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Students click into class

University chooses iClicker as standard for interactive classroom

By Michael Mygind, Jr.
The Collegian

Starting this semester, many classes will begin using the iClicker, a device that will be used by students to take part in short multiple choice quizzes and class surveys.

Scores and participation points from these quizzes and activities will then be tallied up and added to the grade book on Blackboard.

Ethelynda Harding, Technology Teachers and Learning (TLT), said the new clicker is different from the clickers used in prior semesters. The clickers of the past were packaged in with certain textbooks and could only be used for that particular course for the sake of surveys.

The new iClicker can be used with any class that requires it.

The reason they picked the iClicker is it was the least expensive, most accessible for the disabled, and easiest for the faculty to use," Harding said.

Instructors will have a base unit that receives all incoming answers and records them under the students' profiles. These will then be scored. Attendance can also be taken by the same means, Harding said.

Students will only have to register once, either online or in class registration. Once the clicker is registered under their name and student I.D. number, it can be used for multiple semesters without having to sign up again.

Jolynne Blake, technology trainer, said the clicker is also relatively cheap and will be available for purchase on campus.

"The book store will be sell-



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"The reason they picked the iClicker is it was the least expensive, most accessible for the disabled and easiest for the faculty to use," said Ethelynda Harding, Technology Teachers and Learning.

ing them for \$32" Blake said. "They will also buy them back for half the price."

After students are done with their iClickers, they can be reused by someone else after they register them. Once a new user registers, all records of the original user will be replaced. This adds to the lifespan of the clicker and makes it a practical investment, unlike the older clickers.

Interested instructors as well as those already participating, gathered in the University Conference room Wednesday to discuss the new technology and view a demonstration.

"How much are they getting out of the class or lecture unless they're involved?," Dr. Robert Fire of the nursing

department pointed out in the discussion about how effective the iClicker has been in his own courses.

The demonstration covered the many procedures on how to use the iClickers from both the instructors' and students' point of view.

Key features were also mentioned, including the ability to change an answer before time runs out, a green light on the clicker to assure students that their answers were received, and a red light to notify students that polling has ended.

Jeff Colvin of TLT said that even though it runs off of three AAA batteries, the iClicker has about 600 hours of battery life. To ensure battery life, a "stand by" mode is included, which shuts the clicker off after a period of

non-usage.

"It is also very durable, it's like a brick," said Colvin. He added that students in the past received great service from iClicker's technical support service, because they are confident that the iClicker won't break easily.

The iClicker was pushed heavily by Colvin for use in Fresno State's courses. He saw that multiple schools were already having great success in the classroom with the aid of the iClicker and recognized its potential for helping students at Fresno State.



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Setting year in motion

ASI meeting establishes new semester goals

By Ben Keller
The Collegian

The Associated Students Inc. (ASI) held their first meeting for the Fall semester on Wednesday, setting the stage for what could be an active school year.

ASI President Mackee Mason discussed issues that would take effect during the school year, including matters of public safety, student aid and the impending national election.

Mason hinted at an upcoming effort to increase students' political awareness and get the vote out. The campaign, known only as Why1509? should become an increasingly visible catchphrase throughout the semester, according to Mason. Little was said about the details of this campaign other than the fact that it should spark curiosity. Students are free to find out how it unveils at ASI's profile on facebook.com.

The uncertainty of financial aid for CSUs this year was also brought up. Mason announced that he would be traveling with ASI Vice-President Sandra Flores to Sacramento on Thursday to confront the California Student Aid Commission about its budget concerns.

California's budget is

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Fall semester reaches new enrollment high

By Adam Criswell
The Collegian

If it seems a little more crowded on campus this semester, it just might have something to do with the school record of 2,840 enrolled freshmen who just arrived.

"In 1998, when I first came here, only 1,650 freshmen were enrolled," said Bernie Vinovrski, enrollment services administrator. "Now we're having to send some students away."

Vinovrski explained that

while Fresno State has a projected enrollment of 22,600 students, an all-time high, that number could be much higher.

"Overall, there are only about 300 more students, so percentage-wise, the growth is insignificant," Vinovrski said.

"With the budget cuts we've faced, we aren't taking lower-division transfers and students who are seeking a second degree have been turned down," Vinovrski said. "We're a popular institution."

He has seen the largest growth of student recruits

outside of the Fresno area come from neighboring valley cities.

"We have been recruiting a lot of first-time freshmen, and there has been a large increase in the number of students from areas like Sacramento and Bakersfield," Vinovrski said. "[Fresno State is] the institution of the Central Valley."

So why else are so many young students choosing Fresno State this semester?

"It's so hard to live away from home," freshman health sciences major Taylor Peters

said. "I can't cover the combined costs of living and paying tuition."

Peters, 18, graduated from Clovis East High and pays half of her own tuition. Peters said she enjoys the responsibility and has been getting more out of her education.

"When you're paying with your own cash, you don't want to throw it out the window," Peters said. "I wish I could have been going to college this whole time instead of high school."

Another factor that is con-

tributing to such a high enrollment this semester is University Outreach Services at Fresno State.

"The University Outreach Services program is designed to develop a relationship with prospective students," said Peña-Olgin, director of the program.

Peña-Olgin said the transition to college life can be challenging for students who come from families who have had little or no experience with the

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Enrollment: Freshmen increase

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university system. "The college experience can be very complicated, especially for first-generation college students," Peña-Olgin said. "Our counselors and student ambassadors do things like school visits and phone calls to implement communication with students."

The University Outreach Services also features a Step-to-College program in which high school students can enroll in afternoon and evening classes at Fresno State and earn college credit.

The annual Dog Days student orientation is another factor that holds significant impact on new students who may need a little direction. All new students are advised by the university to attend.

It provides an immediate meeting with an academic adviser as well as registration appointments for new students.

"Dog Days was helpful. It was good to know the things I'm getting in to," freshman linguistics major Molly Ramos said.

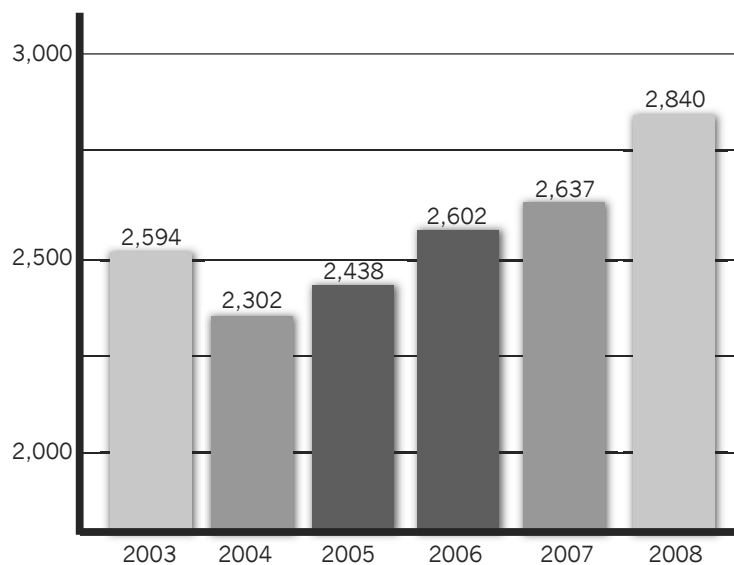
Ramos chose Fresno State because it's cheaper than going away. Also, her sister graduated from the university and can help her through the process.

With all of the youngsters running around and more students bound to come next year, one might think that the growth will continue but Vinovrski is unsure of how long this growth will last.

"You have to stay tuned to budget cuts," Vinovrski said. "There's a possibility of not taking new students."

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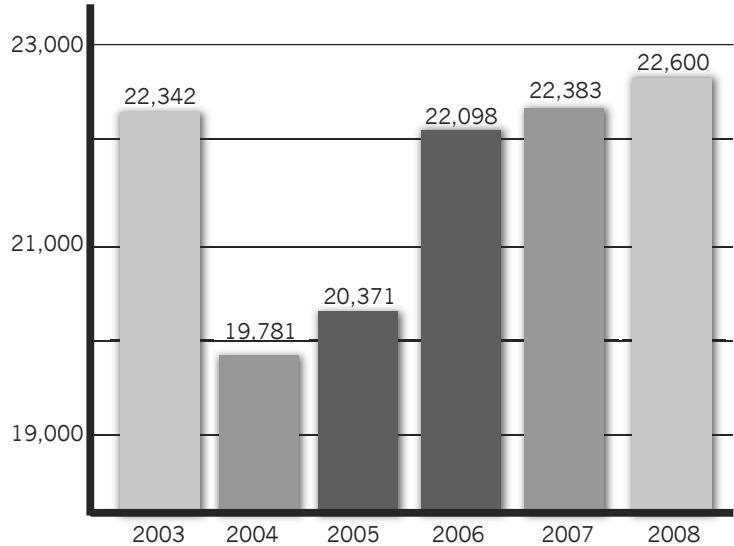
FRESHMEN ENROLLMENT



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The number of incoming freshmen reached a record high of 2,840. The numbers have steadily risen since fall 2003.

TOTAL ENROLLMENT



Even with the record high, there is still room for more students according to Bernie Vinovrski, enrollment services administrator.

ASI: Capitol visit to address budget issue

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already two months late in being passed, causing students to wonder when or if they would receive the grants they need to get through the school year.

Representing Fresno State's 20,000 students, Mason said he would convey the experiences of every college student who relies on this funding for textbooks and living expenses. Neither Mason nor Flores received Cal-Grants this year as they had in years prior.

"It is hard enough to be a student and maintain good grades," Mason said later in a press release. "Some students have to take on multiple jobs in order to just get by and pay for textbooks. This makes it really difficult for students to have the time to get involved in clubs, student government, or even research projects."

Mason and Flores comprised the only group from the CSU system that spoke before the commission.

"It was interesting to see how the commissioners were happy to see us," said Flores, added that their testimonies were well-received in Sacramento.

The senate continued the process of appointing offices Wednesday as they named a new Chair and Senator of Activities. At the suggestion of Vice-President Flores, Beatriz Compuzano, who served as a senator last semester, was

unanimously voted to fill both positions. She will be responsible for putting on activities like Fresno State tailgate parties. During the last ASI meeting on July 21, Alex Andreotti was named ASI Senate Secretary.

It may be well down the road, but the senate agreed already on a date of April 21-23 for ASI elections. However, it still remains for Mason to appoint an election commissioner.

During the public forum, Vice President for Student Affairs Paul Oliaro addressed the senate with some concerns and affairs that will demand ASI's attention in the near future.

Oliaro began by enlightening the senate of the university's debate over the Amethyst Initiative, the public effort to encourage national colleges to consider the possibility of lowering the drinking age. He informed them that University President John Welty did not offer his support for the initiative, but the subject is still fertile for discussion among students.

"Thanks for your willingness to assume a responsibility," Oliaro told the senate adamantly, "You will carry out a legacy."

Oliaro also took the time to thank senate members for the consistent dedication they have paid to the job of student government.

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That's What the People Are Saying

On Sarah Palin as McCain's running mate

"She is either going to be magic or one of history's accidents."

— Peggy Noonan, The Wall Street Journal

THE *Sound* AND THE *Fury*

'Tropic Thunder' protests take the movie a bit too seriously

OF ALL THE ISSUES THE NEW BEN STILLER movie "Tropic Thunder" showcases, it was inevitable a controversy would arise.

Robert Downey Jr.'s character undergoes a pigment surgery to turn his skin black and portrays a stereotypical African American throughout most of the film.

Jack Black's character makes drug addiction funny with his signature over-the-top antics.

And let us not forget that the entire film is potentially making light of war.

The main uproar against the film, however, comes from Ben Stiller's action hero character and his previous film choice.

Before "Tropic Thunder" (the movie within the movie), Stiller's character played an intellectually disabled farmhand in "Simple Jack" and finds himself without the Oscar or recognition he is convinced he deserves.

It takes Downey Jr. to shed the light on how one should never go "full-retard" to win the hearts of America or of the Academy. He uses the example of Tom Hanks in "Forrest Gump" (who won the Oscar) versus Sean Penn in "I Am Sam" (who was only nominated). Whereas the audience was rooting for Hanks, as Downey Jr. says, they felt bad for Penn.

It is the usage of the "R-word" that has prompted disability advocacy communities and groups such as the Special Olympics to boycott the movie.

What first brought the attention was a faux Web site for "Simple Jack," which upon loud requests, was quietly removed. The studios even offered special screenings of the film for the groups to show that no harm was meant from it all.

Still the pickets happened.

Perhaps the fight is only for the use of the "R-word." Just like pink is the new black, the "R-word" is the new "N-word." Anyone who owns the album, knows that Black Eyed Peas'

radio version of the song "Let's Get It Started" is really "Let's Get Retarded."

Johnny Knoxville's "The Ringer" got a stamp of approval regardless of the "R-word" being used randomly throughout the film and even though Knoxville's character pretends to be an athlete in the Special Olympics in order to fix the games.

Evidently, there is a fine line somewhere with unwritten rules.

Maybe the stereotype portrayed by Stiller's character adds to the negative connotations the "R-word" carries.

By breaking down what Stiller has done for his Simple Jack, one can see the harmlessness. The stutter has been executed to death and perfected better by any one of Adam

Sandler's creations.

A speech impediment can be heard even in Christian Bale, the latest Batman, who in reality has a lisp.

And the bad teeth? Well, so do the British.

The movie, like this author, never purposefully hints at insensitivity. It is beyond political correctness to the point that no one should be offended.

The aim of "Tropic Thunder" is to make fun of itself. It is to show that actors, and the people who work for them, take themselves way too seriously at times.

We as a society take ourselves too seriously. We put these people so far under the microscope that it is about time we laugh at how ridiculous things are getting. Sure the film may take jabs at certain issues that hit home for America, but not distastefully and that is also the point.

The main fact is, "Tropic Thunder" is plagued with stereotypes and nonsense for the sake of pushing the envelope and making a Ben Stiller movie worth watching.

"The Heartbreak Kid," anyone?

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That's What She Said
 JESSICA DUGAN



Gobulldogs.com hosted a poll allowing Fresno State fans to vote on which Timeout mascot they would like to see this season. Which Timeout do you think will make an appearance at the Wisconsin game?

Web-Spe@k Question: *How do you cope with high textbook prices. Do you buy your books from Kennel Bookstore?*

"Best way is to buy a used book from someone who took the class the semester before."

"Ibought my books on Amazon.com this semester. Thank goodness I did. I saved about \$200, which was the price of one book at Kennel. Previous semesters I bought my books at the used bookstores across from campus, but after seeing the savings available from buying online, it was an easy choice."

Response: *Palin: another hasty decision?*

"Mccain has made a real blunder that has made the whole country wonder: was Palin the best pick, this chick from the sticks, to lead us when he's six feet under?"

"It's also good to see conservatives admitting this is a strange choice, though. Doesn't make a lot of sense really. And while Obama may not be as experienced as someone like McCain or Biden, plenty of arguments can be made for youth being a good thing. However, Obama's experience is much more valuable and pertinent to running the country, I'd say."

"The thing that really upset me was Palin's speech last night. Depending on the coverage you read about it, [the speech] was anything from "a no holds barred slugfest, shot straight from the hip" [to] "the most disrespectful display toward opponents" that you may have ever heard. For a campaign that has been complaining about the digs Obama supporters have been making toward both the Presidential and VP nominees, Palin was over the top in shots, insults and a level of disrespect that just set a horrible tone for how she plans to run her campaign."

Be sure to read the print edition of next Friday's issue of The Collegian for featured comments.

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S COURGE & MINISTER
 MATHEW GOMES

The critics who cried 'masterpiece'

The latest installment of the Batman series, "The Dark Knight," accomplished the remarkable feat of raking in about as many positive critical reviews as it did money. And the movie, if you missed it, took in a few boatloads of cash.

I expected the financial success, but I'm a bit puzzled by the critical enthusiasm over the film.

Shortly after its release, Rottentomatoes.com — a Web site that consolidates the movie reviews of most major film critics — posted a special feature exploring whether the film was a "masterpiece." There are, indeed, enough reviews on the Web site proclaiming as much.

I saw the movie, and that degree of praise seems a bit hasty. I thought "The Dark Knight" was a good movie with at least one very good performance and several other inoffensive ones.

But a masterpiece?

Masterpieces, in my mind, are those films that transform the way we think about movies and the way we watch them. Masterpieces challenge our understanding of cinema, the way it works or the way it can work.

Masterpieces, for me, are rhetorically complete. They are virtually flawless, or the flaws they contain are dwarfed by the power of their successes.

And it typically takes me more than two days before proclaiming a film a masterpiece.

"The Dark Knight" was an entertaining movie, but it was also bloated and occasionally sloppy. And I can't imagine the film's enduring legacy as being anything other than one of Heath Ledger's last films.

To call the film a masterpiece is hasty and, in my eyes, lazy.

If this is a masterpiece, when will we know when we see one for real?

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loves it is another word for "I love it!"

What's happenin' with the stars?

McClatchy Tribune

'IN A WORLD' VOICEOVER KING DON LAFONTAINE DIES

LOS ANGELES - Don LaFontaine, who recently parodied himself as "that announcer guy from the movies" in a Geico insurance commercial, has died. He was 68.

The voiceover king known for the "In a world ..." movie trailer phrase died from complications from pneumothorax, or a collapsed lung, Monday at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles.

LaFontaine was born on Aug. 26, 1940, in Duluth, Minn. After graduating from high school, he joined the Army, where he was assigned to work as a recording engineer. This led to his working at the National Recording Studios after his discharge as a sound engineer/editor.

He had an illustrious career with movie trailers that included work on "Dr. Strangelove," "The Godfather Part II," "Terminator" and "Fatal Attraction," among thousands of others. He also became the official voice of Paramount while lending his voice to all the major networks and various cable stations.

The "King of Voiceovers" also voiced hundreds of commercials for products such as Coke, McDonalds, Ford, Budweiser and Birds-Eye frozen foods.

LaFontaine is survived by his wife, actress and singer Nita Whitaker, and three children, Christine, Skye and Elyse.

'NATIONAL TREASURE' STAR JOINS TARANTINO'S 'BASTARDS'

LOS ANGELES - Nastassja Kinski is out and Diane Kruger is in for the cast of Quentin Tarantino's World War II ensemble "Inglorious Bastards."

Also joining the cast of the Weinstein Company/Universal co-production is German star Til Schweiger.

Kruger will play Bridget Von Hammersmark, a German movie star who assists a team of Nazi hunters in their mission of revenge. According to The Hollywood Reporter, Tarantino had wanted Kinski for the role and had even flown to Germany to meet with her, but no deal was reached.

Schweiger will play a member of the Nazi hunting team.

"Inglorious Bastards" will begin production on Oct. 13 in Germany, with a May 2009 Cannes Film Festival premiere tentatively in the cards.

Kruger is best known as the female lead from "Troy" and the two smash "National Treasure" films. She has "Mr. Nobody" and "Run for Her Life" on tap.

Schweiger's studio credits include "King Arthur," "Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life" and "Driven."

'NEWLYWEDS' COME BACK TO ABC

In case you missed "Here Come the Newlyweds" the first time around, ABC has a remedy for you.

The network has renewed the show, which scored decent ratings in the strike-depressed TV environment earlier this year, for a second season. It's also upped the show's episode order from six to eight, with comedian Pat Bullard returning as host.

The second season will pit nine recently married couples in a series of competitions to win a nest egg worth several hundred thousand dollars. The couples themselves determine

who goes home at the end of each episode.

ABC's announcement of the renewal refers to the show "the hit one-hour romantic comedy alternative series," which aside from being a mouthful may stretch the definition of "hit" just a little bit.

"Newlyweds'" competition was "Law & Order: SVU" reruns on NBC and repurposed "Dexter" episodes on CBS. The 8.1 million average ranks about 75th among all programs for the entire season.

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Reality is wrong. Dreams are for real.
— Tupac Shakur, rapper

The daily crossword

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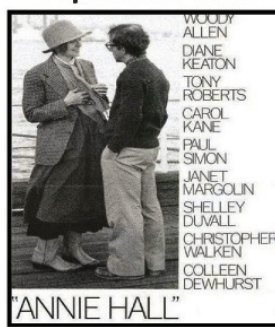
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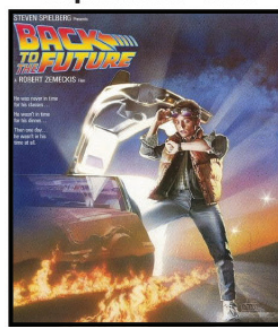
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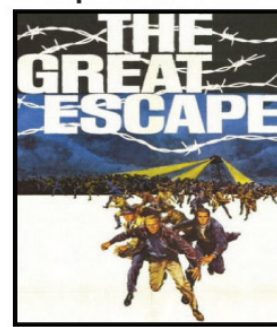
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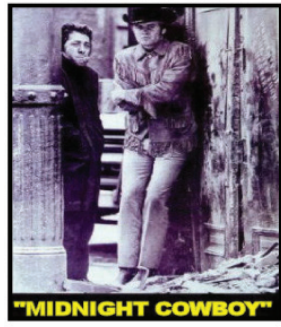
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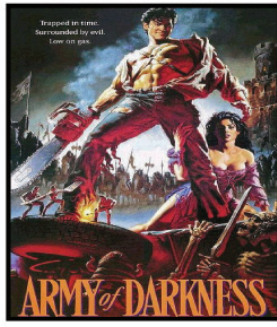
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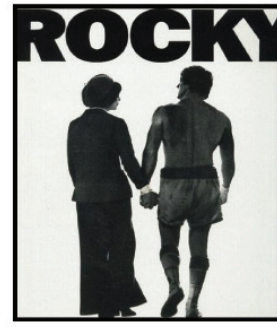
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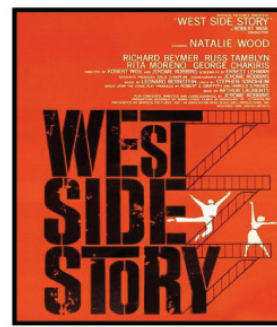
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Who is the greatest WAC rival of them all?



On the Hop

LOGAN HOPKINS

The past two college football bowl seasons have left me with mixed feelings about Fresno State's athletic conference, the Western Athletic Conference (WAC).

In back-to-back years, both Boise State and Hawaii have made it to a Bowl Championship Series game and in doing so, they have forced the national media to pay attention to the WAC.

While it was great publicity and much respect was gained for the conference, I still was not happy watching a team other than Fresno State reach the pinnacle of the sport and the respect that comes with it.

It was really tough seeing another team beating the Bulldogs to a BCS game. It made me, a lifelong Red Waver, so jealous of both Boise State and Hawaii.

Sitting on my couch, I knew that victories in these bowl games would benefit Fresno State's chances of making the BCS in the long run and it would be a nice pay check for the athletic department, but I just couldn't make myself pull for either WAC school.

After trying to get over my jealousy issues and trying to understand that

the game did benefit Fresno State in a roundabout way, I had to think, which of Fresno State's rivals do I despise the most?

The answer to the question did not come as simply as I initially expected.

I first thought it was just as simple as wins and losses, but a true rivalry goes deeper than that. A real rivalry is a hatred of all things the other school represents and envy of what they have.

When talking about a true rival, a team that Bulldog fans can focus all of their negative energy on, the answer had to be a school in the WAC, a team the Bulldogs face every year.

The WAC is not known for being a power conference, so immediately, I was able to eliminate almost all of the teams in the conference. Idaho, Utah State, Louisiana Tech and New Mexico State just didn't do it for me. I am sure a true Bulldog fan can agree.

Nevada and San Jose State came a little bit closer and while these teams have been playing Fresno State for years, I still did not feel that they were qualified to be the 'All Time Most Hated Rival of All Time'.

OK, I don't have an official name for it just yet.

The only two teams left in the running were Boise State and Hawaii.

Hawaii and Fresno State have been playing since 1938 and the Bulldogs lead the all-time series 20-19-1, so it's a historic and evenly matched rivalry, but the hate just wasn't there.

Yes, Hawaii did make the BCS game before Fresno State and the Warriors have a crazy homefield advantage, but I do not envy what Hawaii has.

They have been the end of many jokes since they were crushed in their matchup against Georgia in the Sugar Bowl last January and their recruiting situation is nowhere near where it needs to be.

So the final choice was Boise State. I came to the conclusion by process of elimination, but I knew it all along, or at least since they joined the WAC in 2001.

Boise State is just one step ahead of what the Fresno State is striving to be and that is exactly why I hate them.

The Bulldogs want to win the WAC every year; the Broncos have done it six of seven years in the conference.

Fresno State has been aiming to win a BCS berth since Pat Hill was hired on in 1997. Boise State did it in Chris Peterson's first year at the helm.

Fresno State has only beaten Boise State once in seven tries. They are everything I want my school's team to be, so I never really got over that jealousy thing.

One year won't change everything, but 2008 may be Fresno State's chance to make history of their own and catch up to Boise State.

If the Bulldogs can win the regular season finale on Boise State's "Smurf Turf," win the WAC and break into the BCS, then maybe I won't have as much hate for Boise State.

Who am I kidding? Boise State will always have that special place in my heart.



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Joe Jaszewski / Idaho Statesman

Boise State's Ian Johnson has broken the hearts of Bulldog fans for the past three years. Coming into the 2008 season, Johnson is looking to lead the Broncos back to a BCS bowl game. Boise State went to the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl following the 2006 season when they upset the Oklahoma Sooners. Boise State was picked to finish first this season in the WAC Media Poll. The Broncos finished second in the WAC for the first time since joining the conference in 2001.

The Collegian's Top 10

By Collegian Sports Staff

No. 1 USC Trojans (1-0)

Last Week: Beat Virginia, 52-7, in Charlottesville.

Next Opponent: Ohio State (Sept. 13)

Tidbit: Quarterback Mark Sanchez proved that his knee is just fine, with a 338-yard, three-touchdown performance. Five different running backs scored for the Trojans.



No. 2 Georgia Bulldogs (1-0)

Last Week: Beat Georgia Southern, 45-21, in Athens.

Next Opponent: Central Michigan (Sept. 6)

Tidbit: Heisman hopeful Knowshon Moreno scored three times, but the defense gave up 21 points to a Division-1AA school.



No. 3 Florida Gators (1-0)

Last Week: Beat Hawaii, 56-10, in Tallahassee.

Next Opponent: Miami (FL) (Sept. 6)

Tidbit: Quarterback Tim Tebow didn't have to rush for a touchdown for the first time since 2006. Four different running backs scored for the Gators.



No. 4 Ohio State Buckeyes (1-0)

Last Week: Beat Youngstown State, 43-0, in Columbus.

Next Opponent: Ohio (Sept. 6)

Tidbit: The win was nice, but running back Chris "Beanie" Wells suffered an injury to his toe that will sideline him this week.



No. 5 Oklahoma Sooners (1-0)

Last Week: Beat Chattanooga,



57-2, in Norman.

Next Opponent: Cincinnati (Sept. 6)

Tidbit: The Sooners were up 50-0 at halftime, which made this a no-contest. They should be challenged a little more by the Bearcats this weekend.

No. 6 Missouri Tigers (1-0)

Last Week: Beat No. 20 Illinois, 52-42, in St. Louis.

Next Opponent: Southeast Missouri State (Sept. 6)

Tidbit: While Missouri's high-powered offense was able to put up 52 points led by quarterback Chase Daniel's 323 yards and three touchdowns, the defense gave up 451 yards and 5 touchdowns to Illinois quarterback Juice Williams. Missouri will face much better teams down the road and must sure up their defense to compete.



No. 7 West Virginia Mountaineers (1-0)

Last Week: Beat Villanova, 48-21, in Morgantown.

Next Opponent: East Carolina (Sept. 6)

Tidbit: Heisman hopeful Pat White led the Mountaineers at quarterback with five touchdowns through the air and added 63 yards on the ground. This week's game against East Carolina should be a true test; the Pirates are fresh off an upset of West Virginia.



No. 8 LSU Tigers (1-0)

Last Week: Beat Appalachian State, 41-13, in Baton Rouge.

Next Opponent: North Texas (Sept. 13)

Tidbit: Last week's matchup against Appalachian State was a game between Division 1 and Division 1-AA national champions, but the Tigers proved their



dominance over the Mountaineers.

They will have to wait until September 13 to get on the field again; their September 6 game against Troy has been postponed because of Hurricane Gustav.

No. 9 Auburn Tigers (1-0)

Last Week: Beat Louisiana-Monroe, 34-0, in Auburn.

Next Opponent: Southern Mississippi (Sept. 6)

Tidbit: In week one, Auburn's running back by committee compiled 321 yards of rushing against Louisiana-Monroe, led by Ben Tate's 115 yards. Both sides of the ball looked strong for the Tigers, but making it in the SEC is no easy



task.

No. 10 Wisconsin Badgers (1-0)

Last Week: Beat Akron, 38-17, in Madison.

Next Opponent: Marshall (Sept. 6)

Tidbit: Wisconsin tailback P.J. Hill was the star of the Badgers season opener racking up 210 yards and 2 touchdowns. With Ohio State tailback Chris Wells injured, Wisconsin should compete for the Big Ten title.



Dropped Out: Clemson Tigers (0-1)

Honorable Mention: Texas Longhorns (1-0), Kansas Jayhawks (1-0), Texas Tech Red Raiders (1-0)

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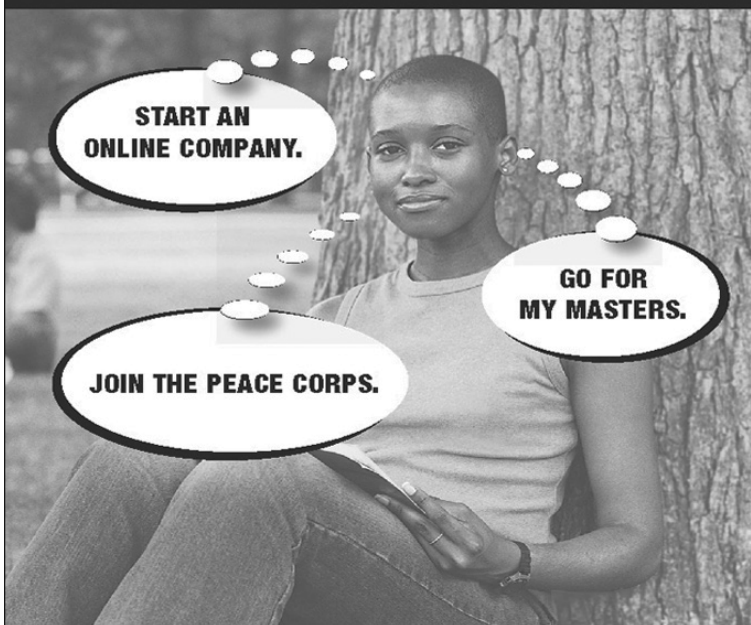
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Outside hitter Tairyn Rasmussen goes for a dig Wednesday night against Fresno Pacific at the Save Mart Center. Rasmussen was a all-conference freshman last season and is looking to build on the success she had in 2007.

SEWELL: Coach happy with progress

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get.”
Coach Lauren Netherby-Sewell agreed with finishing off strong.
“We need improvement. It’s going to be a year-long process,” Netherby-Sewell said. “We’re dealing with a lot of scar tissue from years past. As long as I see progress everyday I’m happy, but now I better start seeing some plays and ability to finishing matches.”
For Clarke, getting the right technique down is what she feels is important for the team.
“We need to improve on the

technical things,” said the freshman middle hitter.

Netherby-Sewell also saw experience being the ultimate advantage the Sunbirds had.

“Fresno Pacific has some really experienced players,” Netherby-Sewell said. “They have a world of experience that we haven’t touched. It’s really good to play against teams like that. We learned how to play better volleyball.”

And despite the fact that Fresno Pacific was one of the toughest opponents on Fresno State’s schedule, as well as their crosstown rival, Netherby-Sewell believes that conference play is more important.

“For us, what I care about is the WAC,” Netherby-Sewell said. “This for us was just preparation. To me, [Fresno Pacific/Fresno State] is not really a rivalry. But it was great to play in a packed house.”

The first-year Fresno State coach believes that even tougher challenges lie ahead for her squad.

“So far, St. Mary’s is one of the toughest we’ve played,” Netherby-Sewell said. “We’re going to face tougher Division I opponents this year.”

Fresno State will now head to Green Bay for a two-day tournament in Wisconsin.

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Football running back Ryan Mathews

The sophomore from Bakersfield rushed for 163 yards against Rutgers Monday and also scored three touchdowns, leading the Bulldogs to a 24-7 victory.

FRESNO STATE VOLLEYBALL

Crosstown foe burns Bulldogs

National champ Fresno Pacific sweeps Bulldogs for fourth straight season

By Lorenzo Reyna
 The Collegian

A record-setting crowd, stellar play from Tairyn Rasmussen and Brianna Clarke, and a late rally still weren't enough for the Bulldogs to pull away a win from a more experienced Fresno Pacific volleyball squad Wednesday night.

The veteran-laden Sunbirds overcame deficits and prevented any hope of a Bulldog upset by sweeping the match by scores of 25-17, 25-22 and 25-18, in front of over 3,000 in attendance at the Save Mart Center.

Outside hitter Rasmussen led the team with 11 kills, while Clarke finished the night with seven kills, giving her the team lead with 46 on the season.

The Bulldogs led by as many as three points with a 20-17 lead in game two, with Clarke helping ignite the Save Mart Center crowd with her aggressive play during the rally.

"I feed off of big crowds," Clarke said. "I love the atmosphere. I just go hard all the time. My coaches and team-



Ryan Tubongbanua / The Collegian

Sophomore Tairyn Rasmussen tries to rally her teammates to victory during Wednesday night's game against NAIA Champion Fresno Pacific. The Bulldogs were swept in three games, but will look to rebound this weekend at the Wisconsin-Green Bay Tournament.

mates give me the confidence I need."

But, when the Bulldogs were leading 22-20, the Sunbirds silenced the Red Wave crowd by scoring five unanswered points to finish off the second game, then led throughout the third and final set to clinch the victory.

Fresno State sophomore Kasey Van Grouw and former Sunbird Allannah Munson led the way in assists, with Munson collecting 17 against her ex-teammates.

Clarke also was going against some former teammates. She played club volleyball with Fresno Pacific's Lisa Shilling

and Mariah Mandelbaum.

"You know what shots they have. You know what they're going to do. It was a good experience for me," Clarke said.

If there was one thing that the Bulldogs learned from the defending NAIA champions, it was having the experience of finishing games off.

"We need to work on finishing games," Van Grouw said, who finished second on the team in assists with eight for the game. "We get to 20 or 21 points but then we fall apart. We need to finish those leads strongly and keep the leads we

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New coach resurrecting aquatics for 'Dogs

By George Stepanoff, Jr.
 The Collegian

There has certainly been a pattern with new coaching positions filled over the last year, leaving the athletic department with no off-season.

First, it was the hiring of new offensive coordinator Doug Nussmeier in football. Then, Lauren Netherby-Sewell took over the head coaching job for volleyball, while Sean McManus was hired as head cross country coach.

Later, women's lacrosse started up with Sue Behme announced as head coach and Carlee Buck was hired as assistant offensive coach.

Now, in the midst of a crazy summer, Taryn Ignacio is the latest to join the Bulldog family when she was named the

new head diving coach this past week.

Ignacio will join coach Jeanne Fleck and assistant Ryan Purdy to complete the swimming and diving coaching staff.

Ignacio was a former All-American diver at Kentucky. The latest chapter in her life will have her coaching four divers in the upcoming season.

"I'm honored and excited to be a part of the Fresno State swimming and diving team," Ignacio said. "I feel that me being only 23 is a benefit, because I could relate to the student divers as I was one not

too long ago."

Ignacio found herself as the Interim Head Coach at the University of Kentucky last season after Mike Lyden, who spent 16 seasons as the coach of the diving program at Kentucky, passed away after a long battle with cancer. The Richmond, Ky. native was an individual national champion at Kentucky in 2006 in the platform event — the first NCAA Champion for the Wildcats.

Ignacio was also a five-time, Southeastern Conference (SEC) Champion.

Ignacio was the one-meter champion in her sophomore and senior seasons. She took home the title on the platform all three years she was at Kentucky (2004-07).

"I look forward for the upcoming year and I'm ready to build one of the best swim-

ming and diving programs in the nation," Ignacio said.

She is the University of Kentucky record-holder in both the one-meter and platform events, as well as the SEC and NCAA record-holder on the platform. Ignacio was just the second diver in SEC history to win three conference titles on the platform and was named the SEC Female Diver of the Year all three seasons. Prior to diving at Kentucky, Ignacio spent one season at Florida State where she qualified for the NCAA Championships as a freshman. She also took 11th on the platform at the U.S. Olympic Trials.

Ignacio has not only been a successful young coach as well. In 2007, she coached one women's All-American on the one-

meter, and one male freshman to All-American honors on the one-meter as well.

"I feel that Taryn will bring positive energy, excitement and quality to our program right away," Fleck said. "I have heard good reviews from the top diving coaches in the country on her. She has the makings of a great coach and the ability to coach all three diving events."

Ignacio will dive right into her coaching debut as a Bulldog when the swimming and diving season begins October 18 at Santa Cruz.

This will be the first swimming and diving meet for Fresno State since the sport was disbanded in 2004.



Taryn Ignacio
 Diving Coach