Fresno State professor elected chair of ICSC

By Melissa Knopp
The Collegian

For students that make their way to campus driving down Chestnut, Fresno State’s farm may seem to be nothing more than just that.

With the confusing odor of cow manure mixed with the sweet smell of the newly budding blossoms, it may seem that not much else but animal and plant upkeep happens down on the farm. But Dr. Ganesan Srinivasan, director of the University Agricultural Laboratory, sees Fresno State’s farm as a hidden gem, used for much more than growing crops and livestock.

“I think there is a perception that people think of crops and science as being separate fields, but the reality is that they are part of the same conversation. This is something that I would like to work towards changing,” Srinivasan said.

Srinivasan has directed the 1,000-acre university farm since 2005, utilizing his time and world experience in crop science, making Fresno State’s working farm a breeding place for international research.

Most recently, Srinivasan has been elected to chair for the International Crop Science Committee (ICSC), a committee dedicated to the research and education of crop science for countries around the world.

“[ICSC] has a membership of about 600 people. It’s an international committee where different countries can come together and share their research and best practices,” Srinivasan said.

As chair, Srinivasan will lead a committee dedicated to the advancement of crop science, making decisions on what topics to focus on and who will lead the charge.

“I think it will be a great opportunity for my research to have a greater impact on the global community,” Srinivasan said.

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— Dr. Ganesan Srinivasan
Director of University Agricultural Laboratory

“One of the main duties and purposes is to look at the international crops issues facing crop scientists internationally.” Srinivasan said.

“We will also look at issues faced by sustainable cropping systems and suggest some solutions.”

Srinivasan said that the College of Arts and Humanities Associate Dean, José Díaz is the design coordinator for his college. He said that despite the unfortunate financial timing, this project is necessary as the campus advances technologically.

The College of Arts and Humanities is following the lead of the linguistics department and urging all departments within the college to go green. He said saving costs in one way can help accommodate for other expenses that will come out of the colleges operating budget.

“It’s like all of us in our own personal budget,” Diaz said.

“We have so much money coming in every year and there are costs that adjust one way or another and we sort of just have to manage our budgets the best we can to get what we need.”

By Kaley Delarosa
The Collegian

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CROPS: International Crop Science Committee comprised of 10 experts from U.S. and from abroad

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biggest problem scientists and farmers face today is how to feed the ever-growing population while still maintaining the environment.

Sustainable cropping systems just means figuring out how we can feed the world while retaining our natural resources," he said.

How do we take care of this planet — the quality of air, water and soil — but still produce food to feed the multitudes of people?"

This year the 12-member committee consists of 10 members from across the U.S. and two international members from Costa Rica and Italy.

Srinivasan was appointed by Kenneth Quesenberry, president of Crop Science Society of America (CSSA). "This appointment is based on experience in international agriculture, service to crop science society and a willingness to spend the time necessary to serve," Srinivasan said.

"I am honored to have been elected," Srinivasan said.

Srinivasan was also accepted as a 2008 Fellow of the Crop Science Society of America last October.

Using his more than 30 years of experience in the field and his current residency in the Central Valley, Srinivasan plans to use his knowledge to immerse his fellow committee members in the potential future of crop science.

"Because of my exposure and experience working with different countries around the world and now currently working in the Valley, it makes it very unique for me to be able to lead this," Srinivasan said.

Srinivasan grew up in India where he later graduated from the Tamil Nadu Agriculture University, leaving with both his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in agriculture. He then received his doctorate in plant breeding from the University of Hawaii. As if these credentials weren’t enough, Srinivasan also attended Purdue University and earned an executive M.B.A.

Prior to coming to Fresno State, Srinivasan spent time in the field at the International Center for Maize and Wheat Improvement in El Batan, Mexico. Since moving to Fresno, Srinivasan said that he as learned the importance of the research he does here and how it can have an impact worldwide.

One saying that Srinivasan lives by is "think globally, but act locally." "What we produce here gets exported, so we can’t just be looking at what is required in the local market, but rather look at global issues," Srinivasan said.

"We have to think globally, but act locally — meaning we have to produce the crop based on the local conditions, but still look at the implications worldwide.

Because the committee members come from all over the world, Srinivasan said that the team, as a whole, will only meet one time and until then conduct meetings over the phone, through e-mail and with video conferences.

“We will have our one-time meeting this year in October, in Pennsylvania,” Srinivasan said.

Srinivasan said that one of the main purposes of the one-time meeting, besides discussing crop solutions, will be to create more membership for the committee and to decide who will receive the crop scientist of the year award.

“I will be helping the committee members strain nominations, score them and then select the recipient of the award.”

The award goes to scientists who have made an outstanding contribution in any area of crop science.

While the committee and end-of-the-year conference will consist of professional scientists only, Srinivasan said that the future of this area of study impacts students of all fields.

“Not only does this help to encourage international students to become members and participate, but also helps them, and the students we have here, promote sustainable cropping systems.”

“In fact, we have many of the sustainable cropping systems right here on campus, impacting students university-wide.”

While Srinivasan is excited about receiving the award, he said he is more enthusiastic about getting to work with some of the best scientists in the business.

“The thing that really excites me is being able to interact with experts around the world who are part of the committee,” Srinivasan said.

“I’m excited to pick their brains and try to do the best we can in solving the global food crisis issue.”

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Virtue in studying diverse religions

The upper deck

Haisten Willis

Come, are typically the smartest kids in the Valley, and she said, “Yes, they want us to be like, ‘Fresno State is awesome! It’s so fun here!’” She also said that the “judges” only allowed to make positive comments. Call me a bad usher of similes, but that smooched more like a hidden agenda than a peach.

Anyway, the kids came into the room accompanied by a few teachers and parents. Rushing over to the second-story window, one of them yelled out, “We’re on top of the world!” Another joked, “What if the building collapses?”

The kids recited various poems by Shel Silverstein (a personal favorite) and other children’s authors. Many giggled nervously, some mumbled their poems unintelligibly, one even cried. One boy went stone-cold silent when it was his turn. He was up, sat down in his seat, but regained courage a few minutes later and recited his poem. I’ll admit, it was cheering in the process.

The last participant of the morning stole the show. Walking up front with no inhibition, she excitedly told the room that her poem could be rapped, but that she would just recite it. She did so with hand motions and confidence, drawing the biggest applause of the morning. In a more cynical world we would say she “had the best performance.”

A few minutes later her father walked in and they performed an encore. He beat-boxed while she gave it in and rapped; and it was awesome. I had witnessed the perfect example of what a father should be.

Say what you will about the festival, but never underestimate the importance of parenting. Not a single child in that overcrowded room was overweight, and there were as many dads present as there were moms. Just something to think about while you dodge kids on your way to class today.

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Baby Goggles

A phenomenon where the parents of an ugly baby think their baby is adorable and no one else does.

Word of the Day

Shirt artists suit students to a ‘T’

Free presentation by Drive by Press printmakers promises to deliver a ‘non-boring’ time

By Victoria Jones
The Collegian

Traveling printmakers with over 100,000 combined miles under their wheels will be driving onto the Fresno State campus Monday with their 600-pound printing press in tow.

Drive by Press (DBP) master printmakers and fine artists Joseph Velasquez and Drew Iwaniw will set up outside Conley Art room 160 for the day. DBP is spending their third year on the road “spreading the ink.” They have even doubled their fleet, covering the East and West Coasts simultaneously. This will be DBP’s second visit to Fresno State, which adds to the 150 plus campuses and universities they have visited.

From noon to around 1:30 p.m., there will be a “non-boring” presentation in CA160 on the history of printmaking and then from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., the artists will be making prints. All students are encouraged to attend both free events.

Art major Dawn Hart, who saw the visiting artists last year said, “I was very impressed with their knowledge about print-making.” She agreed that the presentation was indeed “non-boring,” as the master’s claim.

Some interest in the past helps,” said printmaking professor Matt Hopson-Walker, who has been promoting the upcoming DBP visit. Walker recalled last year’s lecture as a light and much abbreviated version of the 600-year-old printing process.

Historically, printmaking has been a secretive process, Walker said. As a student, you had to work with a print-maker for a long time before they would share their techniques and secrets with you. “They do it because they’re excited about spreading the word.” Walker said of DBP. DBP has 10 hand-carved relief blocks ready to print on various materials, “and are constantly working on new blocks,” added Iwaniw. They have printed on T-shirts, canvas, towels, shower curtains and bathroom mats, to name a few. “Oh yeah, and underwear, but we prefer not to print on underwear,” said Velasquez.

T-shirts are $20, but you can bring your own tee and have it printed for $10. They can even print on kids tees.

Not only will you be supporting DBP, you will have a hand in making your own unique garment. Velasquez said. When customers buy a print or shirt from DBP they are asked if they would like to place the relief block or choose its orientation. Then the customer gets to crank the press.

“It ends up meaning more to know that you’ve had a hand in making it,” Velasquez said.

Velasquez is confident that there is something for everyone and every taste. “We’ve even turned the head and captivated the interests of some of the country’s greatest ‘haters’ and folks who could care less; we try to be inclusive and welcome both audiences of artists and non-artists alike,” he said.

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— Joseph Velasquez, Drive by Press artist

Photo Courtesy of Drive By Press

Traveling printmakers Drive by Press will be making their second appearance on the Fresno State campus Monday, March 16. Artists Joseph Velasquez and Drew Iwaniw will be on hand in front of CA 160 for the free event.

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Quote of the Day
“There’s an old saying in Tennessee; I know it’s in Texas, it’s probably in Tennessee, that says, ‘fool me once, shame on you — fool me and you can’t get fooled again.’”
— George W. Bush, 43rd President of the United States

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BULLDOG BASEBALL

Winning streak continues for ’Dogs

Bulldogs win five games in five days and are the only undefeated team in tourney

By Megan Poindexter
The Collegian

While the newcomers to the Fresno State baseball team are proving they belong, the veterans are continuing their consistent play at the 31st annual Pepsi/Johnny Quik Classic at Beiden field.

Today is the fifth day of the tournament and the Bulldogs will host Cal State Bakersfield (CSUB) with a game scheduled for 6:05 p.m.

As of Thursday, the Bulldogs were on a six game winning streak, and will play their final game of the tournament against Buffalo, a team the Bulldogs have defeated twice by margins of three and 18 runs. The Dogs will play their final game of the six day tournament tomorrow against Buffalo.

In Tuesday’s game against the Roadrunners, Fresno State had 12 hits en route to a 1-0 victory.

Freshman Derek Benny recorded his first collegiate win, going five innings allowing seven hits and one run on the night. Sean Boronklee came in to pitch one inning of relief and was followed by Matt Morse who closed the game in the final three innings allowing just two hits.

“We are excited to see our freshmen pitching with confidence,” said Batesole in a press release following the game. “We expect them to continue to get innings and steadily improve.”

CSUB was first to get on the board to take an early 1-0 lead, but after that it was all Bulldogs. In the bottom of the first, Kenny Wise hit a two-run single to center and Steve Detwiler stole home to gain a 3-1 advantage.

With the ‘Dogs up 1-0 in the bottom of the fifth, Alan Ahmady hit a triple to drive home sophomore Danny Muno and senior Gavin Hedstrom to push the lead to 7-1.

A two-run homer by freshman Dusty Robinson and a solo homerun by Tom Mendonca, gave Fresno an 11-1 lead.

Sophomore Jordan Riebera kicked off the ‘Dogs most productive offensive inning adding to the homerun spree with a two-run homer making it a 12 run game in the eighth. Fresno scored five runs and three hits in the inning. Freshman Ryan Allgrove doubled to left center to bring home Dane McGlaughin and Jake Johnson to cap the game for the Bulldogs.

“We are taking more patient, team oriented at-bats,” Batesole said. “Early in the game we were trying to do a little too much, which is not unusual. These kids want to win. Now we are settling in a bit offensively.”

Wednesday’s game was a little closer, however, the ‘Dogs came out on top 7-5 against Buffalo.

With two outs in the ninth and Ahmady on first after a single, Mendonca finalized the win with a two-run homer. Mendonca’s homerun is his 34th in his career; nine more and he will be tied for the most career homeruns in Fresno State history.

The game with Buffalo was close from the beginning.

Bulls scored first when Brad Augstien hit a homerun, but the ‘Dogs came back in the bottom of the third when Hedstrom’s sacrifice fly brought home Trent Garrison to tie the game at 1-1.

Buffalo added another run in fifth, but Fresno responded again with two runs in the inning. Muno hit a triple to score Brennan Gowens, and Ahmady singled to bring Muno home and take a 3-2 lead.

With the game tied at 3-3 in the bottom of the seventh, it was again Muno and Ahmady providing the consistent offensive spark to get the ‘Dogs back up. After Muno singled and Hedstrom reached first on a fielding error, Ahmady singled up the middle to score Muno.

Mendonca then grounded out, and Detwiler came to the plate and singled allowing Hedstrom to cross the plate and give the Bulldogs the lead.

But the lead was quickly cut down, and it became a 5-5 tie game once again.

Taylor Garrison earned the win, going five innings and allowing four hits and two runs. Garrison was the third straight freshman to start and pitch a win for the ‘Dogs.

Garrison, Benny and Josh Poytress were the three freshmen that made solid performances in their debuts as Bulldogs.

“How about three freshmen in three days getting starts,” Batesole said. “All getting through five innings, the first two, Poytress and Benny got wins and Garrison leaves in a position to win today. That bodes well for our future and they are all throwing strikes.”

The wins against CSUB and Buffalo helped improve the Bulldogs record to 8-4. Fresno State is the only undefeated team in the tournament.

Results for the Portland game will be online later today.

CAMERAS: Fans much closer than at Bulldog Stadium

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harder to regulate at football games,” Odums said.

Fans sit further away from the field of play at football games than they are at baseball games.

“Football fans don’t interfere with the game as much because they are not as close to the field as baseball fans are,” Odums said.

The amount of fans at a baseball game is much smaller than at football games. Bulldog Stadium hold 41,031 seats while Beiden Field only holds 3,575 seats.

“Baseball fans are less rowdy than football fans and tend to stop using your camera if she sees you using flash,” Odums said.

“We ask fans to stop using flash because it disrupts the players,” Odums said.

“Baseball fans are less rowdy than football fans and tend to stop using flash when she sees you using flash.” Odums said.

New baseball fans don’t worry your camera is safe. Odums will not take your camera if she sees you using flash.

“We ask fans to stop using flash because it disrupts the players,” Odums said.

Matt Weir / Collegian File Photo

Freshman Derek Benny got his first collegiate victory in his second start this season Tuesday night against CSU Bakersfield. Benny has pitched 14 innings this year, more than any other reliever.

Fans are not allowed to take flash photos at Beiden Field, as it puts the players in danger.
**HOOPS: O’Neil’s career ends with loss to Utah State**

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having no victories on the road in his time as the Bulldogs ral- lied past the Hawaii Warriors 62-58.

Head coach Steve Cleveland expressed his gratitude towards his team’s stunning road win through a news release.

“I am so proud of this group of young men, Cleveland said. “It is so nice to see them rewarded for working so hard and finding a way to win this game.”

Fresno State trailed most of the game until senior Dwight O’Neil hit a crucial jumper with 21.7 seconds left to give Fresno State a 59-58 lead. Free throws and a stifling pressure defense sealed the victory.

O’Neil finished the game scoring 14 points and spoke of continuing his Fresno State basketball career for the time being.

“I didn’t want my Bulldog career to end,” O’Neil said in a news release. “Everyone knew that if the second half was going to be my last 20 minutes that I was going to leave everything on the floor. We wanted to win and we did as a team.”

Fresno State’s hope of a mirac- ular WAC title run and extend- ing O’Neil’s career, however, ended with no victory on the road. The Bulldogs fell to the No. 14 Utah State Aggies, 70-58, on Thursday.

O’Neil finished his Fresno State basketball career with 14 points and 15 rebounds, both career highs.

Men’s basketball coach Steve Cleveland and the Bulldogs ended the season with a 13-21 record and finished in ninth place in the WAC regular season standings. Fresno State will lose only one senior, Dwight O’Neil, to graduation.

**WAC tournament continues...**

Even though the men’s team is out of the tournament, the women are still in the thick of things with a chance to make the NCAA Tournament.

- **Semi-finals:** Friday at noon
- **Finals:** Saturday at 1 p.m.
- **NCAA Tournament selections:** Monday at 4 p.m.

**PRO DAY: Pascoe improves 40-yard dash time back at home**

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workout because of strained muscle in his right side. The injury occurred at the com- bine, and he has not been able to throw in practice or work- outs since the injury.

“I showed up and did well at the combine, so it’s not going to be a negative that I’m not working out,” Brandstater said.

Pascoe was not as pleased with his showing at the combine. In Indy, he ran a 4.95 second 40-yard dash. On Wednesday, Pascoe improved his time to a 4.82 second 40, which could make the differ- ence in a signing bonus or a spot on the practice squad.

“I felt that I did very good [at the pro day],” Pascoe said. “I improved my times from Indy and that was my main goal.”

Both Pascoe and Brandstater said that at the combine, they met with all 32 teams in three days worth of meeting and are not clear about where they will be drafted.

Pascoe was comfortable with his body of work at Fresno State and with his draft stock at the time, especially after improving his 40-yard dash time.

“All of the cards are on the table right now. I have done everything I can do to improve my stock and my status in the NFL,” Pascoe said. “They’ve seen my film and seen what I can do.”

The improvement in his time might be due to the weight he has dropped recently. Pascoe weighed in at 265 pounds while at the combine, but has dropped 12 pounds in recent weeks.

While his 40-yard dash times have improved, Pascoe feels more athletic and smooth, which could help improve his stock.

Other Bulldogs from the 2008 senior class, working out at the Fresno State pro day, were defensive back Sharrod Davis, tight end Drew Lubinsky and offensive lineman Cole Popovich.

Lubinsky and Popovich both performed very well in the 335- pound bench press, outpacing the NFL. Lubinsky lifted 23 re- ps at 225 pounds, Popovich 22. But Popovich, who missed his senior season with a leg injury, benched 37 reps, well above many linemen prospects in the NFL.

Davis performed well in the 40-yard dash time, running a 4.55 second 40.

While pro day workouts were designed for graduating seniors entering the NFL draft, two other former Bulldogs took advantage of the scouts attention.

Defensive lineman Jason Stewart and receiver Rodney Wright, two Arena Football League players, are now searching for a new home in the NFL. The AFL cancelled its 2009 season, leaving players like Wright and Stewart on the job market.

Wright improved his 40-yard dash time to 4.48 seconds.

None of the 11 participants in the pro day were drafted, but Pascoe and the others all have the same hope.

“I’m going to bust my butt to make an NFL team,” Pascoe said. “Hopefully I’ll be playing somewhere next fall.”
National title brings new issues to Beiden Field

Fresno State’s baseball team has attracted more fans and their cameras

By Mallory Plant
The Collegian
The 2008 NCAA National Champion Fresno State baseball team drew more fans opening week than in the past. The new baseball fans this season may not know about the policy regarding flash photography at Beiden Field.

Flash photography is not allowed at Beiden Field or most other sporting events at California State University, Fresno. Pictures can still be taken, but the flash must be off.

According to an e-mail from Nate Wills, director of events at Fresno State, “The athletics department policy for Beiden Field and Bulldog Diamond is no flash photography due to the distraction and potential safety hazard it creates for our student athletes.”

Fans see distraction from lights bouncing off of the players’ helmets and aluminum bats. 98 light fixtures on eight towers surround Beiden Field to allow for night games.

Jason Pirtle, event and facilities coordinator said, “The flash makes it harder to see the small white ball.”

This policy can be hard to find. It is not on the back of a ticket to a baseball game, nor on the red sign just outside the entrance. Before the game starts and the public address announcer tells fans all the rules of the stadium, but fails to mention the policy on flash photography.

At last Tuesday’s baseball game, the public address announcer finally told fans by the fourth inning that no flash photography was allowed.

Around the same time Carolyn Odums, usher supervisor, used her hands to show the clicking of a camera to another usher that a fan used flash photography. Odums works as an usher at baseball, football and soccer games.

“Flash photography is

WAC TOURNAMENT

One step closer

Fresno State women’s hoops team advances to second round and is closer to NCAA tourney, men’s team falls to Utah State Aggies

By Lorenzo Reyna
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Both Fresno State men’s and women’s basketball teams hit a jackpot this week while in Reno, Nev., and it wasn’t from winning big at any casino.

It was from taking the gamble of putting their season on the line like the rest of their competition. And with so much at stake, both teams ended up striking gold by keeping their conference title hopes and season alive on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Both the men and women basketball teams won their first round matchups in the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) tournament. The teams had to defeat Hawaii to move on to the next round.

The men’s team was certainly the surprise of the tournament on Tuesday in Reno. Carrying a conference worst 3-13 record and junior point guard LaShay Fears scored nine points and helped lead the ‘Dogs in its win over Hawaii, 65-50, in the first round of the WAC Tournament. With the win, the Bulldogs will take on Utah State today at noon.

Former ’Dogs work out for scouts

Bear Pascoe and other former Bulldogs work out for NFL scouts in preparation for the NFL draft on April 25-26

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With the NFL draft quickly approaching, former Bulldogs put their skills on display at the Fresno State practice facility in front of scouts and cameras. Wednesday.

Of the 2008 senior class, only quarterback Tom Brandstater and tight end Bear Pascoe were invited to the NFL scouting combine. The pro day was a chance for some Bulldogs to improve times and numbers.

For others, it was their only opportunity to workout for scouts.

Being at home in Fresno, as compared to Lucas Oil field in Indianapolis, Ind., calmed nerves and removed some heavy pressure.

“It is definitely a different vibe and a different feeling going around the place,” Brandstater said.

Brandstater was not able to