>Tim Tebow, the much-maligned quarterback of the Denver Broncos, led the team to yet another comeback victory in the fourth quarter, bringing his record this year as a starting quarterback to 6-1. Who knows if Tebow will still be quarterbacking in 2012? It’s a bummer to watch him run roughshod over the conventional wisdom of what it takes to win in the NFL.</td>
<td>Here’s a summary of Cain’s candidacy. came up with 9-9-9 plan that was much derided by other Republicans, accused of sexually harassing multiple women, failed to intelligently answer a question regarding the Obama administration’s actions in Libya, one of the most consequential policies of the current administration; accused of cheating on his wife for 1.5 years. Greatridance!</td>
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There is no need to reflect on the loss beyond mentioning the name of the man who led the Bulldogs to so many years of success. | Pat Hill brought class and respect to the Bulldogs, averaging eight wins per season from 2007-10. The Bulldogs struggled both in conference play and in meetings against major teams and fans stopped packing Bulldog Stadium. |

Let’s Make Campus Smell Really Bad Today.

Snby cows: The reason why some days at Fresno State are more malodorous than others.
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be reduced and key pro-
grams will become stronger.
The task force also affirmed
that by reducing the number of
schools and colleges to six
or seven, the savings will be
between $250,000 and $500,000.
Rebecca Asami, a geol-
gogy graduate student, spoke
against the merging of  the col-
leges. “I don’t think my degree is
worthless if  I come from the Col-
lege of Agricultural Sciences,”
Asami said.
The task force also recom-
mended to reduce the amount
of courses offered that consis-
tently have low enrollment.
Members of  the task force said
that this would improve sched-
uling issues as well as save up
to $1 million.
“Every suggestion that
we make is going to have an
impact,” said Michael
Caldwell, co-chair of  the task
force and chair of  the depart-
ment of music.
Task force members
explained that deciding where
to make budget cuts is not an
easy process.
“I think their job is diffi-
cult and times are tough, but
I don’t think they’re consid-
ering every option so I think
we are being marginalized,”
Asami said.
The task force also recom-
mended raising the fees for
students who spend too much
time working toward a degree,
reconfiguring or suspending
graduate programs with 50
students or less and reorganiz-
ing undergraduate programs
with fewer than 100 majors.

Sections of  the current
ASI bylaws need to be
modified to allow students
to vote on creating a new
ASI executive position. The
recommendations made by
the task force are now in the
hands of  Provost Covino, who
will look further into what the
long-term impacts there will
be if  such actions are eventu-
ally implemented.

Students question Provost Covino about reorganization of colleges

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Students will vote for new ASI executive position in January

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decision to ASI.
ASI President Selena Farnesi said that if  the vote on the change passes, there
will be a referendum election and it would either be held in
January or concurrent to the
March election.
Farnesi also discussed the
benefits and disadvantages for
both options and how it would
affect students and ASI.
“We have to allow the stu-
dent body to give us their opin-
ion and vote on whether or not
they support the new changes
to the bylaws,” Farnesi said as
she explained the issue to ASI
senators during the meeting.
The January election will
cost approximately $1,200.
Because of  the time frame,
Farnesi said students likely
would not have enough time
to learn information about
the new position. The disadvan-
tage of  this option is that stu-
dents would run for the new
executive position without
knowing if  the position would
be available.
Senator Brandi Jacobs, rep-
resenting the College of Social
Sciences, said he believes stu-
dents have the right to make
the decision.
“This is a rare opportu-
nity where students have the
option of  having their voice heard and it is our job
to give them a chance to speak because we are repre-
senting them,” Jacobs said.

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New 'Muppets' movie recaptures magic of previous films

At the movies with DYLAN PATON

Over the years, “The Muppets” helped create fond memories for many children. I remember watching “The Muppet Show” and “The Muppet Babies” as a child. The many Muppet movies helped me relive some of those great memories. The new movie, “The Muppets,” was enjoyable.

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“The Muppets” wasn’t as elaborate as ‘Muppet Treasure Island,’ or ‘Muppet Christmas Carol.’ But it was a true Muppet movie. There are lots of cameos, appearances throughout the movie as well. What I liked about them was that there weren’t too many. Jack Black, Neil Patrick Harris, Whoopi Goldberg, Selena Gomez and Sarah Silverman are celebrities everyone knows of. But the movie handled them in a way that was handled with more entertainment than showing them into the audience’s faces.

Fans of the Muppets will enjoy this movie. The plot was pretty much the usual story of characters banding together to bring down the evil business man. The musical numbers were catchy but not what I would call memorable. Jason Segel is such a goofball he fits right in with the Muppets. It’s like Segel was a Muppet who was turned into a human. The Muppet Walter was created to represent the kids who wish they could become a Muppet. Amy Adams is great as a Muppet fan in this movie just as she did in all her other roles. Chris Cooper is a great actor, but he here is forced to be as goofy, if not goofier, than the other actors. The music in this movie, along with director James Robin, know how to handle this movie. They gave the target audience of kids and some adults exactly what they wanted. A silly and goofy movie that stays true to the Muppet legacy.

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Geocaching: a modern treasure hunt using GPS technology

In your daily travels you probably pass by treasure waiting to be discovered, oblivious to its existence. For those who know about geocaching, the searches are a real and exciting adventure.

“It’s a treasure hunt.” Ryan Soares said, who teaches a class that uses geocaching for a project. “Thinking back to when you were a kid, hiding stuff around the house and having clues to find that item. Instead of clues you are given coordinates and usually there is some kind of surprise or token inside.”

People around the world are unified by the challenge of discovering these treasures by using devices to reach location. The official geocaching website stands as a medium for exchange between geocachers. All caches are recorded on the site by their location and participates post comments after discovering a new cache.

According to the geocaching website, geocaching.com, geocaching can be defined as “a real-world outdoor treasure hunting game. Players try to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, using GPS-enabled devices and then share their experiences online.” More than 1.4 million geocaches have been hidden worldwide.

Geocaches can be simple objects, a small container with a list of the people who have previously discovered the item or a puzzle that leads to the location of other caches. The actual find of the item is often not the highlight of the search, but it is the success of locating something based on the clues given for its exact location.

“If you find the cache, it’s normally a little trinket object, something you can take as your reward.” Fresno State junior Chris Mount said. “But the spirit is to replace it with something of value so the next person who finds it can have an experience just as rewarding as yours. When you and your friends go out it’s a good story whether or not the cache was worth it.”

By typing in a zip code the official geocaching website will provide a list of nearby locations. There are even caches on the Fresno State campus. A quick and free registration with the site and a GPS device or smart phone equipped with a GPS application are the only tools needed to start as a geocacher.

“Look everywhere, you never know where it might be, including the obvious,” Andrew Gong, a Fresno State freshman said. The adventure of geocaching is often a social activity done with family or friends and involves visiting new places or looking at familiar places in a different way.

“Do it with other family because it’s like a huge treasure hunt,” Kelly Fine, a Fresno State alumna, said. “Make a day of it. Do it on a road trip. We did that one time and I carried geocache boxes all along the highways. You can find some really awesome places.”

Geocaching is a rewarding activity with the challenge of a scavenger hunt, the motivation to physically find and visit outdoors searching and the satisfaction of discovering items in everyday places.

“It’s a good way to get outdoors and a fun way to get some exercise,” Soares said. “Treasure hunting through technology.”

Geocaching: a modern treasure hunt using GPS technology
Roger Moore, former James Bond, takes time out from charity work for ‘A Princess for Christmas’

By Susan King

LOS ANGELES — After appearing as James Bond in seven hit films beginning with 1973’s “Live and Let Die” and concluding with 1985’s “A View to a Kill,” Roger Moore put his acting career on the back burner. For two decades, he has devoted much of his time to being a goodwill ambassador for UNICEF, and was knighted in 2000 for his charity work. But Saturday, he returns in Hallmark Channel’s holiday special, “Tin Man,” that goes through the magical world of “Neverland” and “Peter Pan” in the Swiss ski resort of Crans-Montana. “I had never been to Switzerland so I was in a short trip to Romania (from Switzerland) and I said let’s do it. I liked the story and I felt it was a really good film — the right type of film for Christmas,” Moore said.

“Princess for Christmas” is a far cry from the relentless poverty Moore encounters while traveling the world for UNICEF. “I always feel like I am in the way when we go into the field not being a doctor or a nurse or an engineer,” he said. “But it is important for us to spread the word. As long as you’re doing your work, you can’t stop helping them when you are back home or when we are doing fundrais- ing.”

The late Audrey Hepburn inspired him to become involved. When he began his volunteer work, Moore said an estimated 40,000 children died every day from preventable ailments. Today, according to the World Health Organization, that figure is about 22,000.

“There’s still a frightening statistic,” Moore said. “I hope I can encourage people that if we stop death and illness, we can help the less fortunate.”

Roger Moore, 84, plays the fabu- lously wealthy Edward Duke of Castlebury, who invites his estranged young American niece, nephew and their aunt to his castle in the snowy countryside of a fictional European country (the film was shot in Romania). Although Edward is Scrooge-like when it comes to Christmas trees and holiday celebrations, his heart begins to melt with the visitors’ arrival.

Moore said he was drawn to the project because he enjoyed working with the producer Brad Krevy on a previous movie. “My wife and I had a great time with him and we ate very well every night,” said Moore, speaking from his chalet in the Swiss ski resort of Crans-Montana. “I had never been to Switzerland. It was a short trip to Romania (from Switzerland) and I said let’s do it. I liked the story and I felt it was a really good film — the right type of film for Christmas.”

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New Grammy rules set off more grumbling

By Randy Lewis and Gerrick D. Kennedy

LOS ANGELES — Grousing about the Grammy nominations is a time-honored practice in the music industry, but those who felt overlooked, snubbed or robbed this year had new ammunition to bolster their complaints: a change in the rules that eliminated award categories, assuring far fewer nominees than in recent years.

‘“Damn, this really hurts,” wrote R&B singer Miguel in a series of tweets Thursday after he failed to get a nomination despite getting some of the best critical notices of the year for his album “All I Want Is You.” “I don’t think I’m God’s gift to music, but I know the album or at least (the single) Sure Thing should have been nominated.”

Nominations in the R&B category, which were cut from eight to four by the new rules, seemed to favor tradition over Top 40. Despite major releases, from Beyonce, herself a long-time nominee, to Lady Gaga, Katy Perry, Ll Cool J, Scott, Ne-Yo, Jazmine Sullivan or Brandy, the nominations went to popular, proven artists, a list topped by Scott, Ne-Yo, Jazmine Sullivan and Brandy who were all nominated for the same number of awards as last year’s Top 40 artists. Scott’s album and Ne-Yo’s album were both nominated for album of the year.

“There are complaints that the new rules left too little or no distinction between contemporary and traditional R&B,” said Miguel, R&B artist.

‘“Today it was opening my mailbox and seeing that the guy who won the Golden Globe and the Academy Award for best score didn’t even get nominated. I don’t know what they’ve done to improve the process with this year’s changes,” said Miguel. “The Grammys have led with their chin for 80 years and, this year, they’re not going to stop now. It’s what they do.”

The country music community was affected by the merging of what long had been separate categories for male and female vocal performance, as well as the elimination of a category for one-time collaborations between artists.

“Sometimes we get too caught up in it,” said Jim Guerinot, whose clients include Nine Inch Nails frontman Trent Reznor, noted that Reznor won the Oscar for his score for the movie “The Social Network” but didn’t make the Grammy nomination list. "But I thought it’s kind of weird: It puts people in a category that probably shouldn’t be in a category together. I understand what they’re doing, but only time will tell how it shakes out.”

Roots music categories also were pared back, which figures to have a major effect on acts that typically were never high on mainstream charts but on cable or internet telecasts or made headlines with their nominations.

“In some of these smaller categories, that’s the artists’ livelihood,” said Holly Gannon, a publicist for numerous country and Americana acts. "A Grammy nomination or win, she can say, has a proportionally greater effect for the winner in the major categories, folk or polka album than for the overall album or record of the year honoree. “It makes a difference in how they get paid at festivals, whether they get the opportunity to get on public radio shows. A Grammy is life-changing for them,” Gannon said.

Recording Academy President Neil Portnow said Thursday that the rule changes, announced last April amid controversy, were necessary because the number of awards ballooned unreasonably, but suggested they would be re-examined again.

“The honest answer is, it’s still too early to tell or give any thorough analysis,” he said. “We get the nominations moments before the show. We haven’t had enough time to do an analysis. As we do so, we’ll have our committee meetings where we will review our categories, obviously we have a special eye and ear toward how this all played out.”

“I think the most disappointing thing for me,” Guerinot added, “is that this year I actually cared. We always look (at nominations and awards) and go, ‘What are they doing?’ And when it happens one more time, you think, ‘Yeah, it’s the same thing.’ It’s not that there aren’t an abundance of artists who are deserving to win. But you have to wonder what the process is. You really do.”

But Scott Borchetta, president of Big Machine Records, the label for Taylor Swift, who scored three nominations Wednesday night, said he was not disappointed. "Sometimes you get too caught up in it,” he said. “It’s an award show. Yes, it was wonderful to be acknowledged. But if you’re working just to get a Grammy Award, I suggest that you have to clean your glasses. This is art because you love it. If you really love it, it’s not work.”

Throughout this issue the word "out" is used to mean "out of," as in "out of the running."
Fresno State will now go into the offseason searching for a new head coach and many returning players that will need to have a successful spring session.
Men’s basketball will make the trip to Boulder, Colo. to face another Pac-12 member in Colorado on Wednesday.

“The community has simply not responded to the record that we’ve had over these past several years and subsequently it was important to try a new direction.”— Thomas Boeh

Head coach Pat Hill’s teams in the past six seasons have not met expectations with a 28-19 record and didn’t make a bowl game in two of those six years.

“IT takes time I think for folks to gather steam and embrace a program.”— Thomas Boeh, Director of Athletics

**HILL: ‘Dogs went 28-19 in the past six seasons, missed two bowl games**