Elections to take place on students’ computers

Organization heads toward switch from paper to electronic ballots this year

By Megan Poindexter
The Collegian

Election season will be a little different this year at California State University, Fresno, as students will now be voting electronically rather than on paper ballots.

With over 22,000 students enrolled at the university, last year only a little over 16 percent of the student population voted in the Associated Student, Inc (ASI) elections.

“I just don’t think people really know what ASI does on campus enough to want to go out of their way to vote,” said senior business major Leslie Tinoco.

The lack of student participation is a major concern for ASI and the University Student Union (USU), who conducts the election, and a top priority to be fixed.

In order to help create easier access for students to vote ballots will now be cast electronically, said Election Commissioner Allison Smith.

“We are really excited about this,” said Smith, who feels that the new system will be more accessible for students and a great way to increase involvement.

In past years booths have been set up at the South Gym, University Student Union, the Satellite Student Union and a few other locations.

With the new electronic ballots students will still be able to go to polling stations and cast votes through computers at the normal locations, but they will also have the accessibility to do it from their home.

“Now that it’s online, I think students will consider voting,” Tinoco said.

“It’s easier to do and hopefully turnout will be higher,” Smith said that the Election Committee will be posting a link on the ASI Web site and has hopes of also making the ballot available through the Student Union’s Facebook page.

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MyFresnoState home page and on Blackboard. The process of getting an electronic ballot has not been an easy road, as a result of time and finding the right program to use. “We talked about it briefly last semester but we just didn’t have time,” said Smith. “The other thing that we have been waiting on is figuring out how people will log in to vote.” The election committee, according to Smith, has been trying to find a way to keep the voting private. It was finally agreed upon that students would use their Fresno State MyFresnoHome page and on Voter Net Solutions. Voting is about the same, so we will have money left over to have them help out,” said Smith. “The cost of the switch had been a major concern for the committee. Each year the elections committee is allotted $8,000 to conduct paper ballot elections and while ballots will change, Smith said the committee would most likely still hire the women to monitor the on-campus stations for voting.

“The cost for doing it electronically is about the same, so we will have money left over to have them help out,” said Smith. “The cost of the switch had been a major concern for the committee. Each year the elections committee is allotted $8,000 to conduct the election and to promote student involvement. Hiring the League of Women Voters in the past has cost around $3,000 and the electronic voting will cost nearly $3,600. The other money will be spent on campaigning for students to vote.

Advertisements in The Collegian, the university’s newspaper, and flyers and signs around campus are just some of the avenues being used to promote the elections. “I will be nice because people will actually be able to tell who it is that’s running and what they stand for.” — Allison Smith, ASI Election Commissioner

**CAREERS:** Students now planning ahead for careers

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ability to market themselves well. It also provides access to employers that offer part and full-time jobs, as well as internships in the student’s field. “We’re seeing a lot more students coming in earlier, where they used to wait until right before graduation,” Bocchinfuso-Cohen said. In economic hard times like the present, it’s important to get in to see a counselor as soon as possible. Bocchinfuso-Cohen recommends that students call in to make an appointment to review their goals and assess their future schedules, that way they can be sure of their plans and avoid taking the wrong classes.

“If they are looking for an internship, they need get to the center to start their searches the semester before they expect to have the job. Every year, during the fall semester, employers come to Fresno State to do on-campus interviews. The center offers, “Mock Interview Day,” which will be held this year on May 6th and “Jobseeker Readiness Bootcamp,” which will be held on May 7th, to give job seekers the experience they need to be successful in the interview process. One of the biggest requests, according to Bocchinfuso-Cohen, is help with resume construction. Along with in-person counseling, students can access the centers website, www.csufresno.edu/career, for multiple free resources, one of which is a quick link resume system. We have a tutorial system to help students write professional resumes and to submit those completed resumes for review.

“We have tools available to help those students as well. Whatever the needs of the student, the Career Center is well equipped to get the future employee focused in the right direction and the tools to be successful in the real world. “If you are unsure about any part of your future stop in or call,” said Bocchinfuso-Cohen. We can give you the individual attention needed and get all your concerns and issues addressed.”

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Life after ‘doing the Dew’

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Caffeine and I go way back. I remember pulling all-nighters in high school, hunkered down in front of the computer screen with my Coke and my chocolate, prepared to do whatever it took to stay awake and finish whatever paper was due. The energy high would usually keep me going through second period, after which I’d crash into a zombie and I was left feeling wasted and hungover, dragging my feet through life. I felt like an addict who needed ever-increasing doses just to feel mildly happy. I was giddy and hyper for all of twelve minutes, then out cold on the hostess’ table. But I had begun to notice that even without caffeine, sugar was all about dehydration, and the only thing that really quenched my thirst was my long-time nemesis, water. But the euphoric mania did not last; the crash didn’t hit but the straw that broke the camel’s back was the arrival of Voltage last semester. I was caught a glimpse of the Dew’s latest concoction. I tried them both and the flavor was raspberry-citrus. But the euphoric mania did not last; the crash didn’t hit after “doing the Dew” a final time. Diet Pepsi became the name of the game. But I felt like shit. I always thought I’d been immune to the artificial wonders of Mountain Dew. No, I had begun to notice that even without caffeine, sugar was all about dehydration, and the only thing that really quenched my thirst was my long-time nemesis, water. The temperature of Orlando had dropped and the flavor was raspberry-citrus. It was either water or sugar I needed ever-increasing doses just to feel mildly happy. But the straw that broke the camel’s back was the arrival of Voltage last semester. I was giddy and hyper for all of twelve minutes, then out cold on the hostess’ table. But the euphoric mania did not last; the crash didn’t hit. But the straw that broke the camel’s back was the arrival of Voltage last semester. I was giddy and hyper for all of twelve minutes, then out cold on the hostess’ table. But the euphoric mania did not last; the crash didn’t hit. I had begun to notice that even without caffeine, sugar was all about dehydration, and the only thing that really quenched my thirst was my long-time nemesis, water. It was either water or sugar I needed ever-increasing doses just to feel mildly happy. But the straw that broke the camel’s back was the arrival of Voltage last semester. I was giddy and hyper for all of twelve minutes, then out cold on the hostess’ table. But the euphoric mania did not last; the crash didn’t hit. I had begun to notice that even without caffeine, sugar was all about dehydration, and the only thing that really quenched my thirst was my long-time nemesis, water. But the euphoric mania did not last; the crash didn’t hit. But the straw that broke the camel’s back was the arrival of Voltage last semester. I was giddy and hyper for all of twelve minutes, then out cold on the hostess’ table. But the euphoric mania did not last; the crash didn’t hit. But the euphoric mania did not last; the crash didn’t hit. But the euphoric mania did not last; the crash didn’t hit. But the euphoric mania did not last; the crash didn’t hit. But the euphoric mania did not last; the crash didn’t hit. But the euphoric mania did not last; the crash didn’t hit. But the euphoric mania did not last; the crash didn’t hit.
Hidden treasure
Gilcrease exhibit has exotic display

By Jimmy McCue
The Collegian

Hidden at the end of a corridor on the first floor of the Science I Building, lies a doorway into an exotic world of creatures from all around the globe. The walls are graced with the head of a black rhinoceros and a rocky mountain big-horn sheep, while the pelt of a lion graces the floor of the room, ready to attack its prey.

These prized specimens are all part of the Berry Gilcrease Exhibit. The exhibit receives around 5000-6000 visitors a year, most being students from local elementary and high schools, but there are some visits from students on campus.

“Art students have used the exhibit for their projects,” Charles Kronberg, a vertebrate biologist at Fresno State, said. “It allows them to be left in peace, without the ambient noise from the outside world and the unpredictability of the weather. They can also always count on the exhibit being the same the next day they return to finish their projects.”

The exhibit was named after its main benefactor, William Asberry “Berry” Gilcrease, a dairy farmer who was a native of Lemoore, Calif. After turning 56, Gilcrease married and began traveling the world, visiting more than 135 countries and incorporating his newfound passion of big game hunting.

Gilcrease hunted, collected and preserved many of the specimens in the exhibit today, until his death in July of 1995. He was 102.

“Berry was definitely an example of ‘you are never too old’ to do anything,” said Dr. Steve Schmeiser, a retired director of development for the College of Science and Mathematics at Fresno State and key player in the establishment of the Gilcrease Exhibit. After Gilcrease’s death, his nephew Jeff Gilcrease and Jeff’s wife Karen, inherited Gilcrease’s estate which included his animal collection. Jeff and Karen prized their uncle’s collection, but wanted to donate a portion of it to an educational institute in the Lemoore-Fresno area.

In October of 1996, Karen Gilcrease and her children were attending a presentation given by Tim Schweizer, a former student of Fresno State, about animals. After the lecture, Karen spoke with Schweizer, who mentioned Dr. David Chesemore, a retired biology professor of Fresno State and practicing taxidermist.

“We went down to meet Karen and Jeff, and with a handshake and smiles, sealed the donation,” said Chesemore. The collection was transferred to the campus in December of 1996 and became official property of the university in January of 1997. The two key university officials involved with developing the exhibit were Dr. Chesemore and Dr. Schmeiser.

“There was opposition from some of the faculty to receiving and displaying big game hunting trophies,” Schmeiser said, due to a fear of animal rights organizations, but when it came to moving the specimens to the campus, several of the opposed faculty members helped with the move.

After two years of remodeling and preparing the specimens, the Berry Gilcrease Exhibit had its grand opening on March 24, 1999, and has

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been running ever since. It was initially under the care of Chesemore, until his retirement in May of 2006, and is now under the care of Kronberg.

While the exhibit has remained the same for most of its time at the university, there have been some additions to the collection through donations from the community, with the grand-
est being a donation of the four different kinds of mountain sheep in North America from the family of Lewis Carpenter, a former Fresno State student, after his death.

"Sportsmen regard taking all four of these sheep as a 'Grand Slam', and probably no more than 100 people had done this before protection of the desert bighorn sheep began," said Chesemore.

The collection was appraised at $361,000 when the exhibit was first opened in 1999, but Chesemore believes that it is easily worth more than $1 million today.

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• Fresno State’s median height is 5-foot-8. Cal’s median height is 5-foot-11.

• Only six of Fresno State’s 14 players are taller than Cal’s shortest player.

• Cal boasts four players as tall or taller than Hayley Munro, the Bulldogs’ tallest player at 6-foot-1.

• The Bears’ tallest player is center Rama N’diaye, who stands 6-feet-5.

• The Bears’ 6-foot-1 forward Ashley Walker, who scored 21 points in Saturday night’s game, hails from Modesto and was recruited by Fresno State.

• Fresno State can take pride in the fact that they out-rebounded Cal 38-36 and outscored them 26-24 in the paint. The stats suggest that effective game strategy can bridge the gap between the height and strength levels of two teams.

• The height difference partially accounted for the teams’ wildly different defensive strategies. At times Fresno State put all five players in the paint, leaving Cal players wide open for three-point shots.

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• Ashley Walker, 6-foot-1, and Hampton, 6-foot-3, had considerable size advantages on the Bulldogs’ front line, but Cal coach Joanne Boyle was impressed with Wiggins’ game play to offset the mismatch.

• And on the defensive end of the floor, Cal’s post players created mismatches for the Bulldogs. The Bears had two true post players in Ashley Walker and Devanei Hampton. Walker finished with a game-high 21 points.

• Cal coach Joanne Boyle was optimistic after loss.

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penetrate on the Golden Bears’ defense and scored the majority of her points on driving layups.

Wiggins felt that California knew that his team would look to shoot three-pointers to stay in the game and forced the Bulldogs to settle for shots they didn’t want.

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Wiggins said that this game exposed some of his team’s weaknesses, but as a teacher, he looks forward to coaching his team to overcome them.

“We are getting close, we’re just not quite there yet,” Wiggins said.

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“Not one of us gave up.”

The game was considerably frustrating for Fresno State, but even in defeat, Fears was able to find positives and appreciate the season as a whole.

“We lost today, but we can still appreciate the fact that we won 24 games,” Fears said. “We were WAC champs and we did accomplish good things in that run.

That run isn’t over just yet for the back-to-back WAC champs. The team loses only three-seniors and no starters.

And the two losses in the NCAA Tournament will sure motivate this team in the future.

“Those past two experiences in the NCAA’s have showed us what we need to do in the off-season to be able to come back and compete with teams like that.” Ross said.

Junior Joh-Teena Filipe had the daunting task of guarding Ashley Walker.

“I felt like we did a great job of penetrating the perimeter and trying to stay in the game and forced the Bulldogs to settle for shots they didn’t want.”
Home sweet home” or “There’s no place like home” are perhaps two themes for the Fresno State softball team this season after their performances at Bulldog Diamond Friday and Saturday.

After having their struggles earlier this year with tournaments and being away from Fresno, the Bulldogs have now won six consecutive home games thanks to a three-game sweep of the San Jose State Spartans. The weekend series was the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) opener for the Bulldogs.

Fresno State improves its overall record to 17-12 and 3-0 in WAC play.

In game one Friday night, the bats came alive for Fresno State with 10 hits and four RBIs in the 7-1 victory. Shortstop Haley Gilleland had one RBI, along with two hits.

“I think I could’ve done better,” Melloh said. “I’m just going to come out tomorrow (Saturday) and step it up a notch even more. I think today I was a little bit off, but I’m going to come back tomorrow stronger.”

San Jose State right fielder Kayla Hayes hit the softball through the middle past second base, breaking the possibility of a perfect game for Melloh at Bulldog Diamond.

The sophomore finished the game with her 12th win of the season as the Bulldogs held off the Spartans 2-0. She finished the game with 11 strikeouts and has struck out at least 10 batters 11 times this season.

In the second game late Saturday afternoon, the Bulldogs completed the sweep with a 1-0 victory. Freshman Mackenzie Oakes recorded her fifth victory of the season, with five strikeouts and only gave up two hits on the circle.

The Bulldogs had six hits in the contest, including two from Haley Perkins and Nicole Angene.

Perkins believes that the opening series with San Jose State is enough for the team to play better the rest of the way.

“This is our halfway point in the year and we really have to turn it around,” Perkins said. “We haven’t been bad, but we haven’t been playing our game. We just need to build on what we have in terms of team hitting and starting rallies. We know what we can do. We can play better. We got to keep going.”

Correction
The story “It’s all up in the air” in the March 11 issue of The Collegian incorrectly attributed two quotes to Fresno State quarterback Ryan Colburn. The Collegian did not speak with Colburn for the story.
Bulldogs bounced in first round

By Logan Hopkins
The Collegian

LOS ANGELES – Even with the loss, the Bulldogs can leave with pride.

For the second straight year, the Fresno State women’s basketball team has won the WAC and made it to the first round of the NCAA Tournament, but the outcomes of both tournament games were similar.

Coach Adrian Wiggins and his team were again defeated, but still leave with their heads held high.

“I have a lot of enthusiasm inside of me because I understand where we’re heading,” Wiggins said. “It just doesn’t feel good to not get there today.”

The Bulldogs couldn’t keep up with California in the opening round, losing 70-47 Saturday in the Galen Center on the USC campus.

The game was plagued with missed shots and missed chances for the Bulldogs. Fresno State only shot 32 percent from the floor and missed multiple shots in the paint.

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