ASI’s CSSA vote postponed again

By Brian Maxey
The Collegian

Student leaders Wednesday delayed a vote that would have seen Fresno State join a state lobbying group, after the university parted ways with the organization in 2008.

The topic has been on the Associated Students Inc. agenda for a month. A divided ASI instead motioned to form an ad hoc committee headed by four students.

The committee will talk more with current executives, contact the California State Student Association (CSSA) chancellor and weigh the costs and benefits of the move before a final vote is taken in two weeks.

ASI President Graham Wahlberg was unhappy with the motion to postpone the vote after several ASI members voiced concern over potential expenditures.

“I’m accepting of criticism of CSSA, but I’m not really happy with the outcome,” Wahlberg said after the meeting.

Joining CSSA, an organization that represents all 23 CSU campuses and serves as a mouthpiece for more than 400,000 students, would mean Fresno State would have to pay membership dues that exceed $30,000 for the next two years.

At a proposed 60-cent-per-student fee increase, ASI members were divided on the proposal.

“I haven’t seen a lot of doing in the system,” said ASI member Craig Parks, who expressed concern over the appropriation of fees. “Is it worth the $13,000 over two years?”

Wahlberg disagreed. “$13,000 wouldn’t do that much for us if it were invested at the state level,” he said.

Dubbing the CSSA’s efficiency isn’t a new concern. According to a December 2008 article in The Collegian, several ASI members felt pulling dues from the CSSA was justified, as the organization had been ineffective in its role.

But Wahlberg, a firm believer in joining the organization, thinks the investment is worth the increase.

“When CSSA says something it actually changes something,” Wahlberg said. “I trust in the organization filled with the brightest minds in the CSU system.”

Yet Wahlberg’s vigilance on the matter didn’t bring a resolution. Senator Melissa Mata asked: “Are we going on assurance or good faith?”

Any waiting would only decrease its effectiveness, Wahlberg argued. “If Fresno State is the last to join or holds out, I will be personally embarrassed,” he said.

Rejoining the CSSA is a tough choice for Fresno State.

With California’s budget crisis and the proposed cuts of more than $8 billion in the CSU system, Fresno State could arguably use the CSSA’s presence in legislation to advocate for student issues.

Everyone would agree that during these economic times, decisions aren’t being made at our level, ”Wahlberg said. “They’re being made at the state and federal level.

Joining the CSSA would give Fresno State a voice on Capitol Hill and in Washington, the ASI president said.

“There is no other effective way to step our foot in the door. It’s a considerable force in Washington.”

Native American design

A Mono Indian master basket weaver knows patience, and so does artist and architect Susan Narduli.

Narduli filmed one of the last master basket weavers of the Mono Indian tribe as the weaver painstakingly completed one basket. One basket can take around one year to complete.

The 2,000-hour film will be displayed on an 18-foot-wide, 43-foot-high LED screen facing out across the Peace Garden.

This architectural and technological feat is just one example of the Henry Madden Library’s Native American inspired design. A.C. Martin Partnership Inc. and Hillier Architecture worked with Narduli to create the library’s American Institute of Architects award-winning design.

One of the major themes of the design is apparent from the four-story ellipse at the entrance of the library.

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While much of the Native American design was already planned with the renovation of the library, a $10 million gift from the Table Mountain Rancheria Native American community is also helping influence the design.

“We need to recognize the contribution of the entire Native American community in the San Joaquin Valley,” University President John D. Welty said after news of the gift in 2008. “That wisdom and connection to the land needs to be cherished, recorded and passed on to future generations.”

Subtle features in the design highlight the university’s connection to the Central Valley’s Native American heritage, such as earth tone colors and basket weaving patterns along the walls and furnishings. The back Northwest corner of the library or the Elder’s Meeting Room, has glass hangings around the room depicting the history of local Native American tribes, and also the importance of Native American basket weaving.

An expanding collection

Between the philosophy section of the Henry Madden Library and the military history section are around 1 million books that students can actually now browse through.

That collection, which received its one-millionth book in 2001, is only going to grow even larger.

“We added 30,000 last year, two-thirds of which we bought,” Associate Dean of Library Services Dave Tyckoson said.

Tyckoson oversaw the move of this expanding collection from where the old library once stood, to a warehouse and back to campus over a three-year period.

Now all in the newly renovated library, the big question for the staff was how to arrange the books.

“We spent a fair amount of time debating the placement of the books,” Tyckoson said. “Once you put it in you don’t want to move it all.”

Following the order of the Library of Congress call numbers, the decision was to start with the books that have an “A” call number at the front, or east, end of the library.

Those books starting with a “Z” call number reach all the way to the back, or west, end of the lower collection level.

The moving phase for the library books is not completely over yet. According to McDonald, the collection
is still being organized to take advantage of all the available space on the collection level.

For those students that don’t want to make the hike between philosophy, which is in the “B” call numbers, and military history, which is in the “Y” call numbers, they can instead look online where more of the collection is accessible.

Students can also still request books online and pick them up at the front circulation desk instead of browsing through the large collection.

While the library is slowly turning more digital, the collection will continue to grow as librarians order more bound books to add to the stacks for students to find for themselves.

“Starting Friday, students can browse as much as they want,” Tyckoson said.

Around 45,000 shelves now fill what not even two years ago was a huge dirt hole.

These shelves hold the Henry Madden Library’s 1.2 million volumes. With the push of a button the shelves move.

“This gives people a chance to browse while at the same time increases storage,” Tyckoson said.

Students push a green “move” triangle button to open the row and reach the books. If someone or something is in an aisle, the shelf will not move, but instead a red light will blink, indicating that the aisle is in use.

Something as small as a pair of glasses will stop the shelving, McDonald said, as he demonstrated with his own iPhone.

If another student is standing in the aisle and you need to get to another row, Tyckoson recommends asking politely for the student to move. Tables are at the end of the rows for students to use so that the aisles are not blocked.

“Go get your books and bring it to the end,” Tyckoson said. “Don’t stand in the aisle.”

These state of the art shelving units are only on the lower collection level. The music, teacher resources and reference sections all also have new standard shelving.

The journals on the second floor have their own specialized shelving. While the current issue of the journal is displayed, lifting up the shelf will reveal previous issues of that same journal.

The second floor is primarily a selection of journals, with the bound periodicals, current issues and microfilm. Any way you want your journals, they’re all here,” Tyckoson said. “It’s been a dream of ours, but we never had the room.

Now Tyckoson and his staff have enough room to expand the library’s collection, and add more compact shelving units if ever needed. Yet because of the capabilities of the compact shelves, Tyckoson doubts there will be much of a need for more in a while.

“We certainly don’t need to buy any more of these shelves for my lifetime,” Tyckoson said.

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LIBRARY: Shelves can hold even more

10th Annual Armenian Film Festival

SF Hye (United States)

Writer/Director: Gohar Barseghian; RT-54 min. SF Hye gives an insider view of the Armenian community of San Francisco. The film depicts a community, who bands together despite hardships, to achieve wonders.

Behind the Scenes: Featuring Gor (United States)

Director: Alan Tarassian; RT-15 min: 44 sec A story told by singer/songwriter Gor Mkhitarian, about his journey coming from Armenia, meeting various musicians in Los Angeles, and forming a band.

Road Less Traveled: The Handjian Story (United States)

Producer: Denise Gentilini; RT 46 min: 30 sc.

In their own words, Malvina and Kourken Handjian tell of their experiences as children witnessing the atrocities perpetrated by the Ottoman Turks upon the Armenians, from 1915-1923, and their own displacement during the “relocation” process. Producer Gentilini is the granddaughter of Malvina and Kourken.

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Caffeine drip
Daniela Lopez

Apparently, my vagina is angry. It was very clearly informed of its alleged rage last Sunday when I attended the production of "The Vagina Monologues" at the University Union. Before attending, I really didn't think much of "kitty cat" trouble in the way I was completely unaware of the show's meaning, but with the " yönelik to" and the taboos, tampons or God forbid the use of any cleansing product smelling of "rain."

Don't get me wrong, as I told one of the cast members, I really did enjoy the show. Those that participated gave great renditions of their monologues and proceeds of the show were given to different non-profit organizations in an effort to stop violence against women and girls worldwide. However, I was concerned and moved toward a deeper thinking of women and their vaginas by one particular monologue entitled, "The Angry Vagina."

I have been a guy listening to this monologue, I would have been filled with admiration for a woman's ability to constantly put up with the "psycho products and nasty ideas" the commercial giants are shoving at us. I was going to buy me a show of "cb's" for the love of my life. When we'll see if it still lives to strike again. When we'll see if it still lives to strike again. The 'Monologues' treatment is being, the following again. Time to pick out who will be the next victim of the "Madden curse." A would-be quarterback that was not going to happen this year. Brett Favre. The "Madden Curse" falls on whoever, with the curse striking the following seasons. A would-be quarterback that was not going to happen this year. Brett Favre. The "Madden Curse" falls on who whoever, with the curse striking the following seasons. A would-be quarterback that was not going to happen this year. Brett Favre. The "Madden Curse" falls on whoever, with the curse striking the following seasons. A would-be quarterback that was not going to happen this year. Brett Favre. The "Madden Curse" falls on whoever, with the curse striking the following seasons. A would-be quarterback that was not going to happen this year. Brett Favre. The "Madden Curse" falls on whoever, with the curse striking the following seasons. A would-be quarterback that was not going to happen this year. Brett Favre. The "Madden Curse" falls on whoever, with the curse striking the following seasons. A would-be quarterback that was not going to happen this year. Brett Favre. The "Madden Curse" falls on whoever, with the curse striking the following seasons. A would-be quarterback that was not going to happen this year. Brett Favre. The "Madden Curse" falls on whoever, with the curse striking the following seasons. A would-be quarterback that was not going to happen this year. Brett Favre. The "Madden Curse" falls on whoever, with the curse striking the following seasons. A would-be quarterback that was not going to happen this year. Brett Favre. The "Madden Curse" falls on whoever, with the curse striking the following seasons. A would-be quarterback that was not going to happen this year. Brett Favre. The "Madden Curse" falls on whoever, with the curse striking the following seasons. A would-be quarterback that was not going to happen this year. Brett Favre. The "Madden Curse" falls on whoever, with the curse striking the following seasons. A would-be quarterback that was not going to happen this year. Brett Favre. The "Madden Curse" falls on whoever, with the curse striking the following seasons. A would-be quarterback that was not going to happen this year. Brett Favre. The "Madden Curse" falls on whoever, with the curse striking the following seasons. A would-be quarterback that was not going to happen this year. Brett Favre. The "Madden Curse" falls on whoever, with the curse striking the following seasons. A would-be quarterback that was not going to happen this year. Brett Favre. The "Madden Curse" falls on whoever, with the curse striking the following seasons. A would-be quarterback that was not going to happen this year. Brett Favre. The "Madden Curse" falls on whoever, with the curse striking the following seasons. A would-be quarterback that was not going to happen this year. Brett Favre. The "Madden Curse" falls on whoever, with the curse striking the following seasons. A would-be quarterback that was not going to happen this year. Brett Favre. The "Madden Curse" falls on whoever, with the curse striking the following seasons. A would-be quarterback that was not going to happen this year. Brett Favre. The "Madden Curse" falls on whoever, with the curse striking the following seasons. A would-be quarterback that was not going to happen this year. Brett Favre. The "Madden Curse" falls on whoever, with the curse striking the following seasons. A would-be quarterback that was not going to happen this year. Brett Favre. The "Madden Curse" falls on whoever, with the curse striking the following seasons. A would-be quarterback that was not going to happen this year. Brett Favre.

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Brett Favre, one of the most well-known quarterbacks in the NFL, also faced a situation similar to that of LaDainian Tomlinson, the San Diego Chargers star running back, during the 2006-2007 season. Tomlinson was placed on the injured reserve list with a torn abdominal muscle, but returned to play in the playoffs while Pennington received a third-degree burn on his hand from a stove. Neither I nor my vagina—going down the hall of fame, his last season will take his career forever.

Whereas last year he could have returned after an lengthy season with the Green Bay Packers, he will instead be remembered as losing the last play-off spot to the very quarterback he replaced in New York.

And it is almost that time of year again. Time to pick out who will be the next victim of the “Madden curse.” A few players have stood out this season but my pick would be Larry Fitzgerald. He may not have had the ability to break the vagina, but maybe not, if we look at Favre. Under the curse, there's nothing Brett Favre could have done. The "Madden curse" has a mind of its own. Good luck to whoever is brave enough to be the next face of Madden. I'll anxiously be waiting for the release in August when we'll see if it still lives to strike again.

Several satisfactory wins, showing the Jets the caliber of their ex-quarterback throughout the season. So unfortunately for Brett, he ended his career with a bitter loss. Although he may not have been in the hall of fame, his last season will take his career forever.

The bottom line of feminine limitations, or vagina rage, comes down to doing things for something or someone else rather than for your own benefit and enjoyment. As long as women entertain the idea that they are not able to do unique ways, women, along with their vaginas, can have the vagina "steal" from society, even when smelling like "rain" and Chanel.

Following this confirming view, the feminist fights for equality with an incredible determination that requires individuals to be taken seriously. The feminine woman is then dammed to live a mediocor life, becoming the very "dry wa" of disposable matter their blast- ed tampons are made for. These views, however, are nothing but extremely limiting to the true freedom and equality of women. Women should not feel bound to smell like honeysuckle even when playing the gym, but embracing femininity should not be seen as an acceptance of the idea of the proper lady, much less of a double standard between the two genders. At the core of gender inequality is the idea that femininity proves women incapable of performing "manly" tasks and roles originally dominated by men. The power of women, in its true form, will only be created by embracing our gender differences, whether anatomical or inherent, while never ceasing to pursue our goals and thereby shatter negativity seen in engaging in any level of femininity. Thus, the strong woman and the feminine woman are set on completely different spheres, but become part of what women can be.

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Rhyme after rhyme:

By Victoria L. Jones
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Fresno State professor Doug Hansen is gleaming with pride over the release of his first children’s book, “Mother Goose in California,” which puts a new spin on numerous classic rhymes.

The book’s official release date is April 1, but it is already available on campus at the Kennel Bookstore.

Hansen said it has been a rewarding challenge, creating a different picture for each letter of the alphabet that also tied into Mother Goose rhymes.

“I wanted each picture to be as memorable and remarkable as the one before,” Hansen said.

To meet his needs, Hansen chose rhymes that naturally evoked images and ideals in him.

“I read rhyme, after rhyme, after rhyme and jotted down interesting words within the rhymes that started with different letters of the alphabet. I had this whole ridiculous check-off list,” Hansen said.

“Some of the language in the rhymes is archaic and mystifying, or the point of some of the nursery rhymes are just absurd and make no sense. The crazy language of the rhymes actually gave me a lot of opportunity as an illustrator to interpret them my own way, which really was the point of this book.”

Hansen said his favorite page is F, for fiddle, in “Hey Diddle Diddle.” He created the F illustration first, early in 1987, along with the cow jumping over the moon, seen on the dedication page.

Hansen dedicated his book to his two sons. “I wanted to do more than just make one or cated his book to his two sons.

Hansen was finally able to bring forward the idea that had sat so long in the back of his mind when he retired from his job as an illustrator for The Fresno Bee and became a professor at Fresno State.

Then he faced another challenge. “What can I do that is different?” he wondered. His answer was to distinctly set the rhymes in California and put them to the tune of the ABC’s.

Hansen is not the first to have answered this question. Professor puts California spin on Mother Goose tales

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Hansen is not the first to have a regionally flavored book of Mother Goose rhymes; other covered states include Hawaii, Alaska and Texas.

Hansen had the help of his brother Rob, a biologist at the College of the Sequoias in Visalia.

“In a way the whole book is a tribute to childhood,” Hansen said. “I was trying to express the better qualities of what it’s like to be a child through the illustrations in my book.”

Hansen struggled most with the letter X. “I couldn’t just leave the letter out,” Hansen said.

Unable to find any Mother Goose rhyme words that began with the letter X, he thought he may have to ask for help but then he stumbled upon the rhyme “Hot Cross Buns,” which involves the celebratory period before Lent. The buns have a cross on their tops so Hansen put a spin on them, literally, and “sneaked it in there in a way.”

Hansen sees his book as an evolution of his career. “People ask me how I feel, that’s like a question that a victim,” Hansen said. “It is one of the most pleasurable and satisfying moments of my adult life.”

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“Imagination has brought mankind through the dark ages to its present state of civilization. Imagination led Columbus to discover America. Imagination led Franklin to discover electricity.”

— L. Frank Baum, Author

Calendar

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February 21—Baseball vs. Washington at 2:05 p.m. Don't have a ticket? Listen to the game on KMJ 580.

February 21—Women’s tennis vs. Saint Mary's at 11 a.m. at the Spalding G. Wathen tennis courts on campus.

February 22—Mardi Gras Parade in the Tower District 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Come see the floats, hear the bands, and get the beads.

February 22—Will "Benjamin Button" win the 13 Oscars it's nominated for? If Heath Ledger wins who will accept the award? Tune into ABC 30 at 5 p.m. to watch the 81st Annual Academy Awards and find out.

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BULLDOGS: Bandwagon fans need to attend more than one game during the 2009 season

That’s when you go up to them and ask, “How many games did you go to during the regular season?” I’m proud to say I was there through thick and thin. I remember the 8-12 start, the Todd Sandell drama and that rain-soaked series against UC Davis. Real fans were there for those Saturday doubleheaders in April, every game of the Pepsi-Johnny Quick Classic and the scrimmages in early February.

I’m talking about people like Inman Perkins, “Sugar Bear” and the Diamond Dog fans who have had season tickets for more than 20 years. If your first time watching a Fresno State baseball game was on ESPN then you need to look in the mirror and really question that fanhood.

I was up at 7 in the morning to listen to the WAC Tournament games last May on KMJ because the tourney was held in Ruston, La. I heard every pitch of the Regional held in Long Beach and even have the scorecards to prove it.

Don’t get me wrong, I think it’s great that Fresno State baseball has a bigger following now, but it’s not just the 2008 team that deserves recognition. Real fans remember names like Bob Bennett, Pete Beiden, Mark Gardner, Tom Goodwin, Jeff Weaver, Dick Ruthven, Bobby Jones, Terry Pendleton and August Garrido. My favorite Bulldog was Roger Circo, who was the first and only graduate to play for Fresno State from my high school. He played high school baseball for my dad and gave me my first Bulldog baseball hat at age 10.

These are the men who made this program what it is today. Fresno State baseball history is not just limited to Tom Mendonca and Steve Detwiler.

And if you claim to be a Bulldog fan, please try to do some research before engaging in a conversation about the sport.

I was sitting in class the other day and I heard someone behind me say, “Oh my god! I can’t believe baseball starts this Friday!” When do we play Boise? We need payback for football!

I’ll borrow a phrase from one of my best friends, “Are you serious?”

For those of you thinking of going to a game this season, I’ll give you some basics.

Baseball is unique in the fact that not all teams in the WAC field a baseball program. Idaho, Utah State and Boise State do not field baseball programs and Sacramento State is a member of the WAC for baseball.

This isn’t football, but I guarantee you’ll leave Heiden Field happier than you ever left Bulldog Stadium or the Save Mart Center.

Just remember, you can always defend yourself against insults from rival schools with the baseball team’s accolades. Trust me, I shut up some Hawaii fans last football season.

So if you’ve been going to Bulldog baseball games since you could walk or are just getting into the sport there’s always enough room on the bandwagon.

But if the Bulldogs lose a game try to attend more than one game this season. Maybe after tonight you’ll be able to say, “I was there when the Bulldogs began their national title defense.”

I know I’ll be there, cramped in the press box, fighting for the last piece of licorice.
Bulldog Baseball
more than just Omaha

Wizard of Paws
JIMMY GRABEN

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“The Huskies will try and rely on their strength, but will face a real challenge with Fresno State’s line-up. If the Huskies can come into Beiden Field and get out to an early lead, the Red Wave crowd should quiet down the stretch on Friday night. Washington would like nothing more than to give the defending champs their first loss of the season.

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