Grad student covers dismissed UHS teacher’s music classes

By Kaley Delarosa

University High School (UHS) has hired a Fresno State graduate student to fill in for the music teacher who was dismissed in late January.

Jennifer Dean, who earned her bachelor’s degree in music education and is now pursuing a master’s degree in flute performance, has replaced Jonathan McCoy Malcolm for the time being, Dr. James Bushman, head of school at University High School, said.

On Jan. 29, Malcolm was arrested on charges of distribution of lewd materials and annoyance or molestation of a minor.

After an emergency board of officials meeting on Jan. 30, University High School announced that Malcolm would no longer be serving as a music instructor for the school.

Amy Armstrong, public information officer for the University Police Department, said she could not comment on the status of the case because it is still under investigation.

Dean will take on Malcolm’s responsibilities as music director for the rest of the semester, Bushman said.

Those duties include serving as an instrumental music teacher, teaching music theory classes and conducting the various musical ensemble groups.

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— Dr. James Bushman, Head of School

Bushman said that after Malcolm was dismissed, University High School was able to get Dean into the classroom in less than 48 hours.

“No classes were missed. We were able to move seamlessly without problems,” he said.

“We handled the situation very quickly.

The classes have picked up right where they left off. The students have performed scheduled in May that they will continue to perform and prepare for under Dean’s instruction.

“I plan on doing the best that I can with the bands that I teach,” Dean said. “I want them to have a musical learning experience followed by a wonderful end of the year concert.”

Former Fresno State track coach alleges gender discrimination

By Collegian Staff

Little more than a year after a trio of gender discrimination cases cost the university more than $16 million and, last month, after settling out of court with softball coach Margie Wright, Fresno State has another discrimination lawsuit on its hands.

Ramona Pagel, an assistant coach for the Fresno State track team, says she will be filing a complaint within the next few days.

Pagel is alleging the university committed gender discrimination when it did not ask her to interview for either the head coaching or assistant coaching jobs she applied for last year.

According to Betty Mosher, senior associate athletic director, the university does not comment on lawsuits.

Pagel said she applied for the job after former head coach Bob Frailey resigned at the end of last season.

She had served as an assistant coach for three seasons prior to her application, serving as the men’s and women’s throws coach, and was not rehired for this position either.

Pagel is a former Olympian and, over the summer, served as a trainer for Kim Kreiner, a competitor in the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

Pagel’s attorney is Warren Paboojian.

Paboojian has previously represented former women’s basketball coach Stacy Johnson-Klein and former associate athletic director Diane Milutinovich in their lawsuits against Fresno State.

The university agreed to pay Johnson-Klein $9 million over 25 years when they arrived at a settlement in June 2008.

Milutinovich settled with the university for $5.5 million in Oct. 2007.

Paboojian asserts that the university had no reason for not rehiring Pagel, given her athletic credentials and that she did not receive any negative performance reviews.

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Bushman said since the incident, “The kids are doing great. There were a lot of questions and doubts about what was going on but as the kids became more aware, they understood what was going on and have now moved on.”

All students who attend University High School participate in some sort of musical education including orchestra, band, choir and music theory. Because Malcolm played a key role in all of these areas, three additional graduate students have also stepped in to help teach University High School’s music department.

Bushman said he will post a full-time job announcement soon but that Dean and the graduate students will carry the program through this semester.

Bushman said that hiring Fresno State students to fill these positions, helps carry out Fresno State’s mission to create better educational opportunities. He said University High School serves as a lab for Fresno State students interested in education and even though the way it came about is unfortunate, this is a perfect example of that relationship.

“We feel lucky that we were able to collaborate with the music department to enrich our own students and the graduate students,” Bushman said.

“I have only heard uniformed praise for our new teacher.”

“This experience is tremendous,” Dean said.

“I hope to gain knowledge that turns to wisdom.”

She added that this experience is different than others she has had in the past. She is learning to manage and organize while learning techniques that work and troubleshooting those that don’t.

Dean says she hopes her students learn independence and self-discipline but her ultimate goal is for them to enjoy what they do.

“I hope to inspire the kids and show them proof that life is always positive when you believe it is,” she said.

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— Jennifer Dean, Graduate Student

COMMENTS:

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SMITTCAMP: Director is a twelve-month long position

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Nef encourages honor students to get involved with the choosing of the new director and hopes that the experience may make the transition easier.

“We’re encouraging students to meet with candidates during their campus interviews and to provide their input to the search committee,” Nef said.

In his retirement message to students, Rodemeyer has also called for students to step up and be a part of the selection process.

“During the entire process we will need your help,” Rodemeyer said. “Encourage faculty to apply, participate in the process when asked, welcome the new person, help them with your names and do not compare them with me.

Although Rodemeyer knows it may be a difficult transition for some students, especially those that have been in the honors program from the beginning, he feels that students should not compare the new director to him, but rather openly welcome whoever it is that takes his place.

“The new director will have different talents and a different background than I brought to the position,” Rodemeyer said. “When a person has been the only one in a position, it is difficult to envision anyone else in that position — a person with great talent will be selected, not a D-Rod clone.”

— Dr. Stephen Rodemeyer, Director of the Smittcamp Family Honors College

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Infiltrating the weight room

O

t any given afternoon, the
student-athlete gym
and the machines upstairs.
Women stick to the aerobics equip-
ment and the machines upstairs.

The few women I’ve seen wander
to the free weight area are nearly
always accompanied by a man - usu-
all y, a coach or a trainer.

Sometimes the woman leans against a
wall, “out of the way,” waiting for the
man to finish his routine. Sometimes
the man shows the woman things she
real ly needs to do. Free weights. Free
weights. You feel like Sprout next
to some lanky-stemmed man in the
weight area and downstairs machines.

As a former student-athlete, I’m
ready to do a few bicep curls or bench
presses. I just walk over and do a
few bicep curls or bench presses.

The Chicks Boy Scout

HEATHER BILLINGS

What to do with free weights.
Free weights aren’t that hard to use, and,
I think that experience can actually be easier
than working with a machine because
your body doesn’t have to fit to a
pre- formed bit of metal.

But that still doesn’t explain
why women don’t populate the downstairs
machines at the Rec Center. No, the
answer must be a simpler one.

Men are intimidating, especially
in groups.

One female staff member at The
Collegian told me a few weeks ago that
the Rec Center had a machine she real
ly liked but hardly used. If happened
that was located downstairs.

“There are always guys all over it,”
she said with a grimace.

As a former student-athlete, I
have used to jockeying with
large men for gym space. A few
years back, my slated workout time in
the student-athlete’s gym coincided with

the time half the football team came in
to work out. To top it off, an idea of
size, the student-athlete gym is about
half the size of the downstairs por-
tion of the rec center. There I was, a
single white female with usually only
one or two teammates, lost in a sea of
shouting, sweaty guys who would get
Johnny Cash’s “Ring of Fire” piped at
them over head and through the PA
system if they didn’t finish on time. I
constantly had to maneuver myself
as I looked for an open area. I had
as much right as there to be there as
they did.

Ladies, I know how intimidat-
ing guys in the gym can be, so
think of your own outfit when you’re
bumping 150 pounds and you can
careingly press the 40-pound bar by it-self. They’re in their own world, sweat-
ging and grunting and popping veins out of their
necks. You feel like you’re on

Jooly Green. We

won’t even get into the sexism
remarks of some of them about
girls they’ve seen working out.

We need to infiltrate those areas
on mass.

You don’t need to spend half an
hour figuring out creative things to do
with free weights. Just walk over and
do a few hiep curps or bench presses.
Who knows? You might even
encourage another woman to try it,

And, guys, don’t be afraid.

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**Movie review**

By Sarah A. Peterson

The Collegian

Kate Winslet has never been one to shy away from odd choices for the camera, and “The Reader” is no exception. Actress Hanna and Michael, Winslet and the surprisingly well-endowed David Kross spend a fair share of their screen time together sans clothing.

Michael first meets the thirty-something Hanna as a boy of fifteen in 1958, just after vomiting outside her door. Their affair is quick and intense, lasting only a summer. Hanna wastes no time schooling him in the art of lovemaking; her only request is that he read to her both before and after sex.

At summer’s end, however, Hanna is gone without a trace, and Michael is left to ponder over the loss of his first love.

Eight years later, as a chain-smoking young law student, Michael comes face to face with Hanna, now in her forties, in a courtroom as she and five other women stand trial for Nazi war crimes.

The atrocities of the Holocaust are treated out as Hanna willingly submits herself to interrogation and eventual imprisonment, taking with her a secret she commits to the Nazi guard.

“The Reader” is a haunting, melancholy film that does not seek to answer disturbing questions it raises.

“Hanna remains as elusive and mysterious as a Rothkohl film,” said Kate Winslet after winning the Oscar for best actress for her role in “The Reader”.

Ralph Fiennes plays Michael as a middle-aged adult adequately enough, but his stiff formality is rather tedious to watch when compared with Kross’earing portrayal of innocence not so much lost as forgotten.

In the end, the character of Hanna Schmitz remains as elusive and mysterious to Michael (and the audience) as in the day he first meets her, even as her soul and her sins are laid bare in the courtroom for all to see.

**Quote of the Day**

“Find something you’re passionate about and keep tremendously interested in it.”

— Julia Child, “Television Chief”

From BrainyQuote.com

**Rogue films**

By Victoria L. Jones

The Collegian

Experimental films from Fresno’s eighth annual Rogue Festival explore loss, remembrance, growth, and fear.

“The Rogue is a great opportunity to meet other people and see lots of art and performances,” said Susana Sosa, who is in charge of the experimental films section of the festival.

There are five filmmakers set for the show; two films are from the same filmmaker; some films are narrative, some are non-narrative. Sosa said typical submissions are non-narrative.

“I have two films,” filmmaker Michele Ainz said. “‘Perspective,’ an experimental dance piece focusing on different viewpoints and angles and ‘Pet Friends!,’ an experimental dance piece focusing on two young girls’ nostalgic memories of their first pet.”

The films are scheduled to show in succession and the whole show lasts about an hour. The films will be alterna
ted so everyone’s film has a chance to be shown first and last.

Sosa is spending her fourth year as a Rogue Festival volunteer. She said the most difficult part is getting the filmmakers to get their films completed and get them in before the deadline.

“To tell you the truth there are three films that I haven’t seen yet because the filmmakers haven’t submitted them. I’m waiting to see those,” Sosa said.

There were no submissions from either Fresno State or Fresno City students this year, Sosa commented disappointingly.

Unlike other shows, Sosa said, the films at the Rogue Festival are not juried and no one is turned away.

“The only time you’d be turned away is if there wasn’t enough time to plot someone in,” she said.

Sosa is excited about the 17-minute documentary “Grow,” from a return ing presenter who grew up in Fresno. The film is about a young African-American kid growing up in Los Angeles and the garden he has.

“Grow” was created by Challenger’s Boys and Girls Club member Justin Fulcher. 14, and Kellen Pradnial, a visual anthropology graduate student at San Francisco University.

“This documentary was made to show people that South Central Los Angeles does have a chance and its communities can make the world a better place,” Fulcher said.

Another video Sosa is looking forward to is “Homeless Dog” which chronicles the experience of a home less woman Pam Kincaid.

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Bulldog Game Day

Fresno State Bulldogs
(11-17, 2-10 WAC)

Idaho Vandals
(13-13, 6-6 WAC)

Breakdown: Bulldogs

With a tough conference record, the Bulldogs do not have any hope left of winning the Western Athletic Conference (WAC). But what the Bulldogs do have left to play for is the WAC tournament. Fresno State will likely finish the season in last place and will be in the play-in game before the WAC tournament.

In their remaining three games, the Bulldogs need to solidify their play, especially on the defensive end. The Bulldogs have three remaining games, including their matchup Saturday night against Idaho. The conference game against a decent Idaho team will be a right time for the Bulldogs to prepare if they hope to find any success in the conference tournament.

Saturday will be the final home game of the season, and the Bulldogs can get their defense in order. The game should be close and exciting for the Red Wave. Junior forward Sylvester Seay and sophomore forward New Golubovic have both been strong on the offensive end, but the post players need to keep the Vandals out of the lane or at least contest shots in the paint. If Seay can keep his defensive energy up and still manage to score his usual 15 points on Saturday, the Bulldogs will feel good going on the road for the final two games.

The Bulldogs are now playing for the WAC tournament, but the last three games of the year will decide if they make it past the play-in game.

Breakdown: Vandals

Idaho comes into the game against the Bulldogs riding a three-game winning streak. The Vandals find themselves in the middle of the conference, and could use a win for positioning in the WAC Tournament as they currently sit at fifth in the WAC. Therefore, Idaho looks for Idaho to come out with a lot of energy early.

The Vandals play a similar style to the Bulldogs, but are a bit more efficient. Idaho doesn’t rebound the ball well, but neither does Fresno State. However, Idaho doesn’t turn the ball over as much and shoots 46 percent from the field.

Both teams play mostly from the perimeter, and if the Vandals are going to win, they must find junior guard Mac Hopson. Hopson is coming off being named WAC Player of the Week, and averages 17 points per game and shoots nearly 50 percent from beyond the arc. Hopson is also the second leading rebounder on the team at only 6’2.

Idaho does have other scorers though, featuring five players who average eight points or more. And not one of the five shoot less than 42 percent from the field. The Vandals can get out and run, look for the quickness of Idaho to force many turnovers.

Idaho has struggled on the road this year as they are only 3-10 away from home. But if they are able to play at their pace, the Vandals will walk away from the Save Mart Center with another conference win.

Keys to Victory

The Bulldogs win if...

- Post defenders can keep Vandal scorers, especially guard Mac Hopson, from getting easy points.

The Vandals win if...

- Their defense can get ‘Dogs’ scorers Paul George and Mychal Ladd frustrated in the early minutes.

Phelps will be back in competition

Michael Phelps is coming to swim in Charlotte.

Phelps, the most-decorated gold medal winner in Olympic swimming history, will swim in the Charlotte UltraSwim on May 14-17 at the Mecklenburg County Aquatic Center.

The meet, which will include other Olympic gold medalists, is a key tune-up for the FINA World Championships in Italy this summer.

Phelps, 23, won a record eight gold medals at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, China.

He is currently serving a three-month suspension from competition by USA Swimming (the sport’s national governing body), fallout from a photo in a British tabloid that showed him inhaling from a marijuana pipe. Phelps’ suspension is scheduled to end in early May.

Bob Bowman, Phelps’ coach, said in a statement: “Michael is focused on praying and regaining the mental and physical momentum that he had achieved going into the Beijing Olympics. He is committed to a very demanding and rigorous training schedule as he prepares for upcoming meets and the FINA World Championships.”

In the past 25 years, 122 Olympians have competed in the Charlotte UltraSwim. Phelps will be joined by 2008 U.S. Olympic swimmers Mack Gangloff, Cullen Jones and Ryan Loethe, and several world-class swimmers and U.S. national team members.

The meet will be hosted by SwimMAC Carolina, a USA swim club in Charlotte.

David Marsh, SwimMAC’s director of coaching and CEO, said “this is a wonderful and rare opportunity for Charlotte to experience world-class swimming up close. Coming off of the unprecedented excitement of the 2008 Olympics, to be able to have so many recent gold medalists together again is simply outstanding.”

Chadlefelse: Sylvester Seay, Forward

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**HOOPS: Team peaking at the right time**

Sophomore guard Taja Edwards and the Bulldogs will support breast cancer awareness Friday night with “Pink Zone Night” at the Save Mart Center.

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final 10 days of the regular season and need strong support from the community for the final push.

“We need everybody,” said sophomore guard Taja Edwards. “Make that the headline: We need everybody there.”

Tonight’s game against Nevada also features several off-court promotions. It is Pink Zone Night, a fundraiser to raise awareness of breast cancer. Fans are encouraged to wear pink to support the Central Valley Affiliate for Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

A ticket stub to yesterday’s men’s game is good for $1 admission tonight and, similar to last Thursday’s Wii pro-mo-tion, two pink iPod Nans and iTunes gift cards will be given to the craziest and loud-est fans in the arena. The team will donate $1 from every ticket sold will also be donated to Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

Pink Night was first held in 2007, with 120 tickets participating. Last year that number increased tenfold to 1,200, who collectively raised almost one million dollars for breast cancer awareness and research.

“It’s a good cause,” Edwards said. “We’re going to represent for our family members who have dealt with breast cancer.”

Head coach Adrian Wiggins also expressed support for Pink Zone Night, saying, “It’s awesome. It’s something that has swept our country.”

Wiggins said he likes how the team is playing emphasizing mental toughness and how they make mistakes the team made in their last few games.

The Bulldogs need to maintain that mental toughness if they expect to win the championship. Nevada is in fourth place and Monday night’s game showcases second place Louisiana Tech. A loss against Louisiana Tech would put the team back in second place behind the “other” Bulldogs and possibly cost them the title.

Sophomore forward Hayley Munro feels optimistic about the team’s potential to win the games.

“We can still improve, which is a good sign. Whichever team hustles and gets those loose balls will win, and we need to make sure we get all four wins,” Munro said.

After winning six of their last seven games, it appears the Bulldogs have peaked at the right time. They control their own destiny in the conference and in the nation.

“It will be nice to have the conference tournament in Reno, and it feels great to be playing so well here at the end,” Wiggins said.

**Lacrosse set for UC Davis**

The Fresno State lacrosse team is heading to UC Davis this weekend to try and earn a spot in the program’s first ever win.

“We’ve had some really good training days and that has been a key to helping us get prepared for Davis,” head coach Sue Behme said.

As a new team the Bulldogs have not only had to work hard to make the team, but also simply learning the game. Consequently, many of the mistakes the team continues to make are simple, basic and easily fixable.

The three in focus for the Bulldogs heading up north Saturday are: control draws, capitalizing on offensive opportunities and forcing a lower percentage of corners.

“We have been working in the defensive end and reacting in the backfield and making better transitions,” said Behme. “We are a senior first year lacrosse program and we’ve improved a lot in becoming more of a team and a unit. We’ve made mistakes, but we have been working hard to improve on our defensive abilities, they are also striving to gain confidence on the offensive end.”

Taking more shots and not hesitating on open opportunities will be something they can look to improve.

“We are going to be taking a lot more shots and capitalizing on shooting opportunities,” said Hoska. “We are going to be very focused on communi-cation and not allow them to be wide open.

The Aggies who are 1-1-1 on the season, just came off losses to the University of Saint Mary’s in double overtime.

Before they play host to the Bulldogs, UC Davis will try to go 2-0 in Mountain West Conference.

The Nevada program, hopes to have better luck against UC Davis than it’s previous three opponents.

The team opened its season with a 19-0 loss to Cal Berkeley at Bulldog Stadium, but enjoyed the positive fan support and the atmosphere of the newest sport to be brought into the Central Valley.

After suffering the home loss, the ‘Dogs went on two straight road trips.

The first game was held at Stanford, who is ranked No. 18 in the national ranks, beat Fresno 20-1. But 20 wasn’t the number that meant the most, instead it was the one.

That one represents the first goal to ever be scored in the program’s history, and Heath Jack was the one able to claim the honor.

“That was something that I will never forget,” said Hoska. “At that moment we were all just so happy and knew that we were going to be able to do this.

Jack simply carried the ball up the crest of the field and laid it in past Stanford goalkeeper Annie Read.

While scoring the first goal was an exciting milestone for the team, there were many little things Behme was happy with as well.

She felt that her team did a good job causing turnovers, especially since Stanford is such a tough opponent.

After the loss, the ‘Dogs traveled to Denver and needed another 20-0 loss, but this time to Canisius College.

The team compiled six shots on goal, but it was senior and ‘Sawoov’s shot that was to score.

In that game Behme didn’t feel her team played to the best of their abilities.

“We straggled,” said Behme. “We played below the level we should have but it was a good learning experience.”

The ‘Dogs aren’t expecting to win many games this sea-son, but have yet to be discour-aged.

Focusing on developing the program, improving upon speci-fics and finding their indi-na-tional roles is what the team is narrowing in on.

‘Right now at a point that it was so much fun to be the first lacrosse team here,” said Muller. “I just hope that we’ll live in that thought, we need to go to the next level and chal-len-ges ourselves.”

**BERRIAN: Preparing for 2012 Olympics**

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The spring of 2006, Baptista was hired as the new sprint coach for the Bulldogs and knows little of his history. Baptista started asking Jeff Hartwig, a former world-class sprinter who has recently signed with agent Chris Baptista, and has since been his coach.

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While he has to wait until 2012 to try for the next sum-mer games, he is hoping to compete well at the World Championships in Berlin.

“Just being able to make it to the finals is like the type of athlete you are,” said Baptista.

Until the championships in August he will continue to train with Baptista and work to see like every other per-son in the dwindling economy.

“We’ve been working together for a while,” said Baptista. “For someone to be able to work through the down times and still have that passion to run, that’s just amazing,” said Baptista.

“I hate it,” said Baptista. “I see people out there and I’m like ‘I’ve beat him every time’ and he’s making money and not having to work and I am.”

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The colloquial team is heading to UC Davis this weekend to try and earn a spot in the program’s first ever win.

“We’ve had some really good training days and that has been a key to helping us get prepared for Davis,” head coach Sue Behme said.

As a new team the Bulldogs have not only had to work hard to make the team, but also simply learning the game. Consequently, many of the mistakes the team continues to make are simple, basic and easily fixable.

The three in focus for the Bulldogs heading up north Saturday are: control draws, capitalizing on offensive opportunities and forcing a lower percentage of corners.

“We have been working in the defensive end and reacting in the backfield and making better transitions,” said Behme. “We are a senior first year lacrosse program and we’ve improved a lot in becoming more of a team and a unit. We’ve made mistakes, but we have been working hard to improve on our defensive abilities, they are also striving to gain confidence on the offensive end.”

Taking more shots and not hesitating on open opportunities will be something they can look to improve.

“We are going to be taking a lot more shots and capitalizing on shooting opportunities,” said Hoska. “We are going to be very focused on communi-cation and not allow them to be wide open.

The Aggies who are 1-1-1 on the season, just came off losses to the University of Saint Mary’s in double overtime.

Before they play host to the Bulldogs, UC Davis will try to go 2-0 in Mountain West Conference.

The Nevada program, hopes to have better luck against UC Davis than it’s previous three opponents.

The team opened its season with a 19-0 loss to Cal Berkeley at Bulldog Stadium, but enjoyed the positive fan support and the atmosphere of the newest sport to be brought into the Central Valley.

After suffering the home loss, the ‘Dogs went on two straight road trips.

The first game was held at Stanford, who is ranked No. 18 in the national ranks, beat Fresno 20-1. But 20 wasn’t the number that meant the most, instead it was the one.

That one represents the first goal to ever be scored in the program’s history, and Heath Jack was the one able to claim the honor.

“That was something that I will never forget,” said Hoska. “At that moment we were all just so happy and knew that we were going to be able to do this.

Jack simply carried the ball up the crest of the field and laid it in past Stanford goalkeeper Annie Read.

While scoring the first goal was an exciting milestone for the team, there were many little things Behme was happy with as well.

She felt that her team did a good job causing turnovers, especially since Stanford is such a tough opponent.

After the loss, the ‘Dogs traveled to Denver and needed another 20-0 loss, but this time to Canisius College.

The team compiled six shots on goal, but it was senior and ‘Sawoov’s shot that was to score.

In that game Behme didn’t feel her team played to the best of their abilities.

“We straggled,” said Behme. “We played below the level we should have but it was a good learning experience.”

The ‘Dogs aren’t expecting to win many games this sea-son, but have yet to be discour-aged.

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**Lacrosse captain Heather Jack and the Bulldogs are back in conference play tomorrow with a trip to Davis. The team is ready to pick up their first win.**
Women's hoops controls its own destiny

By Haisten Willis
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As the Fresno State women's basketball team practiced Monday morning, a light mood filled the air.

Players smiled and even exchanged a few jokes with each other all while maintaining a high level of intensity. The atmosphere alone seemed to say, “first place.”

The team took the lead atop the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) on Feb. 8 when it routed San Jose State (SJSU) 76-47, and it clings to that position as the season winds to a close. The Bulldogs now begin a three-game home stand before ending the season on the road against Utah State.

After the win over SJSU, the team’s next contest was a disappointing loss to Idaho on the road. But the ‘Dogs bounced back with a big road win against Boise State.

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in their latest game, snapping the Broncos' 15-game home winning streak. It was the first time Fresno State had beaten Boise on the road in three years. In addition to the usual standout players, new names contributed to the effort. Jah-Teena Filipe got her first start of the season in Boise and Ashley Walker came off the bench to score 10 points in the second half. The team hopes a strong finish and a regular season championship will catapult them to a victory in the WAC tournament in Reno, Nev., and another round of “March Madness” in the NCAA tournament.

The first game of the home stand is tonight against Nevada at 7 p.m. Tonight’s game marks the end of a 12-day break between contests for the Bulldogs. They play four games in their