Faculty underreport cheating

Athletes must self-report cheating

Senate approves replacement
A fresh approach to ed

By Maddie Shannon
The Collegian

ight before Thursday's pro-
tests started, a fellow student came
to my philosophy class to talk about the protests being held at vari-
ung the picture. Despite the fact

that the California State University
system is the people’s university and
has been run on almost entirely gov-
ernment funding, we need to stop bug-
ging the administration for more money
that they don’t have and turn to where
the money actually is: the private sec-

During this particular class, I was
glad to realize I was not alone in my

Just last year, I was involved with

Individuals would ask me from
me all the time and, the sad thing was,
I was not able to say no.

I wrestled with these kinds of
thoughts on a daily basis, and I did not
know what to do about it. I felt lost,
confused and overwhelmed.

At night, my mind would speak to
me (not in a crazy way). It would ask,
"Can I set limits for something that
means a lot to you?" I thought about
"Oscar, would you like a candy?"
"No," I would quickly respond, even
though I was dying for a sweet.

And at other times it would go like
this: "Oscar was a word that took a long

I had centered my life so much

"Saying no is not a slight bit mean, rude or
evil. It is actually a way that one can emit
confidence, independence, honesty and open-
ness."
ACROSS
1 Pilot producer
6 Deep-sixed
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16 They make lots of contacts
17 Old Renault
18 Lucille Ball was one, slangily
19 Low-quality trumpets and trombones?
21 Greek liqueur
22 Con lead-in
23 Metric wts.
26 Letters on old rubles
28 Slight push
31 Squire
32 Sound from the bleachers
33 Spread unit
34 Man with a mission
35 “How many fools do we have here?”
39 “Christina’s World” painter
40 Criticize
41 [snicker]
42 Drooping part of a Concorde
43 Cheri who portrayed a “Morning Latte” co-host on “SNL”
45 Hard-earned degs.
46 Bring action against
47 VII x LXXIII
48 Happy Meal choice

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1 Dutch artist Frans
2 12-member cartel
3 Tortilla chip topping
4 Slow online connection
5 Polio partner
6 Clock sound
7 Hawaiian food fish
8 Undiluted
9 “Yes ___!”
10 Cut-rate, in company names
11 A Morse “I” requires two
12 Nosebag bit
13 Game with a discard pile
14 1/48 cup: Abbr.
20 Large sea snail
23 “The Radiant Baby” pop artist
24 Ate like a mouse
25 Brand owned by Pabst
26 Ceremonial headdress
27 Favor asker’s opening
29 Google hit datum
30 Score before ad in
31 “I’m mad!”
33 Dresden “O’ohl”
34 Clotheshorse
36 Abbr. in Quebec place names
37 Make a dent in
38 Puncture
43 Durable leather
44 Best-seller list entries
45 Expect
47 Plane that competed with Lockheed’s L-1011
49 Last in a series
50 Baseball’s Maglie and Bando
51 “Sorry if ___ you down”
52 Police
53 Rosebud’s owner, in film
54 War memento
55 Old salt
56 Trial basis
57 NASDAQ, e.g.

Word of the Day
Midnight munchies
The emptiness you feel in your stomach in the middle of the night, usually while watching commercials for pizza or Burger King.

Source: UrbanDictionary.com
In a time when most comedians are putting out DVDs and albums of their standup, Sarah Silverman can say she is doing it with her very own television show. To celebrate the premiere of “The Sarah Silverman Program,” her third season, Comedy Central has put out a 99-track compilation of songs and excerpts from the first two seasons of her show.

Silverman’s main dose of comedy comes from her complete disconnection from the world. Her happy-go-lucky attitude is a far step from the conflicts and troubles that surround her. In the show, she is the girl who looks for adventures, making fun of her gay science fiction loving neighbors and begging her sister for money. At times, her humor can come across as offbeat, weird and even offensive.

Silverman does not hold back and gets right to business. On the first song of the album, titled “The Meaning Of Brunch,” we hear Silverman with her friends talking about the definition of their favorite meal. Her gay neighbors, Brian and Steve, define the meal with fresh eggs and poopcakes. Silverman, who refuses to be outdone, tries to add to the humor. As the next track begins, we realize the attempt did not go so well.

On her slow acoustic ballad “That’s What I Wish,” she starts by singing how she “tried to be like the others” and “tried to join in with my brother” while ending each line with “but I pooped instead.” Her offbeat humor kicks in and she describes other synonymous wishes she had like “I wish every child had a mother” and “I wish our religion was love.”

Silverman also makes an attempt at tackling some serious issues. In “Loch Ness Animation,” Silverman speaks of people with AIDS almost as if they are minorities — not as people who need a cure but rather people who are being oppressed. “If we can put a man on the moon, we can fight AIDS with the moon,” announces Silverman, almost giving a sense of seriousness to the album. Her final line is sure to kill this mood. “And then someday, we can put everyone with AIDS on the moon.”

Offended? No worries, the confusion is sure to help you forget the horrors of the speech. In “Loch Ness Animation,” Silverman drinks a bottle of cold medicine in the middle of the afternoon and imagines she is hanging out with the Loch Ness Monster, who in turn tells her she is looking terrific and skinny.

In a way, making the album 99 tracks is a small attempt at adding more humor to her songs and sketches. Does she really expect everyone to listen to every track? Of course not! The joke may very well be on the listener rather than her friends in the show.

While the album may not be an appropriate introduction to the show, it is sure to lead to the same confused “did I just see/hear that” response. Silverman is uncompromising and has always taken her humor with a “take it or leave it” attitude. As with any comedy album, take this with a grain of salt and prepare for the fart and poop jokes.

The uncensored soundtrack includes 99 songs from the Comedy Central hit show.
Students share works at national literature conference

By Michelle Furnier
The Collegian

Two Fresno State students will travel to the national society for the Study of Multi-ethnic Literature of the United States (MELUS) conference, generally a place where professors and Ph.D candidates present their work, in April to discuss the papers they wrote. English Master’s student Kristen Johnson, 24, and English major Erin Alvarez, 35, both submitted abstracts, a 200-word description of what the paper is about, to MELUS and both were chosen to speak at the 48th annual conference. According to the MELUS Web site, the 1975-founded society ventures to create an in-depth definition of literature through the studying and teaching of Latino American, Native American, African-American, Asian and Pacific American, and Euro-American literary works, as well as their authors and cultural contexts.

This year’s theme for the conference concentrates on multi-ethnic literatures of the United States. The society will focus on those who will focus their presentations on the literature of the city and theories of the urban experience in a multi-ethnic context.

The conference will take place at the University of Scranton in Scranton, Pa on April 8 through April 11.

Kristen Johnson

For Johnson, speaking at a national conference is a brand new experience and she’s not sure what to expect. “This is the first time I have done something like this on a national level.” Johnson said. “I presented a paper called ‘The Truth Beneath the Disguise’ for Fresno State’s Graduate Research and Creative Arts Symposium in Spring 2009.” Johnson will present her paper titled “The Many Spaces that Influence Identity,” a piece she wrote two years ago in her Seminar in Women and Literature (ENGL 194T) class.

Johnson said her paper is about how Azar Nafisi, Iranian author of ‘Reading Lolita in Tehran’ can only gain access to public space in Tehran by going through her mentor, the magician, since women aren’t allowed to discuss their opinions on politics and literature. At the conference, Johnson looks forward to meeting interesting people and presenting her work at a national level. Johnson has researched and prepared for the questions that the professors and Ph.D candidates will ask during her panel. “[Speaking] is nerve wracking since I am not a nervous public speaker,” Johnson said. “I will ask during her panel. I have researched and prepared for the questions that the professors and Ph.D candidates will ask during her panel. ‘Reading Lolita in Tehran’ can only gain access to public space in Tehran by going through her mentor, the magician, since women aren’t allowed to discuss their opinions on politics and literature. At the conference, Johnson looks forward to meeting interesting people and presenting her work at a national level. Johnson has researched and prepared for the questions that the professors and Ph.D candidates will ask during her panel. “[Speaking] is nerve wracking since I am not a nervous public speaker,” Johnson said. “I will ask during her panel. I have researched and prepared for the questions that the professors and Ph.D candidates will ask during her panel.

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The majority of the stories she writes are memoirs about growing up in Fresno as a boy, so there’s no room for a Chicana identity, Alvarez said. Alvarez also said that while McNair, a post-baccalaureate achievement program intended to support low-income first generation college students, will pay a travel stipend, she will be paying for this trip on her own.
CHEATING: Goes underreported

planning, said the increase in reports was a reflection of more reporting, not more cheating. Ester said she made an effort to let instructors know that her office, which is the clear- inghouse for the reports, is not out to get anyone.

“It’s really just a policy and a process,” Ester said.

In a 2004 survey of 375 Fresno State faculty members, 46 per- cent reported they had at some point ignored a suspected inci- dent of cheating. A 2008 survey of 244 Fresno State faculty members report- ed that 19 percent had been asked to fill out a report after catching a student cheating.

A member of the honor code committee, biology professor Jim Prince, said the problem is twofold. Faculty members are reluctant to report stu- dents because they think it is difficult and that it will ruin a student’s academic career.

Prince said the honor code committee has made an effort to encourage faculty mem- bers to report every incident of cheating and plagiarism.

He said it’s difficult to know how many times a student has cheated otherwise.

“There’s quite a bit of happening, but there’s just too many times a student has cheated otherwise,” Prince said.

“I think the problem is that it’s hard for instructors to see cheating,” Prince said.

This way there’s going to be a trail,” Prince said. “And there’s going to be some conse- quences for what we’re doing.”

Prince said increased report- ing would also serve as a deter- rent.

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Sanchez, who is a double major, currently holds 119 units and already holds a bach- elor’s degree in entrepreneurship, but is working toward acquiri ng a second degree.

Sanchez said this is unfair, since he is a double-major stu- dent.

“This is hurting students who are trying to achieve above average, for those who are attempting to acquire a second degree,” Sanchez said.

Two weeks ago, Sanchez sent a letter to President John Welty regarding his pursuit of candidacy for the vice presi- dent of finance position for the 2010-2011 school year. ASI advisor Gary Nelson noti- fied Sanchez that he was ineligible for the vice presi- dent position and to remain senator of the Craig School of Business due to the number of units he had completed.

According to Sanchez, Nelson advised him to speak to Vice President of Student Affairs Paul Oliaro regarding the appeals process.

Oliaro advised Sanchez to write a let- ter of appeals to Welty if he wished to contest the ruling. He was officially notified that he was deemed ineligible.

Nelson said, in an e-mail interview, that there have been extenuating circumstances in the past for bending eligibility - often related to their educa- tional goals or circumstances that are way beyond their con- trol – should be considered for an exception. Oliaro said in an e-mail interview.

Oliaro reiterated that each appeal is considered on a case-by-case basis.

“The student needs to make their own case and provide rea- sons why their circumstances were, for example, the result of an injury or illness,” Oliaro said.

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ATHLETES: There is no policy set in place to inform coaches when an athlete cheats

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to prevent it in the future.

Repeat offenders are on a separate level, according to Gutkind. Repeat offenders are choosing to no longer repre- sent student-athletes and the university in a way that is appropriate.

Gutkind said in her four years at Fresno State, she could not recall any cases of widespread cheating. There were, however, cheating prob- lems before the overhaul in the athletic department.

The cheating problems took place in 2000 while Jerry Tarkanian coached men’s basketball. In an article that ran in February 2003, a for- mer statistician for the team told The Fresno Bee he was paid $1,500 by an advisor, who confirmed the story; to write 17 pieces of course work for three players in 2000.

A member of the honor code committee, biology professor Jim Prince, would not be so lenient on student-athletes, even after a first-time offense.

“I know what I would do if I were the coach,” Prince said. “They’d be gone.”
Lacrosse falls short in home opener

Head coach Sue Behme said being a new program is no longer an excuse

By Megan Morales
The Collegian

After a hard fought matchup in the season home opener, the Fresno State women’s lacrosse team fell short to the Detroit Titans 15-18 on Thursday. Although Fresno State fans remained hopeful and determined for their diligent lacrosse team to pull through, the home crowd advantage wasn’t enough to help the Bulldogs reach their first victory.

The ‘Dogs trailed 7-9 at the half, but managed to keep the point margin within four throughout the rest of the game. Freshman Amanda Cross continued to lead the team in scoring with four goals and two assists. “I think she had a good game,” head coach Sue Behme said. “She played smart, she took care of the ball, and she attacked at the right time.” However, Cross’s offense wasn’t enough to satisfy Behme on her team’s performance. “It’s disappointing when you take 12 shots on goal and you’re out scored,” Behme said. “It’s frustrating. It shouldn’t happen.”

With the Titans producing a total of 28 turnovers, Behme said there is no excuse her Bulldogs shouldn’t score every time. “Until we start putting the ball in the back of the net, and every turnover we have doesn’t lead to a goal on the other end, we’re going to continue to struggle,” Behme said.

In addition to Cross, teammates Sara Weber Margaret Wolford each came up with goals of their own. Weber had three goals while Wolford made two.

The last meeting between the two teams resulted in a Detroit victory 17-3. The titans now lead the series 2-0.

While some are still cutting the Fresno State women’s lacrosse team some slack for being a new program, Behme doesn’t think her team deserves that justification anymore. “There’s no excuse that it’s a new program,” Behme said. “We have enough kids that have played and they’re just not getting the job done.”

This is the new program’s second season at Fresno State and the team has yet to win a game in the 18 they’ve played.

“We’re definitely moving forward,” Behme said. “Our time will come. It’s hard to be patient, but we’ve got to keep working hard.”

Up next, the Bulldogs will face Iona on March 17 at 7 p.m. in Bulldog Stadium.

Ladd out, Bulldogs go home

Ladd is sent home before first round of WAC play for ‘Dogs

By Brianna Campbell
The Collegian

The Bulldog men’s basketball team fell Thursday in the first round of playoffs at the Western Athletic Conference Championships after starting forward Mike Ladd was sent home for violation of athletic department policy.

This afternoon Fresno State athletic director Thomas Boeh announced in a news conference from Reno, Nev. that Ladd had been sent home. The reasoning was not said due to confidentiality. Ladd averaged 10.3 points a night and leads the team with 66 3-pointers made this season, averaging 5.4 attempted a game.

With the starting shooting guard out, and power forward Sylvester Seay sick with the flu, the ‘Dogs were left with little hope in getting past the first round of playoffs. The Bulldogs came from behind and only trailed by one at the half (33-32). Paul George led the ‘Dogs at the half with 12 points and nine rebounds, while center Greg Smith had only seen five minutes on the floor with three fouls.

The second half started well with the ‘Dogs taking the lead 48-46 with 14 minutes left to play. But the team lost momentum as Louisiana Tech claimed a 10-point lead, post- ing a final victory over the ‘Dogs 74-66.

Paul George finished the game with 22 points and 11 rebounds followed by Brandon Spirling who had 14 points, four rebounds and four assists.

In just the first half the, ‘Dogs were 2 of 12 from the three-point arc, finishing the game 4 of 18 with a 22 percent shooting percentage.

With or without Ladd the ‘Dogs finished the season today in Nevada at the Lawlor Event Center 15-18.
Often one of the overlooked aspects of sports is the relationship between the coach and player, but how about the coach and the spouse? Fresno State volleyball assistant coach Ed Jackson not only shares a home and family with his wife Alanna, but also a volleyball court. The two have been Bulldog assistants for the past two years, just one of the many stops in their volleyball careers. Ed met his wife while finishing up his master's degree at Sacramento State, where he doubled as a top performer on the men's national championship club team. Alanna's best friend was an athlete on the Hornet's women's team, and the two soon became close, bonded together by volleyball.

But Ed admits it was not exactly love at first sight, and he had to muster up the courage after six years to approach his wife-to-be. "Eventually I got the guts to ask her out, and the rest is history," Ed said. From there, Ed and his wife began their long stretch of volleyball coaching. Ed's first stop was as a coach in Illinois, but found himself working alongside Alanna in 2001 after jumping around from various high school and collegiate coaching positions.

Together the two were drawn to Fresno, a close proximity to Ed's home-town of San Diego and Alanna's home-town of Sacramento. Since being hired on at Fresno State, Ed said has experienced nothing but great things and has a bright outlook for his tenure as a Bulldog assistant coach. "There's a lot of support here," Ed said. "Being a student-athlete or even being a coach, we have a lot of people that help us out, more so than any other school I have been a part of, and I've been a part of three other division-one programs."

In Ed's two years as Fresno State volleyball's assistant coach, he has guided the team from seven wins in 2008 to 15 wins this past season. Q & A

Is there such thing as too much volleyball for you? No. We [Alanna and I] pretty much talk about it daily. It's never enough. I mean sure, you know you need to rejuvenate here and there, but for the most part there isn't too much. My senior year of high school, I started playing this game, and really fell in love with it.

What have you enjoyed more, coaching or playing? That's a hard one to say. I enjoyed playing, and the reality is I felt I could impact the game more from playing, so that part I enjoyed more. I do like the challenge of trying to help the athletes on the team perform at their best. The nice thing about being a player is working toward something. As an athlete, being one out there on the floor and making it happen, that's awesome.

What has been the most memorable moment for you, coaching or playing? Winning the national title at Sac State for club. We were always one of the better teams. Every year I was there, we were always in the top five in the country, but we were never number one. And I did it at the end of my career, so to be able to push through and persevere, and finally get to say we were the best team in the country for a day, was pretty cool.

If you're not doing a volleyball related activity, what can you be found doing? Hanging out with my son and my wife. Being a dad. Going to the park or doing anything to be a part of his life as much as I can. It doesn't seem like we get to do it very often, but when we do we always try and spend time with family.

Do you have any aspirations of being a head coach again? I have not been a head coach at the NCAA level. I've been a head coach at the high school and collegiate club level for men. We've had opportunities to be head coaches, but none of them really ever fit for both of us. Ultimately I think that is ideally our dream job, Alanna and I, to be coaching together with a program.

What do you look forward to in the years to come as a Fresno State coach? Just more success. We are starting to talk about the NCAA tournament and trying to get there. My first year at Santa Barbara, we got to go there. We all have that experience, but none of these athletes do, so that's what I would like for those athletes to be able to say they got to play in the national championship tournament.

What is it like coaching with your wife? It's great. We are pretty much like yin and yang, we just really connect. She knows how I coach and I know how she coaches. I really couldn't see myself coaching without her."