Non-cash policy at Golden 1

By Brandon S. Holloway
The Collegian

The only bank on campus, Golden 1 Credit Union, is no longer handling cash transactions.

The non-cash teller’s transaction began at California State University, Fresno on Aug. 1.

The Executive Branch Manager Tina Menard said that the new policy was not an outcome of the school’s furloughs and price cuts. It has to do with cost efficiency, she said.

“Only a few branches have undergone this change,” Menard said. “We have over 77 branches in California and the only two banks in Fresno that are using this system are the branches in the Internal Revenue Service building and the one at Fresno State.”

She also said that the Fresno State branch is the only public branch in Fresno that is not offering cash transactions.

Criminology major Mia Barragon said the no-cash policy is an inconvenience to Fresno State students.

“There is no point in having a bank in my opinion, might as well keep the ATMs and not the bank itself.”

Irina Mendez, a child development major, couldn’t contain her frustration when she tried to cash her check.

“I hate it, it’s an inconvenience,” Mendez said. “Last time I went they told me I couldn’t get cash right there.”

Students on campus can still get cash at the ATM, but students like Mendez prefer not to.

“I don’t like making a deposit in the ATM,” Mendez said. “The ATM takes days to post and give you all your money. It just takes forever.”

According to Menard, Golden 1 is like any other business in this economy.

“Golden 1 is just as weary when it comes to cost and budget. However, the Golden 1 staff is doing the best it can to provide for the needs of those on campus,” Menard said.

Menard said she understands the changes may cause difficulties, but she is still optimistic about the policy.

“We’ve had very few complaints,” Menard said. “Members have been very understanding, and I mostly attribute that to our great staff and employees.”

Menard also said that the non-cash policy is part of a six-month pilot program. After that, she says they will review their efficiency and assess whether they were able to accommodate the needs of their members while offering limited services.

Celebrating cultural traditions

By Kristin Berquist
The Collegian

Sunday marked the 26th anniversary of International Culture Night at California State University, Fresno. The event was organized by the Association for the Promotion of International Culture (APIC), a student organization that encourages diversity and cultural awareness.

APIC President Tryphena Persis, a Fresno State graduate student from India, was the coordinator for the event.

Persis said that International Culture Night is the association’s largest event of the year and takes months of planning and preparation.

This year, the event was held during International Education Week, according to Persis. The event showcased 12 performances representing nine countries, including Africa, China, Egypt, India, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Mexico and Polynesia.

The Indian Student Club finished off the evening with three dances. The club’s performance was met with shouts and cheers from the nearly 800 attendees inside the Satellite Student Union.

For graduate student, Aman Mehra, dancing in front of an audience was a whole new experience.

“It was my first time doing it,” Mehra said. “It was pretty fun actually. I had no clue that I was going to enjoy it that much on the stage.”

India celebrates numerous festivals throughout the year with dancing, and each region has its own style of celebration. Much importance is placed on preserving the culture, Mehra explained, and dancing is a big part of Indian life.

“There’s something that moves us when we talk about our culture,” Mehra said.

— Aman Mehra, Fresno State Graduate Student

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Letters to the editor

On Tuesday, Nov 3, approximately 200 students huddled together in the Peace Garden to negotiate demands with President Welty. The outraged crowd, already fueled by increasing fee hikes and fewer classes, called out their student government. “Where is ASI?” they asked, trying to make it seem as though members of ASI didn’t care and, consequently, the crowd show support. But I have news for everyone, ASI was there and we do care. We have common goals, we just approach them in different ways.

As students, we know firsthand about fee increases, furloughs and having to register for classes that aren’t available. But as the student government, we know that pouring into a garden isn’t going to do any good. So while another group was holding ‘negotiations’ on campus that yielded little results, ASI was sending student voices straight to the heart of the problem, Sacramento.

That same Tuesday, ASI asked fellow students, “What is your degree worth?” and they told us. They told us what it meant to be the first generation to live the American dream. We heard them. In fact, we made a video of it to send to every state representative so they could hear too.

Furthermore, your staff does not do anything to monitor such comments. Instead of using this section as a form of sharing and commenting on articles, it has been turned into a racist mudslinging event and promotes no form of unity amongst campus. These comments neither help nor support anything that we should stand for and I ask that your staff remove these hateful posts and monitor them closer from here on out.

Kellie Richards
ASI President

I am sending this letter in regards to your online articles and comments left by fellow students (hopefully not staff as well). While I think a comments section is a great idea for others to voice opinions, I believe that someone should monitor it closer. An opinion is a great idea for others to voice opinions, I believe that someone should monitor it closer. An opinion is a great idea for others to voice opinions, I believe that someone should monitor it closer. An opinion is a great idea for others to voice opinions, I believe that someone should monitor it closer. An opinion is a great idea for others to voice opinions, I believe that someone should monitor it closer.

Margo Niraghi-Grich
Speech pedagogy Grad Student

“We had a Thanksgiving party and someone made green bean caserole with canned green beans. They weren’t cooked all the way and it was disgusting.”

Elizabeth Arellano
Criminology Senior

“One time someone made tamales and they were really bad. They were way too salty.”

Kendra Chambers
Political Science Senior

“At about three years ago I made mashed potatoes for the family. It was disgusting. It just came out, it was really pasty and the blend probably couldn’t be mashed potatoes anymore.”

Jessica Sweeten
ASI President

That’s What the People Are Saying

“With Going Rogue, Sarah Palin continues to demonstrate that she’s the Republican Party’s version of Jesse Jackson.”

— Patrick J. Egan, Professor of Politics, NYU

Edrina Odom
Social Work Junior

“The worst Thanksgiving food I had was dressing. It was pretty bad because my Godmom died, so after she died it was really salty. I don’t eat dressing at Thanksgiving anymore.”

Alex Ardovulo
University High Sophomore

“The worst would probably be mashed potatoes. It had some stuff in it, I don’t know what but it didn’t taste that well.”

Eliza Odom
Online Sports Reporter

“I’ve never eaten for Thanksgiving. I’m a vegetarian.”

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Bike-curious
A man interested in buying a Harley motor-
cycle.

Word of the Day

Source: UrbanDictionary.com
'Who is this kid and why is he so loud?'

By Bethany Rangel
The Collegian

Who would have thought that losing $20,000 on a dune buggy would lead to success? Adam Mortanian, business administration major at California State University, Fresno, faced this loss at 20 years old, after building a dune buggy from scratch, hoping to sell it for profit.

Sand Sports magazine featured Mortanian’s work, sparking the interest of a buyer in Los Angeles, for a much lower price. Despite the setback, his failure served a purpose.

The now 23-year-old student has created multiple businesses, which range from buying and selling dirt bikes, handling foreclosed properties and a venture he calls iRESUME.

iRESUME is an interactive Web site that allows applicants to attach a resume as well as post a video. Mortanian pitched iRESUME at the 90-second elevator competition.

“I was out one Friday night and I had a brilliant idea to post resumes online. I woke up Saturday went and pitched it, and I won,” Mortanian said.

Mortanian earned an office in the student hatchery at the Lyle’s Center and an all-expense-paid trip to Chicago for his creative idea.

Johnston believes that students relate to Mortanian’s high-energy approach. “He speaks to them about his mistakes and the lessons he has learned from them,” Johnston said.

Mortanian currently has multiple businesses in the works ranging from trying to market his eco-friendly water spot remover, to “YoGo,” a wellness program providing yoga to corporations to lower health insurance costs and increase employee productivity.

“Everyone has a little entrepreneurial spirit,” Mortanian said. “They just might not know it yet.”
All he wanted to do was focus on his private practice and teach part time. More than 20 years later, he was named the CSU Violence Prevention Champion.

At the CSU Higher Education Alcohol and Other Drugs Conference, Associate Dean of the college of social sciences Steven Walker, Ph.D, received the prestigious award of CSU Violence Prevention Champion. This award is presented annually to an administrator, faculty member or staff person who has served as a “champion” for alcohol and other drug initiatives on their campus, their community or organization, according to the California State University Web site.

“This award is the culmination of my fieldwork in victimology,” Walker said. “It brings it all together.”

Walker began his teaching career with an emphasis on criminology. Over the years, his focus turned to victimology, a specific field of criminology that studies how victims interact with the courts, their attackers and other groups in society.

In his 25 years at Fresno State, Walker has received numerous awards and made numerous contributions to the department. In 1985, Walker helped start the first Victim Services Certificate Program. In 1989, he also assisted in the creation of the Victim Services Summer Institute, a four-week program that provides knowledge, foundation and skills needed to work with crime victims, according to the Fresno State criminology department Web site.

In an article published by The Collegian in April 2008, Walker spoke about the summer institute. “It allowed us to provide courses to those who could not take them before,” Walker said. “People from Canada and Mexico also come to the program. We even had a student from Italy a few years ago. It is the most crucial program we have started.”

Walker also helped create the first victimology major at Fresno State. Although Walker said he pushed for the creation of the program, he said it could not have come to fruition without the help of many others.

Although Walker has accomplished many things at Fresno State, he feels that he received the violence prevention award for reasons other than his accomplishments. “I probably got the award because we have graduated 2,000 victimology graduates,” Walker said. “Those graduates are working at 20 percent of all victims agencies throughout the U.S.”

Toni Amezcua, administration assistant for the college of social sciences and colleague of Walker, said he was not surprised to hear that Walker had been named as the CSU Violence Prevention Champion. “He is very deserving of the award and dedicated to his profession in victimology,” Amezcua said in an e-mail interview with The Collegian. “I think he was given the award because of all his hard work and knowledge.”

Walker said that he is grateful to have stumbled upon the field of victimology and that everything he has accomplished could not have been done without the continued efforts of those around him. “I was in the right place at the right time,” Walker said. “The field was just starting. I guess I just got lucky.”

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The club presented three dances, each related to Indian festivals and celebrations. The first dance, the Garba, is performed at joyous occasions like weddings and births.

The second dance of the evening was the Holi, traditionally performed during the nine day festival, Dusshera. Mehra was one of 10 dancers to perform the Garba, which was set to the music from a famous Bollywood film “Hum Dil De Chuke Sanam.”

The final number, Holi dance, is traditionally performed during the festivel of colors. Last year the club performed dances native to northern India. This year they wanted to present something different, Mehra said. Many of the club members come from southern India, and both the Garba and Holi dance showcased regional styles from southern India, Mehra said.

Rehearsals began in September with practices held three days a week, according to Prashar. During the final week leading up to the event, the club practiced daily.

“It was hard,” Mehra said. “Especially the last week, choreographers pushed us so hard that I was dead tired everyday.”

According to Mehra, the highlight of the evening was when all 21 dancers ended the performance with the Holi dance and received a rousing applause from the audience.

Graduate student, Aditi Prashar was one of five choreographers that helped to arrange the dances. Prashar learned how to dance at a very young age. Apart from choreographing, she also danced in both the Garba and the Holi in Sunday’s performance.

Prashar said she would love to be part of International Cultural Day again if she is still at Fresno State next year.

“I’m very happy that it went really well,” Prashar said. “I know there are a lot of Indian students at Fresno State, so we do want to present our culture to everybody here.”

LEAD program helps students excel

Five phases focus on developing members

Fresno State active members and alumni accepted nine out of the 10 awards given at the Sigma Nu grand chapter meeting. These awards are given on a national level and there are 180 active chapters who submit applications.

By Chris Aquire

The Collegian

One fraternity on campus, Sigma Nu, is changing the fraternity stereotype, starting a program that has helped many of the fraternity brothers have success for life after college.

The fraternity brothers helping in believe new recruits develop into assets for the Sigma Nu Fraternity. The program called LEAD, is an acronym for Leadership Ethics Achievement and Development.

The program has been on campus at California State University, Fresno since 2000. The program consists of five phases that have the ultimate goal of introducing college students to materials and resources that will help them excel in their school, their career and personal life.

“LEAD has taught me more than I could have imagined,” Cory Moore said. “The program but after completing it, all the doubts disappeared. "LEAD has taught me more things than I could have imagined,” said Sigma Nu member Cory Moore.

Phase one of the program introduces members to the type of men that will represent our fraternity, school and community in the most honorable way,” said JR Gregory, the LEAD Chairmen of the Zeta Kappa Chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity at Fresno State.

As part of the program, the chapter at Fresno State works in the community by doing service work such as participating in the Kids Day event put on by Central Valley Newspaper. They have also raised money for the United Cerebral Palsy of the Central Valley.

In fact, for the last five years the fraternity has been the highest earning group on campus.

Each brother or candidate is required to do at least five hours of community service per semester.

“We understand that with a large group of men, we are not just obligated to the school but also the community,” Gregory said.

According to Gregory, phase one helps to establish a foundation of knowledge of Sigma Nu’s history, mission and policies. As participants through each of the sessions, they will begin to understand who they are as men, leaders and brothers. They are also taught proper time management and project managing.

Phase two helps the brothers develop and refine their skills necessary to become and remain successful leaders in society through coursework such as Seven Habits of Highly Effective People, Visionary Leadership, Effective Change and Controversy with Civility.

Phase three puts into use the skills that the brothers have learned in phases one and two.

Members do this by having a leadership lab that refines their skills while benefiting the university the Greek system, and the local community.

Phase four provides an opportunity for graduating members to refine specific skills to be successful in the years immediately following their graduation, as well as an opportunity to continue their involvement in the collegiate chapter. They learn how to properly negotiate salary, wages, and manage their money.

The last phase is called All-Chapter. In this phase programming is designed to include the entire membership in personal development, chapter development, and risk reduction.

“LEAD has really shown me how to be a better leader, not just in the fraternity but also in everyday life,” said Sigma Nu Member Matt-Mintz Plasse.

The leadership seminars for Sigma Nu as well as other events they stage, are open to the entire Fresno State community. They put on an exercise fitness class at the student recreation center called Body Pump which teaches about health and active lifestyle.

Sigma Nu member Cory Moore had doubts about the program but after completing it, all the doubts disappeared. "LEAD has taught me more things than I could have imagined,” said Sigma Nu member Cory Moore.

GALLERY

Check out the slides from Sunday’s event online. http://collegian.csufresno.edu
PETERSEN: Meeting Walton shaped opinion of NBA great

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governed by gravity, the laws of physics and self-regulating control mechanisms. Kobe has left all these behind. The extra strength and stamina have made him a superior 3-point shooter, a most dominant defender and arguably the game’s top rebounder.

On John Stockton: “John Stockton is one of the true marvells, not just of basket-
ball, or in America, but in the history of Western civiliza-
tion!”

Tom Hammond: “Wow, that’s a pretty strong state-
ment. I guess I don’t have a good handle on world history.”

Bill Walton: “Well, Tom, that’s because you didn’t go to UCLA.”

On the trade that brought Pau Gasol to the Lakers: “This is an epic and
honored along with seniors

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es but we’re still a work in progress.” Harding said. “We played well against Nevada, but we faced some bumps in the road, so hopefully we’ll get over it.”

Bulldogs’ head coach Pat Hall looks to the upcoming game against Louisiana Tech as an opportunity for the team to redeem itself. After having let the Wolf Pack score seven rushing touch-
downs and gain 461 rushing yards, Hill is hoping to prove that the team’s rush defense is solid.

“We have the chance to earn our respect back among our-
selves. To me that’s huge,” Hill said. “We’ve come up short on league cham-
pionships, but this team’s playing hard and doing a lot of good things.”

When the nation’s leading rusher, Ryan Mathews, left the game due to a concus-
sion, quarterback Ryan Colburn stepped up his game and

passed for a career-high 362 passing yards. Although he did achieve high numbers in passing, he said he can’t move past his turnovers – two fumbles and an interception.

“From my standpoint, it was a game of highs and lows. Command-wise,” Colburn said. “I commanded the ball really well that game but I still made a couple of mistakes that cost us some plays.”

It’s not clear as of yet whether Mathews will play on Saturday, but Colburn said the other tailbacks are up to the challenge on filling the gap until he returns.

“Ryan’s a terrific player, a tremendous leader on the field for us so replac-
ing him is never easy,” Colburn said. “Luckily for us, we’ve got very talent-
ed running backs behind him who are ready to pick up the flag till he gets back.

In order to bounce back and prove that they are bowl-worthy, the Bulldogs are prepar-
ing intensely for their game against the WAC’s other Bulldogs.

“The way we plan to bounce back is through some old fashioned hard work,” Harris said. “We go to practice and do the things we do best, then watch some film on Louisiana Tech. We won several games so I know we’re a good foot-
ball team.”

1989 team to be hon-
ored

Former coach Jim Sweeney and approximately 50 players from the 1989 Bulldog football team will be in attendance Saturday, celebrating memo-
ries from the past.

“It’s an opportunity to see people I considered to be my sons,” Sweeney said. “Rekindling those fond mem-
ories is always a great thing.”

Sweeney and Bulldogs will celebrate the 20-year reunion of a team that featured quar-
terback Mark Barsotti and rover Ron Cox and finished the season 11-1.

The Bulldogs won the ninth California Bowl, defeating Ball State 27-6.

The 1989 football team was almost as good as any team that played here,” Sweeney said. “I am very proud of them and very anxious to see them all return.

ONLINE EXCLUSIVE: For Week 11 WAC Power Rankings, visit http://collegian.csufresno.edu
Bill Walton simply says goodbye
NBA announcer known for unique phrasing and insight retires

You may not have heard, but Bill Walton, the master of hyperbole, retired from NBA announcing earlier this month. After major back surgery last year, he decided he couldn’t continue.

“As I return after a grueling multiyear, life-threatening, life-changing ordeal with back problems, it is time to dedicate the rest of my life to service,”

Mr. Walton said in his inimitable style in a statement on his retirement. “It is great to be back in the game. Thanks everybody — for everything. No, thank YOU, Bill. Thank you for being the best passing big man of all time. Thank you for all the years at UCLA. Thank you for the years you spent at Portland and Boston (those with the Bulls, Clippers, not so much). Thank you for your son, Luke Walton (wait — never mind, scratch that).”

Thank you for being the most polarizing basketball announcer of our time. And, finally, thank you for giving me this column idea.

The plan was to write the rest of this column in his own words.

No, thank YOU, Bill.

Senior safety Moses Harris has been a staple of the defense for three seasons and he is hoping the ‘Dogs bounce back in his last game at Bulldog Stadium.

Among those players is safety Moses Harris, who had seven tackles in the Bulldogs game against the Wolf Pack.

Harris said that the second half and they got to us. They’re a better team, they’re more physical and they got the better half,” Harris said. “It’s tough, but we still have a lot to play for.”

Another senior on the team, running back Anthony Harding, said that although the Bulldogs went through a tough loss, their focus is preparing to beat Louisiana Tech.

“We’ve had some tough losses. The added muscle and bulk from pushing that steel and the natural maturation process now enables this grandmaster to regularly accomplish the unimaginable without dragging around excessive bulk and baggage. Most top players get to the point they truly believe that anything is possible. Most are also

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BREAKING NEWS: MATHEWS’ STATUS UPDATE AT COLLEGIAN.CSUFRESNO.EDU

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SENIORS’ LAST STAND

Bulldogs will try to rebound against Louisiana Tech and send off 19 seniors

By Sara Almaro

The Collegian

After suffering a tough loss against Nevada, the Bulldogs’ football team is determined to bounce back in their last home game of the season against Western Athletic Conference (WAC) foe Louisiana Tech.

Saturday will be Senior Day, so 18 of the team’s players will be honored in the pregame ceremony and celebrated during their final home game at Bulldog Stadium. Among those players is

Getting to know the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs

Record: 3-7 overall, 2-4 in WAC

Story so far: Louisiana Tech has yet to win a game on the road this season, going 0-6 away from Joe Aillet Stadium. Last week, the Bayou Bulldogs traveled to Baton Rouge to take on LSU at Death Valley. The ‘Dogs fell 24-16, keeping things respectable.

Impact Players: Offensive – Receiver Philip Livas (right) is a major playmaker on the offensive side of the ball and on special teams. Last year against Fresno State, Livas had a kick return of 100 yards.

Impact Players: Defense – Linebacker Adrien Cole leads the Bulldogs with 75 tackles, averaging 8.9 tackles per game. Cole also has two sacks on his resume.