Fresno State officials volunteer for cause

Two organizations join forces to combat hunger brought on by drought

By Jakob Smith
The Collegian

In an effort to fight hunger, the Community Food Bank is teaming up with Handson Central California to distribute food to those who need it. According to Cathy Coples, executive director of HandsOn, the effort comes in the wake of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger’s declaration in June that Fresno County is a disaster area due to the effects of a statewide drought.

This declaration led to the state allocating 3 million pounds of food per month to Fresno County. The food is being distributed in five communities—Hanford, San Joaquin, Mendota, Firebaugh, and Selma.

The distribution will continue through the end of October.

HandsOn is focusing on recruiting volunteers, while the food bank is distributing the food on site.

Coples said in a phone interview that the project hinges on volunteers, and that if there are not enough volunteers, people will have to go without.

According to Coples, this can pose a problem.

“It’s really challenging to find this many volunteers consistently,” Coples said.

Dana Wilkie, Community Food Bank CEO, agreed.

“The community is really supporting our effort, but because of the unprecedented amount of food being given out, we still don’t have enough volunteers,” Wilkie said.

Members of the administration at Fresno State are urging the school community to get involved.

The Fresno State community is planning to focus their efforts on those distribution days that coincide with administrative furlough days, according to a message from President John D. Welty.

These dates are Sept. 25, Oct. 9, and Oct. 23.

Each date has two shifts—one at 8 a.m. and another at 1 p.m.

Wilkie said the morning shift usually has a solid turnout, but fewer volunteers tend to show up after lunch.

“I hate to have to turn hungry people away just because we don’t have volunteers,” Wilkie said.

According to Welty’s statement, he will be working two volunteer shifts in Firebaugh in October. Associate provost and provost Bill Covino, vice president for university advancement Peter Smits, and vice president for student affairs Paul Oliaro will also be volunteering in Firebaugh.

“I look forward to joining our folks in other campus community helping distribute food because our work symbolizes Fresno State’s tradition of helping in times of need and underscores our role in community partnerships aimed at improving our region,” Welty said.

Coples said there are several reasons why students might want to volunteer. She said it makes a fun group project, and would meet community service requirements for fraternities, sororities, or other organizations. Also, she said it’s a great way to get exercise.

But the most important reason, Coples said, is to help others.

“People can make sure those families get fed by going to the distribution site,” Coples said.

Wilkie said that a little effort could go a long way.

“An hour or two really makes a big difference when people are hungry.” Wilkie said.

Volunteer Dates

Fresno State administration will be focusing on the following dates. The members listed after each date will be volunteering on those days. For complete details on all food distribution dates, contact the Community Food Bank or HandsOn Central California.

• September 25: Ellen Junn
• October 9: Bill Covino, Paul Oliaro, John Welty, Peter Smits
• October 23: Ellen Junn, Paul Oliaro, John Welty

CSU seeks to dismiss case

By Thadeus Miller
The Collegian

Counsel representing California State University, Fresno filed a motion to dismiss the discrimination law suit brought on by Joe Parks, a professor in the curriculum and instruction department. Parks, 65, filed his complaint without a lawyer on July 28. He is seeking relief for discrimination on the grounds of race and age. Parks cited the high price of a retiree for his

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lack of legal representation. The motion to dismiss stated that Parks had not proven that he made any complaint with, or received a right-to-sue letter from, the Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) or the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Such actions are necessary before an individual can sue the state, according to the motion. The motion also argues that

Parks has not demonstrated, beyond just stating it, that he has been harassed or mistreated by the administration. Parks said that he filed a complaint with DFEH, received a right-to-sue letter from the EEOC and completed his obligations within the required 90-day period.

Parks was suspended in February of 2008 for allegedly joking about shooting students in his classroom. No action was taken by police. Parks says administrators have that the statements were taken out of context.

“The administration has never given me an opportunity to defend myself.” Parks said.

Over the last month, about 15 minority faculty members from the education department have met regularly to discuss patterns that they have witnessed regarding gender and racial issues within the department, according to Parks.

“His is not about Joe Parks,” Parks said. “It’s about discrimination in the school of education.”

The complaint names the dean of the Kremen School of Education and Human Development Paul Beare, President John D. Welty, associate vice president of academic personnel Janette Redd Williams, director of human resources Janice Parton, former provost and vice president for academic affairs Jeri Echeverria, and the CSU Board of Trustees.

Stephen Silver, counsel for the university, said, “The university strongly denies any wrongdoing.” Administrators named in the lawsuit declined to comment about the ongoing case.

“When there’s litigation, it’s pretty standard to not talk,” Silver said.
To bank, or not to bank

On the front page of The Fresno Bee last Tuesday, located above the fold, was a headline that read: Fresno banks shunned. According to the article, written by Tim Shueian, roughly “50,000 Fresno residents keep their money not in bank accounts, but in wallets, envelopes, and even under the proverbial mattress.” That’s 11 percent of the city’s population, nearly double the national average.

What does that say about us Fresnoans? Are we backward, paranoid people unwilling to place our trust in the country’s financial institutions? The first thing that must be said is that while 90,000 is a big chunk of people, the vast majority of us keep our money in banks. Indeed this is a safe bet, with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insuring $250,000 of each bank deposit. What that means is that even if there is a run on your bank and it fails, the Full Faith and Credit Clause of the federal government protects the first $250,000 of each depositor’s money. Indeed to the high number of Fresnans unwilling to place our trust in the country’s financial institutions? What does that say about us Fresnans? Are we backward, paranoid people unwilling to place our trust in the country’s financial institutions?

The Right Tone

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those not using banks are most likely unable to reach one on a regular basis or with relative ease. Also noted in the article, those new to the community have an inherent mistrust in banks due to past experiences in other countries. Both of these contribute mightily to the high number of Fresnans without bank accounts.

So that explains it right? That’s the end of the story. Time to get on with our lives and not question this arrangement. But as Lee Corso of ESPN’s College GameDay would say, not so fast my friend. Does it make sense that if a bank fails the government will come to the rescue with $250,000 for each and every person with money in that bank? Where does the government get this money? Why should we place our trust in a bank without considering that institution’s integrity?

Answers: no, they print it, and we should think. As I’ve said before, the United States government is more than $11 trillion in debt. If a bank failed, our government would have no choice but to print more money in order to make good on their commitments. When there is more of something, its value goes down. And when the value of money goes down, the result is inflation.

But how do banks fail? They engage in a practice called “fractional reserve” banking in which they only keep on hand a fraction of member deposits and lend out the rest in an attempt to make money.

In any other type of business we would decry this as a greedy and unethical practice. But since this is banking, we let it slide.

Undoubtedly, few of these thoughts cross the minds of those considering whether or not to put their money in the bank. But they should. Next time you go to put money into your bank account, ask yourself this question: is this bank sound? If it’s not, it may be time to ask grandma about the finer points of hiding your money under a mattress.
The daily crossword
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis
Los Angeles Times

ACROSS
1 Colored part of the eye
5 Phonograph records
10 Become overly dry, as lips
14 John Wesley’s relig.
15 Love to pieces
16 Country byway
17 Arizona city
18 Fenway Park team, briefly
19 Condo or apartment, e.g.
20 Really exhausted
23 “Nevermore” bird of poetry
24 Honey maker
25 “… and so on”; Abbr.
26 Really exhausted
28 Really exhausted
33 Copier paper size; Abbr.
34 Creole vegetable
35 Milk school at Annapolis
36 Really exhausted
40 Bassoon cousin
43 Big-screen movie format
44 Observed
47 Really exhausted
51 Mentalist Geller
52 Sandwich initials
53 Cereal grain
54 Concrete-reinforcing rod
56 Really exhausted
61 Ali who stole from thieves
62 Broom rider of the com-
ics
63 With 66-Across, roadside stop
64 Finds in mines
65 King of rock ’n’ roll
66 See 63-Across
67 Sitcom radio station
68 Gunsminger’s “Hands up!”
69 Afternoon TV fare

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1 Unethical
2 Bring to life again, as a Civil War battle
3 Romance-ending words
4 1953 Alan Ladd Western
5 Pats gently
6 Object of worship
7 Sammy in the 600 Home Run Club
8 Singing Bing
9 Moderate-sized chamber group
10 Board game with suspects
11 Closet assortment
12 Jennifer of “Friends”
13 House cat, e.g.
14 Bankruptcy energy company
22 July-August sign
23 11-point blackjack card, at times
24 Honey maker
25 “… and so on”; Abbr.
26 Really exhausted
27 11-point blackjack card, at times
28 Really exhausted
30 Flight board datum; Abbr.
31 Camp for presidents
32 Faulty firecracker
33 Copier paper size; Abbr.
34 Creole vegetable
35 Milk school at Annapolis
36 Really exhausted
37 Latin 101 verb
38 Sigma follower
39 Additional
40 Horse player’s hangout, for short
41 Defensive wall
42 Halloween month
43 Big-screen movie format
44 Observed
45 Shrunken Asian lake
46 Furtive listening device
47 Really exhausted
48 Extensive period
49 Preferably
50 Star, in France
51 Mentalist Geller
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Word of the Day
Half-your-age-plus-seven
The rule to define the youngest that a romantic interest can be before the relationship is indecent.

Source: UrbanDictionary.com
The Tower Theatre, located in the heart of the Tower District will once again gant and expensive ever, at possibly be the most extrava

tour will generate 65,000 tons of carbon emissions.

The tour has already cut the damaging side effects. During the bands “360 Degree Tour” in Europe they drew
numerous social and political undertakings.

“Twenty years ago, in a lecture hall on the campus of California State University, Fresno, the Fresno Reel Pride Gay and Lesbian Film Festival began as a one day event. In the two decades since, while its size and reputation have grown, the goal of showing quality, indepen-
dent films with a unique perspective in Fresno hasn’t changed.

The films have universality to them; everyone can relate,” said Carroll. “Whether it was made by a gay filmmaker or a gay sto-
yline, or whether the documenta-
tory was about L.G.B.T issues, these films are the kinds of films that tell the same stories that every-
other one experiences - love, loss, triumph over adversity,” said Carroll, who is also the Reel Pride Board Chairwoman.

Fresno artist Aileen Imperatrice and her husband have sponsored the festival since 2001 and said they have not found anything to offset whatever carbon foot
print the festival will make at the tours end, Martin and his team will offer a handful of proposals to the band and promoters as to how they can offset the environmental dam-
gage.

“There are myriad options that will not only help fans fund the festival, but also take the 

By Angelica Cano

The Collegian

A Reel-fection of Diversity

2009 film schedule

Wednesday, Sept. 16
Outrage • Tower Theatre • 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 17
Awakenings: Shorts Program • Starline • 5:30 p.m.
Spotlight Presentation - Baby Formula • Tower Theatre • 6 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 18
Hannah Free • Tower Theatre • 6 p.m.
Big Gay Musical • Tower Theatre • 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 19
Boy’s Shorts Program • Tower Theatre • Noon
Night Flies • Starline • 1:30 p.m.
Youth Pizza Party • Starline • 2 p.m.
Fun in Girls Shorts • Tower Theatre • 2:30 p.m.
College Boys Live • Starline • 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 25
Fruit Fly • Tower Theatre • 5 p.m.
And Then Came Lola • Tower Theatre • 8 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 20
Predigal Sons • Tower Theatre • 1 p.m.
Ferron: Girl on a Road • Tower Theatre • 3 p.m.

Redwoods • Starline • 3:30 p.m.

Straightlaced: How Gender’s Got Us All Tied Up • Starline • 5 p.m.
The Man Who Loved Yvonne • Tower Theatre • 5 p.m.

Eide and Thea: A Very Long Engagement • Tower Theatre • 8 p.m.

By Collegian Staff

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2009 annual gay & lesbian film festival september 16-20

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For more Real Pride photos and info visit the Collegian Online http://collegian.csufresno.edu

The Fresno Reel Pride Gay film festival in the country, and I think it gets better and better each year,” Durette said. “The film program this year is spectacular. There are so many incredibly smart and interesting films that will be shown. And Reel Pride isn’t just for the L.G.B.T community. Anyone who likes great films won’t want to miss this.”

The Fresno Reel Pride Gay, Lesbian Film Festival kicks off Wednesday, Sept. 16 and runs through Sunday, Sept. 20. Reel Pride is offering a limited number of complimentary tickets on a first come, first served basis for students with a valid student I.D. except the opening and closing night films.

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ment had it removed.

Fujikawa said. "At the festi-
val, people write wishes on
cards and the cards are hung
on trees."

Sakakamboke, which
is steamed fish paste and
Gyutan, which is cow tongue,
are two things that the people
in Miyago generally love to
eat, said Fujikawa.

"The reason they started
making steamed fish paste
is because they wanted to
fish in the winter but it's hard
to preserve so that's why they
made the fish paste," said
Fujikawa.

Niizeki said Yamagata,
the town she comes from, is
famous for being a "castle
town" and was once the
home of the major warlord Uesugi.
Every year from April 29
through May 3, they stage a
reenactment of the Battle of
Kawanakajima between the
armies of Uesugi and Takeda
clans, Niizeki said.

Niizeki said the first day
of the festival is a big party.
"You just walk everywhere
there aren't any cars or bikes.
There's no work, it's just a
ful." Niizeki said.

There is also a parade held
on May 4. The parade is meant
to encourage the Uesugi clan
to go on. Niizeki said.

International Student
Niizeki said. Some students go for extra
credit or to learn things that
aren't from the textbook.
Niizeki said. "People come here and learn
about a country they want to
go to. I encourage all present-
ers to talk about something
different, they talk about
the culture and the food."
Niizeki said. "We try and do it on a
unique country that you don't
know about. It shows how
other countries are wonder-
ful."

"Everyone should take
advantage of  the program.
It gives you a chance to relax
from the hustle and the bus-
tle," Niizeki said.

The International Coffee
Hour will be held every
Tuesday from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
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RUGBY: Any student can join new team

Currently, the team does not have a place to play on campus, but Foley hopes to get the team on campus. He wants to play on the women’s soccer practice field, with permission from the women’s soccer coach. The team will play its home games at Fresno Regional Sports Park.

“The team does not have tryouts for its members. According to Foley, the players find out quickly if they can handle the sport or not. The part of the sport that might prove tough for some to handle are the injuries. Keith Ream, a Fresno State rugby player, can attest to the rough nature of the sport. ‘I got both tackles and took a number to the face,’” Ream said.

Ream plays inside and outside center and also plays wing. These three positions are known as backs, which in football would be known as offensive positions.

While it is the newest sport on campus, there is more to Fresno State Rugby than practice and games. The team is a club on campus that gets its money from Associated Students, Inc. (ASI), fundraising and fees from the members of the club. The fees from ASI can only be used for certain items, so fundraising is essential to the team. Last year the club had fundraising at the Vintage Days along with other fundraising. According to Foley, “The money from ASI is only for equipment.” The player fees are for club dues and for registration with USA Rugby. The club provides the game jersey for the players. Since rugby is a physically demanding sport, members are required to have a minimum medical coverage of $100,000.

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Rugby now a campus team

By Mallory Plant
The Collegian

The hardest hitting sport at Fresno State may not be Bulldog football anymore. Rugby has now come to Fresno State with hard hits and without pads or helmets to protect the players.

This year is the first official year for Fresno State rugby, but rugby has been in the city of Fresno for 75 years. Colling Okoroike has played rugby for two years and thinks Fresno State will be positive for the sport.

"Bringing [rugby] on to Fresno State gives exposure," Okoroike said.

Last year some players on the current team played for the City of Fresno Rugby Football Club, but this year they get to play for their own school. Fresno State rugby is a Division II sport and will play other colleges throughout California.

The rugby team is not a part of the NCAA and will most likely not join the NCAA. "Rugby doesn’t have the drive to become a NCAA sport," Coach Barry Foley said.

He also said the infrastructure does not exist for rugby to join the NCAA. But USA Rugby can still offer appraisals and awards to teams that are apart of the Green "V" Society.

"Anybody who wants to replicate the 'V' is welcome," Foley said.

Fans cannot legally make their own sticker and having their own sticker and buying one is no longer an option. The Green "V" is a trademark.

"Anybody who wants to replicate would have to have permission," Foley said.

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BULLDOG FOOTBALL

TRYING TO REBOUND

After a tough, double-overtime loss, 'Dogs look to avoid letdown

By Sara Almario
The Collegian

After being on both ends of the spectrum, the Fresno State Bulldogs have to move on from the first two games of the season and focus all their energy in the upcoming game against the Boise State Broncos.

Coach Pat Hill intends to capitalize on the dominating offensive plays displayed in the UC Davis game and formulate a plan to avoid making the same mistakes they made in the Wisconsin game.

One would assume that after the Bulldogs’ destruction of the Aggies, a bowl game is right by the corner. The 31-0 game left fans begging for more victories that left unrealistic expectations on a young and inexperienced roster.

In what Ryan Colburn described as a “heartbreaking” against the Wisconsin Badgers, which ended 34-33 in two overtimes, the Bulldogs look to the future knowing that their potential is unlimited.

In the Wisconsin game last Saturday, the Bulldogs’ were exposed to the national audience as a new, formidable force in the valley.

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The "V" stands for the Valley and has special meaning behind it. According to the Bulldog Foundation, "The Green ‘V’ is a symbol that Fresno State uses to represent the pride of the San Joaquin Valley in being the richest agricultural region in the world.

Not only is the "V" used for Fresno State athletics, but the Green "V" Society also uses the symbol. The Green "V" Society is part of The Bulldog Foundation. The sticker is not handed out, according to Ladwig, but businesses in and around the Green "V" Society can put the symbol on clothes that they wish to distribute.

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