By Thaddeus Miller
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The area identified with the most foot-traffic has been labeled the “no drive zone.” This area includes the walkway that starts northwest of the Madden library and heads east through the Free Speech Area, passes the fountain and ends east of the Thomas Administration building. It also includes the Peace, Memorial and Rose gardens.

In the no drive zone, the policy will prohibit vehicles from traveling on walkways and only makes exceptions for maintenance or emergency vehicles and golf carts used in the SCOUT program—a program for disabled students.

The second area, referred to as the restricted drive zone, circles the campus and stretches from San Ramon Avenue to Keats Avenue, and Campus Drive west of the Peters Business Building. The policy bans driving in this zone from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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You're not stalkers. Or at least most of us don’t fall under that category. But you can be identified like one, given the random, funny, and at times discriminatory information that can be gained by simply looking at “friends” status updates, photos and comments on The Collegian Online.

Take for example a status update from someone that I went to high school with. Who remembers this one: “Off to my 2-year-old nephew’s birthday to drink up kitty mood.” “Pervin” That’s right, pervin. It was one of those moments that made you look around to see if anyone else was reacting the same way, while thinking “what the fuh...” and feeling like you shouldn’t have heard or seen what you did.

Of course many people say they keep their accounts to stay in touch with family and friends near and far or for the convenience of having another means of contacting people. But I say for a group of 20 year olds, a stalker factor? It’s being able to see who’s married, has kids, been dumped or thanked God, finally got fat. It’s checking if your ex’s special someone is better looking than you if your life is still as full of more fabulous in Fresno than so and so’s living in L.A.

Legislature dooms our future

Each of us is familiar with our state going through hard times. Indeed, no Californian is unaffected by the financial upheaval we have experienced over the last 10 years. One of the areas hit hardest is that one has the ability to pay for something: education. The California Legislature, however, has decided to neglect higher education, and the resulting financial burden has fallen on the shoulders of students, faculty and staff of the University of California, the California State University and Community College systems. Our governing boards are being forced to make undesirable changes that will devastate future of California. Students are facing a 2010-2011 budget shortfall of over $637 million during 2009-2010. This is a massive 30% less state funding than appropriated for 2007-2008 — as well as a $35 million gap related to increased costs for which the state has provided no funding over the two year period. Similarly, the CSU faces a 13.25% cut. Within all three segments of higher education, and in the areas hit hardest is one that has experienced in recent years. One of the CSU’s weaknesses is indeed underpaid faculty, staff and administration. To deal with state cuts, the UC Regents and CSU Trustees were forced to adopt furlough plans that are reducing salaries of our already underpaid faculty, staff, and administrators and contributing to the potentially large reduction of the greatest minds in the world to our competitor institutions. Local community college districts are undergoing a similar process to reduce salaries of faculty and staff.

The dimmed grasp of postsecondary education in California is further exacerbated by reductions that force campuses across the state to make dramatic cuts in student services. Our Legislature effectively of this must reinvest in education. Our schools have the capacity to do so and for the state and country. In order for the state to remain competitive, it must reinvest in education. While the state pits its segments against one another economically, today we stand together with a common message. Collectively, we call on all Californians to protect our education and the institutions that drive our economy, culture, and everything that makes our state so great. As the 2010 election approaches, participate, vote for an affordable, accessible, high-quality education.

Russel D. Statham is the Student Trustee for the California State University

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Michael Young is the former Student Senate President of the California Community College System

Cyber friends, stalker friends?

It’s definitely odd to have those “friends” that you see in person a half a mile apart but are still miles apart emotionally.

If we’ve become generous with our cyber smiles but forgotten how to do the physical equivalent in the tangible world. And isn’t that what matters the most?

These Web sites for connection are supposed to supply an alternative to communication when seeing the person or even picking up the phone is not convenient or even possible. But they must surely not replace the more personal interactions. It’s embarrassing to hear the person’s voice or better yet, actually having them in front of you.

So next time you overload on “hugs & kisses” when writing to someone, that thought about giving a hearty hello to whomever you actually do run into. And hey, maybe you might even muster up the friendliness for a hug, even if it’s of those awkward one-arm side hugs.

Well, except if it’s the “pervin” type, then you’re probably better off with a quick wave.

Do you know the lyrics to the Fresno State fight song?

"The Academics": “A four year degree in five is the way we students go. Skipping classes and lectures from head down to toe. Commuting in traffic is how we like our schedule to be. But after our semesters we will have the B.A. degree.

"Dogs dominate Davis" "Davis suckie! "If some of that talent can wear off on the women’s soccer team Fresno State might be okay. That team is pitiful. Five games and no goals. Ouch."

"Fresno State" Bulldog In Visuals: "Let’s go eat some cheese!!! Nice game tonight Dugs."

"Wasteful Recycling Bins": "This is very surprising news considering the fact that many studies have shown that recycle actually reduces the costs associated with recycling. Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle saved over $170,000 annually by recycling half of their waste."

"Jared Harper": "We should have voted for PEDRO for ASI. They had an excellent recycling program they wanted to implement with their executive leaders but who are we stuck with now? Laurel and Hardy."
Heap ends four year hiatus with new album

By Danielle Gilbert
The Collegian

Quirky British singer/songwriter Imogen Heap is a one of a kind artist who lets the beat of her music create the lyrics for her latest album: Ellipse.

Ellipse, an album four-years in the making, is less ring tone worthy than expected, considering it doesn’t push the electro-pop limits that launched her international following.

But, fans of Heap’s previous albums “I Megaphone” and “Speak for Yourself” are sure to be pleased.

The seven year gap between her first two solo albums was due to her collaboration with Guy Sigsworth. The duo formed the band “Frou Frou.” Together the two produced the eclectic hits “Hide and Seek” and “Let Go” which were considered U.K. artist. 

Critics say that Imogen Heap has been missing in action for more years than albums released and yet her music create

there is still no sign of lyrical change. But why change an unbroken voice if it’s the heart that needs mending?

The ethereal tone found in “3.1” is reminiscent of “The Moment I Said It” from her second album “Speak for Yourself”.

On the song, Heap sings about the transformation of galaxies, planets and orbits and compares them to the uncertainty of life and relationships.

The lyrics “things are not always how they seem”, try to make sense of the world. Heap sings that the earth changes from flat to fat unexpectedly...

Heap’s whispery vocals and open interpretation lyrics define her musical style. The eerily charming song, “Ah!” sounds as if it could have been from the Edward Scissorhands reject collection.

On the song “Frou Frou” Imogen Heap sings about the “new dance” that comes along with having a crush. One of the few upbeat songs on the album, “Swoon” has the potential to be her next single.

The rush of hormones that enter the body when you “snug in a cinema or get saved from a car” are similar to the giddy sensations felt when track five takes over the headphones of listeners.

Heap also has the science of the ballad down. And the ballad, “Half Life” is sure to be Grey’s Anatomy hit this season.

Heaps honest lyrics on the track are capable of creating the most intimate setting in the most crowded room.

The electro-pop track, “Tidal” and the mystical lyrics from the song “Little Bird” are recognizable as Imogen Heap songs. In “Little Bird,” a fairy tale conversation with a chirping little bird perched at the window seal, describes an outsiders’ view looking in on a picture perfect family, manicured lawns, orange juice and crossword puzzles decorated with pearly white smiles.

Imogen Heap has once again poured her heart and soul into an album that is undeniably inventive.

Imogen Heap’s peculiar potential to be her next single.
Simon says Ellen will be the new fourth judge

By Chuck Barney
Contra Costa Times

All you “American Idol” fans who were hoping that a last-minute change of heart would bring Paula Abdul back to the show can now give up that dream.

Fox has announced that Ellen DeGeneres will be the new fourth judge on the show. She’ll join judges Simon Cowell, Randy Jackson and American Idol creator and producer Randy Jackson as a judge on both a day and night job. Of her role as judge, Ellen said, “Hopefully I’m the people’s point of view because I’m just like you. I sit at home and I watch it and I don’t have that technical. I’m not looking at it in a critical way from the producer’s mind. I’m looking at it as a person who is going to buy the music and is going to relate to that person.”

Of course, we won’t know how this will all work out until we see how Ellen meshes with the other judges and what kind of chemistry she can generate. But there’s a lot of loopiness, penchant for drama and flamboyant sense of fashion. And, just a hunch here, but we probably won’t see her too much fliriting with Mr. Cowell.

Now that a person of Ellen’s stature has been hired, it’s unfortunate that she won’t get more screen time, thanks to the producers’ regrettable decision to continue with the four-judge format. We learned last season that there’s just not enough room for all of them. Kara DiGuglielmo or even Randy Jackson should have been dumped.

Unlikely Paula, she actually speaks English, is coherent and can intentionally spew hilarious one-liners.

Ellen DeGeneres

DeGeneres said in a Fox press release, “I’ve watched since the beginning, and I’ve always been a huge fan. So getting this job is a dream come true, and thank of all the money I’ll save from not having to text in my vote.” Meanwhile, fans of Ellen’s daytime talk show have nothing to fear. She said during a taping for Thursday’s episode that she’ll stick around, taking on both a day and night job.
Alumni serve in Peace Corps

Currently eight Fresno State alumni serve for Peace Corps

By Sara Almarino
The Collegian

This year, eight California State University Fresno alumni have served in different chapters around the world for the Peace Corps. Last week, the organization visited Fresno State’s campus to recruit more students to volunteer.

"People from the region are used to the Peace Corps having a reputation around the globe for service and now in our campus community and with people who are interested to have an income with income opportunities," Clowers said.

Candidates who want to join the Peace Corps must meet the minimum requirements as being at least 18 years of age, a U.S. citizen and should be in good health.

Those requirements are just the general necessities for volunteering and the Peace Corps has special needs in certain programs.

Competitive candidates need to have degrees in agriculture, health, business and environmental science.

With agriculture being the main focus of the organization, there is a huge need for students who major in agricultural business and education, animal husbandry and plant sciences.

"Why agriculture?" The Corps’ public relations coordinator, Nathan Hale Sargent said, "Students from the agriculture disciplines help communities overseas improve their standard of living through greater and more sustainable crop yields, soil conservation, better marketing, improved agricultural activities, and much more."

The Peace Corps assigns volunteers to teach prevention classes for people in countries with high HIV/AIDS rates. One of the numerous programs made available to students with health related majors.

"Along other majors, we’re also looking for nursing students or students who are majoring in education for health promotion and education and our prevention programs," Clowers said.

Education is also being emphasized in this mission. "The Peace Corps have been looking for math and English teachers. This is not limited to students who are seeking teaching credentials," Clowers said that those who are majoring in engineering or science can always qualify to tutor math abroad.

Fresno State ranks twelfth among the 23 California State University schools for the number of alumni in service.

One of the alumni is a student from History College honor student Jennifer Murphy, who graduated from Fresno State in 2007 with a degree in Mass Communication and Journalism.

Murphy is currently waiting to be stationed in Ethiopia, where she will serve as a community HIV/AIDS Volunteer. Murphy already has experience in volunteering, she served and that is the domestic version of the Peace Corps. Now she’s excited to go on a career mission abroad.

"I’m hoping to learn how to adjust to a new situation," Murphy said, "I’ve never been farther away from home. I’ve never been considered an outsider in another country, I just want to learn how to contribute in the community and the people get a positive impact out of this.”

Another Fresno State alumnus is Lea Garza. She graduated in 2005 with a degree in Liberal Studies and was assigned to serve in Nicaragua last year along with her husband, Jaime.

Garza served in an agriculture program focusing on food and sustainability. There, she and her husband started a business for the women in the village by giving them a grinding machine to help them grind corn. With this machine, the women were able to bake and sell corn goods, and were able to provide additional income for their families.

"The men in the village only make about $2 a day, so with the help we provided them, the women were able to help provide for their families," Garza said. "It was a life changing experience and I’m not the same person I was before. I really feel that we came out as better people for doing it.”

Peace Corps recruiters will be back in Oct. 7 and 8 to set up a booth in the science fair for those who are interested in serving less fortunate communities.

"It’s a big challenge, but we really feel that Fresno State students are up to the task,” Sargent said.

Campus Life

Photo by Brianna Campbell / The Collegian

Dancers, dance again

After being gone from Fresno State, the dance team, made up of 21 members, made their debut last Saturday at the football game. Not only will they be performing at football games this year, but also at basketball games.

Seniors: career services can help

Events, resume critiques ease stress for graduating students

By Kristin Berquist
The Collegian

After years of slaving over endless homework, cramming for countless tests and battling it out for a parking spot each day, it’s finally here: senior year.

It may seem like the home stretch, but for many seniors the next two semesters are full of deadlines, grad school applications, career choices and a good measure of anxiety.

To ease stress, career services offers help to seniors planning their last year as an undergraduate and preparing for life after college.

"I’ve seen individuals be able to do a tremendous turn around," Director Rita Bocchinfuso-Cohen said that with a downturn in the economy and higher unemployment market, more seniors are seeking assistance earlier on in their final year.

Services such as practice interviews give seniors a chance to hone their interview skills and tailor those skills towards a specific field.

“It’s for us to help them pin-point what they’re doing well, reinforce that and then highlight areas that they might need to practice a little more,” Bocchinfuso-Cohen said. “I’ve seen individuals be able to do a tremendous turn around.”

The most popular service is the resume critique and cover letter assistance, Bocchinfuso-Cohen said. Web-based job listing, Bulldog Link, allows students to upload resumes, search for jobs and sign up for on-campus recruiting and interviews.

Bocchinfuso-Cohen encourages seniors to take advantage of networking events, like the upcoming job fairs.

“It’s a competitive market out there, so take the time now,” Cohen said. “Try to get it scheduled into your calendar early or plan time to really get your materials in tip-top shape. Make sure you have your resume critiqued and looked at.

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A s e n s u r e you are seeking assis-tance with your cover letter and that the letter is marketing you well for the types of positions in which you’re interested. Same thing with interviewing: take advantage of the practice interviews.

Not all seniors venture into the “real world” after graduation. Those interested in continuing their education in graduate studies can benefit from the graduate school preparation workshops offered this semester.

Bocchinfuso-Cohen said career services hopes to have current graduate students there to share their experiences and give advice.

The deadline to apply for Fall 2010 graduate studies is April 1, 2010, but Cohen said the earlier the better.

Senior Experience, a 55-student managed by the senior experience coordinator, is geared toward creating awareness of the resources, information, and events that are particularly relevant to seniors.

The senior experience committee is a group of staff members from across campus. Due to budget cuts this year, funding has changed for senior experience and the service is now run through career services, Bocchinfuso-Cohen said.

Senior experience offers a “Life After College” workshop series.

Not only does senior experience improve awareness of campus resources and provide opportunities to enhance knowledge, it also focuses on celebrating the senior status attained by students with 90 or more units.

As events and deadlines approach, seniors receive reminder e-mails from senior experience.

It is crucial for seniors to identify and meet with their advisors, Bocchinfuso-Cohen said. “Even if you’re just hitting senior status it doesn’t hurt to go in and have an audit conducted.”

The deadline to apply for graduation in the spring is in the first two weeks of the semester. For those wishing to graduate at the end of the fall semester, the deadline was Sept. 8. If the deadline was missed, Cohen said seniors can still contact Admission. Records and Evaluations but must do so as soon as possible.

Juggling a heavy class schedule, work and social life can be stressful enough. Type that with the pressures of meeting graduation requirements and entering the career world and it’s easy to see how seniors can become overwhelmed during the last year. Utilizing campus resources like Career Services and Senior Experience can help reduce anxiety and may even provide an edge for landing that dream job.
Experts say vaccine is safe

By Collegian Staff

As the H1N1 vaccine becomes available in mid-October, Fresno State will partner with the Fresno County Public Health Department to provide vaccinations to those in the highest risk groups, which includes young adults.

Despite experts’ reassurance and the safety record of the seasonal flu vaccines, the public continues to voice concern about side effects of the new H1N1 vaccine, according to news reports.

SHOTS: New defense against Badgers

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Wisconsin players of all sizes could be seen carrying hand sanitizer in an effort to squash the outbreak. The team reported fewer players out of practice on Wednesday and doesn’t expect to be missing any key players for Saturday’s game, according to media reports.

Guys may still have symptoms at the end of the week, but they’re going to persevere through it. We’re not going to let each other down … We’re going to play through anything,” J.J. Watt, Wisconsin’s sophomore defensive end, told McClatchy Tribune.

Fresno State’s team has been healthy and wants to stay that way.

Coach Pat Hill told The Fresno Bee, “We’ve never had a problem with the flu here. I guess we’re really fortunate.”

The Bulldogs’ first road game of the year will be at 9 a.m. in Camp Randall Stadium. McClatchy Tribune contributed to this report.

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Remembering 9/11

On the eighth anniversary of the terrorist attacks that transpired on September 11, 2001, California State University, Fresno President John D. Welty issued a statement to the university.

“As we commemorate the eighth anniversary of one of the most tragic events in American history, I urge everyone to take a moment to reflect on how we were changed by Sept. 11, 2001.

“When the Twin Towers fell, so did some of our nation’s innocence. We lost more than 3,000 Americans who were simply going about their daily lives. We saw the collapse of two icons in the Twin Towers, the Pentagon blaze and devastation across a field in Pennsylvania.

“Our Fresno State family also lost two alumni – Vincent Tolbert, who died in the Pentagon, and Todd Beamer, one of the passengers on Flight 93 who forced hijackers to crash the plane in Pennsylvania and prevented it from reaching Washington, D.C.

“We lost much, but we also gained. New appreciation for the bravery and self-sacrifice of individuals. A greater resolve to stand together as a nation. A heightened capacity for compassion and consideration for our fellow citizens. A deeper appreciation for our way of life that celebrates diversity, understanding and tolerance of those different from ourselves.

“I believe we also gained a better understanding of who we are as a people and a family.

“We’ll never know what contributions those we lost would have made in creating a better world, but we can keep alive the memory of who they were and what they meant to us and our nation.

“In remembrance of those lost on Sept. 11, 2001, I have directed that the flags at Fresno State fly at half-staff today.

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educational approach,” said Armstrong. “We don’t want to go to the point of citations.

Rick Finden, director of plant operations, said that the permits will allow plant operations to take care of any emergencies, so he did not expect the policy to affect daily maintenance.

“It shouldn’t be a significant impact,” he said.

Repeat offenders can expect to be reported to their supervisors. Also, the office of risk management is authorized to suspend an offender’s license for up to 30 days, said Armstrong, forcing them to retake a defensive driving course.

University police officers can give tickets for moving violations as well.

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Still haven’t found what they’re looking for

Even after an open tryout, coach Zwaschka can’t fill roster

By Mallory Plant
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No wins. No goals. No player to fill the open spot. Thursday’s women’s soccer open tryout fell short for finding a much-needed attacker.

About a dozen women came to try out for the 25th and last spot on the team. Three of them were not allowed to even try out because of not taking a physical prior to the tryouts. Dominique Raddad, 17, was one of the women to find out that a physical was needed to join in the open tryout.

“I just found out about the tryouts today,” Raddad said. “We needed a physical from a [medical] M.D.”

Raddad played soccer in high school for four years. Even though she couldn’t participate in the practice, she stayed for the entire time and chanced after balls that were kicked wide of the goal, helping the team.

The participants that did have the physical tried out under the high, hot sun on the soccer practice field.

Junior Sara Cerkueira, 21, a participant in the tryout, wanted a shot at the team. “I played for a long time and wanted to get back to it,” Cerkueira said.

The ages of the participants ranged, just like those on the current roster.

Freshman Kelsey Terrel, 18, had fun at the tryout and got to meet new people. She learned how to get ready for another season and wanted to get back to it,” Terrel said.

The tryout also included members of the soccer team. The team members practiced with head coach Brian Zwaschka and the others did drills with assistant coach Kevin Botterill.

After drills took place, both groups got together to have a practice game. The field was not set up to regulation, but did have goals at both ends. Each team had a mix of Bulldogs and those hoping to make the team.

The mini-game even had a halftime, where the players were given a chance to get water and mingle. At this time, the coaches got to talk about the players’ abilities.

After the water break, the two teams switched sides and then kept playing. The players were communicating with each other, just like in a real game, but the game didn’t have the regulation time of 90 minutes.

The mock game ended with a cool down of stretching.

The coaches got together again and talked about what they saw. Botterill got a close look at the players by goalkeeping in the mock game.

The cool down ended with the Bulldogs putting the equipment back, while those trying out had a talk with Botterill. The tryout started at 4 p.m. and by 5 p.m. the coaches had made their decision. No one made the team.

They basically said “Thanks, but no thanks.”

Cerkueira said.

Coach Zwaschka left the field looking tired. The team was unsuccessful with finding that last member. The comparison from the current members made the decision easier for the coach.

“Clearly the kids from our session were the best out there,” Zwaschka said.

Changing of the guard in the NFL

COMMENTS

By Tim Kawakami
McClatchy Tribune

This NFL season will be more about Green Bay’s Aaron Rodgers, Atlanta’s Matt Ryan and maybe Minnesota’s Tarvaris Jackson or Sage Rosenfels than it will be about Brett Favre.

Though I’m guessing we’ll see and hear more about Favre than anybody on Earth, orbiting Earth or within four galaxies of ESPN’s signal across the cosmos.

I think Favre will get hurt playing for the Vikings. Or he’ll struggle. Or the cosmos.

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Bulldog Game Day

Fresno State Bulldogs (1-0, 0-0 WAC) at Wisconsin Badgers (1-0, 0-0 Big Ten)

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Breakdown: Bulldogs

The Bulldogs’ 51-0 shutout of UC Davis last Saturday was nearly perfect and showed the ‘Dogs are capable, but it was just a warm-up game. Now it is time for Fresno State to step up and play real college football.

Wisconsin will be one of the best opponents on the schedule and the 80,000 fans at Camp Randall Stadium will be the largest crowd Fresno State will see. Quarterback Ryan Colburn and the offense will need to be prepared for the deafening sounds and the jitters the team will face.

Head coach Pat Hill has been trying to simulate the hostile environment by pumping loud crowd sounds and marching bands through the P.A. system during the team’s midweek practices at Bulldog Stadium. But nothing can compare to the real thing.

The Bulldogs’ best hope to combat the noise – get things rolling early. Especially if Fresno State ends up with the ball to start the game. Colburn must minimize mistakes early on and get a quick score to quiet the crowd and ease his and the team’s nerves.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Fresno State defensive line must combat the size of the Wisconsin’s offensive line and get pressure on quarterback Scott Tolzien. Last week against UC Davis, the ‘Dogs didn’t register a sack. This week, the defense needs to get to Tolzien early and often, forcing turnovers and ending drives.

Breakdown: Badgers

Fresno State head coach Pat Hill may have just recently seen the 2006 action film “300,” quoting a popular line at his Monday morning press conference. Hill said that Wisconsin’s offensive line “will blot out the sun.”

And while he may be exaggerating just a bit for effect, the Badgers’ offensive line does average 6-foot-6 and 324 pounds. With a line so hefty, it would be easy to assume that the Bulldogs will be running the ball almost every play on first and second down. But even in its 28-20 defeat last week, Northern Illinois proved that they could shut down the Badgers’ running attack, holding starting tailback Zach Brown to 31 yards on 14 carries, averaging only 3.6 yards per rush.

As a team, Wisconsin was only able to gain 152 yards on 38 attempts against Northern Illinois, showing its dominant ground game can be slowed down.

But if the ‘Dogs are able to limit the tailbacks, quarterback Scott Tolzien will be a viable second threat. In his first start, he totaled 257 yards and a touchdown, but also had two interceptions. The Badgers will not only have to contend with the Bulldogs, but they will face another adversary. Ten athletes on the football team have been diagnosed with the H1N1 flu.

Wisconsin and its athletes on the football team have said his team must adjust their “body chemistry” to be successful.

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Player to watch: Ryan Mathews, tailback

Position matchups

When Fresno State runs: Advantage Bulldogs

Even though the Bulldogs’ yards per carry mark was only 3.6 yards, they still did run the ball well against Wisconsin in ‘08, totaling 118 yards.

When Wisconsin runs: Advantage Badgers

With an offensive line as large as Wisconsin’s, a coach would be crazy not to pound the ball between the tackles.

When Fresno State passes: Advantage Bulldogs

Quarterback Ryan Coburn was comfortable at home, winning his first start for the ‘Dogs last Saturday. Camp Randall will be less than inviting to an inexperi- enced signal-caller.

When Wisconsin passes: Advantage Badgers

Starter Scott Tolzien threw two picks last week against Northern Illinois. The ‘Dogs secondary should be licking its chops.

Special teams: Advantage Badgers

If this game comes down to a field goal, will Kevin Gunderson be ready to rebound from ‘08? The kicker missed three field goals and the Bulldogs lost by three points.

Advantage Bulldogs

The Bulldogs’ secondary has allowed only 12 points thus far. On the other hand, the Badgers defense has showed weakness against the pass.

Advantage Badgers

Sure the Badgers are favored, but Wisconsin will win this one by more than two touchdowns.

The Collegian’s Keys to Victory

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These Bulldogs aren’t nocturnal ...

Wins against: Northern Illinois
Losses to: None

Head coach: Bret Bielema (Fourth season, 29-11)

Offense: Multiple one- and two-back sets

Defense: 4-3


Series record: Wisconsin leads 2-1

Last meeting: Wisconsin won, 13-10, at Bulldog Stadium in 2008

Point Spread: Wisconsin is favored by eight points

Student-athlete of the week

Linebacker Nico Herron

In the Bulldogs’ 51-0 win over UC Davis, Herron had the longest play of the game and the first defensive touchdown of the season, returning an interception 94 yards for a touchdown.

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