Students address campus’ tobacco policy

By Michelle Furnier
The Collegian

Nearly 53,000 premature deaths occur each year in America because of second-hand smoke, according to The National Cancer Institute. Fresno State’s current smoke-free policy went into effect on April 1, 2003 and the policy states that smoking will not be permitted except where designated smoking area signs are posted.

Individuals, Mentors, and Peers Advocating to Control Tobacco (IMPACT) Executive Advisory Board believes the policy isn’t being implemented like it should be.

A group of about 35 Fresno State students who encourage smokers to quit and encourage non-smokers to stay away from tobacco make up IMPACT. They receive a grant through the California Department of Health Services, Tobacco Control Section and receive support from clubs that are willing to adopt a tobacco-free policy.

Anna Luzania, IMPACT executive advisory board member and public health major said, “We clearly have a smoke-free policy but it’s not being enforced. We took pictures and surveys and all our evidence shows that there hasn’t been any enforcement at all.”

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“There also tended to be a pattern of students who would say they did homework but their grades were lower than expected.”

Are social networks destroying college students’ studying habits?

By Dani Villalobos
The Collegian

Begin working on physics homework or log on to Facebook.
This was the internal debate Jocelyn Brown was struggling with after coming home from her three-hour lifespan and development class late Tuesday night.

Making her way to the computer, the 22-year-old health and rehabilitation sciences major typed in the Web address and waited as the Facebook Web site loaded onto the screen. She had made her decision.

“I use it to procrastinate,” Brown said of the social networking site. “I end up cramming in everything at the last second.”

In an Ohio State University survey released this April, researchers found that this may be the case for many students and discovered that there was a correlation between students with Facebook accounts and its affect on their academic success. Of the 206 surveyed, 146 students had accounts and the results showed that typically, Facebook users had a GPA ranging from 3.0-3.5 while non-users fell into the 3.5-4.0 academic spectrum.

Associate Professor and Graduate Director of the MCJ Graduate Program Dr. Tammy Pierce has been researching media effects on young people for 15 years, and found data that mirrored Ohio State’s within her own research involving high school students and MySpace.

¿Están las redes sociales destruyendo los hábitos de estudio de los estudiantes universitarios?"
FACEBOOK: Some students ‘basically on all the time’

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work while they had their social networking site open and their cell phone on.”

After hearing ‘MySpace me, MySpace me,’ from her students, Pierce began investigating the social networking site and has surveyed 800 Sanger and Fresno high school students on the relationship between media related technology and academic performance.

“It seems that a lot of students are texting and using the technology in the classroom and they say they’re paying attention to the lectures,” said Pierce. “Just a few years ago, cell phones couldn’t get access to the internet and now you can.”

For 20-year-old Cynthia Figueroa, this constant connection to social networking sites through her cell phone allows Figueroa to update and log on to her account almost every hour.

“I’m basically on all the time,” the pre-nursing major said. “I have Facebook mobile so it’s accessible anytime of the day. I just have to touch the icon on the screen and I’m on Facebook.”

Figueroa first began utilizing social networking sites as a junior in high school and recently transitioned from a MySpace to a frequent Facebook user. She believed that with Facebook, it was easier to keep in touch with friends that otherwise would’ve been difficult to remain in contact with.

Like Figueroa, Jason Salas, 20, also views Facebook as a convenient way to communicate and keep in contact with friends, but admitted that he can get preoccupied with Facebook and tries to access it only three to four times a week.

“I don’t personally do it,” the civil engineering major said. “But I’ve noticed that people are constantly putting updates on their sites. It’s ridiculous.”

Pierce, too, views Facebook and MySpace as good ways to network for college students, but believes that making those connections through social networking sites can act as a double edged sword.

“College students and high schoolers should be aware of what they put up on their site,” Pierce said. “If there’s a whole bunch of language, pictures of drugs, paraphernalia or they expose themselves inappropriately in pictures, they need to remember that employers are watching these sites.”

She also explained that social networking sites are beginning to have an effect on communication skills and through cyberspace, the loss of the interpersonal can show a regression in grammar, social tools, and even the ability to look at someone when speaking.

Whether or not Facebook and other social networking sites play a role in lower grade point averages, Pierce explained that it was important to understand that Facebook doesn’t cause lower grades and can be influenced by other outside factors.

“It is something that can preoccupy someone and if it gets out of control and one becomes almost addicted to it then it can cause problems,” Pierce said.

“But it’s like anything, whether it be video games, television, watching movies or anything that takes away from studying.”

TOBACCO: Some other colleges have adopted tobacco-free policies

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they prefer tobacco-free.” Luzania added. "A lot of smokers themselves can see and say they don’t want to smoke. The policies are almost encouraging and they’re ‘Yes! Make it! So I can stop that way.’ It’s something they desire." Other colleges in the United States and even in California have adopted a tobacco-free policy. Schools like Stanford University, UC San Francisco, UC Davis, and Fresno Pacific University all have 100 percent tobacco-free policies without any exemptions. University High School sets Fresno State apart from some of the other colleges when it comes to a tobacco-free policy because generally high schools don’t allow smoking in any form on campus.

“I don’t think college students get it in their head. The replications of smoking are so far distant in the future, they can’t see it.” All their lives they’ve been taught ‘tobacco is wacko’ and all the cheesy mottos out there. And they’re like ‘that’s lame, I’m in college, I don’t need that’,” Luzania said.

The Surgeon General’s report, The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke concluded that establishing smoke-free work environments remains the only way to make sure that secondhand smoke exposure doesn’t happen in the workplace because ventilation and other air filtering methods cannot control exposure to non-smokers.

Pearman said, “Smokers are being accommodated at the expense of everybody else and not accommodating the poor folks on campus that have asthma or other lung problems. Our goal is a 100 percent tobacco-free campus.”
Defining the douchebag

Victoria L. Jones

A world with a population of more than 6 billion people, it’s easy to succumb to clever insults and catchy generalizations.

As an individual, I try to be as neutral as possible and give each person I come across the benefit of the doubt. Unfortunately, too often, the generalization speaks louder than the personality of the specimen.

Take for instance a Web site that I recently ran across due to the gentle insistence of a colleague, a male colleague to be specific.

I’m not sure what inspired him to share that gem of a Web site he is spontaneously suggested, but the humor it offered up then and for the rest of the day, was priceless. It played as a women’s encyclopedia for identifying un-dateable guys, a photographic illustration on crimes of fashion and a not-to-do list for guys.

The Web site “The Chicks with Douchebags” appeals to society’s need to classify and vilify its people. It cries hypocrisy, it revels in cruelty and it’s just plain funny.

It’s like watching all those people on America’s Funniest Home Videos get hit in the balls. Yeah it’s funny, but you know it hurts like hell and still you laugh and sympathetically cringe at the same time.

It could be a mere coincidence, or more likely, a well thought out criterion by the developers, but all the men posted on the Web site share a list of quirky qualities.

The top six criteria for being a douchebag include a phony (overly quirky qualities.

Thoseinclude but are not limited to: puffed collar, signature photograph pose where irrelevant pointing is mandatory, wearing sunglasses indoors and a heavy touch of anything metrosexual.

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To complete their look they don bandanas of various shades, aviator sunglasses, that look underwearare distastefully visible, Ed Hardy or Affliction gear, tribal or reptilian tattoos and cheesy necklaces that hang too low or not at all (chokers).

Douchebags must always be代表着. Easy ways to do this, according to the photos, are to flex any and all muscles, while simultaneously pointing out, throw the peace sign (upside down, right side up or slightly tilted) or throw your arms around a trashy woman and point at her or her half-covered breasts.

That’s just the top coincidences; each example of a douchebag also appears to embody an individually identifying douche quality that adds to their unique douchehness.

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What are your registration frustrations?

“Could you imagine anyone proposing that they get rid of the 26,000 trees in New York’s Central Park? Now the Fulton Mall is certainly not Central Park, but it is an urban park in the heart of downtown Fresno. We need more trees in this city, not fewer.”

—Jim Boren, fresnobeehive.com

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If you have any frustrations, that she usually teaches, but for the semester coming up, she wasn’t teaching it. I’m not sure why but I was looking forward to taking that specific professor.

I’m taking English at Fresno City right now and had to fill out a whole transfer form to let Fresno State know I was taking English at Fresno City. It’s [MyFresnoState] saying that I have an English hold so I can’t register for English or pretty much any of the other classes that I need to register for.”

“Defining the douchebag

Spiked-Hair

Sunglasses

Facial Hair

Collared Shirt w/ popped collar

Posing

Pointing

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Dancers adopt ‘the walk’

Students choreograph, perform and manage production of ‘On The Walk’

By Kaley Delarosa
The Collegian

Lighting, music, costumes, choreography and of course, dancing. From production to performance. University Dance Theater (UDT) students do it all.

Associate professor Kenneth Balint, who oversees the class, said this semester’s show, titled “On The Walk,” will not disappoint.

“It’s a variety show that showcases many different types of dance and music,” Balint said. “Each person will find some part of the show that they enjoy. Everyone always loves the energy and the work that has been put in to get it where it is at.”

The dancing ranges from traditional styles such as tap, ballet and jazz to modern, lyrical and hip-hop. The show also encompasses cultural styles such as salsa and Polynesian.

The title of the show is also a reference to an odd position of the foot used in modern dance.

“There is a little bit of everything,” Balint said. “The class allows students to stick with a dance style they are comfortable with as well as experiment with something different.”

From conception to creation to production and performance, the student’s creativity stands behind each element. “It’s about the process of creating pieces and taking them from beginning to performance,” Balint said.

UDT is unique, compared to other dance performance courses offered on campus, in that it gives students of all interests and majors a chance to express themselves. Balint said that although some of his students are dance majors or minors, many have different majors and simply can’t get away from dance. Other students have never danced and decided to take the class for a new experience.

“We all come together and find common ground,” Balint said.

Another unique aspect of the class is that the students learn how to put together all the pieces of a successful performance. Balint requires the 37 students in the class to choreograph and perform their dances and take part in the sound, lighting, costume design and stage management of the show.

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“It’s so dancers don’t think they just dance and they understand that there are other aspects that go into the production of a show.” Balint added. “It’s about finding new ways to contribute.”

Forexample, Sarah Brownell, an undeclared freshman taking the class for the first time, choreographed dances for the show and will perform several pieces and assist with the music, lighting and projection during the show.

“It is cool that we have full reign of the show and get to experience such a wide range of things,” Brownell said.

Lindsey Settle, a senior art history major, began dancing at age two. She enjoys dancing and loves performing even more and UDT gives her the opportunity to keep dancing, while attending school and working two jobs.

For Settle, UDT provides an escape from the hectic worries of her everyday life. “It’s like therapy every day,” Settle said.

Settle also appreciates the different experiences she gets in addition to dancing.

“It is important to be well versed in all aspects of the stage,” she said. “It’s wonderful to be on the stage, but there is a different feeling when you are behind the sidelines and running things.”

Settle discovered Dance 115 while flipping through the course catalog eight semesters ago. She enrolled and never stopped taking the class simply for her own enjoyment. “I just enrolled for Fall 2009,” she laughed.

“This is the most wonderful program I have ever been a part of,” Settle said. “It is nice to be involved in someone else’s work, but it is wonderful to create your own and have your voice heard through your movement.”

“On The Walk”

“On The Walk” shows start at 8 p.m. on April 30, May 1 and May 2. There will also be a 2 p.m. matinee performance on May 2. All performances will be held in the University Lab School Theater. All tickets are $5 and can be purchased at the box office in the Speech Arts building.

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Luke Medina is the Development Director for Central California Legal Services, Inc. (CCLS). For nearly thirty years, he has worked on an ad
socia for children and families in Fresno County. He has served a four year term as the Fresno Unified School District Board of Educa-
tion and was the senior president for two years during a very difficult period. He has served on school boards, commissions, and committees to serve our community. He currently serves on the Mayor’s Community Advisory Committee and was appointed by the Governor to the Board of the California Partnership for the South San Joaquin Valley. Ms. Medina was recently named the 2009 Women of the Year by Assemblymember Avila for the 13th Assembly District.

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ers. She has over twenty years of industry experience. Ms. Bilton is a member of the Board of Trustees for Partners for Women and Justice and is a member of the advisory council of the STOP - Deadly Drunk Program of Mississippi.

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3 p.m. @ The Center for Women & Culture
Closing Keynote & Reception
Hosted by The Center for Women & Culture

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California State University, Fresno
Not exactly the National Champs

The Fresno State baseball team is tied for last place with only three weekend series left in 2009

By Haisten Willis
The Collegian

COACHES: Williams gets receivers catching again

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“We got a lot of talent and experience coming back, but my job is to make sure they play really well this season,” Wade said. “We got to make sure we do all of the little things to continue with our success.”

For new wide receivers coach Keith Williams, spring practice started off with inconsistent hands.

The former San Jose State receiver had to preach catching the football to the Fresno State wideouts after the first spring scrimmage. Numerous drops were present and it led Williams to chastise his group.

Since then, his receivers have made better strides in bauling in receptions because of his coaching.

“We ended the spring on a positive note,” Williams said. “We started off slow, but these guys worked hard. The last week of practice has been our best, and that’s what you want. You want to finish better than you started.”

After finishing his career with the Aztecs, Williams served under former San Jose State head coach Pete Hill during the 2001-05 seasons.

“It was a good experience [at San Jose State],” Williams said. “The wideouts over there worked hard. They were a good group much like this group here. They have a lot of similarities.”

Williams admits that after playing and coaching against the Bulldogs, it was a difficult transition for him to join Fresno State.

But he now believes that he is in a good position.

“It felt weird at first, but I’m glad to be here, because I have no wins in either one of those elements,” Williams said. “As a player, I’ve never beaten Fresno State. It’s good to be on the good side.”

RUGBY: Players excited about playing in collegiate league

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level, Clark said that the club is hoping to create a separate college team for next season. He said that the goal is to help those players that are college-age to form a team independent of the club.

“Everyone part of the Fresno Rugby Club is extremely excited about the new Fresno State team,” Clark said. “The club is giving 100 percent in backing and supporting this team.”

In an effort to help the development of this new team, Clark said that he and the other officers plan to offer assistance to coach the team and even try to help financially.

“I think it’s exciting that the sport is growing and that good can come out of it,” Brenner said.

If the players from Fresno State form their own club, they will be able to schedule their own practice times, have their own club officers and create a collegiate team that can continue to develop.

Not exactly the National Champs

The Fresno State baseball team is tied for last place with only three weekend series left in 2009

By Haisten Willis
The Collegian

Coming off of a national championship, Fresno State baseball fans knew that anything short of a repeat this season would seem anti-climactic, no matter how unrealistic that goal may be.

But most didn’t expect to fall quite so far down.

The Bulldogs are tied for last place in the Western Athletic Conference (WAC), falling to the bottom of the league amidst getting swept by lowly Louisiana Tech two weeks ago and a four-game split with San Jose State last weekend.

The team sits at 20-22 on the season and are tied for last place in the Western Athletic Conference.

Seniors Gavin Hedstrom, left, and Holden Sprague, above, haven’t seen their final season in a Bulldog uniform go as planned. The Bulldogs are 20-22 on the season and are tied for last place in the Western Athletic Conference.

DIAMOND ’DOGS BASEBALL

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Six of Fresno State’s 14 pitchers have ERAs above seven, and ten have ERAs above four.

The bats have gone cold as well, as the team scored a combined 14 runs in four games against SJSU.

Worse, the pitching staff and the offense can’t seem to sync up. They have lost low-scoring games (6-5 and 2-0 to San Jose State) and high-scoring games (11-9 and 14-12 to Louisiana Tech) by very close margins.

Last year’s team started the season 9-12, but improved significantly by this point last season. The WAC tournament was less than a month away and the team has only three WAC matchups left to improve their performance, including this weekend’s four-game series at home against Nevada.

Head coach Mike Batesole could not be reached for comment due to the game on Saturday.

The ‘Dogs can take solace in the fact that first-place Nevada has only one more overall win than they do, and that getting hot during tournament time is what really matters in college baseball.

But the team is running out of time to correct itself before that crucial period starts. If it fails, it will be an embarrassing first-to-worst blunder on the program and could hurt future recruiting efforts as Fresno State tries to ride its success to a place among college baseball’s consistent top teams.

COACHES: Williams gets receivers catching again
BULLDOG FOOTBALL

Three new assistants adjust to new positions

By Lorenzo Reyna
The Collegian

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Club team will begin playing collegiate rugby next semester

Three new assistants adjust to new positions

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What most sports fans in the Central Valley don’t know is that rugby, one of the world’s most gruesome and riveting sports, is being played not just overseas but locally through the Fresno Rugby Club. Even more intriguing, is that a large number of members belonging to the Fresno rugby squad are students at Fresno State.

“Since it is our first year, we had to have at least one year where we didn’t have our own team,” said Jordan Brenner, a sophomore at Fresno State. “The Fresno Rugby Club has adopted us and let us be a part of their team. This year the club had members ranging from ages of 20-35 and had one of their best seasons in the club’s 38-year history. Competing in the Northern California League, the squad placed second with a 7-3 conference record.

Overall, the team finished the season 8-1 and made it to the regional playoffs where they competed in Phoenix this past Saturday.

“This is the best team the club has had in awhile,” Brenner said. “We were really hoping to continue that legacy.”

Fresno entered the 64-team nationwide playoff and got an unlucky draw as their first game came against the defending national rugby champions. While the team gave it their all, they came up short against the Red Mountain Rugby Club from Mesa, Ariz.

“I thought our team played well, but we could have played better,” Brenner said. “The other team was a quality team and they played well; it just didn’t go our way.”

And although the season didn’t end as the team had hoped, there was plenty of success to be found in what it accomplished this season.

Andrew Clark, president of the team and club member, said that despite the loss, the club, as a whole, gained a lot of positives.

This is the first year, according to Clark, that the club has been able to get a solid group of college students to join and buy into the game.

As a result of the rapid interest by those at the collegiate level, the Fresno Rugby Club is being played not just overseas but locally through the Fresno Rugby Club.