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EDITORIAL

BHS wrestler right to be expelled

By Collegian Staff
The Collegian

On Jan. 19, the Clovis Unified School District expelled 17-year-old Preston Hill, a senior at Buchanan High School and captain of the wrestling team. His charge: sexual battery and bullying. The consequences: expulsion and possible jail time.

A “butt drag” is a wrestling maneuver where the wrestler grabs his opponent’s buttocks in an attempt to gain leverage over him. Hill told the Fresno Police Department that this is the move he did during practice. The plaintiff alleged that Hill inserted his fingers in his anus. Though the “butt drag” is a legal wrestling move, Hill’s application of it — he admitted to inserting his fingers in the alleged victim’s anus to get him to wrestle, a doctor found bruising on the boy’s anus and Hill was charged with bullying the boy beforehand — was definitely wrong.

Hill, who was suspended from Buchanan High in August 2010, was a star wrestler for Buchan in his junior year. His coach and fellow teammates thought he would “never intentionally hurt another teammate.

However, in this incident, Hill appeared to take the move too far, and the added charge of bullying only makes the case that much more serious. While The Collegian doesn’t think that harmless hazing should be severely punished — the classic case is dumping the “newbie” in a trash can — any mention of sexual abuse drastically changes the terms of debate.

There’s something to be said for the “bullying” of America, but a freshmen refusing to tattle on a senior masquerading as one’s skin color is, there would be a lot more acceptance of the gay community. I didn’t choose to be gay, however, I am proud of this attribute.

Jeff

Pedro in the news

Your article regarding Pedro Ramirez is an obvious attempt to sway public opinion in the favor of an admitted illegal alien. Simply because of The Collegian’s collective liberal stance in favor of open borders you once again ignore the fact that he has broken the law by registering to vote. You also ignore the documents that Mr. O’Neil has gathered by quoting an article in the Bee instead of looking at them yourself. You also ignore the fact that if Pedro Ramirez weren’t enrolled in Fresno State there would be one more spot open for a United States citizen. Your journalistic credibility is on par for the rest of the publications in this country today in that you don’t look, at facts that you don’t agree with. Therefore I say, you are nothing more than a tabloid and have zero credibility. Craig

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Preference vs. orientation

In your article, you wrote, “However, it does not ask for sexual preference, so identifying LGBT+ students is not an easy task.”

I believe the correct term, which you should have used, is “sexual orientation.” The term “sexual preference” is an antiquated term which implies that one’s sexuality is a choice. This is the basis for misunderstanding and fear of the gay community. If people understood that one’s sexual orientation is predetermined just as one’s skin color is, there would be a lot more acceptance of the gay community.

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ONE-FINGER SALUTE

Thumbs up
Pittsburgh and Green Bay

This is a matchup that probably only Packers and Steelers’ fans drew up, but nonetheless, the Super Bowl should be an entertaining venue this year. Get ready for a footballing showdown.

Thumbs up
To three Fresno State football players

Andrew Jackson, Ben Jacobs and Chris Carter were chosen to participate in the next generation of NFL, greats benefiting Shriners Hospitals for Children. There are 246 former East-West Shrine Game players on current NFL rosters. Go ‘em ‘Dogs.

Thumbs down
To the hundreds who camped out for chicken

The first 100 guests through the door of Buffalo Wild Wings for the restaurant’s grand opening will receive a coupon book for 6-free wings per week for a year. That is 312 free buffalo wings. Hooray!

Thumbs down
To California copper thieves

According to Pacific Gas & Electric Co., wire thieves have disabled railroad crossing arms, damaged phone lines and most recently thieves are going to the residences and switching systems. Thieves have disabled railroad crossing arms and switching systems.

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HOURS: Teachers turning to technology to communicate with students

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Teachers while balancing a full load. “I never use the instructor’s office hours. I feel like their office hours are not set up well. They typically always conflict with the rest of my classes,” Tello said.

Kinesiology major, Lorena Llorente has mixed feelings about office hours. “Some teachers seem to have enough office hours and others seem to never be there when you actually need them,” Llorente said.

Some students prefer avoiding office hours altogether and use other means of contacting professors or getting help with assignments. English major Dayler Prinz said she prefers not going to a professors office

if it’s really important I just talk to them after class.”

Maldonado believes that at least in his department students might be intimidated to meet with teachers.

“it’s difficult to know comparatively but I think I get fewer students than some of my colleagues,” Maldonado said. “I think some students get intimidated by their own text.”

Llorente is one of the students that may get intimidated. “I prefer to contact teachers by e-mail because I don’t like talking to my teachers face to face, one on one,” Llorente said.

Llorente added that he often uses Blackboard to get help from other classmates and finds it to be very effective.

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hours and has never had a problem getting help when she needs it. “I have never used a professors office hours.”

Prinz said. “I think e-mail is proficient enough or despite some misconceptions, teachers are willing and are available to help. “It’s just up to the students to benefit from their assistance.”

WINGS: Customers await the grand opening of Buffalo Wild Wings

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McCarthy said, who is a student at Willow International. She and her friends, who brought a coach and some board games at the last minute, had been waiting since around noon on Sunday. “Broke college students love free stuff. We won’t have to spend money on groceries for a while.”

The restaurant staff went above and beyond to accommodate those who were anxiously waiting for opening day. On Saturday night, the restaurant prepared tacos for the first families who were waiting outside and turned on the electricity so customers could plug in their portable heaters to stay warm.

On Sunday the staff turned their outside TVs on so patrons could watch the NFL playoff games. There was even word that they were going to prepare more food for last night’s waiting crowd, and that a representative from Red Bull would be stopping by.

The mood of the crowd was highly spirited, and no one interviewed reported any problems. Those who have eaten there say it’s definitely worth the wait.

“I became familiar with Buffalo Wild Wings when I was based at Fort Bragg,” Matthew King said. “My buddy knew about it, so we decided to come camp for it and get the free wings.”

King has been waiting since 10 a.m. on Sunday. The restaurant is opening across the street from the Dog House Grill, whose only competition before Buffalo Wild Wings was Jack in the Box.

Braving the cold, approximately 100 people wait in line in anticipation of free wings for a year.

Matt Billingsley, general manager for Dog House Grill, is not only unconcerned about the competition, but is very enthusiastic about it.

“We definitely have to stay on our toes,” he said. “But we’re excited about the competition.”

Billingsley says that business usually stays pretty steady, even during winter and summer break when students are not on campus. The restaurant generated excitement in December when they first began the hiring process. Nearly 3,000 applied for positions, but the restaurant was expected to hire only a staff of between 100 and 150.

Buffalo Wild Wings, which opened its first store in Columbus, Ohio in 1981, currently has more than 700 restaurants nationwide. Before the Fresno restaurant was built, the closest establishment was located in Modesto.
New Year's resolution keeps Student Recreation Center busy

By Janessa Tyler
The Collegian

New year, new semester, new resolutions.

One New Year’s resolution has students checking into the Student Recreation Center or a local gym more than usual.

Winter break, with all of the holiday foods that we eat, may have caused some students to indulge in foods that are high in calories. The new year is a time for students to look at the past year and change what they didn’t like.

“I think a lot of people are noticing now that being healthy isn’t just about looks, but it’s also for your health,” Deirdre Bayne, a biology major, said.

Bayne has been working at the front desk of the SRC for three years. She said the busiest time of the day at the SRC is around 7 p.m., but the busiest time of the year is January and the start of each semester.

“Usually the start of every semester we’re always busy because we always have new students and a lot of people who want to come in, check it out and see what they’re paying for,” Bayne said. “It’s always really busy here.”

According to Customer Relations Coordinator Amy Allen, 8,765 people checked-in to the SRC during the first full week of classes for the spring 2010 semester. The numbers dropped by almost 1,000 at the start of the fall 2010 semester. During the last full week of classes last semester, only 4,793 people checked-in to the SRC.

“How you take care of yourself is how you are going to lead your life when you’re older,” Bayne said. “Muscle has memory, so when you do it when you’re young, you’ll be able to take care of yourself a lot easier then you’re older.”

Recreation administration major Nick Springer has been working at the SRC front desk for two years and said a lot of people lose track of their weight over the Thanksgiving holiday and winter break.

“There would be times at the end of last year when there would be two or three people in here,” Springer said. “At the beginning of this year, there’s never a time where there’s probably less than 40 or 50 people in here.”

Springer also said the start of the year is only a couple of months away from spring break in April.

“Everyone wants to get back into shape for spring break and get back into bathing-suit season,” Springer said.

Getting into shape and losing weight is the No. 1 New Year’s resolution for people of all ages, but a lot of people don’t have the time or money to buy a gym membership. The SRC is located next to the Save Mart Center, giving students, faculty and staff a convenient place to fulfill their New Year’s resolution.

“I think people are taking advantage of what they pay for, instead of paying for GFI or Bally [Total Fitness],” Bayne said.

Students have an opportunity to interact with faculty and staff, as well as other students in group-fitness classes and throughout the SRC.

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“We’re younger, we’re on the same boat here,” Bayne said.
“We can help each other.”

The new year has just begun and the spring 2011 semester is a great time to start achieving goals that weren’t reached last year.

“Be consistent, don’t set goals that aren’t achievable,” Bayne said. “Always start with a goal that’s really small, that way when you do achieve it, you feel more satisfied with the things you are doing.”

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Regulars at the Student Recreation Center, like seniors Kyle Dooley and Ryan Rogers, have noticed more people hitting the gym since the start of the year.
Despite national numbers, local college kids keep reading

Local booksellers optimistic about college reading levels, disagree with decline in college reading

By Maddie Shannon
The Collegian

The Social Science Research Council, in a new study released last week, found that 36 percent of college students don’t show increased critical thinking skills after four years of postsecondary schooling.

Part of this trend is the decreasing number of college-aged kids who read for pleasure or for class. While the numbers might promote the conclusion that there is less of an interest in reading among college students, local booksellers take an opposite stance.

“I wouldn’t say that college students are necessarily reading less,” Kelly Mills, who is the assistant manager at Barnes and Noble Booksellers in Fresno, said. “We get quite a few college students who come in to get required reading, and we get a big spike in college students during the summer months who look for summer reading.”

The study, which tested thousands of college students at universities across the country, found that 45 percent of college students showed no increased critical thinking skills after two years of college, and 36 percent showed no improvement after four years of college.

Authorities at Borders Bookstore in River Park credit location as a factor in the amount of college students they cater to.

“We get a lot of college students in here who are looking at movies, and come in here to browse the selection we have,” Borders employee Dale Druhnhardt, said. “Usually they look for things they can’t get at the Fresno State bookstore, like literature and mysteries.”

When it comes to required reading, however, some students choose to forgo reading books for class.

“I read for fun every day, but I never read for class,” Erik Williams, an English major at Fresno State, said. “The text rarely interests me.”

Williams, who starred in the movie “Once,” sang “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace.”

“I was a student really of the Sarge way of doing things,” Bono said to the Associated Press after singing at the service. U2’s lead singer founded the Red Campaign with Shriver’s eldest son Bobby to fight AIDS in Africa.

“It’s a rare combination of grace and strategy,” Bono said of Sargent Shriver.

“Fifty years ago, President Kennedy told us we should ask what we can do for our country,” Clinton said to the crowd at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church.

“A whole generation of us understood what President Kennedy meant by looking at Sargent Shriver’s life.”

Shriver grew up during the Great Depression, attended Yale University on a scholarship and served in the Navy in World War II. Then, he fulfilled his brother-in-law John F. Kennedy’s campaign promise by developing the Peace Corps into a lasting international force.

One by one, many of Shriver’s 19 grandchildren read brief remembrances about their grandfather, recalling his passion for helping people, his hugs and his love of baseball.

Maria Shriver, the former NBC reporter and wife of former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, said her family took comfort in “knowing that Daddy is in heaven with God and with Mummy.”

Shriver was buried later Saturday alongside his wife Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the founder of Special Olympics. The private burial was held at a cemetery in Barnstable, Mass., where family members carried candles as they stepped off a bus under a darkening sky.

Sargent Shriver was a businessman and lawyer descended from a prominent Maryland family. He had suffered from Alzheimer’s disease for the past eight years. His wife died in 2009 at age 98.

Mark Shriver recalled some of his father’s final years in the Potomac funeral service.

“Alzheimer’s robs you of so much,” in Dad’s case, it stripped him to the core,” he said. Still, he “would shake your hand and smile, look you in the eye and tell you you were the greatest and that he loves you.”

Sargent Shriver was former Sen. George McGovern’s running mate in the 1972 presidential election, but the Democrats lost in a landslide to President Richard M. Nixon. Still, Shriver campaigned until the end, even when it was most difficult.

“Sargent Shriver was going to go out with his head held high,” Clinton said.

Biden credited Shriver for helping him win his own Senate seat in Delaware during a tough race the same year.

A last-minute visit from Shriver put him over the top in a heavily Republican state at the time. “That’s when the sun rose for me,” Biden said.

In 1984, Shriver received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation’s highest civilian honor. His son Anthony recalled the day his father received that honor, addressing Clinton.

“I’ll never forget him there in the White House and you looking at him and giving him one of those big Bill Clinton hugs,” he said. “Wow was he high that day.”

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64 Research panel
65 “Understand?”
66 Seed coating
67 Battery terminal
68 Common settler
69 Prospector’s bonanza
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**Word of the Day**

Fast food opinion

A blatantly regurgitated, prepackaged opinion. An opinion that requires no research, independent thought, wit or creativity of one’s own. Generally political or theological in nature.

Source: UrbanDictionary.com
Breakdown: Bulldogs

If there was ever a time Fresno State was in a "must-win" situation, that time is now. Fresno State has dropped four straight conference games, and step out away from conference, is just two years removed from posting a 21-8 record, but still lost to a conference, is just two years removed from posting a decent performance in their recent losses. Fresno State had three losses in their backcourt combination of Keon Olekaibe (10.2 points per game) and Garrett Johnson (8.6 points per game), who have had recent shooting slumps.

Seattle has four players averaging double-figure scoring this season, but are really led by Broussard's play on the block. Dollar's team is just 2-9 on the road this season, including three losses in California. But when the Redhawks lose, it typically isn't pretty. In Seattle's 12 losses, it has been outscored by an average of 16. When the team wins, however, it is only by an average of six points. Seattle, who does not belong to a "conference" in a 5-4 loss to Fresno State last year (24 points, 10 rebounds. If he can put up numbers like those, the 'Dogs should have little trouble with Seattle.

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Breakdown: Seattle

Unlike Fresno State, the Redhawks have played relatively well in their recent losses. Seattle has won four of its last six games, a decent performance for a squad that opened the season 3-8. Lead by 6-foot-5-inch junior forward Aaron Broussard, in the paint. Smith has struggled lately with interior defense after giving up 13 points and 10 rebounds to Hawaii's Vander Joaquim and 18 points to Idaho's Kyle Barone. The Dogs will look to get solid performances from their backcourt combinations of Kevin Olekaibe (10.2 points per game) and Garrett Johnson (8.6 points per game), who have had recent shooting slumps.

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A late, second-half surge in day-two of the Valley Invitational gives seniors a victory over San Diego in their final home meet

By Ben Ingersoll

The Collegian

It has been three years since the swimming and diving team first splashed onto the scene at Fresno State, giving head coach Jeanne Fleck plenty of exposure to the ups and downs of building a collegiate program.

And Friday and Saturday’s three-team Valley Invitational swim meet had its fair share of just that.

Friday’s six-event portion of the meet left Fleck ecstatic after her team recorded three event victories and sat just 12 points behind meet leader Loyola Marymount and four points in front of the meet on San Diego.

But a slow start followed by a late surge during the latter portion of the meet on Saturday left Fleck with mixed emotions when it was all said and done.

“I was pretty happy Friday night was really, really good,” Fleck said. “I would say our second session in the morning during the first part of the meet we were a little sluggish. We came back better at the end, but it’s a long meet.”

At the end of the meet, Loyola Marymount won with a score of 354, followed by Fresno State’s 268 and San Diego’s 357.

Friday was highlighted by a meet-opening 200-yard medley relay victory anchored by sophomore sensation Dani Yoho’s strong finish. Yoho then followed up with a first place finish in the 50-yard backstroke and the Bulldogs’ first win of the meet.

Friday night was really, really good,” Fleck said. “Cindy [Engle], with the improvement that she’s had, and Stephanie Hatayama, Lacey Payne, along with Weeks, a diver, were honored during a memorable pre-meet ceremony for Fleck.

“It is really emotional,” Fleck said. “Cindy [Engle], with the improvement that she’s had, and Stephanie Hatayama, I can’t even tell you how much they have improved since they got here and Lacey [Payne] has been a great addition this year coming in from Lakesfield and doing great things.”

Up next for Fresno State is a dual meet at San Jose State on Feb. 5. The dual meet will be the Bulldogs’ final tune up before they head to the Western Athletic Conference Championships in San Antonio, Texas, a meet Fresno State placed eighth in last season.

But despite the Bulldogs’ struggles in the championships last year, Fleck is confident that with a little down time and a few corrections, her team has a great chance to improve.

“We’ve got to get the little things correct,” Fleck said. “We’re making little mistakes. I felt like our race strategies were really good and we’re a little tired. But we’ve been training for three- and half-weeks. While everybody else was on break, we were training twice a day, every day. So I think they’re a little broken down. I think that with rest we’ll be great.”

The outcome of this game and that’s the only thing I would change. We don’t need to apologize to anybody. We’ll be back, you’ll see.”

The Steelers snapped New York’s hopes of making the Super Bowl a sixth-seed spectacular; the Packers are the NFC’s No. 6 seed.

Coach Mike Tomlin had his Steelers eager for the fight from the outset, while Ryan’s guys were flat until it was too late.

The Jets did get a 45-yard TD pass from Mark Sanchez to Santonio Holmes — the hero of Pittsburgh’s Super Bowl victory two years ago — and a safety after Pittsburgh’s goal-line stand.

But the early hole was too deep, even after a 4-yard TD pass to Jerricho Cotchery deep, even after a 4-yard TD pass to Jerricho Cotchery later, Ike Taylor sacked Sanchez late. The Jets did get a 45-yard field goal and a 10-0 lead that was insurmountable the way the 'Dogs recorded just two victories through the first two events.

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