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Entrepreneurs compete in pitch competition

By Ciara Norton
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On Wednesday, Sept. 28 Fresno State’s Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization club, held an elevator pitch contest in the Lyles Center where Fresno State accounting student Clifton Wahlberg’s idea to facilitate cheaper real estate paperwork won first place.

This semester, over a dozen students presented their entrepreneur ideas in about a 90-second contest to a panel of judges as well as about 20 observers.

Wahlberg was awarded with an engraved trophy, one-on-one time to consult with local experts so that he can perfect his pitch and a paid trip to Fort Worth, Texas to compete in the CEO National Elevator Pitch Competition that will take place on Oct. 27 to 29.

Daniel Dittus, a business major and exchange student from Germany, won second place for his idea of putting energy supplements into ice cubes. He was awarded with a partially funded trip to the CEO National Elevator Pitch Competition as well as a certificate of recognition.

Forrest Miller, an entrepreneurship major, won third place for his idea of putting juice bars into gyms and was also awarded with a certificate of recognition.

“Our goal for this contest is always to see who someone to nationals,” said Sammi Escalera, an entrepreneurship major and vice president of the CEO club.

The elevator pitch idea is based on the metaphor of running into someone in an elevator and trying to sell them an idea in a short amount of time.

Escalera, a senior, has been a club member of CEO since the fall 2010 semester. She said that last semester there were only about seven students who pitched.

Eric Rawn and Matt Cholakian served as judges.

Rawn, a Craig School of Business alumnus, is the founder for a network consulting firm called BCT Consulting. He is also a member of Mayor Ashley Swearengin’s Technology Affinity Group.

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The Set to Take a Hit in U.S. Budget Crisis,” extortion.”

By Tony Petersen

An article from yesterday’s The New York Times entitled, “Foreign Aid Set to Take a Hit in U.S. Budget Crisis,” said this:

As lawmakers scramble to trim swelling national debt, both the Republican-controlled House and the Democratic-controlled Senate have proposed slashing financing for the State Department and its related aid agencies at a time of desperate humanitarian crises and uncertain political developments. The proposals have raised the specter of deep cuts in food and medicine for Africa, in relief for disaster-affected places like Pakistan and Japan, in political and economic assistance for the new democracies of the Middle East, and even for the Peace Corps.

Foreign aid has played a role in the United States’ foreign policy since the days of the Cold War. The New York Times has a pretty neat graphic on its website showing how much aid America has given to foreign countries every year since 1977. How much the U.S. has given varies, ranging from

$14.55 billion in 1997 to $44.02 billion in 2004, but has never been more than 2 percent of the federal budget. However, the NYT’s colorful language — slashing financing, desperate humanitarian crises, the specter of deep cuts — makes it sound like without U.S. aid, the entire world would collapse.

That is simply not the case. At best, economic evidence is murky as to whether or not aid actually aids the population it is supposed to. There is considerable evidence that the bulk of the aid we send to countries goes not toward the ailing populations, but either to fill the tyrant’s coffers or to fund usurious elements within the country.

Take Pakistan, for instance. Pakistan receives considerable funding from the U.S. government (exactly how much is hard to pin down). Even still, the country could not be trusted during our much-hyped mission to kill Osama bin Laden, and Haqassim, a Pakistan-based terrorist group, has been accused of being an arm of the Pakistani intelligence agency by recently retired Adm. Mike Mullen. Needless to say, foreign aid doesn’t always do what it is supposed to do. As British economist Peter Bauer once said, foreign aid is “a transfer of money from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries.”

But the majority of what foreign aid is used for is called “smart power.” We use it to manipulate foreign governments into doing things that are in our best interests, the people of their countries be damned. It is not only ineffectual, it is diplomatic extortion. Admittedly, scrapping foreign aid will not erase the national debt — it will take much more than that. However, ending foreign aid will not result in widespread calamity for foreign nations.

Ronald Reagan said it best when he argued that poor countries need liberty, not aid.

Yesterday, while being lectured on Plato’s Republic, my ancient political philosophy class had a discussion on the decay of society. The professor put the following question to us: Could all the politicians of today have written the U.S. Constitution?

Some students argued that they could. They thought that the founding generation was helped immensely by circumstances. If we were faced today with starting a new government from scratch, they said, we could do the same thing. I, hardly disagree.

The Constitution is one of the most brilliant political documents that has ever been written, and the minds that produced it were some of the best that this country has produced. Our founding generation cobbled together 13 separate state interests and many different political philosophies into a coherent, workable governing document that has remained in place for more than 200 years.

Today’s politicians can’t agree on anything. Washington, Franklin, Jefferson, Hamilton, Adams and many more have names that will stand the test of time. Obama, Bush, Boehner, Pelosi, Reid and McConnell likely will not.

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Letter to the Editor

To the editor:

I agree with Erica Hernandez’s position in “A new attempt for equal rights,” in the Oct. 3 issue of The Collegian arguing for equal rights for women and would extend the critique toward a radical position of examining ourselves. For a generation coming of age during times riddled with broken systems, it is no longer enough to argue for change in rhetoric documents for more rhetoric documents. Laws are merely a conglomerate of the atti
SNACKS: Vending machines are reliable?

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winter comes when it won’t be so hot and you don’t have to get water from them all the time.” Fresno State Auxiliary Operations said they service the machines on a regular basis and sometimes even weekly depending on the location of the unit.

“The snack vending machines throughout campus are filled and serviced by Canteen Scott Browning, general manager of Canteen Scott Browning, in an email. “I can assure you that we take the quality of the items sold to the students and staff at Fresno State very seriously.”

Some students say they are frustrated because of inconsistent and unreliable vending machines.

“They take your change and it makes you wonder if I have the machine but you can’t because it would be vandalism.” Moreno said. “You call the number but they don’t do anything about it.”

Associate vice president for Auxiliary Debbie Astone assures students vending machines are reliable. Astone said Fresno State receives $14,000 a year from vending machines.

“If anyone has experienced problems or issues with any of the food items they should contact the number on the machine and the University Dining Services main office so we can follow up as well.”

As far as the refund policy for the snack machines on campus, each machine has a sticker in the upper right hand corner; Browning said, referring to a sticker where students can call for repairing services.

“If a student loses money or receives an item they are not satisfied with, a call to our office is all that is needed. We will ask name and address, amount lost and mail it out that day.”

— Scott Browning, general manager Canteen Scott Browning

FAMILY: Students juggle their lives

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comes to helping all parents on campus.

“The most important thing we want is for parents to continue their education.” Mathis said. “It’s really important that families come in all types.”

Along with economic and other issues, some single parents are also victims of stereotypes.

Elizabeth Swearingen, a women’s studies professor on campus, gave an explanation as to why there are stereotypes when it comes to single motherhood.

“I think that the stigmas of single motherhood are stereotyped upon wealth and class.” Swearingen said. “Single mothers aren’t considered to be living the ideal life, which would include a husband and financial stability.”

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— Mona Davis, Fresno State student

Students presenting a pitch were judged on their ability to capture the audience’s attention, their ability to make the audience interested and their overall idea and presentation with networking possibilities and practice.

“We try to provide a networking club and events for pretty much all majors so it’s more of a network for pre-professionals.” Whitney said. “The goal is for students to be able to effectively communicate a complex idea in a short amount of time. It’s an effective selling technique that will help later in life in any area.”

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CEO: Students prepare for the future

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Cholakian is also a Craig School of Business alumnus. He currently works as an account manager for Breuning Pacific, a global chemical and commodity distributor. Compared to previous years, CEO club members said that this semester’s contest had a better turnout.

“Normally we have less students than this year,” CEO president Adam Whitney said. “We also had a larger range of majors this time.”

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Students preparing a pitch...
By Sam Yoder
The Collegian

Fresno State helps Break Barriers around the world

By Dylan Patton
The Collegian

'Killer Elite' an exciting, different kind of action movie

By Sam Yoder
The Collegian

Break The Barriers is an organization that grew up in a backyard in Fresno but is now known world wide thanks to the big heart of a Fresno State alumna.

"I had a prayer," Deby Hergenrader, founder of Break The Barriers, says. "How are we going to show the world that all people belong together?"

Break The Barriers is an organization dedicated to including everyone in any kind of activity no matter his or her disability.

"We have a partnership with Fresno State," Hergenrader said. "We work with the professors in special education. We are actually written into the curriculum for the liberal studies special education courses.

"I would like to be a speech therapist in some capacity and Danny will help me do that," Alawad said.

Alawad works with the kids twice a week along with another student intern from the speech pathology department at Fresno State. She grew up in a family that was not familiar with Break The Barriers until this internship.

"I had heard of it existed," Alawad said. "Deby told me everything about Break The Barriers when I got there."

Hergenrader is a Fresno State alumna who started this organization in her backyard in 1983. It was her sister, Kathy Mullen, who gave her the drive to start an organization based on the principles of including everyone in all activities.

Mullen, 50, was born with Down syndrome but did not let that stop her from wanting to follow her dreams. "My parents would try to get my brother, my sister and I signed up for recreation sports," Hergenrader said. "When we'd go people would say to my parents that we can't help but wonder if it is possible to provide opportunities for them."

Now, 28 years later, thanks to the support of her husband Steve Hergenrader and many donations from others, Break The Barriers has a 32,000 square-foot facility teaching everything from gymnastics to taekwondo, and they even have classes for speech therapy.

Now the world knows about Break The Barriers. Jared Schmidt, 30, is a world champion Special Olympics athlete in gymnastics and snow skiing. "It is a program for Break The Barriers. He has traveled all over the world during the years he's spent with the organization."

"We went to Romania twice and after that we went to China," Schmidt said. "After that we went to South Africa and the last one was the Dominican Republic."

Government officials from these countries and others contact Break The Barriers and ask them to come and perform in their country.

"The director from China said to me that you and your husband may have started this program because of your sister, but this performing team is an international influence," Hergenrader said.

This type of worldwide recognition has been made possible from countless donations and support from philanthropists such as Linda Smittcamp, a Fresno State alumna and Break The Barriers board member.

Smittcamp said her and her family choose non-profits to contribute to and she had friends who had children in the programs at Break The Barriers, which is how she learned about the organization.

A benefit dinner is put on every year by board members to raise funds for the organization.

"Our goal is to raise funds for scholarships for the kids who cannot afford to pay for it," Smittcamp said.

She also said they try to get an anonymous donation from supporters called "Secret Pocket" which pays for one child to attend classes of their choice for the entire year.

Break The Barriers received a grant from the U.S. Department of Education for a projector and surround sound speakers to educate the classes from Fresno State who go to Break The Barriers to learn about inclusion.

"We are for everybody," Hergenrader said. "This program is for you and for me and it's for the ones in a wheelchair, the ones that can see and can't see. It's for everybody.

"We work with various abilities," she continued. "We all have abilities and disabilities. We all have our own handicaps."

Killer Elite

Killer Elite is a thriller, and an exciting, different kind of action movie. Fans of Statham might want to check this one out. It's an easy task considering Danny's targets are former members of Britain's elite Special Forces team, the Special Air Service (SAS).

Danny begins eliminating his targets one by one, making sure each other. Logan, (Clive Owen), another ex-SAS operative to stop. Danny's only a matter of time before Danny and Spike "The Feathermen" turn to Spike Logan, (Clive Owen), another ex-SAS operative to stop. "Killer Elite" is a different direction. There is more suspense than blood and bullets. There is action in this movie and the scenes are just spaced enough to wait until the action starts again. Logan wants to kill Danny to avenge his friends. But at the same time, he knows that there's a chance his government is hiding secrets from him. It seems most of the characters have secrets. And these people are willing to kill or at least try to kill to keep them.

Even though it's not as action packed as most action films, it's worth checking out. "Killer Elite" is the type of movie that if you enjoy it for what it's worth, then you will have fun. The film tries to take a different approach to action films that people have thought it worked.

The movie is loosely based on a book 'The Feathermen,' written by author Ranulph Fiennes. Regardless, the book and movie are true or there is often an interest in government conspiracies, secret societies and secret agents. If this story did happen, it's one heck of a story.
Flaming Lips to release song with running time of six hours

By Randy Lewis
McClatchy-Tribune

LOS ANGELES — Want to hear the new song from the Flaming Lips? Better put in for a day off from work or school to check it out.

“Found a Star on the Ground” runs six hours — yes, that’s hours, not minutes — and it’s being released as a philanthropic move to benefit two groups in the band’s hometown of Oklahoma City: the Central Oklahoma Humane Society and the Academy of Contemporary Music at the University of Central Oklahoma.

Rather than simply generating proceeds for the causes through music sales, the group solicited donations from fans with the promise of incorporating the names of all those who contributed $100 or more into the “song” itself. Sean Lennon was recruited to read the names of those who took the band up on the offer.

The track was recorded over four weeks, growing from what was originally conceived as a 25-minute experiment into what became more than a dozen times that long. The trick is how to listen to it, as it would require an five-CD set to accommodate the full length. So the band has made it available with what’s called the “Strobo Trip,” a multi-sensory device that’s being alternately described as “A Light and Audio Phase Illusions Toy.” It will include “Found a Star on the Ground” as well as two other new tracks, “Butterfly, How Long It Takes to

Frontman Wayne Coyne and the Flaming Lips took four weeks to record the six-hour song entitled “Found a Star on the Ground.”

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Word of the Day
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Very, very close.
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Salary dispute could end with OKC groups

By Joe Flint
McCormick Tribune

LOS ANGELES — A salary dispute is threatening to end one of television’s most beloved comedies.

The actors who provide the voices for the long-running cartoon hit “The Simpsons” are at odds over a new contract with Fox Television, the production company that makes the show.

A statement is seeking to dramatically cut the mid-six-figure salaries of the key actors who voice the show including Dan Castellaneta (Homer), Julie Kavner (Marge, Carl), Nancy Cartwright (Bart), Yeardley Smith (Lisa), Hank Azaria (Moe the bartender, Chief Wiggum and Apu) and Harry Shearer (Mr. Burns and Ned Flanders).

In a statement, 20th Century Fox Television said it “cannot produce future seasons under its current financial model.”

A staple of the Fox lineup for more than two decades, “The Simpsons” has generated billions in reruns in DVD and merchandise sales, as well as merchandise, video games and a feature film. But its ratings have tumbled over the last five years.

This season, “The Simpsons” has averaged 7.1 million viewers. That is a drop of nearly 18 percent from five years ago, when the show averaged 8.7 million viewers. In the coveted category of viewers ages 18 to 49, ratings for “The Simpsons” have fallen 17 percent.

Most shows experience ratings declines as they age. The conundrum is that production costs rise at the same time because producers and actors typically get big raises the longer a program stays on the air.

The per-episode license fee that Fox pays its sister studio Fox Searchlight for “The Simpsons” is north of $5 million a show, according to people with knowledge of the terms who were not allowed to speak publicly because of the sensitivity of the situation.

At that price, the series is no longer profitable for the network, these people said.

Furthermore, there have been long-running discussions inside News Corp. over whether the company could actually make more money off “The Simpsons” if it stopped producing new episodes.

The show is in its 23rd season.

The deals for repeats of the show were done years ago and now heavily favor the stations carrying it. Usually, TV stations pay cash plus a portion of commercial inventory (known as barter advertising) in return for getting to air reruns of popular shows.

In the case of “The Simpsons,” the barter advertising portion of the agreement with the stations that carry the show is long expired and is strictly a cash deal.

Until the show stops producing new episodes, News Corp’s hand is tied with regard to finding new buy- ers that will pay more for the repeats. Once the show is finished on Fox, the contracts that Fox’s syndication unit 20th Television struck will expire and new rerun deals can be struck with local stations and cable networks.

“There’s only upside opportunity given the fact that the syndicator would be able to sell another cycle of the program to broadcast TV, which would definitely include barter and also allow a sale to cable,” said Bill Carroll, a vice president at industry consulting firm Katz Television Group.

Given the strength of the show’s performance in reruns, there will be no shortage of buyers. News Corp. Deputy Chairman Chase Carey even talked recently at an investor conference about starting a cable network devoted to reruns of “The Simpsons.”

Although there may be financial motivations driving News Corp. to play hardball with the cast, the show still provides Fox with a valuable promotional platform and the characters are woven into the network’s identity in a way that transcends dollars and cents.

“We are hopeful that we can reach an agreement with the voice cast that allows “The Simpsons” to go on entertaining audiences with original episodes for many years to come,” the studio said.

News of the impasse was first reported by the Daily Beast.
Fresno State-versus-Boise State series has gone the Broncos way the past decade

The ‘Dogs haven’t come out of their matchup with Boise State on the winning end since the 2005 season when they won 27-7 at Bulldog Stadium.

Above is an analysis of the last ten years of the match up between Fresno State and Boise State. The Broncos have been better in all the main areas when Boise State was in the WAC.

By Tim Salazar
The Collegian

When the No. 5 Boise State Broncos step into Bulldog Stadium on Friday night’s national stage, they will be the highest-ranked team to ever step foot on Jim Sweeney Field.

The Broncos currently hold a 9-4 all-time record over the Bulldogs, but the rivalry between Fresno State and Boise State has been lopsided in recent memory. When the Bulldogs were in the Western Athletic Conference, they perennially dominated the head-to-head matchup, recording a 9-1 record over the last decade.

With the large task looming ahead, Fresno State has at least developed some offensive chemistry in 2011. The ‘Dogs have put up 42 points per game and are ranked 8th in the country in total offense.

By contrast, Boise State has been as stout as usual, allowing an average of 16.8 points per game and is the 19th-ranked defense in the country. The Broncos have also forced an average of more than two turnovers per game.

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Rouse leads the country in carries over the last four weeks with 133 rushing for 625 yards over that span. Carr simply said his unit needs to continue what it’s doing and execute when Boise State comes to town.

“We need to play fast, just go out and do our assignments,” Carr said before Monday’s practice.

Boise State is now a member of the Mountain West Conference and the change of scenery has done little to sway it from continually trying to break into a Bowl Championship Series bowl game. The Broncos have already defeated then-No. 19 Georgia in the Georgia Dome. They have outscored their other three opponents 111-46, including defeating former WAC rival Nevada 30-10 last Saturday, who ended Boise State’s chances at a BCS bowl berth last season.

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Last year’s game against Boise State was one of the poorest Fresno State performances as the ‘Dogs were outscored 30-7 at Bulldog Stadium in 2001. The Broncos have built a balanced attack this year with quarterback Derek Carr passing for nearly 320 yards per game and running back D.J. Rouse rushing for over 100 yards in the last four weeks.

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Height has been a recurring factor for the Fresno State receivers, but it has never discouraged them from putting up conference and nation-leading numbers.

Sophomore wide receiver Jalen Saunders may stand at a mere 5-foot-9, but stands near the top of the chart with some nation’s best receivers in statistics.

Saunders has become quarterback Chippewa's primary target this season, becoming one of the nation's leading big-play threats, averaging 27.2 yards per catch on 17 receptions for a total of 468 yards and four touchdowns. With the offense under Carr's control, Fresno State has put an added importance on the deep ball to its offense this season and Saunders has been the main benefactor.

Despite being only 5-foot-9, Saunders, senior Devon Wylie and junior Rasheed Evans have proven themselves to be defensive nightmares with their speed and athleticism.

The trio is currently the three top receivers on the team. "I think, because we are short, a lot of teams under their speed and athleticism. We have proven ourselves to be playing big offensive role.

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"The ball is just there, and once I see the ball I'm just going to go to it," Saunders said of Carr delivering the ball where it needs to be for him to make the play. "We all go to the ball."

Saunders has a 34-inch vertical leap that allows him to get up with the taller cornerbacks to help make up for his height. Carr talked about the chemistry that he and his receivers have developed.

"We’re all on the same page right now," Carr said in a previous interview. "I trust where they’re going to be."

And Carr’s trust in his receivers is clearly growing everyday with the amount of difficult passes he has talked about on to deliver. At roughly the first quarter of the season, Carr has had a knack for throwing back-shoulder passes to his talented players on the edges. Carr has passed for 1,291 yards and 10 touchdowns for a passing efficiency rating of 142.09 in the first five games of the season. His yards and efficiency rating are second in the Western Athletic Conference, only behind Hawaii’s Bryant Moniz, who is sixth in the country in passing yards.

The Bulldogs hope the numbers continue to climb with fifth-ranked Boise State coming to Bulldog Stadium this Friday. The Broncos will roll into Friday night sporting the 19th-ranked defense in the country. Although a daunting task awaits the Dogs, Saunders acknowledged that the team will need to play its best game of the season on a national stage.

"It’s not going to be much of a surprise anymore, but we’re going to come out and show them up," Saunders said. "We’re just going to have to play fast and be on our ‘A’ game."

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