Slumping distance courses

By Aaron Warn
The Collegian

Students who are enrolled in distance learning programs through Fresno State may soon have to find other means of receiving their education. Due to budget cuts across campus, some of the off-campus, video-based programs have had to make dramatic changes to their curriculums.

Distance learning programs allow students to take courses via two-way audio and video from locations off campus. The instructor is broadcast live from a classroom on the Fresno State campus and streamed to classrooms located in cities such as Visalia, Lemoore and Lancaster. This benefits students who want to enjoy all of the advantages of a live instructor without having to commute to Fresno. These advantages are slowly vanishing.

The Fresno State distance learning programs have been forced to reduce the number of sections offered. In effect, enrollment has decreased among Fresno State students. The College of Sequoias (COS), located in Visalia, has seen a dramatic drop-off in enrollment and at least one other distance-learning program has been phased out of the Fresno State curriculum altogether.

COS distance-learning enrollment has dropped from 439 in the 2008-2009 school year to 325 this year. That is a 26 percent decline.

Senators debate service hours

By Joe Bailey
The Collegian

Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) proposed a change aimed at making the association’s senators more accessible to students. At a Feb. 10 ASI meeting, members discussed a policy that would distinguish the office hours from service hours, which ASI senators must serve.

Each senator is required to serve at least eight hours per month attending to the concerns of the student body. The executive vice president has the power to determine what constitutes acceptable acts of service. The proposal, if passed, would make the parameters for service and office hours stricter.

Executive Vice President Alex Andreotti said the policy would hold the senators more accountable to serving Fresno State students.

“There is no policy in place to describe the responsibilities and expectations of senators,” Andreotti said. “This policy would outline the position, so future senators are familiar with the expectations they will be held to upon entering the position.”

ASI Senator for parking and safety Pedro Ramirez said that the senators should be given some leeway in how they serve the students. He said that the proposal could give too much power to the executive vice president.

“If I think the senators should have flexibility in what their service hours are,” Ramirez said.

Ramirez said that he fulfills his service hours in the ASI office and also walking around campus.

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Defend America first

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two decades ago, the Cold War came to a close, with America emerging victorious as the most powerful nation on earth. Uncle Sam had a golden opportunity “It is time,” wrote Patrick J. Buchanan, a three-time presidential candidate and advisor to the Nixon, Ford and Reagan administrations, during the period of the Soviet Union’s downfall, “we began uprooting the global network of ‘trig wires,’ planted on foreign soil, to ensure the United States in the wars of other nations, to back commitments made and treaties signed before this generation of sol-
ders was even born.”

Buchanan made a solid point. Did it make much sense for our country to keep its Cold War commitments if said war was ending? Did it not make sense? Since these words were written, the United States has waged war in a host of nations around the globe, including Iraq (twice), Somalia, the Balkans and Afghanistan. NATO, the alliance temporarily formed to thwart a Soviet Union that declared the U.S. its enemy (and one in which a member nation is attacked, all must come to its defense), has now expanded to include Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and the Baltic States (Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania), with Ukraine and Georgia in the off-
ing, all nations in Russia’s backyard. So much for a North Atlantic alliance.

Our Nobel Peace Prize winning president has not removed troops from Iraq while escalating the war in Afghanistan. The U.S. Army is fighting a proxy war in Pakistan, the Senate passed a bill that would expand sanctions on Iran and Concurrently war in Hong Kong Liebermann has said, “If we don’t act pre-emptively, Yemen will be tomor-
row’s war.”

Iraq? Check. Afghanistan? Check. Pakistan, Iran, Russia, Yemen? Check, check, check. Makes one wonder if our leaders use a map of the world as a dartboard and decide whichever country we hit, we target.

Last we also forget, the United States military is an ubiquitous force around the globe. There are tens of thousands of troops in Japan and South Korea, countries whose populations want us out. We have thousands of troops in Germany, Italy and the United Kingdom, subsidizing the defense of Western Europe so the European Union can expand its wel-
fare state.

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TOM PETERSON

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College students are well known for perfecting the “casual” relationship. Hook-ups, boaties and the increasingly popular “It’s Complicated” Facebook status seem to dominate the college dating scene."

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Cognitus interruptus
A disruption of the normal thought process, normally by an external distraction. This occurs most often at times where mental focus is a necessity. Cognitus interruptus sometimes leads to procrastination, leading to further cognitus interruptus and creating a cycle.

Word of the Day

Cognitus interruptus

Source: UrbanDictionary.com
Music shop aids campus

By Maddie Shannon
The Collegian

A full service music shop will string your guitar, give you a lesson and provide you a job. Patrick’s Music, Etc. repairs and sells instruments and as well as offers lessons. Nineteen out of 22 of the instructors are Fresno State students.

Fresno State alumnus Patrick Balakian, the owner of Patrick’s Music, likes to think of his shop as more of an independent enterprise. “I don’t like to describe the business as a Mom-and-Pop kind of shop,” Balakian said. The full service shop hosts a hot dog feed for the Fresno State Bulldog Marching Band every year. “This past year, we had almost 286 people turn out for it,” said Balakian.

Formed Fresno State graduate Robert Myers has been teaching guitar lessons at Patrick’s Music since last February. “I basically am a professional musician, so here I am my own boss,” Myers said. “I take care of the books, and I take my own calls, so there is a Public Relations aspect to that.”

Before starting his business, Balakian taught band, orchestra, and choir at Selma High School for six years before making the move to Clovis High, where he wrote the school fight song. “While at Selma High, I started the Selma Band Festival in 1965, in addition to starting the Mariachi Band program,” Balakian said. “Before the Selma Band Festival, I felt like I was being judged on the way I directed my band for parades, when we focused so much on field shows. With the festival, I could allow my band and other bands to be judged for field shows,” Balakian said.

During Balakian’s tenure at Selma High, he sent his band students to a neighboring elementary school to teach music lessons to little kids. “I’d have them write up lesson plans, and I’d check over them,” Balakian said. This concept of students teaching students occurs in Balakian’s store.

“The main thrust of our students is youngsters, although we’ve had several Fresno State students come in who want to learn an instrument,” said Balakian. “It happens all the time.”

In addition to avoiding customers with any instrument they may need, Patrick’s provides music lessons “I want to be able to grow with you,” Balakian said of the customers he services each day. “I want to be able to sell an instrument to someone, and make sure they’re actually doing something with what I sell them.”

The store also takes pride in its Trade-Up Policy, where a customer can buy an instrument from the shop, then trade it in for another instrument, using the credit they received when they bought the first instrument.

While most people look for forms of cheap family entertainment, children’s admission into the Storyland is less than $5 (and family passes are available). The park strives to maintain the attractions while allowing all walks of life to pass through. It’s motto “Celebrating The Past, Ensuring The Future” conveys just that.

The store is called Patrick’s because the Balakian’s middle child was Patrick, and Balakian ran a shop that served as a mom and pop business. “I took my own calls, so there is a Public Relations aspect to that.”

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Arts

celebrates 55 years in Roeding Park

By John Esquivel
The Collegian

Generations of families relish in the well-known playgrounds and enjoy the many childhood favorites such as trains, boats, and roller coasters. Balke said they are hard at work updating many of the attractions.

“We will be working on a remodel of our train depot at Playland,” Balke said. “This project comes from a $50,000 grant from the Lois Kyle Family who has been a big supporter of the train at Playland for years.”

The train’s name, “The Willis B. Kyle Express Train,” was told a section of the park would be demolished. By November, construction on the train would begin.

Roeding Park will continue to maintain the attractions for the younger generations. “We will be working on a remodel of our train depot at Playland,” Balke said. “This project comes from a $50,000 grant from the Lois Kyle Family who has been a big supporter of the train at Playland for years.”

Roeding Park is a major destination for students. Nineteen out of 22 of the instructors are Fresno State students and as well as offers lessons. Nineteen out of 22 of the instructors are Fresno State students.

Fresno State graphic design instructor Doug Hansen, is the author of the children’s book, “Mother Goose in California.” Hansen was approached by Balke about creating an exhibit based on the theme. “It’s something that I want to do for a really long time,” Hansen said. However, he was unaware of how soon he would see his book come to life.

“It all happened really fast,” Hansen said. In October, he was told a section of the park would be demolished. By November, construction on the new exhibit was ready to begin. Hansen’s illustrations are now literally larger than life.

“Mother Goose in California.”

Hansen was on hand to read the newest exhibit at Storyland. It seems once we get them all painted, it is time to start again,” Balke said. “If there are any students with some artistic ability, they would be a huge help.”

Heather Heinks, community relations manager for the Fresno Parks Department, appreciates the parks relationship with its surrounding neighborhood. “While most Fresno parks are a major destination point in the city, Roeding Park is still very much part of the neighborhood and continues to be the best-kept secret in the backyard,” Heinks said.

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— Doug Hansen, Author of “Mother Goose in California”
After her grandfather was diagnosed with cancer and her younger brother had surgery, sophomore Anabel Gonzales knew she wanted to pursue a career in nursing.

Gonzales said her curiosity with nursing was sparked when her younger brother was in the hospital for a week after his appendix burst. She said she wanted to learn what was wrong with her brother, and what the hospital staff was doing to treat him.

Her decision to go into nursing was solidified when her grandfather was diagnosed with cancer six years ago. Gonzales said it was very hard on her, because no one in her family had ever been diagnosed with cancer before.

Gonzales said she goes to doctor appointments with her grandfather and translates what the doctor says, because her grandfather only speaks Spanish. Gonzales speaks Spanish fluently and lived in Mexico for part of her life.

Gonzales said she hopes to return to Mexico to work as a nurse after gaining experience in America.

Gonzales said she is planning on volunteering at Community Regional Medical Center and shadowing a registered nurse.

Q: What is something interesting about you?
A: My parents decided to come to America to have more opportunities, to get an education, which they didn’t have before, so I could continue in college. Over there you can do it, but it’s not as easy as it is here.

Q: What do you miss about Mexico?
A: Here everything is multicultural, there are a lot of cultures. I still have family in Mexico, like my uncles and my grandpa. Those are the kind of things that I miss, but mostly the traditions. Even though they are followed here, Mexico is a more traditional city that follows my culture.

Q: How did you pick your major?
A: First I thought I wanted to do business. I went to Duncan Polytechnical High School where you pick a career you want to pursue while you are in high school. I took a business class, but I hated it. So then I went into nursing.

Nursing student Anabel Gonzales was born in Jalisco, Mexico and lived there for the first seven years of her life.

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DISTANCE: University phases out distance-learning

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drop-off in just one year. Senator Major, administrative assistant for the COS Visalia Center, said that the decision was made to cut the number of sections offered through distance learning, which has gone from 22 this year to 14 in a span of two years.

“We were doing fairly well before last year,” Major said. “Then we came back in 2009 and the classes just disappeared, and so did the funding.” Major said the university’s decision to cut courses was based only on the budget crisis. COS used to offer multiple sections of each course, but now only offers one section per course.

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In a letter to Kenneth Santarelli, director of the A.S.I. Government and Operations Program (AGOP) at the LUC, after the review. We are other members of the administration decided the best course of action was to phase out the university’s involvement in the program.

To Santarelli, the main concern was the need to cut courses was based only on the budget crisis. COS used to offer multiple sections of each course, but now only offers one section per course.

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Lancaster and its sister campus in Visalia can sustain the budget cuts but is saddened that students’ educations are being affected. Major said the decision to cut courses was based only on the budget crisis. COS used to offer multiple sections of each course, but now only offers one section per course.

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Q: If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be?

A: I would like to go to Machu Picchu. It’s in Peru. I did research on it, and it’s amazing how they lived there and how the Incas built every thing perfectly. I would love to see that in person. I would like to be there, especially when the sun aligns with the pyramid there.

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Q: What did you want to be when you were younger?

A: I wanted to do photography and modeling. It was interesting to me. I liked dressing up, wearing my high heels and doing my hair. I am the only girl, so my mom always dressed me up. She bought me big dresses and everything matched. I really liked taking pictures of things, places and people. I wanted to take pictures of nature. It’s very beautiful. I love flowers, the outdoors and waterfalls. They really attract my attention.

Q: What do you do in your spare time?

A: I like to spend time with my family, my mom, my dad and my two younger brothers. We like to go church together and go to the park. We like to have reunions; we make a lot of food and eat and be together. We live by the mountains, so we mostly did outdoor things, like go to the river.

Q: What is your favorite thing about Fresno State?

A: I like all of the services offered. If you have a problem, there are many ways you can get help. I have had problems, and the University has helped me in every one of them. It’s not just a one-way thing that you pay and you get classes. You get more than just classes and an education; you get a lot of help with all of the services that are offered.

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Q&A: Gonzales and her family came to America for better opportunities

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in a hospital, so I decided to take a nursing class to see if I liked it. I started at Clovis Community College (CCC) and then transferred to Fresno State Hospital and I loved it. It was very interesting to me, learning about the patients, about health care and about how your body works inside.

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HOURS: Proposal would split service and office hours

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Who will make it...
Six former Bulldogs prepare for battle at the NFL combine, Saturday through Tuesday

Ryan Mathews  
Running Back  5’11”  
220 pounds  

Mathews arrived at Fresno State as the leading rusher in the nation as a high school senior and left as one of the best ever to wear a Bulldog uniform. Mathews shattered numerous school records during his time as a Dog, as he rushed for a single-season best 1,808 yards and 19 touchdowns in 2009. He left as the school’s all-time rushing touchdown leader, reaching the end zone 38 times for his career. Mathews ran for more than 1,200 yards in three years. Mathews’ legacy will be remembered best for scoring three long touchdown runs against Boise State in 2009 and hopping over a UCLA defender on his way to the end zone in 2008. He closed out his career as arguably one of the best players to ever play at Fresno State.

Seyi Ajirotutu  
Wide Receiver  6’4”  
210 pounds  

Ajirotutu broke on the scene during his sophomore year in 2007 and went on to start over 25 games in his Bulldog career. During the ’07 season he caught 29 passes for 491 yards. Ajirotutu established himself as an every down player early in 2008. In the first game of the ’08 season against Rutgers, Ajirotutu had three receptions for 116 yards. He finished the season as the ‘Dogs leading receiver catching 42 passes for 795 yards and five touchdowns. As a senior in 2009, Ajirotutu set career highs in receptions and touchdowns. He caught 49 passes for 877 yards and seven touchdowns. Ajirotutu closed out his career with 129 receptions for 1,991 yards and 12 touchdowns. He was a second-team All-Western Athletic Conference (WAC) selection by the coaches as a senior.

A.J. Jefferson  
Cornerback  6’1”  
190 pounds  

Jefferson holds the school record for most career-kickoff return touchdowns with three. Jefferson had a breakout year as a sophomore in 2007, returning two kickoffs for a touchdown while leading the NCAA in kickoff return yardage, averaging 30.6 yards a return. He was named WAC Special Teams Player of the Week three times during the ’07 season. Jefferson also played a role as a corner-back making 37 tackles and breaking up three passes. Jefferson hopped into the starting lineup in 2008 and went on to start every single game as a senior in 2009. For his career, Jefferson made over 100 tackles while appearing in over 40 games.

Robert Malone  
Punter  6’2”  
215 pounds  

Malone finished his career as one of the finest punters in the nation during the 2009 season. He averaged over 45 yards a punt in ’09. Malone was voted by the coaches as a first-team All-WAC performer. Malone started at punter for two years and was the holder on field goals for all four years as a Bulldog. He closed out his career averaging more than 45 yards a punt.

Chastin West  
Wide Receiver  6’1”  
215 pounds  

West was a three-year starter for the Fresno State football team. He became the team’s leading receiver during the 2008 season while making 30 catches for 365 yards and three touchdowns. He missed the 2007 season after suffering a season ending injury. West bounced back in 2008, starting 11 games while making 38 catches for 472 yards and two touchdowns. West finished his career catching 81 passes for 1,061 yards and six touchdowns.

Lonyae Miller  
Running Back  5’11”  
220 pounds  

Miller had many memorable moments during his Bulldog career. He holds the school record for the longest rushing touchdown at 90 yards. As a Bulldog, he ran for over 2,900 yards and scored 20 touchdowns while averaging over five yards a carry. Miller started 11 games as a Dog and played in over 40 games.
Where does the money go?

Non-BCS conferences cash in on bowl appearances

By Megan Morales
The Collegian

The Bowl Championship Series (BCS) is notorious for being a money generating opportunity for athletic departments around the country, and with the dust finally settling from all the bowl games and the dollars being distributed, Fresno State will reap the benefits.

This year, a record $24 million will be distributed amongst the five college football conferences that don’t receive an automatic bid to the BCS, according to the payment arrangement that was established four years ago.

A majority of the $24 million dollars will be rightfully awarded to the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) and Mountain West Conference (MWC) for sending teams to BCS games this season.

With credits awarded to Boise State and Texas Christian University (TCU) for its appearances in the BCS, the WAC will receive $7.8 million while the MWC will be awarded $9.8 million.

Boise State became the first team to receive an at-large bid from a non-automatic qualifying conference.

Boise earned $3 million and another $1.5 million split eight ways among every other WAC school, for its appearance in the Fiesta Bowl. That’s $187,500 per team just to watch the game from the couch.

Fresno State is expected to receive $550,000 for the 2009 football season along with every other school in the WAC.

TCU, who was defeated by Boise State in the Fiesta Bowl, earned $9.8 million in the 2009 season for the five non-BCS conferences. The MWC receives $6 million from that, and the rest of it is split evenly between all five conferences.

Conference USA will earn $2.8 million, the Mid-America Conference will get $2.1 million, and Sun Belt will take $1.5 million.

The five non-BCS conferences also receive nine percent of the total BCS revenue, which is between $9 and $10 million. That nine percent is split in half and distributed equally among the five conferences, which works out to just under $1 million per conference. The other half of that nine percent is split up based on performance. The WAC earned about $5 million that way, with Boise State being the second highest ranked non-BCS team.

All told, the WAC earned about $8 million for the 2009 season, compared to just $3.2 million from the year before when there was no team representing the WAC in a BCS game. The difference of nearly $5 million reflects the $4.5 million Boise State earned the conference for playing in the Fiesta Bowl. This shows that while the details are complicated, the end result seems simple: get to a BCS bowl game and your conference gets paid.

With Fresno State and every other WAC school receiving just over $500,000 each, which is about $200,000 more than the previous season, the $187,500 extra from Boise State playing in a BCS bowl game proved to be the difference.

The $142.5 million netted this year is the lowest payout since the 2006-07 season. The continuous high-dollar contracts associated with the system keep it generating.

Of the BCS revenue, $82.5 million steadily comes from FOX Broadcasting for its television contract. The remaining money varies depending on revenue from the BCS bowls. However, conferences can expect drastic changes within the system next year when ESPN takes over the contract reportedly worth $125 million a year.

This is the last year the money will be divided up in this particular way. The conferences will meet in the off-season to discuss whether to keep or change the current revenue distribution strategy.

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This is the last year the money will be divided up in this particular way. The conferences will meet in the off-season to discuss whether to keep or change the current revenue distribution strategy.