Protest part of nationwide action

By Thaddeus Miller
The Collegian
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An estimated crowd of 300-350 people rallied in Fresno State’s Peace Garden to protest the state of California’s education system. The rally was preceded by a march to campus from the corner of Shaw and Blackstone avenues that began at 10:30 a.m.

The crowd held signs and chanted as they marched.

Matthew Jendian, sociology professor, said he marched to support students and education. He said Prop 13, in 1978, was the beginning of California’s problems with educational funding. Prop 13 rolled back property tax.

“It set in place the infrastructure, the permanent defunding of public education,” Jendian said. “Ever since then we have been sliding backwards on how much California pays for education.”

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Tenure meant to protect academic freedom

By Joe Bailey
The Collegian
Academic freedom allows professors to research and explore controversial or divisive topics related to their department without fear of persecution.

Academic tenure is the means by which academic freedom is achieved.

Lisa Weston, president of the Fresno State chapter of the California Faculty Association, has been tenured for nearly 20 of her 26 years at Fresno State. Weston, an English professor, believes that a high-quality tenure system is necessary for superior education.

Tenure ensures that professors are providing valuable services to the university,” Weston said. “It also gives the professors some security of employment and more freedom to engage in controversial projects.”

Weston said to become tenured, professors must go through a challenging probationary period where their performance in the classroom and in their field of research is reviewed numerous times.

“Probationary professors are reviewed numerous times ensuring that they are conducting research that is meaningful and they are getting results,” Weston said. Weston said once a professor becomes tenured it is very difficult for them to be fired.

Weston has not seen a tenured professor laid off in the time she has been at Fresno State. Weston added that becoming tenured is not an easy task.

“If you’re a rubbish teacher, then you’re not going to be tenured,” Weston said. “If you’re doing research and it is quality, and it is peer-reviewed then you can be granted tenure. Barring something terrible or catastrophic happening, or really serious budget cuts, you know you have a job.”

Weston believes that Fresno State has a very fair and balanced tenure process but also feels that the professors should receive more compensation for their work.
A letter to campus protesters

You believe your demonstrations yesterday were noble and profound. You feel that you are acting on behalf of the greater good. These unwarranted feelings are vindicated by your behavior, which is unfortunate and perilous.

You remind me of the Madden Liberals in November when students felt it was expedient to refuse to leave upon closing time, citing their demand for the extension of operating hours, presupposing their right for the library to maintain hours that are agreeable to their preferences. The diluting were those who held up the sign “This is our university.” No it’s not. It is no more than yours if it is the taxpayers of California who are contributing to the state’s education and you don’t have bear the full costs of your education.

The degenerates who found themselves occupying Dr. Oliaro’s office yesterday demonstrating to speak with university officials feel perfectly com- fortable imposing their will on others in light of their petty grievances. You evoke the word “suffering,” which can only be said by a person with a demented sense of reality, responsibility, and morality. You do not need the room to run and offer aid to those men, women and children who are actually suffering from impoverishment because their plight does not directly affect YOU. You are concerned not with the greater good, justice or the value of an educat- ed workforce, but solely of educational costs to you.

I suppose it would be asking too much of you to rethink how you might go about making a change, if that is what you insist to be your goal. It may be too much to ask you to step outside yourself and recognize there are other players, factors, and consequences involved. If you think that spending $100 more on tuition is a means to inflict “suffering” you have had a wonderful life, which makes me won- der why you insist on acting like a disgruntled, bitter and senseless being.

I know this is parsing it very thin, but the emotional component would have in some ways been a worse violation.

— Eliot Spitzer, Time
The daily crossword

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Word of the Day

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MAYAN FORESIGHT?

John Major Jenkins writes in his book “The 2012 Story: The Myths, Fallacies, and Truth Behind the Most Intriguing Date in History” that the public “is driven by urgent doomsday scenarios spun out by the mainstream media and opportunist writers. And yet the date is not simply a newfangled gadget invented by the marketplace. It is, in fact, a true artifact of the authentic Maya calendar, which has suffered many don’t agree.”

Frese said. “For the Maya, it’s a time of death and rebirth. It’s kind of like our new year, but much more significant because our new year happens every 12 months.”

The only known reference by the Maya to the 2012 date, Frese maintains, is a monument in Tuxtla Gutierrez in Mexico. It was erected in 670 A.D. and forgotten until it was rediscovered by Westerners who were exploring the jungles in the 1800s.

The monument reveals a figure—an ancient god that some believe foretells the future. It’s a god of war and destruction, but it’s also a god of rebirth.

“I don’t say anything about the cataclysmic events,” Frese said. “That’s something attributed to the monument that just isn’t there.

If you are Maya and thinking about this (the end of the long calendar) at all, what you are hoping for is the beginning of a new cycle. If you’re oppressed, you’re hoping for justice and relief from that oppression,” the professor explained. “If you are a believer of some of the New Age religions, especially those who share Christian beliefs of the apocalypse, then you may believe that 2012 is Armageddon.”

John Major Jenkins, professor of anthropology at the College of Wooster in Ohio and an expert on the Maya and New Age religion, explained that the Maya had many calendars. But the one that’s attracted attention recently ends on the winter solstice of 2012, raising speculation that the world is damned. Of course, many don’t agree.

“It’s true that the long calendar, which fell out of use by the 1500s, and another calendar are coming to an end. But they begin again,” Frese said.

“The mantle and Earth itself are remarkably stable, the professor pointed out, “the excitement was also accompanied by paranoia, panic, and even a false sense of euphoria as many people believed it signaled the end of the world. The mass suicide of the Heaven’s Gate (an American UFO cult) members drummed up even more doomsday stories.”

“Disaster was predicted not so much for humans, but for computers — via the “Y2K bug.” There was even a prediction of a recession (maybe that’s true, but it didn’t happen in the year 2000).”

The History Channel has thrown the Earth into the mix by featuring a series of 2012 end-of-the-world documentaries, ominous music and all. One of the programs explains that four days before Christmas of that year, the Earth will be in exact alignment with the sun and the center of the Milky Way galaxy. Some geophysicists, the show notes, believe the mantle of the Earth will suddenly shift, resulting in planetary catastrophe.

Don Palmer, geology professor at Kent State University in Ohio, says that theory has no basis. “The mantle and Earth itself are remarkably stable,” Palmer said. “And the stability is derived from the fact that the sequential layers going down from the crust right to the center of the Earth increase in density. Further, very good geological records demonstrate mantle stability over periods of billions of years.”

“Even if you had a small planet hit by a large asteroid, it could make a disruption, but even then, the evidence is quite good that a planet with any reasonable gravitational pull holds together very nicely.”

CAN’T GET ENOUGH

Still, if you’re intrigued about the end of the world or Christ’s coming,” he includes tips on how to face doomsday predictions.

For example, typing “2012” and “disaster” into a Google search recently suggested more than 4 million sites. “Doomsday” and “2012” found 700,000.

If you want to follow an in-depth study by a 2012 believer, don’t miss author and researcher Patrick Geryl’s site (www.howtousurvive2012.com). There he explains his book of the same name.

Mark Hitchcock is a pastor with a doctorate from Dallas Theological Seminary. In his book, “2012: The Bible and the End of the World,” he includes tips on how to face doomsday predictions.

“Don’t panic or be drawn to carry out rash, impulsive actions encouraged by fanatics and survivalists who claim to know the exact date of the end of the world or Christ’s coming,” Hitchcock writes. “They don’t know when the world will end. Only God knows, and He isn’t telling anyone when it will happen.”
Fraternity helps kids since 1986

By Ryan Tubongbanua
The Collegian

Phi Mu Fraternity has been partnering with the Children's Miracle Network since 1986 and has raised more than $7 million nationally since their founding. The Eta Zeta chapter at Fresno State has been supporting the Children's Miracle Network in many ways by participating in Kid's Day and hosting philanthropic events such as the Mr. Phi Guy Competition.

“Our goal is to be able to help the children in any way that we can,” said 19-year-old Christina Modica, the philanthropy chair of the Eta Zeta chapter. “Hopefully this year we can raise over $2,000 for them through the Mr. Phi Guy Competition.”

More than 170 children's hospitals are supported through the Children's Miracle Network. They provide care for little or no cost for the children that need it most.

The 2010 Mr. Phi Guy Competition will begin on March 16 with a pageant and culminate with a soccer tournament on March 20. During the pageant, men will compete in categories such as etiquette, talent and wardrobe that will test their skills, creativity and desire to stand out from the rest of competition.

New to this year's event is a sponsorship from the Fresno Fuego Futbol Club. A portion of the team’s ticket sales will go directly to the Children's Miracle Network. Additionally, the Eta Zeta chapter is holding a fifty-fifty drawing during the game.

We are trying to get more than the Greek system involved in our philanthropy, said president of the Eta Zeta chapter Stephanie Mitchell. This year, the Eta Zeta chapter has invited groups such as the ROTC programs and the Sports Medicine Club.

For Phi Mu, helping the Children’s Miracle Network is being measured! Is it possible to measure intelligence without introducing testing bias? And perhaps most importantly, what is intelligence?

Let's start with that last question - what is intelligence? If you look the word up at a place like dictionary.com, you will find a definition like this: “capacity for learning, reasoning, understanding, and similar forms of mental activity.” Now think of the most intelligent person you know. Certainly that person is able to learn, reason and understand. Usually we think of extremely intelligent people as being able to understand deeply and then create new things. Newton created a theory of gravity. Einstein created the theory of relativity. Picasso created a new way to see the world. A gifted politician creates a new vision for the future.

Unfortunately, things like the ability to learn, the ability to understand and the ability to create can be hard to tease apart on a standardized multiple-choice test, so an IQ test aims for something different. With an IQ test, psychologists are trying to determine a general, functional intelligence. This intelligence can be found in the ability to solve mathematical problems, the ability to mentally manipulate objects in 3D, the ability to understand words and the ability to answer memory questions.

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How do IQ tests work

By Marshall Brain
McCarthy Tribune

How smart are you? This question could be asked in many different situations. For example, it might be the kind of question that is important if you are applying to college or applying for a job. In the same way that your credit score is important to anyone who might be thinking of loaning you money, an intelligence score might be interesting to anyone thinking about assigning you an important task.

That's where the idea of an intelligence quotient comes in. It is an idea that was invented nearly 100 years ago, and people have been debating its value and accuracy ever since.

An intelligence quotient is designed to be a single number that indicates a person's intelligence relative to the general population. By design, a score of 100 is meant to indicate average intelligence. A person with a score higher than 100 therefore has above-average intelligence. A person with a score below 100 is below average.

Scores above 130 are said to indicate notable intelligence - perhaps 2 percent of the population has an IQ at this level. IQ scores are determined by taking a standardized test. It is in this testing that the controversy arises. Is it even possible to measure intelligence with a test? What kind of intelligence is being measured? Is it possible to measure intelligence without introducing testing bias? And perhaps most importantly, what is intelligence?

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Will there ever be a perfect IQ test? Probably not. But modern tests can be very good at assessing general intelligence in a finite amount of time, because psychologists have had nearly a century to test millions of people and work out many of the kinks.
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around noon on Thursday. The day consisted of a rally, a march and a sit-in that continued until at least 10 p.m.

The nationwide day of action spanned 33 states. An estimated 300-350 protesters participated in Fresno State’s rally inside the office of the vice president for Student Affairs.

Paul Oliaro, the vice president for student affairs, arrived shortly after to address the crowd. The crowd shouted him down, but not before he said “at some point, you’ll have to make a decision.”

Oliaro later said he was informing the students that they were being disruptive.

Senior sociology major Matt Ford, one of the students involved in the protest, said the students did not want anything from Oliaro. He said Oliaro would just blow smoke and not facilitate real change.

Ford said the protesters’ goal was true democracy within the California State University (CSU) system. That would include an abolishment of the administration as it exists now.

“All of the problems we’ve had are the ones inherent to the tenure system,” Williams said.

To make the legislature understand what the state is doing and what the impact it has, Williams said that this was part of a “campaign of civil disobedience.”

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“Everything that we do, we realize it is symbolic,” Dhah said.

Dhah said, regardless of the outcome, the goal was to reclaim the building.

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“It think we should be paid more,” said. “I think the workload has changed and we do significantly more research, and that needs to be taken into consideration.”

Associate vice president for Academic Personnel Services Janette Redd Williams said the tenure system creates an exceptional academic atmosphere.

“Our tenure’d faculty is a set of people with a long-term interest in their depart- ments and in their students,” Williams said. “Our tenure’d professors are caretakers of academic standards and curriculum.”

Williams also said that ten-ured professors have been pro- tected from the recent budget cuts. She said none have been terminated, and that the administration does not see any tenure’d professors being laid off in the future.

“No tenure or probationary faculty has been laid off,” Williams said. “We weren’t able to bring back seven fac- ulty members at the beginning of the year. However, we were able to offer four of them part-time positions.”

Williams said that some of the faculty members were laid off because of stimulus money.

“I don’t see any lay-offs next fall either. We do have some flexibility as the bud- get expands and contracts,” Williams said.

Williams added that while tenure does give faculty members job security it can also have its downsides.

“One of the challenges can be keeping the faculty engaged with the campus,” Williams said. “Interest can sort of wax and wane and professors get in a rut. Sometimes you need to renew yourself.”

ACTION: Rally and marchers total 300-350 in the Peace Garden

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FRATERNITY: Greeks raise more than $7 million

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TENURE: Class performance and research decide status

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Pass or Fail: Upper-Division Writing Exam

Graphs show compiled success rates of first and second attempts of Upper-Division Writing Exam between 2002-2007

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“It didn’t really hit me until I first took a tour of the hospi- tal,” Wright said. “It’s hard to imagine what these kids are going through and how much of an impact we have really made in their lives.”

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Senior Seay night

The ‘Dogs fought hard for a “W” at their last conference game

By Ben Ingersoll
The Collegian

On senior night, the Fresno State men’s basketball team was able to send out its lone senior Sylvester Seay the best way it could—a win against Louisiana Tech.

Seay was honored Thursday night during a pregame ceremony inside the Save Mart Center with a framed version of his No. 30 uniform.

The ‘Dogs also snapped a two-game losing streak with the home victory, knocking off Louisiana Tech 66-59 to close out the Western Athletic Conference schedule.

Fresno State came off horrific road losses to San Jose State and Utah State, being defeated by an average of 32 points per-game. But the ‘Dogs regrouped after the Utah State game, and was able to turn a negative into a positive.

“‘I think it was pretty well documented, the challenges we had last week,” head coach Steve Cleveland said.

That’s always tough on coaches and players. I think our team offensively had lost some confidence. When you’re not scoring, you still have to compete and you still have to play as hard as you can possibly play.”

Fortunate for Fresno State, Louisiana Tech was playing without its leading scorer Kyle Gibson who averages 19.8 points per game. Louisiana Tech saw two players record double-doubles, but also turned the ball over 16 times.

A first half 28-27 Fresno State lead was quickly erased via a Louisiana Tech offensive explosion to open the final 20 minutes of play Fresno State leading scorer Paul George was ineffective for the first half, scoring just five points on 1 for 7 shooting from the field. However, George closed the game strong with 18 points.

“It was nice to see Paul knock some shots down,” Cleveland said it was nice to see Paul finds his rythm and started knocking down shots. “He was 1-for-7 in the first half and was really struggling shooting the ball.”

Louisiana Tech jumped the gun in the second half, building a 10-point lead in the first five minutes of play. However, the final 10 minutes of the second half saw the ‘Dogs close out the victory, something Fresno State fans have missed in recent weeks.

“The ‘Dogs clung to a 61-56 lead inside one minute of play, but Louisiana Tech closed the gap to two with a baseline three-pointer. The two-point lead did not last long as clutch free throws from Brandon Sperring down the stretch preserved the win.

“If Brandon Sperring doesn’t play tonight then we don’t win,” Cleveland said.

Center Greg Smith lead all scorers with 17 points to go along with five rebounds. Second-half shooting was also in Fresno State’s favor with a 44.4 percent field goal percentage including 33.3 percent shooting from beyond the arc.

Seay concluded his regular season career scoring nine points in 31 minutes of play.

Fresno State athletics bleed red

The athletic department is expected to be $197,000 over budget

By Vangni Yang
The Collegian

The Athletic Corporation Budget Committee for Fresno State held its mid-season meeting Wednesday in the meeting room at the North Gym Annex to discuss the current state of the school’s athletic budget.

The committee held a discussion on the revenue earned from the football team’s participation in the New Mexico Bowl as well as the money received from Boise State’s participation in the Fiesta Bowl.

Fresno State received $408,000 for competing in the New Mexico Bowl. The cost of attending the bowl game, such as traveling expenses, food and hotel costs, slashed the athletic department’s budget by a projected $500,000. In total, the football team earned the athletic department $105,000 after expenses were paid.

Fresno State was rewarded additional money for Boise State’s participation in a Bowl Championship Series (BCS) game. The athletic department received an estimated $202,000 for Boise State’s participation in the Fiesta Bowl.

Even with all the extra money it received, the athletic budget is still in the red.

The budget was stretched this year as some teams had unexpected post-season away games that was not included in the budget at the beginning of the school year.

As a result, the athletic budget is projected to be $39,000 negative for the year, which is an expected $300,000 better than the last projection.

The committee said that they are expected to be $197,000 over budget.

The athletic department will be asked to try to reduce expenses from now until the end of the school year.

Martina Buckley, associate athletics director for business operations and chief financial officer, said that both the men’s and women’s basketball teams will be busying to Reno, Nev. for the WAC Tournament.

“We’re doing the very best we can,” Buckley said. “We don’t have any teams over their budget at this time. We are doing our very best to be as thrifty as possible.”

The committee also discussed business and fundraising plans for next year’s budget.

Colleen Barnes, assistant athletics director for development, went over a fundraising plan that is scheduled to be implemented for the 2010-11 athletic year.

The Bulldog Foundation, the main fundraising organization for athletics, will be looking to recruit new members in the coming year. Barnes said that the foundation hopes to have over 5,000 Bulldog Foundation members by September 2011.

“We think it’s double, it’s challenging.”

In addition, the foundation will ask current donors to upgrade their memberships to either the 110 Percent Bulldog Program or the Take It to the Next Level Program.

“Last year, we had about 400 total donors upgrade their membership, which was pretty impressive.”

The membership upgrades generated nearly $250,000 in revenue last year.

Barnes hopes that recruiting new donors and getting current members to upgrade their memberships will bring similar results for the next year.
Starting forward, Hayley Munro showed dominance in the paint with an average of 11.3 points, 4.8 rebounds and 1.6 assists per game, to contribute to the ‘Dogs undefeated WAC conference title.

Hayley shows determination on and off the court, energized by the speed of the game

By Brianna Campbell
The Collegian

Starting in 22 of her 29 appearances this season, junior forward from Australia Hayley Munro is proud to be a Bulldog.

She came to Fresno to be a part of something special, a team that will make a difference, and that is exactly what they have done.

Wednesday night in the Save Mart Center the Bulldogs made history when they defeated San Jose State 83-47, to be the first team since Louisiana Tech in the 2002-03 season to go undefeated in the WAC conference play (17-0).

The 17 games won straight by the Bulldogs is the seventh longest in the nation. Munro grabbed a team-high 9 boards against the Spartans and sunk four of her six free throws to total 9 points.

As a freshman Munro was named to the 2007-08 WAC All-Freshman Team followed by Second Team All-WAC honors her sophomore year. Hayley has been a major contributor to the team in help to defend the WAC champion title for two years in a row.

This season Hayley leads the team with her knowledge and capabilities on the court. She is No.1 in free throw attempts and makes this season, with an average of 76 percent from the line.

Munro averages 11.3 points, 4.8 rebounds and 1.6 assists per game as the women’s basketball team has proven once again they are the best in the Western Athletic Conference.

On Feb. 2, against Hawaii away Munro had a career-high 24 points and a team-high eight rebounds. Junior Munro shows focus in the classroom as well on the court majoring in criminology. She sets her goals high and strives for nothing less then her best.

But Munro said there are no goals on the court but teams goals. They achieve it all together as one unit.

Sitting on the top of the WAC conference, the ‘Dogs will have a bye in the first round of the WAC Championship Tournament in Reno, Nevada March 10-13.

Two years WAC conference champs, the Bulldogs have already clinched the regular season title, but look to have a three-peat at the WAC Tournament.

Q & A

How does it feel to win the WAC conference title outright?
It is a great feeling! It has been a great team effort the whole year round. It is not just one individual and that is what I love about this team.

What preparations will the team take before WAC tournament play?
We are going to work hard tomorrow and not rest too much and go play next week. We are going to go and win next week, winning 17 games straight means nothing if we don’t go and win the WAC tournament.

What is the final goal the Bulldogs have?
We have an expectation that we want to win the first game of the NCAA’s if we get there, and to make it to the sweet sixteen would be unbelievable.

What brought you to Fresno State?
I just wanted to come to this program and make it better and I think this group has done that, if we can take it as far as we can then that is the best thing.

What is your favorite part about playing basketball?
My favorite part of the game is speed. I think our team is very quick and we keep the game sped up and interesting for the fans. It is great that all these fans come out and support us.

What is something you like to do in your free time?
Sleep. (Chuckle) I like to listen to my music and relax.