Hundreds protest ‘diversity bake sale’ on Berkeley campus

By Lee Romney
McClatchy-Tribune

Hundreds of students packed Sproul Plaza at the University of California, Berkeley on Tuesday to express their views on the use of race and gender in university admissions decisions and to weigh in on the tone of debate.

“Berkeley is the home of the free speech movement. We want to be sure it doesn’t become the capital of political correctness.”

— Shawn Lewis,
Berkeley College Republicans

The Coalition group show their support for Senate Bill 185 on the University of California campus in Berkeley, Calif. on Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2011. The protest coincided with a bake sale by the Berkeley College Republicans with items priced according to ethnicity to protest affirmative action.

By Melissa Thomson
The Collegian

Fewer students are attending the Student Recreation Center compared to the beginning of the semester, according to the gym attendance rates.

“Yeah, [they] dropped quite a bit,” Derek Walters, director of the Student Recreation Center said. “We average about 1,700 visitors a day the first week or two. Then we dropped down to about 1,400 to 1,500 the past few weeks.”

The SRC, which has been on campus for over five years, provides students with a place to exercise and offers activities such as cardio classes, games and intramurals athletics.

Walters believes the reason for the decline in gym attendance might be due to an increase in academic expectations.

“The demands in classes increase, the work becomes more rigorous,” Walters said. “Students are having to buckle down with academics and coming to the SRC may not be as much of a priority.”

Walters said that the sixth week of attendance is typically low. Past years at this time have also had an average of 1,300 to 1,400 people from Monday through Thursday. Numbers are even lower on weekends, Walters added.

Gabriel Aguilar, a staff member at the SRC, has also noticed the significant decrease in numbers.

“There were definitely a lot of people that came in during the first couple weeks,” Aguilar said. “The attendance was extremely high and this place was extremely busy.”

The SRC set a record on Monday during the second week of school with 1,861 people visiting the facility. The previous record was 1,822 people on Jan. 25, 2010.

“I think that at first maybe people were just excited about working out and meeting new people, but now they have met everyone and just have other things to do,” Aguilar said.

Aguilar believes that since the gym was so crowded in the beginning, it could have discouraged a number of students from coming.

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— Renee Schantin,
Fresno State student

By Melisa Thomson
The Collegian

The Student Recreation Center broke a record the second week of school when 1,861 students visited the facility in one day. In 2010 the record was set at 1,822 people. A decline in student attendance is a normal occurrence after the initial weeks of school.

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OP-ED

Clean up the community

By Selena Farnesi

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other month has gone by. October is looming. I always love the start of a new month because it seems fresh. It’s a clean slate, an opportunity to improve upon the last month’s foils or compliments. It makes you want to start fresh. Out of sight, out of mind and off the calendar.

Even when you have thoroughly enjoyed the previous month, flipping the calendar is a reminder of how fast life moves and how important it is to always be in the moment. We must enjoy what we have and work to share our experiences, skills and victories with others.

The spirit of starting October the best way possible, ASI would like to invite you to participate in our Community Cleanup Day.

On Sunday, Oct. 2, we will be working together with members of the greater Fresno State community to clean up the neighborhoods many students call home.

This cleanup day is an opportunity to do something exciting for the community that we are part of. It is a chance to demonstrate that students care about what is going on around them, and it’s a demonstration of what students can accomplish as a team.

Every individual makes a difference. We would love to have you and your friends join us and promote a positive change in our community.

If you choose to participate in participating this Sunday, simply grab some friends and arrive at the venue ready to work. There will be two sign in locations. The first will be located at the Wesley United Methodist Church on Barstow and Fourth Street, the second will be in front of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity House (PKA) on Shaw across from Fresno State. Check in is at 1:00 p.m., immediately following check in, we will assemble teams and begin cleanup by 2:00 p.m.

The Community Cleanup Day is not your only opportunity to get involved. This event is part of a yearlong effort by your student government to revitalize the neighborhoods around Fresno State and work with students to make the outskirts of this campus a safe community for students, faculty and all its residents.

It isn’t right that students blame the problems of this community on which they live on the non-student residents, just as it isn’t right that those residents blame students for the same issues. We are working hard to change the stereotypes that piggy back students and demonstrate that students are the problem, but rather the solution — and they deserve to be respected, involved and safe.

There are many ways to get involved and help us achieve this goal, so please stop by the ASI offices in USU rooms 116 and 117, friend and post on the Revitalize the USU Community Facebook page and participate in some of our events and committees. Even if you cannot commit to the project, you can always help by being our cause a good neighbor of the community. Help keep yourself and others safe by removing valuables from your car, locking your vehicle and reporting suspicious activity to the police. Respect the community and your neighbors by being clean, respectful and courteous to those who live around you.

Together we can make this month and our community one of service and stewardship — together we can make a difference. Hope to see you Sunday! Go Bengals!

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**BERKELEY: Bake sale causes conflict**

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“It’s extremely reductive and forcing people into a defensive position instead of an honest place of listening,” said Tatianna Peck, a California State University, Berkeley student.

Some protesters gave out cupcakes in hopes of creating “an environment where people can come have dialogue with respect and sensitivity,” said Damaris Olaechea, 24. The anthropology and rhetoric major said she, along with her roommate, baked hundreds of “cupcakes of conscience” to hand out in that spirit.

“Everybody’s having conversations with the Republicans. It’s totally a civilized event,” said Levon Minassian, 21, a political science major whose co-op made baked goods to give out in protest.

Minassian and others said they hoped the discussion would trigger a broad stance by all students to fight tuition hikes.

“Everybody’s having conversations,” Minassian said. “It’s totally a civilized event.”

Shawn Lewis, president of the Berkeley College Republicans, said the sale was getting news coverage as far as Russia and Australia and bringing attention to an important policy issue. “This has created the dialogue we wanted,” he said.

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**SRC: Gym attendance declines**

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Students from attending.

Fresno State student Renee Schantin usually works out twice a day during the week at the SRC.

“I think people just go to the gym to impress others and not really to lose weight or stay healthy,” Schantin said. “Since they don’t go for themselves, their drive just dies out, and soon they find other things to preoccupy their time.”

Schantin brought up how many students worry about the “freshmen 15,” yet stop caring about their weight after a week in school.

“People just forget to work out because they had physical education or sports before, but now they need exercise to maintain a healthy lifestyle.”

“If you found a way to make people want to go to the gym, then people will go to the gym,” Walters said.

 SRC's Greg Walters said the decline in SRC membership is a concern.

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**Sidewalk crack causes accident**

Fresno State student Esmeralda Gonzalez had a skateboard accident Thursday afternoon in front of the Free Speech area by Henry Madden Library. “I landed on my face because the [sidewalk] crack pulled my skate board back,” Gonzalez said while being observed by paramedics. “We just heard her fall, there were several students that gathered around her and were asking if she was OK. She was up and she didn’t seem too hurt,” Fresno State student Leila Alamri said.

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Fresno State political science professor publishes book on Indian gaming

By Evelyn Demirchian
The Collegian

Nasir Rashid, a former Fresno State student and linguistics instructor from Jordan, hopes to see an increase in interest in Arabic language courses. Rashid has witnessed a boom in class attendance in the two years he has been an instructor.

“I find more students are interested to the point where, this semester, I don’t even have room for students. The class is closed,” Rashid said.

Students are showing an incredible amount of interest in both the Arabic and Persian languages. The opportunity for cultural awareness and interconnectedness has proven eye opening for many students and Rashid sees this as an incredibly positive outlook. Many students and Rashid sees this as an incredibly positive outlook.

Middle Eastern studies program opens students’ eyes to another culture

By Dylan Patton
The Collegian

On Sept. 14, 2011, a panel discussion was held at Fresno State’s Henry Madden Library. The panel was held to discuss a book, “The New Politics of Indian Gambling.”

The book was written by three Fresno State political science teachers, Dr. Kenneth Hansen, Associate Prof. Jeff Cummins and Dr. Thomas Holyoke. Allison Cowgill, a librarian who helps with the growing science department, arranged the discussion. She also attended the discussion. The topic held interest for Cowgill as well. She had written a book of her own, “Casino Gaming: A Research Guide.”

Hansen’s own heritage drove him to write the book, although he was adopt- ed, and unsure of his exact heritage. But nonetheless, he felt compelled to tell of this particular plight. Hansen explained that doing a topic that is personal is typically frowned upon. It is often referred to as “nausea.”

Each of the three professors contributed to the book. Cummins, who worked for the California legislature in the past, worked on the chapter that dealt with lobbying strategies, campaign contributions and how they affected Indian gaming in California.

Cummins explained that the Indian tribes in California had better luck lobbying for their cause than their New York counterparts. This was due in part that Indian casinos in California had already been in operation. Thus the tribes were able to use casino profits to fund their cause.

Holyoke focused on Indian gaming in New York. In Chapter 9 of the book, Holyoke goes into a lot of detail of the obstacles Indian tribes faced in building their casinos.

In New York, gambling was forbidden. There was a great deal from the religious community who saw gambling as a “sin.” People were also worried about the impact a casino would bring. Some people were worried that if an Indian casino was built, more crime would follow.

One of the most difficult obstacles came from the tribes themselves. Tribes began to fight amongst each other. If a tribe got a legislation measure to allow slot machines at their casino, it would hurt the other tribes financially.

Holyoke got the information he needed for his research, but he did have some difficulty. He explained that there was a difference between “what you can get.” and “what do you want?”
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Word of the Day

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A small-sized hangover, usually comes with merely a mild headache, a vague fatigue and little or no sense of regret and/or shame.

Source: UrbanDictionary.com
CARR: Bakersfield Christian High School graduate has already attempted 128 passes in four games

Sophomore quarterback Derek Carr has started off the season fast, completing 59 percent of his passes for 1,010 yards and nine touchdowns. Carr recorded career-best numbers last week.

Starting quarterback Ryan Colburn had only thrown for 992 yards in 106 attempts. It may not seem like much of a difference, but the passing game has met and surpassed expectations with Carr under center. With the Bakersfield Christian High School graduate in charge of the offense, the ‘Dogs have spread the ball around and have found ways to get multiple receivers involved.

In four games, Carr has already passed to five different receivers at least 10 times each. Sophomore Jalen Saunders leads the receivers with 12 catches for 335 yards and four touchdowns. Junior Rashad Evans has also provided Carr with another reliable receiver with his 21 catches for 184 yards and one touchdown.

Carr and Saunders have formed a dynamic duo in the past two games. Saunders led the ‘Dogs in receiving with 3 catches for 164 yards and two touchdowns against North Dakota and five catches for 142 yards and another pair of touchdowns at Idaho.

“We’re all on the same page right now, I trust where they’re going to be.”
— Derek Carr, starting quarterback

Carr’s relationship with his receiving corps has strengthened as well with so many receivers given opportunities to make plays in Fresno State’s offense.

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Carr could be getting some help in the protection department with junior center Richard Helepiko possibly returning to the lineup for this Saturday’s game, which would move senior Leslie Cooper back to the left guard position. With Helepiko possibly returning, Carr acknowledges how the changes to the offensive line could benefit him.

“[Cooper] feels comfortable at guard and I feel real comfortable with [Helepiko],” Carr said. “It should be some good changes. We’re ready to go and ready to play but we have to have a good week at practice.”


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The Fresno State cross country team will hit the road for the Notre Dame Invitational this Friday.

New Carr has been unleashed

Carr will be faced with another big challenge in his second home game of the season against Mississippi

By Angel Moreno
The Collegian

During last Saturday’s game against Idaho, sophomore starting quarterback Derek Carr picked apart the Idaho secondary in a breakout performance after he completed 24 of 37 passes for a total of 371 yards for five touchdowns and two interceptions in the Bulldogs’ 48-24 conference win.

The Bulldogs will try to extend their winning streak to three games and have above a .500 record for the first time this season. Fresno State’s opportunity will be this weekend against Mississippi who will be the first Southeastern Conference member ever to play at Bulldog Stadium. The game will be the first of a three-game home stand for the ‘Dogs.

The Rebels have started off the season 1-3 and are thirsty for a win after coming off back-to-back losses against Vanderbilt and last week’s defeat at Georgia, 27-13.

But the Bulldogs’ offense is putting up numbers that should make it difficult for Ole Miss to quench its thirst.

Carr has came off his best performance of the season last week and has passed for 1,010 yards on 76 completions in 128 attempts thus far this season.

Former Bulldog quarterback and now passing game coordinator Jeff Grady agreed that Carr has improved over the past four weeks of the season since his sophomore has already surpassed the 1,000-yard mark.

At this time last season, then-Carr has been unleashed

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