The week celebrates Asian culture

Lions, flowers and butterflies came together last week to celebrate the variety of traditions that represent different Asian cultures. Amerasia Week, which began in 1971,共享 about each culture Asian cultures, Wednesday through Saturday, sharing a variety of traditions that represent different Asian cultures. Lions, flowers and butterflies came performed the Coconut Dance in the Satellite Student Union on Saturday.

Vong Yang, the president of the Amerasia Organization, said Amerasia Week began in 1971 with the intention of sharing a variety of Asian cultures, highlighting their differences and similarities. “Amerasia Week began because of the need to celebrate our culture, and at the same time to create an identity for Asian-Americans,” Yang said. “Since then, Amerasia Organization has been continuing the tradition of celebrating and empowering the Asian-American community.”

Yang has been involved with the Amerasia Organization for three years. He said the organization was created to have a group at Fresno State that focused on Asian-Americans as a whole, rather than on one Asian culture.

Yang said Amerasia Week organizers wanted to demonstrate that Asian-Americans identify with both their Asian heritage and their integration of America culture. He said the event blended traditional cultural dances and songs with Asian hip-hop groups to show the mix of old and new. Amerasia Week featured dance and songs from many different Asian countries, including Japan, Thailand, Laos, China and the Philippines. The closing event, “Festival Night,” had 17 performances.

One of the performances was a Chinese lion dance, which is supposed to bring good luck in the Chinese New Year. Two lions, dressed in vibrant colors, danced across the stage interacting with the drum that set their beat.

Another performance was about the afterlife of two lovers who, much like Romeo and Juliet, committed suicide when their parents did not allow them to be together. However, unlike Romeo and Juliet, they turned into two butterfiles and danced together in the afterlife.

Festival Night also had a drawing for students.
Shop cheap, responsibly

As you may have guessed, EBT is the modern-day food stamp program. Gone are the days of Monopoly money and stamp stock bills. With the swipe of a card, groceries are paid for, and the balance is deducted from the user’s account, much like a checking account. (Except, in this checking account, the user never contributes to it.)

“Low-income individuals [and] families often times don’t have access to the same quality food as other people, they simply aren’t in the stores available, or they don’t offer the same quality,” Arambula said.

Don’t have access? By this, Mr. Arambula must think that grocery retailers don’t allow EBT cards to be used in their stores, although they are mandated to. He must think that the people who actually pay for their food are able to buy healthier things to eat, purely because they have deeper pockets.

Mr. Arambula must not go grocery shopping very often. Vons and Save Mart, two of Fresno’s main supermarkets, both accept EBT. Right now, Vons is offering, in its once-weekly ad, containers of strawberries for $1.50 and bagged salads for $3. How about four pounds of navel oranges offered at Save Mart for $1.88? Mr. Arambula, these are examples of healthy, inexpensive veggies and fruits. If you’re on a really tight budget, and have used your EBT card to buy too many bags of chips, candy and soft drinks, (as I’ve seen countless times as a former cashier for Vons) what’s wrong with frozen vegetables? If you cook them, you come back to life as if they were fresh. Bags of C&W frozen vegetables at Save Mart are currently offered at $1.98 each. Mr. Arambula, bags of frozen veggies can usually last more than one meal.

Discount supermarkets, such as FoodCo, FoodMaxx and WinCo, sometimes have produce items priced cheaper than Vons and Save Mart. If an EBT card holder inquired about the quality of the produce, Whole Foods Market also accepts EBT cards. How about some organic baby broccoli? It’s at a lofty $4, but it’s organic.

If Mr. Arambula’s idea goes through, farmer’s market vendors will have to purchase the EBT transaction machine and have access to a phone line. If there isn’t a phone line, which in many cases there aren’t, as the majority of farmer’s markets are held in parking lots, a wireless device for transactions runs at a steep $1,000, according to Miranda’s article. This is a farmer or vendor that has that kind of extra cash.

The whole notion about the government’s concern that low-income people have poorer diets which lead to obesity and diabetes, should be thrown out the window. Low-income individuals have access to fresh fruits and vegetables at grocery stores. It’s the individual’s choice to buy them. By the way, low-income individuals and families can buy things at farmer’s markets already, Mr. Arambula. They just have to pay cash for them like everyone else.
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March 4: Protests impact campuses

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protesters walked across the campus last Thursday in protest of the lack of funding for higher education. “They marched their way around campus,” Paiz said. “They went into the Titan Student Union, which is one of our main buildings.”

At California State University Long Beach, more than 1,000 students, faculty and staff gathered to protest the budget cuts to higher education, said the editor in chief of the Daily 49er Joanne Tucker.

The protests were part of a grassroots movement that started last year, when university students across California protested tuition cuts.

The California State University (CSU) board of trustees raised tuition across the CSU system by 32 percent last semester, in response to a budget reduction of $584 million.

However, California’s universities are not alone. The University of Georgia saw an increase of 35 percent, 20 percent at the University of Illinois and the University of Texas at Austin approved a 5.4 percent hike the day before the protests, to name a few.

More than an estimated 10,000 protestors shut down highways and snarled traffic in Berkeley, San Francisco and downtown Oakland. Roughly 30 UC Berkeley students were arrested Thursday.

Evan Walbridge / The Daily Californian

About 75 police officers were called to the scene after nearly 300 students tried to block a freeway onramp near campus. One female student was arrested.

Jeff Perry / The California Aggie

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About 200 protestors marched across campus. Some students barricaded themselves inside the school’s humanities building.

Christa Connelly / The Daily Titan

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A crowd of about 60 people rallied on Dexter Lawn.
WEEK: The celebration highlighted Fresno’s diversity among Asian cultures

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that gave away “things that Asian families usually have at home,” Yang said.

The night concluded with a fashion show to display traditional garb throughout Asia.

Kabao Vang, the co-chair of Amerasia Week, said the group worked hard to illustrate the differences between the many Asian cultures present in the Fresno area.

“We want to let the community know how diverse Fresno really is,” Vang said.

She said Amerasia Organization also fundraised all year to create a scholarship to support an Asian-American student at Fresno State.

“We wanted to put a scholarship together for Asian-American students struggling to afford school,” Vang said.

Joe Cha received the $500 Amerasia Higher Learning Scholarship. He is double majoring in health science and business finance, with plans to work in health policy and management.

Cha said he plans to use the money wisely and was grateful for being selected.

“I think it’s an honor to get the scholarship,” Cha said. “I am very excited.” He said this was his first time attending Amerasia Week, and he plans to come back next year.

“Next year I’m going to bring my whole family,” Cha said.

Cha said he thinks people tend to miss the differences between Asian cultures, so he was pleased that Amerasia Week helped expose the various aspects of different groups.

“I like the event, because it is also a learning experience,” Cha said.

He said he also appreciated the way Amerasia Week demonstrated the fusion of tradition and modern that many Asian-Americans experience.

“It is a struggle,” Cha said. “But one thing I realize, I can be both traditional and American.”

Physical therapy major William Minh said he came to watch his friend perform, but was convinced to stay for the whole show.

“I was stunned by the performances,” Minh said. “It was pretty interesting, just looking at all the cultures.”

Minh said he plans to come back next year and check out what is new.

Child development major Lin Chang has been to Amerasia Week for the past three years. Chang said he was pleased that the performances demonstrated the differences between Asian cultures.

“I think it’s a great way to express the Asian cultures throughout the community of Fresno,” Chang said.

Yang said the organization hopes to find a variety of groups to participate in Amerasia Week next year.

“We are always looking for ways to enrich the diversity and looking for new groups to participate,” Yang said.

Fiorentio said the experience gained through these programs is something that cannot be learned by just sitting in a classroom.

“Research shows one of the best ways for students to get a good education is to get them involved in services outside of the classroom,” Fiorentio said.

He said the award is a credit to everyone involved with the university, not just those in his department.

“It is really a university wide effort and so the recognition is something we can all take pride in,” Fiorentio said.

“Fiorentio said. “For us to be part of the presidential awards for three years in a row is no small deal.”

Fiorentio has been pleased every year at the amount of students who continue to get involved in bettering the community, but said there is always room for more.

“Just come on down to the Richter Center and ask about our programs,” he said. “We can always use more volunteers.”
All-star concert proposed to make first-time visit to the Central Valley

By John Esquivel  
The Collegian

As Valley farmers face issues such as drought, protests for water supplies and seasons left in turmoil, efforts are being made to reach a feasible solution. While many have stepped forward to back various options, some have expressed that a step in the right direction can be made by four unlikely gentlemen—Neil Young, Dave Matthews, John Mellencamp and Willie Nelson. These men serve as the board of directors of Farm Aid, an annual concert aimed at helping family-run farms.

Since its inception in 1985, Farm Aid has helped numerous farms throughout the country—except those in California. Mike Dozier, director of Community and Economic Development at Fresno State, has been leading a coalition to bring Farm Aid to the Golden State for the very first time. “We’ve given them a lot of things to think about,” Dozier said.

He said he got the idea when he saw a flyer advertising the Bob Dylan, John Mellencamp and Willie Nelson show last summer. He urged people to attend the concert in order to leave a good impression on directors Mellencamp and Nelson.

“If they think it’s a good idea, they might be open to the idea,” said Dozier. Following the concert, Dozier and a committee of community leaders have met to create a proposal for the Farm Aid committee. Bill Cahill, Assistant City Manager of Merced, was one of the leaders who supported the idea. “Fresno is great for a fall concert,” Cahill said. “This area seems like such a natural place to host Farm Aid.”

Dozier has been in touch with members of Farm Aid through e-mail who have guided him along the way with advice. They asked him to identify an appropriate outdoor venue that seats 20,000 and get support from farmers. They named Chuckchansi Park as the ideal venue and have started a letter writing campaign to let others express their desire to host Farm Aid. However, Dozier and his team have taken steps further to attract attention. In November, the campaign sent the Farm Aid committee a gift basket full of locally grown produce. The real focus has been on a proposal that was sent two weeks ago consisting of a letter from Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearngin and a 10-minute video presenting the need for such a concert to pay a visit to the Valley. Dozier believes these efforts set Fresno apart from the rest.

“I think we have a really good chance,” Dozier said. “Frankly, nobody has ever campaigned like this.” Now, rather than playing a waiting game, Dozier and Cahill have encouraged citizens to write letters to the Farm Aid committee. They held a letter writing launch party and have let people know they have postcards in their offices. “That’s really the phase we are in now,” Cahill said. They are also letting supporters know about the latest breakthroughs and upcoming events through their Twitter fan page.

With efforts being made to bring such a large-scale concert to a city like Fresno, how receptive are representatives from Farm Aid to such a proposal? Jennifer Fahy, the communications director for Farm Aid, says the message is not going unnoticed.

“We have received approximately 120 letters and postcards from Fresno to date,” Fahy said. “We have been in touch with the coordinators and we’re looking into the possibility of Fresno, in addition to other potential locations.”

While Fresno has expressed interest in hosting the festival, they join a handful of other cities that feel just as qualified. “There has been a history of groups lobbying to bring Farm Aid to their town. Vermont has launched a statewide effort and New York City pitched their city for a quite a while before we were able to bring our concert there in 2007,” Fahy said. “Our president and founder Willie Nelson has always said we like to go where we’re wanted so efforts like the one launched to bring Farm Aid to Fresno are much appreciated.”

Now that Dozier has the first phase of hard work behind him, he can reflect on the idea that started in June and blossomed into a reality by February. “It took off because people put a lot of time into this and I’m happy for that,” Dozier said.

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Basketball receives recognition

Head Coach Adrian Wiggins

Jaleesa Ross & Team

Greg Smith & Team

By Brianna Campbell
The Collegian

The head coach of the women’s basketball team has earned Western Athletic Conference Coach of the Year honors, the second in his career at Fresno State.

In 2007-08, Wiggins received his first WAC Coach of the Year award in the 2007-08 season after Coach of the Year award prior.

Wiggins has served as head coach for the Bulldogs since the 2005-06 season and was head assistant coach the season prior.

In 2007-08, Wiggins received his first WAC Coach of the Year award in the 2007-08 season after his Bulldog’s performed a 22-11 record and a 14-2 conference mark.

Wiggins was the first to lead his team to a perfect WAC record, 16-0, since Louisiana Tech in 2002. Since Jan. 2 Wiggins and his team have won 17 games consecutive and have been ranked 27th in the Rating Percentage Index by the NCAA.

The Bulldogs received the WAC title outright this season and will be heading to the WAC Tournament Wednesday to play Hawaii in the first round of play.

For the second year in a row, senior Jaleesa Ross received first-team All-WAC honors.

Ross also received new honors this season. She was named to the All-Defensive Team and was named the WAC Defensive player of the year.

Ross led the team with an average of 28.3 points in conference play, shooting 53 percent from the floor. Defensively Ross led the WAC in steals, averaging close to three a game.

Ross has also broken the 3-point record with a career-total of 278.

Last season she had 95 total and this season she marks 94, with the WAC tournament just ahead she is sure to break last seasons record.

Teammates Hayley Munro and Rosie Moult also received accolades for their contribution to the team.

Munro earned her second-straight, second-team All-WAC honor. She averaged 12.6 points and 5.2 rebounds during WAC play.

Moult was named to the All-Freshman Team, while she averaged 7.8 points and 4.4 rebounds per game.

Freshman center Greg Smith began his career at Fresno State memorable.

Smith has been named the WAC’s Freshman of the Year and the All-Newcomer Team recognition.

In his first season he averaged 11.4 points and 7.1 rebounds and the best free-throw percentage, 90.6 percent from the line this season.

Senior Seay was recognized as well for his performance receiv

ing honorable mention accolades. He is the 30th highest-scoring in the his
tory of the Bulldog pro

gram with 980 points as well as the seventh most blocks (94) in the history of Fresno State.

Lacrosse

vs. Navy

The lacrosse team suffered its fourth loss of the season losing to Navy. Junior Heather Jack and freshman Amanda Cross scored the only goals for the ‘Dogs.

The team will host its home opener on Thursday when they play Detroit at 4 p.m.

Softball

at San Diego Classic

The softball team collected its only win in the San Diego Classic beating Wisconsin 3-1. Junior pitcher Morgan Melloh won her sixth game of the season.

Melloh pitched seven innings, allowed six hits and struck out nine players.

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The team’s final game against Oregon was rained out on Sunday. The ‘Dogs finished the Classic going 1-3.

Women’s Tennis

vs. University of Utah

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The women’s tennis team fought hard on their road trip to Utah but fell short against No. 41.

Renata Kucerkova and Laura Pola fought hard when in each of their matches.

Kucerkova went to a tiebreaker in both sets against Anastasia Putilina who came away with the win 7-6 (9-7), 7-6 (15-13).

Pola went into super-tiebreaker set with the Utes’ Evgenia Kucerkova receiving the win as well, 6-1, 6-7 (7-5), 12-10.

vs. BYU

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Pola received a victory against Kristina Doerr winning the first set 6-4 and finishing the second set 6-2.

She as well saw action in the doubles matches with teammate Kucerkova, knocking off No. 26 Mical Jones and Megan Price, 8-7.

Coming up this week...

Men’s Golf

Fresno State Lexus Invitational, at the Copper Beach Country Club on Monday and Tuesday.

Women’s Golf:

At the Spartan Invitational on Tuesday against USU.

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‘Dogs swept by the Ducks

Leaving runners on base was one short fall to the 0-4 series

By Vongni Yang
The Collegian

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Sophomore pitcher Cody Kendall replaced sophomore Derek Benny as the team’s Friday night starter, but struggles during the first two games of the series.

The starting pitchers for the ‘Dogs battled back in five innings allowing just six hits and three earned runs but it was still too much for the ‘Dogs to overcome.

“He threw the ball exceptionally well,” head coach Mike Batesole said about Robertson. “I thought he kept the ball down low; his misses were good misses. We didn’t play very good catch behind him.”

Pitching wasn’t the only concern for the team during the weekend, the ‘Dogs had costly errors and mistakes that led to several Oregon runs. The ‘Dogs were credited with 11 total errors during the series.

“We need to take care of the baseball like we did the first two weekends,” Batesole said.

The ‘Dogs did, however, continue its hot hitting ways as it racked up nine hits on Friday, 12 and eight hits in the doubleheader on Saturday and eight hits on Sunday.

The hits went to waste as the ‘Dogs left 28 total runners stranded during the series as the ‘Dogs failed to take advantage of their opportunities to score runs.

“We did some good things and we did some things not so well,” Batesole said.

Junior third baseman Garrett Weber showed flashes of brilliance through-out the series as he made plays with both his glove and bat.

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Sophomore Charlie Robertson making his first start of the season. Robertson pitched a respectable five and a third innings allowing just six hits and three earned runs but it was still too much for the ‘Dogs to overcome.

The doubleheader concluded with