Unexpected turnout at flu clinic

By Lacee Solis
The Collegian

Perhaps it’s all the media hype surrounding the flu this season, or maybe students just wanted to take advantage of Wednesday’s low-cost flu shot clinic offered at California State University, Fresno. Whatever the reason, students flocking to the clinic to get the flu shots caused the scheduled five-hour clinic to run out of vaccinations in an hour and a half.

“There was a huge line of students before I got there, which was before 9 a.m.,” said Arlynn Hurtado, a third semester nursing student who gave injections at the clinic. “The line was pretty long, I’d say at least 30 to 40 students. So, we had to be pretty quick.”

Hurtado was one of about 15 to 20 nursing students who volunteered to help at the flu shot clinic. Fresno State’s nursing department and Student Health Center organized the event.

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ASI votes, approves revised 09-10 budget

The revised budget was passed with the necessary two-thirds vote, despite some protestations from senators.

“I wanted to thoroughly review any information before we voted,” ASI senator Pedro Ramirez said.

Ramirez said he wanted to view the detailed line-by-line breakdown. He said that if the ASI revenue continues to go down, it would have to continue to make revisions. He wanted to find further cuts now.

One area, total operations expenses, went up by more than $2,000. ASI President Jessica Sweeten said that those expenses are necessary, because they cover travel expenses that will be used to lobby for education.

“This problem is because the state is not valuing higher education,” Sweeten said.

Sweeten said that it is not unusual to pass a budget this late in the semester, especially with the changes in enrollment this year.

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The ASI budget for 2009-10 approved in April of this year had to be revised due to this summer’s announcement by the Board of Trustees, according to ASI’s vice president of finance and chief financial officer Lauren Johnson.

That’s almost $100,000 cut, because of the enrollment, Johnson said.

In April, ASI projected more than $660,000 in total net revenue for the year, and has since revised that amount to $573,000.

Johnson said ASI wanted to cut as much internal cost as possible, but student programs were inevitably cut.

“The fact that we’re able to cut it at all is pretty impressive, I think,” Johnson said.

One large cut from student services that has already affected some students was from the reduction in club and organization funding. It fell from $85,000 to $77,000.

Along with the cuts in club funding, ASI made a change to the funding guidelines. Clubs can now receive $2,000 from ASI, whereas the previous guideline allowed $4,000.

“I think it’s really important we made that subsequent cut to the funding guidelines,” said Johnson.

One-third of the cuts affected the readership program. The program offers free newspapers to students.

“Instead of really [cutting back on our New York Times and Fresno Bee, which have a really high subscription], we just dropped USA Today,” Johnson said. “It was a hard decision, but that was about a $30,000 savings.”

The revised budget was passed
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Reining in the Patriot Act

The following editorial appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer:

With several provisions of the Patriot Act expiring this year, President Obama has his first real opportunity to rein in Bush-era erosion of America’s civil liberties while still ensuring national security. So it’s good that U.S. Attorney General Holder last week signaled its willingness to narrow the expansive snooping powers granted the federal government in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

In calling for reauthorization of the authority to search financial records, track “lone wolf” terrorists, and conduct roving wiretaps, a Justice Department lawyer told Congress there was legal authority to search financial records, track “lone wolf” terrorists, and conduct roving wiretaps, but only with the proviso that federal agents identify an actual target for surveillance. So-called “John Doe” taps would be banned to avoid sweeping up the communications of citizens with no ties to any illegal activity.

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The Dodos
Latest album falls short

Review by Angelica Cano
The Collegian

On their third album, “Time to Die,” the Dodos gain a member but lose originality.

The San Francisco one-time duo features vocalist Meric Long on guitar and Logan Kroeber on drums. New to the band is Keaton Snyder adding the tones of the vibraphone.

Another addition to the album is indie producer Phil Ek, who engineered, produced and mixed such albums as Built to Spill’s 2006 release “You in Reverse” and Fleet Foxes’ 2008 self-titled album.

The band’s second release on Frenchkiss Records starts off sluggish with the song “Small Deaths.” In just more than 45 seconds the drums kick in and contrary to the band’s previous albums, they are much more mellow.

While the key elements of the Dodos are still audible on “Time to Die,” released in stores on Sept. 15, and available online in August, the frantic beats and finger-picking guitar riffs are toned down.

Missing from most of the album is the unique perfection produced by Kroeber’s piercing drumming coupled with Long’s laidback vocals, which landed the track “Fools” off of their 2006 second album “Visitor;” in a Miller Chill commercial earlier this year.

Upon the first listen of “Visitor” and the Dodos’ 2006 album “Beware of the Maniacs,” the unique sounds were instantly identifiable. The latest release loses that quality and lacks the energy that once pulsated from their songs.

Similarly, “The Strums,” off of their latest album, invites kids to annihilate authority figures for their lack of faith.

“So children kill your teachers, kill your parents then kill your preachers. Cause we know that they only will doubt you, when they start to lose their faith.”

The second track on “Time to Die,” “Longform,” channels the bands previous percussive style, while “This is a Business” recalls the nimble work of Long’s guitar skills. For these reasons, both tracks are two of the best on the album.

The Dodos’ lyricism is still devious and delivered in which can only be a wink and a smile manner. On the track “Winter,” also off of “Visitor,” Long sings about his loneliness and deviant desires.

“My friends they understand me better, but they don’t whisper good night. I want a lover and a sister, but we know that’s not right.”

By itself “Time to Die” is an average effort. But compared to the Dodos’ previous work, the album underwhelms.
The grass isn’t always greener

To keep or not to keep the amphitheatre that is the question

By Danielle Gilbert
The Collegian

Once an open-air venue for concerts, rallies and theatrical performances, the California State University, Fresno amphitheatre was legendary. However, the most action the amphitheatre has seen since the late 1960s is the usual morning smoke breaks on the entryway stairs.

Passers-by are now more likely to observe students acting as if the narrow cement pathways are balance beams than to catch a capacity filling performance.

“It was a great place for outdoor concerts when I was in school.” said university photographer Randy Vaquero-Dotla. “I don’t know why it wouldn’t still be a great place for the same reasons now.”

Located between the music and speech arts buildings, the university amphitheatre has the ability to hold up to 7,000 spectators. The likes of comedian Steve Martin, rock group Incubus and the Fresno Guitar Festival have graced the historic stage.

As semesters pass, however, the lot remains vacant. Rumors of the amphitheatre being condemned due to earthquakes, a hollow stage, unsafe scaffolding and even politics have flown around campus.

Don Priest, chair of the mass communication and journalism department said that in the past complaints about noise and the construction of the Save Mart Center in 2005 have brought the use of the amphitheatre to a standstill.

However, a meeting with Fresno State’s plant operations last year indicated that the amphitheatre was not condemned according to Gary Nelson, coordinator for student activities and leadership development.

“There are some issues that would not allow hanging sound systems, they must be stacked.” Nelson said. “However, the facility is available and can be used.”

The only part of the stage that is not in good shape are the dressing rooms. However, Nelson said they will be remodelled.

Sally Ramage, the director of student involvement said there are many factors impacting the debate on how to keep or not to keep the amphitheatre.

“As a venue for big name performers, today’s industry has changed so much that it is most likely not an acceptable venue [funding, costs, requirements],” Ramage said.

In addition, Ramage said that the Save Mart Center provides security and parking and is essentially more functional for large events.

But some students question whether this should override the purpose of the amphitheatre.

Some students and several Associated Students, Inc. seniors have inquired about the amphitheatre.

Most recently, the use of the amphitheatre was brought forth by former ASI president Graham Wahlberg, according to current ASI president Jessica Sweeten.

“ASI has met several times with the music and theatre departments, but there have been huge scheduling conflicts,” Sweeten said. “ASI will continue to work through the issues and actively pursue this as something that many students have shown interest in.”

Such as theatre arts major Kelsey Oliver, who said she would like to see the amphitheatre used again.

“They talk about it being condemned but we use it for rehearsal so it doesn’t seem like it’s going to fall down,” Oliver said. “I’d love to see productions there.”

The Campus Master Plan, funding, and scheduling conflicts have impacted the decision to move forward according to Ramage.

Plans to replace the amphitheatre with the new University High School made headlines in 2005, however, the California State University Board of Trustees reconsidered and gave the green light to build the high school west of the Smittcamp Alumni House.

However, a question still remains. When will the students get the green light to bring life back to the amphitheatre, after all, it is an amphitheatre.

Family Guy spinoff

By Verne Gay
Newsday

REASON TO WATCH: Seth MacFarlane continues his slash-and-burn conquest of the Fox Sunday schedule with this “Family Guy” spinoff. Get used to this, by the way. Fox has already ordered a full season.

WHAT IT’S ABOUT: Cleveland Brown’s wife, Loretta, has divorced him, so Cleveland (voiced by Mike Henry) and Cleve Jr. (Kevin Michael Richardson) decide to leave town, though not before Peter Griffin (MacFarlane) has demolished his house. Cleveland is heading to California, where, he hopes, his old batting coach Joe Torre will get him started on a new career as a baseball scout.

On the way west, or kind of south, from Quahog, he stops by his old hometown of Stoobleand, Va., where he reconnects with an old flame, Donna (Sanaa Lathan), who’s got a son, Rallo (also voiced by Henry), a lot like Stewie Griffin of “The Family Guy.” Donna lives next door to Tim (MacFarlane), who’s a fat bear with a voice inexplicably similar to that of “SNL”’s Father Guido Sarducci. And per MacFarlane’s wont, there are a lot of unexpected guest voices throughout, including Taraji P. Henson, Arianna Huffington who plays Tim’s wife, Arianna and Kanye West.

BOTTOM LINE: Yeah, sure, I hated myself for laughing. (“Whatusamatter, Gay,” I said to myself. “Are you an idiot, or 14 years old, or both?”) But, hey, I’m sorry. What can I say?” I laughed. Not often, or perhaps not often enough, but there was also enough McFarlane-esque gross-out sophomoric tomfoolery to keep me reasonably entertained for a half-hour. Plus, good of likable Cleveland works well as a leading man.

THE CLEVELAND SHOW
9:30 p.m. EDT Sunday
Fox

A 1970 photo of the amphitheatre from the university archives fades into the amphitheater as we know it today.

Sergio Cortés & Matt Warl / The Collegian
Possible regulations on energy efficiency for TVs

By Joel M. Ede
The Collegian

The California Energy Commission (CEC) has proposed tightening restrictions on energy efficiency for televisions.

In a poll released Tuesday by Californians for Smart Energy, researchers found that 57 percent of Californians oppose the CEC’s proposal requiring TVs to be at or below energy efficiency standards by the deadline in 2011.

The regulation of television efficiency would cost the state more than $90 million and an estimated 4,600 jobs, according to the Californians for Smart Energy Web site.

The TVs most sensitive to the standards being set by the CEC are larger screen models and plasma screens.

These types of sets are the least efficient and would be the most difficult for manufacturers to re-engineer to conform to the regulations.

At the moment the CEC says there are already 600 models of TVs that meet the standards and believes that many more will be available by the deadline.

Laura Braden, press secretary with Californians for Smart Energy believes the regulations are unnecessary and that consumer choice is more important.

Both the CEC and Californians for Smart Energy have basically the same goals, save consumers money and address energy saving issues.

This year alone, four million TVs will be purchased in California on top of the already 25 million that are in use today.

With more and more large screen TVs on the market and in the home, energy usage from the appliances are on the rise.

Energy consumption by television has been growing at eight percent per year and will continue to grow, according to a report released on the CEC’s Web site.

TVs currently use 10 percent of California home’s electricity.

Susanne Garfield, Assistant Executive Director of the CEC’s Media and Communications Office denied the accusations made by Californians for Smart Energy.

“We don’t ban things at all,” Garfield said. “We instate manufacturing standards.”

According to Braden, the television industry is driven by the market and needs no government regulation to become more energy efficient.

Even the plasma TVs that use more energy are already 30 percent more efficient than last year.

The CEC believes that the proposal will eventually end up conserving enough electricity to power roughly one million single-family homes in California and will save consumers money in the long run.

“We cannot enact these standards unless they pay back the consumer over the life of the appliance,” Garfield explained.

Garfield believes that Californians for Smart Energy are fearful that the industry will be too regulated. Californians for Smart Energy and Braden say they are more worried about the impact these regulations could have on an already strained economy.

“Anything that picks winners or losers or bans products is going to hurt the economy and put a strain on small businesses,” Bradan said.

At this point, the issue is still unfolding. The CEC says that small business owners and consumers should not be worried and that Californians will benefit from the proposal.

However, some are still leery.

Jim Richards of Futurehome Systems & Design in Fresno doesn’t see why the government would implement further regulations.

“With nearly 15 percent unemployment in Fresno, why is the (CEC) proposing regulations that would further strain small businesses and working families?” Richards asked.

Production Company caters to the artist's musical vision

By Michelle Furnier
The Collegian

Walk into room 201 on the second story of the Barnyard Shopping Center in Clovis and you’ll find five individuals at work creating beats, mixing music, creating tracks, playing piano, singing and having fun. Together they are called S.O.G. Productions.

The five guys who make up the company are Jared B. Elston, founder, president, and business manager; Efrem Edwards, executive vice president, producer, audio engineer; Anthony Walcott, producer; Chris Valdivia, electrical manager, studio management producer; and Jason Harris, accountant, chief financial officer.

Edwards says S.O.G. Productions main job is to help out college age musicians embarking on their journey.

The company has been open since 2000 and has produced four albums and countless songs. Along with produc-

ing, they offer music theory, piano and voice lessons.

Both Elston and Edwards have been in music all of their lives.

Elston plays drums, has been singing since he was two and started playing piano when he was nine.

Edwards, also a Fresno State student, graduated from California State University, Fresno with a degree in music education.

“Throughout all these years I’ve always wanted to make music and that is why I enrolled in music education,” Elston said.

“I’m very confident in what we do and the direction we are taking,” Edwards added. “We make it into what they want. It’s like taking ingredients and creating a cake.”

S.O.G. Productions will work with all musical genres.

They have created hip-hop tracks with former Fresno State and NFL player Cory Hall. They’ve worked with Christian rapper Tha Gim who has been featured on BET, and gospel group Spirit and Truth. They’ve also produced records for Houston rappers Remedy and Phatt Boy.

The production company normally charges students $45 an hour, but they currently have a discount studio fee of $35 an hour.

Walcott has been a part of S.O.G. Productions for five years. The first year he was an intern.

“If you want to learn anything, it’s the best place to learn,” Walcott said. “If you’re willing to put in the time and have the patience then this is the place to learn.”

Walcott also said S.O.G. opened a door for him. He was eager to learn and they were willing to teach him anything he wanted to know.

“I’m very confident in what we do here. We don’t measure ourselves by people in Fresno and Clovis. We measure ourselves by what college people are listening to on the radio every day,” Elston said.
SHOTS: Clinic runs out of vaccine in less than two hours

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anyone was expecting that huge turnout,” Hurtado said. She said the clinic was prepared with 200 vaccines, an amount thought to far exceed demand. Phillip Bautista, a second semester nursing student and clinic attendee, said everyone there was cooperative and those waiting did not seem upset. “There were a good number of nur- ing students there because some of our clinicals require us to have a flu shot vaccine, but a lot of people there were just regular students,” Bautista said.

Bautista said he took advantage of the clinic because it was offering flu shots for only $10. Fresno State’s Student Health Center charges $15 for its flu shot and pharmacies such as Walgreens charge around $25. “As a student I think it’s important to get [the shot],” Bautista said.

The clinic was staffed by nursing students, with nursing department faculty supervising the event. Only students in their third semester or higher were allowed to give the actual injections. Professor and chair of the department of nursing, Michael Russler, said nursing students played an important role in the success of the clinic. “There are the organizational skills, the management skills, the supervision that go on and they kind of got to play a little bit of both with coordinat- ing and doing the injections as well,” Russler said.

Hurtado said she enjoyed practicing her patient-care skills while communi- cating with the students. “We learned in a skills class how to give injections and we had given it a couple times in our clinical experience, but this was more direct and hands-on,” Hurtado explained. “It was great for those who get it, and for us because it gave us experience.”

Bautista said no one seemed to mind that the staff consisted of nursing stu- dents honing their injections skills. “Everybody seemed pretty OK with it,” Bautista said.

The nursing staff informed both students who received the vaccine, and those they had to turn away to come back in a few weeks for the H1N1 vac- cine. Hurtado said a similar clinic will be held and will be planned to accom- modate even more students. “For the H1N1 they’ll probably get more vaccines and see if we get the same population to come out and want the vaccine again,” she said. “Maybe even more so because students will probably go tell their friends and even more will come out.”

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Students wait in line to get their flu shots, which were administered by the nursing department.

Collegian News Briefs

Report indicates student alcohol abuse declines, awareness rises

The fourth biennial report on the California State University’s Alcohol Policies and Prevention, presented to CSU Trustees Wednesday shows prog- ress in curbing incidents of student-re- lated alcohol consumption. The trust- ees adopted the alcohol prevention pro- grams in 2001. Overall, CSU campuses reported decreases in students driving after con- suming alcohol, the number of DUIDs, alcohol-related misconduct, underage students who consume alcohol, and students who reported binge drinking.

The state Office of Traffic Safety has funded three consecutive grants of more than $700,000 each to reduce alco- hol abuse, strengthen peer education programs, and offer responsible bever- age service training.

$1.4 million grant to boost geoscience diversity

The National Science Foundation awarded a nearly $1.4 million grant to California State University, Fresno for a project to increase diversity within the academic disciplines that make up the geosciences.

Funding for the grant comes from federal economic stimulus money allo- cated through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Dr. Alan Hasson, associate profes- sor of chemistry, will direct the pro- ject, which involves faculty members from Fresno State’s Departments of Chemistry, Earth and Environmental Science, and Geography, and from State Center Community College District’s Fresno City and Reedley col- leges.

“We are faced with some daunting environmental problems, including climate change, poor air quality and increasing demands for declining natu- ral resources,” said Hasson. “The need for well-trained geoscientists in the region has never been more critical.”

H1N1 vaccine offered in early October

WASHINGTON — The first doses of vaccine for the H1N1 flu virus will be available the first week of October, fed- eral officials said Thursday.

“There will be enough vaccine for every American,” said Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius.

The first 6 to 7 million doses of the H1N1 will be available the first week, mostly in the form of nasal sprays, with a small amount available in injections. They’ll be shipped from five manufac- turers to providers such as doctors, pharmacies and schools identified by state governments.

Sebelius said the vaccine will work better and faster than originally thought. It will immunize most people against the flu in eight to 10 days, she said, and people will need to get only one dose of the H1N1 vaccine.

U.N. supports Obama’s goal of nuclear disarmament

UNITED NATIONS — With President Barack Obama in the chair at an unprecedented meeting of the U.N. Security Council, major world pow- ers on Thursday endorsed his goal of a nuclear weapons-free world and pledged to strengthen the shaky inter- national system for preventing the spread of nuclear arms.

The Security Council unanimously passed a U.S.-drafted resolution that endorses the eventual goal of “a world without nuclear weapons.” It lays out steps for nuclear powers to trim their arsenals, while making it harder for other nations to convert civilian nucle- ar programs to military ones.

While it isn’t clear how fast this will come about, diplomats and private security experts called it the most sig- nificant U.N. action on nuclear weap- ons proliferation in years.

McClatchy Tribune and Lacee Solis contributed to this report.

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'Dogs nearly put out Sunbirds' flame in cross-town rivalry

By Sara Almarino

The Fresno State volleyball team finally won their first sets against cross-town rival Fresno Pacific Wednesday night, but the Bulldogs' efforts fell short when the Sunbirds defeated them after a close, nail-biting tie-breaker battle in the fifth set.

In the previous four meets, the Fresno State struggled to win a set against Sunbirds, losing all four matches 0-3. The Bulldogs won their first set against Fresno Pacific Wednesday night.

"I think we're working as a team," said Brianne Clarke and Brianna Sewell. "We continue to shoot our ace and a kill for the final two points, but an error led to the tie-breaker in the second set. We improved as a team, but we were looking at the win, and we deserved to win," she said. "We're not satisfied with that loss." The dark horses of the competition were the freshest Bulldogs that stepped up when the veterans were struggling. Taylor Horton's kill in the second set helped rally a comeback that led to a set win. Brand had seven kills and four blocks, including the set-winning block in the second set. Freshman outside hitter Cecilia Agraz scored five kills for the Dogs in her debut.

"Fresno Pacific is used to being very, very aggressive and our team was very intimidiated by that. We put in the freshmen and people who don't have the history, so they settled in and played in the second set," Netherby-Sewell said. "I'm really proud of the newcomers coming in and just going for it.

The Bulldogs will be heading out on the road this week-end to face Nevada, their first Western Athletic Conference opponent. "We can't be any more ready. We're searching for blood," Leonardi said.
WEEK 4 PREVIEW
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Bulldog Game Day
Fresno State Bulldogs (1-2, 0-1 WAC) at No. 14 Cincinnati Bearcats (3-0, 1-0 Big East)

TELEVISION: BULLDOG SPORTS NETWORK (COMCAST CHANNEL 13) RADIO: KJAM-AM 580 AND KGST-AM 1600 (ESPN DEPORTES)

Analysis By Logan Hopkins The Collegian

Breakdown: Bulldogs

For the second week in a row, the Bulldogs will be facing a Top 15 opponent – last Friday was then No. 10 Boise State and tomorrow will be No. 14 Cincinnati. The difference this time is that the ‘Dogs will be playing 2,304 miles from home at Nippert Stadium.

“If we are not ready to match the intensity of the environment we’re in, we’ll have a very tough day,” coach Pat Hill said.

Fresno State will have to be firing on all cylinders to keep pace against the Bearcats, Mathews quickly become one of Colburn’s best friends. The defense will again be without free safety Lorne Bell, who will miss his second straight game with a sprained MCL. Hildesried Bell as “the quarterback of the secondary,” in charge of the whole defense.

Without Bell to keep the team in proper alignment, the Bulldogs might see a lot of the back of Bearcat receiver Mardy Gilyard’s jersey.

Breakdown: Bearcats

The Bearcats are the defending Big East champs and by the looks of it, Cincy is serious about its title defense.

Senior quarterback Tony Pike is leading the charge, averaging more than 300 yards a game and only throwing two interceptions in 108 tosses. His favorite target is speedy wideout Mardy Gilyard, who has already caught four touchdowns.

While the Bulldogs will surely have their hands full trying to stop the duo, their most difficult obstacle tomorrow will be condition. Cincinnati runs a high-paced, no-huddle offense to keep its opponents guessing. The Bearcats have made some noise with their aerial attack in ‘09, but do not move the ball on the ground very often. Tailback Jacob Ramsey is only averaging 53 yards a game. But Ramsey does have two receiving touchdowns.

The 3-4 defense Cincinnati runs has made life difficult on opposing quarterbacks this year. The Bearcats already have 11 sacks in only three games.

The reason for the pass rush’s effectiveness? Fresno State coach Pat Hill said Cincy runs its defense with “a high level of sophistication.” Cincy will even run its defense without a single down linemen, in what Hill called a “radar” formation.

The Bearcats have their sights locked in on the ‘Dogs, ready to fire away.

These Bearcats aren’t fictional...

Wins against: Rutgers, Southeast Missouri State, Oregon State Losses to: None

Head coach: Brian Kelly (third season, 25-6)

Offense: Spread

Defense: Multiple 3-4

Key players: QB Tony Pike, WR D.J.

Woods, SS Drew Frey, LB Andre Reeferts, WR Amarion Bross

Series record: This is the first meeting between the schools and only the second time Fresno State has played a Big East team (Rutgers ’08).

Point Spread: Cincy favored by 17 points

Position matchups

When Fresno State runs:

Advantage Fresno State

Because Tailback Ryan Mathews has been dominant in 2009, averaging 9.1 yards per carry. The Bearcats will have problems trying to stop him.

When Cincinnati runs:

Advantage Fresno State

Cincinnati’s rushing attack averages 157 yards per game, but the ‘Dogs’ front seven can stop free safety Lorne Bell.

When Fresno State passes:

Advantage Cincinnati

Quarterback Ryan Colburn is averaging one interception every 12 throws. Until that changes, he is a liability.

When Cincinnati passes:

Advantage Cincinnati

Quarterback Tony Pike will have time to pick apart the defense, especially a secondary without free safety Lorne Bell.

Special teams:

Advantage Cincinnati

The Bulldogs gave up 36 yards per kickoff return last week. If kicker Andrew Shapiro can only kick the ball to the 15-yard line, Cincinnati will start at or around midfield.

Podcast: What problems will Cincy’s 3-4 defense cause?
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