Crime rates on campus remain low, rise in surrounding area

By Ashley Garcia
The Collegian

Tension from the recession has brought on a rise in Fresno crime city-wide, but especially around campus.

The northeast area of Fresno, where the California State University, Fresno campus is located, has a higher crime rate than many other areas.

According to Fresno Police Department Crime Data, total crimes in the area raised from 24,234 in December 2007 to 25,061 in December 2008. Total crime numbers include violent crimes and property crime offenses.

However, reports from the University Police Department show that on-campus crime is low.

Amy Armstrong, the University Police Department's Public Information Officer said that the most common crime is theft, and they've seen no significant difference in violence.

Armstrong said that attitudes haven't changed much since the recession. However, she did say that it seems like student morale is lower.

The jurisdiction for the University Police Department extends one mile beyond university property. However, the area’s surrounding campus have earned a bad reputation, despite police efforts.

Jenna Rogers, a Fresno State student who lives near campus, said she heard that sexual assault has gone up 30 percent in Fresno, in addition to other crimes.

Although the recession-driven crime increase hasn’t affected her in any personal way, Rogers said it makes sense because when people lose their jobs, they turn to drugs and alcohol.

“I only makes sense that domestic abuse and sexual assaults would go up,” she said.

Rogers added that she doesn’t feel safe living in the area, but only to a certain extent.

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Generation Why?

“Teenagers and young adults mingle in a society of abundance, intellectual as well as material... Never have opportunities for education, learning, political action, and cultural activity been greater. All the ingredients for making an informed and intelligent citizen are in place. But it hasn’t happened.”

 Says Mark Baulerine, professor of English at Emory University and author of The Dumbest Generation: How the Digital Age Stupefies Young Americans and Jeopardizes Our Future (Do, Don’t Trust Anyone Under 30).

Just who is the dumbest generation, according to Baulerine? In a word — us.

“This is the paradox of the Dumbest Generation,” Baulerine argues. “For the young American, life has never been so yielding, opportunities for education, learning, our brashness and our arrogance.”

The mere mention of the argument qualifies the author as an old curmudgeon, a decrepit, aging man who is unable to let go of the past and unwilling to even try. But closer inspection belies this thought.

A humorous way of showing Generation Y’s ignorance is by watching Jay Leno’s Jaywalking segment of his television shows. Leno asks presumably easy questions and gets incredibly idiotic answers. Hilarity ensues. A less amusing representation of our collective lack of knowledge is a recent survey commissioned by the Oklahoma Council on Public Affairs.

The results are astounding. More than half of Oklahoman high school students couldn’t pin the Republicans and Democrats as the two main political parties in America, only 14 percent knew Thomas Jefferson wrote the draft of the Declaration of Independence, and three-fourths of the students surveyed could not even name George Washington as the first president of the United States.

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Jaywalking

“"The Dumbest Generation," may be nothing more than hyperbole used to sell books, we do indeed have every advantage that our parents and grandparents had, except, as Baulerine says, the enlightenment hasn’t happened.”

No doubt our generation is just as capable of turning out a Jefferson, an Einstein, a Gates. In fact, we may be even more prepared to do the ability to do so. But will we? My friends (I’m channeling my inner McCain), if we don’t take advantage of all that is out there, our younger brothers and sisters will. We will be left high and dry, marooned on the proverbial beach by those who passed us by.

As George Santayana said long ago in his famous phrase, “Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it.” And unless we start learning, Generation Y may become Generation Lost.

In other words, we’re pretentious. We’re narcissistic. We’re haughty, brash, and arrogant, and we pride ourselves on our haughtiness, our brashness and our arrogance.

Edward Martinez

Criminology Senior

“If it’s there let’s use it. Personally I’d prefer the Save Mart Center. It’s a controlled environment. It’s got air conditioning and you won’t get cold or wet or bit by bugs.”

Carolyn Williams

Lead Custodian

“I like it, just leave it alone. Put some flowers on..." It’s Oklahoma, what do you expect?" one is tempted to say. But I’d be willing to venture a guess that the vast majority of our generation would not pass the citizenship test that all immigrants must pass before entering the country.

It’s not like I haven’t been alone out here before

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Word of the Day

Troopernoia

That paranoid feeling you get when you are hauling butt down the road and meet a car that looks like a State Trooper and you stamp the brakes because you think you’re busted but it turns out to be Granny in her big Crown Vic.

Source: UrbanDictionary
Using art to ‘Shift Boundaries’

By Angelica Cano
The Collegian

Nine paintings hang on the multicolored walls of a Fresno art studio. With images of balloons, boxes and roots, the abstract series entitled “Shifting Boundaries” explores the process of evolving perspectives.

Local artist Aileen Imperatrice said that she has seen a lot of things in the news recently that have troubled her. “You see people really sticking to a certain way of thinking; so much so that it excludes a lot of people,” Imperatrice said. It was this observation that inspired Imperatrice’s latest series.

The exhibit is currently on display at AshTree Studios, which Imperatrice owns with her husband. “It’s the whole idea of coming from where you were before, still being part of yourself, but evolving from that,” Imperatrice said. “You have to be willing to constantly evolve. You have to be willing to challenge yourself with new experiences.”

Imperatrice tackles the familiar and the unfamiliar head-on in her art. “It’s a little uncomfortable. I think it’s important for you to ask yourself why this is uncomfortable for me?” then review your own perspectives on things,” Imperatrice said. “Otherwise you get stagnant in your same place.”

Imperatrice said that “Shifting Boundaries” is her most abstract series yet, which she said is the result of external inspiration. “Over the last year I’ve been really exposed to abstract art through outside experiences and it really moved me,” Imperatrice said. “I thought, I really want to try that. So the marriage of where my mind was thinking about my own evolution as a human being and where my art was evolving to, it came together at the perfect moment.”

While the symbols she used are more conceptual then her previous work, Imperatrice said they still represent a decision to evolve. A common staple found in the series are balloons, which she envisions as human heads. “A balloon is in one place, you’re holding it there, and it’s staying where you have it until you let it go,” Imperatrice said. “Then it goes its own way — it’s free. I look at that, and I think that’s really kind of a metaphor for how we choose to either let ourselves go free or we stay in one place.”

Boxes are also featured in many of the paintings, either alone or encasing a balloon. This, according to Imperatrice is meant to illustrate the decision to stay within a proverbial box or step outside of it. “The roots that we have, we continue to have those. But then you go beyond that and you evolve through the layers of your lifetime and that’s why you see a lot of layers in my work too. They’re all layers to your life that create the person that you are today.”

The most recent collection is a combination of her past series with her latest. In the piece, “New Life is Waiting,” Imperatrice depicts herself as a chair growing roots which are extending into the ground. “I think certainly there is identifiable imagery and it’s probably very symbolic of what she’s trying to do,” said Robert Ogata, fellow Fresno artist and friend of Imperatrice. “So it became a certain type of symbolism in the work itself whether it be ladders, chairs or mounds. I think there is something beyond what you’re actually seeing.”

The inspiration behind the series also impacted Imperatrice personally. “For me it was a personal journey through the art pieces,” Imperatrice said. “It reminding me of whether or not I’m choosing to evolve and challenging myself as an individual. Am I shifting my own boundaries?”

Show and Tell
By John Esquivel
The Collegian

The quiet, cool cement walkways of the Phebe Conley Art Building give exceptional art students and instructors something to brag about.

Each week, California State University, Fresno artists display their work in the Phebe Conley Art Building. For students, it’s an opportunity to boast and showcase their latest accomplishments from the various art courses. For instructors, it’s a way to give students the extra creative push to do their best.

Graphic design professor Douglas Hansen said he makes it a point each semester to display his student’s work. “It’s exciting for (the students) to see it in an outside environment,” he said.

Hansen said that student’s work, instructors course’s, and the program receive recognition. “There is a difference between a course description and a display of work,” Hansen said. “I also like to see what other teachers are doing in the department.”

The appreciation of recognition and diversity is also shared among students. “Most of the artists come from different backgrounds. It gives a different perspective,” said Oliver Oytas, a graphic design major. “[The display] adds more variety to my inspiration. It breaks the mold of what you see every day.”

The process of whose art is selected to be displayed is determined by each professor and who signs up on a first-come-first-serve basis. From there, instructors from there respective courses select the works of art.

“I try to co-present with another faculty member and reserve the case for two weeks,” Art Professor Linda Golik said. “The work selected is of the entire class, because I feel quite proud of the student’s accomplishments and it makes my students be proud themselves.”

Hansen said he is especially pleased when his students have friends come by and observe their respective works.

Some professors choose not to tell students what pieces will go on display. Oytas said he was notified by a friend that his work was on display. “All I could say was ‘Really?’” Oytas said.

The display cases offer students a chance to reach a wider audience and make various works of art public. This is especially true during the spring semester where art students show off their work during the graduation show at the Phebe Conley Art Gallery.
Aerospace professor receives medals

By Michelle Furnier

The Collegian

Air Force Capt. David Magoc, an aerospace studies assistant professor at California State University, Fresno, received two medals for his service earlier this year.

The first medal, Air Force accommodation medal, was awarded to Magoc for the four years he spent in Langley Air Force Base in Virginia. “We were able to get representatives from each F-16 base, to include Air Force Reserves and Air National Guard, to map out the process and reduce steps that were not necessary and also combine steps,” Magoc said.

This process was then standardized across the entire F-16 fleet which meant an airman can go from Luke Air Force Base, AZ to Aviano Air Base, Italy and not have to worry about learning a new process,” Magoc said.

The second medal Magoc received was for the 210 days he spent in Iraq processing more than $16 million worth of equipment. Magoc’s team also received humvees because the military deemed a Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicle that would better protect the soldiers out on the road.

However, Magoc didn’t always want to be in the Air Force. “I wanted to be a professional athlete,” Magoc said. “I did go to college for two years and I played football. I needed to get some discipline and order in my life.”

When Magoc was 20 years old he knew it was time to get out on his own and the Air Force was the best opportunity to gain job experience and a trade skill.

Magoc arrived at Fresno State in July and already he has had an impact on his students.

Political science major David Hubbard works with Magoc in recruiting and has him as a professor for a senior Air Force cadet’s class with him.

“It’s cool to see what he’s going to bring to the table. I look forward to seeing what is planned.”

Hubbard said that coming into the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) in the middle of a career could be viewed as a negative thing by the Air Force because that’s three years out of the loop to train future officers.

“His in the middle of his career and that speaks volumes about his character. He doesn’t care what the Air Force thinks. He’s willing to take that on,” Hubbard said.

“He’s a great guy and really driven. I hope one day I will be doing the same thing,” Magoc said. “I want to be training future leaders.”

Magoc plans to be at Fresno State for three years to help develop the attachment and young officers.

“They’ve already done an outstanding job here. So I’m hoping to continue to build on that here,” Magoc said.

At the end of his three years at Fresno State, Magoc will be eligible for retirement but isn’t planning on leaving the Air Force.

“I think I’m going to continue in the Air Force and go towards my goal to be a squadron commander. The whole part of me becoming an officer was having the ability to lead people and being a squadron commander is the epitome of being a leader,” Magoc said.

If you would like more information on the Air Force ROTC program, contact Capt. Magoc, the Unit Admissions Officer at 278-6204 or dmagoc@csufresno.com.

Crim course offers service-learning opportunity in El Salvador

By Kristin Berquist

The Collegian

Contaminated drinking water, children with no shoes and small villages without electricity or running water—most students at California State University, Fresno will never know what it is like to live in such impoverished conditions.

Beginning this January, students will have the opportunity to travel to El Salvador as part of the Victim Services in El Salvador course, CRIM 390T. Dr. Steven Walker, associate dean of the college of social sciences, is spearheading the trip and hopes to have at least 10 students sign up for the unique course.

Walker said students from all majors would benefit greatly from the cultural experience and bring different perspectives to the class.

“Sometimes in the United States we tend to be pretty myopic, and my view is that a good liberal arts education means that we broaden our world view.” Walker said.

“It’s imperative if we want a broader world view, which I think is important, to get out and do things. The addition of this class here is that we’re not just going to another country we’re actually doing a service. And that’s important.”

The course, which runs from Jan. 4-15, includes three main components: daily lectures, a service learning opportunity where students will help build a community drinking well and interact with the local people and excursions to civil war and natural disaster sites throughout the country.

Walker, a clinical psychologist, started as a professor in the criminology department at Fresno State 25 years ago. Although this is his first time taking a class to El Salvador, he has visited the country four other times for various service projects.

For this course, students will help build a drinking well in El Puente, a community that, up until now, has used contaminated water from a nearby river. Activities at the local school and church will also provide the group an opportunity to interact with the children and families of the community, Walker said.

Along with historical lectures on the civil war that was fought from 1980 to 1992, students will visit numerous war sites and will have a chance to interview civil war victims and survivors.

Fresno State became the first university to create a victim services certificate in 1985. This was followed by the victim services summer institute in 1989 and the victimology option under the criminology major in 1992. Walker said in the last 20 years, nearly 3,000 people have graduated with a certificate or the major at Fresno State, placing advocates in about 15 percent of all victim services agencies in the U.S.

“It’s going to be interesting to see their [students] impressions.

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Drunk ATV driver kills man in collision

A 21-year-old Fontana man died after getting in a collision on an ATV in the Stoddard Wells Off Highway Vehicle Area Sunday.

Thomas Madrid was pronounced dead at the scene of a collision on Stoddard Mountain Road, according to a San Bernardino County Coroner’s report. Madrid was driving a quad when he was involved in a head-on collision with another quad driven by Matthew Rodriguez, 18, of Fontana.

Madrid was arrested at the scene for suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol. He suffered major injuries.

The Barstow CHP station is investigating the collision.

Benicia teens say drugs becoming more accessible

BENICIA - Former Benicia high school students say fake IDs are getting good in with liquor store owners.

Benicia teens are finding ways to get drugs and alcohol.

“If you really want to find it, you may find it,” said Benicia High School junior Natalie Peterson, one of four student panelists at a substance abuse forum Monday night.

Benicia police and school officials have partnered for a series of such forums between now and May, aimed at sparking a dialogue between parents and their teens.

Teen use of drugs like marijuana, alcohol and nicotine and, increasingly, opiates like Vicodin is becoming more common because of the

Wheelchair-bound man Tased

By Victor A. Patton
McClatchy Tribune

The Merced Police Department’s Internal Affairs Division is investigating whether an officer used a Taser twice on an unarmed, wheelchair-bound man with no legs.

The man was Tased, Gregory Williams, 40, a double-leg amputee, spent six days in jail on suspicion of domest-ic violence and resisting arrest, but the Merced County District Attorney’s office hasn’t filed any charges.

Williams, who was released from jail Friday, said he was manhandled and Tased by police, even though he said he was never physically aggressiv-e toward the officers and didn’t resist arrest.

Williams said he was humili-at ed after his pants fell down during the incident. The officers allegedly left him outside in broad daylight, hand-cuffed on the pavement, nude below the waist.

A Merced police report, written by the responding officers, says police tried to reason with Williams before the arrest, to no avail. The offi-cers wrote that Williams was uncooperative and refused to turn his 2-year-old daughter over to Merced County Child Protective Services, among other allegations.

Williams, who had a 2-year-old daughter Gimi in his lap, said he rolled his wheelchair back to his apartment.

The officer, who is identified in the police report as John Pinnegar, approached him in the doorway of his apartment. Pinnegar said his wife had accused him of striking her, which Williams denied.

Shortly afterward, police Sgt. Rodney Court and a work-er with Merced County Child Protective Services entered the room, Williams said. “I’m trying to tell him nothing hap-pened. We were just having an argument,” he said.

Pinnegar grabbed Williams’ 2-year-old daughter from his lap, handing her to the CPS worker. “I said, ‘What are you doing? I haven’t done any-thing’” Williams said.

Williams said Pinnegar unholstered his Taser, jabbed it into his rib cage and shocked him twice. Williams said he fell from his chair onto his stomach on the ground outside his house.

While he was down, Williams, said Court put his knee on his neck, and one of the officers then cuffed both of his wrists. At some point after he fell out of his chair, Williams said, his shorts slid down his legs.

Williams said he rolled himself behind his back, Williams said, he was unable to pull his pants up. He said police left him for five to 10 minutes in that position on the pavement, with his wrists parts showing as neighbors and onlookers watched.

Williams, a lifelong Merced resident who’s married with three children, said both his legs were amputated in 2004 after he was diagnosed with deep-vein thrombosis that led to gangrene in both legs.
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The Vandals up their play in 2009, beating New Mexico State, 34-20, in Moscow.

Why No. 2?:

The Bulldogs' two losses were against two great opponents. The Bulldogs should have beaten Wisconsin and are in danger of dropping to 0-3. The Wisconsin schedule, but has not played up to par so far this season. They are still the superior team in the conference.

No. 2: Fresno State (1-2)

Last Week: Lost to Boise State, 51-34, in Fresno

Next Opponent: No. 14 Cincinnati

Why No. 2?: The Bulldogs’ two losses were against two great opponents. The Bulldogs should have beaten Wisconsin and Colorado State, 35-20, in Fort Collins.

No. 3: Idaho (2-1)

Last week: Beat San Diego State, 34-20, in Moscow

Next Opponent: Northern Illinois

Why No. 3?: The Vandals have picked up their play in 2009, beating New Mexico State and San Diego State. The Vandals lone loss was to Washington last week, a tough game this week against Big 12 foe Missouri.

No. 4: Nevada (0-2)

Last week: Lost to Colorado State, 35-20, in Fort Collins

Next Opponent: Missouri

Why No. 4?: Nevada has played tough schedule, but has not played up to par and is in danger of dropping to 0-3. The high-powered offense has not yet taken off.

No. 5: Hawaii (2-1)

Last Week: Lost to UNLV, 34-33, in Las Vegas

Next Opponent: Louisiana Tech

Why No. 5?: The Warriors are 2-1 on the season, with a win over Pac-10 team Washington State. They had a chance to start the season 3-0, but lost to UNLV this past week 34-33.

The Boz: The Warriors always have a great offense that can put points on the board. In his second year as starter, Greg Alexander continues to put up great passing numbers in Hawaii’s offense. It will be interesting to see what Hawaii will do against Fresno State in three weeks.

No. 6: San Jose State (0-3)

Last Week: Lost to Stanford, 42-17, in Palo Alto

Next opponent: Cal Poly

Why No. 6?: Even though the Spartans are 0-3, they have played tough competition to open the season. Their losses come to then-ranked No. 3 USC, No.17 Utah, and Stanford.

The Boz: San Jose State looks to rebound this week and get into the win column against Cal Poly. They have had trouble running the ball. Not one tailback has more than 100 yards rushing on the season. Their losses have come to then-ranked No. 3 USC, No.17 Utah, and Stanford.

No. 7: Louisiana Tech (1-2)

Last week: Beat Nicholls State, 48-13, in Ruston

Next Opponent: Hawaii

Why No. 7?: The other Bulldogs have lost to two good teams in Auburn and Navy. They hung in with Auburn through the first half, only trailing by three at halftime.

The Boz: It will be interesting to see if these Bulldogs can compete with the rest of the WAC. Tailback Daniel Porter has yet to get going on the ground and has not returned to his 100-yard s nell of 2008.

No. 8: Utah State (0-2)

Last Week: Lost to Texas A&M, 38-30, in College Station

Next Opponent: Southern Utah

Why No. 8?: The Utah State Aggies have played stiff competition in their first two games, losing to in-state rival Utah and hanging tough, but losing to Texas A&M.

No. 9: New Mexico State (1-2)

Last Week: Lost to UTSA, 38-12, in Las Cruces

Next Opponent: New Mexico


The Boz: The Aggies average 132 passing yards per game. New Mexico State will have a hard time the rest of the way as the Aggies go to No. 13 Ohio St and No. 8 Boise State.

No. 10: Nevada (0-2)

Last week: Lost to Arizona State, 51-34, in Las Vegas

Next Opponent: San Jose State

Why No. 10?: Nevada has played a tough schedule, losing to Arizona State and Stanford.

The Boz: Nevada lost to Arizona State, 51-34, in Las Vegas.

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**‘Explosive on offense’**

**Bearcats’ offense will give ‘Dogs’ defense trouble**

By Chris Aguirre  
*The Collegian*

After a defeat at the hands of Western Athletic Conference (WAC) rival Boise State, the Bulldogs look to rebound as they travel back to the Midwest this week to take on the No. 14 Cincinnati Bearcats.

The ‘Dogs’ defense will be challenged in the game, according to coach Pat Hill.

The Bearcats boast the No. 3 offense in the nation in total yards and third in almost every offensive category, including passing and receiving yards.

“This is going to be a real challenge,” Hill said. “They have all the tools,” Hill said. “They are a very good offensive football team, I can’t stress that enough.”

The Bearcats are averaging 48.3 points per game and defensively are only giving up 12 points per game.

“(The Bearcats) are very explosive on offense,” Hill said. “They have a senior quarterback, which I think makes the game great, and they have a wide receiver who is one of the best we’ve played against.”

Hill is referring to senior quarterback Tony Pike and senior wide receiver Mardy Gilyard, Cincinnati’s best offensive duo.

Pike has thrown for close to 1,000 yards, completing 75 percent of his throws, and has eight touchdowns — four of which were thrown to Gilyard. Gilyard has caught 23 balls for 265 yards and four touchdowns.

Hill said he is one of the most explosive players Fresno State will play.

“He has speed, toughness catching the ball, he runs good routes he’s a big time receiver he has all the tools,” Hill said.

Another part of the game that the ‘Dogs will have to improve on is their kick return coverage, which gave up more than 200 yards in returns last week against Boise State – 154 to Titus Young and 102 yards to Doug Martin.

“If the game ends up a shootout, the Bulldogs will have to rely on Ryan Mathews, who had 19 carries for 234 yards and three touchdowns on his way to being named WAC offensive player of the week.”

Protection of quarterback Ryan Colburn will be key, as the Cincinnati 3-4 defensive line has combined to sack the quarterback 11 times over their first three games.

“We are going to have to play at peak performance for the third straight week and our kids are really going to have to strap it up and get ready to play,” Hill said.

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