Alpha Xi Delta celebrates its last semester, as the sorority will close after nearly 60 years at Fresno State.

By Dana Hull
The Collegian

The National Council of the Alpha Xi Delta sorority has decided to shut down Fresno State’s Gamma Epsilon Chapter after nearly 60 years of being on campus.

Eddie Dominguez, advisor for the Interfraternity Council said that part of the reason Alpha Xi Delta is shutting down is because of the organizational challenges the sorority had to face.

Dominguez said, “Although they tried over the years to meet those challenges, they were not successful.” Because the sorority had trouble recruiting new members, they were not able to meet their financial obligations, and therefore they were not able to meet the cost of keeping their house up and running.

“The girls noticed their low membership and they wanted to join something bigger,” Kourtney Sweeney, vice president of membership of the Panhellenic Council, said.

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Getting smart about professors

By Leonard Valerio
The Collegian

In recent years, registering for classes has become its own science with many tips, tricks and tools to aid students in their class selection process.

With just a simple web search, students can find sites that offer professor ratings, course descriptions and more recently, course breakdown of grades assigned.

Myedu.com functions like ratemyprofessor.com by offering students ratings of professors by subject. But unlike other sites, myedu.com also provides university records of grade breakdowns in each course.

Students can see how many As, Bs, Cs, Ds and Fs that were given in each course, and can avoid certain courses where there may be a lower percentage of better grades given out.

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Collegian wins 14 awards

By Collegian Staff

The Collegian won 14 awards from the California College Media Association for Excellence in Student Media. It won nine awards for print content, four for advertising and one for online.

Last year The Collegian won 11 awards in the same contest, including placing second in the General Excellence category.

Where The Collegian placed in these 14 categories will be announced at a banquet in Hollywood on March 5.

Library holds open house

By Michael Kincheloe
The Collegian

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The Madden Library staff opted to hold each day’s open house at a different time in order to fit into students’ diverse schedules. Tuesday’s group met at 2 p.m. Remaining groups will meet today at noon, Thursday at 5 p.m. and Friday at 11 a.m.

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The two worst presidents in our history have been Andrew Jackson and Woodrow Wilson. Andrew Jackson was our first non-statesman president. Every president before Jackson had distinguished careers as diplomats, governors, congressmen and cabinet members. Jackson was one of these, only a war hero. His presidency was the first that descended into populism and set us on the path we are on today where politicians are beholden to special interests and presidential campaigns are an all-encompassing feature of our republic.

Wilson’s policies are what make him one of the worst. His administration was the triumph of the progressive era, and along with that came the advent of the 16th Amendment, which instituted a national income tax, and the 17th Amendment, which usurped the original design of the Constitution by making senators directly elected, creating the Federal Reserve, which has been the cause of many of our economic woes, and the entrance of the U.S. into World War I, the worst, most pointless war ever fought. He jailed dissenders and was a virtual dictator.

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Out of our 43 presidents, we have had many very different men serve in that distinguished position. Our tallest president was Lincoln at 6’4” – our shortest was one foot shorter. Our oldest president was Ronald Reagan; our youngest was Theodore Roosevelt. We’ve even had eight presidents who never attended college (there’s luck for all of you).

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All the things we don’t know

By Danielle Gilbert The Collegian

I t stood outside The Collegian office motionless, watching popular music videos rush past with music streaming from their iPhones — their headphones to their cars.

It was obvious today that this story was not just my own. And like the iPhone, this generation lacks of practical knowledge connects us.

One out of 604 courses offered at Fresno State provides students with basic life skills. That course — FIN 30 Personal Financial Planning, a management course for lifelong decision making.

It is one of 20 general education course options under Fresno State’s General Education. Students are required to take one course under Area E1. And let us please get real, this is a business major would willingly enroll in financial planning. Courses such as FIN 30, to some, could appear pointless. However, to most, are necessary.

So I say to you today, my fellow scholars, that in spite of our stupidity, that one day this generation will be able to file our own taxes without the help of our parents.

That one day gentlemen, the woman sitting next to you in class will successfully negotiate a salary from her employer. And ladies, that man looking at you in class will not only wash and dry his clothes regularly but fold and put them away promptly.

That one day students will live in a dorm where they will not be judged by the unraveling seams on their cardinal red and blue Bulldog sweater, but by the ease of their backstitch.

And I propose that one day soon, Fresno State will offer more courses that will teach students how to administer first aid, balance a checkbook, change our oil, determine the four cardinal directions, do the laundry, establish a good credit, fill out financial aid forms, fix a drain outlet, invest our money, iron a shirt, jump start a car, make an insurance claim, mow the lawn, perform CPR, put air in our tires, prepare for a disaster, read a balance sheet, register a car, remove carpet stains, sew a button, successfully pay back our student loans, tie a tie, wash the dishes and work the main electrical panel, circuit breakers and subpanels in our home. And the list goes on and on.

The best and the worst presidents of all time

With Fresno State students receiving a much-needed reprieve from school on Monday on account of Presidents’ Day, it seems appropriate to write about presidents.

My favorite president is John Adams. He is one of the most distinguished men this country has ever produced. He served on the Continental Congress, as a diplomat to France, Holland and Great Britain and as the second vice president and then becoming the second president.

In addition to all that, he nominated George Washington to be the commander in chief of the Continental Army. Thomas Jefferson was the principal writer of the Declaration of Independence and John Marshall to be our fourth Supreme Court justice. He even wrote the Massachusetts state constitution, the world’s oldest active constitution.

His most important accomplishment, however, may have been keeping America out of war with Britain and France during our precarious early years.

Independence.

Our two most indispensable presidents are George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. If anyone but Washington was the nation’s first president, the job may have never made it to John Adams. Washington was the only one who had enough support from every opposing faction to keep the country together, and his lack of ideological rigidity greatly served the country in its infancy.

He was also great for stepping down after two terms when he could have served until he died.

When George Washington would simply go home after the revolution, King George III said, “It follows that John Adams will be the greatest man in the world.” Sounds about right.

Lincoln was the only man who could have kept the nation together during the Civil War. His combination of steadfastness, wisdom, wit and willingness to change when circumstances required it served America greatly during those perilous years. Though he made many mistakes during the early years of the war, if he had not served, either slavery would have existed much longer or the Confederacy may have succeeded.

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Web-Speak

Culled each week from discussions on The Collegian’s website.

Response: “Award-winning author visits Fresno State”

“LikeDueh” “How Stella Got Her Groove Back” was McMillan’s box office highlight. At 60 she is now a 6’2”-tall woman landed a younger (20 years old) man for a husband on a trip to Jamaica. Turns out that the young man was an opportunist. He’s now in trouble and has to present to a green card from the U.S. government and a million dollars from McMillan in a divorce settlement."

Response: “The two reasons why it’s okay to hate Valentine’s Day”

“Philos-troll” “The sales statistics for Valentine’s Day always manage to make me laugh. The 20 percent increase in composite sales is not that surprising, nor is the game in spending between men and women, but it is always funny to see the numbers.”

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On their website, myedu.com states that their purpose is to build products and deliver data that help make the world a smarter place — one college graduate at a time.

For the Fresno State students that use their services and websites similar to myedu.com, there have been mixed reactions.

Graduate student Maria Roche said he often plans his class schedule choosing certain teachers over others because of a teacher’s reputation.

“I do mostly because of people I know that have taken certain teachers before and have warned me about them or suggested them to me,” Roche said. “I use ratemyprofessor.com and myedu.com to get a final judgment before I enroll in the class.”

Although Roche likes the grade breakdown offers by myedu.com, he feels sites like this may not be what’s best for a student.

“I think they may hinder students because sites like this encourage us to find easier teachers,” Roche said.

Freshman Cameron Lord feels that their purpose is to build products for students.

“The teachers with the better ratings are not teaching an easier class,” Lord said. “They are teaching in a way that is easiest for the student to understand.”

Public relations major Lauren Taylor said she, too, has picked certain classes due to feedback about the professors for that class.

“I used my older siblings and sorority sisters for advice, but I haven’t been to myedu.com and have only used rate my professor.com once,” Taylor said. “It’s nice to have these resources, but with all my friends and other students in classes I don’t really need them.”

According to their research, myedu.com states students who use their services have higher GPAs, graduate faster, and as a result, save more money on tuition.

While these claims have yet to be examined, Cameron Lord feels that sites like these do help.

“These using services, I can find a teacher with a class that I feel I can be more successful in,” Lord said.

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CSU urged to give priority to local students

By Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California State University campuses are being urged to give priority to local students seeking admission to local schools.

Cal State students have long counted on priority admission to their local campus. But this year, San Diego State became the first of 22 CSU campuses to turn away qualified local students in favor of brighter, more qualified applicants.

There are fears that policy may spread. The state Legislative Analyst’s Office on Monday urged the lawmakers to consider returning to the policy that the library was in use.

Dr. Jones Davis, the former president of Clovis after attending the University of New Mexico, was pleased with the new library.

“It’s a nice and comfortable,” she said. While the main focus of the open house is on transfer students every one is welcome to attend. In addition to Kubo and LaBauhe, librarians Carol Doyle and Amanda Dinsmore were on hand to answer any questions the new students had.

Communicative disorders major Anthony Davis, who is carrying 19 units this semester, was impressed with the library.

“For the first time, California has been to now they are holding the library,” he said.

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Speech Area for a long time. A lottery is conducted every semester which organizations will get the space for a booth, and they have not won in nearly five years.

“I would have helped out if we would have been able to be on campus and been seen,” Hill said.

Dominguez said that the decision was made by the national organization in hopes that the return will continue. Their return, however, will be dependent upon whether the campus is ready for their return, and if enrollment statistics show their ability to be successful. However, their return will not happen for at least four to five years.

“Second, it’s a hard time for them,” Megan Hamik, vice president of public relations for the Panhelcnic Council said. “They put their hearts into that chapter.”

Hill said that the Alpha Xi Delta girls will enjoy the rest of the semester, and still plan on doing all the things they planned on doing, including voting in new officers and participating in various philanthropy projects.

There was nothing wrong with our house we had a really good sister this year,” Hill said. “We were really close to each other and it was a really tough fight for us.”

The Collegian has been at Fresno State since 1962. This spring is the last semester the sorority will operate on campus. The current members of Alpha Xi Delta will be granted alumnus status after it closes this spring.


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**Sorority: Lack of funding forces closure of Alpha Xi Delta**

By Goia Wisnieski

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — The first draft of a long-anticipated master plan in California’s freshwater delta released by a state agency Tuesday did little to solve the state’s historical conflict between groups fighting to strengthen the crumbling water system and protect the delicate estuary.

The first of seven draft plans to be released by a council of experts formed by legislators to manage the delta set in motion a yearlong planning process by recapping previous scientific, economic and regulatory data.

The draft does not yet include proposals for a controversial peripheral canal or an alternative water conveyance system, or any specific measures to improve the delta’s water quality and wildlife habitat.

Formed by the confluence of California’s two largest rivers — the Sacramento and the San Joaquin — the inland delta supplies much of the drinking water for nearly two thirds of the state’s population, irrigates its abundant crops and provides habitat for hundreds of plant and animal species.

Uncovered by the fragile ecosystem’s rapid deterioration, in 2009 the Legislature approved a sweeping $11.1 billion bond package and created the seven-member Delta Stewardship Council to devise a way to manage the declining estuary. Given the state’s deficit, lawmakers last year pulled the bond off the November ballot and plan to put it before voters in 2012.

But Minton said it’s unclear what impact the plan will actually have. Balancing water supply needs with water availability may prove to be a difficult multi-year process, he said, given the sharp political divides over dwindling water supplies. And no progress has been made in identifying the right conveyance system, or who would pay for the new infrastructure.

“It doesn’t appear anyone has yet identified a sweet spot combining economic, environmental and political feasibility,” Minton said.
The universe at our fingertips

The Natural Science Club reaches out to local elementary school children

By Mia Munoz and Janessa Tyler
The Collegian

Fresno State natural science majors have a club to call their own. Students with an option in biology, chemistry, physics or earth science can expand their knowledge and love for science by reaching out to elementary school children in the community.

The Natural Science Club has been established on campus since March 2009, and is a charter club to the California Science Teachers Association.

The Natural Science Club’s goal is to provide students — who have declared or are interested in declaring natural science as a major, or undergraduates and graduates who are interested in teaching science — with chances for association and interaction with the faculty and administration at Fresno State.

“This club allows students to feel like they belong to a community,” Natural Science Club advisor Jaime Arvizu said. “It provides structure for those who are pursuing teaching as an option within sciences.”

Natural Science Club President Damion Delton said another thing that this club strives for is to work within the community.

“We want the members to do well in their future profession,” Delton said. “The club provides community outreach to help enhance preparation.”

One of the events that the club coordinates is the Circuit Science Program, which occurs twice a semester. The last Circuit Science program was held on Jan. 10-14 of this year. The program took place at the Downing Science Museum on campus.

There were different activities for the kids to participate in along with science demonstrations put on by members of the club. All the activities and demonstrations meet California state standards.

“We also did many of our own stations inside and outside the museum that the kids had a blast doing,” Delton said.

Delton said about 1,000 elementary school children, grades third through sixth, along with teachers learned a great deal throughout the week.

“It was nice to see the children work and effort from our club and volunteers to make this program a success once again,” Delton said.

Delton added that they had many volunteers with different backgrounds helping with the Circuit Science Program last month, including Theta Chi fraternity.

The next Circuit Science Program will be held the week after finals, May 23-27. Volunteers are encouraged and appreciated.

“We definitely need volunteers, as they are the ones who drive the program and determine its success,” Delton said.

Arvizu got the idea for the Circuit Science Program when the Fresno Metropolitan Museum closed. He wanted to come up with a way to reach out to elementary school students since the museum was no longer available for a hands-on approach to teaching math and science.

Another benefit of being a part of the Natural Science Club is that members can attend professional development seminars held by organizations like the California Math Council and the National Science Teachers Association.

The Natural Science Club fuses together with CMC and NSTA since the Science and Mathematics Education Center fund all three. This provides members with a way to learn more about teaching in the profession that better prepares them for their future in this field.

Students within the science and mathematics fields are encouraged to become a part of the Natural Science Club or even if you have an interest in those fields of study.

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Secretary of the Natural Science Club

Jacqueline Hill, secretary of the Natural Science Club, said one the most one of the most influential reasons why she joined the club is because members get to reach out to elementary school children within the community.

“Our programs provide a positive way of showing science to younger kids,” Hill said.

Having a great time smiling and learning about how awesome science and math really is,” Delton said.

Vanessa Tucker, Natural Science Club vice president, said students and teachers sent the club members several letters expressing their gratitude for the program.

The teachers praised us for our organization, and it took a lot of hard
Anthropologie proves secretive about newly released wedding dress collection

Fashion designers, store managers and corporate executives tight-lipped to the release of the collection itself. Store managers were extremely tight-lipped about BHLDN, and executives at Anthropologie’s corporate headquarters in Philadelphia were hard to reach. Multiple attempts to contact Anthropologie executives ended at front desk assistants, who said callers needed specific names to be dispatched in an e-mail. “Tracy designed some exclusive dresses for them, however she cannot speak to who their customer is and who they specifically target. Tracy Reese has only designed bridal dresses for Beholden and does not collaborate with any other stores/merchandises for bridal.”

By Maddie Shannon
The Collegian

The clothing store Anthropologie, in a secretive advertising campaign to promote their new BHLDN wedding dress collection, released the bridal line Monday to an enthusiastic number of online sales.

BHLDN, pronounced Beholden, is an exclusive online collection that does not sell the products in Anthropologie stores.

“BHLDN is an online-only collection,” Annette Espinosa, sales manager of Anthropologie in Fashion Fair Mall, said. “There are 12 dresses ranging from above-the-knee to tea length gowns.”

The modern-but-traditional designs in the collection appeal to brides with a shabby-chic style. Similar to the everyday wear Anthrologie sells, the collection was designed to fit the store’s aesthetic.

“These dresses definitely aren’t your typical wedding dress,” Espinosa said. “The collection embodies the kind of dress you would find in a vintage store. It combines elements of the past and present.”

Exclusivity was a key theme of the collection, made its way into the way the dresses were promoted. Despite the anticipation built up by brides-to-be across the country, the ad campaign was a low-key buildup of the collection, released.

“Equally tight-lipped were executives at Urban Outfitters corporate headquarters in Philadelphia,” Erika Glantz, an account executive to designer Tracy Reese, said.

“I reviewed your list of questions and you should probably be contacting Beholden directly.” — Erika Glantz, account executive, to designer Tracy Reese

Questions sent to Tracy Reese’s showroom in New York, one of which was “What was the inspiration behind each of the dresses?” was answered in an email, “Her dresses are for the non-traditional bride that wants to wear something beautiful and special.”

Executives at Urban Outfitters, which owns Anthropologie, could not be reached for comment.

“You have to send in a request to talk to anyone,” a front desk assistant at the Urban Outfitters corporate offices in Philadelphia, said.

The BHLDN.com, which prior to Monday didn’t contain information about the collection, posted information the day the collection was released. A quiz that allows the website’s visitors to discern what kind of bride they are, along with antique pictures of couples marrying through the ages, are two main features on BHLDN.com.

As for designers, Tracy Reese is currently the only designer for BHLDN. “It is a work in progress,” Reese said.

Meanwhile, the rest of music industry is trying to figure out if the unsung acts from smaller labels are winning major awards because of the viral nature of the Internet—or in spite of it. The presence of the indie during the show has grown in recent years as more bands appeal to fans directly through Facebook and YouTube instead of traditional sales channels.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Independent labels are reveling in their success after grabbing the spotlight and many of the biggest awards at the Grammys. It marked one of the biggest nights in years for indies, setting the stage for a surge in their online music sales.

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History of Fresno State in Pictures

In honor of Fresno State's Centennial

Dr. Yaw Oheneba-Sakyi and nine Fresno State students pose in front of the Pyramids of Egypt on a study abroad trip in the winter of 2004. This picture ran in the Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, issue of The Collegian.

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Word of the Day

If you will

An phrase overused by those trying to sound sophisticated and/or intelligent.

Spider-man' on Broadway has a torrid week

By Mark Kennedy
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Producers of the Broadway musical "Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark" likely will be looking forward to Monday. They’ll be happy to turn their back on a torrid week.

The $65 million musical was loudly booed last Monday night by professional critics impatient over the endless delays with the stunt-heavy show. Breaking with tradition, reviewers weighed in while the show is still in previews, calling it "a shrill, insipid mess" (The Washington Post) and likely to “rank among the worst” musicals of all time (The New York Times).

Then on Thursday night, as if to prove the Julie Taymor-directed show isn’t yet fully ready with about a month to go before its official opening, another technical hiccup left actors playing the Green Goblin and Spider-Man hanging helplessly over the audience for several minutes.

Now comes word that the state Department of Labor issued two safety violations against the Broadway musical. A state official confirmed Sunday that the citations were issued for a trio of accidents that injured performers last year.

The official spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly. The violations were first reported by The New York Times.

No fines have been assessed in connection with the citations, but state labor officials will be conducting unannounced inspections.

Show spokesman Rick Miramontez told the AP in an e-mail Sunday: "The production is in full compliance of DOL guidelines and will continue to work with state officials to maintain the highest safety standards at all times."

A spokeswoman for the Actors’ Equity Association, a labor union that represents more than 48,000 actors and stage managers, declined to comment Sunday.

The effect of all this bad news may be evident when box office figures are announced Monday. But, so far, the musical’s woes haven’t hurt its weekly revenues, and it’s enjoying a mostly sold-out run since beginning performances in November.

But four delays in its official launch, a record-breaking preview period and the fact that full prices are being charged at the box office prompted critics from Variety to the New York Post to see the show and give their assessments last Monday night. They were not kind, lambasting the storytelling, the stunts and the music.
**Men’s club volleyball off to hot start in 2011**

By Ben Ingersoll
The Collegian

When Dr. Brian Tsukimura came to Fresno State in 1994, he arrived to coach the men’s club volleyball team since.

Tsukimura’s vast knowledge of the sport and leadership of the team has helped the team capture national championships in 2004 and 2009, and has enabled him to earn his 200th win in April 2009.

Jake Wiens, 25, played outside hitter for the team in 2009 and credits Tsukimura for helping the team stay focused and properly prepared as they race pending any appeal ruling from CAS, was already traveling to Portugal on Tuesday night to race for new team Saxo Bank-Sunguard in the Tour of the Algarve from March 14–19.

“We’ve been training but I’m not in the same shape as other years,” Contador said.

After learning of the proposed one-year suspension nearly three weeks ago, Contador vowed to fight any ban, described himself as a victim of antiquated, flawed anti-doping regulations.

Contador believed the decision offered WADA a good chance of successfully presenting further evidence based along UCI and WADA anti-doping rules that allow the “elimination” of a sanction if the athlete can prove “no fault or negligence” on their part.

Disciplinary committee president Fernando Uruburu said his new evidence brought forward by Contador’s defense team made the difference.

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The disciplinary committee came under pressure from higher authorities over the case, including Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero who said on the government’s Twitter feed last week: “there’s no legal reason to justify sanctioning Contador.”

Contador put the burden of support down to “justice, not patriotism.” He also credited an interview on the same TV channel last week as helping to turn the tide in his favor.

The committee strongly rejected “the many statements made by various arms of public life within this country” over the Contador case, calling “the views of certain media outlets and politicians is simply unacceptable and false.”

As a result, WADA excluded the new team Astana from the 2009 Tour of Spain. Rio said. “We take note of this decision and fully respect it,” Bjarne Riis said.

Riis said. “We take note of this decision and fully respect it, but we’re also sensitive to the fact, that the parties of this case still have the right to appeal this decision.”

Contador avoided becoming only the second cyclist to lose his 2006 Tour victory after a positive test.

His case highlights a growing concern that clenbuterol can be consumed unwittingly by eating meat from animals who were fed the drug, which helps burn fat and build muscle.

In a separate case, WADA opted not to appeal to CAS since the German table tennis federation decided not to ban Dimitrij Ovtcharov, who tested positive for a minute trace of clenbuterol from meat eaten in China.

A study released Tuesday by the doping laboratory which discovered clenbuterol in Contador’s sample showed that humans can inadvertent-ly ingest the drug from eating meat.

Contador — one of only five cyclists to win the Tour, Giro and Spanish Vuelta — also won Tour titles in 2007 and 2009. He was unable to defend his first title in 2008 after his Astana team was banned for doping.

“Nothing is clear — I am not going to ingest any more meat,” Contador said, culminating the interview.

**CONTADOR: Contaminated meat caused positive test**

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Tsukimura’s vast knowledge of the sport and leadership of the team has helped the team capture national championships in 2004 and 2009, and has enabled him to earn his 200th win in April 2009.

Jake Wiens, 25, played outside hitter for the team in 2009 and credits Tsukimura for helping the team stay focused and properly prepared as they held their season fueled with motivation for a national title.

We had moments where we were struggling but he never went there with negativism,” Wiens said. “He is a great coach in part because of his obvious care for the individual players on the team. He is truly there for us.”

After receiving his PhD at UC Berkeley, Tsukimura attended the University of Hawaii to complete his Masters, M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in zoology. It was there that he learned the game of volleyball by being taught how to watch, play and execute the game, from several competitive collegiate athletes.

“When I was a graduate student, I actually learned how to play volleyball with people who were former national team players, or were collegiate players at some point of their life,” Tsukimura said. “They would take me to volleyball games and talk about how they watch, watch what they do, watch what these players are doing. Sometimes, we didn’t even watch the ball, we just watched how individual players moved with each other and the best positioning.”

Upon his graduation, Tsukimura had not only earned his degrees, but had also earned the respect of volleyball and was told by his research and teaching options might take him. His new position at Fresno State allowed him to continue his research and instruct classes over a return to volleyball wouldn’t be far off.

Since the team is officially a club, funding is always an issue with players having to raise their own money for uniforms and travel.

With all his responsibilities as a professor, researcher and advisor, it is sometimes hard to see how Tsukimura finds time to fit coaching in. But Tsukimura does and excels at knowing just what the team and his players need.

“If I were to describe his method it would be organized,” Wiens said. “He has been running the men’s program for a while and knows exactly what we need to be and exactly where we need to be and exactly when.”

The men’s club volleyball team is off to a hot start at the midway point of the 2011 season. Tsukimura’s squad is a perfect 11-0 and will compete in the Far Westerns Tournament this weekend at UC Davis.
Bulldog Game Day

Fresno State Bulldogs (11-14, 5-8 WAC) vs. CSU Bakersfield Roadrunners (9-14, Independent)

By Ben Ingersoll
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Breakdown: Bulldogs

The last time the Bulldogs faced off against Cal State Bakersfield, it was the final game in Fresno State’s three-game win streak.

Fresno State handled the Roadrunners by 30 points, but the home win did not translate onto the road. Head coach Steve Cleveland and company hit a pair of away games against Western Athletic Conference foes in Boise State and Utah State.

Fresno State dropped both contests by an average of 13 points and once again ventured onto another losing streak.

But before the Bulldogs head back into the final stretch of conference games they have a pair of out-of-conference games in an opportunity to get back on the winning track. Today’s game at Cal State Bakersfield and Saturday’s home contest in the ESPN BracketBuster’s showdown with UC Riverside. Leading scorer Kevin Olekaibe has struggled the last two games, scoring just 15 combined points after averaging 20.6 in the four games before the two losses.

Breakdown: Roadrunners

Dec. 22 seems like a long, long time ago for seventh-year head coach Keith Brown and his Roadrunners.

The date marks the period Cal State Bakersfield was sitting at 8-5 and riding the longest win streak of its season, albeit at just three games.

But since that date nearly eight weeks ago, the Roadrunners have lost nine of their last 10 games and now sit at 9-14. In those nine losses, Cal State Bakersfield was outscored by an average of 16.6 points per game, including a 30-point blowout in the Save Mart Center to Fresno State just nine days ago.

The loss to the Bulldogs was the Roadrunners’ most recent, giving Brown’s team just nine days after.

Olekaibe has struggled the last two games, scoring just 15 combined points after averaging 20.6 in the four games before the two losses.

Keys to Victory

1. Points in the paint

Last time out the Roadrunners were no match for Fresno State inside. The ‘Dogs outscored the ‘Runners 48-18 in the paint, led by the front court’s combined 39 points.

2. Run the offense

Boise State and Utah State.

Through the rough patch, the Roadrunners got a spark from guard Stephon Carter, who is averaging a team-best 15.7 points per game. Carter had 11 points on just 3-of-13 shooting against Fresno State.

If Cal State Bakersfield loses to Fresno State, the Roadrunners will seal up a losing season for the fifth straight year.

Contador lauds doping decision, but damage done

By Paul Logothetis
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MADRID (AP) — Tour de France champion Alberto Contador believes “irreparable” damage has been done to his reputation despite being cleared of doping by the Spanish cycling federation, which ruled Tuesday that he was not at fault for a positive test that he attributed to contaminated meat.

The Spanish cyclist tested positive for banned substance clenbuterol while winning last year’s Tour, but the federation’s disciplinary committee accepted Contador’s defense he unintentionally ate contaminated beef.

“The truth is today is a good day,” Contador said in an interview on Vos’ television broadcast late Tuesday. “It’s been an incredible number of weeks and months that I wouldn’t wish on absolutely anybody — you’d have to have lived these past months to know how it feels.

“Then the truth is the damage done to your image is irreparable, with all the stupidities that are said about you.”

Contador’s joy was restrained during the interview, knowing the International Cycling Union or World Anti-Doping Agency can still appeal the decision to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Both bodies said they would wait to receive the full dossier before deciding on an appeals process.

The UCI has 30 days to appeal while WADA has another 21 days after that to take the case to CAS.

Contador, who believes the decision will “probably” be appealed, stopped short of confirming he will try for a fourth Tour de France title this year due to the possible appeals process.

But confirmed he will go for a second Giro d’Italia title.

“For the moment I’m planning the season up until the Giro and then after the Giro I’ll see what the next objectives are, depending with what happens in the coming months,” said Contador, who won the 2008 edition of the Italian classic.

Any appeals process is expected to drag on until at least June. The Tour de France begins July 2.

Contador preferred to risk a two-year suspension than accept the original one-year ban proposed by the disciplinary committee in his doping case last month.

Contador registered a minute-true trace of clenbuterol, which is listed as a zero-tolerance drug by WADA, from a test taken on a rest day at last year’s Tour. He said the banned substance must have been contained in meat he’d eaten.

“When you haven’t done anything wrong and your conscience is super relaxed...