Stimulus money to save courses

By Thaddeus Miller       The Collegian

A one-time fund will salvage some classes for the fall 2010 semester.

The $2.9 million in one-time federal stimulus money came as a pot of $90.9 million that the California State University (CSU) system divided among the 23 campuses.

President John Welty made the announcement during Friday’s 2010 budget summit.

“This is good news and we are grateful to be able to help our students as we did earlier this school year,” Welty said during the summit.

The projected campus deficit of $8.5 million, Welty said, could mean as many as 64 full-time faculty members, mostly lecturers, would lose their jobs. The federal stimulus money helps to retain some of those jobs and, in turn, courses.

The university already plans to reduce enrollment for the fall back to the size it was in 2009.

In a video message before the summit, Welty said a tentative budget would likely be available in March. The budget would be contingent on state legislature action.

More than 100 faculty, staff, students and administrators took part in the second half of the budget summit. Split into 13 groups, the participants took part in a giant brainstorming session to reduce university costs and generate revenue.

The groups offered ideas ranging from consolidating redundant programs – one group cited the writing center and learning center – to adding an academic surcharge to every event ticket sold on campus.

Vice president for student affairs Paul Oliaro, who took part in the summit, said that last year’s summit spawned useful ideas. For instance, Continuing and Global Education’s winter intercession.

“We offered an intersession in January and it was quite successful,” Oliaro said. “And I believe that students appreciated the opportunity to take a course over the three-week period prior to the start of the spring semester.”

Oliaro said a similar intercession will be offered in May.

Two common ideas from the participants were for the university to offer more courses online and to discourage students from taking courses outside the university.

Oliaro said discouraging students from dabbling too much would help streamline graduation and reduce the number of “super seniors,” students who have exceeded 120 units but not met graduation requirements.

“That would make more courses available for other students who are trying to meet their graduation requirements,” Oliaro said.

Oliaro said that most majors already allow students to take a diversity of courses by way of electives.

Another participant, Provost William Covino, the vice president for academic affairs, said the university offered 186 online courses in fall 2009 and is exploring more.

“A number of faculty and programs are actively developing new online offerings,” Covino said.

By Mike Boylan

The Collegian

A year and a half after the inception of the iClicker on campus, it has proven to be a durable and interactive learning tool.

The iClicker, a hand-held device that is typically used in large classes, allows students to answer questions electronically. Answers can then be instantly posted on a projector screen in some classes, this has replaced roll call and paper-based quizzes and tests.

Philosophy department chair Andrew Fiala is using the iClicker for the first time this semester and says the device is pretty fun.

“I like having an interactive class, and the iClicker allows me to ask interesting questions and get immediate answers to them from all 150 of my students,” Fiala said.

The results of iClicker survey questions are posted up on the screen as a bar graph, showing how many students chose certain answers.

“Upon getting this feedback, I can gauge where the students heads are at and also ask them why they answered the question the way they did to generate discussion,” Fiala said. “It also tells me how much they’re learning.”

Fiala added that the iClicker makes the logistical part of his job more efficient as well.

“Grading 150 handwritten quizzes can be time-consuming, so the electronic data I get makes it much easier for me,” Fiala said.

According to the Institutional Research Assessment and Planning’s (IRAP) 2008-09 progress report of the strategic plan, the iClicker contributed to the rise in students reading their textbooks in Chemistry 1A. In class quizzes using the device helped bring the percentage to 85 percent, 35 points higher than previous semesters.

History professor Brad Jones, who has used the iClicker for two years now, teaches a class of more than 200 students this semester and says the iClicker facilitates an interactive environment that would be impossible otherwise in a class this large.

“The iClicker has completely changed the dynamics of what was previously a lecture oriented class,” Jones said. “I can now implement quizzes and use their responses to clicker questions to improve the content of my lectures.”

The iClicker is most commonly used in large class-rooms. However, the device is limited to one of five multiple-choice answers. So, they may not lend themselves to smaller classes.

Fiala said. “Also, in a philosophy class that tends to demand less concrete answers as opposed to a math or history class, smaller classes are ideal.”

Other than the iClicker’s added cost to students, which cost about $2, the iClicker has proven to be an easy to use classroom tool.

Ron Durham, director of the Kennel Bookstore, said that the iClicker never malfunctioned when she used it in her math class last spring.

“It was easy to register and online to use,” Rael said, “I would have no problem taking another class that required the iClicker. And it is cool that I wouldn’t have to buy another one.”

Susan Bartel, who works at the bookstore, offers advice for students planning on using it for multiple semesters:

“Students should put some tape over the serial number because their fingers tend to wear them off and you need that number to re register the device.”
Time to get rid of Hill?

Prior to Fresno State’s bowl game loss to Wyoming, the athletic department did something they had to do: extend Pat Hill’s contract. Pat Hill’s contract was up after 2009, and in order for colleges to enter the final year of a contract without an extension. This is because if the university chooses to show a long-term financial commitment to their head coach, it becomes difficult to convince recruits that they should make a four year commitment to the school and creates a mood of uncertainty around the program. If Hill’s contract was up, it would have been likely that the Hill program around would have been dismantled as the program finished a disappointing 7-6 overall. If the university is unwilling to show the university’s success does for the university, feel they cannot afford to risk failing miserably, which Pat Hill, with the exception of the 2006 four win season, has never done. Letting Pat Hill go would have been bold, but the alternative was to do just what they did, which was to give a $1.15 million dollar contract to a new coach and coach an extra $2 million guaranteed to get them seven or eight wins and an insignificant bowl game. Now Pat Hill is in the driver’s seat. With one season left he will roll right out of campus and into another football program. With one terrible season then yet again, his detractors will be calling for his head. Why deal with this?

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With All Due Respect

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The sad reality is that both Hill and Fresno State feel the other is the best they can do right now. Pat Hill wins just enough to keep him from losing his job, while not winning enough to land him a more high-profile gig.

But the athletic department, knowing full well what the football program’s success does for the university, feel they cannot afford to risk failing miserably, which Pat Hill, with the exception of the 2006 four win season, has never done. Letting Pat Hill go would have been bold, but the alternative was to do just what they did, which was to give a $1.15 million dollar contract to a new coach and coach an extra $2 million guaranteed to get them seven or eight wins and an insignificant bowl game. Now Pat Hill is in the driver’s seat. With one season left he will roll right out of campus and into another football program. With one terrible season then yet again, his detractors will be calling for his head. Why deal with this?

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The daily crossword

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ACROSS
1 Grandmotherly nickname
5 Hershey’s caramel candy
9 John who married Pocahontas
14 The yoke’s on them
15 In the sack
16 Sci-fi staple
17 Small salamander
18 Therapist’s response
19 Domesticated
20 Pool legend portrayed by Jackie Gleason in “The Hustler”
23 1860s White House nickname
25 Midsection muscles, briefly
26 Pecan or cashew
27 Mingle at the party
28 NBA center who was a three-time MVP
34 Big name in elevators
36 Spider’s creation
37 Shoe without laces, e.g.
38 Emulate Rembrandt
39 Holliday of the Old West
41 Lady’s man
42 It’s in the eye of the beholder
45 Caveman Alley
47 Top draft status
48 Wild West show markswoman
51 __ Lanka
52 Food from a shell

DOWN
1 Oui’s opposite
2 Gave the __: fired
3 Arizonan’s neighbor
4 Naysayer
5 Word with trout or sherbet
6 Fixated
7 Majors and Trevino
8 Old music halls
9 Sound from a woodpecker
10 Name of several Norwegian kings
11 Peru’s capital
12 Toddlers
13 Conclusions
21 War site during LBJ’s presidency
22 Articid brand
23 One-celled organism
24 Attacked by Dracula, say
25 Novel on the Net
30 Kid’s interlocking block
31 Ali Baba’s magical command
32 California NFL team, briefly
33 Involve
35 Feng __: Chinese aesthetic system
40 Picnic side
43 Line on a golf course schedule
44 Hindu mystic
46 Tin alloys
49 Former V.P. Spiro and family
50 Affirmative vote
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55 Meteors, and what 20-, 28- and 48-Across all are
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62 Supermodel
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64 Fire station signal
67 Age, as tires
68 “___, be a pal!”
69 Actress Zellweger

Puzzle by Jerome Gunderson

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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Word of the Day

LCD trip

When you watch too much football on your LCD big screen. Can apply to other sports or programming in which you sit, staring at the TV for hours. Known to have negative effects on your health.

Source: UrbanDictionary.com
When students, faculty and staff tune in to talk radio or talk shows, the usual national options come to mind: Delilah Rene, The Howard Stern Show and The Savage Nation. However, politician Mike Briggs, has given us another option.

Central Valley Talk is Fresno’s latest addition that adds something unique: local voices set on Fresno news and events. Briggs, who runs Central Valley Talk from a small room behind his office, launched the site out of frustration.

“I like talk radio, but I couldn’t get a signal,” Briggs said speaking of the radio reception he was getting from his second story office. “I then wondered why we couldn’t get talk radio over the Internet.”

Briggs then proposed the idea of creating just that: an all Internet radio channel. The Central Valley Talk Web site officially launched in August 2008.

“Briggs recently gave former KMPH news anchor John Malos his own show. Malos, who has 12 years of on-air experience, hosts “Straight Talk with John Malos” every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon.

Three months prior to broadcasting, Briggs received a call from Gary Cocola, owner of Cocola Broadcasting, who offered to put the stream on television for free. “He was very kind to help us out,” Briggs said. Central Valley Talk was then shown simultaneously on channel 33.1 to Central Valley residents who owned a digital box.

Chuck Leonard, host of “Central Valley Buzz,” realizes the potential of digital television. “For a small town, there are some people that are extremely talented. You meet characters, you build characters.”

— Brother Bruce, Central Valley Buzz

Comment: The Collegian is a forum for student expression. http://collegian.csufresno.edu
How clean are those pre-washed greens?

By Kelly Brewington
The Baltimore Sun

A new study by Consumer Reports finds traces of bacteria in bagged salad and even those labeled “pre-washed.”

The lab tests of 208 containers of 16 brands of greens found several types of bacteria, including coliforms and Enterococcus, a type of organism found in the human digestive tract and the environment, which could be a signal of inadequate sanitation, the report states.

These bacteria don’t generally make healthy people sick (nor did the tests find E. coli or salmonella, pathogens that can be deadly). Still, the report calls them “indicator” bacteria, a sign that “not enough is being done to assure the safety or cleanliness of leafy greens,” said Michael Hansen, a senior scientist at Consumer Union, the nonprofit that publishes Consumer Reports, in a statement.

Consumer Union also issued a report urging the FDA to set safety standards for greens.

Your best bet to avoid any problems, rinse those greens, even the ones whose packages claim they have already been washed.

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Club reels in spot in finals

By Sarah Kain
The Collegian

The Fresno State fishing club had already earned $31,000 for itself and the university and the club will compete on April 10 to 12 in Knoxville, Tenn. for $100,000 and a chance to compete in the 2010 Forrest Wood Cup.

Business marketing major Joseph Ostarello, 23, made his fishing hobby into the Fresno State Fishing club.

“The reason the idea for a club came to me was that I was going on fishing trips with buddies and we would always fight about who has to drive,” Ostarello said.

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Business marketing major Sark Davidian, 23, and Kong Moua are competing in the inaugural National Guard FLW College Fishing National Championship for a chance to win a prize package of $100,000.

“I am really, really excited to go to nationals. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity and I am glad to be a part of it,” Davidian said.

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This semester the fishing club is focused on competitive fishing. Funding for the club comes from the tournaments they enter.

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Whales changing tune

By Jill Leovy
McClatchy Tribune

It’s the same old tune, but the pitch of the blues is mysterious and the words are strange. Whales singing off the coast of California, where local researchers say, the whales’ voices have dropped by more than half an octave since the 1960s.

No one knows why. But one conjecture is that more barrel-tongued whales indicate healthier populations. “The blues may be less shrill because they’re less scarce and don’t have to pipe up to be heard by neighbors,” said John Hildebrand, an oceanographer at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and “you feel it in your stomach.”

The discovery was accidental. While acoustic research- er Mark McDonald was trying to track blue whales’ move- ments using data from Navy submarine detectors. He had created a program to filter out the rumbles of the mighty sea monster from a din of ocean noise captured by these instruments.

But he kept having to rewrite the code. Each year, it seemed, the whales sang at a lower pitch.

At first, the researchers thought it was a quirk. But after a couple of years of adjusting for lower frequen- cies, “we knew there was something going on,” said John Hildebrand.

Blue whales are shrouded in mystery as it is. Sleek, milky and silvery, they are rare and don’t reveal much. They don’t even leap on the surface as much as humpback whales do. They might, if really flustered, slap their tails on the water.

More often, they quietly sink, McDonald said. Their song is barely audible to the human ear—a deep bass growl with very long wavelengths befitting very long wavelengths.

The tone is so deep that if played in a small room, it’s hard to hear. The long period sound waves extend beyond the walls. But play a recording very loudly, in a large audi- tory, and “you feel it in your chest as much as you hear it,” McDonald said. “It’s awe- some.”

The researchers pondered possible causes. Warmer tem- peratures? More acidic seas? Such factors affect the way sound moves through water. But not enough to explain the change, Hildebrand said.

The rumbles of shipping traf- fic is thought to affect marine mammals. But the researchers argue that if whales were just trying to be heard above the fray, they would adopt higher, not lower, voices.

“It’s also possible that the low voice is just a fad. Biologists talk about whale “culture,” the way blue whales tend to be con- formists. But researchers have said they doubt that a random, learned behavior could spread all over the globe.

They’re not sure why the whales’ voices changed. McDonald sur- mised that whales would rather not sing in higher voices if they didn’t have to. They pre- fer deep and manly—“a lower , lower frequency,” he said. Among whales, he said, depth of voice may bespeak more desirable mates with larger bodies. It’s useful short- hand, since it’s hard to get a good look at one’s suitor if he is 80 feet long and swimming in murky water.

After the whales were hunt- ed nearly to extinction, they may have been spread so thin that they could no longer find one another easily, prompting them to raise their pitch.

Efforts to restrict whal- ing beginning in the late `60s helped populations rebound. With increased numbers, the whales may not have needed to shout and may have gradually returned to their deep tones.

“This hints that some of these genetic sales are recov- ery; it’s not all doom,” said co-author Sarah Mesnick, ecology, and “you feel it in your chest as much as you hear it,” McDonald said. “It’s awe- some.”

Winter weather

By Yosimi Santoyo
The Collegian

In the Central Valley, driving conditions can be challenging all year long, but with winter weather approaching coming to school can be much more hazardous. “It’s much more diffi- cult to see clearly when it is dark, cloudy or rainy,” said Amy Armstrong, the public information officer for the University Police Department (UPD).

Fresno State has many stu- dents who commute long dis- tances daily. Some students spend hours on the road and are concerned about the chang- es in the weather. During win- ter months, reduced visibility makes it hard for drivers to commute safely. Some drivers are forced to make changes in their daily routine by leave- ing the house earlier and driving slower.

During the winter months, fog is a primary factor in col- lisions. Some students may forget how dangerous the win- ter weather can be. According to the California Highway Patrol, in 2007 and 2008 there were a total of 127 collisions which resulted in 225 injuries and nine fatalities in Fresno County.

Safety officials suggest that students take the necessary precautions, which includes avoiding dangerous driving practices.

Armstrong said the UPD will distribute safety tips and brochures to help educate students about winter driving safety.

Some Fresno State students, however, already use several strategies to commute safely.

“I can say that I am scared when it’s foggy, I just take my time or try to leave my house earlier,” said Crystal Torres, senior liberal arts major.

Torres commutes from Firebaugh, Calif., a small town 43 miles west of Fresno, every Tuesday and Thursday.

It normally takes Torres about 45 minutes to get to school, but during harsh weather it takes her up to an hour and 15 minutes.

Harsh weather conditions can delay students by doubling the time it usually takes them to commute.

“Driving in from Mendota, [Calif.] to Fresno in the fog makes me really nervous and forces me to drive safely, which can make me late to school, especially since I have many evening classes,” said Erica Alvarez, senior pre-nursing major.

Alvarez said due to all the accidents that have hap- pened on local freeways, she gets really intimidated and on occasions even misses class.

UPD’s checklist for safe driving:

Armstrong suggested several tips for students commuting this upcoming winter season.

– Slow down and increase following distance.
– Check the battery and all the proper fluids.
– Check headlights and tail lights, for visibility.
– Make sure the tires have traction control over the vehicle.
– Replace windshield wipers so that they clean properly.
– Make sure defroster works properly.
– Make sure headlight are on for visibility to other vehicles.
– Be aware of other vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclist and other things around you so you can respond properly.
– Scan ahead so you can react appropriately during winter weather.

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‘Dogs receive continuous honors

Student-athletes take honors in WAC Players of the Week

By Megan Morales
The Collegian

With the spring sports under way, Fresno State athletics looks forward to continue its strong showing of individual performances by adding more Western Athletic Conference (WAC) Player of the Week honors.

The first 22 weeks of the 2009-10 season highlighted with 11 different Fresno State athletes named WAC Player of the Week, an honorable achievement awarded to an athlete who stood above the rest in the conference.

Fresno State has earned 18 WAC Player of the Week honors, with football standout Ryan Mathews and tennis star Anastasia Petukhova leading the way with three each.

Without a doubt, the explosive Mathews earned his third WAC Player of the Week honors with an exceptional junior season as the nation’s leading rusher. Mathews averaged just over 150 yards per game on route to 1,850 rushing yards on the season as he dominated conference play statistically.

Petukhova, a native of Moscow was a standout on the Bulldog women’s tennis team all year. Petukhova tallied five victories over ranked opponents in the tournament season. Petukhova’s consistent play also led to her being named WAC Athlete of the Month in November.

With more than half of Fresno State’s Player of the Week honors coming from football and women’s tennis, the two programs continued their yearly tradition of individual excellence.

Jalesa Ross, Stacey Luke and Kevin Goessling all earned WAC Player of the Week honors two times each for their outstanding performances in their respective sports as well.

Ross, a junior guard on the women’s basketball team, leads the team in scoring, assists, rebounds and steals. Freshman diver Stacey Luke earned her WAC Player of the Week honor early in her Bulldog career winning both the 1-meter and 3-meter diving events at the Beach Cup in Los Angeles.

Kicker Kevin Goessling was an impressive seven for eight on field goals from 40 yards or more and a perfect 55 for 55 on extra points.

Rounding out the remaining WAC Players of the Week from Fresno State are golfer Blwrick Patel; football players Ben Jacobs, Lorne Bell, and Robert Malone; women’s soccer player Chrisyy Smith, and men’s tennis player Rikus de Villiers.

These performances along with many others have given fans plenty to cheer for up to this point in the 2009-10 season, and Fresno State has enough great athletes to expect similar success for the remainder of the year.

Men’s Basketball:
Vs. Hawai’i Rainbow Wahine Warriors
Final: 63-51
Mike Ladd led the Bulldogs with 18 points, 4 rebounds, 5 assists. Close behind was center Greg Smith contributing 16 points and 6 assists.

Women’s Basketball:
Vs. Hawai’i Rainbow Wahine Warriors
Final: 78-69
Haley Munro led with a game-high of 22 points, 5 rebounds. Sylvester Sey scored 13 followed by forward Steven Shepp with 11.

Equestrian:
Vs. Stanford
Final: 10-8
Seniors Lisa Wells and Jennifer Jury led the team. Wells scored 80 to beat her competitor by 50 and Jury scored 78 over her opponent. Both competed in the equitation over fences competition. Kimmie Steinbach was selected MVP honors in equitation on the flat scoring a 67 against her competition.

Swimming & Diving:
Vs. San Jose State
Final: 122-172
Finishing strong in this season finale the ‘Dogs won seven of Fresno State 13 events. Sophomore Heidi Gjoen swam her best performance in the 200 free style posting a time of 1.54.80. Gjoen was followed by freshman Dani Yoho, who recorded a best time of 24.15 for the 50-yard freestyle event. Senior day was acknowledged by diver, Blair Hopkins who recorded her best season performance on the boards and a score of 257.57 on a 1-meter dive.

Womens’ Lacrosse:
Vs. Central Valley Men’s Lacrosse Club
Final: 12-9
The Bulldogs kicked off the season with its first victory in the first of two exhibition games. Freshman Sara Weber tore up the net with a high of six goals. She was followed by teammates Amanda Cross with three, Margaret Wolford with two and Lauren Natale who added one.

Track & Field:
Senior distance runner Roxanne Sellick took first in the women’s one-mile run with a time of 4:39.46. Her third consecutive win in Run for the Dream in the one-mile event. Nine Bulldogs finished in the top three of their events.

Men’s Club Volleyball:
Vs. Sacramento State
Final: 3-2
A young team for 2010 Hunter Knight led the bulldogs with 14 kills and three and one-half blocks, and support from Chris Hughes with 10 kills, 4 blocks and three assists. Defense was led by Evan Horn with 16 digs and two aces with help from Justin Potter with 16 assists and three digs.

In the week coming up:
Men’s Club Volleyball: at Chico State, Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at UC Davis
Men’s Golf: at San Diego State, Monday and Tuesday
Women’s Golf: at Peg Barnard Invitational at Palo Alto, Ca on Saturday and Sunday
Women’s Basketball: vs. Idaho, Wednesday at home at 5 p.m. and Saturday vs. New Mexico at home at 5 P.M.
Men’s Basketball: vs. New Mexico at home Thursday at 7 p.m. and Saturday vs. UC Santa Barbara at home at 7 p.m.
Softball: vs. Santa Clara at home at 6 and 9 p.m. and Fresno State Kick-Off Tournament Saturday-Sunday
Men’s Tennis: at Charleston, Virginia at the National Sweet 16 Tournament Friday-Sunday
Track & Field: at Husky Classic in Seattle, Washington on Friday and Saturday
Revenge falls short
‘Dogs lose to San Jose State at home

By Ben Ingersoll
The Collegian

On a soggy Saturday afternoon the Fresno State swimming and diving team concluded its regular season dual meet against San Jose State by honor- ing three athletes in the program’s sec- ond annual senior night.

Mary Tess Taylor, Rebecca Strmiska and Blair Hopkins completed their regular season careers in Bulldog uniforms, a feat that left head coach Jeanne Fleck with a bittersweet feeling following the meet.

“You know, it’s sad because they only got two years to swim for us because we just started the program.” Fleck said. “But they have really helped build the foundation on the future. I am so proud of them, with their attitudes, their scholastics and everything on top of their swimming and diving.”

Although Fresno State lost the meet 177-122, the first home defeat of the sea- son, the Bulldogs left no doubt about their season-long improvement.

Earlier this season, San Jose State hosted the fourth annual Run for the Dream Track Meet. Although Fresno State’s aspirations at revenge fell short of their swimming and diving.

“Dogs take two events at Run for the Dream

Nine Bulldogs finished in the top three of their events.

By Megan Morales
The Collegian

Fresno hosted the fourth annual Run for the Dream Indoor Track and Field Invitational at the Save Mart Center Friday and Saturday, which featured elite athletes at the high school, colle- gate, professional level.

The invitational honors the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and is showed on one of the fastest indoor tracks in the world.

The $1 million Tartan track is the only indoor track in California, mak- ing it one of the most attractive venues for schools and athletes to compete in.

The event drew high profile athletes, including Mexico pole vaulter Gio Labrador, U.S. junior Sharon Day and U.S. decathlete Bryan Clay, all for- mer Olympians.

Nine Fresno State athletes finished in the top three. Roxanne Sellick and Rosario Sanchez led the group, both placing first in their events.

Sellick, a senior distance runner, took first in the women’s one-mile run with a time of 5:39.46. This was Sellick’s third consecutive win in the one-mile event at Run for the Dream.

Redshirt sophomore Rosario Sanchez stood out for the Bulldogs as she placed first and second in each of her throw- ing events. Sanchez took home the gold in shot put, marking a 49 foot 1 inch toss. While in her weight throw event, Sanchez threw a 35-pound weight 53 feet 10.5 inches (16.42m).

As for other Bulldogs placing in the top three, senior Vanessa Sautebin took third in the women’s 55-meter hurdles finishing in 8.29. Teammate Shanelle Stephens ran her best performance yet in the women’s 55-meter dash timing in at 7.17.

Fresno State’s Stevie Brumwell, Meghan de la Torre, Jenna Rogers and Pamela Cruz finished second in the women’s distance medley at 11:24.05.

In the men’s weight-throwing events, Bulldog standout Tim Greene placed second and third in his signature events.

Greene threw 56-06.50, snatching sec- ond place in the weight throw event. Greene then marked a toss of 47-01.75 in the shot put, landing him in third.

Overall, track and field director Scott Winsor said he’s impressed with the Bulldogs’ performance at the meet and is excited to be back in season, accord- ing to gobulldogs.com.

Coming up, the Bulldogs will travel to Seattle for the Husky Classic, Feb. 12 and 13.