It’s not every day that you travel barefoot for three hours on a narrow dirt road in South America in a trail of education. But for the people who inhabit the Republic of Colombia, this is an element of everyday life. It wasn’t until the inception of the Peace Corps that Americans gained a better understanding of life outside of the United States.

Upon signing an executive order that established the Peace Corps on March 1, 1961, President John F. Kennedy stated that “Life in the Peace Corps will not be easy. But if the life will not be easy, it will be rich and satisfying.”

Nearly 200,000 Americans have served in 139 countries since—Fresno State Education Administration Program Coordinator Don Wise is one of them. The following story is a first-hand narrative of life as a Peace Corps volunteer.

The Vietnam War had just ended. I was certainly a product of that. I ended up not having to go to the war. I was 23 years old in 1972. I was a 23-year-old student at Humboldt State University. I was just one of many. I thought, “What am I going to do with my life? I’m studying natural resources and conservation. Am I really going to be a park ranger for the rest of my life?” I thought, “I want to do something else.” I thought, “I want to do something that is going to help. I want to do something that is going to make a difference.”

Very shortly afterwards, there was a Peace Corps representative on campus. I talked to this long-haired guy. But at Humboldt everybody had long hair, yah know. It was vastly different from Fresno State. Within five minutes he handed me an application and we began to look through it together. The application asked my language level. I took four years of Spanish. I don’t speak a word of it. He said to just tell the Peace Corps that I speak Spanish. I thought, “Really?” and checked off that I spoke Spanish.

Then they accepted me. And I said, “How crimen, I told them I speak Spanish.” I ran down to the store and bought this box labeled four thousand dollars in Spanish. It cost me like $10.

Techo — ceiling, silla — chair. I’m like for two months going straight. I’m not kidding you. I had a two-thousand and disconnected word vocabulary. As long as people would ask me a one word question, I could answer it perfectly.

After about six months I made the switch to Spanish. All of a sudden when people would speak to me, it wasn’t the words that came through, it was the whole culture that would come through.

People who don’t do a deep study of a foreign language don’t understand that people think in different ways. You learn about the Latino mind, the Latino way of thinking, the Latino way of doing things, and that is a richness in itself. So I always tell people: el lenguaje no viene solo — language doesn’t come by itself.

Peace Corps assigned volunteers to work in national parks around Colombia. “I really tried to get one of those national parks actually existed, other than on paper. After the language training, I spent the next year going out to the area where the national park was supposed to be. I remember working with these people who illegally lived in the park. Just to get to their homes we had to get to the river, get off the horse, put the saddle in the canoe — the boat would take us across while we led the horses swimming, then we would get back on the horses and ride another hour or two.

These people had no roads. Nothing. Just little huts out in a village. I found that the agency I worked with was really trying to get rid of these people. It wasn’t their fault that they were there. So I was trying to help educate them about conserving resources and how living together would be a good idea.

It didn’t go very far. I got sick with malaria and bitten by mosquitos. I took medication but got pretty sick. I had a relapse. What I learned was that the malaria virus goes insidiously, like an infection. I got these terribly, terribly high fevers followed by low fevers, very terrible chills. After nine or 10 months of that, you see life in all its aspects.

I saw a young lady. A farmer said she was 10 years old. I asked, “What does she get?” “It’s malaria,” said the farmer. “Oh shoot, the pills I have don’t do any good for that. You have to get her the other pills, the pills for the future.”

“I don’t have any money for that,” he said.

“How much money do you need?” I said. I gave him $20. His daughter died four days later. He was asking me carrying her into town in his arms. It was heart breaking because that’s what I had. I remember that heat, those chills.

The Peace Corps said it was going to send me home. One guy who I knew from a business program told me of a job opening. He said the agency he was with is in need of someone who speaks Spanish, and you’ve been speaking Spanish every day for the past eight months. Maybe you could get a job with this agency and with me, and the Peace Corps would allow you to move over.

The agency set up homes on the edge of the cities. The kids that don’t do well in school walk in, stay in these homes during summer. The kids that don’t do well in school walk in, stay in these homes during summer.

While you’re in the Peace Corps, you learn a lot. You learn about conserving resources and how living together would be a good idea.

When degrees aren’t enough

By Oscar Perez
The Collegian

Many Fresno State students have begun to question whether getting a college degree is still a good investment in the current economic climate, especially with rising state university fees and minimal job opportunities. But more than ever before, employment success relies on the individual who seeks it.

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), the national unemployment rate among college graduates is between 4.6 and 5.2 percent, which may be lower than other age demographics, but is still causing pressure for graduates hoping to be employed.

“Certainly, it’s more difficult today than in previous times, but imagine how much harder it is for someone with out a degree to obtain a job,” said Rudy Sanchez, an associate professor of management at Fresno State. In general, I feel that a college degree is a good investment, but more than the degree are the opportunities you have as a college student.”

In spite of the difficult economy, some say things are improving, especially for college graduates.

“We’ve learned from history that the economy changes and things will get better,” said Fresno State President John Welty.

NACE recently released some positive news for college students.

[NACE] shows that employers will be hiring 13.5 percent more new college graduates this upcoming year, which is great and positive,” said Aleta Wolfe, a career experience counselor.

“A college graduate will also be more valuable than someone with no degree,” said President Welty.

But how to remain a valuable college graduate in the job market? Some tips include:

1. Just graduating with a degree, a piece of paper, is not enough anymore,” said Wolfe.

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More top tips:

TOP 5 INTERVIEW MISTAKES
Avoid being the candidate who looked great on paper but was an absolute disaster in person. Below are the top 5 interview mistakes.

Unprepared for tough questions
The best strategy is to have a philosophy of the interview will put you to the test and make the conversation natural.

Talking too much
Avoid taking too long to answer direct questions. Do not let the interviewers get the upper hand and make the conversation natural.

Bringing up the past
When faced with the challenge of discussing old employees, be sure you are prepared with a positive spin on your experiences.

No matter the official interview range of the questions, your current earnings have a huge impact on the size of the offer.

TMIC: Previous salary and earnings
By Michael Urbise

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TONY PETERSEN 

T he United States is in dire straits. Our country is $83 trillion in debt, with a $1.4 trillion deficit. According to the Heritage Foundation, entitlement spending – Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid – will consume all federal revenues by 2032, meaning that all of the government’s money will go toward these three programs, and these three programs alone. The economy has yet to awaken from its slumber. Unemployment remains above nine percent and underemploy- ment—those who aren’t working or are working part-time and want to work—stands at 16.8 percent according to Gallup. Tax revenues aren’t enough to cover for our bloated government, yet the Congress won’t raise taxes for fear of exacerbating the effects of the recession and losing their jobs.

Stocks are still well below their pre-recession highs. Housing starts remain sluggish. And the Federal Reserve continues to lend money to banks at zero percent interest, which, when compounded, the money they’ve loaned finally leaves banks and enters the market, will likely lead to at least moderate inflation. Nothing seems to be getting better.

America is wondering if our best days are actually behind us.

Socialism is not the answer. It leads, argued Nobel Prize-winning economist F.A. Hayek, to serfdom. Everywhere it has been tried, it has failed. Whatever its merits theoretically, practically it does not work. Pure capitalism is not the answer either; it is “heads” to socialism’s “tails.” Though it does lead to prosperity, the unfettered free market concen- trates the control of the means of produc- tion into a few wealthy individuals and businesses. In this system, few are rich and many are poor.

These theories will not fix our mess because they are separated from reality. Socialism worships the state, while capitalism’s deity is the individual. Left out are traditional structures like the family, churches, local government and community groups. Everything must be bigger: Walmart, McDonalds and Starbuck’s reign supreme.

The country’s manufacturing base is quickly disappearing. We no longer make our own TVs, airplanes or cars. Our free trade ideology has resulted in the bolstering of China’s economy while hindering ours. It’s a strange world. If the beneficial tax revenue from the labor of an employee to be spent. Certain industries and businesses will be negatively affected by the tax hike.

The Federal Reserve should be greatly scaled back. Its Congress- granted power to print money and lend it to banks should be abolished. The Federal Reserve promotes fiscal irresponsibility and the “bigness” of Wall Street. It needs reform.

What we need is smaller government that has rational limits, that has no huge booms or huge busts. We need an economy that is beholden to no ideology. We need a humane economy that puts the interests of its people first.

Edna Vlaverde
Liberal Studies Fremont

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Untimely monopolized debate

The Democratic Socialist
ANA MENDOZA

I was one of the 30 students that received a ticket to Saturday’s California gubernatorial debate. As I stood in the first of three lines that day, I observed the crowd. I saw very few ticket holders that looked like stu- dents. Most of the people around me looked 35 years old or older. During the entry process I asked people around me how they got a ticket. One couple said they got two tickets from the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Others told me they got tickets from a friend that worked for Univision. Others said they got tickets from the Republican Party, some from the Democratic Party and one couple said they got their tickets from Fresno State’s administration.

Among the attendees were a number of VIPs. Among these VIPs was mayor Ashley Swarengin, a city coun- cilmember from Madera, Fresno Police Chief Jerry Dyer and who appeared to be Angeles mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.

When I noticed that some seats were empty in the VIP section, I decided to hide my non-VIP pass and walk towards the VIP section as if I belonged there. It worked.

Not only did I manage to sit in the VIP section, but the man sitting next to me was the son of Cesar Chavez. He had gotten his ticket from Univision as a thanks to him for helping convince Jerry Brown to participate in the debate.

A few students were permitted to attend the event. Of those who were allowed, Adriana Sanchez was the only student allowed by Univision to ask the candidates a question about their stand on Social Security. “I don’t know the number. The bill was too large for me to understand,” she said. She wanted to know how the candidates would keep it from happening.

“The rules were that the press was at the tent, and we were sponsored by Univision and we could not violate these rules,” Dr. Welty said.

“Does that mean then that freed- dom of press is therefore limited by Univision?” I asked.

Welty said: “No! I don’t think that is accurate at all. I think it was a given space, they had to make a decision as to how to accommodate everybody. Univision and the press would have to make that decision and they were limited by Univision.”

“I also asked Dr. Welty if the univer- sity had any expenses because of the event.”

“I don’t know the number. The bill will essentially be our own... providing facilities and people we had to hire, you know, the work in the Satellite Student Union and that kind of thing.”

ASI staff and President Pedro Ramirez tried really hard to get tickets from Univision. Univision was reduc- tive, but he managed to get 30.

The debate was held on government property at an educational institution. “The university had to pay the rules. Where is democracy? If anybody finds it please let me know. It seems to me that where a corporation is involved, democracy flies out the window.”

Back to a humane economy

Jenny Meije
Criminology Fremont

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After the Peace Corps I became a teacher. I decided to take a year’s leave of absence and went back to my wifes country, her home in Medellín, Colombia. I extended that year of absence. Then I told the school district that I was quitting. I spent 18 consecutive years overseas as a teacher, school principal and superintendent. I got my masters degree and doctorate and would come back in the summer to study. I ended up working in five different countries.

My daughter Melissa was born in Panama and my son David in Colombia. We purposely chose names that would flow in both cultures. We consider ourselves not from here nor there, but from both places. My kids are children of the world; third culture kids — not a child of anywhere, but a child of everywhere.

I went overseas idealistic. I came to Colombia who are just making a very modest wage, living off the land. They gave a lot to me. I never really disconnected from Colombia. It gives me a great sense of pride knowing what I’ve accomplished and what I’ve done for them. And that’s going to be their legacy. And that’s going to be their core values that I saw in the people of Colombia.

We can learn so much from the student expression. The kids who will spend their lives tilling the U.S. is an extremely isolationist society. The children would flow in both cultures. We purposely choose names in Panama and my son David in Colombia. We purposely choose names that would flow in both cultures. And that’s going to be their legacy. And that’s going to be their core values that I saw in the people of Colombia.

Dr. Sanchez affirmed that students should search for job opportunities, instead of waiting until they graduate.

Both President Welty and Wolfe encourage students to take advantage of the services offered at Fresno State as well. Upcoming special events include the Ag, Engineering, and Science Job Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Satellite Student Union, and the Craig School of Business Job Fair on Wednesday, October 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Satellite Student Union.

“Sitting at home on the couch watching TV or playing video games will get you nowhere. Employers are not going to come knocking on the door,” said Wolfe.

Other services offered to students at Career Services are counseling appointments, career assessments, resume and cover letter workshops, job searching databases, interviewing workshops and career management workshops.

Dr. Sanchez affirmed that students who want to be successful need to take advantage of their experiences. “Treat your time here [at Fresno State] as an investment and you’re much more likely to be in a good position upon graduation.”

GRADS: Changing times

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Ruby Salazar, an accountancy major at Fresno State, feels that a college education doesn’t give a great advantage that most people say it does.

“I think that skills and work experience give you a better advantage,” she said. “College just gives you that boost — but for sure, when people look for someone to work for them it comes down to their experience.”

Today, it is about competition and students marketing themselves. Wolfe said that students have to become proactive in order to become successful in a demanding economic climate.

“Sitting at home on the couch watching TV or playing video games will get you nowhere. Employers are not going to come knocking on the door,” said Wolfe.

According to Wolfe, in order to be a valuable college graduate, students need to get experience before they graduate.

“In this economy, a 3.0 grade point average with experience is worth much more than a 4.0 grade point average with no experience.”

Wolfe suggested that students build experience with internships. “If you don’t have an internship built into your curriculum, go out and find one,” said Wolfe. “I encourage students to do this because it will make them more marketable in this tough economy.”

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Finally, a new documentary that explores the world of dog fighting and its impact on society.

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The sounds of Eastern musical culture mixed with the West permeated the Fresno State Grosse Industrial Technology building on Monday and Tuesday with Aradhna.

The group, formed in 1999 by Chris Hale and Peter Hicks, sings devotional songs to Jesus Christ, using ethnic instruments like the sitar and tabla and incorporating guitar and bass guitar into their sound. In Hindi, Aradhna means “devotion.”

Before the performance began, Hicks said the songs were meant to be sung as a call and response with the audience and how they went from one to the next was up to the audience and had them keep patterns on the tabla to the track of the beat during one syllable. Although Hicks was able to follow along with the Hindi lyrics quite well, the Nepali influence that the group also uses is significantly different, he said. Dhaval Wagheila, 24, a biotechnology major at Fresno State, served as the master of ceremonies for Aradhna’s second performance Tuesday night at Smittcamp Alumni House.

Wagheila first saw Aradhna at a Christian conference on Catalina Island in California through a national organization called InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. The conference was geared towards international students, and the members of Aradhna shared their music with the group throughout the week.

“We were moved,” said Wagheila. “For me, this [music] is pretty common. I’m from India. For Americans, it is going to be uncommon. But when you can read the lyrics with the music, it takes you to a different level.”

Martha Solis, 20, a history major, brought her Bible study group to the performance. “I’ve heard Hindi prayers,” said Solis. “What you train will serve them for their careers. We really provide our students with skills that will serve them well in the current teaching environment in California.”

Anderson said that Fresno State’s music majors are getting high placement rates. “You hear all the time that band programs are going to get cut, but we’ve had a large number of our music majors land good jobs,” said Anderson.

While most majors choose specific career fields, some students end up going into other fields. “Some employers aren’t necessarily interested in a specific degree,” said Rita Gibson, chair of the theater department. “It’s one of those ‘You’ll be a waiter for the rest of your life’ things, but what I really drive home is getting them to do the things they love and what they want to do.”

The experience of our students really aren’t backing down at all, said Chris Hale, Aradhna.

“I’ve always wanted to end up in something artistic. Those that want to build bridges invite us. Not every church would accept us, and it’s the same thing to themselves,” said Hale, who plays the sitar and provides lead vocals for the group, grew up in Nepal since the age of one. “I’ve heard Hindi prayers in English before, but not the other way around,” he said, referring to how different it was for a group to have Hindi and Nepali influences and yet focus their lyrical content on Christ.

Aradhna performs at Christian conferences, Buddhist temples and yoga studios. Peter Hicks (left) on acoustic guitar and Chris Hale (right) on sitar.
News briefs

Brief news for the brief attention span

NEW YORK (AP) — Jason Schwartzman’s dog had the face for TV — just not the back for it.

Schwartzman, 30, stars in HBO’s oft-fabulous detective comedy “Bored to Death,” and show creator Jonathan Ames says he wanted to have Schwartzman’s French bulldog, Arrow, in the show. Ames liked Arrow because of his “incredibly beautiful, crushed, tormented face.”

Unfortunately Arrow has a bad back and was not up to the rigors of acting. So they cast another dog in his place.

Arrow did have a cameo in the show, though.

“Bored to death” also stars Ted Danson and Zach (Gal-if-FN-AK-Io) Galifianakis.

NEW YORK (AP) — John Lennon would have been 70 this week, and who better to honor his legacy in song than ... Ozzy Osbourne?

Yes, Ozzy Osbourne. The Black Sabbath heavy-metal king has made a cover of Lennon’s “How Now, Brownie?” available this week, and who better to celebrate this than a heavy-metal legend himself.

Lennon would have been 70 this week, and who better to make a cover of his work than another heavy-metal king? And who is more iconic than a Black Sabbath heavy-metal legend?

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With five home games left on the football schedule, nearly 1,000 gallons of paint will be used for the remainder of the season.

By Ben Ingersoll
The Collegian

When thousands of Fresno State faithful cram into Bulldog Stadium for a football game that will last a little over three hours, few realize the hours it takes for the game to even be possible.

On the Tuesday preceding each game day, the Fresno State Athletic Facilities and Events staff is busy working nine-hour days prepping the Jim Sweeney Field turf with roughly 200 gallons of red, white, blue and green paint.

Director of Events Nate Wills heads up a facilities crew that exhausts four days in order for the ‘Dogs to have a freshly-painted surface to battle on. The process is no simple task however, and Wills’ crew has a strict agenda in order for the finished product to be up to par.

“Typically we wait to put down logos until after,” Wills said. “Basically we’ll start with laying out the perimeter of the field, the corners to make sure they are square with the correct measurements. Then we’ll do the outline of the exterior of the field, string the lines across the field, and do the hash marks and numbers. After that, we’ll start filling in the checkerboard end zones. After that, we’ll do the rough layouts of the different logos we have on the field, like the Bulldog, or the V or the Centennial logos we have down this year.”

The mid-field Bulldog is a combination of 15 stencils, each measuring 20 feet. Likewise, the Western Athletic Conference and Centennial logos are also stencils. The checkerboard end zones, which have been regarded as the hardest part to create, are laid out by string and hand painted.

While Wills does not actually participate in the labor, he has two coordinators, Alex Cordova and Jason Holtz, along with a handful of student workers who manage the painting and take plenty of responsibility in their work.

“It looks pretty good,” Cordova said. “I watch all the other games (around the country), and as a facility guy I catch all the imperfections of the other fields so I make sure I catch any of my imperfections. I take a lot of pride in it.”

Although mistakes are rare, Cordova said he and the staff have run into a few miscues with errant paint spray. But since the paint is water-based, the paint can be washed off if caught early enough, or painted over with green paint under certain circumstances.

Catching imperfections may be hard to come by in the coming years, however, for Cordova and the rest of the facilities staff. The school is currently raising funds to install FieldTurf which is a permanent, artificial surface, in Bulldog Stadium.

Head football coach Pat Hill said the fundraiser has acquired around $500,000, or half of the needed funds to facilitate the project. Although the field turf would essentially mean much less labor for Wills, Cordova and Holtz to account for, their jobs would be secure and there would still be work to be done. “It wouldn’t necessarily be better but it would save a lot of time,” Wills said. “Two of our fulltime employees would then have basically three whole days during a game week where they could be helping out in other areas and doing other things to get ready for a football game.”

But for the time being, the natural surface remains, and the game-week preparations will continue for such staff as 23-year-old Chris Aguirre, a recent Fresno State graduate.

Aguirre said the most difficult part of his field preparation position recently has been the heat, but the end result is worth the effort.

“You put basically your sweat, hard work and blood into it for three days for basically one night when 40,000 fans come to see the checkerboard end zone and the bulldog logo at midfield,” Aguirre said. “You do get a sense of pride when you see the field brand new with everything complet ed on it.”

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Goessling’s chance at redemption in two seasons was blocked, and a short time later pushed a 40-yard wide left on the first possession of over time. When he was bailed out by a controversial running-into-the-kicker penalty, his 35-yard retry sailed right and was greeted with a mauling of boos.

Hawaii went on to put the upset, and Goessling retired to the locker room with a swirl of doubts—some fair, some foul—for what appeared to be his second big mistake in four weeks.

Since then, no matter how many times the quarterback kicked knocks through 50-plus yarders (five) or game winners (two), Goessling’s dissenters linger in the stands, waiting for him to crumble under pressure for the third time in a Bulldog uniform.

But while the Kevin Goessling Hate Club still remains, I am waiting for the opposite. Last year’s game at Hawaii provided Goessling with little chance at salvation, mostly because the ‘Dogs dismantled the Warriors in a blowout finish. But with an explosive offense that led the nation in passing yards and touchdowns, Hawaii was left to go for a more competitive contest at Bulldog Stadium that just may come down to Goessling’s left leg—again.

Now obviously I’m being a little subjective, and could almost guarantee that, if asked, Goessling would give the polite, non-descript response that it’s just another game and what happened in 2008 is far behind him.

But no matter how far back he is in his human experience, he has to put his game face on for Saturday, and perhaps a game winner, would put to rest a lot of Goessling’s doubts, and even bury his own demons.

That is, if he has any left.

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Saturday air show

Two of the WAC’s best quarterbacks will go head-to-head at Bulldog Stadium

By Vongni Yang

When Bryant Moniz made his first career start against Fresno State last season, he threw two interceptions and completed only 46 percent of his passes for 283 yards in a losing effort to the Bulldogs. That was then, this is now. Fast forward a year later and Moniz enters Saturday’s game at Bulldog Stadium as the nation’s leading passer , completing nearly 73 percent of his passes for 1,199 yards and 15 touchdowns. What a difference a year makes.

“Last year we were very fortunate when we played him [because] it was his first start,” Bulldogs coach Pat Hill said. “He’s got a strong arm and a quick release. Moniz is a very good football player.”

Saturday’s game will feature a head-to-head matchup with two of the top passers in the Western Athletic Conference statistically. Fresno State quarterback Ryan Colburn leads the WAC in passing efficiency and is currently fifth in the country in that category after posting an impressive 179.8 quarterback rating. Colburn has thrown for 992 yards and 11 touchdowns while completing nearly 73 percent of his passes. Colburn has delivered his big numbers despite Fresno State’s injury woes at the wide receiver position.

“He’s played with a whole different group of receivers from week to week and it really hasn’t changed the game for him,” Hill said of Colburn. “Thirteen different guys have scored touchdowns for us and Colburn has delivered his passes for 283 yards in a losing effort to the Bulldogs. Moniz is a very good football player.”

With both teams boasting smart and experience quarterbacks as well as midle-of-the-pack defenses, a shootout under the lights between Moniz and Colburn is likely. But an aerial attack is something that Hill hopes to avoid against Hawaii.

“I don’t think it’s in our best interest to get in a passing contest with them,” Hill said. “That’s not a good idea against Hawaii. They’re a team that lives by the pass.”

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With Hawaii averaging more than 600 yards through the air, Hill said that the defensive line will be critical to stopping the Hawaii passing game.

“If Fresno State fails to generate a pass rush, Hill said that eliminating the amount of big plays will be crucial if the team is going to find success defending Hawaii’s offense.

“It’s eliminating the big plays, and against Hawaii the big play is something they are very capable of getting,” he said. “So we have to do a great job of eliminating the big plays.”

Kevin Goessling aims to redeem himself

Two years ago, a lot rode on Fresno State kicker Kevin Goessling’s left leg, probably more than head coach Pat Hill would have liked to put on his young freshman. The same year, a lot of groans and disappointments engulfed Bulldog Stadium, usually because that same left leg. In 2008, Bulldog football was flying pretty high. A season-opening road win resulted in Fresno State’s first national ranking since 2000, that was until tenth-ranked Wisconsin came to town.

A lot of fingers could be pointed at Goessling’s horrible evening as resulting in the 13-10 loss, but the offense itself was poor at best, through the first three quarters after moving into Badger territory just twice in the first half.

His Bulldog Stadium debut was difficult to watch with three missed field goals when just one could have sent the game into overtime. But the rough start to Goessling’s career was far from out of sight.

Three weeks following the Badger meltdown, the ‘Dogs retained their national ranking with a pair of road wins and hosted a hapless 1-3 Hawaii club that had issues of its own at the quarterback position. But the Warriors came to play that day.

October evening and forced Goessling into a familiar, but uncomfortable position. The Associated Press File

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