Alcohol arrests down on campus

By Joe Bailey
The Collegian

In the past few years Fresno State’s alcohol policy has reduced the number of liquor law violations on and around campus.

The University Police department (UPD) released the crime statistics in the 2008 annual security report. According to UPD statistics, alcohol-related infractions on campus have dropped dramatically since 2006. In 2006 there were three arrests made due to liquor law violations on campus, compared to 2 in 2008. On-campus liquor law violations that resulted in disciplinary citations dropped from 207 in 2006 to 88 in 2008.

Alcoholic beverages have not been sold at Fresno State athletic events held at university-owned or operated venues since 2006, when an executive order from the office of the chancellor banned them from all Big California State Universities.

Deborah Adishian-Astone, vice president of auxiliary operations, said the Save Mart Center is the only place on campus you can purchase alcohol while attending a Fresno State athletic event. The Save Mart Center, Adishian-Astone said, is a community facility that has contracts with beverage suppliers.

Adishian-Astone said that research shows the Save Mart Center does not have any alcohol problems, with less than five alcohol-related incidents at games.

“We have very good crowd behavior,” Adishian-Astone said.

In addition, she said that alcohol sales at games are usually shut down at the end of the third quarter and precautions are in place to ensure no underage drinking occurs.

“The campus bar, the Bucket Grill and Pub, closely monitors its alcohol sales. “When someone orders alcohol at the pub we make sure that we ID everyone who gets a glass,” Adishian-Astone said.

Vice President for Student Affairs Paul Oliaro said that club and organization event organizers must notify the administrator two weeks in advance if they plan on serving alcohol. The policy’s main purpose is to ensure that all laws are obeyed when alcohol is involved.

The organizers must go through a very specific process in order to serve alcohol at campus gatherings.

“The basic elements are to follow the rules that the [California Department of Alcohol Beverage Control] set,” Oliaro said. “We want to ensure that whenever alcohol is served it is done so properly.” Oliaro said that the university’s main concern is to prevent underage drinking.

“We make sure that all the arrangements are made to ensure that no underage drinking takes place,” Oliaro said. “There is a very specific process to make sure that anyone who drinks alcohol is of the legal drinking age.”

Fresno State’s Alcohol Safety Council (ASC) is comprised of community leaders, prevention specialists, law enforcement agents and administrators. According to the ASC Web site, the goals are to provide students with alcohol-related education, and also develop prevention and intervention techniques.

“Over the past few years the council has expanded to include more students and community members,” Oliaro said.

“This group and its subcommittees have done a great deal to promote alcohol education activities, to include workshops, educational programs and campuswide events each fall and spring to promote well-being and responsible use of alcohol.
The art of the kiss cam

The Right Tone

TONY PETERSEN

“I suddenly had a sense of doom come over me, as if I was certain to meet my imminent doom.”

thus far is that I went with that girl’s family. Whose father is the pastor of the church I attend. Yes. We also went with the associative pastor and his family. The entire church congregation, it seemed, was in attendance.

Then, the inevitable happened. On the big screen, for all the audience to see, was my friend and I.

I panicked. Someone told me my face turned red as the color of the Fresno State sweatshirt I was wearing (balderdash, I say; I might have growing out of the shot, but the camera panned turned a pinkish hue, but that’s it). I was a bit worried. I still have no idea what to do. I tried to get out of the shot, but the camera panned out to keep me in the picture. I got bored. My friend was laughing. The camera stayed on me for what seemed like hours. Finally, the basketball game mercifully resumed play, forcing the camera back on the action and ending

The text messages came rapidly. “You blew your chance!” “Come on, Tony!” “HAHAHAHAAAA” (“The lat- ter I did NOT appreciate). Then, I started thinking, there should be some sort of rules for this situation. And as far as I know, there are none. So, without further ado, here are my kiss cam rules.

Rule no. 1: When sitting next to someone where the kiss is not at least implied, always have a backup plan. Kissing the maiden’s hand is chivalrous. Even better, give the kiss on the cheek. It’s romantic and classy.

Rule no. 2: When sitting next to someone where the kiss is implied, know your strategy beforehand. Will you go in for the kill or give the soft peck? Either works, you just can’t get the two mixed up.

Rule no. 3: If you don’t want to get on the cam, be sure to have a little brother or sister there to take the hit for you. Remember: all people love cute little kids.

Hopedly these rules will help those of you who are ever in my situation as to how to handle it. Better, hopefully they help me!

To the editor:

All due respect, I have to disagree with Mr. Boylan’s piece on religion. “Respect for others religions.” With all due respect, I have to disagree with Mr. Boylan’s piece on religion. This cannot be the sole argument for respecting something, but an inability to think empathetically, and an inability to think outside of a secular box. What makes religion worthy of respect?

1,424,000 Muslims should make us stop to find religion worthy of respect. Other religions, worldviews and opinions are coming from an arrogant lack of knowledge and ignorance will continue to reign. We are losing out on knowledge and diversity understanding. If we eliminate these courses on campus, we are depriving future generations of knowledge and understanding of their own cultures and histories. What’s going on here? What’s going on with our own experience.

We need people to start thinking for themselves. How can we know anything if you don’t find out for yourself? How will you know the “Transformers” movie sucks unless you have actually seen the movie? You can’t know until you see it yourself. The same goes for any situ- ation I can think of. You can’t know that something is good, bad, or OK until you experience it yourself. Maybe you have a friend that you really trust. You share the same taste in just about every subject. Fine. Listen to them. Base your opinion on their’s. But don’t start telling other people that something sucks based on an opinion that isn’t even yours!

People start this chain of assumption that is based on nothing—and I can hardly take it anymore.

The Weir’d Life

TOM WEIR

I t seems that more and more, people have become so powerful they can force their opinion on anyone who can click a mouse. My problem is that it seems many of the people doing the mouse clicking have become human sponges. People can’t seem to form their own opinions anymore.

I read that the new “Transformers” movie sucks. Let’s see something else first.

“I heard that James is a jerk.”

“Who would feel this dread if I always wanted to do this, you ask? What I have neglected to tell you resources and, for what it’s worth, prayer. How many nongovernment atheistic relief groups are there? Perhaps religion is not so unwor- thy, and perhaps if you just haven’t looked hard enough yet.

Aaron Telison

To the editor:

It seems to me that multicultural/inter- national (MI) requirements at Fresno State are being taken into consideration. California State University is celebrated for its multiculturalism, and as a country, we willingly cel- ebrate things like Cinco de Mayo and Thanksgiving without having any his- torical knowledge of these events.

Multicultural courses should be required not omitted, especially here in Fresno where ethnic minorities make up almost half of the student population. If we don’t force a better understanding of different cultures, then we will never achieve tolerance and ignorance will continue to reign. If we are not learning about diversity and other countries, then we are solely learning white culture. While culture is unique, but has influenced how we perceive the world. If we don’t know anything other than what the do or don’t do, then we are losing out on knowledge and power.

A lamliberal studies major, and I cannot imagine not having any type of diversity understanding. If we elimi- nate these courses on campus, we are depriving future generations of knowl- edge and understanding of their own cultures and histories. What’s going on here? What’s going on with our own experience.

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To the editor:

Agree with us? Disagree? Want to sound off?

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

The letter must not exceed 250 words in length and must be accompanied by your full name, so we know who you are!

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The daily crossword
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Word of the Day
Mondaze
A daze you find yourself in due to it being Monday.

Source: UrbanDictionary.com
Every time I drive below the Van Ness Ave. arch, I can’t help but laugh. Really, “Fresno, the best little city in the U.S.A.?” Try the dirtiest, dumbest and drunkest city in America. There we go, now that’s the city us dwellers hate to love and love to hate.

Dirty martini, four olives.

Fresno’s air quality is what the Lung Association calls “a deadly cocktail of ash, soot, diesel exhaust, chemicals, metals, and aerosols.” Researchers at California State University, Fullerton indicated a relationship between air pollution and cardiovascular and respiratory problems. The study noted that the California Highway Patrol recorded 2,021 vehicular deaths in the San Joaquin Valley in 2006, compared to 3,812 deaths attributed to respiratory illness caused by air pollution. It is embarrassing that despite the “green movement” Fresno continues to hold the title as the fourth most polluted city in America, behind Visalia, Bakersfield and the garbage island of California, Los Angeles.

Drink, drank, drunk.

Fresno not only stole the number one slot as the drunkest city in America one year ago but a total of three Golden State cities rounded out the top 10 of the 2009 Men’s Health magazine survey. The survey was based on data such as death rates from alcoholic liver disease, booze-fueled car crashes, frequency of binge-drinking in the past month, number of DUI arrests, and severity of DUI penalties, USA Today reported.

It’s hard to believe that Fresno’s 500,017 residents threw back more alcohol than Hot lanta’s 537,958 and Sin City’s 558,383. What’s even harder to believe is that Riverside and Bakersfield had more hangovers than Atlanta and Las Vegas as well. Santa Barbara failed to make an appearance at all together. How does the town that created BUIs (Biking Under the Influence) manage to escape the list of the drunkest cities in America entirely? Beats me.

Stupid is as stupid does.

However, what doesn’t beat me is the stupid stick that’s knocking out what little brains Fresno, or more appropriately “the dumbest city in America,” had left. It was just last October when TheDailyBeast.com ranked our home sweet home in the worst 5 percent in every category. Thumbs up to being quoted in the article but here’s a little recap and a thumbs down for those who might have forgotten.

“The race to the bottom wasn’t even close. The largest city in California’s San Joaquin breadbasket, Fresno, had deficiencies across the board. College education (less than 20 percent of the local population have four-year degrees), graduate studies, academic institutions (not much besides Fresno State), book purchases, voter engagement. Problems with gangs and crystal meth tend to deter the best and brightest.”

For a town that prides itself on being exemplar for the uber-conservative, Fresno sure is dirty, dumb and drunk.

The “drunkest” cities
1. Fresno, Calif.
2. Reno, Nev.
3. Billings, Mont.
4. Riverside, Calif.
5. Austin, Texas
6. St. Louis, Mo.
7. San Antonio
8. Lubbock, Texas
9. Tucson, Arizona

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1. Fresno, Calif.
2. San Antonio, Texas
3. Louisville, Ky.
4. Memphis, Tenn.
6. Phoenix, Arizona
7. Orlando, Fla.
8. Houston
9. New Orleans
10. New York

The “least drunk” cities
2. Yonkers, New York
3. Rochester, New York
4. Salt Lake City, Utah
5. Miami
6. Newark, NJ
7. Durham, N.C.
8. New York City, New York
9. Fort Wayne, Ind.
10. Manchester, NH

The “most polluted” cities
1. Los Angeles
2. Bakersfield, Calif.
3. Visalia, Calif.
4. Fresno, Calif.
5. Houston
7. Dallas-Fort Worth
8. Charlotte, N.C.
9. Phoenix
10. El Centro, Calif.
How to be label literate

By Laura Casey
McClythar Paper

You’ve probably heard some of the rules of the road when it comes to shopping healthfully at the grocery store: Don’t go shopping hungry because you’re likely to buy more than you need. But perhaps the rule that is most perplexing is the one that asks shoppers to read the nutrition facts labels on products before buying them. Many people simply don’t know how to read the government-required label, and few understand what the label is saying. It’s both hard to look at and hard to read.

Yet food experts say reading the label, and knowing what it says, is vitally important. The nutrition label has been mandated in the United States for nearly two decades under the Nutrition Labeling and Education Act and is on more than 6 billion food products. Mary DeBusman, a nutritionist with Alameda County Family Health Services and a professor at Merritt College in Oakland, says considering the label when you buy, saga; a can of soup can help you make more healthful choices.

The first portion of the label lists serving size and the number of servings in the container you’re buying. DeBusman says this is the first pitfall for shoppers who only look at the calories. “Most people just zero in on the calories,” she says. But a tiny print on the label, for example, could have four servings with 20 calories per serving. If the label reader sees only the 280 calories and digs into the entire pint, they could be ingesting 1120 calories in one serving. How much is that? The calories, or energy reading per serving is, again, helpful only if you know how large a serving is.

“We’re eating humongous portions,” DeBusman says. Counting the calories in regards to portion size is the only way to know you’re getting the right amount, she adds. The USDA says that foods with 40 calories per serving or less are low-calorie foods, foods with 100 calories are moderate and foods with 400 calories or more are high-calorie foods. If you don’t know how many calories you should be eating, DeBusman says, 2000 is a good start because “many people are eating way more than that now.” Each person needs a different amount of calories per day based on weight, height and activity level, which is measured with a complex Estimated Energy Requirements formula. Several Web sites, including www.nutrihand.com, can help you estimate the amount of calories you should consume for your particular needs. The USDA says most people get enough fat, cholesterol and salt nutrients, perhaps even more than they need. The organization recommends that when people look at the total fat portion of the label, they should note that a label reading 20 percent or more is high for total fat. The same is true for saturated fat, fat, cholesterol and sodium.

Buying products with lower percentage numbers, closer to 5 percent, are the best choices, the experts say.

Most Americans, the USDA says, don’t get enough dietary fiber, vitamin A, vitamin C, calcium, and iron in their diets. That is why these are important listings on the label. A good rule of thumb for reading these numbers is that if the product has 5 percent of the daily value, that is too low and 20 percent or more is high.

Buying products with higher percentages in these sections is preferable. A food that is labeled “high in calcium” must have at least 20 percent of the daily value of calcium, while products labeled “contains calcium,” must have at least 10 to 19 percent of the daily value of calcium. Similar labels are given to foods that are deemed “high in protein,” meaning they must have a certain percentage of the daily value to merit that label.

As far as the sweet stuff is concerned, the USDA suggests when comparing products you buy one with the least amount of sugar. Depending on the amount of calories you should consume, you should limit your sugar intake to 22 to 24 grams per day, according to the food pyramid. Many products, such as yogurt, have widely varying amounts of sugar in them.

DeBusman warns that all consumers should check the labeled ingredients as well and avoid all products with hydrogenated oils, or trans fat. A product could have 0 grams of trans fat listed on the label if it has less than 5 grams total per serving. All amounts of trans fats should be avoided, she says. Look for “partially hydrogenated” oils on the ingredients list. And Kopf suggests shoppers pay particular attention to the ingredients list when buying products that are labeled “whole grain.” Only those with whole grains listed as the first ingredient should be purchased, she says.
Graduates find nursing job as recession-proof as advertised

By Jan Jarvis
McClatchy Tribune

A few years ago, hospitals were offering nurses $10,000 signing bonuses, loan payoffs, even cars as incentives to battle a nursing shortage in Texas.

Today, some nursing schools graduate say they’re fortunate to find a job.

“It took me a year to find something,” said Ann Karl, who graduated in 2006 and recently went to work for Huguley Memorial Medical Center in Burleson, Texas. “I think I must have hit the curve right when the hospitals were starting to slow down on hiring.”

Karl is hardly alone.

Three years ago there were three job offers for every graduate, said Dr. Pamela Frazelle, director of nursing at Texas Christian University’s Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences. But at graduation last summer, there were more students turning down job offers than ever before.

A surplus of applicants from nursing schools and from other states, as well as nurses who are changing careers, the work force, has increased competition for jobs, especially at the area’s largest hospitals.

Graduates are sending out hundreds of resumes, scouring hospital Web sites and bemoaning a crisis they never expected to see from a job that they knew I would have a paycheck. “But out of the blue,” said Thompson, who switched to nursing because she thought it would be a more stable job, she was hired by the VA.

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With the weather clearing up, the Aquatics Center prepares for construction

By Megan Morales
The Collegian

Within weeks, ground work will be underway on a multimillion dollar swimming and diving facility at Fresno State.

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The center’s main attraction will be the multi-use pool that will be capable of configuring up to eight lanes for long-course swimming. In addition, when the pool’s bulkhead is maneuvered, it allows the arrangement of 19 lanes for short-course swimming.

There will be two additional pools, one of which will be a “warm pool,” for divers to stay warm between dives, and one of which will be a “warm pool,” for swimming.

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The center’s main arrangement of 19

versus 10-meter platforms.

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is in progress. The swimming and diving team will continue to hold their practices at Clovis North High School in their quest to succeed at the Western Athletic Conference Championship Feb. 24-27.

The facility at Fresno State.

The construction for the $7.5 million Aquatics Center, the weather permitting, will be the new home, upon completion for Bulldogs swimming and diving team.

With Fresno State’s aquatic-related classes attracting enrollment of more than 200 students this semester, the department anticipates the impressive facility to be an immense asset to the campus.

As for the diving amenities, 1- and 3-meter springboards will be included along with a lower consisting of 5.75-

10-meter platforms.

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National Pac-10 Swimming and Diving Championships.

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By Bill Dwyre
McClatchy Tribune

Everybody take a deep breath. The sports hysteria of recent days is over.

In our rearview mirror, thankfully, are the Super Bowl and high school football signing day.

The NFL ran its annual scam and we all sat up and barked. No question, the game is great theater, but America, needed a victory by the midwest.

Not so long ago, outside of the state of Montana, where insanity about such things is in the drinking water, these signing days were handled by publishing or broadcasting little lists of which colleges high school athletes would attend. That way fans and mom and dad’s friends could know.

Now, this has become huge news, with big headlines, pictures in the paper and interviews on TV, even though nobody can be sure yet whether Little Johnny will catch a pass, or a cold.

The NCAA used to take care of such things by not allowing freshmen to compete on the varsity level. The NCAA could do that again, but the last time the NCAA did anything pro-education and anti-big-time sports was when Herbert Hoover spoke at its convention.

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Fresno State Bulldogs
(18-5, 9-0 WAC)

vs.

Idaho Vandals
(5-16, 3-5 WAC)

The Fresno State women’s basketball team is playing its best basketball at the right time. The team has yet to lose a game in the new year – its last loss was against Stanford on Dec. 30, 2009 at home.

The ‘Dogs are coming off a school-record 10 consecutive victories and will look to continue its dominant play against Idaho tonight. Leading the way for the ‘Dogs will be Western Athletic Conference (WAC) Player of the Year candidate Jaleesa Ross, who is coming off a 22-point performance against Hawaii. She is averaging 12 points per game in conference play while shooting 42 percent from the field.

Other Bulldogs looking to make an impact against Idaho are seniors LaShay Fears and Joh-Teena Filipe. Filipe is averaging over nine points a game against WAC opponents while Fears has started every single game this year.

The Bulldog Game Day

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Breakdown: Bulldogs

Player to watch:
Jaleesa Ross, Guard

Ross is also leading the team in rebounds, assists, and steals. She

averages six rebounds a game, and has 64 assists to go along with 46
steals. Junior forward Hayley Munro will also look to contribute against Idaho. Munro is coming off a personal season-best 24 points against Hawaii. She is averaging 12 points per game in conference play while shooting 42 percent from the field.

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The Bulldogs are 9-1 this season on their home court.

Breakdown: Vandals

Kuehu is averaging 11.8 points a game this season while leading the team with field goals attempted. She is also the team’s leading rebounder, averaging more than six a game.

Other Vandals’ looking to contribute are juniors Yinka Olorunnife and Bianca Cheever. Olorunnife is averaging over nine points a game this season, while Cheever is the team leader in three-point baskets made with 43.

The Vandals will be looking to make it two straight wins, a feat they have accomplished only once this year when they beat both Boise State and New Mexico State.

The Vandals are 1-7 in away games this year.

The leaders of the pack

Here they are, your five starting players for the women’s basketball team

Player to watch:
Hayley Munro, Guard/Forward

Player to watch:
LaShay Fears, Guard

Player to watch:
Joh-Teena Filipe, Forward

Player to watch:
Rosie Moult, Guard/Forward

February 10, 2010
Bill White becomes the first black baseball announcer for the New York Yankees.

This day in sports history