Alcoholic beverage faces bans

Some say the Four Loko cans don't look like alcoholic beverages at first glance, like these being sold at a 7-Eleven on Shaw Avenue.

To combat dangerous drinking among students, several universities across the nation have banned the Four Loko alcoholic energy beverage.

The mixture of caffeine, taurine, gaurana and alcohol in Four Loko has some authorities and health experts concerned.

According to Harvard’s University Health Services, one 23.5-ounce can contains the equivalent of six standard servings of alcohol and five cups of coffee.

The ban comes after numerous reports of students suffering from alcohol poisoning after consumption of Four Loko. According to USA Today, 23 students from the University of Washington were hospitalized after drinking the beverage.

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When Babick returned to his office, he did make a call to a Collegian reporter, and said he would be able to provide information within 24 hours.

Five days after not receiving the requested information, The Collegian contacted Babick again, who then said he had forwarded the requests to Fresno State Chief of Police David Huerta.

The Collegian made several attempts to contact Huerta, but his assistant didn’t return calls, and the Fresno State Communications Department didn’t return a voicemail from a Collegian reporter asking for help and explaining the difficulty they were having acquiring the requested information for the story.

On Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2010, after calling Huerta’s assistant one more time, she said the drinks are not the problem and that consumers are to blame. "People that drink them need to be responsible just like they were drinking any other alcoholic beverage," Johnston said.

By Leonard Valerio
The Collegian

By Gillian Smith
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Associated Press

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By Matt Weir
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With parking citations issued daily at Fresno State, and with public record information being unavailable despite several attempts and a lack of communication from Fresno State officials, there are more questions than answers for the University Police Department.

An initial investigation conducted by The Collegian to find where the citation money is going began with an attempt to speak with public information officer Amy Armstrong.

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Protesters burn a banner outside Millbank, the headquarters of Britain’s ruling Conservative Party on Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2010.
Four Loko should not be banned

It's true that the drinks are packaged in bright colors and come in fruit flavors. However, Four Loko features seven warnings about alcohol on its can in large font. AEDs come in flavors like fruit punch and lemonade, but coolers like Smirnoff Ice and Mike's Hard Lemonade are equally sweet. A ban of AEDs on this basis would call other drinks into question as well. If AEDs are banned, completely college students will continue to drink Jägerbombs, rum and Cola, Irish coffees and other cocktails made with caféine. AEDs have about the same amount of alcohol as wines far less than the hard liquor that goes into energy drink cocktails. Banning AEDs is not the answer to irresponsible drinking. AEDs are not the problem; the some people drink them is.

Instead of banning AEDs, college campuses should continue to educate students on responsible drinking. Students and teens need to know the hazards of combining alcohol and caffeine so they can make responsible decisions about drinking, whether it’s Four Loko, a Jägerbomb or some other drink.

Is Go University Express legit?

O n Wednesday the state of joined the ranks of three other states banning drinks that contain alcohol and energy boosters. Four Loko, an alcoholic energy drink, was blamed for the alcohol poisoning of nine Washington college students a month ago. One student almost died. Utah, Oklahoma, Michigan and Washington are the current states shunning the drinks. Central Washington University, the home of the nine student hospitalized, also bans the drinks, along with other campuses including the University of Rhode Island and Ramapo College of New Jersey.

Alcoholic energy drinks are available in California, and Fresno State students can find them close by at the shelves of Tower, Shaw and Maple Avenues. Alcoholic energy drinks, or AEDs, can be dangerous for a number of scientific reasons.

The combination of alcohol’s enhancement of GABA, an inhibitory neurotransmitter, and caffeine’s damping of adenosine, also an inhibitory neurotransmitter, gives drinkers an odd combo of a buzz and a downer. The caffeine in AEDs mitigates the affect of alcohol, making drinkers feel less intoxicated and capable of drinking more than they normally would. Both the alcohol and caffeine in AEDs stimulate dopamine levels. The dopamine effect is only increased when alcohol and caffeine are consumed together, and some think this heightens the level of danger of drinking AEDs more additive than a normal beer.

Why are so many calling on bans on the beverage?

The bans are triggered partly because of the drink’s harmful effects, but also because some feel the drink is more addictive than a normal beer. AEDs are banned completely, college students will continue to drink Jägerbombs, rum and Cola, Irish coffees and other cocktails made with caffeine.

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According to their website, the Food and Drug Administration will begin to look into the legality and safety of companies selling caffeinated alcoholic beverages. Under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, substances intentionally added to food or drink is considered unsafe and unlawful unless they have either been approved by the FDA or been recognized as a safe substance. Because caffeine is recognized as a safe substance in other beverages such as tea and soft drinks, some manufacturers have begun adding it to alcoholic beverages.

Dr. Joshua Sharfstein, principal deputy commissioner of food and drugs, said the FDA plans to research the products as soon as possible.

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The increasing popularity of consumption of caffeinated alcoholic beverages by college students and reports of potential health and safety issues necessitates that we look seriously at the scientific evidence as soon as possible.” Sharfstein said.

Thatcher said that because the drinks are made cheap, their popularity increases among certain groups.

“There are students that are responsible when they drink and then there is that sub group that drinks to get drunk,” Thatcher said. “These drinks were made for that group, for the sole purpose of getting drunk.”

Sharfstein said.

“I have several friends who will drink two or three of them in a short span just because they want to get drunk,” Ostrander said. “I drink them every once in a while, but I don’t do it to get drunk. I may have one with some friends on a weekend when I don’t have work or any homework.”

In its research of caffeinated alcoholic beverages, the FDA convinced Anheuser-Busch and Miller to remove their caffeinated alcoholic beverages from their product line. Tilt, Bud Extra and Sparks were discontinued and the companies agreed to not produce any caffeinated alcoholic beverages in the future.

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Resolved with minor injuries.

The Metropolitan Police said.

“It is a small minority of protesters who have taken upon themselves to cause damage to property, whilst the vast majority have peacefully made their point.”

Nearby, the headquarters of Britain’s M&S store, THOMES, was sealed with heavy metal doors as police guarded the rear exits.

Organizers condemned the violence. Sally Hunt, general secretary of faculty group the University and College Union, said “The actions of a minority, out of 50,000 people, is regrettable.”

Elsewhere, protesters were peaceful but determined.

“I am here because it is important that students stand up and shout about what is going on,” said Anna Tennant-Siren, a student at the University of Ulster in Coleraine.

“Politicians don’t seem to care,” she said. “They should be taking money from people who earn seven figure salaries, not from students who don’t have any money.”

Frances O’Grady, of the Trades Union Congress, said, “We are destroying the building just like they are destroying our homes.”

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Kennel Bookstore gets a new addition
Scantron vending machine benefits students after bookstore hours and on weekends

By Janessa Tyler
The Collegian

It's five minutes before your biology test as you realize you're out of an 882-E Scantron and a No. 2 pencil. The long lunch lines at the Kennel Bookstore would have created a problem for you seven weeks ago, but now you have an alternative way to get the supplies you need in time for your test.

A new Scantron vending machine is located on the lower level of the University Student Union Pavilion, next to the Kennel Bookstore entrance and the ATM.

Kennel Bookstore Merchandise Manager Jack Gartner said he thinks the machine is in a great and secure place for students to access when the store isn't open or if the lines are long.

“I talked about having something like this for after hours and days we're not open for some time,” Gartner said. “We're usually open most Saturdays during the school year, but with some of the budget cuts we've had to close about half the Saturdays.”

Assistant Merchandise Manager Kim Spenner said the only drawback of the Scantron vending machine is that it doesn't sell single Scantrons. The Scantron vending machine is only equipped with packs of Scantrons to prevent jams.

“If you only need that one Scantron, then the machine really isn't for you,” Spencer said. “You're going to need to go into the store and just get the one Scantron.”

Spencer said the machine has double sections for their most popular items: 882-E Scantrons and large Blue Books. She also said there was an empty section, so they decided to fill it with a popular candy bar—Snickers.

“We've already sold about 10 [Snickers] out of there,” Spencer said. “Aside from more than 10 different Scantrons and Snickers, packs of No. 2 pencils and highlighters are also inside the machine.

Gartner thinks the success of the Scantron vending machine will increase once more students know about it.

“I think it's done a little better than we thought initially,” Gartner said. “Some colleges throughout the country have a Scantron vending machine, including Fresno City College. I think he guesses that less than half of colleges have a Scantron vending machine.

“I think it's because of the expense,” Gartner said. “It's almost an $8,000 investment to just get the machine, and then you have ongoing labor everyday.”

Gartner said the machine requires three to four hours of maintenance each week with stocking and removing money. Coins are removed every day and the supplies are refilled once a week. Once that's done, items sold must be rung in the cash register to maintain inventory.

Students can access the Scantron vending machine as long as the USU Pavilion is open. Gartner said the Scantron vending machine is on campus to assist students, rather than to make a profit.

“The financial gain out of it is very minimal, I think it will probably operate at a loss for years,” Gartner said.

Although there are no immediate plans for a second machine, students have found having just one beneficial.

“The students seem to like it,” Gartner said. “It's been real positive so far.”

Fresno State gets a taste of Kallari

By Phillip Lochbaum
The Collegian

The Kallari Farmers’ Cooperative presented the tedious process of turning cacao beans into chocolate bars this past Tuesday Culinology Program Director Klaus Tenbergen hosted the cooperative's presentation inside Fresno State’s Henry Madden Library.

“I normally volunteer to do one seminar every year, but I try to get up with something that is cool, different and to the benefit of everyone involved,” Tenbergen said. “This presentation was a good way to educate both students and consumers about how much work is behind something that seems so simple.

Kallari has its own line of organic chocolate that is harvested and marketed by a coalition of farmers and local families in the Napo region of the Ecuadorian Amazon.

“There are outstanding connections to the area,” Tenbergen said. “These families have a social support group, and they connect with the students who have come to the university.

“Cocoa beans are the second largest commodity due to the fact that harvesting is so labor intensive,” Logback said.

Logback lived with the Kichwa people in Ecuador for 11 years in order to set up the cooperative's infrastructure.

“I do this because I have a passion for culture, and I am glad that I have the opportunity to tell the stories of the people behind the scenes,” Logback said.

The audience was first handed a plate with chocolate pieces that resembled the hours on a clock. The pieces were spread apart to signify the decrease in darkness of the chocolate. We wanted people to experience our chocolate with multiple senses and for them to actually see what chocolate looks like in its early stages,” Logback said.

Tenbergen also added to the audience’s experience by pairing the various levels of dark chocolate with three variants of wine.

The final taste for the evening was Tenbergen’s freshly baked dark chocolate cake. The cake baking was made with ground cacao bean. The inside was filled with rich, creamy Kallari chocolate.

“I think events like these are fantastic because it really increases peoples’ awareness of different types of food,” Maria Frye, a nutrition major, said.

“I know that they [culinology department] can be busy but I definitely think that more events would be beneficial to the students.”

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Thanksgiving is a traditional holiday that dates back to before our country was even recognized as a nation of its own, but the meal that represents the centerpiece of the holiday was not designed with vegetarians in mind. Today, being a vegetarian is not considered uncommon, but traditional meals such as Thanksgiving dinner present unique challenges in terms of what can and can’t be eaten while staying true to a vegetarian diet.

One option for a vegetarian living in Fresno is going out to eat on the days around Thanksgiving, because most places will be closed the day of. Loving Hut is a restaurant on Van Ness Avenue that only serves vegetarian and vegan dishes. Trung Tran is the owner of Loving Hut in Fresno, but says that it is a chain with locations all over the world. “Our mission is to help save animals and help save the planet at this time,” Tran said.

Vegan meat, or fake meat, takes less time to prepare than a traditional turkey dinner. According to Tran, an entire vegan turkey meal only takes 20 minutes to cook, whereas a traditional turkey dinner can take hours to cook and prepare. Loving Hut also sells meals ready to cook for larger parties if they are given advanced notice. “We offer a 20 percent discount for ordering for a group,” Tran said.

For those that want to cook a vegetarian meal for Thanksgiving, Whole Foods Market is a specialty grocery store that sells products that are natural, organic and have the least amount of processing available. Alana Sugar, a food blogger, wrote a blog for Whole Foods about paying special attention to special diet guests on Thanksgiving. She recommends serving a buffet-style service to meet the needs of any special diet that a person might have. “This is a great way to please all guests and keep the food separate,” Sugar wrote. “It will also introduce many of your guests to new food choices.”

One easy fix for changing a traditional dish into a vegetarian one is to switch a chicken or turkey-based broth with a vegetable-based one. Another easy fix is to offer a tofu or lentil dish as a main course for guests. These dishes provide an alternative to traditional Thanksgiving courses, and they allow for the vegetarians to still take part and enjoy the celebration with everyone.

By Eric Morana
The Collegian

How to do Thanksgiving the vegetarian way

Alternatives to a turkey Thanksgiving

By Eric Morana
The Collegian

Ingredients

- 1 pound extra-firm tofu, cut into 5 “steaks”
- 1/2 pound uncooked udon noodles
- Olive oil cooking spray
- 3 carrots, thinly sliced
- 1 spear broccoli, cut into bite-size pieces
- 1 cup baby corn
- 6 shiitake mushrooms, stemmed and sliced
- 1/2 cup water chestnuts, drained and sliced
- 1 red bell pepper, cored, seeded and roughly chopped
- 3/4 cup vegetable broth
- 1/2 cup plum jam
- 1 tablespoon grated ginger
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon soy sauce

Preheat oven to 350°F. Remove excess moisture from tofu by lining a baking sheet with a double layer of paper towels and placing the tofu in a single layer on top. Cover steaks with another double layer of towels and place a baking sheet over the towels. Weigh down baking sheet with cans from your pantry and set aside for 20 minutes. Meanwhile, cook udon noodles slightly less than called for on package directions. Drain and set aside.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Angelina Jolie says her 6-year-old son Pax is a better cook than she is.

The actress opens up about the family’s attempt to cope with her decision last year to have a double mastectomy, which won the 2010 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and three 2009 Tony Awards, say the show about one of the Civil War’s most famous battles. The producers of the musical, which won the 2010 Pullitzer Prize for Drama and three 2009 Tonys, say the show about one family’s attempt to cope with mental illness will close after more than 720 performances.

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Gisele Bundchen is set to make her debut on a new stage next year as the star in one of Rio de Janeiro’s Carnival parades. Bursts of laughter echo throughout the theater as Bundchen performs with a feeling of irrepressible joy. Her dance partner, also masked, adds a touch of the macabre to the proceedings.

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Unidos de Vila Isabel came in fourth in this year’s competition. The Brazilian model is married to U.S. football player Tom Brady. Uncredited archives photo / The Collegian.

Fresno State students watch a series of anti-war skits in the school ampitheater. This picture ran in the Nov. 4, 1971 issue of The Collegian.
‘Dogs build camaraderie for success

By Luke Shaffer
The Collegian

On the court at a Fresno State woman’s basketball game, the Bulldogs can always be seen rooting their teammates on. The players who are on the bench always stand and cheer whenever a teammate sinks a three-pointer, as the team lives and dies by three.

This unwavering encouragement is part of the team’s extreme dedication to building strong bonds with each other. No matter if the team is on or off the court, at a game or practice or at school or out on the town, the girls of the women’s basketball team are constantly with each other.

During the off-season, the basketball team does interesting activities such as community service, movie nights, playing board games or competitive ping pong matches. However, in the weeks prior to starting the college basketball season, coach Adrian Wiggins and his staff normally come together to think of extra-special activities that the team can do to really find a deep connection.

For some of the upperclassmen on the woman’s basketball team these activities are common and familiar and they always look forward to participating in them.

Senior guard/forward Marquique Arnold raves about her experiences in these team-bonding activities. “I love it because instead of just playing with someone and knowing them on the court, you can get to know them off the court by finding out where they’re from and really get to know that person,” Arnold said.

On the opposite end of the spectrum are the underclassmen of the group, and these team-bonding activities can sometimes be a challenge for them, especially since this year there are only four newcomers. But for most of the group, experiences serve as an effective way of breaking the ice with the rest of the team.

With such a wide range of experience on the team, which consists of four freshmen, four sophomores, two juniors and five seniors, it is important that the teams build strong bonds, in part because it strengthens their overall playing ability. For true freshmen, including guard Alex Furr, it has been an easy transition into the program as they have found it easy to get along with the older and more experienced players.

Furr believes that the team-bonding activities are crucial to a team’s chemistry on and off the court. “Hanging out with them since we’re new, and just being around the girls has made it easy for us and it is easy to trust them on and off the court, which builds good confidence,” Furr said.

Overall, these experiences should boost the confidence of all the team members involved. With this all-important ingredient in the making of a “well oiled machine,” the Bulldogs have a great shot at making another run at the Western Athletic Conference championship.

The team opens the regular season today on the road against Santa Clara and hosts their first home game of the season against the Cal Poly Mustangs on Nov. 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Baseball signs 13 to 2011 recruiting class

Coming off a 2010 Western Athletic Conference regular-season title, head baseball coach Mike Batesole inked 13 newcomers to his program. The 13 signees are all from California and Arizona, including four local products from Fresno and Clovis.

With the loss of short stop Isaac Vivas, Batesole landed a huge product in infielder/pitcher Seth Moranda from Buchanan High School in Clovis. Joining Miranda from the Central Valley are Jordan Brink from Central High School, Jordan Luplow out of Buchanan and Clovis North High School product Chris Mariscal.

Scott Barlow (Santa Clarita, Calif.), Ryne Dean (Mesa, Ariz.), Garrett Mundell (Lake Forest, Calif.), Will Munro (San Marcos, Calif.), Grant Palmer (El Segundo, Calif.), Aaron Gillis (Stockton, Calif.), Matt Fontaine (Fremont, Calif.), Jordan Lewis (Cooledge, Ariz.) and Austin Wiggins (Antioch, Calif.) round out the recruiting class.

The Bulldogs finished last season 38-25 and 16-8 in conference play during Batesole’s eighth year as head coach.
Bulldog Game Day

Fresno State Bulldogs (6-2, 3-1 WAC) vs. No. 21 Nevada Wolf Pack (8-1, 3-1 WAC)

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Breakdown: Bulldogs

Under head coach Pat Hill, the Bulldogs are 35-11 all-time in the month of November. Hill’s squad has played relatively well down the stretch since suffering its first Western Athletic Conference loss to Hawaii a month ago with dominating wins against New Mexico State, San Jose State and Louisiana Tech.

After being nonexistent to begin the first four games of the season, the tradition-setting defense against Louisiana Tech after running wild for 286 yards on a school-record 43 carries. Since recording his first 100-yard rushing effort against New Mexico State, Rouse has exploded for 542 yards and five touchdowns in the past three games.

If Rouse has his fourth consecutive 100-yard rushing performance, expect Fresno State to control the tempo of the game with Rouse and the ground game. By doing so it’ll keep Nevada’s potent offense off the field.

Breakdown: Wolf Pack

If the Nevada Wolf Pack has proven anything this season, it’s that its offense is virtually unstoppable.

Nevada makes the five hour drive across the border to Fresno fresh off a 63-17 beat down of Idaho, a game in which the Wolf Pack rolled to 844 yards of total offense. The Pistol attack, lead by senior quarterback Colin Kaepernick, ranks second in the country in rushing yards with 318 per game.

Running back Vai Taua and Kaepernick rank first and fourth respectively in the Western Athletic Conference in rushing yards. Taua is the only player in the WAC over 1,000 yards rushing on the season so far.

In Nevada’s only loss of the season, at Hawaii, it turned the ball over four times and was put in a 17-0 hole to open the game. The margin proved to be enough for Hawaii to hand head coach Chris Ault’s team its only loss of the season.

An area of concern for Nevada has been its some- times porous defensive secondary which surrenders 360 yards through the air on average.

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Keys to Victory

1. Pick up the flag
With a slew of injuries along the offensive line, it’s time for some underclassmen to step up. Pat Hill’s signature phrase “somebody will pick up the flag” is crucial against a physical Nevada front.

2. Get up early
In Nevada’s only loss this season to Hawaii, the Warriors jumped out to a 17-0 halftime lead. If Fresno State can rock Nevada early, it has a much better chance at pulling off the upset.

3. Limit big plays
Nevada’s offense is explosive, as evident in last week’s 844 total yards on the road at Idaho. The past two matchups have been won via the big play. The Wolf Pack’s pistol offense thrives on big plays.

Position match-ups

Matt War/Collagian File Photo
Player to watch: Logan Hamrell, Defensive Tackle

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