Grads’ options extend abroad

While many graduates are looking for employment or internships after college, they may be unaware of one overseas option.

By Yu Yang

The Collegian

When one door of job opportunity is closed, alternative windows may be opened, and for graduating Fresno State seniors who could be the case. According to a poll by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), employers have increased hiring activity to 96.4 percent from January’s activity of 86.4 percent.

Along with the increase in hiring, there was also a slight increase of recruiting activity by employers. “One reason for that appears to be their commitment to recruit for their internship programs this year, even if they forgo or reduce their full-time college hiring,” said Marilyn Mackes, the NACE executive director.

Although the poll suggested a high potential for students to be hired, the poll reported the potential to receive an internship is more promising.

Monica Baisdon, a 2007 Fresno State graduate, felt that effect.

Baisdon walked away with her bachelor’s degree in criminology in the area of victimology, along with also holding an internship at the Marjaree Mason Center.

An opportunity to work for the city of Fresno as a crime scene technician arose, and Baisdon took the opportunity to apply for it. Along with her were 20 other applicants. There were three openings and Baisdon passed the test for the job with a high score, but she was not chosen.

“I haven’t really tried anything else because, like I said, the demands are a lot of the stuff in my field isn’t there,” Baisdon said.

Rita Bocchinfuso-Cohen, the Career Services director, said for graduating seniors, there are other job options that may or may not be in the field that they majored in.

“There are fellowships for people who already have gotten their degree,” Bocchinfuso-Cohen said. “They might think of doing Peace Corps or one of the other service organizations.”

Bocchinfuso-Cohen said internships could benefit in several ways.

“That’s a way to get some experience, many times related to your major,” Bocchinfuso-Cohen said. “You might be able to get credit or some ability to pay back some time.”

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Laptop rental hits record

By Chelsea Harkness

The Collegian

A record number of students checked out laptops at the Henry Madden Library in February almost doubling the previous monthly averages.

According to the library’s computer system, last month 11,083 laptops were checked out at the Laptop Circulation area. On average, students check out 6,700 laptops per month.

David Tyckoson, associate dean of library services, said 11,000 in one month was amazing, but was unsure of what accounted for the increase.

“I can’t think of a good reason that would account for the increase,” Tyckoson said. “I don’t think it’s a huge number.”

The Laptop Circulation area has 204 laptops available for students.

“Nobody has hundreds like we do,” Tyckoson said. “We have more than any other campus that I know of not just (California State Universities), but anywhere. Most libraries don’t check out as many laptops as we do.”

Tyckoson said the library is set to start a new laptop program by spring break. The library purchased 59 laptops with a Linux operating system. He said if the officials are deciding whether to check out laptops for several weeks with the possibility of the laptop being returned.

“Right now [laptops] go out for four hours and you can’t check them out over night, which is not because we don’t want to, but the campus Microsoft license restricts how it can be used,” Tyckoson said. “Linux is a more accurate competitor to Microsoft.”

Library student assistant Josh Justin, said they run out of laptops nearly every day. Most students are patient when this happens.

“Sometimes there are a small percentage of students that get angry, especially when they are out of them or when something breaks on a printout,” Justin said.

Adriana Salumar, a fashion merchandising major, said she checks out a laptop about four times a week so she can get work done.

During finals she said she waited for an hour for one.

Tyckoson said the laptop program is taken care of, but is appreciated by students. “It’s a clear number of 11,000 of them went out last month,” Tyckoson said.
Furloughed? Work OT

Over the last year, state employees have been forced to take days off every month, without pay. By implementing this plan, Gov. Schwarzenegger intended to save our state $1.2 billion, or so he thought.

L.A. Times writer Patrick McGrew’s March 6 article entitled, “Overtime pay may put a dent in state’s furlough savings,” introduced some stunning facts about state employees raking in hundreds of thousands of dollars in overtime pay.

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What’s disturbing. What’s worse is that Larot is not the only employee soaking up this much overtime. Obviously, for some positions, furlough days are like a prison nurse $270,000 last year to devise watch.”

The state of California just paid a prison nurse $279,000 last year to watch newly admitted prison inmates on suicide watch.

McGrew wrote, in a quotation from a spokesman for the California Prison Healthcare Receivership, “She ‘legitimately earned’ her overtime with much of it spent overseeing newly admitted prison inmates on suicide watch.”

The top 50 overtime recipients each received over $100,000 in extra compensation. Who knows how many more state employees make close to $100,000 in overtime and are not in the top 50.

In fact, it’s anybody’s business. What Nurse Larot fails to understand is that people are complaining about the overtime because our state’s bank accounts are overloaded and what little money is left is almost always spent incorrectly and inefficiently.

And yes, Nurse Larot, it is most certainly our business.

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The conclusion of McGrew’s piece, Larot works for the Department of Corrections' Equal Opportunity and Vocational Institute in Tracy, Calif.

With All Due Respect

MIKE BOYLAN

The fascination with fuller breasts has seeped into the female psyche. Three weeks ago, 3,000 women in Britain were surveyed and 63 percent confessed to suffer from “breast envy” and wanted bigger breasts. Many women are opting for surgery to accomplish this.

In America, according to Cosmetic Plastic Surgery’s Research, “She, 355,671 women underwent breast augmentation in 2008, compared to 101, 176 in 1997.”

This has spawned a demand for evaluating how the sexes feel about this trendy development. The Orange County Register polled the question: “Do men find the results of breast implants attractive?” Forty percent of men answered “yes” to the question. According to the same poll, 35 percent of women believe men are attracted to fake breasts. I have found some men that view women “who artificially enhance their body image as an indication of superficiality, lack of self-esteem, or being intellectually and emotionally shallow.” I have noticed this contradiction in the past, which has impelled me to seek reconciliation.

Men who play the “I don’t like artificial women” card need to wake up and acknowledge their hypocrisy. It is an accepted societal norm for women to alter their aesthetic appeal in these ways. A man’s delicate ego and sensibility may lend itself to making snap judgments in vain at fake breasts women that reflect the inconsistencies we all tend to hold regarding the idea of natural beauty Upon deeper inspection, men should find no good reason to do so.

I still prefer them large and natural, but I cannot in good conscience claim to be appalled by the exaggerated cleavages I see on campus and all over the valley, neither should you.

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The ’Dogs suffered a heart-breaking 68–66 loss to La. Tech on Saturday in the WAC Tournament final. Now our NCAA Tournament hopes lie with the selection committee. Regardless of what happens, it’s been a phenomenal season. Great job, lady dogs.

On efforts to improve California

H ow about this modest proposal: Why not approve good infrastructure projects and clean up the wasteful Caltrans bureaucracy before asking taxpayers for more money to pay for new roads and bridges?

—Steven Greenhal, OC Register

ONE-FINGER SALUTE

Expect something NCAA Tournament related to occupy this spot in “One-finger salute” for the next few weeks. It’s hard to not get excited filling out brackets and watching those brackets get utterly destroyed. It will be a pleasure to get to watch the most exciting postseason tournament in all of sports for a few more weeks. One qiblite: Duke is the third No. 1 seed ahead of Syracuse? Really, selection committee?

Thumbs down

Topeka changing name to “Google”

Yes, Topeka, Kan. changed its name to Google, at least for the month of March. The story is one of the number two things at The Collegian have in awe. Think of all the jokes they have to say they were born in Google, Kan. Facebook information must be changed. Postcards reprinted. And worst of all—for this month, the scene in this almost famous political Michael Hammond parties in Topeka does not make sense. The horror.

Thumbs up

Man shows up to DUI sentencing inebriated

A man in Omaha, Neb. showed up at his hearing so inebriated he actu-
ationally happened. Besides this man being incredibly stupid and providing us with comedy to last us a while long, we think goodness this didn’t happen in Fresno. Lord knows we don’t need any more “drunk” press.

Thumbs down

Cocaine users make global warming worse

“Were horrified to learn for every few lines of cocaine snorted in a London club, four square meters of rainforest is destroyed,” said Keith Vaz, chairman of the UK’s home affairs select commit-
tee. That to this reason not to try cocaine, along with it kills you. One question though for this winter was demonstrably colder than most recent ones, does that mean less people are using the drug? I’m confused.

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Beer thrity
Time of day (usually late afternoon to early evening) at which drinking a beer becomes necessary.

Source: UrbanDictionary.com
Back in the 1850’s, people were quick to label someone as a heathen, using subtle clues of blasphemy, fighting or adultery as proof for conviction.

The newest play at Fresno State, “Heathen Valley,” began this past weekend. In the play, written by Romulus Linney and directed by Bradley Myers, a Bishop and his newly appointed missionary take on the challenge of saving the heathens of a small town in the Appalachian Mountains.

The play is set in a poor village, which is reflected by the sparse setting elements and props. The stage is made of wood, with five wood towers and one small wood podium. The bare stage allows the audience to solely focus on each of the six actors.

The leading characters—Episcopal Bishop of North Carolina, ex-convict William Starns and the story’s troubled narrator Billy were sent to save the heathens. The other three characters were the town’s folk: Juba the midwife, Harlan (a man who marries his sister and is a little crazy) and Cora (who is Harlan’s other sister and would-be wife).

Starns was born near the mountain town, and was delivered by Juba, so the bishop saw fit to put him in charge of the monastery. He knows that “the poor have poor ways,” but he is determined to turn the town around. Justin Ringhofer portrays Starns in a way that the audience can relate to him. After Starns gets through a tough situation the audience breathes a sigh of relief and when he triumphs, the audience grows in excitement. When he dances—well, you have to see that one for yourselves.

Other then Starns, the Heathen Valley residents steal the show.

Emily Rose McLeod does a fine job at being the level-headed representative of her town. She is the glue that holds everyone in the play together. Matthew Rudolf Schiltz, who plays Harlan, shows his acting range by playing a character that goes from crazy to relatively sane in a short span of time. He is also a great stage fighter.

Cora, portrayed by Kelsey Deroian, is the person who makes the audience laugh the most. She knows “preachers are all talk and no comprehension.” She is able to make people think that life in the Appalachians is not that bad.

Though the script is interesting and gives the audience members a glimpse into the 19th century, the acting is the thing to see in this play. Additional performances will be held in the Dennis and Cheryl Woods Theatre at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Student tickets are $10.

Winner of the American Theatre Critics Association Award for Distinguished Playwriting, “Heathen Valley” is an intense portrayal of a 19th century “Valley That Forgot God.” Matthew Schiltz (left) and Justin Ringhofer (right.)

Photo by Randy Vaughn-Dotta / Fresno State
When people take a stroll through the music department they are bound to hear music. One of the musicians contributing to this sound is freshman cellist Megan Patino. II.
Patino is a Modesto, Calif. native who is working on her music education degree here at Fresno State. On top of working for her degree, Patino is rushing Tau Beta Sigma this semester.
Patino picked her major because music has always been her interest. She was always in the band or orchestra in high school.

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A: My music theory class. It is fun getting to know the fundamentals of music.

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Q: What would you do if you were the mayor of a city for a day?
A: I would create a new library. It is my idea to take a tour. 5151 n. Cedar (559) 229-7001

Q: What is your favorite motto?
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Sylvester Seay bounced back from the flu to play hard in his last game in a Bulldog uniform

By Mike Wandzella
The Collegian

The men’s basketball team was down a player Thursday afternoon in its game against Louisiana Tech in the opener of the WAC Tournament. Sophomore guard Mike Ladd was sent home from Reno, Nev. after violating athletic department policy.

“The only thing I could tell you is that it was a violation of our athletic department policy,” Director of Athletics Thomas Boeth said. “Subsequently, this is the appropriate punitive action in that case.”

Ladd made the trip with the team early Wednesday morning and practiced that day. Head coach Mike Cleveland and his staff did not decide that Ladd would be suspended until later that evening when they went back to the hotel.

“We had not processed it, and when we came back to the hotel and we went through this thing, once all the facts were there, it was very clear what we needed to do,” Cleveland said.

After the decision was made, Ladd was sent back to Fresno to attend classes.

Sophomore forward Paul George finished with 22 points, 11 rebounds and 2 assists, in the what could possibly be his last game for Fresno State if he declares entry into the NBA draft.

With the absence of Ladd, only eight ‘Dogs played in their 74-66 loss to Louisiana Tech. Turnovers, foul trouble and the absence of Ladd led to their defeat.

“Had Mike played, might he have contributed in the game? Certainly,” Cleveland said. “I think, sometimes, when those things happen it unifies guys and puts people together.”

Even though the ‘Dogs lost Mike Ladd for the tournament, he will be back next season according to Athletics Director Thomas Boeth. But they will be losing their one and only senior, Sylvester Seay.

Seay was sick for four days prior to playing Louisiana Tech and managed to only practice once; however, he still finished with 11 points and eight rebounds in 27 minutes, playing in his final game wearing a Bulldog uniform.

“I wish I could have contributed a little bit more and that we could have ended up on the other side of the stick,” Seay said. “I look back, and I had a great time with these guys.”

In his two years at Fresno State, he compiled 980 points, 388 rebounds and 87 assists in 66 games.

“He has grown a great deal in a lot of different ways on and off the court,” Cleveland said.

Cleveland said Seay will complete his degree. He also added that Seay spent the last month competing at a higher level of play.

Minutes after the final buzzer sounded Thursday, the Bulldogs’ lone senior reflected on his career with advice for his teammates.

“It goes by fast. One minute you are here, and the next you are sitting in the situation that I am in,” Seay said. “I was here for five years and you think it is a long time, but it goes by fast.”

The track and field team will head to Los Angeles this week as it participates in the Judi Garman Classic in Fullerton, Calif.

Equestrian

The No. 10 Fresno State Equestrian team beat No. 2 Auburn 8-7 on Saturday.

Freshman Lauren Carr and seniors Lisa Wells and Madison Silver each collected MVP honors in their respective event. Wells in equitation over fences, Carr in equitation on the flat and Silver in horsemanship.

The equestrian team finished its regular season losing to No. 6 Kansas State 8-6.

Junior Holly Elsbernd was the only ‘Dog to receive MVP honors. Elsbernd was named MVP in equitation over fences.

The team will wrap up its season next month, when they participate in the Varsity Equestrian National Championsips in Waco, Texas.

Track and Field

The men and women’s track and field team lost to Cal Poly on Saturday. The men lost 122-75 and the women were defeated 103-92.

Junior Tiera Hilliard finished in first place in the women’s 400-meter run while junior Latrish Jordan came in first in women’s 400-meter hurdles.

Senior Frank Sanders also finished in first place in the men’s 100-meter dash. Junior Kendrick Young edged out a Cal Poly runner by one second, finishing first in men’s 400-meter hurdles.

Sophomore Rosario Sanchez dominated her event, finishing first in the discus throw.

The track and field team will head to Los Angeles this week as it takes part in the Trojan Invitational.
As loyal Bulldog fans, the Collegian staff and I decided to embark on a journey and travel to Reno, Nev. to cover the Western Athletic Conference Tournament in hopes of seeing the women’s team take home another WAC Championship trophy.

As I took my place at the press table I had no clue what to expect, this was the big times and I was going to enjoy every moment.

Directly across the court a sea of red stood on their feet prepared to cheer the Bulldogs on to victory. The Bulldog Beat directly to my left could be heard through the whole Lawlor Events Center in Reno.

While most fans prepared themselves for the expected hard-fought game ahead against Louisiana Tech, they had complete confidence that the Bulldogs would come out on top. Fresno State alumna Marvin Hughes, who graduated in 1956, has followed the Bulldogs since they were first known as the class of the league,” Idaho coach Jon Newbauer said.

With a battle-tested preseason and an undisputed conference record, the Dogs looked poised to cruise through the four-day tournament and once again return to Fresno with an automatic NCAA Tournament bid.

Quarter-final round Vs. No. 8 Hawaii

The ‘Dogs wasted little time in dismantling their conference foe from the Pacific region, winning handily 85-53 to advance to the semi-final round.

A slow start put Fresno State in a 12-4 hole just four minutes into the game, but the Bulldogs rallied back to enter the locker room with a 49-28 halftime advantage. Fresno State’s red-hot shooting, hitting 62% from the field, aided the 21-point margin.

By game’s end, the ‘Dogs hit 31 of 58 shots headed by Jaleesa Ross’ 15 points. Four Bulldog starters scored in double figures.

Semi-final round Vs. No. 4 Idaho

The Bulldogs looked like a well-oiled machine to start both halves during an 86-66 victory over the Vandals on Friday afternoon. After a well-earned day of rest on Thursday, Fresno State shot out the gates to a 13-0 run to open the first half of play. Idaho scored its first basket at the 15:40 point in the first period via All-Tournament selection Yinka Olorunnife’s layup.

The quick start proved to be pivotal for the ‘Dogs as Idaho scrapped its way back into the contest from then on, cutting the lead to four. The tenacity of the Vandals’ squad came as no surprise to Wiggins in the third matchup between the two teams in 2010.

“From my perspective we just played a really good Idaho team,” Wiggins said. “They are a very, very well-coached team. They are very tough and they just don’t quit.”

Three starters posted double-doubles, anchored by Jaleesa Ross’ 25 points. Hayley Munro, a junior, was just one rebound shy of joining her teammates in the double-double party.

“Every time I looked around they were sharing the ball and running the floor really hard,” Wiggins said.

The second-half start nearly mirrored the first as Fresno State exploded for a 9-6 run to widen the gap at 51-32 before Vandals’ point guard Natasha Helsham hit two free throws five minutes in to FSMU’s red-hot shooting. Hitting 52% from the field, the lead was increased to 29 points.

Wiggins’ squad did, however, struggle from the field for nearly the entire game, missing 54% on three-pointers and shooting 33 percent from the floor.

“Just had a phenomenal effort,” Wiggins said. “I think when you only have 12 easy layups and still score 80 points, that’s a lot to be excited about.”

Championship game Vs. No. 2 Louisiana Tech

The Lady Techsters entered the game as arguably the only WAC team to give Fresno State trouble during the regular season, narrowly losing on Feb. 24 in overtime 81-78. The Bulldogs entered the game as the WAC’s clear favorite with a school record 19 game winning streak under their belt and one of the conference’s best players in Ross.

Something had to give.

What gave for the second straight night was the Bulldogs’ shooting, and the Lady Techsters took advantage, winning the WAC Tournament championship in a 68-66 thriller.

After Louisiana Tech’s Shanavia Dowdell, the tournament MVP, missed the back end of a 1-and-1 with six seconds left, the ‘Dogs had one chance to either tie the game at 68 or win with a three-pointer. JoJo Teena Filipe snagged the rebound, dished the ball to LaShay Fears who led the length of the court but missed the contested game-tying layup as time expired.

Although Fresno State’s season record winning streak was halted at 19, the Dogs cling to hope of an NCAA Tournament-at-large bid, which will be announced Monday evening.

Louisiana Tech head coach Teresa Weatherspoon believed “That without a doubt,” the Bulldogs deserved a spot at the NCAA Tournament.

“They have had a tough schedule all year long and they have played well all year long,” Weatherspoon said. “They went through the conference regular season no losses, this is a very good basketball team.”

“We wanted to be the WAC champions,” Wiggins said. “We wanted to win the tournament championship but we fell short on that. We still want to get to the NCAA tournament and we want to win games.”

Despite the heartbreaking loss in the championship game, the Bulldogs missed under pressure.

”Every one of us is a little bit down and upset, but we’ll bounce back,” Ross said. “We’ve got practice coming up and we’re sure we’ll find a way to pick each other up and think about what’s next.”