An ACLU letter to FCC listed student complaints over professor Lopez’s statements. It alleged Lopez presented Bible passages as “empiri-cal” fact that life begins at conception, and presented a slide of “homosexual facts” including that homosexuality is a “biological misapplication of human sexuality,” among others.

Lopez is currently still lecturing at FCC and the matter is still under inves-tigation.

In light of the letter sent to FCC last week, the ambiguous line between free speech and unethical statements in the classroom has risen to the surface.

There are many lines to be drawn here, according to staff attorney Elizabeth Gill at the ACLU of Northern California. The ACLU is asserting that the Lopez case is not a matter of free speech, but rather of the Establishment Clause of the 1st Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

“With respect to the Establishment Clause, there are legal tests that have been well established here in the 9th Circuit in California,” Gill said. “When you are engaged in open religious

Culture clash between roommates

A study found that dorm mates are twice as likely to want change, if interracial groups are in contact with each other, but are not working together.

“You can have the most diverse cam-pus or the most diverse community and still have a very segregated community or campus,” Jendian said. “Especially in college populations where we are used to a diverse society. But diver-sity and integration are two different things.”

Jendian said that integration refers to the degree to which diverse groups interact with each other and not just occupy the same space.

“If you just bring people together, prejudices may be increased,” Jendian said. “Especially in environments where you are competing for scholar-ship, you’re competing for jobs, for housing, whatever the reward is. If you’re competing, hostility and ethnic prejudices will increase.”

“Rather than ignoring that differenc-es exist, we must acknowledge them,” Jendian said. “Then we must accept them. Do not tolerate difference, but appreciate difference.”
One not so handy ride

has not changed. Bending the three years, even though his weight
Ride bus wheelchair lifts by about 100 pounds, was denied reissue of his
ticket, which is rare to find in a govern-
reservations, at discounted fares.

A section regarding wheelchairs states
that standard wheelchairs, measur-
ing certain standard dimensions, are
allowed on the Handy Ride bus
lifts as long as they do not weigh more
than 600 pounds.

The problem is that FAX allowed him
and others like him off the buses.

FAX clearly states the rules and reg-
lations for this service in its Handy
Ride guidelines, found on its Web site.

FAX states that some standard wheelchairs,
measuring certain standard dimensions,
are allowed on the Handy Ride
bus lifts as long as they do not weigh more
than 600 pounds.

One might come to realize and
accept the fact that they may be too
heavy for the wheelchair lifts on Handy
Ride buses, right? Wrong.

Frost made a suggestion of his own
to solve the problem. “I would use my
can, I would put my chair on back-
me up,” he said.

There’s a word that comes to mind
when I visualize this potentially dan-
gorous scene. The word is “liability.”

I cannot imagine taking the chance
of allowing a 500-pound man to stand
in a wheelchair lift with his cane only
to have him lose his balance and fall,
creating an injury the city certainly
cannot afford. There aren’t any hand-
rails on those lifts, Mr. Frost. It’s not
an escalator at the mall or a people-

timer at the airport. The lifts are spec-
ifically made for people to sit in their
chairs and be lifted inside the bus.

Further on in Haas’ story, Frost
said he realized there was just

FAX also offers, in compliance with
rules of kindness is not always
necessary to write, print and to
publish. The publisher therefore can expect income
from the sale of new books, and the authors

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Williams College in Williamstown, Wiscon-

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**Word of the Day**

Olympic narcolepsy

Abruptly falling asleep at any moment during the day due to trying to watch as much of the Olympics as you can the night prior, causing you to stay up way too late. A seasonal disorder, occurring in winter or summer only, and of brief duration (around two weeks), and usually occurs in even numbered years.

Source: UrbanDictionary.com
Uncompromising leaders and most ardent defenders of democracy take the stage as Black History Month comes to an end. The influential stories of six prominent, yet underappreciated, African-American figures were retold through “Portraits of Courage,” the theater production sponsored by University Student Union Productions. On Feb. 19, Will & Company, a non-profit theater ensemble from Los Angeles, came to Fresno State to share the stories of African-Americans who have made changes in history, but have gone unnoticed.

A montage of pictures as well as a witty and informative monologue introduced each of the six figures, dressed to match the era that they lived in, on the stage of the Satellite Student Union. However, the theatrical production had only two actors. Tiffany Adams and Yorke G. Fryer each took on the roles of three characters in the play. They portrayed the characters well enough that it was hard to tell there were only two actors.

通过 its portrayals of influential African-American men and women, “Portraits of Courage” taught audience members that it is never too late to learn about history, that it does not always involve dead, rich, white guys.

**Madam C.J. Walker**

“Do not sit and wait for opportunity to come to you, you have to get up and seize opportunity.”

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**Bridget “Biddy” Mason**

The first person the audience met was Bridget “Biddy” Mason, who grew up in slavery. As a slave, Mason’s job was to deliver babies. After developing the proper skills, she was sold to Robert Smith, a convert of the Mormon religion. Smith moved his family to California to chase the Gold Rush, but quickly realized that California was not a slave state. Smith then decided to move his clan from California to Texas, which was a slave state. Mason however did not want to go. After a long court battle in Los Angeles, a judge ordered Smith to set Mason and her two girls free. This was the first time Mason was free, so she got a job as a nurse delivering babies for $2.50 a day.

“This was enough money to feed my girls,” Mason said. “I saved all that I could.” Mason purchased a chunk of land with the money that she saved, making her one of the first African-Americans to own property in Los Angeles.

**Col. Charles Young**

The next figure to be portrayed was Col. Charles Young, the third African-American to graduate from West Point, who went on to be the highest-ranking African-American in the United States Army, leading the Buffalo Soldiers. When talking about experiencing adversity, Young said, “Take a black man and send him to West Point.”

**Bass Reeves**

Bass Reeves, the first African-American Deputy U.S. Marshal West of the Mississippi. “I got $2 for bringing in the bounty alive; you got nothing if that fellow was dead,” Reeves said in the play. “The reason that the judge hired me was because I was black. He wanted me to deal with the Indians because they did not trust the white folks.” Reeves could speak six Native American languages, but he could not read English. He had to have someone read him warrants, and then he “always got the right man,” Reeves said. He made more than 3,000 arrests (one being his own son) and 14 kills as a Marshal.
Club strives to help legalize marijuana

By Sara Kain

When students pass by the several corkboard-covered walls scattered across campus, different flyers might catch their attention but none more so than one depicting a small stick figure reclining and smoking a joint.

The club that boasts this cartoon is the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws club or N.O.R.M.L. as they are commonly referred.

“Our primary goal is to spread correct information about marijuana and hemp to the students of Fresno State,” said 20-year-old club president Idhel Tarver. “We also promote the organizations goals of medicinal marijuana use, industrial use and recreational use.”

According to their Web site, the club wants to create limitations for marijuana and hemp being that only adults can use it. Those who use it would not be able to drive after using, limits would be set, resist abuse, and they would have to respect the rights of others.

In the upcoming weeks, we are having discussions of various topics relating to marijuana, our symposium series,” Tarver said.

The club also has a debate scheduled with a narcotics officer that they hope will happen on April 20 in the Free Speech Area.

The club is also getting involved with the community and plans to adopt a stretch of highway.

“We hope to adopt the two-mile stretch of [highway] 180 that runs westbound from the Bullard overpass. We would be cleaning that section of the highway once a month,” Tarver said. “This is a good opportunity to get the students of N.O.R.M.L to get involved with the community.”

The club has been keeping an eye on Fresno County’s crackdown of the medical marijuana dispensaries, which started in August when nine dispensaries were sued for zoning violations.

City Attorney Charlotte Hylton-Knoczal headed the lawsuits. Knoczal stated that the dispensaries were illegal because they were not in the zones that were put forward for medical businesses and where marijuana had not been recognized as medicinal. Knoczal also said that the businesses were not “up front” with what they were selling.

“I do not think that they should shut down these businesses because they are not giving them a fair shot to get the businesses in order,” Tarver said. “And they should be helping them with education on business instead of suing them.”

Graduate student and club member Matthew Lance said, “I was initially concerned about people not being able to get their medication. But then I thought about other cases when the states took away the dispensaries. This city will be receiving less money when patients sue.”

The club may not be able to fight the lawsuits but they work on fighting misconceptions, including the biggest one: marijuana is a gateway drug.

“I think alcohol is more a gateway drug,” Tarver said. “Because it effects peoples decision making capabilities much more then marijuana does.”

N.O.R.M.L is open to any new students on what we are doing on around campus is the first step to getting involved and making a difference at Fresno State,” Hosch said.

“One of the issues we heard from students last semester was that some were unable to attend the Senate meetings,” Hosch said. “We are hoping that by broadcasting the meetings live, more students will be informed about campus issues and what ASI is doing to represent them.”

ASI will also keep a library of past meetings on the Web site so students can watch previous Senate meetings. ASI Chief of staff Cole Rojewski said.

Rojewski said it is important for students to have access to Senate meetings so they can get involved on campus.

“ASI wants to engage all students on what we are working on and get their input,” Rojewski said. “Many decisions made at these meetings affect all students.”

He said students will be able to learn about what is happening around them, so they can be better prepared to take action.

“Students can stay up-to-date on current issues and actions that affect them,” Rojewski said. “They will be better informed, so when they take action, they will be better informed.”

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By Rob Hotsakainen

Despite the state's high unemployment rate, California's economy is making a slow comeback and "the worst is over," Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said Sunday.

"We've seen that the foreclosure rate has slowed down," the governor said in an appearance on national television. "We've seen that the house sales have picked up. We've seen people are getting back to work, especially in the green sector. So there's signs of life." Schwarzenegger, who will meet privately with President Barack Obama on Monday, is in Washington for the winter meetings of the National Governors Association (NGA). He made his remarks in an interview broadcast on ABC's "This Week."

The governor said people should be optimistic, but "not overly optimistic" as the economy gets back on track. And he said the state has limited power but should do everything it can "to create jobs, jobs, jobs...because that is the important thing."

Despite the state's high unemployment rate, Schwarzenegger said the federal government should spend $22 trillion on a massive effort to rebuild the nation's infrastructure. "The California economy will suffer without such a rebuilding effort and that would be a good job producer as well."

"We've got to rebuild our state, and the whole country, let's rebuild itself," the governor said. "Because if you think in...history, I mean, all the great civilizations all became great because they had great infrastructure. If you think about the Persians, of building the waterways and the paved roads. The Romans, they had the aqueduct system of delivering water and the sewage systems."

Later in the day, Schwarzenegger was scheduled to attend a panel of state academic leaders at the California State University's campus in Fresno. He planned to return to California Monday afternoon after his private meeting with Obama.

In the television interview, Schwarzenegger said the U.S. became the world's most powerful nation because it had achieved a great infrastructure system over the last century.

"But in the last few decades, we have stopped maintaining that infrastructure and we have stopped building and expanding that infrastructure, even though there's tremendous demand for that infrastructure," Schwarzenegger said.

As he has in the past, the governor defended Obama's stimulus spending plan of a year ago, saying it had put many people back to work. "I find it interesting that you have a lot of the Republicans running around and pushing back on the stimulus money and saying this doesn't create any new jobs, and then they go out and they do the photo ops and they are posing with the big check and they say, isn't this great?...It doesn't match up," the governor said.

He added: "Anyone that says that it hasn't created the jobs, they should talk to the 150,000 people that have been getting jobs in California...This is 150,000 people that are going home today with a check that are providing for the family, that can buy the textbooks for their kids, that are feeling wanted and needed and feeling productive."

He said Republicans have become "the party of no" because they have to take the opposite position of the president in an attempt to win in November's elections.

"I think the Tea Party is all about just an expression of anger and dissatisfaction and I see it in California when people come up to me and say, you know I'm angry that you guys don't get along in Sacramento. I'm angry that they're not getting along in Washington. I'm angry that nothing gets done. I'm angry that I'm unemployed. I'm angry that people are losing homes. I'm angry that businesses are losing their businesses and all of those kind of things. And the economy is down." He said the Obama administration should "keep staying on track," even though it won't be easy and there might be failure involved.

"I've never lived in a country where the press has piling on you and beating you up and all of those kind of things," Schwarzenegger said. "I am never afraid of failing...I've failed several things that I tried to do in California, but we have won with many things that we have tried in California and we have done well."
Ribera opens the season big

By Megan Morales
The Collegian

Heading into the bottom of the ninth inning in front of a nearly sold-out crowd at Pete Beiden Stadium Friday night, the Fresno State baseball team trailed the Nebraska Huskers. Coming through in the clutch, junior Jordan Ribera hit a walk-off home run to send the fans home happy.

The Bulldogs struggled to score runs for most of the game until they erupted with a four-run rally in the ninth inning, capped by Ribera’s two-run walk-off blast over the right field fence, giving the ‘Dogs a 7-5 win over Nebraska.

“It’s such a great feeling,” Ribera said. “I’ve been working so hard this offseason to put together a good 2010 season. So I’m hoping to take that from tonight and move forward.”

Ribera’s humility was apparent as he credited his teammates for giving him the game before he even went to the plate.

“I was just fortunate enough to be in that position with Brennan [Gowens] big hit,” Ribera said. “We don’t get there without our pitchers throwing how they threw tonight, and without the other eight guys in the lineup hitting how they hit.

The Bulldogs were behind the entire game, and gave up a deflating, cushion run to Nebraska in the top of the ninth inning on a wild pitch that seemed to put the game out of reach.

Junior Garrett Weber and Danny Muno led off the ninth inning with back-to-back walks. Weber on Muno then advanced into scoring position on a wild pitch with Gowens on deck.

Gowens came up clutch with a one out hard-hit double to left-center, scoring Weber and Muno. Ribera then approached the plate with his “all I need is a single” mentality, and gave the fans something to cheer about with a game-ending home run.

Then, less than 24 hours after Ribera’s ninth inning heroics in the opener, he helped carry the Bulldogs’ momentum into Saturday’s game with two home runs in his first two at bats, leading the team to an 8-2 victory.

“We were down a run, and we wanted to answer back to keep ourselves in the game,” Ribera said. “I was just thankful I could help the team get off to a good start and we were able to keep that lead for the rest of the game.”

With Ribera’s home runs and five combined hits from teammates, Trent Garrison and Bobby Coyle, there was plenty of run support for the pitching staff, which shook off the rust and gave up three less runs than the first game.

Once again, the Bulldogs’ offense exploded in the late innings, scoring three runs in the eighth to put the game away.

In the third game of the series, after a one-hour rain delay, the bulldogs rebounded from the season opener on Sunday afternoon as they battled back and forth all game before winning in the bottom of the 11th inning.

With two outs in the top of 11th inning, Fresno State’s Greg Gonzalez threw a wild pitch, allowing the go-ahead run for Nebraska to cross the plate.

The Bulldogs’ offense didn’t give up once. The team responded with a run of its own, to tie the game at 9-9 after a Muno walk and a run-scoring double by Brennan Gowens.

Later that inning, shortstop Isaac Vivas came to the plate with two outs and the bases loaded, there was a pass ball allowing Gowens to score home to game the score-winning run.

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Men’s Basketball
vs. UCSB
Final: 64-60
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Elizabeth Thomasian scored a 71 in the Reining event on Saturday against TCU.

The Fresno State equestrian team hosted the Fourth Annual Best in the West Tournament this past weekend at the Student Horse Center and showed why it was the “best in the west.”

The tenth-ranked ‘Dogs defeated No. 7 Texas Christian University (TCU) and went on to gain a victory against the University of Tennessee-Martin (UTM) on Saturday. The ‘Dogs defeated TCU with a total score of 8-3 and UTM 8-4.

“I am very pleased with the cumulative results,” equestrian coach Dr. Becky Malmo said. “But I am also very pleased with all the efforts of the team.”

The four-event tournament consisted of: horsemanship, reining, equitation on the flat and equitation over fences.

The ‘Dogs dominated against TCU on equitation over fences, as all three riders won their match, earning three points for the team. Senior captain Lisa Wells scored an 82 in the event as well as MVP honors.

The team went on to gain four more points, as it won the events in reining and equitation on the flat over TCU.

Sophomore Sammi Jo Stone was the only rider to earn points for the ‘Dogs in horsemanship against the TCU Horned Frogs. Against UTM, sophomore Kimmie Steinbuch had a performance to remember as she scored a tournament-record 95 on equitation on the flat. Steinbuch was five points away from a perfect score.

“’She’s one of those unique individuals where you have all of the combinations that you need for great success in the equestrian world,” Malmo said of Steinbuch.

Steinbuch won two MVP awards on Saturday. The ‘Dogs continued their dominance in reining as senior captain Keri Blackledge led the way to a perfect showing against UTM. All three riders won their meet scoring a 68 or better.

Stone performed well once again in horsemanship as she and senior Madison Silver earned two points for the ‘Dogs.

In equitation over fences, Wells was the only rider to earn a point against the Skyhawks.

Silver and Blackledge also earned MVP honors on Saturday. The ‘Dogs dominated performances on Sunday, as well as when they took home all the MVP honors against Sacred Heart University.

“I am very pleased with all the efforts of the team,” Malmo said. “Our individual riders have done extremely well.”

The ‘Dogs finished the tournament going 3-0 against its opposition and proved that it was the best in the west.