Comparing Pell grants and tuition

While university tuition has continued to spike, Pell grants have not followed step-for-step. The average amount given has increased slower than the maximum possible, and less so than tuition.

Credit card act restricts students

By Joe Bailey

An act aims to prevent college students and young Americans from amassing loads of credit card debt. The Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009, or Credit CARD Act for short, went into effect Feb. 22.

Most importantly for college students, the Credit CARD Act forces applicants younger than 21 to have a co-signer, who is older than 21, sign for the credit account or prove they have the income that can pay off any future debt. The Credit CARD Act also limits the ability of banks to market credit cards on college campuses. Credit card companies who offer gifts, such as a free hat or T-shirt for signing up cannot do so within 1,000 feet of campus.

K.C. Chen, chair of the Finance and Business Law Department, said these provisions will benefit college students and young Americans overall.

"The requirement of a co-signer for adults younger than 21 years old is a great idea that will reduce the delinquency rate and make young adults more financially responsible," Chen said. "I cannot think of one negative in this regulation."

However, Chen acknowledges that these provisions will certainly not put an end to students irresponsibly piling up debt if young people do not control their spending.

"Owing credit card debt is very expensive because the interest rates charged by the credit card issuers are normally very high," Chen said. "Compounding at a double-digit interest rate on the existing credit card balance will deepen young people’s financial woes."

Fresno State student Jason Panganiban, 22, believes these new regulations will help keep students safe from the ire of credit card companies.

"I think it's a good idea, because when you're 18 you don't know everything about credit cards," Panganiban said. "I know when I first got my credit cards I didn’t read the fine print and knew all the rules. Hopefully it will keep young kids from getting into trouble with credit cards."

Panganiban has also seen the powers credit card companies have when offering free gifts on a college campus.

"Seeing them hand out cards on campus anymore." Panganiban said. "I know when my cousins went to college they signed up for a bunch of credit cards just to get the free stuff."

James Highsmith, professor emeritus of finance and business law, said the Credit CARD Act will prevent reckless students from piling up debt, but may also preclude responsible students from building up essential credit.

"This Act may make it a little more difficult for young adults to get credit cards," Highsmith said. "Many of these people are not prepared to handle credit in a responsible way, while many

In order to get men to empathize with women, Walk a Mile in Her Shoes will encourage men to dress in drag. The event is one of many that will take place during Women’s History Month. The Walk a Mile in Her Shoes is an effort to stop rape, sexual assault and gender violence.

Men are literally encouraged to walk a mile in women’s high-heeled shoes. Women donate shoes prior to the festivities, and men wear them to literally walk a mile for a cause. It's a fun event that gives the symbolism of a walk in a woman's shoes. This event will be held March 16 in the Free Speech Area at 5 p.m.

The march asks men to join in the efforts of making the world a safer place and it provides an opportunity for the community to talk about these important issues.

The Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event attempts to expand the dialogue between men and women on gender differences, gender relationship and gender violence. Also, it helps men to better understand and appreciate women’s experiences, and teach children respect for themselves and others.

Georgianna Negron, a senior psychology major, organized volunteers for the event and contacted different organizations about taking the event for the past couple of years. The Majoree Mason Center and United Students for Social Justice will be among the groups in attendance.

"Not only does this event bring awareness but it also shows that men are involved in the efforts of getting the message out there," Negron said. Negron also declared that the Violence Prevention Center regularly solicits the help of Fresno State’s fraternities for this event.

According to a study by the National Institute of Justice and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1.5 million women become victimized by rape or physical assault by their partners each year. In addition, each year, more than 10 million American children witness family violence in their homes. Forty percent of girls age 14 to 17 know someone their age that has been hit or beaten by a boyfriend.

"It affects the community as a whole," Negron said. This event demonstrates that sexual abuse is not just a women’s issue. In fact this issue affects both genders, Negron said.

Jenny Whyte, coordinator of the Women’s Resource Center, describes her experience at last year’s Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event as wonderful.

"I enjoy the way the women put on women’s shoes and stand up against violence against women was inspirational," Whyte said.

Negron said she encourages all to participate.

"People can really make a difference, so I hope many will come out in support," Negron said.
A mid a torrent of massive budget cuts and funding reductions in California, a 10-year-old formula could unintentionally help restore much of what was taken away.

If counted correctly, funding from the 2010 census data will inject a much needed fiscal boost into California. That means the stakes, this time around, are much higher.

Students have long been an under-reported demographic in the collective census data. Students should be counted where they live for the majority of the year. For college students this means where they go to school. According to the Census Bureau, students living in on-campus housing will receive their own questionnaires separate from their parents.

Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kansas) was 909,153 in 2008, the tenth most populous county in California. At Fresno State, there are currently 20,640 students enrolled. However, in 2008 student life in Fresno was overcounted for the lowest response rates of any demographic during the 2000 census.

It is important to make sure that the current student population be counted this year, especially considering that census data is used in the allocation of federal tuition grant and loan programs; so, a thorough count of college students could potentially mean more money for higher education in California.

And at times like these, with students and faculty protesting for exactly this, not being counted properly, the constitutionally mandated census determines how seats will be apportioned in the House of Representatives, and helps to determine where the district lines are drawn within each state. The United States government surveys the population in order to gauge how many people are living in the country at the time.

Perhaps more importantly the census will shift billions of dollars in federal funding to areas where the next decennial census from parts of the country to others because of population-driven financing formulas. Annually, the government disburses about $40 billion in federal funds to states and local governments for the next 10 years.

Filling out this census form this spring could mean more money for the university and the surrounding neighborhood. But perhaps most importantly, filling out a census form bestows students with a fair voice in government.

For we, the students, have no explicit control over the allocation of funds in the state government. We cannot tell the Governor or the Senate how they should spend our tax dollars. All we can do is determine how many furloughs to mandate. We can, however, help determine how many seats get via the census.

Which means we must help the government take an accurate snapshot of the college demographic. In an editorial last semester, The Collegian advocated that the state legislature pass AB 606, a bill that would tax oil extraction, to help pay for higher education and lessen some of our financial woes. An accurate census would only help Fresno State citizens get the education they deserve.

If all 20,640 of Fresno State’s students filled out the census, odds are that many of the grievances that protesters have demonstrated against would be, if not absolute, at the very least, alleviated.

Do we want to be seen as a common man of the people? All want to brag about their “humble beginnings” and “man of the people.” All want to be elites also.

The time has arrived that no two objects shall be perfectly alike, and no two creatures perfectly equal,” John Adams said. “Although, among men, all are subject by nature to equal laws of morality, and in society have a right to equal laws for their government, yet no two men are perfectly equal in person, proper understanding, activity, and virtue, or ever can be made so by any power less than that which created them.”

What he’s saying is that some people are naturally better at some things than others. Usain Bolt is faster than any other sprinter. Everyone knows the blues like nobody’s business. Kobe Bryant is the best basketball player alive. (That just happened!) These people are, dare I say, elite. If I ever want to win a race, I want Bolt. If I want to hear the blues, I call on Clapton. If I want to win the NBA Finals, I get Kobe. I don’t think it’s too much to ask that our representatives are also like this.

Returning to the voice of Adams, who must eloquently speak this, he said, “There is a voice within us, which seems to intimate, that real honor should govern the state, and that men ought to be respected in proportion to their talents, virtues, and services. But... and this is a big but, “the question always has been, how shall this arrangement be accomplished?”

For Adams, indeed all of our founding fathers, the answer lied in the United States Constitution. But this arrangement has been devalued by our supposed representatives who have ceased trying to be elite and have settled for populist blather. Columnist George Will recently called this the “cathartic response to serious problems.” The only way to stop our imminent destruction as a people is to have the best governors. We need statesmen who actually do right by the people. We need the elite. We need men like Robert Taft.
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The hopelessly romantic, the cynic, the wife, the slut — the truth about Katherine Glover. A bisexual from Minneapolis who’s struggle with mistaking passion for compatibility led her to the Rogue stage once again in ‘A Cynic Tells Love Stories.’ Glover’s animated life unfolds through rated R skits and monologues’, however, discovering what relationship genre the solo performer is currently in will cost $7.
Festival celebrates child poets

By Tara Albert
The Collegian

Several Fresno State class-
rooms will be filled with stu-
dents a little younger than
usual next week.

“Over 6,000 students are
expected to visit our campus to
recite poetry and short stories
to our large panel of Fresno
State judges,” said Jerry
Marquez, public relations
coordinator for the festival.

Students will deliver their
poems and short stories in
various classrooms on cam-
pus, canceling the classes usu-
ally held at that time.

Stacie Mimura, the Peach
Blossom Festival director, said
students will come from 132
schools in the surrounding
area.

“The performers are from
elementary schools in the
Central Valley,” Mimura said.

She said the event is open to
the community, and “anyone
who wants to watch” is wel-
come to attend.

Mimura said the Peach
Blossom Festival is one of her
favorite events each year.

“Watching the students per-
form and seeing the smiles on
their faces is priceless,” she
said.

Marquez said the festival
was established to give young
students experience with
interpreting and performing
literature.

“The festival started over
50 years ago as a joint effort
between the communication
and theater arts departments
at Fresno State,” Marquez
said. “The Festival was cre-
ated to help young people real-
ize the importance of reading
literature aloud.”

The festival, now solely run
by the communication depart-
ment, also provides students
with the opportunity to visit a
campus.

Fresno State athletes will
be at the festival to meet the
young poets and give them
autographs. Fresno State’s
mascot Timeout will also
make an appearance.

Stephanie Hartvell, a judg-
ing coordinator for the festi-
val, said they need about 200
judges to cover each classroom
during all of the sessions. She
said they hope to have three
judges per room.

Hartvell said the festival
depends on volunteers, espe-
cially Fresno State students.

“It’s good experience to get
involved with things that are
going on at Fresno State,”
Hartvell said.

A.J. Coronado is a member of
the Kid’s Day Committee and
Sigma Nu Fraternity. Sigma
Nu has been the top seller of
Kid’s Day papers for the past
several years at Fresno State.
Sigma Nu raised nearly $15,000
through Kid’s Day for children
in need. This year, Coronado
and Sigma Nu plan on selling
4,000 papers to beat last year’s
record of $3500.

“It has become a point of
pride for our brotherhood to
be the top selling organiza-
tion each year,” Coronado
said. “Our competitiveness is
a great thing, in the end it’s
Children’s Hospital that ben-
efits from it.”

Katelyn Ashton, coordina-
tor for the Children’s Hospital
Kid’s Day said Fresno State
students take Kid’s Day to a
whole new level.

“Fresno State does a phenom-
enal job of not only recruiting
hundreds of volunteers every
year, but also for the energy,
excitement and originality
that the students have while
selling papers,” Ashton said.

Ashton said students par-
ticipating in Kid’s Day have
the opportunity to build their
resume. She said employ-
ers love to see that potential
employees have given back to
the community and that they
are motivated students.

“The biggest reward I get for
volunteering is the satisfac-
tion of knowing that Fresno
State’s Kid’s Day Committee
has put together a successful
event,” Coronado said.

Kid’s Day is a one-day event
where nearly 5,000 volunteers
from 20 communities hit the
streets starting at 4 a.m. to
sell Kid’s Day editions of the
Fresno Bee. Ashton said the
paper features compelling
patient stories and photo-
graphs about the vital pedi-
astric medical care Children’s
Hospital provides.

The Kid’s Day edition not
only raises awareness, but also
much needed funds for fami-
lies who cannot afford health
care.

Kid’s Day has raised more
than $3.75 million for the
Children’s Hospital since its
beginning in 1988. Fresno State
students have greatly contrib-
ted to the growing Kid’s Day
campaign statistic.

The money raised through
Kid’s Day goes to fund clini-
cal programs, support ser-
ves, community outreach
and charitable health care at
Children’s Hospital.

“I don’t think it would be
a stretch to say that all of us
have been affected, or know
someone who has been affect-
ed by Children’s Hospital,”
Coronado said. “Sacrificing a
few hours for one day a year
isn’t a huge price to pay to help
save the life of a child.”

File photos by Sarah Gilbert

More than 6,000 students from 200 schools across the Central Valley came to Fresno State last Spring to take part in the Peach Blossom Festival.
PELL: Grants designed as need-based government aid have not necessarily kept up with university tuition fee hikes

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tuition in its first year, but by 2000 it covered only 39 percent, at which point the average annual cost of tuition at a four-year public university was $8,500. At Fresno State, the rise in tuition has coincided with the number of student loans accepted. According to financial aid director Maria Hernandez, the number of subsidized Stafford Loans, a loan that does not start accruing interest until six months after graduation, accepted by students increased 13 percent from 2006-07 to 2007-08, compared to a 2 percent increase in Pell Grants awarded. Some experts have agreed that the rising cost in tuition in relation to financial assistance programs provides a dilemma for lawmakers. Assistant professor Jeffrey Cummins said Congress has steered away from addressing the fact that Pell Grants have not been able to keep up with the inflation of tuition costs.

“Congress has chosen not to peg grant increases to tuition increases.”
— Jeffrey Cummins, Assistant Professor

The California State University system for the fall of 2009, which went from $3,354 to $4,026. The public university system in California, community college and CSU systems – are expected to have continued tuition increases to combat the reported $584 million in cuts to higher education.

Under Obama’s proposed plan for Pell Grant increases in January, starting in 2011 the maximum Pell Grant reward would coincide with increases in the cost of living which is predicted to reach $6,900 by 2019. However, tuition costs have risen much faster than the cost of living.

According to a College Board study, “Trends in College Pricing,” the economic recession has allowed tuition costs to increase just like any other good or service, citing that tuition costs have risen at a slightly higher rate than the consumer price index. Also, the fiscal restraints on state governments have forced them to make cuts to higher education, which supports a large portion of public education funding. The College Board reports, that on average, 43 percent of total revenues at public undergraduate colleges are appropriated from state and local governments.

The College Board reports that 22 percent of full-time students at four-year public universities faced tuition increases of over 9 percent last year. The public education system in California has increased undergraduate tuition by 32 percent.

“‘T-shirt or other tangible item otherwise would serve a useful purpose.’
— Professor Emeritus James Highsmith

It could be called ‘Wisdom Without Pain’ or ‘What’s Really Up.’ You would not pay for it unless you didn’t earn at least a B,” Highsmith said. “Yes, I know I’m a dreamer.”

Highsmith also said that banning credit card companies from offering free gifts for signing up for a new line of credit will have little effect on student credit debt. “The T-shirt or other tangible item only serves to attract the student to listen to the pitch of the salespeople,” Highsmith said. “Salesmen can be very persuasive as there is no doubt it makes sense to establish a good credit rating in the U.S.”

Highsmith said the best way for college students to build up good credit is by offering them low limit, low-interest credit cards where the issuer provides special protections for the cardholder. However, Highsmith highly doubts we will ever see this in America. “I don’t think you will find this very often in the market because it does not serve the profit interest of the issuers,” Highsmith said. “So much for developing goodwill with your customers.”

Highsmith said that while this act may not change the world, it is making a step towards protecting vulnerable college students. “It is hard to tell whether the act will significantly curtail the issuance of cards to people under 21,” Highsmith said. “If it prevents only a few unqualified young people from being handed a card that could lead them to credit trouble, costly penalty fees, overage charges, high interest rates and bankruptcy, the act serves a useful purpose.”

CREDIT: Applicants under 21 years of age will likely need a co-signer to qualify

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under 21 have adult responsibilities that make credit usable in navigating everyday life such as renting an apartment or getting a job. Highsmith joked about the idea that many college students should be forced to develop their life skills.

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FESTIVAL: More than 6,000 students are expected to attend this year

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er judging coordinator for the festival said most of the judges are communication students, but many community members also get involved with judging. He said judging is a good learning opportunity for Fresno State students. “Being a judge gives you experience with working with children and giving them positive feedback,” Parkinson said.

Porkington said there are three, one-hour judging sessions for each day of the festival, and anyone can do as many sessions as they would like. He said a lot of the student judges were Peach Blossom participants when they were in grade school. “It’s a neat experience for them to be able to come and judge.” Porkington said. “Now that they’re in college they get to return the favor.”

Thousands of kindergarten through sixth grade students will perform poetry at the 52nd annual Peach Blossom Festival from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 18 and March 19. Student interested in volunteering for the event can call the Peach Blossom Committee at (559) 278-4419.
Sophomore Bhavik Patel finished seventh overall in the individual play with a total of 214 par for Tech on Thursday.

The men's basketball team will seek to win its first WAC Tournament Title since 2000 as it heads to Reno, Nev., for the WAC Tournament.

The fifth seeded ‘Dogs are coming off a 66-59 win against Louisiana Tech on senior night as it heads into the pool of eight, playing a familiar foe once again since 2000 as it heads to Reno, Nev., for the WAC Tournament.

The Bulldogs finished eighth overall in their home tournament in light of poor weather conditions.

Battling through unfavorable weather conditions and intense competition, the Fresno State men’s golf team struggled in the Fresno Lexus Classic at San Joaquin Country Club Monday and Tuesday.

On day one of the tournament, the Bulldogs as well as their competition, were forced to end early due to darkness. With about six holes still remaining, the ‘Dogs resumed their second round play at 8 a.m. Tuesday before they were able to start the final round in shotgun format, where all players tee off simultaneously at different holes.

“I honestly hate that,” Bhavik Patel said. “You’re forced to rush and it’s just a pain, but it happens.”

“In addition to losing light, adverse winds and temperatures took a toll on just about everyone including the Bulldog standout.”

“It was brutal,” Patel said. “Especially yesterday, it wasn’t as cold but it was windier and the conditions were a lot different than what the practice round was like.”

Playing in less than suitable weather is something that the Bulldogs are becoming familiar with.

“Every tournament there’s been a chance for rain,” Patel said. “It’s been windy and cold every time so far, we’re pretty much use to it by now.”

Patial (73-69-72—214) headed into the tournament in light of poor weather conditions, yet enjoyed golfing in front of familiar faces, but unwelcomed weather notably affected his game.

“There’s pros and cons,” Patel said.

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By Megan Morales

Fresno State

Battling through unfavorable weather conditions and intense competition, the Fresno State men’s golf team struggled in the Fresno Lexus Classic at San Joaquin Country Club Monday and Tuesday.

On day one of the tournament, the Bulldogs as well as their competition, were forced to end early due to darkness. With about six holes still remaining, the ‘Dogs resumed their second round play at 8 a.m. Tuesday before they were able to start the final round in shotgun format, where all players tee off simultaneously at different holes.

“I honestly hate that,” Bhavik Patel said. “You’re forced to rush and it’s just a pain, but it happens.”

“In addition to losing light, adverse winds and temperatures took a toll on just about everyone including the Bulldog standout.”

“It was brutal,” Patel said. “Especially yesterday, it wasn’t as cold but it was windier and the conditions were a lot different than what the practice round was like.”

Playing in less than suitable weather is something that the Bulldogs are becoming familiar with.

“Every tournament there’s been a chance for rain,” Patel said. “It’s been windy and cold every time so far, we’re pretty much use to it by now.”

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