Academic independence

A group of students and faculty held a demonstration to stress representation

By Thaddeus Miller
The Collegian

A group of 13 students and faculty held a demonstration Monday to declare displeasure with the university administration.

The Free Speech Area was the site of the demonstration as the students and faculty read from a prepared document that they called “a declaration of academic independence.”

Matt Ford, a senior sociology student that took part in the demonstration, said the event was held to symbolize an absolution of allegiance to Fresno State’s administration.

“These people are all appointed, none of them are voted in, none of them are accountable to the public,” Ford said. “So, this is abolishing all allegiance and saying that from now on, we’re going to do what’s necessary to create a democratic university.”

Some student representatives, such as student member of the Board of Trustees Russel Statham, have only advisory power.

He said that the exhibition was in line with the protests and student actions of last semester, which pushed for shared governance. Also, it was an attempt to drum up support.

“I think [the demonstration is] more of a symbolic thing,” Ford said. “So, I hope that we, obviously garner more support and we get more people involved.”

Ford said that the goal was to stay away from a small vanguard group and represent the student body as a whole.

President John D. Welty responded to the day’s events, in an e-mail interview, by saying that there are many ways to address the fiscal crisis that California campuses are facing.

President’s award of excellence

By Thaddeus Miller
The Collegian

A professor of Fresno State’s nationally ranked rehabilitation counseling program was awarded $10,000 and an annual award.

Charles Arokiasamy, a professor and former redemptorist monk, received the 2010 President’s Award of Excellence.

Arokiasamy embodies the mission statement of the program, in that he takes the learning to heart, Hardy said.

Arokiasamy is deserving of the award because he has greatly expanded the rehab counseling program.

In 1994, two years before Arokiasamy came to the program, rehab counseling had only one student. This year, the program has 128 students.

“I think [the program] serves a very important niche in society,” Bolog said.

People wrongly assume that rehab counseling deals with only drug users, Arokiasamy said. The program works with individuals who have any kind of disability and help them get into the workplace.

“What we do is try to get people back into the mainstream of life,” Arokiasamy said. The aim, he said, is to aid individuals in the pursuit of life goals. Human beings need structure and interaction to feel like they belong, Arokiasamy said.

“Work does all kinds of interesting things for us,” he said. “The worst punishment you can give somebody is excommunication or isolation.”

Arokiasamy said that the problem lies within the agencies that are designed to help those with disabilities. The agencies often do not treat clients with the respect that is due, he said.

“That is our passion,” Arokiasamy said. “It’s those attitudes that keep people with disabilities off the job.”

The rehab counseling program aims to change “the face of human service,” according to its vision statement. The program focuses on building character and teaching selflessness to its students, Arokiasamy said.

Arokiasamy’s desire to “break bread for poorest of the poor” came from his time in the redemptorist order of monks in Malaysia, he said.

Arokiasamy studied at Southern Illinois University and spent some time at the Louisiana State University Medical Center before moving to Fresno.

Erica Ananian-Eastes, director of workability IV for rehab counseling, has worked for Arokiasamy for four years. She said that everyone in the program feeds off of his ability to be motivated and put others’ needs before his own, something his program stresses.

“He goes above and beyond,” Ananian-Eastes said. “He’s here working all night long, weekends [and] holidays.”

Arokiasamy embodies the mission statement of the program, said a student in the program Natalie Hardy.

“He brings a uniqueness to the program, in that he takes the learning to heart,” Hardy said.
John Adams, that great American patriot (and my favorite president), asked this question of the American people in the 18th century: “Is there a time when you ever found in history one example of a nation or a kingdom thoroughly corrupted, that was afterwards restored to virtue?” An excellent question. I can’t think of one.

Without virtue, Adams continued, “there can be no political liberty.

That is an interesting concept in today’s day and age. Virtue is defined as “the condition of being free of restriction or control; freedom,” or “the right to act or believe as one chooses.”

On the face of it, these two concepts, virtue and liberty, seem completely at odds with one another. If a man is supposedly free, how can he be bound to a moral code by which that person must abide?

But deep thought shows just how present Mr. Adams was.

Liberty without virtue, he is saying, gives us anarchy. No dictionary is needed to describe the perils that would bring. And virtue without liberty is impossible, for man is fallible, and to hope for a completely virtuous society is utopian, at best, totalitarians at worst.

blame Sacramento for dissimating in the university – and then look to pri-

And while it is true that public sources of funding for education have diminished, the story is not that simple. The major-

ity of California legislators know that California should be investing in its students and future workforce, not abandoning them and putting up even more barriers to a quality education.

That is why I have proposed that we adequately fund our community col-

lege, state colleges and universities by requiring Big Oil to pay their fair share for the oil and gas they pump out of California’s land and water.

We can no longer afford to be the only major oil-producing state that doesn’t levy such a fee. Texas, for instance, generates $400 million for higher education through a similar fee.

My bill, AB 66, would raise up to $2 billion for the UC, CSU and commu-
nity colleges with a 12.5 percent tax on oil extracted within California. That’s considerably less than the 25 percent tax levied in South Carolina’s Adair.

The oil companies will tell you that California is crucial to our state’s economy. The UC system generates billions of dollars in economic activity and attracts billions more in research dollars, money that fuels key industries like agriculture, energy, and biotech.

With big oil ready to spend lavishly to defeat AB 66, this won’t be an easy fight – but it’s a fight I’m confident we can win together. I am joined in this and thousands of other concerned Californians in fighting for higher education at www.facebook.com/FairTuition.

Alberto Torrico, D-Fremont, is a member of the California State Assembly, where he serves as the majority leader.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Agree with us? Disagree? Want to sound off?

We want your feedback.

Send your letter to the editor (col-
genian@csufresno.edu).

The letter must not exceed 250 words in length and must be accompanied by a full name and phone number to verify contact. The Collegian reserves the right to edit all letters for length, content, spelling and grammar, as well as the right to withhold direct quotes or portions of any material submitted. All material submitted to The Collegian becomes property of The Collegian.

Each member of the campus community is permitted one copy of The Collegian. Substitutions are available for $2.50, on a per copy basis. Staff positions at The Collegian are open to students of all academic years and majors. All content copyright © 2009 The Collegian.
The daily crossword

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis
Los Angeles Times

ACROSS
1 Bridges of “The Big Lebowski”
5 River projects
9 Ritz cracker alternative
14 Swedish furniture giant
16 Neighborhoods
17 Longing for a fronded plant?
19 Connection
20 H.S. dropout’s test
21 Zinfandel, but not sake?
23 Oxygen emanating from a lawn?
27 Speys
28 Bench press target, briefly
29 Côte d’Azur view
30 Scratch or dent
31 Ed’s pile
32 Rural skyline cylinder
34 Rock collection specimens
37 Mother Goose offerings, or in a different sense, this puzzle’s title
42 Cloverleaf element
43 Follower of once?
45 Some TVs
48 Scrap for Spot
49 Anaheim team, on scoreboards
52 __ Claire, Wisconsin
53 Pair of blows
55 Steep, e.g.?
57 Like areas above the timberline?
59 Govt. auditing gp.
60 Fruit soda brand
61 Group devoted to small, woody plants?
66 “I Kissed __,” Katy Perry hit
67 Diggs of “Private Practice”
68 Golfer isao
69 Kidney-related
70 Fruity drinks

DOWN
1 Choice of “Choosy moms,” in ads
2 Squeeze (out)
3 Not agin
4 Werewolf’s weapons
5 Channel maintenance machine
6 Cry of realization
7 Griffin and others
8 Cleaning product prefix
9 “Riders of the Purple Sage” author
10 “Maid of Athens, __ part”; Byron
11 Discrimination fought by suffragists
12 Talks trash to
13 Size up
18 Poize country affirmative
22 Not a’s
23 Modern rental car feature, briefly
24 Hold back
25 Scopes Trial gp.
26 Turkish mount
33 Christie heroine
35 Place where sweaters get fit?
36 The Mustangs of coll. football
38 Winter wonderland creator
39 Shortstop’s boot
40 Foil alternative
41 Fly high
44 Worn-down pencil
45 Was successful
46 Bring to a boil?
47 Shown to a seat
50 Pies in court
51 Simple poetry pattern
54 Aquarium denizen
55 “... it coming”; “Serves him right”
56 Eng. lesson
58 “¿Cómo __ usted?”
62 Bakery product
63 Mauna
64 Strummed strings
65 Show __

Completed grid.

C

PUZZLE SOLUTION: http://collegian.csufresno.edu
Copyright 2009. Tribune Media Services, Inc.

SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.
SOLUTION: http://collegian.csufresno.edu

Word of the Day

Time vampire
Something or someone who literally sucks your time like a vampire sucks blood.

Source: UrbanDictionary.com

College of Arts & Humanities

Middle East Studies Minor Program
Students!
Still looking for a class?

There are still seats available in Persian and Arabic Languages courses!

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Class</th>
<th>Room</th>
<th>Schedule No.</th>
<th>Professor</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>LING 40T 1100-1215 PM</td>
<td>Elem. Arabic 1A</td>
<td>T-TH</td>
<td>PHS 246</td>
<td>37372</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LING 40T 1230-0145 PM</td>
<td>Elem. Arabic 1B</td>
<td>T-TTH</td>
<td>PHS 246</td>
<td>37373</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LING 40T 0800-0850 AM</td>
<td>Elem. Mdrn. Persian 1B</td>
<td>M-W-F</td>
<td>ED195</td>
<td>36765</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LING 40T 1200-1250 AM</td>
<td>Intern. Mdrn. Persian 2B</td>
<td>ARR</td>
<td></td>
<td>36750</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LING 140T 0800-0850 AM</td>
<td>Rsgs in Persian B</td>
<td>ARR</td>
<td></td>
<td>36751</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AH 10T 1200-1250 AM</td>
<td>Intro to Middle East</td>
<td>M-W-F</td>
<td>M 167</td>
<td>37815</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For more information contact
The Department of Linguistics at 278-2441
or the College of Arts and Humanities at 278-3056
The ‘Avatar’ blues

Then it was time. The previews were over, the glasses were on and the rest was history.
Life as I knew it had yet to be the same.
As sad as it sounds, I was heartbroken. The only other movie I’ve ever rebounced from was “ FernGully: The Last Rainforest.” And that’s when I was six years old. The only technology I knew in ’92 was my grandmas VHS player.

But it didn’t end there. MacGyver like attempts were made to steal the Jake Sully McDonald’s happy meal toy I Christmas gifted. And worst of all, I fell into jealousy with Jake Sully. Not only because his name was adorably similar to my all-time favorite Pixar monster, but because he inhaled a lung full of air that is the Pandoran ecosystem.

It was a moment that, more or less, excited him a little too much if you catch the drift.
Fast forward to two months later. Three friends and I decided to jump on the “Avatar” train. After seeing “Twilight” I feared midnight premieres and book clubs. Therefore, I opted for a two-week gap, hoping to separate the crazy fans who were convinced they spoke Na’vi from the normal crazy people, like myself.

While in line at Edward’s Cinema, I noticed an usher handing each Avatar ticket holder a plastic bag. Shortly thereafter, I became the new owner of a brand new pair of black-on-black 3D lenses. My reflection in the carnival-mirrored columns entertained me for a good 20 minutes while my friends got snacks.

As sad as it sounds, I was heartbroken. The only other movie I couldn’t rebound from was “FernGully: The Last Rainforest.” And that’s when I was six years old.

After being completely immersed into James Cameron’s three-dimensional experience I would like to ask a certain someone for forgiveness (you know who you are). I would like to publicly apologize to the co-worker that my humor offended. Jokes made post Pandora were cruel and unintentional. However, the tables have turned. I am now the tail end of Collegian staff jokes, sexual “Avatar” innuendos even.

And just to set the record straight, unlike our former president Bill Clinton. I will not lie when I say; I most definitely would have sexual relations with that “Avatar.”

-Career Opportunities at the USDA-Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)-

Sponsored by ASI, HEBSA, HBSA, USDA-FAS, and the USDA-HSI National Program

Monday - Feb. 1, 2010
5:45 to 6:45 p.m.
Pomona State - Kreiman School of Education Building: Room 140

Linking U.S. Agriculture to the World

USDA - FAS works to improve foreign market access for U.S. products, build new markets, improve the competitive position of U.S. agriculture in the global marketplace, and provide food aid and technical assistance to foreign countries.

Information Session: A representative for Washington, D.C. is visiting with Central Valley students for the first time and will present on USDA-FAS career opportunities. The USDA-FAS is looking for undergraduate and graduate students majoring in a Business Administration or a science-related agricultural field - for example, Agricultural Business, Economics, Accounting, Finance, Management, Marketing, or International Business. Also, students majoring in an international studies/relations program, public affairs, law school, or in a biotechnology program.

Pizza and Refreshments will be provided!
Fresno rocks for relief

By John Esquivel

Since the earthquake in Haiti, many have been a part of an overwhelming response to aid the struggling country. For Fresno State students, there are numerous ways to donate money while having a good time.

Local all-ages club, Kuppajoe, will be hosting a benefit concert on Jan. 29 featuring PK, fighting the Villain, My Beautiful Surrender and up-and-coming Los Angeles rockers Confide. Nick Kennedy, who is the volunteer director of Kuppajoe, wanted to throw a benefit show, but Kuppajoe were completely booked up to March and did not want to ask any of the touring bands to give up their pay. However, that all changed when he caught a few days, it was solidified.

Unlike most fundraisers for Haiti, Kennedy does not plan to jump on. After a few days, it said. “Confide heard about the bands approached him. “It was PK’s idea,” Kennedy said. “Confide heard about the benefit and wanted to jump on. After a few days, it was solidified.”

Unlike most fundraisers for Haiti, Kennedy does not plan to give up their pay. However, that all changed when one of the bands approached him.

“It was PK’s idea,” Kennedy said. “Confide heard about the benefit and wanted to jump on. After a few days, it was solidified.”

Unlike most fundraisers for Haiti, Kennedy does not plan to give up their pay. However, that all changed when one of the bands approached him.

“It was PK’s idea,” Kennedy said. “Confide heard about the benefit and wanted to jump on. After a few days, it was solidified.”

Unlike most fundraisers for Haiti, Kennedy does not plan to give up their pay. However, that all changed when one of the bands approached him.

“It was PK’s idea,” Kennedy said. “Confide heard about the benefit and wanted to jump on. After a few days, it was solidified.”

Unlike most fundraisers for Haiti, Kennedy does not plan to give up their pay. However, that all changed when one of the bands approached him.

“It was PK’s idea,” Kennedy said. “Confide heard about the benefit and wanted to jump on. After a few days, it was solidified.”

Unlike most fundraisers for Haiti, Kennedy does not plan to give up their pay. However, that all changed when one of the bands approached him.

“It was PK’s idea,” Kennedy said. “Confide heard about the benefit and wanted to jump on. After a few days, it was solidified.”

Unlike most fundraisers for Haiti, Kennedy does not plan to give up their pay. However, that all changed when one of the bands approached him.

“It was PK’s idea,” Kennedy said. “Confide heard about the benefit and wanted to jump on. After a few days, it was solidified.”
Lights. Camera. Action. These are words that Fresno State alumnus Robert J. Thissen knows far too well.

For the past 15 years, Thissen has worked on various television shows and film productions. Thissen plans to launch his first feature length movie, “The Mystic,” in early 2010. This isn’t the first piece that Thissen has produced. In May 2007, he won the Exposure Film Contest hosted by the Sundance and Sci Fi Channel for his film “Paradox Road.” The film was originally a 42-minute TV pilot but Thissen said he cut it down to eight minutes for the contest.

Thissen also spent time working as a camera operator for big names like Bill Cosby, Santana, Jeff Foxworthy and ZZ Top while he was a student at Fresno State. He worked as a writer’s assistant on the first season of Battlestar Galactica and directed some behind the scenes for “Battlestar Galactica” at Universal Studios and also did some editing while he was there.

“I worked with the producer [for “Battlestar Galactica”] on another project, we were working on a documentary together and he ended up hiring me for the show,” Thissen said.

Thissen wasn’t able to give away much of the plot for “The Mystic,” but he describes the movie as a “fantasy suspense story that will take the audience on a journey through a mad man’s delusion and mystery.”

“I think it stands out from the rest of my films as the plot focuses more on the villain who’s a sociopathic mad man named Andrew, who lives in his own delusional world of insanity,” Thissen said.

He said there are a lot of comedy elements to the film too, and it resembles a Tim Burton film at times. The entire movie was filmed in Fresno with a couple scenes filmed
in Chowchilla, Calif. for the country scene. They also shot a little bit on the Fresno State campus in the Speech Arts building.

He goes on to describe a scene done with this guy who invented windmills in the ’90s. “There are all these windmill contraptions and different obstacles. So there’s this big action scene that we do there,” Thissen said. Jim Tuck, who plays “the doc” in Thissen’s new film and also played a part in Thissen’s “Paradox Road,” said that his communication style with the actors is wonderful.

“Thissen is guerrilla movie maker who doesn’t usually have a storyboard for his movies. He adapts to circumstances, setting and lighting,” Tuck said. “Everyone has an input and he considers everything.”

Tuck said that one day while they were shooting, his wife and grandson were on set and he wrote a scene into the movie to include them.

Thissen not only produces, directs, does special effects and edits his work, but he’s also composing the soundtrack for the movie and will play the music too.

“I overlay the tracks through a mixer using computer software, a MIDI keyboard and a guitar which sounds like a huge orchestra when recorded,” Thissen said.

Once the film is complete, Thissen plans to compose music for each scene depending on the mood. He will compose a theme to give the audience a feel of what the character is experiencing at the moment.

“For example, the audience will hear a dark theme or change in ambiance when the villain is stalking his prey,” Thissen said.

Charlie Bonner who plays the main character, Andrew, in “The Mystic,” said, Thissen is good with actor’s direction since he’s done acting he knows what actors feel.

“He’s a great talent,” Bonner said.

Bonner said that they always laugh on set because Thissen wants to get the right shot all the time.

Thissen originally from Chowchilla but he said that the great music program at Fresno State brought him to Fresno.

Thissen said he plays several instruments and has been involved with music since he was five because his father was a music teacher.

Thissen graduated from Fresno State in 1997 with a bachelor’s degree in mass communication and journalism. He graduated in 2002 with his Master’s degree in the same area.

“I was actually going to study music performance before I switched over. I got hooked on directing while working on the [college] show and had a lot of fun doing it,” Thissen said. “I started taking the classes and I just found my niche.”

“Sanity Has Left The Building”

Movie poster for Thissen’s upcoming suspense fantasy movie, “The Mystic.” The film is currently in the final post-production phases and Thissen is now writing the soundtrack and designing the graphics and effects.

CONTINUED from page 6

Movie poster for Thissen’s upcoming suspense fantasy movie, “The Mystic.” The film is currently in the final post-production phases and Thissen is now writing the soundtrack and designing the graphics and effects.
The Wellness Lounge is currently under construction and will re-open Feb. 8.}

Traveling starts from surfing on the couch

Traveling abroad, seeing famous monuments and experiencing the culture of a foreign country is the adventure of a lifetime for many students. Problems that people encounter when wanting to travel, however, are expenses.

The flights, the hotels, and souvenirs can all add up and become pretty expensive. Having the option of saving money on one of those expenses can offer the opportunity for a student to experience more.

Fresno State student, Tiffany Wood was uneasy at first about traveling abroad because of expenses, but she then looked into Couch surfing and found a cheap alternative.

“I am now ready for the greatest trip of my life.”

Couchsurfing.org is a non-profit organization that sets up travelers with accommodations in more than 200 countries.

This organization started in 2004 and has been a connection for more than a million prospective travelers and their couches.

Couch surfing offers travelers a cultural experience when traveling through living with someone who’s from that destination. They will offer tours of famous monuments, serve you food that is a traditional dish of the area, and give you the “inside” details about a place that could end up making your adventure more worthwhile than you would have ever imagined.

Couch surfing is not only an experience for the traveler but also for the hosts. They open their doors to strangers from all over the world who try to learn a few things about their culture and how it’s different from theirs.

Every person who registers their couch on the Web site must undergo a verification process that ensures travelers it is safe to stay there. There have been reports of very little bad that has happened in the five years the Web site has in effect, those crimes only being as extreme as theft.

There are similar Web sites that offer help in planning your trip, wherever you want to go. Hostsurf.com offers cheap flights among the European countries.

Eurotrip.com is a Web site that will help you organize and plan your trip. It will work out your finances if your traveling on a budget, suggest hot spots that will interest you based on what you enjoy, and tips about packing, how to pack and what to pack. It also gives safety tips that will make your parents more at ease knowing you’ll be safe.

“Traveling abroad was one of the greatest experiences of my life and I would recommend it to anyone. Do what you can to get as close and personal with the culture by meeting people who will share real stories with you.”

Nichole Nonini of Fresno State said it’s important for students to be aware on how their sexual lifestyle will affect them.

Since our college population, our average age range, is the highest risk of contracting sexually transmitted infections, and also in family planning and having children, it’s really a vital time to reach these students.

“I agree peer to peer is really an effective way in reaching those students,” Day said.

Wellness program goes to USU

By Sara Almario
The Collegian

In order to promote all of the different resources that are available for students at the Student Health Center, the Student Health Center is coming to them.

The Student Health Center will reopen the Wellness Lounge on the first floor of the University Student Union (USU) building on Feb 8 to give students information on all the health services that are available for them.

A $10,000 grant from AETNA, a health oriented company, back in 2007 made it possible for the health center to start the Wellness Program, an educational program that provides students with information to start and maintain healthy behaviors.

A second grant by AETNA of $33,000 in 2009, made it possible to take the Wellness Program to the USU building. It was decided by the students working in different committees at the health center that their spot would be called “The Wellness Lounge.”

Kathleen Yarmo, health promotions and wellness service coordinator, said that the idea for the Wellness Lounge was to bring the amenities offered in the Health Center to the “heart” of the campus.

“The Wellness Lounge started when we saw an empty spot at the USU building as we submitted a proposal to the USU board of directors on promoting health education, and the directors liked the concept so much last semester, that they’re letting us do it again this semester with no cost,” Yarmo said.

Wellness Ambassador Celeste Roll said that although generally the members of the committee consists of health science students, there are also other peer educators from different majors such as: psychology, biology, business and arts.

“There’s a lot of different majors all working together, that offer different perspectives. We’re all coming together working for the common good of the students,” Roll said.

Georgianna Negron, wellness student coordinator, said that the concept of the Wellness Lounge is to incorporate fun activities with educating students on how to manage the different issues that affect their health.

“A big part of it deals with educating students in letting them know what services are offered for them, since they did pay for these services,” Negron said. “It’s sad how often students miss out on these programs, so I joined to help educate and empower students with this information so they can get the full experience of being in college.”

The lounge will also offer different health services daily.

The program will include such themes as the “Happy Hour” where the Alcohol Safety Council will inform students about alcohol by performing karaoke and distributing “mocktails.”

One of the programs that will be emphasized is the Family PACT session on “Hump Day Wednesday” where peer health educators discuss with students through games the importance of their sexual health.

Peer health education student coordinator Hannah Day said it’s important for students to be aware on how their sexual lifestyle will affect them.

“Since our college population, our average age range, is the highest risk of contracting sexually transmitted infections, and also in family planning and having children, it’s really a vital time to reach those students. Peer to peer is really an effective way in reaching those students,” Day said.
STUDENTS:
Thirteen students and faculty members held a demonstration to stress transparency and accountability

CONTINUED from page 1

“We recommend that all campus constituents focus on communicating with our elected officials about the need to reinvest in higher education,” Wolf said. “The most productive efforts would be to urge the legislators to pass the governor’s budget to fund higher education. That would help to mitigate many of the problems students, faculty and staff are facing.”

He said that state officials have to develop a long-term funding formula to remedy the needs of public universities.

Women’s studies professor Elizabeth Swearingen also took part in the demonstration, and said that it was about questioning the state of higher education.

“What should be a public asset?” Swearingen asked.

“What is for the greatest public good? What does it mean to invest in human capital? And how is education a basic human right?”

Swearingen said, and written unattributed.

And how is education a basic human right?

The document read during the event was a declarative document of principles Swearingen said, and written to be so. She was confident that the accusations in the document were legitimate, though unattributed.

Swearingen described the group of students as being organic and committed.

“The students have done a level of research, writing and thinking that I would like to get my students to do in my critical thinking classes,” Swearingen said.

By Jacqueline Charles and David Ovalle
By McClatchy Tribune

With international aid still slow to reach many survivors, Haitian government officials began distributing food directly to people in the capital on Tuesday. Prime Minister Jean-Max Bellerive told The Miami Herald that before leaving for Canada on Sunday, he ordered the purchase of dry foods such as rice, pasta and beans to help feed the estimated 2 million people in need of nourishment after a 7.0-magnitude earthquake struck Haiti on Jan. 12.

“We could not wait anymore,” Bellerive said. “The international community is not acting up to the standards,” he said, noting that aid has been slow to go out because the 20-plus international organizations distributing food need security escorts.

Government food distributions started in Cite Soleil, with security provided by the Haitian national police. Those delivering the food wore shirts bearing a Haitian insignia and the words “gouvernent’m ave’m” (Your government is with you).

More distributions are planned Wednesday in the Carrefour neighborhood, and farther west of the capital, in hard-hit Leogane, Bellerive said.

The World Food Program reported this week that it has delivered meals to about 400,000 people — far below the organization’s estimate of 2 million people in need.

WFP officials have cited security concerns, particularly the tumultuous crowds at distribution sites, for the slow pace of food distribution.

Bellerive said he went to Montreal for an international conference on rebuilding Haiti with some specific expectations, including reminding other governments that Haiti’s emergency needs will not end for months, maybe years.

Among the most pressing problems is the nearly 1 million people made homeless by the earthquake.

At Mais Gate, a shantytown for the homeless near the Port-au-Prince airport, one family used a Haitian flag to pitch its tent.

Another fashioned its tent from a 5-foot-by-5-foot cloth adorned with an image of Jesus.

Haitian and relief officials are asking the world to send tents, tents and more tents before a mini-rain season starts next month.

Even President Rene Preval is having a tent pitched on the lawn of the collapsed National Palace — to serve as an office.

He issued an urgent international appeal Monday for 200,000 tents, each of which could hold a family of eight.

Though rescue efforts are winding down two weeks after the quake, U.S. troops reported rescuing a 31-year-old Haitian man from a collapsed building Tuesday afternoon.

The man, found two blocks farther west of the capital, said he had been buried under rubble for 12 days, and suffered a broken leg and severe dehydration. He was taken to a U.S. medical team for treatment.

Through Tuesday, 135 people had been rescued from collapsed buildings. Meanwhile, United Nations officials in Port-au-Prince said Tuesday they were close to deciding on sites outside the capital to house since-recaptured prisoners who escaped in the earthquake.

About 5,100 prisoners escaped, 36 of whom were caught in Les Cayes and Jacmel, to the south and far west of the capital, said Vincenzo Pugliese, spokesman for U.N. peacekeepers.

In Washington, State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley reported Monday that 363 Haitian orphans had been evacuated to the United States and more were “in the pipeline, perhaps a couple hundred more.”

Haitian government officials must issue a permit for each orphan to leave their homeland.

About 460 Haitian citizens were also granted humanitarian parole “for medical and other reasons” to come to the United States.

The United States confirmed that 59 Americans died in the quake: an embassy official, three U.S. government workers’ family members and 55 private citizens.

A hopes of finding survivors fade, the State, Defense and Health and Human Services departments have begun working on a plan to bring back the remains of American citizens in the absence of functioning mortuaries or commercial flights. State Department spokeswoman Virginia Staab said.

By McClatchy Tribune

Tuesday.

By McClatchy Tribune

Prime Minister Jean-Max Bellerive told The Miami Herald that before leaving for Canada on Sunday, he ordered the purchase of dry foods such as rice, pasta and beans to help feed the estimated 2 million people in need of nourishment after a 7.0-magnitude earthquake struck Haiti on Jan. 12.

“We could not wait anymore,” Bellerive said. “The international community is not acting up to the standards,” he said, noting that aid has been slow to go out because the 20-plus international organizations distributing food need security escorts.

Government food distributions started in Cite Soleil, with security provided by the Haitian national police. Those delivering the food wore shirts bearing a Haitian insignia and the words “gouvernent’m ave’m” (Your government is with you).

More distributions are planned Wednesday in the Carrefour neighborhood, and farther west of the capital, in hard-hit Leogane, Bellerive said.

The World Food Program reported this week that it has delivered meals to about 400,000 people — far below the organization’s estimate of 2 million people in need.

WFP officials have cited security concerns, particularly the tumultuous crowds at distribution sites, for the slow pace of food distribution.

Bellerive said he went to Montreal for an international conference on rebuilding Haiti with some specific expectations, including reminding other governments that Haiti’s emergency needs will not end for months, maybe years.

Among the most pressing problems is the nearly 1 million people made homeless by the earthquake.

At Mais Gate, a shantytown for the homeless near the Port-au-Prince airport, one family used a Haitian flag to pitch its tent.

Another fashioned its tent from a 5-foot-by-5-foot cloth adorned with an image of Jesus.

Haitian and relief officials are asking the world to send tents, tents and more tents before a mini-rain season starts next month.

Even President Rene Preval is having a tent pitched on the lawn of the collapsed National Palace — to serve as an office.

He issued an urgent international appeal Monday for 200,000 tents, each of which could hold a family of eight.

Though rescue efforts are winding down two weeks after the quake, U.S. troops reported rescuing a 31-year-old Haitian man from a collapsed building Tuesday afternoon.

The man, found two blocks farther west of the capital, said he had been buried under rubble for 12 days, and suffered a broken leg and severe dehydration. He was taken to a U.S. medical team for treatment.

Through Tuesday, 135 people had been rescued from collapsed buildings. Meanwhile, United Nations officials in Port-au-Prince said Tuesday they were close to deciding on sites outside the capital to house since-recaptured prisoners who escaped in the earthquake.

About 5,100 prisoners escaped, 36 of whom were caught in Les Cayes and Jacmel, to the south and far west of the capital, said Vincenzo Pugliese, spokesman for U.N. peacekeepers.

In Washington, State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley reported Monday that 363 Haitian orphans had been evacuated to the United States and more were “in the pipeline, perhaps a couple hundred more.”

Haitian government officials must issue a permit for each orphan to leave their homeland.

About 460 Haitian citizens were also granted humanitarian parole “for medical and other reasons” to come to the United States.

The United States confirmed that 59 Americans died in the quake: an embassy official, three U.S. government workers’ family members and 55 private citizens.

A hopes of finding survivors fade, the State, Defense and Health and Human Services departments have begun working on a plan to bring back the remains of American citizens in the absence of functioning mortuaries or commercial flights. State Department spokeswoman Virginia Staab said.

By McClatchy Tribune

Tuesday.
Student-athletes receive All-WAC honors

43 Bulldogs receive honors off the field

By Ben Ingresoll

The Collegian

The term student-athlete is frequently overlooked and misunderstood in collegiate athletics. Student-athletes are merely just athletes in the public rather than scholarly students. However, 43 Bulldogs who participated in fall 2009 sports did their part to put an end to this trend.

Not only is Fresno State making noise academically in the WAC, but also nationally recognized as well. Bulldog football is highly ranked nationally but also academically in the WAC, part to put an end to this trend.

Of the 312 student-athletes honored in producing high Academic Progress Rate (APR) scores. The 312 student-athletes honored as Academic All-WAC in fall sports, which include men’s and women’s cross country, football, soccer and volleyball. Fresno State proved itself as an successful school not only on the field but in the classroom as well.

What is even more impressive are the guidelines the student-athletes have to follow to be considered an Academic All-WAC selection. A student-athlete must balance practice and game time while maintaining a 3.0 cumulative grade point average and have participated in a minimum of 50 percent of their particular sport’s contests.

Across the board, men’s and women’s cross country took home five Academic All-WAC honors each, soccer compiled 18 recipients and volleyball collected five of its own. Fresno State football once again took academic success to a whole new level.

The Bulldogs football team broke its previous record of 16 selections set in 2007 by having an all-time-best 18 student-athletes awarded. Leading the way for sensational academic and athletic success are junior linemen Andrew Jackson and senior defensive back Moses Harris.

Harris, a four-time Academic All-WAC selection, won Fresno State’s second National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete Award. He was also California’s only finalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy, which is given to the nation’s ‘Academic Heisman’.

Jackson was selected as the only first-team Academic All-American in Fresno State football history to date. His first-team selection marks the first time a Bulldog student-athlete in any sport has been given first-team honors since 2002. He is accompanied by senior punter Robert Malone who was selected as second-team Academic All-American.

Leading the way for sensational academic and athletic success are junior linemen Andrew Jackson and senior defensive back Moses Harris.

To go along with its record number of Academic All-WAC and Academic All American selections, Fresno State football also tallied a record number of Academic All-District players. Kevin Goessling, Ben Jacobs, Vince Pascoe, Jackson and Malone were honored, the most selections for any school in the nation in that category.

In the history of the conference, only two schools have more than 100 Academic All-WAC selections in one decade (2000-2009), Fresno State and rival Boise State. Since Hill’s arrival, the football team has averaged nearly 11 players per season on the Academic All-WAC list and 141 total.

To go along with its record number of Academic All-WAC and Academic All American selections, Fresno State football also tallied a record number of Academic All-District players. Kevin Goessling, Ben Jacobs, Vince Pascoe, Jackson and Malone were honored, the most selections for any school in the nation in that category.

The Bulldogs football team broke its previous record of 16 selections set in 2007 by having an all-time-best 18 student-athletes awarded. Leading the way for sensational academic and athletic success are junior linemen Andrew Jackson and senior defensive back Moses Harris.

Harris, a four-time Academic All-WAC selection, won Fresno State’s second National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete Award. He was also California’s only finalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy, which is given to the nation’s ‘Academic Heisman’.

Jackson was selected as the only first-team Academic All-American in Fresno State football history to date. His first-team selection marks the first time a Bulldog student-athlete in any sport has been given first-team honors since 2002. He is accompanied by senior punter Robert Malone who was selected as second-team Academic All-American.

Leading the way for sensational academic and athletic success are junior linemen Andrew Jackson and senior defensive back Moses Harris.

To go along with its record number of Academic All-WAC and Academic All American selections, Fresno State football also tallied a record number of Academic All-District players. Kevin Goessling, Ben Jacobs, Vince Pascoe, Jackson and Malone were honored, the most selections for any school in the nation in that category.

In the history of the conference, only two schools have more than 100 Academic All-WAC selections in one decade (2000-2009), Fresno State and rival Boise State. Since Hill’s arrival, the football team has averaged nearly 11 players per season on the Academic All-WAC list and 141 total.

To go along with its record number of Academic All-WAC and Academic All American selections, Fresno State football also tallied a record number of Academic All-District players. Kevin Goessling, Ben Jacobs, Vince Pascoe, Jackson and Malone were honored, the most selections for any school in the nation in that category.

The Bulldogs football team broke its previous record of 16 selections set in 2007 by having an all-time-best 18 student-athletes awarded. Leading the way for sensational academic and athletic success are junior linemen Andrew Jackson and senior defensive back Moses Harris.

Harris, a four-time Academic All-WAC selection, won Fresno State’s second National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete Award. He was also California’s only finalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy, which is given to the nation’s ‘Academic Heisman’.

Jackson was selected as the only first-team Academic All-American in Fresno State football history to date. His first-team selection marks the first time a Bulldog student-athlete in any sport has been given first-team honors since 2002. He is accompanied by senior punter Robert Malone who was selected as second-team Academic All-American.

Leading the way for sensational academic and athletic success are junior linemen Andrew Jackson and senior defensive back Moses Harris.

To go along with its record number of Academic All-WAC and Academic All American selections, Fresno State football also tallied a record number of Academic All-District players. Kevin Goessling, Ben Jacobs, Vince Pascoe, Jackson and Malone were honored, the most selections for any school in the nation in that category.

In the history of the conference, only two schools have more than 100 Academic All-WAC selections in one decade (2000-2009), Fresno State and rival Boise State. Since Hill’s arrival, the football team has averaged nearly 11 players per season on the Academic All-WAC list and 141 total.

To go along with its record number of Academic All-WAC and Academic All American selections, Fresno State football also tallied a record number of Academic All-District players. Kevin Goessling, Ben Jacobs, Vince Pascoe, Jackson and Malone were honored, the most selections for any school in the nation in that category.

The Bulldogs football team broke its previous record of 16 selections set in 2007 by having an all-time-best 18 student-athletes awarded. Leading the way for sensational academic and athletic success are junior linemen Andrew Jackson and senior defensive back Moses Harris.

Harris, a four-time Academic All-WAC selection, won Fresno State’s second National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete Award. He was also California’s only finalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy, which is given to the nation’s ‘Academic Heisman’.

Jackson was selected as the only first-team Academic All-American in Fresno State football history to date. His first-team selection marks the first time a Bulldog student-athlete in any sport has been given first-team honors since 2002. He is accompanied by senior punter Robert Malone who was selected as second-team Academic All-American.

Leading the way for sensational academic and athletic success are junior linemen Andrew Jackson and senior defensive back Moses Harris.

To go along with its record number of Academic All-WAC and Academic All American selections, Fresno State football also tallied a record number of Academic All-District players. Kevin Goessling, Ben Jacobs, Vince Pascoe, Jackson and Malone were honored, the most selections for any school in the nation in that category.

In the history of the conference, only two schools have more than 100 Academic All-WAC selections in one decade (2000-2009), Fresno State and rival Boise State. Since Hill’s arrival, the football team has averaged nearly 11 players per season on the Academic All-WAC list and 141 total.

To go along with its record number of Academic All-WAC and Academic All American selections, Fresno State football also tallied a record number of Academic All-District players. Kevin Goessling, Ben Jacobs, Vince Pascoe, Jackson and Malone were honored, the most selections for any school in the nation in that category.

The Bulldogs football team broke its previous record of 16 selections set in 2007 by having an all-time-best 18 student-athletes awarded. Leading the way for sensational academic and athletic success are junior linemen Andrew Jackson and senior defensive back Moses Harris.

Harris, a four-time Academic All-WAC selection, won Fresno State’s second National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete Award. He was also California’s only finalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy, which is given to the nation’s ‘Academic Heisman’.

Jackson was selected as the only first-team Academic All-American in Fresno State football history to date. His first-team selection marks the first time a Bulldog student-athlete in any sport has been given first-team honors since 2002. He is accompanied by senior punter Robert Malone who was selected as second-team Academic All-American.

Leading the way for sensational academic and athletic success are junior linemen Andrew Jackson and senior defensive back Moses Harris.

To go along with its record number of Academic All-WAC and Academic All American selections, Fresno State football also tallied a record number of Academic All-District players. Kevin Goessling, Ben Jacobs, Vince Pascoe, Jackson and Malone were honored, the most selections for any school in the nation in that category.

In the history of the conference, only two schools have more than 100 Academic All-WAC selections in one decade (2000-2009), Fresno State and rival Boise State. Since Hill’s arrival, the football team has averaged nearly 11 players per season on the Academic All-WAC list and 141 total.

To go along with its record number of Academic All-WAC and Academic All American selections, Fresno State football also tallied a record number of Academic All-District players. Kevin Goessling, Ben Jacobs, Vince Pascoe, Jackson and Malone were honored, the most selections for any school in the nation in that category.
Bulldog Game Day

Fresno State Bulldogs (15-5, 6-0 WAC) vs. Boise State Broncos (13-6, 2-3 WAC)

By Brianna Campbell
The Collegian

Fresno State will host the Broncos women’s basketball team with a history of being victorious. With the ‘Dogs record of 6-0 they are going in strong and confident.

Since the existence of the women’s basketball Western Athletic Conference at Fresno State there have been only two other times that teams have held a 6-0 record in conference play. The 7-0 record in all conference play has never been held by the Fresno State women’s team.

Jaleesa Ross received Player of the Week on Jan. 25 for her performances against Nevada and Louisiana Tech averaging 25.5 points, six rebounds, three assists and 2.5 steals. This is the second accolade that Ross has received this season, the last one coming after wins over UC Irvine and Loyola Marymount. This is the fifth time in her career as Bulldog.

The Broncos are continuing their away game series in Fresno, coming off of two wins against Cal Poly and Idaho. Averaging offensively 72.7 points per game, the Broncos are the second-ranked WAC scoring team. They are led by senior guard Tasha Harris. Harris leads the team with 16.6 points per game and 6.1 rebounds a night.

Harris is accompanied by senior teammate Jessica Van Hoogen who averages 15.6 points per game. The Broncos will make their way back home to face Utah State on Jan. 30.

Player to watch: Hayley Munro, Forward/Guard

Munro has started in 12 of the 19 games played this season, averaging a total of 10.4 points and 4.2 rebounds per game. Her experience in previous WAC tournaments gives the team leadership in getting younger players prepared.

Breakdown: Bulldogs

Breakdown: Boise State

The Broncos have a shooting percentage of 39.7 from the field. Junior forward Jani Bos leads the team with 6.5 rebounds per game.

This is the first meeting this season for the Bulldogs and Broncos, the past record of 13-9 overall and 2-3 in conference. The last four meetings have been won by the ‘Dogs, last one being last season 62-52 in Fresno.

The Broncos will make their way back home to face Utah State on Jan. 30.

**Classifieds**

Are you waiting for each print edition to read the newest classifieds? Check them out 24/7 online at: http://collegian.csufresno.edu Click on classifieds.

The Collegian is not responsible for nor does it assume any liability for its advertisers. We caution our readers to check out the legitimacy of all advertisers before doing business with any of them.

**HELP WANTED**

STUDENTWORKS.COM
Paid Survey Takers Needed In Fresno. 100% Free To Join! Click On Surveys.

Looking for motivated individu-als? 20-year-old European Wellness Company is looking to expand in the Central Valley and is looking for energetic individuals to market skin care and wellness products. Must have good people skills and be hardworking. Management opportunities available. Call 559-287-2108, serious inquiries only.

**Services**

Banana Republic at Fig Garden introduces everyday savings exclusively for students and teachers. 15% of your purchase. See stores for details.

**Effective 1 February!**

Extended Library Hours!

Monday–Thursday 7:45 a.m.–11 p.m.
Friday 7:45 a.m.–5 p.m.
Saturday 1 p.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday 2 p.m.–10 p.m.

All Spring 2010 hours and exceptions are listed at www.csufresno.edu/library and 278-2596.
Starting center for the Fresno State men’s basketball team is just a small accomplishment that Greg Smith has received in his first year as a Bulldog. Smith has started in all 20 games this season setting records on a regular basis. Smith has scored 230 points this season, averaging 11.5 points a night and a total of 31 assists. Smith leads the team with 32 blocked and 20 offensive rebounds, averaging 6.5 total rebounds per game.

In Smith’s last game against the Nevada Wolf Pack he scored a high of 25 points, grabbed 11 rebounds and five assists. This gave him his fourth double-double for the season.

“I don’t think about being the main guy,” Smith said, “I think of my team. I played my heart out for everybody.”

With three years left in his collegiate career, Smith looks to be headed for a record-breaking career as a Bulldog.

Q: Have you always wanted to play basketball?
A: Forever. Since I was three-years old I wanted to play basketball. Since I was little I loved the game, I use to go to the park and play with my aunts and uncles

Q: How does it feel to play in your hometown of Fresno?
A: It is great to be here. The crowd knows me. I love to play for them. I see everyone cheering for me, and I’m glad to be home. The fan support is wonderful.

Q: How did it feel to receive your fourth double-double and the game high against Nevada:
A: It feels great. I’m loving it! I’m glad my team gave me the ball to get me the accomplishment. I thank them for everything.

Q: What is your goal this year as a Bulldog?
A: My whole goal this year is to win the Western Athletic Conference championship with my team. Play my heart out, to win it. My whole goal through college is to be here for all four years and be here for championships, and then graduate.

That’s why I chose to stay home

Q: What is your goal this year as a Fresno State student?
A: I want to decide my major, stick to it, and graduate so I have a plan for my older years. I want something to fall back on, I don’t want just to stick to basketball.

Q: As a child who were your favorite professional players?
A: I grew up watching Michael Jordan, Shaq [O’Neal], [Hakeem] Olajuwon, they were all great players but my favorite was Charles Barkley, the undersized big man. I watched Jordan a lot he was magnificent.