University celebrates Earth Day with Peace Garden re-opening ceremony

By Erin O'Brien
The Collegian

Earth Day will be celebrated today with the grand re-opening of the newly renovated Peace Garden, which will include a ribbon cutting ceremony, along with a private dedication of the Dean Richard D. Memorial Grove.

The Peace Garden is located just north of the new Henry Madden Library. It was re-opened in February after re-landscaping designed to visually tie the garden to the renovation of the Madden Library.

The events theme for Earth Day is, "The Green Generation," and will include guests such as Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearingen, the garden's original founder Dr. Sudarshan Kapoor, President John D. Welty and Associated Students, Inc. President Graham Wahlberg.

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Nancy Ford, widow of the late Dean Ford, will also be in attendance. The Dean Memorial Grove is located at the west end of the Peace Garden.

The ribbon cutting will begin at 11:45 a.m. and is registered as an official Earth Day event. Celebration’s will continue from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. in The Peace Garden and includes a teach-in on three key environmental challenges and sustainability fair offering information and volunteer opportunities.

President Welty explained that all events are free and open to the public and are aimed at tying the concept of caring for the planet and peace together.

"The Peace Garden is a place to draw inspiration, energy and stimulation for activism, and personal and social change based on the philosophy of nonviolence," Welty said.

"Encouraging our community to be part of a very valuable social shift in the way we care for our planet is likened to those individuals honored throughout the Peace Garden who also committed their lives to social change."

Generation Green provides opportunity for students to help restore environment

By Danielle Gilbert
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"Generation Green is a great opportunity to join hands with youth from around the world in an effort to preserve our environment," Executive Director of HandsOn Central California Cathy Caples said.

On April 25, 2009 the world will be celebrating National Youth Serve Day. HandsOn is recruiting approximately 200 youth volunteers from the community, ranging in ages 12-24 to help keep this generation green.

HandsOn is a catalyst for mobilizing volunteers to meet community needs. Its mission is to inspire, equip and mobilize people to take action that changes their communities and their world.

Project sponsors like the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District and Good Old Days Antiques have made this mission a reality.

Generation Green will begin at 9 a.m. at the San Joaquin River Ranch House, where participants will be provided with educational material on environmentally safe practices, lunch from the project’s sponsor Chipotle and event t-shirts to promote the cause year round.

Following the kickoff, volunteers will work on one of five restoration projects in five separate locations; the San Joaquin River, the Eaton Trail, the McKenzie Preserve, China Creek and Woodward Park. Each project will incorporate replanting of native species, habitat enhancement, removal of non-native species and unwanted debris, and information about the importance of the service project.

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— Renee Delport, Jan and Bud Richter Center for Community Engagement and Service-Learning program has partnered with HandsOn in providing on campus outreach and recruitment.

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The National Day of Service is just days away and is still in need of volunteers.

Those who are interested can pre-register by phone at 559-237-3101 or register the day of at the San Joaquin River Parkway.
University introduces sign design

By Michelle Furnier
The Collegian

A team of about four men from Taylor Teter Partnership are working on the new sign for the building and the men are, Shaunt Yemenjian, designer; Paul Halajian, designer; Doug Mayer, structural engineer and Santiago Rendon, electrical engineer. They have all come up with sketches, ideas and developed concepts. They are in the process of doing the drawings to give to the contractor.

All the designs were done for Fresno State and only recently the school sent a contract.

“This all started as an exercise of the building and it wasn’t looking what we wanted it to look like and it wasn’t something that announces the new image of the building well enough. We wanted something a little more interesting. This is a new College of Engineering,” Shaunt Yemenjian said.

Their objective is to create something that resembles engineering.

“A cantilever is used to take a large object and project it horizontally. You see the exposed parts of the exposed structure. The base of the sign at the top the steel is protruding from parts of the exposed structure. The base of the sign is the top of the steel is protruding from the exposed structure of a building isn’t concrete raw materials. The structure of a building isn’t standing without the two straws standing it up. There is a lack of straw in it wouldn’t make sense. We saw the exposed parts of the exposed structure. The base of the sign saying a piece of paper that only has one piece of straw in it wouldn’t make sense. It can’t stand without the two straws standing it up. The campus planning board liked the idea because of the concrete raw materials. The new image of the building isn’t meant to look flashy, but is still meant to stand out. We want the sign to be different from every other building on campus. We want to memorialize the contribution from Lyles, but not build a new building,” Yemenjian said.

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“We thought let’s do some official materials. Everything that’s a part of the sign is a part of the sign,” Yemenjian said. The sign isn’t meant to look flashy, but is still meant to stand out. “We want to memorialize the contribution from Lyles, but not build a new building,” Yemenjian said. The sign is hopefully going to be done by the end of the summer and the engineering building will have a new character.

“We thought let’s do something that integrates with the sign itself. The College of Engineering is about conveying engineering and body and mathematically solving problems. We want the sign to be a problem that is solved while looking at it,” Yemenjian said.
Open forum for provost candidate

An open forum to meet provost and vice president of academic affairs candidate Dr. Luis Cifuentes will be held on Wednesday April 22, 2009 from 1 – 2 p.m. in the Alice Peters Auditorium. If chosen, Cifuentes who currently works for Texas A&M University will replace Dr. Jeronima Echeverria, who was named associate vice chancellor for academic affairs of the California State University system.

Echeverria began her new position in February. Dr. Dennis Neif, a veteran faculty member and administrator, is the interim provost and vice president of student affairs. The campus is encouraged to attend the forum to meet the candidate and provide feedback to the search committee.

Conference covers 400 years of history

On Saturday April 25, the 11th Annual History Graduate Student Association (HGSA) Symposium, “Perceptions of the Past,” will feature more than 400 years of history that has been examined by students.

The conference is free and will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the University Business Center in the Peters Business Building. Sessions will be held throughout the day. Five panels will feature more than a dozen history graduate students from across the country presenting their research.

Dr. Kathryn Olmsted of the University of California, Davis will deliver the keynote address based on her recently released book titled, “Real Enemies: Conspiracy Theories and American Democracy, World War I to 9/11.”

California first state to be receiving stimulus money for universities

Stimulus money for education will not provide much relief to CSU’s budget deficit. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger announced April 18 that California is the first state in the nation to receive federal stimulus money that will be passed on the state’s universities.

Schwarzenegger submitted an application requesting that California receive its share of the Education Stabilization Fund that was created as part of the federal stimulus bill. He requested $260.5 million of one-time funds, including $285 million already built into the budget.

Because the funds were part of the approved budget, they are not new and do not change the CSU’s difficult budget situation. The CSU’s budget remains underfunded by $307 million due to budget cuts and required new costs.

Students travel to South Africa

The group enters a colorful play yard full of 30 exuberant 2- to 6-year-olds. No sooner had the students, 14 California teenagers matched the young children smiling and running after them.

It was very happy and they were all really excited that we were visiting. Brittany says, “They were acting like they were part of our family and each of them needed to have a lap to sit on.”

During the day Archbishop Tutu’s son Trevor guides them through the famous black township of Soweto (Southwest Township), and by a squatter’s camp housing thousands under shacks made of corrugated tin and other materials.

Another stop is Conquest For Life, a nonprofit that trains older-at-risk teens and sends them out into the community where they connect with more than 14,000 elementary school students in Johannesburg each week offering hope through anti-drug and other positive messages.

Seventeen-year-old Haley Turner of Aptos, Calif., and her schoolmates anxiously walk the three stories up a narrow creeky staircase in a listing brick building located next to the railroad tracks not knowing what to expect. As soon as they cross the threshold they are greeted with welcoming South African smiles from more than a dozen radiant youth from the Westbury Township.

The American and African teens break into small groups to share their dreams and give voice to their aspirations. Haley says, “At first it was awkward, but as we talked they became so friendly and we were so impressed with what we had to say. They were all really passionate about their future and had goals linked to their passions.”

Lamb chops are grilling on the barbecue in the dirt backyard behind the Conquest For Life building.

The Mount Madonna students join their South African counterparts for a meal. In one of the oldest bonding experiences known, people of different backgrounds sit down and break bread together.

After the experience Haley says, “The more found out about them the more we saw similarities.”
Republican? Impossible!

Caffeine drip

Daniela Lopez

S

eeing a black president elected into office was a sure trigger to rattle people into action for a long time to come. That’s not surpris-
ing at all.

But it’s hard not to raise an eyebrow when calls are suddenly made to take down big government. It becomes especially dif-
cult not to be a skeptic when claims reach radical levels. Skepticism is taken to another level when talks of secession are casually thrown around by the likes of the governor of Texas Rick Perry and former presidential candidate Ron Paul.

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If it was really a movement against the feds, regardless of who was in power, then calls for a diminished government would have come long ago. Probably just about the time when the war for oil—oops, on terrorism—was waged.

It’s almost impossible to reasonably believe that a Republican govern-
ment that promoted an overseas war for fuzzy purposes and ideals would also champion a limited federal gov-
ernment at home. It’s incredible that people claim to have been outlawed from their couches to protest an impos-
ing government yet decided to remain complacent about the war in Iraq.

If against big government, why weren’t these of false “non-partisans” stirred to action years ago? How is it that the “big govern-
ment” label didn’t seem applicable with an ambi-
tious government that promised war leading to the death of over 4,200 American troops, count-
less civilians and currently keeps thousand others overseas?

Limiting a government back when it sought to ruthlessly expand its influ-
ence under a sensationalist banner would have seemed like a much more legitimate fight than any protest cur-
rently made against the weight of the present federal government.

If it’s the year 1773, and you’re an American colonist in the mighty Oval Office—being regularly pissed off is probably much inevitable.

But trying to pass the movement that led to the recent Boston tea party-style gatherings as something else than the GOP’s opposition to the Democrats in power, is not only futile—we see you!—but also serves to diminish the credibility of their argu-
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Asleep in the Bread Aisle
Rapper Asher Roth releases first album

By Brian Maxey
The Collegian

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The Greenhouse Effect

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After garnering national attention at this year's MTV Spring Break and releasing his first single, “I Love College,” Roth celebrated the counterculture holiday, 4/20, by releasing his first album — which means, for his fans, the wait from inside the bread aisle is over.

The unapologetically white emcee (MC) from Morrisville, Pa., caught the ear of many with his infectious ode to beer pong and keg stands. Having released only an internet mixtape, produced by DJs Don Cannon and Drama prior to Asleep in the Bread Aisle, Roth's rapid ascent into mainstream consciousness proves that the music industry still has an untapped market — college students.

The buzz surrounding West Chester University alum and former elementary education major helped propel “I Love College” into one of the fastest growing singles in the country. Roth's suburban candor has received its share of admirers and critics.

“His longevity will be based on whether or not he's willing to cater to the mainstream,” said Danny Salas, afternoon music director at B95 radio.

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"He’s getting a lot of hype from fans, like the spring break crowd, who don’t truly appreciate hip-hop," Hansen said. "I think he’s a ‘grade-A’ technical lyricist, but he’s bringing in the drunken frat boy, opened-toe sandwich element into the game and that’s not what hip-hop is about.

"It’s true. Roth dresses like it’s eternally spring break. Complete with plaid cargo shorts from American Eagle, flip-flops and perfectly quaffed ‘bed-head.’ Roth basically embodies everything hip-hop isn’t supposed to be. But, that may be the reason fans relate to him."  

"Asher is just easy to swallow for people who aren’t hip-hop heads," Hansen said. "The crowd he caters to is completely disloyal. They just want the latest party track to put on out on campus overnight. Surely thereafter, Roth became a viral video star by re-making the video to Jay-Z’s ‘Roc Boy’s’ and recording his unabashedly silly encounters with the likes of Akon and Ludacris.

"Roth has built a fan base out of social networking sites. His first venture into hip-hop came when he released a song through his MySpace page. Shortly thereafter, Roth provided the largest consumptive rap pedigree, but has evolved to the point where you can completely be yourself and be accepted as an artist," Hansen said. "Perhaps, the cliché that talent is what matters most is true—and Roth is plenty talented, despite the ‘frat boy’ schtick. Still, if Roth had his way he’d pass out at 3 a.m., wake up at 10 a.m., go out to eat then do it again, because he loves college—Ay!"

"It’s cool that hip-hop has moved out of the MySpace—it’s the whole ringtone/social networking culture. Either way, Roth is living the dream. He’s a ‘grade-B’ technical lyricist, but he’s bringing the drunken frat boy, opened-toe sandwich element into the game and that’s not what hip-hop is about. But Hansen disagrees with the comparison. ‘He’s Kanye without the swag, but hangs out in Hollister and wears pуча shells.’

"Either way, Roth is living proof that hip-hop has inundated every corner of the world. He may lack a traditional rap pedigree, but has provided the largest consumers of rap music, upper-middle-class kids, with a mouthpiece. ’It’s cool that hip-hop has evolved to the point where you can completely be yourself and be accepted as an artist,’ Hansen said.

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The purpose of the referendum

The Associated Students, Incorporated recognizes that student Senator positions demand considerable time and effort to complete effectively their assigned duties and responsibilities. For students occupying these positions, time spent on tasks associated with student leadership is time away from research or student academics and involves a sacrifice of opportunities to earn income and pursue family and community responsibilities. Consequently, the payment of stipends in significant, albeit modest, amounts is considered appropriate both to attract students into positions of responsibility and to reward them for the responsibilities fulfilled. Their accountability, and the simultaneous difficult nature of their duties. A stipend is intended to encourage the participation of the highest caliber of students regardless of financial means.

This referendum establishes the opportunity for the ASI Senate to:

- Approve Stipends
- Ratify a Policy on Stipends

A YES vote would create the opportunity for the ASI Senate to approve stipends and ratify a Policy on Stipends. This does not increase student fees and will not create stipends.

A NO vote would prohibit ASI from establishing a stipend for Senators or approving a Policy on Stipends.

DO YOU APPROVE THE PRINCIPLE OF ESTABLISHING STIPENDS FOR ASI SENATORS?

This referendum does not increase the fees of Fresno State students.

Any Fresno State Student may vote on this referendum from April 21, 2009 at 8 a.m. through April 23, 2009 at noon.

This year, all voting will be done electronically. Any computer with access to the internet may be used to cast a vote. During the election, there will be four polling locations with laptops available for use.

You may obtain a voter pamphlet in any USU office, including USU 306, USU 316, or the Information Desk.

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Left: Armenian Martyrs Monument, Montebello, California. Center and Right: Armenian Martyrs Monument, Yerevan, Armenia
The all powerful institution governing college sports
expects universities to step up and help it enforce recruiting rules in
the decidedly unruly online world.

The Associated Press reported last week that North Carolina State
University freshman Taylor Moseley felt the ire of the NCAA after starting
a Facebook group called “John Wall PLEASE come to NC STATE!!!” Nearly
1,000 fans joined the group expressing its admiration of one of the top high
school basketball prospects in the
country.

The NCAA views the routine practice of launching new Facebook
pages and groups during the heart of recruiting season as out of bounds and
a violation of recruiting rules. The NCAA refers to fans creating and posting
on these Facebook pages as boosters attempting to influence the choice of a recruit.

N.C. State compliance director Michelle Lee was well aware of the
rules and sent Moseley a cease-and-desist letter warning the college fresh-
man of “further action” if he failed to stop. Lee told the AP further action could include Moseley being denied tickets or formally being “disassoci-
ated” from the athletic program to protect the school.

Moseley has declined interview requests, but he did change the name of the Facebook group to “Bring a National Title Back to N.C. State.” He still has a picture of Wall featured on the page and wrote, “The name of this group has been changed to comply with a request in regards to NCAA Regulations.”

The NCAA has long insisted its rules are “technology neutral” and it does not have to adapt its regulations to fit Internet trends. It expects member institutions to keep track of its fans and discourage inappropriate recruiting efforts.

Seriously?

Because Facebook is so saturated with fans and every school is well re-
presented, it seems extremely unlikely one group would play a signifi-
cant role in a recruit’s college selection. I have interviewed more than 100 college foot-
ball and basketball recruits during the past two years and not a single one told me Facebook played any role in their college selection.

Even if the same rules regulating fans’ contact with recruits apply to the online world, the NCAA at least has to acknowledge there are millions of Facebook groups and schools have a heavy burden trying to police them online.

Shouldn’t compliance officers be more worried about potential aca-
edemic fraud than a funny Facebook post that a recruit may not ever see? At a time when a lot of schools are putting athletics department staff on furlough and eliminating jobs to save scholarships, it seems wasteful to worry about Facebook groups.

There also is prickly little question about free speech.

The NCAA can regulate its members, but can it really ask colleges to police what fans say online?

NCAA spokesman Erik Christianson told the AP this isn’t a free-speech issue.

“We don’t see it as a free-speech issue. We do see it as an intrusive
issue,” he said. “We want to be sure that we limit that level of intrusion that comes into their lives.”

By Iliana Limon
McClatchy Tribune

Miami — As soon as Miami Dolphins running back Ronnie Brown shifted behind center Samson Satele to take the shotgun snap, one could hear the buzz of anticipation spread through-
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“If you get 10 to 15 snaps a game from a guy like Pat White that can run the option and throw the football, you’ve got something special in the NFL. I think it’s the next evolution of the game.”

Former West Virginia quarterback Pat White was initially projected to be a wide receiver in the NFL, but could be a quarterback in the Wildcat.
Bulldog LAX by the numbers

While women's lacrosse is almost literally a brand new sport to Fresno, the city may have the most talked-about lacrosse team in the country. It seems everyone has an opinion on the team, its future, its place in the community and the Valley — even its right to exist. But after Thursday the talk should mercifully subside and lay dormant until next spring.

The Fresno State lacrosse team ended their first regular season April 13 with an 18-1 beat down at the hands of Denver. They will play their first — and surely last — game of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Tournament tomorrow at 1 p.m. against Oregon in Palo Alto.

Currently, the team is much better known for off-the-field controversies than on-the-field performance. Some have reduced the team's very existence to just another example of the unfairness of Title IX. Others have lashed out at fans for it.

Christine Behme, head coach of the fledgling lacrosse team for the 2009-10 season, is one of the few who are impressed. This program has been left in good shape and has great potential.

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**Q:** Are you surprised that you were able to get a head coaching job so quickly?

**A:** I am really excited that this has worked for me. I don't think it surprises me, because I have done the right things to prepare and really put in the time. It is a major jump though.

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the New York Jets, but played a significant role in tutoring Plemons.

“Kerry Locklin was a good coach and I learned a lot from him,” Plemons said. “I think he’s going to do well at the next level. I really enjoyed the way he went about his business.”

So far during spring practice, defensive end Chris Carter has liked what Plemons is teaching the line. Carter is transitioning from lineman to the outside edge rusher.

“I think he’s doing great to be honest with you,” Carter said. “He works very hard with us. He’s very patient with us. He understands the correct technique. He didn’t just explain about how to do it from someone else. He really knows how to do it and how to teach it.”

Carter believes that the teaching from Plemons is a must during spring practice, as he and the linemen look to push themselves for the 2009 season.

“I think that’s the best thing for us on the defensive line,” Carter said. “I feel that as a defensive line we really comprehend with him. He pushes us and he makes us want to push ourselves to work hard.”

One of those things Plemons is preaching to Carter and the defense, is the little things about the line, which includes getting off of the football after it’s snapped.

“He makes us pay attention to the little things,” Carter said. “The little things make big plays and that’s what creates a pass rush.”

For Tim Skipper, he made his living on the Fresno State football field stopping running backs in their tracks as a former linebacker.

Now he’s back on defense, coaching the position that he and the linemen look to push themselves for the 2009 season.

“I pretty much had to go back to what I’ve always known,” Skipper said. “It was harder for me to transition to the running back spot because I never played it or coached it. Moving back to linebacker is something I’m very familiar with, so it’s a smooth transition.”

Not only is it a comfortable move for Skipper, but he gets to teach the likes of Ben Jacobs, Nico Herron and the rest of the linebackers everything he learned from his playing days.

“I give them everything I know,” Skipper said. “That’s all I do. I don’t hold anything back. Every little thing I know, I give it to them and hopefully it works out on the field.”

Skipper actually doesn’t push himself to work hard.

“I just like coaching man,” Skipper said. “Football is football. Running back and linebacker is very similar, you try to find an open hole and you fill it. I like the game and I like winning. I don’t care what I’m doing, I just want to win.”

Chris Carter said Will Plemons makes the team pay attention to the little things during practice. Plemons was named defensive line coach.

MADDEN: After 40 years he calls it quits

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However, you didn’t need to watch a football game. Madden was covering it fully under- stand the game. Gamers also learned through his renowned video game collection.

Gamers discovered what the single back formation could do against the opponent. Or how a three man front can handle a running play. There was even an “Ask Madden” feature, in which he tells you what play you should run in a certain situation.

He also had the gamers live the life of an NFL player with his “Superstar Mode.” The player you created went through the draft process, training camp, the regular season and even the interviewing process with the media.

Madden helped create a video game pop-culture phenomenon with the “Madden NFL” football series. The games became a top-seller at electronic stores everywhere. ESPN even created a television show about kids playing in the “Madden Bowl,” because of the video game’s enormous popularity.

I started playing Madden video games since the 1980s. Madden was the analyst for “Sunday Night Football” on NBC. Honestly, I sometimes wish I could dust off my SNES and play Madden ’93 again; even though I love the games he has out right now.

Madden’s enthusiasm for football is the same vibrant attitude I want to have if I ever become a play-by-play announcer. Even if I don’t make it to a broadcast booth, I still want to be passionate about my job, the same way John Madden approached his.

Every football fan has to appreciate what Madden did for the game. He made you understand football, understand the players and coaches and understand why he was instrumental in revolutioniz- ing the football world.

Because of my appreciation for Madden, I now must pull one of his video games out, even if it’s the Super Nintendo version.
Madden's legacy will last longer than his 40-plus year career

Football season doesn’t officially start until fall, but I’m already going to miss the following phrases: ‘Boom! Pow! Bang! Whap! Wham! Dein! Brett Favre! Hey folks, it’s John Madden!’

Yes, I’m going to miss John Madden. Football became a pastime in my family thanks to the works of Madden. I appreciated the game of football because of him.

It all began at an early age, when I grew up around family members who talked about the Raiders. They began to tell the story of a young, passionate football mind that was only 33 years old when he got his first head coaching opportunity in Oakland.

Now, as Springthorpe leaves for North Carolina State last December, it took the Bulldogs a fair amount of time to find a suitable replacement for Springerthorpe, but they seem to have found their man in Brian Zwaschka, former Cal Bears assistant coach.

By Lorenzo Reyna

Recognize This

Fresno State’s Chris Carter is one of few players to play under Tim Skipper and Will Plemons. Skipper and Plemons both have one thing in common, and it’s not the fact that they’re on the defensive coaching staff for Fresno State football.

Both coaches began their careers on the opposite side of the ball. Before becoming the defensive line coach, Plemons started his career with the tight ends and offensive line at Cal Lutheran from 1998-2002.

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Plemons got his first taste of coaching the defense in 2002, when he was named the defensive line coach for the Kingsmen.

He joined Fresno State in 2004 where he worked alongside Kerry Locklin for two seasons.

Locklin has now moved on to

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This day in sports history

April 22, 1970
Fresno native and New York Mets, hall-of-fame pitcher Tom Seaver had 19 strikeouts against the San Diego Padres, including strikeouts against the last 10 Padre batters.

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Bulldog assistants are flip-flopping positions, but knowledge of the game will transfer

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One-on-one with the ‘Dogs’ newest addition

By Megan Poindexter

After five seasons of success for the Bulldog soccer team, under head coach Steve Springerthorpe, the athletics department was on the search for the next coach and leader of the program.

Springerthorpe led the ‘Dogs to two consecutive WAC titles and trips to the NCAA Tournament. His success didn’t go unnoticed as Springerthorpe left for the draw of the ACC and North Carolina State last December.

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The Collegian caught up with Zwaschka to talk about the pressures to come, his coaching staff and the