Who is next?

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By Thaddeus Miller and Brian Maxey
The Collegian

The race to become Fresno State’s centennial president is underway.

With elections only a day away, The Collegian sat down Saturday afternoon with each of the four Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) presidential candidates to discuss why the students should vote for them. The candidates, current ASI Executive Vice President Alex Andreotti, ASI Chief of Staff Cole Rojewski, Senator for Resident Affairs Cody Madsen and Senator for Parking and Safety Pedro Ramirez, The Collegian asked the candidates a series of 16 questions that delved into their backgrounds and exposed their political ideologies.

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A: I’m not willing to play the political game. I think at this level we don’t need a “career politician” placing themselves at the head and treating their fellow students as constituents. I’m going to do my best to treat my fellow students as fellow students. And I think that is something that seems will be lacking with some of the other candidates. In everything that I do, I try to work to get people to work together.

A: I think I’m one of the most qualified candidates, because I have many aspects, and I see the respect for the position and for the students. I have experience in managing many organizations. I’m a member of several student organizations and several off-campus organizations. One factor that makes me stand out is that I am a fee-paying student.

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@issue: What should the kids be taught?

The debate on whether or not teachers should be objective in their teaching

With All Due Respect
MIKE BOYLAN

Texas' board of education on March 12 voted to substantially alter their educational curriculum in the social sciences by "putting a conservative stamp on history and economic textbooks, stimulating the superiority of American capitalism, questioning the founding fathers' commitment to a purely secular government and presenting Republican philosophies in a more positively light," reported the New York Times.

The politics of this decision lags behind a more pressing issue, which is the manipulation of educational policy in order to indoctrinate children to think, behave and feel in a certain way.

The conservative bloc has used its authority to prey on credulous youth. They've paved the way for the next generation of foot soldiers for the conservative and religious right, a clan of uniformity and subservience, roaming aimlessly through the land, convinced their country of origin is flawless and reason to risk one's life for the agenda of its leaders.

This contrived state of being is what I call tribal-nationalism, an amalgam of tribalism and nationalism, broadly defined as irrational conformity, group and set of ideals within physical beings, which cannot be broken by reason, circumstance or facts.

This is a dangerous state of being and is exempt from criticism. This is the dogma of American Exceptionalism. Assuredly, dogmatic American Exceptionalists will balk at this assessment, undoubtedly evoking the word "patriotism," in effort to support their unqualified pro-American sentiments. After all, this is essentially what the school board believes it is preserving for the benefit of future Americans who unawares cannot "devote love, support and defense of one's country".

The "Exceptionalists" have misled their notions about the application of patriotism. Patriotism does not require blind loyalty to nation. Exceptionalists have tied patriotism to tribal-nationalism, promoting a concern that is restricted by borders, an idea that does not exist, an attitude that sees the "other" with superior deprigation.

This is America the Texas school board implicitly admit.

Americans are asked to disregard American initiated atrocities, foreign and domestic. We are great liberators, those we liberate are brash peasants. They must adapt, we must. We are the burning candle in their world of darkness.

What a school's curriculum is not a continuum of liberal biased curriculum, but rather thoroughly objective textbooks, ones that provide historical facts and theories that encourage the development of a young person's critical mind. His forces independent analysis, freeing them from their prejudice of a culture of modernism developed before him.

The champion of free thought in the 20th century, philosopher Bertrand Russell, had enlightened ideas about escaping the tyranny endorsed by the school board, and the consequences of being unable to.

True philosophers and critical inquiry, Russell said, we must develop our imagination and diminish the dogmatic assurance which closes our minds to any speculation...in this citizenship of the universe consists man's true freedom, and his liberation from the thrall of narrow hopes and fears.

True patriots do not need to flaunt the red, white and blue to show they are invested in the well being of the nation in which they reside. They do not need to endorse their country in vain. Their identity lies with fellow human beings, not an arbitrary mass of land and idea. They do not feel it honorable to lay paralyzed in the tyranny of a tribal nationalist culture the Texas school board so saliently approves.

The Right Tone
TOM PETERSON

As my colleague Mike Boylan has pointed out, the Texas board of education on March 12, as reported by the New York Times, "approved a social studies curriculum that will put a conservative stamp on history and economic textbooks, stimulating the superiority of American capitalism, questioning the Founding Fathers' commitment to a purely secular government and presenting Republican philosophies in a more positively light."

So what is the first glance. For the majority of us more than likely have the same sentiments as Mr. Boylan when he says that schools need "thoroughly objective textbooks, ones that provide historical facts and diverse theories that encourage the development of a young person's critical mind."

But is objectivity possible?

Humans are naturally subjective—we see events that happen in our lives and events input them one way or another. It is impos-

sible for a person to be com-

pletely fair to a point of view that is diametrically opposed to.

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t of the Texas school board's mission, mainly because they weren't for it. The famous maxim of "separating church and state" is simply falls flat, no religious belief is found to be in the U.S. Constitution, only in a letter written by Thomas Jefferson. After all, it says about religion is that the federal government cannot establish a national religion, that the federal government cannot prohibit the exercise of religion and that no religious test shall be required for any servant to serve in public office.

In the end, what I think that our founders were secular. It is true that some, such as Ben Franklin and James Madison, were desists (people who believe God made the universe and backed off from his creation), but the vast majority of our founders were Christian. Indeed, John Adams is pur-

ted to have said that the early 19th century would be far better to turn back to the gods of Greece rather than endure a govern-

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The crux of this argument, however, is to state simply this: absolute truth exists and that is what we should teach our children, not some politically correct ideology that offends none to the detri-

ment of us all.

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Thumbs up
March Madness

The NCAA Tournament definitely lived up to its name. There were 16 games where the higher seeded team upset the lower seeded team. One of these games was the opening round between Xavier and No. 14 San Jose State. That's what the people are saying...

On a player who helped defeat No. 1 Kansas

"A I Farokhmanesh. We'll never properly pronounce his name, and we'll also never forget it."

— Jason Whitlock, The Kansas City Star

Thumbs up
Brackets busted

Time to get out the red ink and start crossing off every team that finally, correctly, invariably, was a loot for most of us this year. But step away from that ledge folks. Console yourselves with the fact that President Obama's bracket is likely in the shred-

er at this point. As of now, he picked Kansas to defeat Villanova in the championship game. If his pick can pick poorly, then so can you!

Thumbs up
Tiger coming back at the Masters

My apologies for a very sports-centric salute, but these stories warrant the attention! Tiger Woods and his nervous stumbles through his comeback would be great. It's interesting to see what's coming back to the gods of Greece rather than endure a govern-

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Thumbs down
Romney leads polling for Republican nod

According to Public Policy Polling, Mitt Romney has the early lead in the race for the Republican nomination garnering 28 percent of those polled. This is bad news for fans of politics. Do we really need another slick candidate who won't say anything controversial running against another one? How interesting is that? Give me Ron Paul or Sean Patrick Ford. Paul will at least get the truth out of a politician, and we won't have to listen to liberal talk. We'll get to see liberals face the mouth at the mention of the name. Now, how refreshing is that?
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15 Infrequent
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17 Track shoe part
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20 Hopelessly, as in love
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24 Cribbage piece
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26 Piper in the air
29 Field sobriety test
32 Fossil fuel
35 Draw a bead
36 Keeps for later
37 A single time
38 Theater chain founded in 1904
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42 Firestone products
44 Bit of a chill
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51 __, dos, tres...
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28 Stupefy with booze
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60 Place to be pampered
61 Buddy

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Sarcastic phrase; used with the directionally challenged to make them aware of their error.

Source: UrbanDictionary.com
Duncan Sheik springs into tour

By Glenn Gamboa McClatchy Tribune

Duncan Sheik laughs as he talks about happy accidents. His transition from the singer-songwriter behind the hits “Barely Breathing” and “Reasons for Living” to Tony-winning composer for “Spring Awakening” wasn’t really planned. Neither was the development of last year’s “Whisper House” album into a musical, which recently wrapped up its first run at the Old Globe Theatre in San Diego. Soon, Sheik will start work on writing songs for the musical adaptation of the Bret Easton Ellis novel “American Psycho.” But first, Sheik will treat out on a short tour and finish recording his new album.

Q: What will you be playing on this tour?

A. I’ll definitely be playing a fair amount from “Whisper House,” and Holly Brook, my singing cohort from the album, will be with me. I’ll be playing a couple from “Spring Awakening,” and some songs from my catalog in a couple of new brand-name songs and maybe even cover or two from a covers album I’ve been working on. For better or worse, I’ve gotten to this point of my career where there’s a big chunk of work that figuring out what to play is a bit tricky.

Q: Have you seen a sound for the album?

A. I’m feeling it really slowly and letting it evolve the way it should. I go through phases where I feel like I’m going to do something much more electronic ... and I go through phases where I’m going to make the most organic folk music record I’ve ever made so far. It’s kind of hard to say.

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Q: What can you say about “American Psycho”?

A. Well, I haven’t started on it yet. When I was first approached about the project, I thought, “This is a terrible idea.” I wasn’t sure I should be staged, let alone as a musical. But this summer, I read the book, and I had an epiphany about how this could sound and what the band might be. I don’t know whether this will happen, but, in my head, I thought, “What if the band were Artwork or Depeche Mode?”

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A. It would have that bleak ’80s, icy, synthesized sound. What if that was the sound of the show? Certainly, nothing like that has ever been done on Broadway. The songs would reflect that.

Men of style

By Denton Dubbels
The Collegian

Guys, spring is finally here. It’s time to shed the sweaters and update the old wardrobe. Scared? Don’t be. This can be done easily by visiting one store: Macy’s Mens and Kids.

Take it from sales associate Alan Mandiline. “We have everything. It’s a great selection,” Mandiline said. “We always have sales events and clearances.”

Mandiline buys his work clothes at Macy’s. “Hey, it’s not like L.A. fashion, but it’s Fresno fashion,” he said. “We certainly keep up with the trends. Accessorizing is also a must for men. Cufflinks, designer sunglasses and cologne are essential to complete a spring wardrobe, and finish off the perfect look, whether it’s casual or refined.

This has potential to be a win-win situation. Grab some cash and coupons, and shop on a sale day. You’ll help to stimulate the economy and end up looking like a million bucks, without spending it.

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04/07/2010 - San Francisco, CA USA
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04/09/2010 - San Francisco, CA USA
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Child poets perform at annual festival

By Tara Albert

The Collegian

Thousands of students from kindergarten to sixth grade recited poetry and short stories at the 52nd annual Peach Blossom Festival last week.

More than 6,000 students from 112 schools in the Central Valley attended the festival to deliver their poems and short stories in various classrooms on campus.

“I love that we can put this on for them,” said Jerry Marquez, the public relations coordinator for the festival. “We make them feel like they can achieve something.”

Marquez said the festival is always a positive experience for the students. He said they enjoy visiting the college campus and meeting athletes from Fresno State.

Kenny Wiggins, the athletic coordinator for the festival, recruited Fresno State athletes to attend the event and sign autographs for the students.

Wiggins is on the football team, and has attended the event to sign autographs for the past four years. He said this was his first year being on the committee.

Wiggins said he decided to help with the event because it was a positive experience for the students.

“Just like helping out when ever I can,” Wiggins said. “I love interacting with kids.”

Patrick Su’a, a football player at Fresno State, was at the Peach Blossom Festival to sign autographs for the young poets as well.

He said the festival is a great way for the students to meet positive role models.

“I think it’s amazing how all the kids come out to par ticipate in the Peach Blossom Festival,” Su’a said. “I wanted to come out and support them.”

Su’a said he plans to sign autographs again during the festival next year.

Austin Wentworth, another football player at Fresno State, has signed autographs for the festival participants for the past two years.

“I think it’s good for the kids to come out and see ath letes and students helping,” Wentworth said. “It’s cool to see the kids come up and be excited to talk to you.”

Many parents and teachers also attended the festival to support their students.

Renee Laquerriere, a second grade teacher at Malloch Elementary School in Fresno, said she brought 35 students from first through sixth grade to the festival.

Laquerriere said she has been bringing students for the last four years. She said the festival always runs smoothly, and is a positive experience for the students.

“If it’s a good system,” she said. “Everything was great.”

She said the students will perform their poems and short stories again for their peers when they return to school.

“It helps them not be afraid of getting up in front of people and speaking,” Laquerriere said.

Jamie Scharton, a mother to one of the students, went to the festival to support her daughter, Haylee Scharton. Haylee is in the fourth grade, and performed at the festival for the third year in a row.

This year she performed “My Book Report is Due Today” by Kenn Nesbitt.

“I think it’s exciting,” Scharton said. “The kids love going, and being up in front of very creative people.”

She said the students enjoy being at the festival.

“It’s always a very positive experience here,” she said. “They’re always excited to come on Fresno State campus.

Grace Miller is a fourth grade student at Sanger Academy Charter School, performed at the Peach Blossom Festival for the first time. She and her partner, Haylee Bulaich, recited “Welcome to Earth.”

Grace said she had a wonderful time at the festival.

“I really like it,” Grace said. “It’s fun that you’re able to express your feelings, and have a great time doing what you love to do—reciting poems.”

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Q: What is ASI to you? How should it work ideally?
A: The whole purpose of ASI is to be student government on campus and provide important social services to students. That is the overarching mission. ASI is interesting because it operates as a business and not as a government. I believe that it should be a student-run and unified effort where student workers and staff work as a team and not as 20 individuals.

Q: What is ASI to you? How should it work ideally?
A: Ideally, ASI should represent the students. We’re not here to repre- sent just our personal opinions. We’re here to represent every student on campus holistically. We’re professional development organization,” Fiorentino said.

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Racquetball court conditions are subpar

While outdoor court conditions are not ideal, the Fresno State Recreation Center houses two indoor courts

By Christian Walker

The outdoor racquetball courts, located in the north gym, provide an opportunity for students to pick up some exercise and enjoy friendly competition, all free of charge. But is it really worth it?

There are six courts available, but allow for use, which become open to the public after Fresno State racquetball classes end at 3 p.m. every day. The courts are located in a dark corridor in the south-west corner of the north gym, adjacent to the athletic department’s parking lot.

Each court is equipped with ceiling lights that make playing in the afternoon possible with the exception of court number two, whose lights are broken.

Once inside the court, a dark red steel door grinds across the floor to a close. A small glass window in the door allows friends for peer in, unless you’re standing in front of court five or six. The vacant glass at these courts provides a nice aperture for a small racquetball to fly through, quick-ly ending any intense rally.

Despite conditions that almost make playing racquetball unbearable, students like Senior business marketing major Erik Garland are happy to have somewhere to play. “The courts are a great recreational activity provided to students and other racquetball enthusiasts,” Garland said. “It is apparent that maintenance of the outdoor racquetball courts does not look bright, of the outdoor racquetball courts enjoyable.”

While there may be other options, many students find the convenience of campus racquetball courts enjoyable. It also promotes an active lifestyle for the students that live on campus.

“These courts provide an open and competitive nature to the game of racquetball,” Garland said.

Junior Jordan Ribera blasted another home run during the weekend, bringing his season total to eight. Third baseman Garrett Weber also hit the first home major of his career against Loyola.

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Final: 1-0 (5-7, 4-3)

The women’s tennis team finally returned to its home court this weekend after travel-ling on the road for over a month.

The ‘Dogs hosted No. 51 Harvard and Pacific on Saturday. The team lost to Harvard 6-7 but picked up its first win of the season, beating Pacific 4-2.

Against Harvard, the doubles duo of Julia Grabera-Cano and Anna Bikayeva collected the ‘Dogs only win. The women fared much better against Pacific win-ning four matches in singles play and another in doubles play. Laura Pola, Bianca Mocot, Melissa McQueen and Gragera-Cano all won for the ‘Dogs.

Baseball vs. Loyola Marymount
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The ‘Dogs beat Cal State Fullerton 4-1, Virginia 1-0 and New Mexico 8-2. The team dropped two games against No. 5 Louisiana-Lafayette 5-7 and DePaul 2-3.

Sophomore pitcher Michelle Moses picked up her second and third wins of the season, pitching complete games against Virginia and New Mexico.

Moses also made noise as a batter, blasting three home runs during the weekend.

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Early exit at the Big Dance

The Bulldogs fall short Saturday night as the team was unable to win the programs first NCAA Tournament game

By Ben Ingersoll
The Collegian

Fresno State’s women’s basketball team’s record-breaking, dream season came to an abrupt end Saturday night as the Baylor Bears escaped with a 69-55 NCAA Tournament first-round victory.

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“The Dogs’ six-minute drought in the final period stretched from 17:05 to 11:11, allowing Baylor to build a double-digit lead and seal the victory inside of Haas Pavilion.

Over the final six minutes of the contest, Fresno State held its scoreless stretch to just nine points and finished the game shooting 1-for-11 from the three-point land.

From the third straight game, Fresno State shot under 40 percent, due in large part to 6-foot-8-inch Baylor center Brittney Griner’s lengthy presence under the hoop.

All-American candidate caught fire in the second half, scoring 12 of her game-high 18 points.

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Northern Iowa, this year’s Cinderella

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By Dwain Price
McClatchy Tribune

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