Students ‘take back’ night

The annual Take Back The Night event is meant to combat violence towards women and other forms of abuse.

By Lucerito Salgado
The Collegian

Students, faculty and community members gathered together Wednesday evening at the Free Speech Area on campus for Take Back the Night, a violence awareness event.

“Take Back the Night is a national event that has been going for many years,” said Women’s Resource Center Coordinator Jenny Whyte. It has been held at Fresno State for 31 years, she said, and was organized by the Women’s Alliance club along with the Women’s Resource Center.

Whyte said Take Back the Night’s original focus was to discuss the violence directed towards women, but now it has expanded to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, child abuse, elder abuse and abuse in gay and lesbian relationships.

Every year there is a different theme to create awareness for the cause.

This year’s theme is self-defense and assertiveness,” said Take Back the Night Program Coordinator Dawn Marie Lana. “[Violence] happens most often with people you know and relationships you have encountered on [a day to day basis], so that is what’s different from last year.”

“It’s unfortunate that they need to plan this event every year,” said Karina Lopez, pres-see VIOLENCE, Page 3

Fatal teen car crash rate drops

By Mike Stobbe
Associated Press

Far fewer people are dying in car crashes with teens at the wheel, but it’s not because teenagers are driving more cautiously. Experts say laws are tougher, and cars and highways are safer.

Fatal car crashes involving teen drivers fell by about a third over the past five years, according to a new federal report that credits tougher restrictions on younger drivers.

The number of deaths tied to these accidents dropped from about 2,200 in 2004 to 1,400 in 2008, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

The CDC looked at fatal accidents involving drivers who were 16 or 17. There were more than 8,400 such incidents during the five-year span, and more than 11,000 people died, including more than 4,000 of the teen drivers and more than 3,400 of their passengers.

The report is being published in Friday’s issue of the CDC’s Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report.

The rate of such fatal crashes has been declining since 1996. Experts credit a range of factors, including safer cars and highway improvements, which reduce the risk of death.

The number of non-fatal accidents involving drivers 16 and 17 years old has been dropping as well — by 11 percent from 2004 through 2008, according to government figures.

The decline is similar to the 16 percent drop in fatal crashes reported in the new CDC report.

Experts say a chief reason is that most states have been setting tougher on when teens can drive and when they can carry passengers.

“It’s not that teens are becoming safer,” said Russ Rader, spokesman for the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, an Arlington, Va.,-based research group funded by auto insurance companies.

“It’s that state laws enacted in the last 15 years are taking teens out of the most hazardous driving situations,” such as driving at night or with other teens in the car, he said.

The CDC found that Wyoming had the highest death rate, with about 60 traffic fatalities involving 16- and 17-year-old drivers per 100,000 people that age.

See BIKES, Page 3

Campus bike barn in the works

By Eric Morana
The Collegian

Students trying to bike to school are still facing many of the same frustrations they have in the past: theft and a lack of space. But Fresno State officials are planning to ease the tension with a bike parking structure.

The Associated Students, Inc., the University Police Department, the Campus Planning Committee and other university officials are in the early development stages to build a structure on campus known as a bike barn. Other universities have used bike barns for students, including Boise State, San Francisco State and University of California Davis.

There were 17 reported bike thefts on Fresno State during the months of August and September. Campus police records show that with the exception of one bike, all bikes were secured with locks before they were stolen.

The lack of bike racks to accommodate the number of bikers on campus is a main contributor to the problem.

When a biker cannot find an open bike rack, they resort to locking their bike against a pole or handrail, making it an easier target for theft.

Fresno State student Isaac Cervantes, 20, is a third year sociology major and rides his bike to school every day. When “there is always crowding,” Cervantes said. “If there isn’t enough space, I can’t lock my bike up right.”

Bike theft on campus is not a new problem on campus, but even when taking precautions, it may not guarantee the safety of their property. Even when a student locks their bike up properly they are still at risk of a stolen seat, wheel or an accessory not secured to the bike or lock.

The general concept of a bike barn is similar to any
‘Culture of poverty’ begins at home

By Oscar Perez

Whether Lady Gaga wants to take a ride on a disco stick, or Kesha wants a little love in her glove box or Katy Perry wants to take a peek at a peacock, pop stars seem to cater to our youth. And when the interest is so high, what’s hiding underneath, we must consider what’s relevant for that point in time. When an issue of this magnitude is not addressed, I feel that the responsibility to step in and do something is ours.

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According to the U.S. Census Bureau, families with married parents make up 71.2 percent of families living in poverty. But when poverty, as some suggest, is part of a culture, the solution lies at a deeper level than mere funding and social programs.

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It also realises certain individuals don’t want the government in their private lives, but an answer to this magnitude is not addressed, I feel that it is the government’s issue.

So whether Lady Gaga is on a mission that involves some heavy teaching, or Kesha is ready for the rock stuff or Katy Perry is anxious to see what’s hiding underneath, we must consider teenagers’ desires even when they don’t.

Honestly, these ladies could care less about what happens to our society.

Oscar Perez is a sophomore mass communication and journalism major and contributing writer. Perez serves as senator-at-large for Associated Students, Inc.

Editor’s note

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BIKES: New plans for parking structure

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parking structure for a vehicle—a designated area to park a large number of bikes in a secure location. The bike barn at UC Davis is unique in that it doesn’t house bikes, but is instead a bike store and repair shop with bike experts and areas for self-repair.

If this project moves into construction development, it will be paid for the Alternative Transportation Fund, which is funded through parking violations.

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Grad student volunteers with suicide prevention organization

By Angel Moreno
The Collegian

As a sophomore in high school, one of Melissa Watkins’ friends threatened suicide. Watkins, already in an emotional daze, was in attendance at her high school auditorium listening to a presentation put on by Fresno Survivors of Suicide Loss. This was seven years ago. Since then, Watkins has strived to make a difference in her community by volunteering with the same organization that was at her school that day. She instantly knew she wanted to help in anyway she could.

Now a 22-year-old graduate student at Fresno State seeking her master’s degree in counseling with an emphasis in marriage and family therapy, she volunteers as much as she can in between her two work schedules, various school activities and her classes.

Over the past several years, Watkins has been involved with Fresno Survivors of Suicide Loss, a non-profit organization that was established in 1985. Although she has never personally dealt with overcoming feelings of suicide, Watkins feels strongly about the issue because of the incident with her friend. “Suicide does not become an option,” Watkins said. “It’s one of the most difficult things to talk about in society even though it is a big problem.” Watkins began volunteering with Fresno SOSL the summer following her sophomore year.

Executive Director of Fresno SOSL Leann Gouveia gave the presentation at Central East and has since been working with Watkins on various projects. “She’s been a tremendous help to this organization and I don’t know how she does it,” Gouveia said. “She’s made such an enormous impact since the day she joined. Melissa has made this place bigger, better and stronger.”

Last month, Fresno SOSL held their 8th annual Fun Run/Walk at Woodward Park, and Watkins helped raise over $5,500 in the silent auction. Gouveia is extremely grateful that her presentation seven years ago affected Watkins in a special way. Xiong has noticed how devoted Watkins is in everything she does.

“She knows her limits and what she can and can’t handle,” Xiong said. “She loves what she does and the activities she is involved in.” Watkins and Xiong are still involved with the Fresno State Leadership Council, both as board members.

On top of being a devoted worker, volunteer and student, Xiong knows she’s an even better friend. “She cares about others and will do her best to make sure you are having a great day,” Xiong said. “She takes her time to show you how much she appreciates your friendship and what that means to her.”

“Being able to give back is just an amazing feeling,” Watkins said. “Nothing else compare, it’s what helps me get away from everything.”

The Fun Run/Walk event is a great opportunity to spread awareness about suicide, depression and its prevention. Watkins (right) hugs an old high school teacher at the 2008 Fun Run/Walk.

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WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — New Zealand may lose the filming of “The Hobbit” movies because of an actors’ pay dispute, with financial backers Warner Bros. making arrangements to shift the production elsewhere, director Peter Jackson warned Thursday.

The “Lord of the Rings” film trilogy based on the J.R.R. Tolkien novels relied heavily on the rugged landscape of New Zealand, which in turn received a tourism boost after becoming associated with Tolkien’s Middle Earth fantasy world inhabited by hairy-footed little people and host of other colorful beings.

But the $500 million, two-movie prequel, “The Hobbit,” may end up shooting somewhere else, Jackson’s Wingnut Films said.

The New Zealand union, Actors Equity, insisted the dispute was being resolved and that it had lifted its work bans on the project, and foreign counterparts including the powerful U.S. Screen Actors Guild that had backed the boycott said its members were now free to work on the films.

But senior producers in Jackson’s company said it may be too late to save the production in New Zealand.

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“God doesn’t give us platforms to talk about ourselves,” said lead vocalist Mike Donehey between songs.

“The band’s stop in Fresno wasn’t originally part of the Light Meets the Dark tour. Shawna Blair and Eric Morin, both staff members in Fresno State’s Leadership Development Center, were instrumental in bringing the band to Fresno.

“We both felt there was a need to fulfill students in a spiritual way, because there’s so many other things Fresno State offers to students that don’t cater to that aspect of their lives.”

Blair added that Morin made the first call to the band and both sides figured out when the tour would be in the area.

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The daily crossword

Edited by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

1. Shovel tool (9)
2. TV by subscription (9)
10. "Yikes!" (3)
14. Notice "dynamic" (9)
15. Hearing-related (9)
16. Icy coating (3,7)
17. How a close game is won (9)
23. Stephen King's Christine, e.g. (9)
24. Single in a wallet (9)
27. Class grade factor (9)
29. ___ Rock (Uluru's old name) (3)
32. "___ Crazy" (Paul Davis hit) (7)
33. Harry Truman's middle initial (7)
36. Type of foil (7)
38. Political extremists (7)
43. Global financial org. (7)
48. Growing older (Var.) (7)
50. Wrist (7)
52. Lister's abbr. (7)
55. Subject of psychoanalysis (7)
57. Alienates (7)
59. Prefix with "dynamic" (7)
61. Cry companion (7)
63. Flavored liqueur (7)
64. Up to now (7)
65. Fop's accessory (7)
66. Supply center? (7)
67. Jury makeup (7)
68. RR train operator (7)
69. Midnight witch assembly (7)
70. Alienates (7)
71. Country music singer Rodney Atkins signs autographs for fans after his performance Friday, Sept. 24, 2010, at The Great Frederick Fair in Frederick, Md., the annual county fair on an outside stage.

DOWN

1. Foundation (7)
2. Source of potent buttons (7)
3. It ends at the hairline (7)
4. Crooner Bennett (7)
5. Ashley (7)
6. She waited on Norm and upset him (7)
7. Roman goddess of the dawn (7)
8. It was nights on the shoreline (7)
9. 69% of residents are over 65 (7)
10. Flynn of "Gentleman Jim" (7)
11. Showing amusement (7)
12. "___ my brother's keeper!" (7)
13. TV watching room (7)
18. "Grey's Anatomy" network (7)
19. Inability to smell (7)
24. Lane (where the Muf-fin Man lives) (7)
25. Aloe ailment (7)
26. CD-__ (7)
28. Work behind the bar (7)
30. Tycoon's toy (7)
31. Middle-earth dweller (7)
35. Tends to the soup (7)
37. Refreshes a stamp pad (7)
38. Eastern monastery member (7)
39. Remove all restrictions on 40. Snow cone base (7)
41. "Wack," to Rover (7)
45. Restraining rope (7)
47. Reporter who uses shoe leather (7)
48. 49. Grow older (Var.) (7)
51. Child's wall decoration (7)
52. Supply center? (7)
56. Eye-closing problem (7)
57. Latin 101 infinitive (7)
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59. At the second touch (7)
60. "___ and leather" (7)

Puzzle solution: http://collegian.csufresno.edu

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Heteroflexible

I'm straight but s**t happens

SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

SOLUTION: http://collegian.csufresno.edu

Source: UrbanDictionary.com

HOBIBIT: Prequel might be filmed outside New Zealand

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producer, said Warners already had an executive in England scouting locations and assessing the studio used for shooting the Harry Potter series to relocate “The Hobbit” movies.

Why would Warner Bros. “go to a location where they’re almost guaranteed industrial action during the shoot?” Walsh told New Zealand’s National Radio on Thursday. “They are saying they need stability and certainty and that’s no longer here — they can protect their investment better elsewhere.”

Jackson’s company, Wanganui Films, said in a statement that Warner Bros. representatives were coming to New Zealand next week “to make arrangements to move the production offshore” because they are now, quite rightly, very concerned about the security of their investment.”

The industrial dispute began in late September when New Zealand Actors Equity arranged an international boycott of the movies when Jackson refused to hold talks on a union-negotiated collective agreement on wages and conditions for local actors, saying they should get a deal that matched those of their international colleagues.

Jackson and the films’ backers, Warner Bros., MGM and New Line Cinema, said a collective agreement would expose Wanganui to unfair liabilities and sanctions under New Zealand law. They said the actors would be employed as independent contractors, with pay and conditions based on the local industry’s standard working conditions.

The Screen Actors Guild and British actors joined the work blacklist of “The Hobbit,” which is expected to include Sir Ian McKellen reprising the role of the wizard Galdalf from the Rings movies. New Zealand Council of Trade Unions president Helen Kelly said Thursday the industrial issues were on the way to being resolved and the blacklist was lifted on Sunday.

“New Zealand performers want the movie made here as much as anyone,” she said.

In a statement posted Wednesday on its web site, the Screen Actors Guild advised members it had lifted its blacklist on “The Hobbit” after advice from the New Zealand union and that members were free to work on “The Hobbit.” Jackson said in his statement the dispute had already done serious damage by undermin— Warner Bros. confidence in the New Zealand industry.

“Unfortunately lifting the blacklist does nothing to help the situation,” the statement said.

Warners did not immediate— comment on the situation.

The pay row is the latest in a string of troubles to hit the project. In May, original direc— Guillermo Del Toro quit after two years of involve— with a key project behind the Hobbit movies, stepped in as director.

Filming was due to begin in New Zealand in February.

It also caused upheaval with in New Zealand’s film industry, which received a huge boost with the success of the Rings films and Jackson’s sudden rise in profile in Hollywood that came as a result.

Late Wednesday, more than 1,000 film technicians chanting “Save The Hobbit!” and waving banners that said “SOS Hobbits!” marched through the capital, Wellington, demand— ing actors end their dispute.

After the huge success of the “Lord of the Rings” trilog— y, Jackson has spent the past three years working on adapting “The Hobbit.” Written before the Rings saga, the novel intro— duces key characters such as title character Bilbo Baggins, and first describes the elabo— rate world of dwarves, trolls, elves and monsters that both tale—

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The co-sports editors and editor-in-chief adjust their Heisman frontrunners for week six

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2. Kellen Moore, QB, Boise State, Jr.
Moore is the most consistent quarterback in the country. His numbers aren’t eye popping as some (1,567 pass yards, 16 touchdowns), but Boise State’s signal caller just wins football games. He is 30-1 as a starter and there are whispers about this Bronco being the best college quarterback...ever!

3. Cameron Newton, QB, Auburn, Jr.
With Denard Robinson and Michigan’s schedule catching up with them, Newton has emerged as the most elite dual-threat quarterback in the nation. The junior college transfer has earned his way onto the field this week and is fourth in the country in yards on the ground. He’s not a bad passer too with over 1,200 yards through the air and 13 touchdowns.

4. Denard Robinson, QB, Michigan, So.
As previously stated, Robinson is starting to see the effects of a weak early season schedule. He is also hobbled with injuries, but has somehow managed to be the first player in college football this season to eclipse 1,000 yards rushing.

Dark Horse: Andrew Luck, QB, Stanford, Jr.
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Bulldog Game Day

Fresno State Bulldogs (4-2, 2-1 WAC) vs. San Jose State Spartans (1-6, 0-2 WAC)

TELEVISION: WAC SPORTS NET (COMCAST CHANNEL 13, KAIL 7.1)
RADIO: KMJ-AM 580 AND KGST-AM 1600 (ESPN DEPORTES)

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Breakdown: Bulldogs

After the loss to Hawaii two weeks ago, every conference game became a must-win scenario for head coach Pat Hill. Although on paper the ‘Dogs have the clear advantage over San Jose State, the two schools are facing each other for the 75th time in the long-standing rivalry.

The ‘Dogs answered a lot of questions concerning their lack of a run game in last week’s victory over New Mexico State. Robbie Rouse recorded his first 100-yard rushing effort of his career, gashing the Aggies for 150 of his rushing effort of his career, which included stops at Alabama, Wisconsin, Utah and Nevada.

The Spartans have been hit hard by the injury bug in 2010. Leading rusher Matt Faulkner, WR Chandler Jones, LB Vince Buhagiar, and Andrew Shapiro all spent time on the injured list, and the ‘Dogs need every WAC win possible.

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San Jose State has a hard time finding the end zone. The Spartans are dead-last in the nation in scoring with 62 points through seven games.

Under first-year head coach Mike MacIntyre, the Spartans have suffered numerous injuries to starters after playing one of the toughest non-conference schedules in the country which included stops at Georgia, Alabama, Wisconsin, Utah and Nevada.

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2. Balance, balance, balance
Fresno State looked solid on the ground last week, but Ryan Colburn got lost in the mix. Look for Pat Hill to get Colburn back on rhythm against San Jose State’s seventh-ranked pass defense in the WAC.

3. Bring the heat on D
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Battle of the 152: Getting to know the Spartans

Matt Faulkner, WR Chandler Jones, LB Vince Buhagiar
Series record: Fresno State leads 38-33-3
Last meeting: Fresno State won 41-21 in Fresno (2009)

Editor’s Prediction
Fresno State 45, San Jose State 14
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Player to watch: Phillip Thomas, safety

When Fresno State runs: Advantage - Fresno State
San Jose State’s run defense has been gutted by injuries this season, giving up 205 yards per game on the ground.

When San Jose State runs: Advantage - Fresno State
Like the Bulldogs, San Jose State has had a difficult time generating productivity in the run game. While Fresno State’s run defense has had rough moments, it should be enough to slow down the Spartans.

When Fresno State passes: Advantage - Fresno State
Ryan Colburn hasn’t played the same way he began the season of late, but the senior is due for a big game. He may get it against San Jose State’s seventh-ranked pass defense in the WAC.

When San Jose State passes: Advantage - Fresno State
This may be the biggest mismatch of the game. The Bulldogs’ pass defense has been impressive so far against strong competition, and the Spartans’ quarterback struggles spell trouble.

Special teams: Advantage - Fresno State
The Spartans have reeled off 20-yard field goals in the season, while the ‘Dogs have blocked three kicks this year and have a solid kicking duo in Andrew Shapiro and Kevin Goessling.