Tunnel offers glimpse of oppression

“It might make you upset and might make you want to cry,” Puente said. “We just want to impact people with the reality of the groups that are being oppressed. It puts those things right in your face so you can’t avoid them.”

Puente said the event has been able to open up the eyes of students who attended Tuesday, as well as last year.

“Last year we got a lot of feedback from people and how it impacted them, people didn’t realize how they oppressed others,” Puente said.

Approximately 120 people attended Tuesday, exposing themselves to the challenges and ridicule that face the mentally and physically challenged, those with eating disorders, the homeless, sexual assault victims, transgender and many others.

The tunnel also offers statistics and information about these groups that help the participants realize the vastness of these problems.

Professor and organizer Mary Husain said events like the tunnel are vital in lowering the negative effects of discrimination.

“Winning support for diverse groups is an ongoing work in progress,” Husain said.

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Healthy choices line Dining Hall bar

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By Joe Bailey
The Collegian

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Aimed at giving students a deeper perspective on how oppression is ever-present and affects many people that are hidden in plain view, the tunnel is a diorama of some afflictions in society.

Devis Puente, the resident advisor and head of University Courtyard’s diversity committee, organized the event, now in its second year at Fresno State. Puente said he hopes the tunnel helps students realize how oppression damages society.

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The University Dining Hall has some healthy food options including organic choices and the salad bar, above.

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Nonprofit kicks off Diversity Week

By Brionie Dixon
The Collegian

An on-campus organization has prepared Diversity Awareness Week 2010, a week full of events that celebrate and honor the diversity across campus.

The Central Valley Cultural Heritage Institute’s Welcoming Diversity Workshop is a program under the National Coalition Building Institute. This is a nonprofit organization that is dedicated to eliminating prejudice on campuses and communities throughout the world.

Community member Christian Hays attended this workshop last year and said it was a great experience.

“I gained an appreciation and a better understanding of people that are unlike me,” Hays said. “I was able to hear the thoughts on discrimination from people of different ethnicities, gender, religious backgrounds and sexual orientations, and it was very enlightening.”

The workshop addresses and emphasizes their core principles: every issue counts, personal stories change attitudes and eliminating mistreatment means ending leadership oppression.

The workshop also focuses on the key insights that differences among individuals need not lead to discrimination and divisiveness, that differences among groups can be a community asset and that differences on issues need not divide communities.

Senior criminology major Jennifer Gutierrez said the workshop changed her outlook on certain people.

“I was able to address the prejudices that I have held for years, and hear the perspectives from the groups that I had once held prejudices against, and that helped me change how I view people and understand them more,” Gutierrez said.

The Welcoming Diversity Workshop is just one of the many events taking place during Diversity Awareness Week.

There will also be a workshop on campus commitment to social justice and inclusion, a local Latina leadership conference, a showing of “Invictus,” a 2010 Cesar Chavez Conference, a Wong Fu production by the Amerasia organization and the 5th Annual Diversity Conference.

This conference is an all-day event made up of a morning symposium and an afternoon workshop.

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Get to know the Peace Garden, its statues and the people they honor, Online
Are you a closet gamer?

Tony Petersen

Most recently, the expression ‘nerd’ has lost its original meaning. It is no longer used to describe someone with a high IQ, someone who’s a bookworm, or someone who’s a little bit shy. The term is now used to describe someone who’s a gamer. Although he may not consider himself a ‘nerd,’ Adam Anguiano said he can stay on his PlayStation for two to three hours straight at a time.

Anguiano said. “Of course sometimes you’ve got to eat, so you have to turn off the system. Or your girlfriend calls you to go shopping or whatever. You may even be over-exaggerating. And yes, I tend to do a lot. However, it is not one of those times. The term ‘closet gamer’ originated in the 1960s as a means to keep something hidden. However, in the mid-20th century, the catchphrase “in the closet” classified lesbian, gay, bi and trans-gender individuals and was used to describe their sexuality.

Most recently, the expression spawned a new breed—the closet gamer. My friend, who would prefer to remain anonymous, is in a relationship with a B&W group. For all you non-gamers out there, WOW is the acronym for World of Warcraft. As embarrassing as it may seem to admit, it’s true. Many of my friends spend their free time trying to lift those gamers to support their lifestyle. This is most certainly not—to compare it to any of those is to cheapen the memory of those who suffered at the hands of that evil. But it does raise one’s eyebrow a bit. Proponents of the bill have pointed to the key passage is “lawful presence”Couldn’t that mean that the government couldn’t compare it to Nazi Germany, or that evil. But it does raise one’s eyebrow a bit. Proponents of the bill have pointed out that the key passage is “lawful presence” couldn’t that mean that the government couldn’t agree on that. There is too much gray area in this law for his or her own discriminatory purposes. Out of this law one can easily find fault in the federal government. For it is their penchant for at least a few months to allow the current immigrant population to assimilate into the culture. I think that immigration is a huge problem, and something must be done to correct it. The law recently passed in Arizona, however, isn’t the solution we need. Local and national {...}
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A person who faxes from one floor to another instead of getting up and running the information because they’re too lazy to get out of their chair.

Source: UrbanDictionary.com
Hip-hop history

By Julie Bouchareune
The Collegian

If you tuned into a hip-hop radio station, songs like “Tik Tok,” where rapper Ke$ha sings about brushing her teeth with a bottle of Jack Daniels, and “How Low” where rapper Ludacris’ rhymes about a massive amount of blood loss.

There were times when I felt like I wasn’t going to make it, but I managed to survive,” Gill said. “The song is about how you feel like everything is going right for you and all of sudden one thing can just come and change everything. Then you realize that you have to take those kinds of falls in order to rise to the person that you need to become.”

In the sixth grade, Gill discovered his talent for writing poetry, which he later developed into writing different types of rap. In high school, he started producing beats and made friends who shared the same interest—one of those friends, Juan “Jukebawks” Duarte, is his producer today.

“I’dres’ music is nothing like what you hear on the radio,” Duarte said. “It’s not music telling you to shake your butt or telling you to take shots of tequila.”

Gill’s musical influences include rap artists Mos Def, The Roots and Talib Kweli. “They have a real unique style, the way they flow and the way they get their message across is very dynamic,” Gill said.

Gill has been recording and performing music since 2005. He has performed at UC Berkeley, San Jose State, San Francisco State University, UC San Diego, as well as Fresno State University, UC, San Francisco, and San Jose State University.

Gill is working on his debut album titled “Scratch the Surface” that is set to release in May. Gill has been working on his album for three years and covers the span of his college career.

For his album, Gill is working on a project that is incorporating education in the music field called Voice Clips Projects (VCP). The project involves Fresno State professors being recorded about topics pertaining to how individuals work in their own worlds to help people and tying that into their own professional fields. Gill plans to record Fresno State professors and possibly put them on an interlude over dramatic music on his album. Aside from music, Gill is on the board of directors of his nonprofit organization.

“My DEEN provides the resources necessary for youth to reach out to the community. MY DEEN President Sheraz Gill, “Idrees is almost graduating so he works with a lot of youth ages 13-19. He tries to provide a good mentorship role and demonstrate good positive skills to people younger than him,” Sheraz Gill said.

When predicting how far Gill will go in the music industry, Gill said, “Sky’s the limit. Even if it doesn’t lead to anything, at least I can feel accomplished at the end of the day. I did what I wanted to do.”

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“Anything we can do to help is for the better. There’s so many steps still to be made.” Africana and American Indian studies professor Meta Schettler said an event, like the Tunnel of Oppression, even though she realizes there can be a challenge in organizing such an occasion. “The only challenge is inclusion,” Schettler said. “It would be really hard to include all the angles, and have as many groups represented, and have everybody included because diversity is so complex.” Schettler said that inequality can be the greatest proponent of oppression. “Sometimes it is hard to see that inequality,” Schettler said. “It’s a much harder goal to achieve equality. To eliminate (inequality) completely is not realistic, but the goal of activities like this is to raise awareness. We have to do small things to make a difference.”

Jeremy Eggman a freshman dorm resident walked the tunnel and said he was enlightened by the information it presented. “It was awesome,” Eggman said. “It really opens your eyes to the statistics that you really wouldn’t be aware of. It makes you think about how you treat others.”

Diversity Awareness Week will take place during the week of April 26 through May 1. This week is not all about diversity awareness, there will also be a fundraiser throughout this week. Mahalate Hagos, a junior criminology major and Black Student United (BSU) member, said BSU plans to hold a Got Water? Project during this week. “There are a lot of homeless people who need clean drinking water so BSU will be collecting bottled water to give to the homeless,” Hagos said. “Those who would like to donate water can bring to the Thomas Building, room 110 by April 30.”

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DINING: While the variety of choice may be limited for some students, the dining hall offers some organic food

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including milk and vitamin-enhanced water. He said the effort to provide healthy food also extends to the desserts. The cookies offered in the dining hall are made from low-fat dough.

“We provide everything that we can to ensure the students have a quality and experience here,” Fernandez said.

The produce, Fernandez said, is another source of healthy food choices for students. He said there are several different types of lettuce and a variety of toppings. He added there is also a special salad, like potato or macaroni, twice a week.

“We try to incorporate different types of salad,” Fernandez said.

He said fruit is always limited, because most of it is not in season during the peak operation of the dining hall. But during the summer, when more variety is available, the dining hall expands its fruit choices. However, Fernandez said the facility provides some fruit year-round.

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However, she said the food is not always as fresh as she would like. Vyas said the lettuce in the salad bar is occasionally wilted, and some items are cold.

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Though students often opt for the deep fried food, the executive chef of food services said the University Dining hall offers salad, fruits and vegetables.
Welcome to college

Freshman talk about the major adjustments to being a student-athlete and away from home.

By Ben Ingersoll
The Collegian

Whether it is the dreaded freshman 15, suddenly having to buy textbooks or being cramped in a cluttered dorm miles away from home, being a freshman college student has its turmoil.

But for the more than 120 Fresno State freshman student-athletes, dorm life and textbooks are just a small portion of hectic everyday life.

Gone are the days in high school where practice lasted two hours at the most and a home-cooked meal was waiting on the table. In comes year-round training, two practices a day and a steady dose of dining hall food or macaroni and cheese.

“What do I miss about home? The cooking, definitely,” diver Stacey Luke said. “I guess being able to see my parents everyday and talking to them. Just having a place to get away, because you’re constantly around people all the time, and when you’re home you have a little more of your own space.”

Luke, who is originally from Kenmore, Wash., closed her inaugural campaign as one of the most successful freshman athletes competing for Fresno State in 2009-10. In her first season, nearly 1,000 miles away from home, Luke rewrote the record books by being the first diver to compete in the NCAA diving zones.

Despite Luke’s stellar season, the transition from high school to college preparation and competition has taken some getting used to for the 19-year-old mass communication and journalism major.

“I know it’s a big switch from high school,” Luke said. “You have a lot more homework and definitely a lot more practice time. I’ve practiced twice a day before, but not nearly as intensely, and I’ve never had a practice in the morning, so that was definitely hard to adjust to.”

Likewise, Baseball player Justin Charles has felt the effects of being away from his home in Galt, Calif., to be a key player in head coach Mike Batesole’s 2010 freshman class.

“At school, I’m cooking my own meals and making sure laundry gets done,” Charles said. “I probably miss the home cooked meals from mom the most. It was a big jump for me and I feel I’ve grown and matured as a person.”

Charles has appeared in 27 of Fresno State’s 39 games this season, batting .308 in his first season in a Bulldog uniform. Although home is only two-and-a-half hours away, Charles is still settling into apartment life while balancing school and helping Fresno State chase its fourth straight Western Athletic Conference title.

“I was expecting a different lifestyle,” Charles said. “Just knowing that I was going to have to get my studies done as well as performing on the field at the same time. Make sure I balance my time and get my things done. I was trying to come prepared and please everyone.”

While practice, game and meet schedules have erased a lot of Luke and Charles’ free time, both have managed to find time to return to their respective hometowns and reacquaint themselves with the life that once was.

“T’ve been home maybe four times this whole year,” Charles said. “It was good getting home and seeing my family and catching up with them, other than being on the phone. It’s just much different when you go home now. You have people asking how the season is going and acting different toward you.”

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The NFL Draft is about as predictable as the now three-day long NFL Draft. For days, weeks and months on end, so-called “experts” studied, examined and debated what team would pick who and how that player would transition from college to the big show.

There’s only one problem with all of this. They are essentially debating the unknown. Determining what players will make the successful leap to the “League” is like flipping a coin and arguing with a friend which side it will land on. What it all boils down to is the NFL Draft has to be just about the most unpredictable thing in sports that everyone seems to think they have a firm grasp on. In the 1996 NFL Draft, experts loved with which quarterback would ultimately be taken with the top overall pick. The choices: Peyton Manning from Tennessee and Ryan Leaf from Washington. Both seemed like perfect fits for either of the top two picks, which belonged to Indianapolis and San Diego. In the end, Peyton Manning went first overall, while Ryan Leaf fell to second. Leaf became the league’s laughingstock. Now Leafen to fill police reports with his three-year old son lumps, but have shown signs of improvement since.

Offense
Fresno State’s baseball team has had an up and down season at the plate. The ‘Dogs rank in the middle of the conference pack in batting average (.290), runs (265) and RBIs (159). It is difficult to tell which Bulldog team will show up each night. Junior Jordan Riveria has taken over the spotlight for the ‘Dogs as the national home run leader with 20 and second in the conference in RBIs with 51. The Bulldogs took a lot of early season lumps, but have shown signs of improvement since.

Defense
The defense has been a lot like the defense for Fresno State- inconsistent. The Bulldogs allow nearly seven runs a game. Junior Danny Munns, starting second baseman, has a high fielding percentage but has recorded 16 errors this season. Compared to opponents the ‘Dogs have recorded 81 fielding errors this season, while opponents close in with only 31.

Coaching
Although Mike Batesole is one of the best in the WAC after leading the ‘Dogs to three straight conference titles and a national championship, he struggled to develop consistency with his relatively inexperienced squad. Through 24 games Batesole’s Bulldogs own a 24-18 record, up from a 20-22 record at this point last season.

Newcomers
Most of the success of the 2010 squad so far has been credited to the 2009 carryovers. Freshman Austin Wynn recently caught junior college transfer Gonzalez’s no-hitter, as Shaun Hill and J.T. O’Sullivan. Despite their success, the newcomers have had limited roles.

Returners
Prior to the beginning of the season, most believed highlights would come from preseason All-Americans Dusty Robinson and Danny Munns. Junior Jordan Riveria leads the country in home runs and is clearly the anchor of the Bulldogs’ offense. Both Garrett Weber and Brennan Gowens have been more consistent at the plate in 2010. Junior Haley Gulledge has carried over from last season to be the team’s most consistent batter with a .340 average. The offensive surprise of the season may be Michelle Moses, who with six games left in the regular season has 16 home runs and a .572 slugging percentage.

Coaching
Head coach Margie Wright is one of the most prolific coaches not only in the conference, but the country as well. Upon picking up her 1,200 win as a Fresno State head coach on March 19, Wright launched herself into the national record books. She is the Fresno State, WAC and NCAA all-time winningest coach with 1,300 career victories under her belt. With a team batting average of .300, Fresno State has looked sufficient at the plate in 2010. Junior Haley Gulledge has carried over from last season to be the team’s most consistent batter with a .340 average. The offensive surprise of the season may be Michelle Moses, who with six games left in the regular season has 16 home runs and a .572 slugging percentage.

Newcomers
Fresno State softball welcomed four rookies into the program. Hannah Williams gave Bulldog fans a taste of the future in her first game, driving in five RBIs, three from a home run. Moore is second on the team in RBIs with 22, and home runs with five. Freshman Rebecca Walker starts at second base and has a .308 batting average.