Hungry students disagree about new library food rules

By Leonard Valerio
The Collegian

Because Fresno State is home to one of the top agri-culture departments in the nation, it does get its fair share of unwanted guests such as cockroaches and rodents around campus.

One place where they are certainly not welcome is the Henry Madden Library. Last fall the library implemented new policies that limit students consuming food items to the second floor.

There was some speculation around campus that the policy had to do with some of the unwanted guests.

David Tyckoson, Associate Dean of Library Services, said the new library has never had a pest problem and the policy change was not made to limit pests.

“We changed the food rules mainly because we had complaints from students that food and noise were in areas they didn’t want it,” Tyckoson said. “We set it up that the second floor you can have anything you want and other floors you can have a drink and snacks, but nothing from Subway and Panda Express and so on.”

Tyckoson said that there have been a few instances of a small number of ants, but there hasn’t been any roaches or rodents in the new library.

“Pests can come in and it’s something we are keeping an eye out for and we have been something we are keeping an eye out for and we have been very fortunate it hasn’t happened so far,” Tyckoson said. “We hope people don’t leave a mess laying around because that’s what’s going to attract them the most. If you just leave food around on the table, [pests] will come in and go after it.”

Business major Cassie Wilson said she studies in the library about three times a week and has never seen any pest problems in the library. She does not like the new food rules.

“I think you should be able to eat wherever you want,” Wilson said. “I wasn’t distracted by other students eating and if it did make me hungry I just went to get something to eat.”

Nursing major Laura Winter said students should be able to eat wherever they want because some students may spend a lot of time there and need to eat while they are studying, even if it is in a quiet area.

Other students have mixed feelings about the rules.

Kristen Grottkau, a liberal studies major, said she was surprised to hear about the new food rules.

“Waitlists add to students’ anxiety for the start of the semester

By Sarah Thomas
The Collegian

It’s no secret that times are tough in today’s educational system, which is causing more students to be forced onto wait lists for required classes.

Students at Fresno State have seen classes cut, teachers let go and programs suffer as a result of budget cuts for the university in the last few years. According to the Institutional Research, Assessment and Planning department (IRAP), there are more than 9,000 students attending Fresno State which increases the competition to get into classes.

“Classes become even more difficult to enroll in these two majors because of the popularity of required classes. Not only are they competing for spots in general education classes like the rest of the student body, but there are courses which may be full with students of the same major.”

Business major David Mesa was placed on three wait lists last year and said that several business classes closed with no wait list available. “It’s harder to get into my business classes because they are only offering so many sections,” Mesa said. “So I’m forced to stay in college longer which means all my student loans will accumulate and be slapped on me when I graduate.”

Not only do wait lists cause the stress of maintaining

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Modern cars vs. classic cars

All the modern muscle cars being produced by the Big Three are based on influences from their mid-'60s models, and all have models that produce more than 400 horsepower; and that’s a lot! Although the cars are cool, they don’t have the same spirit and vibe as the original models. I was raised driving classic muscle cars, and I understand the intoxicating value of driving a 1968 Camaro through a high-speed race track, or taking a leisurely ride quality, or why I can’t hear the stereo. It’s just you and eight cylinders thumping down the road, making too much noise and pushing a stiff clutch pedal as you grab second gear.

Some people could never understand how this could be enjoyable, and to that I would suggest, buy the new model, or a Prius. For those of you who do get it, you might agree or disagree with my thoughts on the new muscle cars, but that’s what muscle cars are all about: “Mine’s faster and cooler than yours.”

Although I am a classic Camaro enthusiast, I have to admit the new Challenger takes the hack from a styling and coolness perspective. Dodge did the best job in staying true to the influences from the original model. Looking at a side-by-side picture of the new and old model, you can see the point I’m making.

Now, from a gear-head’s perspective there are some disturbing car models that were produced in the past few years. The new Chevy Malibu, which used to be the same model as the Chevelle, and the GTO that was being produced before Pontiac went under.

The new GTO is a disgrace to the original Pontiac GTO name. It in no way resembles the golden years of the asphalt pounding Malibu from 1964 to 1970. It’s just fine if Chevy wants to make a used car that looks like a muscle car, but come up with a different name.

A similar problem exists with the recent model of the Pontiac GTO. GTO is credited with starting the entire muscle car race in 1963. In other words the GTO was the beginning of an era, and a legend.

There really isn’t a problem with the newer GTO other than the name. It produces more than 400 horsepower, but from the styling aspect, it’s just a Grand Prix fitted with some fake hood scoops. That’s like throwing a cowboy hat on Elton John and calling him John Wayne.

There are a few kinks to work out in modern-day muscle cars, but I hope the market for these cars keeps up. It’s nice getting to the point again when the Big Three are dishing it out with good old-fashioned cubic inches and horsepower numbers.

Letters to the Editor

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Nice crossword Wednesday

Drinking and driving game

The aim of this game is to attract public attention to the problem of drunken driving. This game is created by the group of students from Kirov town, Russia, as the base of social program that helps young people who suffered in accidents.

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—— Diana Tiptlea

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**LIBRARY:** Administration aims to keep library quiet and pest-free

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By Dana Hull
The Collegian

Construction began on the west side of the University Center building this week. According to Rod Gleghorn, manager of the project, the construction will not only give the building a new look, but will make walkways more open for students.

“We are putting new siding on that building to make it look nicer,” Gleghorn said. “And then we will get rid of some of the columns so it opens up the walkway between the library and the center.”

In addition to adding grey concrete panels to the side of the building, Gleghorn said they are also going to recreate landscaping along the south side of the building.

The University Center Exterior Renovation project, which is projected to cost approximately $158,000 is a non-state-funded project. It is set to be completed by March 31, 2011, but Gleghorn says he can’t be certain if it will be finished by that time.

“I wouldn’t say that’s a hard deadline,” he said. “It will probably be extended.”

$158,000 renovation project has begun at the University Center.

By Dana Hull
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The area by Starbucks gets so loud that when I go into there to study, I can’t,” Grottkau said. Although Grottkau likes the quiet areas in the library, she doesn’t think having food in different parts of the library will hurt.

“Even before the food rules, I never had a problem finding a quiet place to study,” she said.

Tyckoson said that there is always a possibility the food rules may change again, but as of right now many students like them the way they are now.

**WAITLISTED:** Budget cuts make it harder for students to get needed classes

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unit levels and completing required courses, students such as Mesa have the concern of paying for education even though the classes they need aren’t always available.

The nursing program at Fresno State contains eight prerequisites that must be completed before a student is accepted into the program. It usually takes students two years to complete the prerequisites along with general education classes, and the program itself is six semesters, which totals an estimated five years for expected graduation.

“Wait lists for the prerequisites can become a problem if you’re not organized,” Ryann Brinthurst, nursing major, said.

Brinthurst said that as long as students have a class plan when they start college, the wait lists will not affect them. The nursing program itself does not contain a wait list, so students must reapply each year until they are admitted.

“The extra schooling is definitely worth it in the long run, it’s just hard right now,” Brinthurst said.

**NASA spots 54 potentially life-friendly planets**

By Seth Borenstien
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — An orbiting NASA telescope is finding whole new worlds of possibilities in the search for alien life, spotting more than 50 potential planets that appear to be in the habitable zone.

In just a year of peering out at a small slice of the galaxy, the Kepler telescope has discovered 1,235 possible planets outside our solar system. Amazingly, 54 of them are seemingly in the zone that could be hospitable to life — that is, not too hot or too cold, Kepler chief scientist William Borucki said.

Until now, only two planets outside our solar system were ever thought to be in the “Goldilocks zone.” And both those discoveries are highly disputed.

Fifty-four possibilities is “an enormous amount,” an inconceivable amount,” Borucki said. “It’s amazing to see this huge number because up to now, we’ve had zero.”

The more than 1,200 new, so-called Kepler missions, which Borucki estimates 80 percent of them will eventually be verified. At least one other astronomer believes Kepler could be 90 percent accurate.

After that, it’s another big step in proving that a confirmed planet has some of the basic conditions needed to support life, such as the proper size, composition, temperature and distance from its star. More advanced aspects of habitability such as atmospheric conditions and the presence of water and carbon require telescopes that aren’t built yet.

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Students share their Super Bowl plans, traditions and memories

By Julie Bouchareune
The Collegian

While some students have to work during the Super Bowl, or others simply don’t care, the big game has its way of creating memories by bringing friends and family together.

With the Green Bay Packers and the Pittsburgh Steelers getting ready to kick off Super Bowl XLV on Sunday afternoon, Fresno State students reveal their plans, pre-dictions and favorite commercials and halftime shows.

Kinesiology major Tom McLaughlin and criminology major Daryl Paust plan to watch the game with their fraternity brothers, Sigma Chi. While Paust said he is definitely looking forward to the Steelers, McLaughlin said this is the first Super Bowl where he doesn’t care who wins. McLaughlin, a Denver Broncos’ fan and Pasut is a San Francisco 49ers’ fan. Aside from who wins or loses, for some, it’s for the sake of fun. Some Super Bowl traditions that McLaughlin and Pasut have are the type of food and beverage that they eat and drink, and the games they play that involve a friendly wager.

“You predict how many points are going to happen throughout each quarter, half-time and then at the end of the game,” Pasut said. “Say it’s like five bucks a square, two bucks a square.”

Sociology major Chalon Davis said he doesn’t have any formal plans for the Super Bowl. “But what I usually do sometimes is hang out with a bunch of friends and try to sit in front of the biggest TV we can,” Davis said. “People drink, eat food and enjoy each other’s company while we’re watching the game and just having a good time.”

Davis said he is not a fan of the Packers or the Steelers. “I’m a Jets’ fan, but if I had to choose, I’ll go with Pittsburgh,” he said.

Although communications major Gia Aguilar said she’s rooting for the Packers, she’s a die-hard Raiders’ fan. “I’m definitely going to watch the whole game,” Aguilar said. “I love football.”

Aguilar plans on going over to a friend’s house for a barbecue on Super Bowl Sunday. “I’m definitely going to watch the whole game,” Aguilar said.

Aside from football, another thing to look forward to during the Super Bowl is the commercials. The beer commercials were among the favorites of the students, along with Doritos and Snickers. Davis said there are always commercials that he enjoys. “Budweiser with the frogs, that’s a classic one,” Davis said.

Writing Center helps students in several ways

By Sarah Kain
The Collegian

Students have different ways of spending their time, but there are some who also spend money on brochures or online submission of drafts and a one-unit class with tutor help twice a week. The Writing Center offers an online submission of drafts and a one-unit class with tutor help twice a week. Group tutorials are the most popular workshops at the Writing Center. Students meet with a peer tutor and two other students for one hour, twice a week.

“I think that anyone that seeks feedback on their writing should come to the center,” Magda Gilewicz, director of the Writing Center and English professor, said.

The budget cuts over the last couple of years have also reduced the knowledge of the Writing Center to the campus. This last year the budget for the Writing Center was cut by 20 percent after no change since 1995. Because of cuts the Writing Center had to turn away 200 people for the one-unit course.

In the last two years I have not advertised the center as much because of the budget cuts,” Gilewicz said. “All the money goes right to the tutors and the tutors. I do not spend money on brochures or pencils with our information on them.”

Garrett Smothers, tutor and supervisor at the Writing Center, did not know about the Writing Center until he ended up being assigned to tutor for the last four semesters. “I think that people should take advantage of the walk-in option of the center,” Smothers said. “There are a lot of times where we are there waiting in the center with nobody’s name on the walk-in list.”

Smothers agrees with Gilewicz about the location being bad for the center but also believes that people know the center for its reputation about not being copy editors.

“The center has a reputation for not copy editing which has happened, but we want to do more than that here because that is not the purpose of the center,” Smothers said. “I understand it is hard to ask for help, but that is what we are here for.”

Sociology major Roman Reyes has used the center and recommends students take advantage of the free service. “I have taken papers into the walk in tutorials before and they helped me a lot,” Reyes said. “They pointed out the things that needed changing or clarifying and that made a better paper.”

Gilewicz offered a guarantee to students who bring in their assignment. “Bring in your assignment as soon as you get it and with our tutors’ help, you will generate two to three pages of writing before you leave,” she said.

Writing Center helps students in several ways

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Some students receive a term paper back from their professor with red ink splattered across the white page. The corrections and suggestions make no sense to them.

Sound familiar? The Writing Center is a free service aimed to help students on any stage of the writing process by one-on-one or in a group tutorial.

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Weekend of Movies

Psychotic roommates, underground caves and stepmothers take over Friday and Saturday

By Maddie Shannon
The Collegian

This weekend brings another stellar round of movies to local theaters, including dramas and a 3-D adventure movie.

Big names like James Cameron and Natalie Portman hit the big screen in two movies: Sanctum for Cameron and The Other Woman for Natalie Portman. While fans of both are excited for these latest releases, these two are relatively quiet compared to previous works. Portman’s “Black Swan” earned her a Golden Globe, while “Avatar” won three Oscars last year.

Why you should see it: Leighton Meester’s performance as a psychotic college roommate is convincing, and one well worth seeing on the big screen. For those who like Meester’s role on Gossip Girl, this movie might be one to skip out on unless you can handle scary.

Starring: Leighton Meester, Minka Kelly, Alyson Michalka, Cam Gigandet and Dannel Harris.

Sanctum (R)

What it’s about: Frank McGuire, a deep-sea diver, tries to handle his new family with the underground river to explore the biggest underground cave system in the world. With a group of friends including his financier and his 15-year-old teenage son, he sets out on what he sees as the last place left on the planet to explore. When a massive flood blocks the way they came in, the group is forced to swim with the underground river to the sea.

Why you should see it: If you like underground adventure stories like The Core, then this larger-than-life movie is for you. James Cameron’s vision of otherworldly scenes trickles down to local theaters, including his 17-year-old teenage son, he sets out on what he sees as the last place left on the planet to explore. When a massive flood blocks the way they came in, the group is forced to swim with the underground river to the sea.

Starring: Richard Roxburgh, Ioan Gruffudd, Alice Parkinson, Rhys Ifans, Christopher Baker and Dan Wyllie.

Waiting for Forever (PG-13)

What it’s about: Childhood friends Emma and Will spend every minute together — until Will moves away. Years later, they both come back to their hometown and reunite as adults. Will expects their long-lost friendship to grow into a relationship, but Emma gave up on Will years ago. The contradiction of their expectations grows makes for a good “Will-they-won’t-they” story.

Why you should see it: For moviegoers who love to be in love, “Forever” is a romantic film that won’t disappoint. More critical audience members will notice that most of the actors throw themselves into their roles, with the exception of Rachel Bilson. She doesn’t live up to the emotional capacity of her character. The way Bilson’s on screen love, Tom Sturridge, does.

Starring: Tom Sturridge, Rachel Bilson, Blythe Danner, Richard Jenkins, Matthew Davis, Jaime King, Scott Mechlowicz and Jaime King.

The Other Woman (R)

What it’s about: Emilie, mistress-turned-second-wife to businessman Jack, tries to fit in with her husband’s son as she tries to figure out how to handle her new family with Jack’s old one. While she and Jack grueve the death of their first baby, she tries to become the mother she wants to be by spending time with her stepson, William.

Why you should see it: “The Other Woman,” the third Natalie Portman film to be released in two months, features nothing short of exemplary work on Portman’s part. Her role as young stepmom to a stubborn preteen son creates a heartstring-tugging connection with her character.


News Briefs

Brief news for the brief attention span

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Charlie Sheen wants to get back to work this month on “Two and a Half Men,” a spokesman said Thursday. The 45-year-old actor remains in rehab but hopes to return to TV’s top-rated comedy by the end of February, publicist Stan Rosenfield said. That’s a “target” projection, Rosenfield said.

The series halted production after Sheen sought treatment for undisclosed reasons following a 911 call and brief stay at a Los Angeles-area hospital last week. According to a tape of the 911 call, Sheen was said to be intoxicated and in pain.

CBS and series producer Warner Bros. Television declined comment on Sheen’s intentions. But decisions about the show aren’t Sheen’s alone.

Producers intend to evaluate the situation before deciding whether to resume filming for the season, a person familiar with the plans said Thursday. The person was not authorized to publicly discuss details and spoke Friday on condition of anonymity.

With uncertainty over Sheen’s return, CBS intends to use a combination of “Two and a Half Men” reruns and other sitcoms to fill out its Monday night schedule. The network has two unaired episodes of “Men” in hand, which are to be broadcast Feb. 7 and 14.

Out of 24 episodes ordered for the season, 16 were completed.

PARIS (AP) — Maria Schneider, the French actress who was Marlon Brando’s young co-star in the steamy 1972 film “Last Tango in Paris,” has died at age 58.

Schneider died in Paris on Thursday “following a long illness,” a representative of the Act I talent agency said, but declined to provide details.

Schneider was 19 when she starred opposite Marlon Brando in Bernardo Bertolucci’s racy “Last Tango in Paris.” In it, she played Jeanne, a young Parisian woman who takes up with a middle-aged American businessman, played by Brando.
Farrah Fawcett’s red swimsuit goes to Smithsonian

By Jessica Gresko
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The red swimsuit that helped make “Charlie’s Angels” actress Farrah Fawcett a 1970s icon became part of the Smithsonian’s collection Wednesday on what would have been her 66th birthday.

Fawcett wore the bathing suit for a photo shoot shortly before her debut on Charlie’s Angels in 1976. The resulting poster sold millions of copies and became the best selling poster of all time, according to Smithsonian curator Dwight Bowers.

Fawcett’s longtime companion Ryan O’Neal presented the swimsuit and other items to the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History in Washington. O’Neal said Fawcett, who died in 2009 after battling anal cancer for several years, always intended to give the suit to the museum.

“They asked her years ago for the bathing suit,” he said. “So it was always in her plan.”

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Bowers compared the poster to World War II pin-ups of Betty Grable and Rita Hayworth, saying it became a symbol of the 1970s era.

Though fans know the bathing suit as red, it is actually a burnt orange color, possibly due to fading. Before it was donated to the museum, Fawcett framed it herself, and was stored at a Los Angeles warehouse, O’Neal said.

Nels Van Patten, Fawcett’s friend and tennis coach who was with her during the bathing suit shoot, said Wednesday she did her own hair and makeup for the pictures and didn’t have a mirror. She also squeezed a lemon in her hair to get natural highlights, he said.

Also donated to the Smithsonian were Fawcett’s book of scripts for the first season of “Charlie’s Angels,” a 1977 Farrah Fawcett doll and a “Farrah’s Glamour Center” styling kit for creating her signature hairdo. The items will be part of the museum’s popular culture history collection and will go on display this summer.

Fawcett’s friends and family at the museum Wednesday for the donation included Fawcett’s son with O’Neal, Redmond O’Neal, and O’Neal’s daughter, Tatuum O’Neal. Redmond O’Neal, and O’Neal’s daughter, Tatuum O’Neal.

O’Neal, who became choked up during the ceremony, said later he feels Fawcett’s presence every day.

“I’m still having trouble with losing her,” he said.

She was born Feb. 2, 1947, in Corpus Christi, Texas.
**Spring sports heating back up**

**By Brandy Flores**

The Colganian

**Women’s basketball**

With only eight more games before the WAC Men’s and Women’s Basketball Conference Tournament, the Fresno State Women’s basketball team is set to take on Louisiana Tech Saturday, Feb. 5, before returning home to host Boise State and Utah State the following week. Fresno State has been part of their regular season play facing all WAC opponents, but none more important than the Lady Techsters. Louisiana Tech remains their toughest opponent, being the only team the ‘Dogs have yet to dominate this season in conference play, dropping a close game, 94-92 on Jan. 12. Jaleesa Ross leads the team in scoring and broke the Fresno State all-time scoring record this season. The WAC Tournament will take place on March 9-12 in Las Vegas.

**Men’s basketball**

The Fresno State men’s basketball team will remain at home playing their next game Saturday, Feb. 5 against Louisiana Tech in a televised matchup on ESPNU. Prior to this game, the men’s team is struggling this season and is stuck in a losing streak of seven consecutive losses. Despite their last seven games prior to these Thursday night match-ups against New Mexico, they have had varied success in their conference games this season. They have lost to all upcoming opponents so far. Guard Kevin Olekaibe has shined in his first season, leading the team in scoring with 12 points per game. Center Greg Smith is second on the team with 11 points per game to go along with seven rebounds.

**Softball**

Early predictions from WAC coaches have Fresno State finishing second this year, as seniors Haley Gilliland and Caitlin Stiglich, along with junior Michelle Moses, were selected to the 2011 Preseason WAC All-WAC. In a press release on Jan. 31, head coach Margie Wright said the ‘Dogs will continue its tradition of having a strong national schedule including 12 games against the Top ranked teams in the ESPN.com USA Softball Collegiate preseason poll. The Fresno State softball program is entering its 44th year just nine wins shy of its 1,500 all-time victory. The ‘Dogs open their season at home on Feb. 12 with a double header against Sacramento State before travelling the next weekend to participate in the San Diego State Classic. The ‘Dogs also will serve as the hosts for the 2011 WAC Softball Tournament on May 11-14.

**Baseball**

Coming off a heartbreaking loss in last year’s WAC Championship, Fresno State is the early favorite to win it all. Seven players were named to the preseason All-WAC team. After being tabbed last year’s WAC player of the year, senior first baseman Jordan Ribera enters this season with three preseason All-American honors. The seven preseason All-WAC selections were the most by any team, including rival Hawai‘i, who had four players. Along with Ribera, outfielders Brennan Gowens and Dusty Robinson, senior shortstop Garrett Weber, although the new season will be his last season, junior pitcher Muno, junior catcher Trent Garrison and senior starting pitcher Greg Gonzalez all made the team. As announced in December, the ‘Dogs will open their fourth straight season with a preseason ranking with College Baseball Newspaper as the No. 29 team in the nation. Fresno State will begin its schedule on Feb. 18.

**Lacrosse**

Despite losing its head coach in the offseason, the Fresno State women’s lacrosse team will enter its third season as a program. The ‘Dogs will kick off their season in an exhibition match against the Fresno State men’s club team on Feb. 12, before travelling to Palo Alto to take on nationally-ranked Stanford. The team will spend the first month of their season on the road, before returning home to host Bryant University on March 7. Interim coaches Carole Gehringer and Lindsay Gotham head this year’s squad as all but five players return this season. Entering into her third season, senior Kristina Gehring returns as the first all-WAC conference player after her excellent performance in last season in only her second season playing the sport. After competing against several tough east coast opponents, the ‘Dogs will play a home game in an alumni exhibition match.

**Tennis**

On Wednesday, the Fresno State women’s tennis team opened its spring season at home competing against No. 49 Saint Mary’s. The team continues today against No. 49 Arizona and on Saturday face Nevada. Against both teams they have had strong holding court records over the Arizona Wildcats and a 17-1 record over the Nevada Wolf Pack all time. The ‘Dogs expect a tough, competitive doubles match with No. 74 Hannah Lacey from Saint Mary’s and Kristy Stubbe. Fresno State has its own ranked doubles players No. 75 Marianne Jodoin and No. 81 Anna Persson. Fresno State will remain at home for a double header against Sacramento State and Pacific Feb. 19. Today, the No. 28 Fresno State Men’s team will take on No. 52 San Diego State, opening the first of four home matches for the ‘Dogs. After opening the spring season by defeating San Francisco 6-1, the ‘Dogs dropped two straight to No. 27 Florida State and No. 33 Minnesota. The doubles team of Remi Bouvier and Rikus de Villiers remain the pair to watch, as they continue to provide tough competition to their opponents and keep each match close. De Villiers was also recently acknowledged as the Verzon WAC Men’s Tennis Player of the Week for the third time in his career.

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Root brings a blend of size, speed and strength to a Fresno State rushing attack that was decimated by injuries in 2010. He ran a handoff 46-yard dash in 4.38 seconds and also carried in track at Redwood clocking in a 10.8-100 meter dash in the CIF state finals.

“I think Dillon’s that kind of guy that can really develop into that type of running back that’s a physical downhill runner,” Hill said, “but has the breakaway, accelerating speed too.” Root said that he wants to add 10 pounds to his frame before looking to bulk up.

But with his legacy firmly planted back at his alma mater Redwood if I could,” he said. “I want to be known as one of the best.”

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**LEWIS: New Lewis, same position**

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“Think they see me as a tweener,” Lewis said. “Defensive end and outside linebacker so they want to be able to use me in drop (coverage). Certain pass defenses. Cover three whatever or so they will be able to drop me back and play a little bit of backer. I’m just down to play. Although the new season doesn’t start until August, Lewis has aspirations of being an immediate impact player on one of the Western Athletic Conference’s top pass-rush defenses last year.

“I’m going to be there,” Lewis said. “Be involved with the program as much as possible before I actually have to step on the field.” Lewis will leave the squad to join the squad. Being there will give me a chance to get in and play down and get a lot of the formations down, so I don’t lose that time in my career.”

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Root’s toughness, loyalty has Hill excited

Fresno State’s first commitment follows through on National Signing Day

By Vongni Yang
The Collegian

Dillon Root is known for his speed and agility as a running back, but he couldn’t dodge the sharp pain that was thrrobbed from his abdominal area after colliding with a player while attempting to recover a fumble.

Root, a two-star recruit, had just returned to the Redwood Rangers’ lineup after missing a month of the season because of a broken collarbone.

But his career was cut short when he was hit in the second quarter by a player from the Manteca Bearcats.

“Root finished the game, and later discovered he had a lacerated kidney. But through the second half Root carried the Redwood Rangers to a 29-22 overtime win over the Hoover Patriots, rushing for 116 yards and two touchdowns on 25 painful carries.

The first-round victory would be Root’s final high school game. Without the star back, the Rangers were elimiated from the playoffs the following week.

But Root’s toughness is just one reason why Fresno State head coach Pat Hill offered him a scholarship.

“He played the whole game with it and got rushed to the hospital afterwards,” Hill said. “Very very tough.”

Although Root’s injury ended his season, Root’s legacy stretches more than half a century of football tradition at Redwood in Visalia. In his three-year varsity career, the 6-foot, 185-pound back broke eight school records: most career rushing yards, most career touchdowns, most career points, most rushing yards, touchdowns and points in a season, and most touchdowns and yards in a game.

Root ran for 3,653 yards and 21 touchdowns in a Ranger uniform, and as a senior rushed for more than 1,800 yards and 17 TDs.

Despite his decorated prep career, Root knows that the credit for his performance should be sprinkled around and believed the record is likely to go past farther than that.

“I just felt like I couldn’t do it without my team,” Root said.

“That’s what a lot of people overlook, like ‘He’s a real good player’ but I couldn’t do it without every one. It’s a team thing. Me rushing for all those yards started with the snap to the center, to the quarterback.”

The Bulldogs also landed a handful of linebackers.

Donavon Lewis latest in line of Lewises

By Jerry Huerta
The Collegian

National signing day has come and gone with most of the football players across the country already inked into their respective schools.

At Fresno State, it was no different with coach Pat Hill signing 18 future Bulldogs, the lowest number during his tenure. Out of all the new signees, there were three players from the Valley.

One of those players was highly-touted defensive end Donavon Lewis from Clovis West.

“Of the 18 new Bulldogs should give Fresno State more pass rush and new looks. The incoming defensive class is just another extension of what we’re trying to do to make our football program more competitive with the competition that we’re going to be playing against,” Hill said.

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Hill recruits defensive speed, O-line

By Tim Salazar
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It may be head coach Pat Hill’s smallest recruiting class in numbers, but the 14-year leader of the Bulldogs believes the newcomers will be a dynamic to the team.

In an effort to become more unpredictable on defense, Hill has opted to bring in players that could provide multiple looks on third down—an emphasis which the team is hoping to use to contain the pass rush.

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"Our goal is to go from being a good football program to a great football program," Hill said. "I think over the last three years we’ve started to put together the parts that give us a chance to really do some new things offensively and defensively."