California cuts half a billion from CSU budget

By Megan Poindexter
The Collegian

If students haven’t already been impacted enough by the current economic recession, this year they will take another hit as a result of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger’s passing of a $584 million budget reduction for the 23-campus California State University system.

This will directly impact the Fresno State campus as the administration seems to be doing all it can to recover from the shortage of funds. CSU’s Chancellor’s office in Long Beach, tuition has risen to $4,673 for students this year, a 32 percent increase from last year. Fees for full-time undergraduate students carrying 6 or more units are up $672. $780 for teacher-credential students and $828 for graduate students — the increase comes on top of the $306 fee implemented in May.

Full-time non-residential students will pay an increased fee of $372 per unit in addition to the mandatory registration and course fees, upwards of $11,180 per academic year.

CSU Trustee and former Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) president Russell Statham voted in favor of the fee hike, despite protests and less than favorable feedback from students. Statham said that his vote was the unpopular choice, but in weighing his decision it was the least harmful alternative.

At the human level, it was the most difficult decision I’ve ever had to make,” said Statham, who is also a graduate student at Fresno State. “I’ve heard the stories and I have been hit as a result of the crisis. ASI is a student fee based organization, and with enrollment down they will see a decrease of $22,000 in this year’s funds. “It’s hard to say which groups are being hit the hardest because all programs have faced cuts and all programs are dealing with the cuts accordingly.” Johnson said.

“From talking with faculty and university administration, it is clear that they are addressing students’ concerns and needs by trying to make these cuts as least intrusive to the students as possible. One way Johnson intends to help students cope is by working closely with specific colleges and departments to inform them of available opportunities, such as Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) grants, ASI Sponsored Activity Grants, and R Grants, which are ASI-funded research grants for students and faculty.

But even with grants and aid available, some students are still feeling money. "It’s really unfortunate and really unfair for students and faculty and the entire CSU system to suffer,” said sophomore Derek Oliver. “There is nothing we can do and we just have to deal with it cause there is no way for us to fight it.

By Brian Mazezy
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Last month, the California State University Board of Trustees voted 17 to 1 to increase student university fees for the 2009-2010 academic school year.

The vote slashed state funding for higher education by 40 percent, Full-time students will now be asked to pay nearly $5,000 to make up for the CSU’s $584 million shortage.

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While the Fresno State administration seems to be doing all it can to recover from the shortage of funds, Associated Student, Inc. (ASI) is attempting to do the same. ASI vice president of finance, Lauren Johnson said that student-funded programs will suffer as a result of the crisis. ASI is a student fee-based organization, and with enrollment down they will see a decrease of $22,000 in this year’s funds.

“One of the biggest ways Fresno State plans to cut back is through furlough days for staff. Each faculty member will be forced to take furlough days, resulting in an approximate 10 percent decrease in pay for employees at all levels. In addition, students saw fees increase by 10 percent in May and an additional 20 percent in July. Enrollment will be limited, and this semester more than 1,200 classes have been canceled.

“We are going through a very difficult time right now.” Echeverria said. “I encourage students to talk to state officials because fixing this is important for our future.”

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Summer news events worth mentioning

Twelve weeks have gone by since the end of the spring 2009 semester. Dozens of newsworthy events have happened over the summer, both locally and nationally. For a list of top summer events, see the story on page 6. Above: Campus Pointe, the new development to the east of campus, opened the first phase of its housing in July.

Budget crisis hits CSU students hard

By Brian Mazezy
The Collegian

What you missed

Photos by Brianna Campbell (top) and Matt Wei (right) / The Collegian

Save Mart Center.

Vans Warped Tour rocks the Save Mart Center.

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What you should expect from your football team this season.

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With unprecedented cutbacks in social services throughout Calif. and deep budget cuts to almost every pot of federal and state funds, our residents of Calif. have all been affected. Yet, no institution has felt the amount of uncertainty and deep-seat- ed change as students. I understand this could be an anticipated boom in class sizes, students will be forced to reevaluate the way they plan for school.

That is why we at The Collegian have been hard at work for the past few weeks gathering information to prepare you for the upcoming school year. And this year, we have tuned into the needs of the student body and as a result, we want our resources to better serve our readers.

I apologize that we were not able to respond to any work that is published under our heading. We have also the claims of inaccuracies and factual errors, and we plan to address those issues this year as well. Our time values lay in producing fair and unbiased content that adheres to the journalistic code of ethics. Fairness, accuracy, accountability and excellence in journalism are paramount.

We will try with the utmost vigilance to ensure every story is fact checked thoroughly and that our writing accurately communicates the voice of our sources. It is important to us to fulfill public trust and satisfy our readers expectations.

Likewise, we plan to hold student legislation and the governing bodies on campus to the same standards of accountability. Striving for excellence in our print edition and becoming more accessible is only half of our goal. In recent years, we have been able to do this.

It is only half of our goal. In recent years, we have been able to deal with an ever-changing and increasing industry that presents the greatest opportunity to reach our readers.

Last year, the former editor in chief emphasized the evolution and growth of technology through the use of paperless medium. Our multimedia team plans to continue this trend by evolving our web site and significantly advancing our digital content.

However, as we work to conquer this ever changing digital landscape, it is increasingly more important for us to focus on the aspects that make journalism reliable and effective. To accomplish this end, we need to ensure our news value lies accuracy and truth in reporting.

Our content is our greatest asset, not the platform from which it is conveyed. The common denominator is journalism that preserves the industry’s integrity. So, whichever way you decide to access our news it will reflect our commitment to presenting information that affects the campus community.

The Collegian staff is devoted to providing excellence in reporting. We recognize our responsibility to Fresno State and we’re delighted to have you as readers. So please write in, we will respond — we are accessible in a variety of platforms. Send us an e-mail, write to an editor, follow us on twitter or leave comments on our online articles. Your feedback helps us become a stronger news source.

This school year we pledge to give our readers 100 percent, so please keep reading.

Brian Maxey is the editor in chief of The Collegian.

COMMENT: The Collegian is a forum for student expression.
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BRIAN MAXEY

Our promise to readers

President urges optimism, creativity

Welcome back! It’s always a pleasure for me to greet students who are returning to Fresno State or new to our campus.

You are here at a challenging time for Fresno State and a historic opportunity for us to start our Centennial celebration beginning next spring. I know you are concerned, too, and all faculty, staff and administrators on this campus are ready to respond to any work that is published under our heading.

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I told faculty and staff last week that we cannot let our budget difficulties define us. Though we have to change how we do business, we will be steadfast in advancing scholarship and leadership. That is our promise to our community.

John D. Welty

and, of course, to you.

All of us must participate in addressing the critical issues we face. You can start by attending the Associated Students Inc. Town Hall meeting at 3 p.m. Sept. 8 in the Satellite Student Union. I’ll be there with top university officials to answer your questions and try to address your concerns.

I ask you to challenge your own thinking and behavior and ask the question: How can we do things differently to get better results?

I also want to remind you that one way we can thrive this challenge is by staying healthy — physically and emotionally. Maintaining a strong, positive attitude and doing regular exercise are significant facets of good health and things all of us can do.

One health challenge we are facing is the H1N1 (swine) flu threat, which seems to affect people under 25 in greater numbers than previous flu strains. We urge you to stay informed about what you can do to avoid flu and prevent its spread, and what to do if you get sick.

Our Student Health Center already is gearing up to help — including vaccinations — and we will communicate more news as it becomes available. Please check your campus e-mail frequently and FresnoStateNews.com for the latest information.

From its founding, Fresno State’s — an arrest warrant, which has been providing opportunities. Nothing can change that, if we go forward together with optimism, confidence and innovation, and do what’s necessary to turn today’s adversity into tomorrow’s opportunity.

Again, welcome to Fresno State. Let’s work together to make this a great year!

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MEG & DIA: Holding Nothing Back — The Frampton sisters, Meg and Dia, took the Mozart inspired title of their new album “Here, Here and Here” on the road with the Warped Tour. The musicians behind the guitar, bass and drums meshed well with the vocals. The band produced an acoustic pop rock and roll sound that caught the ears of passers-by and a presence that directed undivided attention to the stage. A group that continues to challenge the definition of “genre” and “front man” with each venue they play.

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LESS THAN JAKE: Obscenely Entertaining — Less Than Jake’s comical act have been on the Warped Tour lineup since the 90’s. Heads turned towards the stage as the band opened the show with the iconic Star Wars theme song. They showed off the audience with a super soaker, hit on ladies in the audience and invited a mom on stage for a cold beer—which stole the hearts of fans from nearby performances. The lively instrumental sound of the trombone and saxophone combo coupled with the lead singer’s wacky facial expressions, left a lasting impression. It is no wonder Less Than Jake has been on the bill longer than many ticket holders have been alive.

They don’t make bands like this anymore

By Danielle Gilbert
The Collegian

P.O.S.: The Innovator — The lone rapper among a majority punk rock lineup, P.O.S. aka Stefon Alexander is a man to be reckoned with. Although he has brought quite a storm to previous Warped Tours opening for bands like Gym Class Heroes, this year was different. A stand-alone performance, where more than 100 pairs of shoes formed a doughnut shaped circle around a single chair where P.O.S. performed. In the middle of the parking lot, beats dropped and hands rose as the crowd bowed up and down to the only hip-hop act on tour. P.O.S. will be a movement. His new album, “Never Better” is as ingenious as his lyrics.

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Collegian wrap-up, summer news highlights

By Jakob Smith  •  The Collegian

June 2009
• June 8: The fourth floor of the Henry Madden Library, known as the Haak Center, officially opened for business.
• June 9: Leaders from the California State University Employees Union (CSUEU) met to discuss options in response to the projected budget cuts of $584 million.
• June 16: NykelBam International, LLC pledged $10 million to Fresno State Athletics. The CEO of the previously unknown company is Alphonso Bigelow, a former Fresno State football player and 1996 graduate of the Craig School of Business.
• June 19: Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger met with local officials in Mendota to discuss the dire situation of Central Valley farmers. Mendota is one of the many valley farm towns suffering from three years of drought.
• June 20: The third annual Fresno State Farm Festival was held at the Gibson Farm Market. The event featured wine tasting, farm products, live music and farm and winery tours.
• June 22: Children’s author and artist Aliki donated 21 pieces of her work to the Arne Nixon Center for the Study of Children’s Literature. The center is part of the Henry Madden Library.
• June 24: The Lyles College of Engineering earned the prestigious nationwide HP Innovations in Education grant for $260,000.
• June 28: The California Latino Water Coalition held a town hall meeting at the Satellite Student Union.
• July 1: The cash-for-clunkers program began. The program allows people to trade in their cars for more “eco-friendly” models, and receive a hefty rebate compliments of President Obama’s stimulus package.
• July 2: Chuck Harvey, an animator from Disney’s “Robin Hood” and “Little Mermaid,” lectured at Fresno State. Harvey was also an instructor and guest at this year’s CSU Summer Arts program.
• July 2: The Department of Water Resources gave a 100,000 acre-feet “water loan” to aid central valley farmers.
• July 6: Campus Pointe, the controversial new development on the east end of the Fresno State campus, opened its doors.
• July 7: The CSUEU agreed to furlough two days per month, without pay, for all of its employees.
• July 9: The CSU closes admissions at all campuses for Spring 2010. Admissions are expected to re-open for Fall 2010.

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Schwarzenegger, Obama call for repeal on teacher evaluation ban

By Tony Van Oot
The Sacramento Bee

Gov. Schwarzenegger last week called a special session for lawmakers to repeal controversial teacher evaluations law. The Obama administration is directing federal dollars to make California eligible for part of $4 billion in federal stimulus dollars. The governor said that the vote should have been taken on the day of the state legislature's last session.

Specifically, the proposal would repeal a law that prohibits using student test scores in combination with a statewide system for storing information about teachers that will go online next year. "Right now, we can't tell over the course of time how an individual teacher or principal is doing," Schwarzenegger said. "They call it a firewall, and I say tears to the firewall."

Schwarzenegger called on the Legislature to take up the package and finish by Oct. 5 so the state has time to apply for what he said could be hundreds of millions of dollars for California schools. Billions of dollars in future funding opportunities may also be linked to the standards set by the state legislature.

"We certainly recognize the need for more school funding, but the last two years have been special session to rewrite state education law just so the state can apply for this grant funding — really seems like a knee-jerk reaction," he said.

What makes Fresno State Great?

Fresno State ranks 91 out of 100 for best public colleges

By Ani Istanboulian
The Collegian

In a recent survey of the year’s best public colleges published by Forbes magazine, Fresno State ranked 91 out of the nation’s top 100 public colleges. The article’s main criteria that determined the top schools was how well a school catered to its student body.

The list was compiled by Forbes and the Center for College Affordability and Productivity. The CCAP ranked 600 undergraduate institutions based on the quality of the education they provide, the experience of the students and how much the students achieved.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, there are more than 4,000 college campuses in the U.S. and the CCAP ranks only the top 15% of all undergraduate institutions, including Fresno State.

What makes Fresno State great enough to be recognized in the top 15% of all undergraduate institutions based on the quality of the education they provide, the experience of the students and how much the students achieved.

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The state general fund support for the CSU is expected to be $1.6 billion, which is $500 million below the level of state support for the grand re-opening of Sacramento State, according to official estimates.

Yet, as steep reductions continue to beset higher education, CSU officials have attempted to mitigate the impacts of fee increases by setting aside $79 million to cover financial aid. University officials have provided a December deadline for the federal stimulus package, federal tax credits, and Pell Grant Awards to help offset the fee increase for the most needy of the CSU’s 450,000 total students.

Despite the jarring cuts to the CSU, Sweeten reassures that the budget crisis will not affect ASI’s ability to govern and provide services to the students.

"We will still fund events and student clubs in order to help the morale of the campus," Sweeten said. "We hope to see state funding restored this year, even during this time of pressure."

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BUDGET: Cuts impact students

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For students, the fiscal restraints at universities mean larger class sizes, fewer course offerings, and workforce reductions that could limit access to faculty and student resources like the library, which was closed for the day one of two decisions the Legislature held multiple state university meetings and that the deficit was $584 million.

On average, the CSU admits 35,000 freshmen, graduate and transfer students. However, for the past several years the CSU has exceeded the state funds for student aid and the state legislature held multiple meetings and that the deficit was $584 million.

The cash-strapped CSU system reflects California legislators’ inability to reach an agreement with Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger over how to address the state budget deficit.

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What makes Fresno State Great?

Fresno State ranks 91 out of 100 for best public colleges
Freshmen move into dorms

New students excited for the coming year

By Maddie Shannon
The Collegian

Freshman students made their way onto the west side of campus Friday morning by the hundreds to move into the dorms.

University Courtyard was packed with new students ready to begin their first experience living on their own, for many of them in an entirely new city.

“So far, it’s been a really great experience checking everyone in,” said second-year Residence Assistant, Arian Shaama.

“I’ve talked to some people and I’m really excited to get to know all of my new residents. I’m glad to see a lot of returning residents from last year.”

Both new and returning residents alike were enthusiastic about starting a new school year. Most new students were excited to start classes, participate in activities, and attend sporting events.

Freshman resident, Vicky Menara, said, “I’ve heard the athletics scene over here is really big, so I’m really looking forward to the football games. I’m excited to follow them through the season and catch up on college football.”

As far as classes and friends go, Menara said she wants to meet new people. “I want to make sure I make some new friends, and just keep up with classes. I don’t want to fall behind.”

Torri Alo, a freshman Animal Science major, is excited about living on her own. “I’m really excited to start college, and live away from home for the first time. I’m looking forward to meeting new people. But I’m also nervous about it, too,” Alo said. “I’ll just be nice to have some new experiences.”

Freshman, Nathan Chang, echoed that sentiment. “I’m pumped just to be out here on my own. Having the freedom to try some new things and meet new people will be a great change.”

University Courtyard residence assistants planned an action-packed, fun-filled weekend for the dorm residents with different social events, such as the Color Games, where each hall competes against one another in games such as the Watermelon Toss and Tug of War.

Several Greek organizations on campus visited the dorms to help new residents move in, as well as generate interest in the Greek Week events.

The opening barbecue dinner on last Thursday night was another opportunity for residents, both returning and new, to mingle among each other and their RAs. The Marching Band made an appearance, drawing a large crowd of interested students.

The Residence Hall Association also sponsored two of parent workshops, one on Aug. 20 and the second on Aug. 21. The workshops were designed questions from parents about the dorm living experience.

Many freshman residents turned out for Sunday’s events, which included water games and Single Out Ice Cream.

When asked what he wanted his daughter to take away from the dorm experience, one father, John Alo, said, “I want her to have a good time, and to meet new people and make some new friends. I’d say I just really want her to have fun in college.”

Students carried in everything from a couch to an Xbox into their dorm rooms on Friday.
Zwaschka said, “They should contribute and get along fine with the rest of the team this year.”

There are certain obstacles that the ‘Dogs will face this year while trying to accomplish their goals of winning both the regular season and tournament titles. The team’s two leading scorers from last season, Ali Sill and Nicole Gutierrez, are gone and getting offensive production is going to be a struggle.

Also, the team must defend well to get more attacks and get more people involved in the scoring aspect of the team.

The one thing that will be known for sure is that Zwaschka will bring a mentality of work hard.

“Brian’s mentality is leading us to work harder and get stronger, and making us have that desire and drive to be out here,” West said. “He makes us see that fitness can only get you so far but heart and will get us farther.”

The team is looking forward to this season and continuing the success that they have had over the past few of seasons.

“We are stronger in so many different ways and I’m just excited to get started and see how we have grown,” Solich said.

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SOCCER: Work ethic key for success in 2009 season

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Two champions established themselves firmly and clearly at the top of their respective sports this summer. LEFT: Kobe Bryant finally got his championship ring without former teammate, now Cleveland Caviler, Shaquille O’Neal and returned the Lakers to the promised land. Bryant and his Lakers defeated the Orlando Magic 4-1 in the seven-game NBA Finals series. Bryant was named the Finals MVP for the first time in his career. RIGHT: Roger Federer surpassed Pete Sampras to become the greatest men’s tennis player of all time. Federer won his 15th Grand Slam in a marathon against Andy Roddick.

For the second straight summer, veteran quarterback Brett Favre unretired from the NFL. Last summer, Favre was traded to the Jets and this time around, Favre will play for the Vikings.

After spending nearly two years in a federal prison for felony charges involving dog fighting, former Falcons quarterback Michael Vick was conditionally reinstated into the NFL and shortly after, signed by the Philadelphia Eagles. Vick, who will still serve the end of his suspension in the first few games of the season, will be sharing time with veteran signal-caller Donovan McNabb. Right now, it appears that there will not be a quarterback controversy on the field, but the real controversy will follow Vick off the field. He has already been met with protesters and sign holders at the Eagles’ preseason games, and he hasn’t even played a down yet.

There are very few sure things in sports. And now there is one less bet Las Vegas can count on. For the first time in his professional career, Tiger Woods lost a Major Tournament on a Sunday that he entered with the lead. Y.E. Yang, who was ranked No. 108 in the world before the PGA Championship, made the final pairing on Sunday with Woods, down by two strokes. Yang stared down the previously invincible Tiger, while Woods floundered down the stretch. It was his first Major Tournament title and the victory bumped Yang up to No. 34 in the world. Yang, a natural-born Korean, was the first Asian-born player to capture a Major Tournament.

Summer may seem like the most bland sports season of the year, but there was plenty to satisfy fans’ appetites in 2009.
Soccer will look to build on 2008 success

By Chris Aguirre
The Collegian

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Both the team and fans must ready themselves for the trials laying ahead for the 2009 season.

The 2009 football season is going to be gut-check time. It’ll be rough, and sometimes agonizing to watch. There is even a chance that it will end with more losses than wins. We’ll have flashes of brilliance and moments of pride, as well as things that will leave everyone shaking their heads. And that’s just going to be the first game against UC Davis next Saturday.

You can’t say that you haven’t been warned, Red Wavers. OK, so maybe I am sounding bitter, even before a single down is played, but it isn’t pessimism. It’s just that I’ve been here before. Think back to that 2006 squad, which was my first year on campus.

There was that quarterback battle between Tom Brandstater and Sean Norton, the strong running game lead by Dwayne Wright and corps of talented and experienced wide receivers, including Paul Williams. And of course, the high expectations and hope for the post Paul Pinegar era.

That season included a seven game losing streak, coach Pat Hill’s first and only loss to San Jose State, a 4-0 record and bleacher bums with bags over their heads in Bulldog Stadium.

Now take a look at the 2009 group. The ‘Dogs have a quarterback battle that could define the season between Ryan Colburn and Derek Carr.

They have a running attack powered by Ryan Mathews, Anthony Harding and Lonyae Miller – three running backs that, when healthy, could all be stars in college football. And even senior receivers, Marlon Moore, Chastin West and Seyi Ajirotutu, that should be solid targets and playmakers to help our new quarterback. And on top of all of that, there is the hope of the post Brandstater era.

The teams compare right now on paper except we haven’t had any bleacher bums just yet. And that’s where the similarities end for me.

I, along with most other Bulldog fans, was miserable throughout the 2006 season and couldn’t wait to be put out of my misery. But that was then. I have grown up a bit and learned my fair share as a fan of these ‘Dogs over my last three seasons at Fresno State and the 17 seasons before that.

The one lesson I will carry with me throughout this season and the rest of my days as a sports fan is that it’s never OK to throw in the towel on your team. It’ll only make things worse.

But it is smart to have realistic expectations.

So what if our quarterback struggles, especially in the early parts of the season. Colburn is the only one that has ever lined up behind center in the college game. He’s thrown five passes, all in mop-up time against Oregon in 2007.

He isn’t supposed to just step in and immediately end up on Heisman watch lists.

BULLDOG FOOTBALL

By Chris Aguirre
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The Bulldogs are going to have peaks and valleys in the quickly approaching football season, and the fans are going to have to be ready. Coach Pat Hill, above, must ready his team and the Red Wave for the storm.

And fair warning, Carr isn’t going to be any better if he gets the chance.

So what if the ‘Dogs lose three of their first four games this season. They’ll be at Wisconsin, home against Boise State and at Cincinnati.

Hey, that sounds like a learning experience to me.

Fresno State is sure to lose football games this season. The team and the fans are all going to be experiencing growing pains together. But, that doesn’t mean that anyone should be giving up or trying to sell their red shirts on Craigslist.

Accept what you’re getting and remember that there is no excuse for quitting on these Bulldogs. The worst that can happen now is that we all get a few surprises along the way.

To listen to the season preview, visit http://collegian.csufresno.edu