The annual ClovisFest event was held in downtown Clovis this past weekend. At 6 a.m. spectators began to gather on both Saturday and Sunday at Clovis for the ClovisFest Fair and the All Valley Car Show. Check out The Collegian Online for a photo gallery of hot air balloon pictures.

The Collegiate Licensing Company (CLC) has been in here and looked at it, Bassham affirmed that the store does not have to pay royalties on the logo, "said the bookstore's manager Misty Bassham.

"[We pay] ten percent on top of everything that has the Fresno State trademark," said Bassham. And said that since we are not using it to make money, it is just a representation of the college, that it is fine that we have it," said Bassham.

The CLC is a trademark enforcement company. Fresno State, along with many other colleges and universities, use CLC to engage with companies like Sequoia Textbooks to help enforce their trademark.

How far can businesses go?

By Ana Mendoza

Private businesses near campus that implicate Fresno State might seem at first glance to be connected to the university, but they are not.

With the exception of Sequoia Textbooks, businesses like Bulldog Village apartments and the Dog House Grill restaurant are not officially affiliated with Fresno State, nor do they pay any kind of royalties to the university.

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Bassham affirmed that the store pays for "every bit of information" they receive from Fresno State. Because they sell textbooks used for classes at Fresno State, they have to buy the textbook information from the university.

Sequoia Textbooks shows a painting of a Fresno State Bulldog displayed on one of their walls, but the business does not have to pay royalties on the sign.

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Panelists differ on health care legislation

By Mike Boylan

At Fresno State’s annual Constitution Day held at the Satellite Student Union Friday, a panel of professors held competing positions on the constitutionality of the universal health care legislation passed back in March.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) will expand eligibility for Medicaid—government-subsidized health insurance for low income individuals and families—up to 133 percent of the federal poverty line starting in 2014 to help cover the 50 million American adults currently without health insurance. It will also set up state-based exchanges where qualified buyers can purchase private insurance with government subsidies.

The most controversial provision in the bill is the mandate requiring individuals, including students not covered by their employer or family’s plan, to purchase health insurance, which also goes into effect in 2014. Individuals must provide the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) proof of health insurance when filing their income tax, or be penalized up to $2,000 for a family of four, or 2.5 percent of your income.

Twenty-one states have already taken action against the landmark legislation, filing lawsuits on grounds that it exceeds the commerce powers of congress and betrays state sovereignty as articulated in the 10th Amendment of the Bill of Rights.

Moderator and Fresno State political science professor Jeffrey Cummins said that as a result of the 1986 legislation which required emergency rooms to accept all comers, the individual mandate is essential.

"Once you make that decision [to open up ER’s] it means you must also have universal coverage," he said. "The reason is that in our current system you end up having to compensate for those who don’t have care."

Cummins said there are two ways to provide universal health care: Either apply the individual mandate on a government-based, single-payer system as seen in many western European countries.

Political science professor Yashaiya Abosch, who teaches constitutional law at Fresno State, opposes the bill’s justification for the individual mandate as a means of regulating commerce. He cited recent supreme-court cases—U.S. v. Lopez (1995) and U.S. v Morrison (2000)—which struck down federal provisions that violated the commerce clause stated in Article 1 Section 8 of the Constitution.

"At least carrying a gun to school, as in Lopez, or committing a violent crime against a woman, as in Morrison, are easily recognized as activities," said Abosch. "Failure to purchase private insurance, which is the object of the health reform law’s mandate, is not an activity of any sort."
EDITORIAL

Whitman, Brown should have an actual debate

Earlier this month, Republican gubernatorial candidate Meg Whitman put out an advertisement where she trashed incumbent Jerry Brown, calling him a bad governor. "California has a nearly $20 billion budget deficit and its legislature has once again failed to pass a new budget on time. The current government cannot continue to run on borrowed time," she said.

For many of us, the only people allowed to attend are partisans invited by party officials. This is not right. Fresno State students and residents of the city of Fresno should be allowed to attend.

We also call on debate officials to raise taxes, he passed balance of state's cash. Each candidate should have an actual debate, lower taxes and entitlements for all. "We're voting for what we're voting for," Whitman said.

While the United States’ unemployment rate is stuck around nine percent, California is worse with 12 percent unemployment and Fresno County is worse still with 15 percent unemployment. Both candidates must have a campaign focused on the issues instead of trying to score political points.

"What we want is actual debate," Whitman said. "We're voting for what we're voting for, right? Bring back summer! Bring back summer!"

The only people allowed to attend are partisans invited by party officials. This is not right. Fresno State students and residents of the city of Fresno should be allowed to attend. If Jerry Brown and Meg Whitman really want to speak to the people, they should call on the local debate organizing committee to do what they can to accommodate those who haven’t already decided on who they’re voting for.

What we want is actual debate. Brown, Whitman, leave your programmatic party responses at the door. Give us the truth.

One of the issues that Brown and Whitman are expected to address is illegal immigration, an important issue to Hispanics, a burgeoning sector of the California electorate. Unions, whose national news anchor is moderating the debate, is likely to ask more than a few questions on the topic as well. But while immigration is a very important issue that we need straight answers from the candidates, that, as governor, either candidate will have to solve.

California also has a nearly $20 billion budget deficit and its legislature has once again failed to pass a new budget on time. The current government cannot continue to run on borrowed time, no matter what party in power. Business as usual is definitely a thumbs down, unless you’re a masochist.

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Correction

In an article that ran Friday, Sept. 17, on the front page of The Collegian, a 1998 speech by a Mexican presidential candidate was mistranslated. The correct attribution should be Cuauhtemoc Cardenas.

THUMBS UP:

Fresno State running game vs. Utah
We actually ran for more than 100 yards—WITHOUT Ryan Mathews.

THUMBS DOWN:

The Collegian time machine
On Sept. 1 our front page proudly declared the date to be Aug. 1. This was either a glaring typo or an invitation to step into The Collegian time machine... which would be a thumbs up, right? Bring back summer! Bring back summer!

THUMBS UP:

Fall begins on Wednesday. Break out the sweaters, Ugggs, scarves and hoodies! "Fall is here, hell yes! Back to school, ring the bell..." So much for bringing back summer in the time machine.

THUMBS DOWN:

Fall = exam season
Chances are, you’ll have your first exam of the semester either this week or next. And that is definitely a thumbs down, unless you’re a masochist.

THUMBS UP:

Scholarship in Nathan Ray’s honor
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THUMBS DOWN:

Mind-numbing games, such as Robot Unicorn Attack
If you enjoy Erasure, unicorns, rainbows and meaningless games that have no strategy or end goal, you’ll love Robot Unicorn Attack. Google it. The highest score in our newsroom is 120,250, which is slightly shameful. We challenge you to top our record.

SALUTE

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San Joaquin College of Law Professor Jeffrey Purvis defended the constitutionality of the provision, saying that the subject of regulation in the bill is the purchase and sale of health insurance, which is a commercial transaction, and therefore within the confines of the commerce clause.

Purvis views some general objections to the individual mandate—that government cannot make you purchase something you do not want, or that one must be engaged in activity in order to be regulated—as being principles of constitutional law. “The nature of regulation is to compel you to do what you don’t want to do,” said Purvis. “When the federal government attempts to govern a sovereign domain, as long as it does so for a public purpose and gives you just compensation, even though you are just sitting minding your own business, you must transfer your land to the ownership of the federal government. There is no legal principle that says you have to be voluntarily engaging in an activity to be regulated.”

Purvis cited aspects of the Bush administration’s Patriot Act, which received bipartisan support, as an infringement on civil liberties by the federal government that violated the constraints of the constitution. After the event, Abosch told The Collegian that Bush’s policies reflected an overarchingly inconsistent civil liberties—rendition, not closing Guantanamo Bay prison, interpreting private telecommunications without warrants—being beyond reproach as examples of inconsistent, partisan views of constitutional law.

Partisan discourse on previous constitutional abuses has lent itself to obscuring and excusing further abuses from rigorous constitutional analysis. “No matter how necessary or effective [a] law might be, or no matter how much time or political capital was spent in passing it, if the law is outside the scope of power the U.S. constitution assigns national government, it must be declared unconstitutional and void,” Abosch said. Abosch added that the argument supporting the constitutionality of the individual mandate stems from a “dangerously imbalanced interpretation of the Constitution.”

They want privacy protections to be up here, but economic liberties down there,” he said. “That view assumes that certain individual rights in the areas of speech, religion, privacy and sexual forays are deserving of the most rigorous protection, while others in the areas of property and commercial interaction are left to be infringed on almost any claim of social utility.”

Purvis told The Collegian he is aware that many constitutional scholars share Abosch’s view that this is not a correct ordering of these values, but that such a hierarchy has been well established by the courts. The Supreme Court has itself acknowledged that rights such as freedom of religion, speech and other fundamental interests of greater constitutional weight than the economic interests of individual purvis told in an email interview. “The constitution protects the former explicitly, and does not mention the latter.”

Abosch reiterated that states have powers that the federal government does not. California can mandate drivers to purchase auto insurance, just as Massachusetts can implement a universal healthcare plan and mandate residents to purchase a qualifying benefit. “I might object to a state mandate on policy grounds, but legally, the individual states are authorized to enact such legislation for their residents, assuming that voters approve and there is no obstacle in their constitution.” This state sovereignty was well intentioned by the framers, said Abosch, because it provides diversity among states in the union; creates better policies since states are more intimately involved and accountable to their constituents; and allows failed experiments to be learned from by other states.

Last week, Florida Federal Judge Roger Vinson indicated that he would deny the federal government’s request to dismiss a recent challenge to the bill, as reported by the New York Times, increasing the likelihood of it eventually being brought before the Supreme Court.

Typically in Supreme Court cases, Purvis said, a constitutional challenge would only kill the provisions being challenged as unconstitutional. But the impact of losing the individual mandate may leave the federal government more unresponsive. It would create a major funding hole for the government similar to how Democrats may seek to reconcile losing the individual mandate with the likelihood of it eventually being brought before the Supreme Court.

“Democrats thought that this bill was so huge, that if they could just get it through Congress, there is no way the Supreme Court is going to overturn it,” Abosch said. “They really didn’t comprehend that any constitutional innovation or backlash there might be.”

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POLITICS: Constitution Day panel in Satellite Student Union

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What happened to Muffin Mondays?

Administrative office shuts down popular fundraiser

By Maddie Shannon
The Collegian

In a move that surprised regular customers of the popular music fraternity fund-raiser “Muffin Mondays,” the campus Environmental Health and Safety Department shut down the fundraiser because of health code violations.

“This is a campus policy that we were reminded of during the meetings,” said Debbie Astone, director of Auxiliary Services. “As an auxiliary organization we are required to comply with the campus buildings and grounds policy.”

Muffin Mondays, a fund-raiser for the music fraternity Phi Mu Alpha, was a popular weekly occurrence that music students coordinated every Monday morning. When the brothers of Phi Mu Alpha filled paperwork to obtain a permit to continue the fund-raiser, their paperwork was rejected by the Fresno County Health Department (FCHD).

“Essentially they’re having a bake sale, which isn’t enough to constitute a community event,” said Kao. “I know that the reason we were closed down was because of health code violations,” said one of the brothers of Phi Mu Alpha, who asked to remain anonymous. “For now we’re shut down, but if we could find a way around the rules we would.”

Students who have class in the music building remain confused about what happened to the popular fundraiser.

“I think it’s really sad,” said Courtnee Browning, a music education major. “I just saw a bunch of signs around the music building saying that it was shut down. I don’t understand what happened.”

Music majors, who were among the most regular customers of Muffin Mondays, describe the disappearance of their favorite Monday institution as a sad event.

“We talk all about it,” said Courtnee Browning, a music education major. “We walk past the signs in the music building and it’s kind of depressing.”

Despite student’s confusion about the disappearance of Muffin Mondays, the Environmental Health and Safety office has stood by their decision to shut it down.

They did the right thing by filling out the paperwork, said Kao. “It made us aware of what was going on.”

The boys of Phi Mu Alpha, because of the regulations concerning the fund-raiser, aren’t pursuing further action.

Maybe in the future we will try again to receive the waivers necessary, but currently we’d like to focus on other aspects of our fraternity, said an anonymous member of Phi Mu Alpha. “It was a great way for us to earn a little money and interact with people from the Music Department. But we’ll survive, and try to accomplish these tasks in other ways.”

New websites help students manage finances

By Melissa Jones
The Collegian

It’s the day before your car payment is due. Several other bill stubs and envelopes are scattered across your bedroom floor. Your heart starts to beat fast as you read your bank statement. Account balance: $10.87. Where did all your money go?

Behold, a simple and free way to keep track of your bank accounts, savings, loans, bills, and credit cards.

A reward-winning website, Mint.com, is just one example of how organizing finances can be. Web sites similar to Mint.com are revolutionizing the way money inflow and outflow is tracked, and is all delivered in one place.

Business and entrepreneur-ship major Michael Tellez said he uses different types of financial websites to track his spendings. Mint.com and CNAmoney.com are two sites that he enjoys.

“These websites have helped save me so much money,” Tellez said. “I budget everything from my car payments to end of semester break and vacation trip, and they are very easy to use.”

Tellez said he recommends Mint.com to all his friends for basic budgeting, along with monitoring credit cards and bank accounts.

“Being a college student is busy and stressful as it is,” Tellez said. “I don’t have time to worry about my finances to live within my means.”

Mint.com features new and innovative budgeting software each year. Most recently, the site has developed a new “budget goals” feature. Other features on the site include student loan payoff, information about credit cards, types of savings accounts and paying off debts.

The website also features a budget plan that gives weekly updates as to how well, or not well, you are following it. The user can input any type of budget, whether it is for shopping or rent, and the site does the rest of the work.

Over one million people use Mint.com, and this number is growing significantly every day.

Elizabeth Steinke, a lecturer in the department of Finance and Business Law, recommends CNAmoney.com and Bankrate.com to help give students an accessible way to get financial information.

Steinke said she notices two common mistakes made by students. They don’t realize the cost of credit cards and they don’t know their general level of debt.

“Student loans do need to be paid back, and at some point it will impact your lifestyle,” said Steinke. “It is important to get on track now with planning for the repayment of these student loans or for other purchases.”

Steinke tells her students to “live within their means as much as possible.” She teaches her students that credit cards should be used sparingly and for correct purposes.

Steinke also suggests putting away small amounts of money in a savings account whenever possible and to not borrow.

Budget cuts within the CSU system are forcing many students to take out loans and to refer to new methods to pay for higher education.

Psychology major Samantha Carmichael has taken out loans to pay for her college education.

Carmichael said she was recently introduced to Mint.com and she’s planning on using the website beyond the end of her college career.

“I like things to be organized,” Carmichael said. “Calculating your expenses can be a challenge at any age, but being able to look at college when the rise of tuition is booming and hundred dollar books are essential to getting a good grade in class.

“People with busier lives tend to not keep track of money, and don’t realize where it’s going,” Carmichael said. “I know more people who don’t plan out finances than I know people who do.”

Carmichael said she believes technology is helping her become more organized, and is hoping that this trend catches on with other students.

“You don’t have to be an accounting or finance major to get a hold of your personal finances while in college,” said Tellez. “Financial planning today is probably the single most important thing I can do to prepare for my future.”
ClovisFest features array of artists

Artwork caters to all tastes

By Maddie Shannon
The Collegian

As one of Clovis’ most popular city fairs, this year’s ClovisFest over the past weekend featured the work of five artists in a wide-ranging collection of pen-and-ink drawings, photographs and deco-phaged woodwork.

The owner of Aquarius Artwork, Vyladas Johnson, used wooden grape-drying racks in his deco-phaged (see left) artwork. He used the racks to display old posters of popular figures like Marilyn Monroe, The Beatles and Michael Jackson.

“I used recycled grape drying racks to display the posters, which I applied with high-quality wallpaper adhesive,” said Johnson. “The finished product gets this textured look from the lacquer I apply once the poster is on there.”

Johnson’s deco-phaged woodwork, most of which display public figures and images that are widely recognized, presents the viewer with a unique approach to art. Canvas and paper give way to a new method of presenting art, and the vintage texture of the wood ties in well with the vintage look of the older posters of Michael Jackson and Marilyn Monroe.

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“The work of Gregg Visintainer, by contrast, presents a form of art very different from what most art fans have seen before.”

“I basically do pen-and-ink artwork,” said Visintainer. “I do it so every piece seems to have a main image, but on closer look you see images and words hidden inside that have some connection to the main idea of the piece.”

Visintainer came up with the idea to include smaller details inside a larger picture when he was in high school. “I was 16 years old at the time,” he said. “Instead of taking notes, I was a doodler.”

“The most striking pieces in Visintainer’s collection features American heroines, which from a distance portrays the American flag and the dark silhouettes of soldiers, but upon closer inspection contain words and smaller sketches that feature American sentiment.”

“Those are the ones that sell the most,” said Visintainer. “The most unique work at the fair was the photographs of Don Schimmel, whose collection portrays a western lifestyle with striking images of cowboys, horses, and dusty, dry landscapes.

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Fellman said. “It performed in early fall. We had confidence in it and we were able to take the No. 1 spot. But as Warner Bros. discovered, movies can be a fickle animal.”

Most box-office projections agreed with “Easy A” from Columbia Pictures, which opened nationwide, and featured an all-star cast of Ben Affleck, who stars alongside Jeremy Renner, Rebecca Hall, Jon Hamm and Chris Cooper.

“Ben Affleck is taking a page from his first movie, the 2007 drama about bank robbers in Chicago, ‘Gone,’ and is really good. He’s surrounded by an incredible cast of character actors and solid supporting players,” said Paul Dergarabedian, a box-office analyst.

“The success of ‘The Town’ shows that a first-class directorial debut can lead to a second movie directed by the same person. It’s very rare.”

Lionsgate’s “Alpha and Omega,” a $2.9 million release, was second place.

The 3-D animated wolf tale, which received just 15 percent positive reviews on the Rotten Tomatoes website, features the voices of Justin Long, Hayden Panettiere and Danny Glover.

“Alpha and Omega” opened with $2.7 million to take the No. 3 spot.

The 3-D horror sequel “Resident Evil: Afterlife” from Sony-Screen Gems, dropped to No. 4.

“Afterlife” is the talk of the box office, opening with $2.3 million.

Plus, “Easy A” cost just $8 million to make, Bruer said, and “Resident Evil: Afterlife” made $120.8 million in its first weekend for a strong per-screen average of $20.28.

The sci-fi drama starring Carey Mulligan, Andrew Garfield and Keira Knightley, which has made $165.31 since opening Wednesday, is also doing well, with a per-screen average of $20.28.

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News Briefs

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By Luke Shaffer
The Collegian

The Fresno State Bulldogs, who struggled through their first home tournament of the season two weeks ago, came out on Friday night and appeared to be headed in the same direction again. Reigning their second volleyball tournament of the season, the Bulldogs were defeated in straight-sets by No. 7 University of Southern California (USC). In losing their opening match to USC, the Bulldogs seemed to lack enough firepower to match that of their opponents. Although girls showed a lot of spirit and feistiness in their game-play, their efforts were not enough to overcome the physical advantage that USC had over the 'Dogs.

Captain Kelly Mason paced all Bulldogs with 11 digs. Another standout was Freshman Korrin Wild, who collected 6 kills to go along with a team-high eight points. Head coach Lauren Netherby-Sewell wasn’t satisfied with her team’s performance against USC. “I thought the team played a really good match but just looked complacent losing to a really good team,” Netherby-Sewell said.

What we learned: The Bulldogs defense against USC was impressive and skilled performance. Netherby-Sewell wasn’t satisfied with a team-high eight points. Brianna Clarke had 13 kills and 15 digs in five sets. Junior Brianna Clarke had a team-high 12 assists, 15 digs and a blocked shot in the rout.

Unsung hero: Jalen Saunders, WR

In his first full-game as a Bulldog, Saunders didn’t disappoint. Replacing injured receiver Devon Wylie, Saunders filled in for the speedster flawlessly. He finished with two punt returns for 110 yards. Saunders also added two receptions for 14 yards. Saunders was impressive for a true freshman.

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Saturday’s Standouts


Call of the game: Riding Ellis to victory

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Game-changing moment: Jamel Hamler’s block

Jamel Hamler blocked a punt and Kenny Wiggins tipped a field goal attempt. Hamler’s punt block led to the Bulldogs’ first lead of the game. Since 2002, Fresno State leads all NCAA teams in blocked kicks with 51.

OFFENSIVE BENCHMARK: The offensive statistics were virtually reversed from Fresno State’s week one win over Cincinnati. The biggest question mark the coaching staff faced over the bye week was how to get a run game going. Without starter Robbie Rouse, the ‘Dogs looked like they did in 2009 on the ground, rushing for 238 yards on 40 carries. Quarterback Ryan Colburn kept the Aggies defense honest, completing 60 percent of his passes for 149 yards and a touchdown. Colburn’s third-quarter interception was the only speed bump that slowed down the Bulldogs’ vintage Pat Hill offensive arsenal that grinded out 379 yards of total offense. The offense’s 41 points is also the most Fresno State has tallied against Utah State in five years.

DEFENSIVE BREAKDOWN: The Bulldogs’ defense had two weeks to prepare for the Aggies’ spread offense attack, and the extra time paid off. Utah State did post 811 yards, but defensive coordinator Randy Stewart’s unit kept the Aggies in check for most of the game. Borel threw for just 106 yards and ran for 66 yards, contrasting numbers compared to last season’s 345 total yard effort. The defensive front four was able to pressure Borel for most of the night forcing two fumbles and registering two sacks by defensive line anchors Donavaughn Frichtel and Mark Roberts. The secondary kept everything in front of them, holding Utah State’s longest completion at just 26 yards. The Aggies completed only 11 passes on the ‘Dogs secondary after giving up 24 completions to Zach Collaros two weeks ago.

The defense has shown drastic improvements in both games.
In its first conference test of 2010, Fresno State answered with a 17-point fourth quarter surge by defensive ends Chris Carter and Donavaughn Pritchett.

On the ensuing drive, Colburn would find receiver Jamel Hamler running in stride, hitting him for a 10-yard gain to the Utah State 8-yard line. The ‘Dogs would settle for a Kevin Goessling field goal to cut the lead to 17-17.

After holding the Aggies to a field goal, Colburn and the offense finally got things going. Colburn drove the ‘Dogs 75 yards on seven plays, capped off by a 10-yard touchdown pass to a wide open Ellis in the end zone to even up the score at 17-17.

Utah State and Fresno State would trade a pair of touchdowns before halftime to head into the intermission tied at 17-17.

After giving up two touchdowns and a field goal to the Aggies in the first half, the ‘Dogs defense clamped down on Borel-and-company allowing the Aggies’ offense to just seven points in the second half and one first down in the fourth quarter.

The defense held the shifty Borel to his lowest output of the season, holding him to under 100 total yards. Borel finished the game completing 47 percent of his passes for 106 yards and 66 yards rushing. Borel completed just 4-of-13 passes in the second half after going 7-of-10 passing in the first half with a touchdown.

“It was a great atmosphere and Utah State is a very good team,” Hill said. “To outscore them 24-7 in the second half was a great effort by our team. Our coaches made some great adjustments at halftime.”

Ellis and senior running back Tracy Slocum added a touchdown each in the fourth quarter to put the game out of reach for the Aggies. The ‘Dogs reeled off 24-straight unanswered points in the second half.

Colburn completed 65 percent of throws on 15-of-23 passing and a touchdown. Colburn also added a rushing touchdown on the ground en route to totaling 46 yards rushing.

“Tod Jones/Utah Statesman

Sophomore running back A.J. Ellis became the first Bulldog this season to rush for over 100 yards. In his first career start on Saturday, Ellis finished the game with 175 total yards and three touchdowns.

Fresno State 41, Utah State 24