Statewide protests planned for March 4

A march and a rally, reminiscent of last semester’s walkout, to take place Thursday.

By Thaddeus Miller
The Collegian

Some students, faculty, staff and members of the community will be participating in a planned march and rally on Thursday.

The march and rally, on March 4, are part of a statewide day of action planned by students, unions and educators from all levels of higher education—community colleges, California State Universities (CSU) and Universities of California.

The day’s events are a response to the state’s cuts from educational budgets. Fresno State saw a cut of $44.6 million at the beginning of the 2009-10 scholastic year.

Senior sociology major Matt Ford, one of the event’s organizers, said the demonstration has garnered support from labor unions, student groups and community members such as the United Farm Workers, Journey for Justice, Students for Quality Education and the California Faculty Association (CFA).

Ford said, unlike last October’s walkout, this event would not come with demands for the administration.

“That’s kind of a dead-end road,” Ford said.

However, the event will be the unveiling of an academic constitution. Ford said the document is in its early stages, and still needs input from as many students as possible.

ASI senator Jamie San Andres, another organizer for the March 4 events, said students and community members have been meeting at least weekly since December to plan Thursday’s demonstration.

San Andres said her group reached out to community colleges and high schools in an effort to drum up support. She said the university should be a place for social change.

“We believe that the university is a public asset,” San Andres said.

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Two law enforcement officers with ties to Fresno State were fatally wounded on Thursday, Feb. 25 while attempting to serve a search warrant in Minkler. Flags at Fresno State have flown at half-staff since Friday. Reedley Police Officer Javier Bejar, 28, and Fresno County Sheriff’s Detective Joel Wahlenmaier, 49, were shot while entering the mobile home. President John Welty ordered the flags to remain at half-staff for a week.

“This is a tragedy we share with our entire community,” Welty said. “Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of these brave men, and we are reminded again of the price all law enforcement personnel are willing to pay in service to the safety of all members of our community.”

Wahlenmaier’s funeral service is scheduled for Wednesday March 3, while Bejar’s is scheduled for Monday March 8.

Fallen officers, alumni

Kremen engages teachers

By Joe Bailey
The Collegian

Kremen School of Education and Human Development building is the headquarters of future teachers and counselors. It’s located on the corner of Shaw and Maple avenues.

While traversing budget cuts, one college works to produce potential teachers.

“The Kremen School of Education and Human Development has been fully accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education since 1952.

Paul Beare, the dean of the Kremen School of Education and Human Development since 2003, said California’s success is important to the country as a whole.

“If we can’t turn around education in the Central Valley and start graduating more kids from high school and send more kids to college we are never going to catch up with the rest of the world,” Beare said.

The Kremen School has felt the brunt of budget cuts. This past fall, it had to limit enrollment and more than 100
Driving to the ballot box

We all drive. Granted, this is an assumption, but I feel it’s safe to say that at least the vast majority of us know how to drive and/or drive a car often. We all know good drivers and bad drivers (if you don’t know which one you are, you’re a bad driver). Good drivers we have no qualms with; these are the fellows we instinctively follow on the roads because they know the ins and outs of the highway, and tearfully wave goodbye to when they take an exit that isn’t ours.

It’s bad drivers we have problems with. These are the people that drive 20 mph over the speed limit and change lanes incessantly. They drive 20 mph below the speed limit in the fast lane. They are indecisive and don’t turn their blinker on when they make a turn into your neighborhood and you are trying to turn onto the main street amid heavy traffic. They run stop signs (which I was guilty of earlier this week, showing the lack of consequences are not above the law).

“This guy should not be driving,” is a sentence we have all uttered at least once during our travels. Democracy works a lot like this, too.

We have informed voters, the ones who read the newspaper, know the issues and read the pamphlet we once during our travels.

The Right Tone
TONY PETERSEN

L’et’s be honest with ourselves, young people make up the vast majority of the “bad drivers” in our democracy.

These are the good drivers.
We also have not so informed voters. These are the people who voted for Obama solely because it was the cool thing to do. These are the people who voted for George Bush simply because he was their “homeboy.” These are the bad drivers.
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For instance, what would be wrong with requiring all citizens over 18 to take a test to vote? Something like the citizenship test that immigrants who come into the country must take; if you don’t pass the test, you can’t vote. Would there be anything wrong with that?

And if you want to get really radical, let’s talk about repealing the 17th Amendment. That would be the one that removed the right of state legislatures to vote senators into office, giving that right to the sheeple, ahem, people. Our founders made this it for a reason, it wasn’t without cause that Madison declared democracy to be “the most vile form of government.”

This isn’t so that voting is a bad thing, nay, it breeds good citizenship and love of country. We’ve all heard it said that you have no right to vote unless you vote. Nevertheless, a vote made without justification is one that should have never been cast.

In this way, voters are a lot like drivers. Except in our democracy, if someone cuts in front of you, it means a $1,600 fine. Do you wonder we are in a perpetual state of chaos and community suicide?

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Word of the Day

Crack screen app

When you crack your iPhone screen for some reason, but you just keep using it since it still works. It is free to get this app but if you want to get rid of it, you need to pay around $70 to get it fixed.

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The annual Rogue Performance Festival celebrates its ninth year with more than 100 performances in less than two weeks. The festival will take place from March 4 through March 13, 2010 at more than a dozen Fresno venues.

Ashtree Gallery, The Starline and Severance Fresno Ballet School will serve as hosts to some of the performances. This year’s festivities feature performances from new and returning acts as well as acts from Fresno State.

For local musician Blake Jones, the festival is a great way to see Fresno in a whole new light. "The Rogue Festival shows Fresno what it could be," Jones said. "It’s an amazing show of optimism. This may sound schmaltzy or overstated, but for those two weeks it makes the world a wonderful place to be. That’s how highly I rate the experience.

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Pluto was one of the many characters Miguel Gil, 6, met on his Make-A-Wish trip to Disneyland. The Smittcamp Family Honors College raised enough money to send Miguel and his family to the Disneyland Resort for five days and four nights.

“When 6-year-old Miguel Gil was asked what he wished for, he didn’t say he wanted his cancer to be cured—he wanted to go to Disneyland to meet Mickey and Minnie Mouse,” Smith said. “Every wish costs a certain amount of money, depending on what it involves. Because Disneyland is close to the Central Valley, it is one of the least expensive wishes.”

According to the WebMD Web site, ALL is a form of leukemia in the bone marrow, which produces excess lymphoblasts, or immature white blood cells, that crowd out the normal cells and spread to the blood and other organs.

Diana Rambo, the executive director of the California Chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, said she enjoyed working with the Honors College.

“I was just delighted to work with the Smittcamp Family Honors College,” Rambo said. “It was wonderful. They were absolutely the best bunch of young people.” Rambo said the Central California Chapter serves eight counties in the Central Valley and fulfills 90 wishes a year solely through private donations from organizations in the area.

“We are committed to serving every medically eligible child,” she said. She said the Make-A-Wish Foundation would be excited to work with the Honors College again. “We are hoping that this will become a yearly event,” Rambo said.

Rambo said she would like to have more groups from Fresno State get involved with sponsoring wishes. “I wish some of the sororities and fraternities would look into doing this,” she said.

Miguel’s wish cost $2,500, but the Honors College raised about $3,870 through several fundraising events between September 2009 and December 2009.

The Honors College held a car wash in September, raising about half of the money needed to send Miguel and his family to Disneyland. They

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“I saw Goofy and his friends and I saw Chip and Dale. I liked them taking pictures and riding rides with me.”

— Miguel Gil, 6 years old

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students were not allowed to join the program. According to Fresno State’s Institutional Research, Assessment and Planning (IRAP) reports the school awarded 377 undergraduate degrees in the 2008-09 school year compared to 563 in 2007-08.

Beare said the mission of the school is to develop students’ educational skills creating teachers that have the tools to proficiently shape the young minds of the future.

“We’re more engaged than any other school or college at Fresno State,” Beare said. “We are a tight-knit group of students who are engaged in making a difference in the community than any school of education that I have ever seen,” Beare said.

The associate dean of the Kremen School of Education, Marshall, said he is proud of the preparation the school of education gives its students.

“We have a very hands-on approach,” Marshall said. “Our students will be able to practice their skills in every single building on campus.”

Marshall also said well-qualified professors and affiliations with local school districts assist students to become superb teachers.

“We have numerous award-winning faculty members,” Marshall said. “Our system is very contemporary. We have developed numerous partnerships with local school districts so our students have a venue with field experience.”

Kremen has been a leader in Fresno State for four years and is a blended, dual credential candidate. She already has her degree in liberal studies and is working toward her credential to become a special education teacher.

“I spend 20 hours a week in a first grade classroom at an elementary school,” Penerian said. “I teach the students for the first half of the day at Hidalgo Elementary in downtown Fresno.”

Penerian said that her education at the Kremen School has put her on the right track to becoming a teacher that can make a positive impact on students.

“They offer wonderful professors with doctorates and field experience who help guide and train us to do what ever we have to do in the classroom,” Penerian said.

In 2008, Fresno State won the Presidential Award for Higher education and community service. The award recognizes universities for their commitment to, and achievement in, community service. Beare said the Kremen School has played a very influential role in the Fresno area.

“Our school right now has 29 different projects and partnerships that are trying to improve life in the Valley,” Beare said. “There are 100 kids from McLane High School taking classes here at our building. Those kids have much higher graduation rates than those at McLane [High School] that don’t take classes here.”

Improving education at the earlier grade levels, Beare said, will help rebuild the entire education system in the state.

If you’re a seventh-grader in California you have a seven or eight percent chance, when you graduate from high school, to be eligible to attend a [California State University] or [University of California] without taking a remediation class,” Beare said. “That is terrible.”

“All of our doors are open,” Beare said. “We could have taken another 100 or 150 more students because we graduate so many.”

MARCH: The March and rally will begin at 10:30 and 11 a.m. respectively

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CSU’s lack of a democratic structure leads poor students to the bottom of the planning. “(The CSU) has demonstrated their inability to respond proactively to the budget cuts,” San Andres said.

Statewide coordinator Eric Benjamin, a history major at the San Francisco State College, held educational meetings on Feb 24 to spread the word on the day of action. He said every year California spends $7,500 per student and $47,000 per prisoner.

“The money and resources exist,” Benjamin said. “They’re just not being used for education.”

The march will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the corner of Blackstone and Shaw avenues. A bus will pick students up outside of the Science II building to escort them to the starting point.

The rally will take place in the Peace Garden at 11 a.m., and the marchers will join the rally at noon.

Lisa Weston, president of the local chapter of the CFA, is one of many speakers planned for Thursday. She said representatives for K-12 education will also participate.

“We are doing this to make very public the necessity of increased support for education in California,” Weston said.

WISH: Smitcamp raised $3,870 for boy to go to Disneyland

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partnered with Me-N-Ed’s Victory Grill in November, getting a portion of the proceeds for each large pizza ordered with the proper flier. The final fundraising event was an auction in December. Students from the Honors College were auctioned off individually or in groups, offering some kind of activity to their buyer. Twelve auction items with a total of 21 people were bid upon.

The Honors College Director Honora Chapman and the director emeritus, Stephen Rodemeyer, also got involved with the auction. Each director auctioned off dinners for eight people in their homes. Rodemeyer’s dinner went for $400 - twice.

Chapman, who is also the associate professor of classics and humanities, said she was impressed with the Honors College students’ fundraising efforts.

“When I first met him he came up to me and gave me a hug,” she said. “It was incredible to finally meet him after spending so much time raising money to send him on his special trip.”

Chapman said she enjoyed talking with Miguel and his family.

“It was so wonderful to see how healthy and happy Miguel looked at the party that night,” Chapman said.

The Honors College donated the remaining money to the Make-A-Wish Foundation’s general fund.
Fresno State Bulldogs (24-5, 15-0 WAC) VS. San Jose State Spartans (6-21, 2-12 WAC)

Breakdown: Bulldogs

The Fresno State women’s basketball team will look to continue its quest for perfection as they host their final game of the regular season against the San Jose State Spartans Wednesday night. Seniors LaShay Fears, Joh-Teena Filipe and Brittny Jones will play their last game at the Save Mart Center, and will be honored in a ceremony that will take place just before tip-off.

Joh-Teena Filipe has dominated as she became the Fresno State all-time leader for her dominance as she became the just before tip-off.

In a ceremony that will take place its quest for perfection as they host their game against Boise State Saturday. Ross now has 214 for her career.

If head coach Adrian Wiggins is able to lead his team to another victory against the Spartans, the ‘Dogs will make history by being the first Bulldog basketball team to go undefeated in WAC play. Fresno State leads the series 45-17 winning the last 16 against the Spartans.

Fears has started 29 of 29 games this season.

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The lady Spartans are 6-21 and 2-12 in conference play, ranking ninth place in the WAC. The Spartans are led by senior Chastity Shavers who averages 15.6 points and is the only player on the team to consistently score over 10 points a game.

Sophomore Shaunnna Ridge will be a player to look out for under the basket. Ridge leads the team with 166 rebounds and 31 blocked shots.

The Spartans managed to hang tight in their game against Idaho last week, keeping the score within 10 points with 2:21 to go, but fell short 74-59 to the Vandals.

San Jose State hasn’t won a game against the ‘Dogs since Jan. 30 where they were defeated 88-31.

Head Coach Pam DeCosta and her team are 0-6 in conference road games this season.

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should matter more to the student body as well. The trend spills over onto the baseball and softball diamonds as well. Although it’s hard to argue against the loyal attendance at Bulldog baseball games, as they are only a few years removed from a national championship. It’s easy to argue for the softball squad, who is in no way a slouch to the men.

On baseball’s opening night, it was nearly a standing room only crowd as 5,280 Bulldog faithfully packed Bachelor Field to witness Fresno State’s ninth inning comeback.

On softball’s opening night, I was able to point out more than one completely empty row and as the host ‘Dogs smashed Santa Clara 10-1.

The problem was only family members or a smattering of die-hard Bulldog alums could be found inside the gates of a game that you couldn’t give away tickets to.

Despite the numerous accolades the ‘Dogs boast, including 30 consecutive winning seasons, 27 NCAA postseason appearances, and a .817 time home winning percentage, it’s nearly impossible to arouse any interest in one of Fresno State’s most dominant sports.

Maybe men’s sports are simply more entertaining to watch, despite how bad or often the ‘Dogs may fall short. But my question for you is, when it’s all said and done at the end of a game, what is more entertaining for you, as a Fresno State Bulldog fan? Obviously, it’s not winning, or else Bulldog Diamond and the Save Mart Center wouldn’t look like a graveyard.

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The Armenian Studies Program and Armenian Students Organization present the 11th Annual Armenian Film Festival

Dress Story (Armenia)

The actors in this animation film are humanoid dresses.

Komitas Hayrig (United States)

The life of Komitas-composer, ethnomusicologist, priest, and father of modern classical music is told through interviews.

Anjar: Flowers, Goats and Heroes (Canada)

In 1979, at the peak of the Lebanese Civil War, a young Armenian girl’s life in a small village becomes forever linked to a group of Genocide survivors.

Hove (The Wind) (United States)

Two Armenian women’s friendship is deeply affected by a chance encounter with the past and powerful, unresolved legacy of the Armenian Genocide.

Friday, March 5, 2010 • 7:00-10:00 PM

Industrial Technology Building, Room 101 • Fresno State (corner of Barrow and Campus Drive-parking relaxed in all lots.)

This program is supported, in part, with funds from the University Student Union Diversity Awareness Program.

Free Admission
What kind of Bulldog fan are you?

The next time you are leaving the ballpark, stadium or arena at the conclusion of a Fresno State athletic event, ask yourself what mattered to you the most. Was it that third quarter fast break dunk? How about the fourth inning diving double play? Personally, I take the most pride in leaving a Fresno State athletic event knowing the players that represent me and wear the Bulldog red were able to pull out a win. That being said, my personal opinion probably doesn’t matter to you much, as the numbers speak for themselves.

The average attendance inside the Save Mart Center for a men’s home game is more than 7,000. Although the ‘Dogs sport a respectable 5-2 record for the third straight season, they have slumped to an under .500 mark on the hardwood. The ‘Dogs sport a respectable 5-2 record for the third straight season.

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