University to force remediation

Fresno State reported an estimated 60 percent of incoming first-time freshmen have not attained college-level proficiency in English or math during high school, requiring them to take remedial courses once they get to the university.

To help lower the number of those who need remediation, the California State University (CSU) board of trustees initiated an “early start” program that will help categorize those students who will need remediation and get them on the path to proficiency before they enter college.

Paul Oliaro, the vice president for student affairs who co-chaired the initiative, said he is hopeful that this early assessment program will lower the percentage of students who are falling behind in the fundamental skills of learning.

Oliaro said math and English remediation is important, because they are lifelong skills.

“Hopefully, this will provide motivation to acquire proficiency in English and math in their high school years,” Oliaro said.

Oliaro said that high school students will be able to take several tests as early as their junior year to determine their proficiency in both English and math. Taking several exams through the Early Assessment Program (EAP), students will learn what subjects they are either deficient or proficient in.

Oliaro said students who do not score 550 or higher on the SAT math, reasoning or critical reading sections will be required to take the entry level math exam or the English placement test to determine if they are proficient.

“All students who are not proficient in math would have to do remediation before enrolling in 2012,” Oliaro said. “In English only, the students most at risk would do it [remediation] by the year 2012. By 2014, all remediation should begin before students enroll.”

Most of the deficient students at Fresno State, Oliaro said, took remediation courses at the university. Under the new system, all students would have to become proficient at their high school or in the summer before enrolling for their freshman year. The program is planned to affect freshmen entering in the fall of 2012.

“What it does is put a little more emphasis on preparation in high school,” Oliaro said. “One of the ways students won’t have to worry about taking remedial courses is by being proficient in high school.”

Oliaro said when the program is in full effect, students who do not become proficient after their freshman year will have to look elsewhere for their education.

“If you do not complete remediation in either math or English then you can’t continue at Fresno State,” Oliaro said. “You would then have to go to a community college.”

Oliaro said that one of the goals of this initiative, besides increasing proficiency, is increasing the graduation rates.

“Once this is in place and has a chance to get implemented, it should increase graduation rates,” Oliaro said.

Oliaro said that only 48 percent of Fresno State students graduate in six years or less due to changing of majors, and Fresno State is ahead of the average.

“Fresno State is above average in the CSU [system],” Oliaro said. “We have a whole plan in place to raise our graduation rates by 6 percent, by 2015.”

Vivian Franco, the director of admissions, said that more Fresno State students need remediation than the CSU average, but the faculty and administration have taken the steps to counteract the number.

“In English and math we have been slightly higher than the average systemwide,” Franco said. “But, for remediation we have a 98-percent success rate at the end of one year, so nearly all of our students remediated after one year.”

Franco also said asking high schools and their students to be able to become fully proficient in the summer before entering college is an out-of-reach expectation in these times.

“I think the board of trustees would really like that, but at the same time I don’t think, realistically, we are there,” Franco said. “A lot of students are accepting jobs and contributing to their families in these hard economic times.”

Franco said instead the CSU opted to discover what kind of activities can be offered to students in the summer to be ready for university coursework, such as remediation during their freshman years or taking online courses over the summer that will count as remediation.

Stefaan Delcroix, the chair of the mathematics department, said he hopes these measures will greatly reduce remediation, but he remains realistic.

“Sure, I would hope that at some point we will have fewer students [needing remediation], but the reality is that we will need remedial math for a long time,” Delcroix said.

Delcroix said the mathematics department has been doing its part to reduce remediation rates by 6 percent, by 2015.

Senate debate over no-smoking laws

At Wednesday’s Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) senate meeting, an organization advocated for the implementation of a no-smoking policy on campus.

Three representatives from Project IMPACT, Members and Peers Advocating to Control Tobacco (IMPACT) — a branch of the American Lung Association — asked the Senate to consider becoming the first California State University (CSU) campus to implement a no-smoking policy.

Currently, Fresno State has 26 designated areas on campus for smokers.

According to Sen. Brie Witt, a no-smoking policy was discussed last year but did not pass.

Project IMPACT’s representatives said that more universities around the country are moving towards eliminating smoking on their campuses. They cited a fellow Western Athletic Conference school — Boise State University — as one of those schools.

Matt Smith of Project IMPACT said no-smoking policies have worked at other schools.

“This is an excellent opportunity,” Smith said. “We know it is great, and why not show everyone else around the nation.”

A no-smoking policy would include students who live in dorms on campus.

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Why I like the drum corps

By Maddie Shannon

Drum Corps International. It's essentially the NFL equivalent of the marching band. Most people wouldn't know about it unless they know someone who's done it. It's a hell of secret, but to those who know it, to those who have done it, they love it.

I have to admit, I have never been in marching band. The extent of my musical education ended in the sixth grade after I realized that my mediocre musical education ended in the sixth grade. To those who have done it, they know someone who's done it. It's most people don't know about it unless they've attended a Concord Blue Devils, Santa Clara Vanguard or Rockford's Phantom Regiment. The reality is that being on the level of corps like these requires an effort of Olympian proportions.

Over the past few months, I've seen the drama of the upcoming drum corps season unfold. The weekend of rehearsal, the realization that your corps might not be coming back and the race to raise money to march has combined to increase the excitement that those who love DCI as I do call the frenzy of drum corps. So to the spirit was infectious. The madness we know as DCI is cause the madness we know as DCI is. It's the madhouse at Lucas Oil Stadium, home of the Indianapolis Colts. 60,000 people will ever have. The Indianapolis Colts. 60,000 people will ever have. And yet they get attached for their dedication to something that requires more talent than most of us will ever have. The music they play is complicated. The visual effects are technical. And to put it all together to make it look and sound clean enough to be worthy of a trophy is extremely difficult, if not impossible, to accomplish. Unless you're a stud, of course, a term which actually means you who are crazy enough to give it a try every year, more than the 8,000-seats audition for a spot in their favorite corps. Only 1,500 of them make it. Last August, DCI championships were held at the Lucas Oil Stadium, home of the Indianapolis Colts. 60,000 people attended. This drum corps stuff isn't for the faint-hearted, and for those who have marched with the Concord Blue Devils, Santa Clara Vanguard or Rockford's Phantom Regiment, the reality is that being on the level of corps like these requires an effort of Olympian proportions.

The few hours I sat in the stands at a junior college football stadium in Modesto, to get the sense that the people who surrounded me were there not just to see their kids or their friends march, but because they genuinely enjoyed the music these kids played. The enthusiasm the crowd displayed whenever their favorite corps took the field rivaled that of an overexcited student section at a high school football game. The spirit was infectious.

And that's how I caught the drum corps bug. Those of my friends who spend their summers marching spend their days in 105-degree heat on various high school football fields all over the country. They suffer sunburns that could probably qualify as first-degree burns and get the funkiest tans you could ever imagine. They live on crowded buses for three months and spend their nights in high school gyms. No soda, no junk food, no candy, because those make you gain weight. They slow you down. They lower your team’s score. These kids are in better shape than most of us will ever be in.

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Word of the Day
Directionally challenged

1. Someone who has difficulty determining
right from left. 2. Someone who often confuses
directions, and prefers visual aids. 3. Someone
who has great difficulty reading maps and or
driving while listening to directions.

Source: UrbanDictionary.com
California is home to a variety of natural vistas and areas of wilderness. And in the Central Valley alone people are just hours away from some of the largest, deepest, oldest landscapes in all of North America.

Some people have said that Fresno is the armpit of hell, while others say there is nothing to do here. But what if people are just unaware of the unique surroundings?

Darrick Yray, a communications major, is taking a recreation class this semester and is learning about the variety of nature that surrounds the valley.

“It’s perfect how in the same day I can go to the snow and the beach, not to mention the fishing, hiking, and water sports I can do,” Yray said.

According to the National Park Service, it only takes two hours and 15 minutes to get to Yosemite Valley. Home to the largest waterfall in North America, Yosemite Falls measures 2,425 feet high and cascades down the granite sides.

“Living in Fresno gives me the opportunity to be at the tallest waterfall in North America or the deepest canyon,” Yray said.

The deepest canyon is Kings Canyon, just over an hour’s drive on the 180 East. In no time people could lay witness to a canyon deeper than the Grand Canyon. Amber DeAnda, pre-nursing major, grew up in the foothills so she understands the beauty that is all around the Valley.

“I am aware of the amazing surroundings that we have in the central area,” DeAnda said. “Some of the most amazing memories I have of visiting the different national parks are Half Dome in Yosemite and the Boyden Caves in Sequoia National Park. The caves have both stalagmites and stalactites which are mineral formations that look like icicles.”

DeAnda said she was fortunate to learn a lot about the parks and the wilderness in grammar school, but for people that are not originally from the valley the parks may not be common knowledge.

According to the National Park Service, the largest living things in North America are the Sequoia trees located in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park. Many of the trees measure in at 30 feet in diameter and reach heights up to 200 feet. Some people may not be aware that the tallest living species in North America are the California Redwood trees that reach heights of 370 feet.

DeAnda said she was impressed by these natural beauties.

“It’s an amazing visit to the Redwoods in Yosemite that has a big hollow space that’s wide enough to fit a car through,” DeAnda said.

The National Park Service also states that the oldest living thing in North America is the Bristlecone Pine tree located in a special preserve in the Inyo National Forest. These organisms live to reach ages of 4,500 years old. One can see living things that have been around for thousands of years and have survived the many different elements of the world.

Marissa Brand just recently moved to the Central Valley and was very surprised to find that the area is more than just a valley.

“Fresno is filled with the ever-fascinating beauty of nature,” Brand said. “From national parks to recreational lakes, I’ve never experienced something other than a sandy beach.”

After living in Southern California, Brand did not know of all the wonderful places that were so close to the valley.

“After visiting Yosemite National Park and enjoying the adventures of rock climbing through its waterfalls and looking up at enormous trees, my view of Fresno has definitely changed.” — Marissa Brand

Towering over tourists is the largest waterfall in North America, Yosemite Falls. The waterfall currently flows heavily with spring runoff, which takes place throughout the 400-mile Sierra Nevada.
Student driven site gears up for July launch

By Sarah Kain  
The Collegian

Sitting down at a computer, most of us will find ourselves looking at our favorite networking site to see what’s going on. C.E.O. Khan Shadid and electrical engineering major Abhishek Agnihotri have created a social networking site called comuninkin.com.

Not only will help students connect with people with like interests, but will allow them to make some money and manage their time efficiently.

The free Web site is geared toward college students because the idea behind the site is people connecting with common interests.

“The site lets people connect on things that they are passionate about in life,” Shadid said.

Shadid said they offer ways for students to manage their time and earn some money.

Networking is really involved in every field. Our site lets you make networks in life,” Shadid said.

The actual site does not launch until July, but Shadid said users can visit their test site in the meantime.

“Ourcontrol.com is where we make our intentions with the Web site known,” Shadid said “We want people to know we practice what we preach.”

Shadid explained that banner ads on their site is an example about how the site helps people make money.

Companies would contact Shadid looking for advertising space on the Web site and would pay the company so much per click. The site will provide the link to the members for use on their pages and split the profits in half.

The tool that is designed to help the students manage their time is the self-updating calendar.

“The calendar helps you map out your free time and, by creating it, people will be able to see when you have free time,” Shadid said.

“Also, when you have a really good day, you can save it in the calendar and the next year the reminder will come up and you can look back and smile.”

The site is about getting students connected and accomplishing the goals that they have, Shadid said.

Another feature that will help students on the academic front is smart notes. This feature lets educators and students post notes to the site about a class. Members can also access notes from a class that they might have missed.

“You can actually study while on this Web site,” Shadid said. “People can come on and share notes for free with this feature.”

As the Web developer, Agnihotri said he shares Shadid’s passion for the site and the hope for a big user database.

“The main driving force of the Web site is people,” Agnihotri said. “Students have a huge area of resources with respect to education, learning, dreams and how they accomplish them. The site connects every aspect of an individual.”

Agnihotri’s current favorite feature is E-mag, which is a personal short magazine for each member.

“It is a flash tool where you can flip the pages and each new page has something personal on it,” Agnihotri said.

“We want freethinkers, motivators, learners and planners,” Agnihotri said. “You know what you want to achieve and we help you do that.”

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“Signs of Spring”

An Ember-orange Clivia flowers grow outside the keycard office on campus.
Are students overworking themselves?

By Michael Kincheloe

The Collegian

Fresno State students who carry extra units in addition to working full-time jobs are found in almost every class.

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Merilee Jones, former dean of admissions at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, recently said students today are “the most anxious, sleep-deprived, steeped in stress, judged, tested and poorly nourished generation.”

Ryan Watts took 18 units a semester back and may have worked full time soon. But the political science major

said he isn’t looking forward to it. “I didn’t do as well when I had that many units,” Watts said.

“One extra class might be OK,” animal science major Suzanne Ronshausen said, adding that she had “taken as many as 20 units” during one semester.

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Spring fever hits the gridiron

Running back void and defense is an early concern for ’Dogs.

By Vongni Yang
The Collegian

With the helmets strapped on and the music roaring in the background, spring football has returned at Valley Growers Field.

The Fresno State football team kicked off spring practice Wednesday going through basic drills and fundamentals in helmets, shells and shorts. The team will hold 12 practices and two scrimmages in April, before playing their annual Spring Game on May 1 at Bulldog Stadium.

Head coach Pat Hill was ecstatic to finally get back to work.

“It’s always exciting, a lot of new faces,” Hill said. “A lot of teaching to do. Over the next 15 days, we’ll find out a lot about our new players.”

The ’Dogs are looking to replace numerous players at the skilled positions. The team lost both starting wide receivers to graduation as well as running backs Lonyae Miller and Anthony Harding, two very productive players the past four years.

Ryan Mathews, the Fresno State all-time rushing touchdown leader, also left school a year early for the NFL Draft. Sophomores Robbie Rouse, Michael Harris and AJ Ellis will all be asked to compete for the starting position this spring. Rouse hopes that he’ll be able to be the player who fills in for the departed athletes.

“I’m going to do whatever I can to be the starting running back,” Rouse said.

As a true freshman, Rouse ran for 479 yards while averaging 5.8 yards per carry. He finished second on the team with four rushing touchdowns. He played in every game last season except for the contest against Utah State.

Rouse said he will use this spring to cement his status as a starting running back, not only as a change-of-pace back, but as a full-time starter.

“Of course [I feel] I could carry the load, [or] ‘I wouldn’t be here,’” Rouse said. “Coach wouldn’t have me here if I couldn’t. I wouldn’t be here if I didn’t think I could.’

Hill said that Rouse has a great opportunity ahead of him, and that Rouse has a good shot at being the every-down back for the ’Dogs.

“With several departures on the defensive line, returning Bulldogs such as junior Chris Lewis will look to play a big role in 2010.

Through Rouse is the only player with gameday experience, the starting nod won’t be handed to him. He’s going to have to earn it.

“Robbie Rouse, I think he’s a very good player, but he’s going to have to prove it,” Hill said.

Replacing players on offense is not the only thing that will be addressed this spring. The coaches are also looking to revamp the defense.

“We got to replace our corners and the safeties,” Hill said.

The ’Dogs will reload the defensive front seven and secondary with playmakers and ball hawks. Defensive backs Isaiah Green and Phillip Thomas are expected to contribute this spring at the cornerback and safety positions respectively. Sophomore linebacker Travis Brown is also expected to play a larger role.

During position and team drills, the defense concentrated mostly on stripping the ball from the offensive players. Creating turnovers has been rare for Bulldog defense in the past, the ’Dogs finished tied for last in the WAC last season with 15 takeaways.

The defense will use this spring to work on their deficiencies.

“Our motto this spring, this season, is making plays,” senior safety Lorne Bell said. “We gotta get picks. That’s what’s gonna take us to the next step on defense, is getting these turnovers, these interceptions.”

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With several departures on the defensive line, returning Bulldogs such as junior Chris Lewis will look to play a big role in 2010.
Inspired by her Bulldog family roots, freshman Bianca Modoc is quickly making an impact on the young tennis team.

By Brianna Campbell

As one of five freshmen recruited for this season’s women’s tennis team, Bianca Modoc has proved that her spot in the Bulldog elite, after achieving this week’s Verizon Wireless Western Athletic Conference (WAC) Tennis Player of the Week Award.

Modoc grew up along the beaches of Orange County with her parents and two older brothers. She knew when she watched one of her older brothers, Sergiu, a Fresno State Bulldog from 2002-06 for the men’s tennis team, she wanted to follow in his footsteps.

At the age of five, she began playing for fun and three or so years later she decided to embark in tournament competition. Modoc was ranked No. 1 in Under 12 and Under 14 singles and No. 3 in 18 and under singles in the state of California.

Despite having the opportunity to go to school close to home with an offer from UC Irvine, as well as Oregon, Modoc knew she wanted to play for Fresno State and its great program just like her brother did.

As a freshman, Modoc has improved her game immensely with her fall singles statistics 4-6 overall and doubles 4-2 overall.

Most notably was her recent contribution to her team’s competition this past weekend against Idaho, Hawaii and San Jose State. She pushed the team to a jumpstart in conference play with a 3-0 record, with a combined 6-0 in singles and 3-0 in doubles.

Her doubles matches with teammate Melissa McQueen were a great start to the competitive play that occurred over the weekend.

“We actually have been switching it up a lot,” Modoc said. “So, me and Melissa have finally found our groove and have been playing very well together”.

In singles she dominated against competitors Silvia Ernouet from Idaho, San Jose State’s Anna Guzman and a super-tiebreaker win over Hawaii’s Barabara Pinterova.

This is the first WAC honor of the week that Modoc has received, but she does so with open arms.

“I was excited to hear I got it,” Modoc said. “It is a nice opportunity.”

Q&A

When did you begin playing tennis?

I started playing tennis just for fun around 5 years old, because my older brother Sergiu, who went here [Fresno State]. I always saw him and my dad play and I just picked it up for fun, then around eight or 10 I really started enjoying it and started playing in competitive tournaments and then I wanted to go to college.

What made you choose Fresno as your prime choice school to play tennis at the collegiate level?

Basically, the tennis program here. Simon [Fresno State women’s head tennis coach] and the tennis program.

How did you feel Saturday after going undefeated for the weekend in your singles and doubles matches?

It felt really nice, because we had a bit of a streaky start at the beginning. So, it was nice to get some wins under our belts and some confidence.

What is your favorite part about the game of tennis?

Probably just being with the team with the high intensity and competition.

Achieving the WAC Tennis Player of the Week is a major accomplishment, how did you feel when you heard the news?

It was exciting, because players like AP [Anastasia Petuhova] and Remi [Bouillier] always get it. So, it was nice to get it for a change.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time outside playing tennis?

I like music. I’m into movies. I like going to the beach since I am from Orange County, so the beach is always nearby.