Fresno State reinstates courses due to million dollar stimulus funding

By Mike Hamlin
The Collegian

California State University, Fresno received a one-time allocation of $1.4 million from federal funds as part of the economic stimulus package. According to a video transcript from President John D. Welty, the federal funding will reinstate more than 200 course sections to the spring class schedule and retain about 50 lecturers for the semester.

Welty spoke about the importance of the received funding. "Although the funding is provided on a one-time basis, it is good news for our campus and the system and will allow us to help students get the courses they need to progress in their studies," Welty said in a press release.

He stated that the money received will be allocated back to the major divisions at Fresno State, and those funds will be made available to use as needed in order to complete the year.

Provost and vice president for academic affairs, William A. Covino, Ph.D., said that each college made requests of how much money they would require to help fund their specific areas of need. "I asked the colleges to send requests that designated areas of high demand that would help students with their progress for a degree," Covino said.

Covino said the money allocated covered most, if not all, of the requests made. He also said that each college understood how much money was received and made realistic requests based on that amount.

"They sent me their requests and I totaled them up," Covino said. "I really didn’t do much. I allocated what was requested.

Of the 200 sections reinstated for the spring, Covino said the money would be spread throughout each college. Everything from general education courses to major courses will be affected, according to Covino.

The College of Arts and Humanities received the most money because it was the college facing the prospect of canceling the most courses and laying off the most instructors," Covino said.

Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, Vida Samian, said that the department was appreciative of the funding. "I was very pleased because we were going to have to make cuts for the spring," Samian said. "We basically saved 20 positions."

President Welty said that he is happy there is now stability in the budget for this year and is hopeful there will be no need for a midyear reduction.

Library boasts costly display

By Joel M. Ede
The Collegian

Walking through the Peace Garden at California State University, Fresno, students may notice a large, red figure slowly weaving a traditional Native American basket on the north side of the Henry Madden Library.

Unveiled in April of this year, the 700-square-foot Mediamesh® curtain the image is displayed on is tout ed as being one of the most innovative visual technologies on the market and has been featured at the Piazza Duomos in Milan, Italy and is becoming a hot item for professional sports venues in the United States.

At a cost of $428,000, the screen is part of the library’s tribute to the Native American heritage present in Central California. It was purchased using part of Table Mountain Rancheria’s $19 million donation to the Madden Library project.

The woman on the media curtain, Lois Connor, is one of the few people left in the world that knows the process of traditional Native American basket weaving. The video of her weaving will take a full year to view.

During walk-throughs of the library in late 2008 and early 2009, Collegian staff reported being told that the Mediamesh® would be controlled by Table Mountain Rancheria for the first year and then revert back to university control.

However, vice president of administration and chief financial officer, Cynthia Teniente-Matson says that this is not the case. Contrary to speculation, Matson explained that the screen and the content displayed on it are in no way influenced by Table Mountain Rancheria, despite the naming rights offered to them in
Letters to the Editor

Student protesters misguided
Weltly deserves respect

The students who were making their “demands” of Weltly were a perfect example of misguided anger. Some asked whether Weltly should resign or be impeached. No! It wasn’t to protect students who disagreed with the protesters. Any time a student got up and spoke something that these kids disagreed with, they got heckled, booed and cursed at. The organizers of this event, which was supported by the student body, should not be free. You have to work hard if you want to go to school and if you can’t afford it, there is plenty of state and federal aid to help. These students who are fed up have valid concerns but it seems they have hijacked this time to suit their left-wing political ideology rather than the interests of the students as a whole. It was obvious when the girl got up and said, “Cuba is accepting American medical doctors.” There was no reason to say that other than to satisfy ideology. A real issue in Cuba is that American medical students aren’t getting what they wanted, are they? Another thing I’ve come to realize is the fact that electronic messages contain few signals that truly convey emotion. A text or a Facebook message can be read in an endless number of ways, so you can jump to conclusions too quickly. The difference between a flirty “we should talk more often” message and a much more serious “we need to talk” message is one that any relationship is the practice of keeping intimate moments to yourself. I don’t want you to “kiss and tell.”

One aspect of dating that I wish was still around is the practice of keeping intimate moments to yourself. I don’t want you to “kiss and tell.”

One thing that’s really important is beginning my dating experience. You shouldn’t feel like this is your ordeal. It should be relaxed and you should be in it for the fun. Keep it to yourself not only because your friends don’t need to know what goes on behind closed doors, but also because there has to be some kind of privacy in a relationship. Your partner needs to be able to trust you to keep a secret, and it always makes things more fun when the two of you are the only ones who know about something. So if you’ve got a girlfriend or a boyfriend or even a potential one, try taking them on an old-school date. Head out to a diner and then go see a movie. Try dressing nice. Take it easy, have fun and relax. Isn’t that what it’s all about?

COMMENT: The Collegian is a forum for student expression. http://collegian.csufresno.edu

I was shocked to read how so many students disre-pected President Weltly and asked him about his salary and about his house. I want to ask all students what steps they are taking to save the economy. These are the same students who spend $180 to buy costumes during Halloween. 55 percent of Fresno State students have iPhones which cost over $100 a month. I have trav-elled to 10 countries and have seen students who cannot go to college, have to wait two to three years to enter college, and cannot get financial aid. These students get financial aid and are always pointing fingers at other people’s success. I am not against any student, but I feel sorry for them for acting this way. I can tell all of them is to work hard and not point fingers or disrespect someone who is working hard and doing his job.

Aditi Ullah, Senior, Electrical Engineering

Garth Clifton, Senior, Political Science

New question: What should President John D. Weltly do to help students?

Edward Carroccio, "Retire.

Belen Marquez: "Telling students that we are still getting higher educa- tion for the lowest price around should no longer be (his) response to everything. We do not expect him to be our fairy godmother, but we deserve to know the real answers at least."

Dr. Raymond: "I don’t think he is in control of the fee increases, it is the big people in Long Beach. Mr. Weltly should not resign at this point, it is not his fault."

Don: "Dr. Weltly can do two very simple things, one of which he has already said no to, the other he will also say no to because of the share-hold... I mean the Board of Trustees likes dollars."
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SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

Completed by Sharon E. Petersen

Following the image, the text likely represents a daily crossword puzzle or a Sudoku puzzle, which are typical features in newspapers and magazines. The solution to the puzzle might be found on the provided website or in a separate section of the newspaper.
There's nothing to do in Fresno, NOT

Nov. 6, — Leo Kotte — Tower Theatre, Fresno. $34.50, $44.50. All ages. Details: www.TowerTheatreFresno.com

Nov. 7, 9 a.m. — Tri-Blessing of the Woodward Park, Fresno.

Nov. 7, 2:30 p.m. — The Pop Laval Foundation The River View Shopping Center, Fresno. $40. 2:30 p.m. Antique Car Show & Vendors 5:30 p.m. Gala Dinner and Party 10:00 p.m. After parties at "Speakeasies" Times: because some of the dance moves are feminine and everyone in there are girls. Thongsone said. Thongsone found out about BDX when passing by a workshop for tryouts. "I saw my friend Shakea in there dancing so i decided to text her to see what it was and she told me it was the BDX dance team," Thongsone said. "So I asked her if guys can try out and if you had to be African American." Business marketing major Aminata Koroma heard about the dance team at BSU's last fall's welcome back event. "I was appointed the vice president position last spring after a year of dancing for BDX," said Koroma who now organizes the community service events for the team.

Nov. 7, 8 p.m. — Second Annual Fresno State Celtic Festival Fresno State Concert Hall, Fresno. $5. Details: www.CSUFresno.edu/music/concerts

Nov. 7, 12:40 p.m. — The annual Sierra Cup Classic, California State University, Fresno's Bulldog Stadium. $8 students. Details: 559-278-5086

Nov. 7, 2 p.m. — Central Valley Dance Festival Saturday (Venue is TBA)

Nov. 7, 8 p.m. — Welcome Home, Jenny Sutter" (LAST NIGHT!) Dennis & Cheryl Woods Theatre, Fresno. $17, $15, $10. Details: www.CSUFresno.edu

Nov. 7, 9:30 p.m. — Langhome Slim / Dawes / Austin Lucas The Cellar Door Wine Lounge, Visalia. $7. 21+. Details: www.CellarDoorVisalia.com

Nov. 7, 10 p.m. — DJ Neil Armstrong

Nov. 7, 8 p.m. — Jay-Z Save Mart Center, Fresno.

Nov. 8, 8 p.m. — "...And Countless Stars Above Choir Concert" Fresno State Concert Hall, Fresno. $7 general, $5 seniors/faculty/staff/students. Details: www.CSUFresno.edu/music/concerts

Nov. 8, 7 p.m. — President’s Quintet Clendenin Brass Quintet Wahnborg Recital Hall, Fresno. $7 general, $5 seniors/faculty/staff/students. Details: www.CSUFresno.edu/music/concerts

Nov. 8, 8 p.m. — Cage the Elephant / Morning Teleportation / The Shackletons / Strange Vine Audi's Olympic / Club Fred, Fresno. $10 advance, $15 at door. Details: www.myspace.com/ClubFredMusic

Nov. 8, 8 p.m. — Kitka Women's Vocal Ensemble Fresno State Concert Hall, Fresno. $20 general / $18 seniors and students / $5 CSUF students. Details: www.Kitka.org

Nov. 9, 9:30 p.m. — Vampire Weekend / The Growlers. The Cellar Door Wine Lounge, Visalia. $20. 21+. Details: www.CellarDoorVisalia.com

Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m. — Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance William Sanyan Theatre, Fresno. $30, $42.50, $52.50. Details: www.LordOfTheDance.com

Nov. 10, Noon. — The BGP The Fill, California State University, Fresno. Free. All ages.

Oct. 30 through Nov. 28, 8 p.m. — Artists' Repertory Theatre (ART) presents All In The Timing By David Ives Your. Severance $12 advance, $15 day of show Students/Seniors $2. Details: www.CalArtsAcademy.com

By Danielle Gilbert
The Collegian

All they want to do is dance. Whether it’s pop-lockin’ to practice, Clown dancin’ to class or throwing their hands up to Beyonce’s ‘Single Ladies’ in the bowling alley. Dance Xpress is having a blast everywhere they go.

A team that throws the same old song and dance cliché on the ground, Dance Xpress (BDX) represents an art form — Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Tresevant was determined to enhance her college experience with a creative dance team, however, no such organization existed. Determined to do something about the lack of versatile dance groups on campus, Tresevant submitted a proposal to student activities and leadership development and received the green light to two months later:

“1 immediately began posting audition flyers on campus, Facebook walls and MySpace pages with the help of BSU," Tresevant said.

Less than one month later 17 students responded, tried out and made the cut.

The co-ed team specializes in a variety of techniques such as modern, salsa and crump and depends on the type event. Business major Benny Thongsone said he feels good to be the only man on the team. "To be the only guy can make me feel out of place sometimes, because some of the dance moves are feminine and everyone in there are girls," Thongsone said. Thongsone found out about BDX when passing by a workshop for tryouts. "I saw my friend Shakea in there dancing so i decided to text her to see what it was and she told me it was the BDX dance team," Thongsone said. "So I asked her if guys can try out and if you had to be African American." Business marketing major Aminata Koroma heard about the dance team at BSU’s last fall’s welcome back event. "I was appointed the vice president position last spring after a year of dancing for BDX," said Koroma who now organizes the community service events for the team.

The group’s fresh innovations and expressive choreography has led to opportunities both on and off campus. While some of the organizations on campus offer to pay, a majority are for fun and community service.

The team went on to win first place at “Blues for Blue,” a dance competition presented by USU productions. BDX is currently practicing three times a week for the fourth annual Central Valley Dance Festival.

Incorporating different styles of dance allows BDX to look at different cultures, Tresevant said. “We also have a majority of African American members on the team, two Hispanics and one Asian," Tresevant said. "Dance is one language that is spoken in many different forms, so why limit ourselves to a certain culture or style of dance?"

In response to collaborating with the Kappa Alpha Psi step team Tresevant said it would actually be kind of fun since they step and we dance. "We are ready, let’s get it done. Let me know the date and time.”
Student Q&A with Scott Johnston

Scott Johnston, a California State University Fresno student, has a very positive outlook in life that was brought on by the things he has achieved despite his disability.

Johnston has cerebral palsy, a condition that requires him to do his daily routines in a motorized wheelchair. But beyond the wheelchair, he is a student who has an active lifestyle.

Johnston, a 22-year-old mass communication and journalism student, said he wants to pursue a career in sports broadcasting.

His involvement with Break The Barriers, an inclusion nonprofit organization with programs such as gymnastics, dance, martial arts and sign language, helps him maintain an active lifestyle.

Johnston, a passionate martial artist, studies the arts of tae kwon do. With his mentor, Phil Johnson, they started up a martial arts program for people in wheelchairs. Having helped design the curriculum, Johnston hopes to start his own program for people with disabilities and those without.

Q: What did you want to be when you were younger?
A: I went through a phase where I wanted to be a choir director because I was really involved in music. I sang from 5th grade through high school, so I thought I wanted to do that until one night I was watching Monday Night Football, I was hearing the sports broadcaster, and I thought to myself, “that might not be a bad way to make a living.” I also wanted to be a football coach when I was younger. I thought it might be something fun to do.

Q: If you had superpowers, what would they be?
A: The power to fly or time travel!

Q: What is your biggest pet peeve?
A: I have three pet peeves: working on group projects where some people don’t pull their weight, people who are so into themselves and I find it annoying when I’m behind people and they start walking as slowly as possible in front of me.

Q: What are you passionate about?
A: I’m passionate about life. My disability has given me a different perspective, and it’s something that I’m really thankful for. When I used to speak in high schools, a lot of people would ask me do I ever think about when I would be able to walk, but I don’t think about the “what ifs.” If it happens, it happens. I’m just living life the best I can. Other than life, I’m passionate about my friends and family.

Q: Who is the most influential person in your life?
A: My mom. She has taught me to not let my disability stop me from doing anything I wanted to do.

Q: What do you do in your spare time?
A: I watch sports, I talk about sports and I play sports video games. I keep up with the San Francisco 49ers for football, and for baseball, people find it weird that I follow the Angels more than I do the Giants. I also practice martial arts, listen to music and hang out with my friends in my spare time.

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Q: What would people find surprising about you?
A: Probably that I’m a martial artist and I’m someone who is willing to try everything and anything. People see my disability and they think I’m limited so they would sometimes be hesitant to ask me to do certain things, but I’m open about my disability. It’s all right for people to ask me than stereotype me.

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By Sara Almario

The Collegian
LUNCH: Larger turnout than expected

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In return, the Thomas Administration Building became the new home to more student-oriented departments, according to career development counselor Adrian Ramirez.

California State University, Fresno’s Air Force ROTC was awarded the Right of Line Award for the second year in a row, which is a rare occurrence. They were given the award for the “Best Detachment in the Nation” in the small-sized category. There are 144 detachments across the United States and 52 of them are in the small-sized category. Last year, they were awarded in the medium-sized category.

On Thursday, Nov. 5, Col. John McCain, national AFROTC Commander from Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama, presented the award to the detachment.

That more than 200 people attended the lunch.

“We had enough food for 150 people, and it’s gone,” Gamez said.

Each of the participating departments provided food, according to Gamez.

Career Services offered enchiladas and salad, CAMP offered beans and rice, and the Jan and Bud Richter Center provided chips, salsas and drinks. The Maddy Institute and Academic Senate both offered desserts.

Freshman criminology major Christina Ramos said she felt offering free lunch was a good way to appeal to students.

“We saw the posters, and saw people walking with food, so we came too,” Ramos said.

Although Ramos had been in the Thomas building before, she said she thought there were students who were experiencing it for the first time.

“There were a lot of people coming in that didn’t know anything about the building,” she said. Ramos said that one student at the open house approached him inquiring about her major and set up a counseling appointment with him.

“That makes it worth it,” Ramirez said.

He also said that he is planning on doing a progressive lunch for next year’s open house.

“We did not expect such a huge turnout,” Ramirez said. “We will replan the basket weaving documentary.” Ramirez explained, “Our plan is to have it turned off in the summer and replay it in the fall.”
Ladd scored 17 of the Bulldogs' first 24 points against FPU

By Michael Hamlin Jr. 
The Collegian

An early game surge and a big night from guard Mychal Ladd gave the Bulldogs a victory over the Fresno Pacific Sunbirds Wednesday night.

The Dogs jumped out to an early 12-2 lead thanks in large part to Ladd, who scored 17 of the first 24 points for the Bulldogs.

Mike [Ladd] had a great first half,” head coach Steve Cleveland said. “He is a very good shooter and the most improved player in the program over the last six months. He was our catalyst.”

Ladd said he knew he would make some shots during the game.

“I felt good in warm-ups, the ball was dropping,” Ladd said. Ladd was not the only player to have a strong night. Freshman center Greg Smith added 12 points on 5-of-7 shooting in 22 minutes of play to help lead the ‘Dogs to a 78-67 victory.

“It felt great to be in a Bulldog uniform,” Smith said. “I feel like I have improved performance. I had a little [bit of] jitters, but overall it was a great moment for me.”

Cleveland was pleased with his prized recruit’s first game.

“I am one of Greg’s biggest fans,” Cleveland said. “The more games, the more comfortable he will get. He has a great future.”

The Bulldogs dominated the first half of play with accurate shooting and solid defense. The ‘Dogs shot 54.8 percent from the field and out rebounded the Sunbirds 23 to 10 in the first half.

The Bulldogs also received a strong night from guard Mychal Ladd. Ladd was not the only player to have a strong night.

“I had a great performance. I liked what I saw after the team attempted three-pointers,” Ladd said.

Sophomore forward Paul George, a preseason second-team All-WAC selection, finished the night with 13 points and eight rebounds.

George finished with 13 points and eight boards.

The Dogs would go into halftime with a 45-25 lead.

“I thought the first 10 minutes of the game went really well,” Cleveland said.

“The Dogs first half success didn’t carry over to the second half. The Bulldogs had 14 turnovers in the second half, compared to seven in the first, and made only 28.8 percent of their free throws.

“We lost our composure [in the second half],” Cleveland said.

“Our decision making was poor and our free throw shooting was abysmal. The last ten minutes [of the half] were the worst I’ve seen in a while.”

At one point in the second half, the Sunbirds pulled to within nine points of the Bulldogs. The Sunbirds’ run was keyed by a 6-minute field goal drought by Fresno State. During that time span, Fresno State scored only two field goals, both of which came from free throw shots.

Despite their continued effort, the Sunbirds would come no closer than the way as their rally fell short, giving the Bulldogs an 11-point lead.

“It’s a start, [but] I would have liked to see us finish the game,” Cleveland said.

The Bulldogs won the contest 78-67.

One step ahead

Junior guard Jaleesa Ross, the瓦斯 Tournament MVP in 2008 and 2009, scored 11 points against FPU in Wednesday night’s exhibition game.

Bulldogs use team speed to push past FPU

By Mallory Plant

The women’s basketball team played an exhibition game against Fresno Pacific Wednesday night at the Save Mart Center. The game between the two teams has become an annual event with the Bulldogs winning the last two years. Fresno State took another victory Wednesday with a final score of 57-30.

In the first half of the game, the Bulldogs outscored the Sunbirds 31-13. Fresno State’s scoring was spread through-out the team. Ten players were on the court during the first half and eight of them scored.

Junior Taja Edwards led the team in points in the first half with seven points. She said that since Fresno State is not a tall, quick team and good speed helps.

“We’re fast and our goal is to move before our opponent moves,” Edwards said.

The Bulldogs had only three three-pointers in the first half of play. Last season, the team set both school and Western Athletic Conference (WAC) records with 39 three-pointers.

Head Coach Adrian Higgins said he liked what he saw after the team attempted three-pointers.

“We didn’t make our three’s but we got more time in the three-point shot,” said Higgins. “It was the same for us.”

Cleveland was pleased with the team’s overall performance.

“Our season so far,” he said. “The Bulldogs burst past Sunbirds

By Mallory Plant

The sports columnist

ATTENDING, EITHER

Sports Briefs ... with some added humor

NBA refs favor the star players

By Reggie Hayes

The Collegian

Former NBA referee Tim Donaghy claims in an unpublished manuscript that league referees show favoritism to star players. I can’t wait to see if he reveals other deep secrets, such as the rumor LeBron James can jump really high.

CORNHUSKER CAN’T STOP HITTING

University of Nebraska nose tackle Ndamukong Suh was ticketed for negligent driving after he hit three parked cars on a Lincoln, Neb., street early Sunday morning. Suh, whose blood alcohol content was within the legal limit, told police he swerved to avoid hitting a dog. Later, that same dog ate his homework.

ESPNews: Will Not Be Attending, Either

Bob Knight contacted Indiana University athletic director Fred Glass and said he will not attend his induction into the Hall of Fame this week to avoid becoming a distraction and overshadowing the other inductees.

Knight’s decision will make it easier for Indiana to manage the media coverage. They’ll just tell the one lonely student newspaper reporter where to sit.

THIS BUD’S FOR YOU

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig said he welcomes Mark McGwire’s return to the St. Louis Cardinals as a hitting instructor. No one questions McGwire’s knowledge about hitting. And, really, anyone who can make members of Congress look like the upfront and honest ones deserves a second chance.

A Time of Miracle

Hendrick Motorsports announced that Dale Earnhardt Jr.’s interim crew chief, Lance McGrew, will remain with the team permanently. Or until Earnhardt wins another race, whichever comes first.

Contracts Negotiations

I realize the animosity between the Green Bay Packers and Brett Favre has reached an all-time high. Fans booed Favre when he returned to lead the Minnesota Vikings to a win in Green Bay. However, I still can’t support the Packers’ position. Hopefully that’s some-thing that stays the same.

The Rams will take the court at the Save Mart Center next season. A Matter of Time

NBA refs favor the star players
WEEK 9 PREVIEW
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, AT 7:30 P.M., KIBBIE DOME (MOSCOW, IDAHO)

Bulldog Game Day

Fresno State Bulldogs (5-3, 4-1 WAC) at Idaho Vandals (7-2, 4-1 WAC)

TELEVISION: ESPNU (COMCAST CHANNEL 420, DIRECTV 614, DISH NETWORK 141)
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Breakdown: Bulldogs

Fresno State was able to complete an October sweep, going 4-0 in its last four games. But November will surely prove to be more challenging for the ‘Dogs. And it all starts with a trip to the “Thunderdome.” The Bulldogs travel to the Gem State to take on the 7-2 Vandals in their home arena, the Kibbie Dome.

The Vandals are 4-0 at home and coach Pat Hill feels they have a distinct home-field advantage. “It’s going to be tough and it’s going to be loud,” Hill said. “There’s a lot on the line.” Both teams are 4-1 in conference play and will be competing for a spot in a bowl come December. If the ‘Dogs hope to have the tiebreaker over the Vandals at the end of the year, they must win Saturday.

To have a chance at handing the Vandals their first loss at home this season, the pass defense must be prepared for a high-powered passing attack.

Idaho’s quarterback, Nathan Enderle, leads the Western Athletic Conference (WAC), averaging 267 yards per game and is second in the WAC in pass efficiency. The obvious answer to Enderle and the Vandals’ passing attack – don’t let him touch the ball. The Bulldogs will likely try to run the ball as much as possible, eat up the clock and let tailback Ryan Colburn do his thing.

Breakdown: Vandals

In the past two seasons, the Idaho Vandals won a combined three games under coach Robb Akey. Now, in only his third year, Akey has his team bowl-eligible after only nine games.

Fresno State head coach Pat Hill praised the Idaho administration for having the faith to keep Akey after a rough start.

Hill said that Akey stayed true to his philosophy and has his team playing with an edge. “Akey’s team plays with a certain toughness,” Hill said. “It’s going to be a physical, physical football game.”

It is clear that the Vandals have a strong passing attack and good quarterback in Nathan Enderle, but Hill said he is also concerned with the Vandals’ rush attack.

Much like the Bulldogs in 2008, the Vandals have a three-back system and keep fresh legs in the game. Combined, the team averages 150 rushing yards per game and the Vandals have found the end zone 18 times on the ground this year. The most dangerous back of them all is Princeton McCarty, 140 rushing yards per game.

Fresno State is favored 44-32, at Bulldog Stadium (2008).

Keys to Victory

1. Establish the run. Much like the ‘Dogs did at Cincinnati, Fresno State must run the ball effectively and keep the ball out of Nathan Enderle’s hands.

2. Don’t give up the deep ball. Idaho receiver Max Komar averages 16.1 yards per catch. He cannot be allowed to get behind the ‘Dogs’ safeties and make big plays.

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My Akey Breaky Heart ...

Player to watch: Nathan Enderle, quarterback

Win Against: New Mexico State, San Diego State, Northern Illinois, Colorado State, San Jose State, Hawaii, Louisiana Tech
Losses: Washington, Nevada

Head coach: Robb Akey (third season, 10-23)

Offense: Multiple

Defense: Multiple

Key players: WR Max Komar, TB DeMaurry Woolridge, S Shilo Kue

Series record: Fresno State leads 7-4

Last meeting: Fresno State won, 45-32, at Bulldog Stadium (2008)

Point Spread: Fresno State is favored by eight points

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