State budget cuts have affected everyone affiliated with the California State University system.

Faculty and staff will lose nearly 10 percent of their salaries due to furloughs, and students have seen fee increases of approximately 30 percent in the last year.

In response, CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed made several statements voicing his opinion about the cuts.

“Our fiscal meltdown has so distorted our legislative priorities that we are now a state that places a higher priority on prison than on higher education.” Reed said in a statement July 27.

The reasoning behind this statement, Reed explained, was the fact that it costs $49,000 annually to keep someone incarcerated.

“In an e-mail interview with Clara Potes-Fellow, the director of media relations for the CSU, she stated that for the 2009 fiscal year no managers or other CSU employees received salary increases. Potes-Fellow responded, however, that members of the CSU faculty received $44 million in salary raises in 2009.

In response, the Fresno State chapter president of the California Faculty Association, Lisa Weston, said she was not aware of any faculty members who received salary increases in 2009.

“I don’t know who that would have been,” she said.

In fact, Weston, who is also an English professor at Fresno State, said that CSU faculty members haven’t received any of their scheduled pay raises in the past two years.

According to their contracts, faculty should have received a 3.7 percent salary increase effective July 1, 2008. Weston said this increase was denied. Faculty also should have received a two percent increase on June 30, 2009 followed by another four percent increase when the 2009-10 fiscal year started on July 1.

Weston said that neither of these raises went into effect.
A fishy ‘smell’ in the air

By Tony Peterson

The Collegian

For three years California has been mired in drought, with fields failing and unemployment rising higher and faster than nature intended. Likewise, the state’s slothfulness and apathetic disregard for constituents displayed during the state’s budget crisis, California lawmakers are once again failing in resolving another. The Golden State has, in effect, become bronze.

Politicians have thus far been unable to shun partisanship bickering, it being their nature. The chance to show off political skills and achieve a rise in the polls brings to mind John Adams’ complaint to the Continental Congress: “I believe if it was moved and seconded that we should come to a resolution that three and two make five, we should be entertained with logical rhetoric, law history, politics, and mathematics concerning the subject for two or three days, and then we should pass the resolution unanimously in the affirmative.”

Stated simply: the state is running out of water. The Sierra Nevadas have had less rain and less snow California’s 1.2 million miles of canals and almost 50 reservoirs that have provided us with water for half a century aren’t providing as much as they once were. And environmental concerns have led to water that was normally irrigated to being diverted to the Pacific Ocean.

Yet, our representatives in Sacramento still can’t seem to compromise.

Democrats want to assemble a seven-person panel to decide what to do about the delta (as if that’s not what they’re elected to figure out) and the package currently on the table has garnered almost no Republican support. It is really that difficult to find a consensus on this issue?

Citizens of California are struggling. The state as a whole has 11.9 percent unemployment, Fresno County has 15.2 percent alone (as opposed to the national rate of 9.7 percent). All this in a state where the population is expected to grow from the 36 million people we have now to 40 million by 2020. Our current course in unsustainable.

If the cause of all this was just drought, we’d have no choice but to put on our headbands, grab our maracas, and go outside and rain dance. But while we have not received as much condensation per usual, California reservoirs have, according to the Wall Street Journal, been operating to get the 38 million people we have now to 40 million by 2020.

And yet life goes on more or less as it did then. We all get the message right here in California with news like that. And yet life goes on more or less the same as it did then. We all get the money somehow, be it credit cards or savings or sacrifice. Where did all the money go last year? How are we still living without it?

President Wolty mentioned the furloughs in his address to students, which ran in this newspaper on Monday. Curiously, he put quotation marks around the word, implying that they somehow aren’t real or are just a rumor you might have heard like Pat Hill shaving off the ‘stache or the king of pop being buried (like anybody would believe that anyway).

Of course, the furloughs really are a bit of an illusion. There is no stipulation in the agreement that professors can have any less work to do, they are simply expected to do it in less working days. Not only can they not come to a campus on designated furlough days, they are contractors prohibited from working harder on surrounding days to make up the difference.

This isn’t because The money simply isn’t there anymore, and I like the sound of ‘furlough’ much more than ‘system-wide ten percent pay cut’. For those that feel they have a solution, to have your voice heard this morning at 11 a.m. in the free speech area. Many exciting ideas should be exchanged, and maybe the spectacle will be as crazy as those town hall meetings you see on TV. But there aren’t many old white people in our student body, so I kind of doubt it.

The great Sir Isaac Newton said back in 1706, “Credit is a present remedy against poverty and like the best remedies in physics works strongly and has a poisonous quality.”

Over 30 years later we still haven’t learned their lesson. I was just from walking through campus you might get the impression that things really aren’t so bad after all.
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Word of the Day

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Turning a dorm room into a personal oasis can be challenging enough, let alone having to keep organized and up to date with trends.

Many college students experience living on their own for the first time in a sparsely furnished dorm room. According to UniversityCourtyard.org, room dimensions range anywhere from 9 by 12 feet to 11 by 15 feet. The university provides each resident with the standard items — bookcase, chairs, coffee table, couch, desk, dresser, twin bed, wastebasket and a mini-fridge to be shared with roommates. However, residents must provide their own pillow, blankets, sheets, and towels.

For many first time students, living in an undersized dorm room is hardly worth looking forward to. Students should make the most of what little space they have while being practical.

Interior Design major Lacy Barnes suggests buying items that can be used for dual purposes. “A bookshelf can hold school supplies and double as a nightstand,” Barnes said.

Vertical shelves serve a multifunctional purpose since dorms have limited floor space. Barnes recommends utilizing the walls. Filling empty space allows for more storage and also adds height to a typically congested room.

“Baskets or bins from Dollar Tree are an inexpensive form of storage for odds and ends,” Barnes said. Wal-Mart also carries affordable plastic drawers starting at $7 you can stack on top of one another to save space. Finding decor that suits your taste can be fun and affordable, according to Wal-Mart’s Department Manager of Domestics Sandra Martinez. Martinez suggests making your bed the central focus of the room. According to Wal-Mart.com bed sets start as low as $29 depending on your taste and budget.

“Bright colors with patterned curtains and reversible bedding will instantly liven up your dorm,” Martinez said. “You don’t have to spend a lot to get cool stuff.” Interior Design major Rebecca Arredondo recommended using vibrant colors as well, she said it will add light to bare walls.

Arredondo suggested adding your own personal touch such as your favorite throw blanket, beanbag chair or lamp instantly distinguishes a bedroom from a dorm room.

By Ani Istanboulian
The Collegian

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Prior high school mock trial experience is good but NOT REQUIRED!
can be beat
By Michelle Furnier
The Collegian

After graduating high school, it seems as if you’re not only receiving your diploma but also an extra 15 pounds. According to a study done by David A. Levitsky, professor of nutritional sciences and of psychology at Cornell University, college freshmen gain approximately 4.2 pounds during their first 12 weeks of school. Mollie Smith, Fresno State Dietetic Internship Director said, “Maybe they’re not paying as much attention because they were never responsible for food.”

Even if gaining weight seems inevitable, it can be beat. Once students enter college and move away from home, their eating habits change. “If you do nothing differently, eat more fruits and vegetables,” Smith said, “Fruits, vegetables and whole grains are all filling, they have a lot of important nutrients, and very low in calories.” According to www.ken-kid

sheath.org, skipping a meal won’t cut calories but can actually cause over-snacking in between meals and over-indulging in the next meal. “Beverages have a lot of calories too,” Smith said. “It goes down pretty easy and you don’t even really think about it.”

Sodas, flavored iced teas, and Starbucks coffees contain a higher amount of calories. Adding toppings like whipped cream adds 100 calories. Regular iced tea and coffee don’t have any calories at all.

“Alcohol is high in calories. Your body tends to use the alcohol calories and store it as fat, so it really does cause the beer belly that people are talking about,” Smith said.

There are three things—according to Smith—to not gain weight: People can reduce portions by cutting it out of their diet, substitute it for something else or have a smaller size. Junior Crystal Segura said that she has always struggled with weight gain. “I get tempted to go for the Chinese food but don’t, that’s how I avoid gaining weight.”

“Say you want to run the mile faster or fit into those jeans, I think the most important thing is having a goal,” Segura said. The Recreation Center on campus offers several different opportunities for students and it can be a great way to get started. It’s also free to students.

Fitness Programs Director Maia Jost said, “We have free fitness classes and we offer intramural programs. All of the classes have a certain focus.”

If you like to lift weights then body pump is great, if you like to dance then body jam is great. It just depends on what you’re interested in because then that’s what you’ll stick with and apply it to their routine,” she said.

While a cardio workout can be good, results might not be seen. Mixing up the work out and adding some weight training could create better results.

“Try a lot of different types of things and will make your workout more fun,” Jost said.

With work, school and life in general, some students might not be able to take an hour and go to the Recreation Center.

“If you’re just starting out, walking is a really good start. If you’re already somewhat athletic then you probably need something a little more intense,” Jost said.

“Gaining weight is all about how much energy you expend and how much energy you take in. If someone wants to change what they’re doing then behavior change has to be a part of it as well,” Smith said.

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Furlough: Impact felt campus-wide

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Oliaro said that it is impossible to eliminate the impact that furloughs will have on students, despite the efforts the university is making.

Craig Magie, an assistant professor in the biology department, agreed. “Certainly the furloughs will affect the time of the course time,” Magie said.

Magie also expressed concern about administrative furloughs, stating that with the support staff on furlough, problems with classroom technology could go unsolved.

“Hopefully, that won’t be a big problem, but you never know,” she said.

It’s that uncertainty that has some students worried. "Depending on how they schedule their days off, you could fall behind in any number of ways,” said Andrew Schaeffer, a senior information systems major. “It bothers me.”

Fresenius business administration major Daniel Dukes feels like he’s getting a bad deal.

“It makes me mad that I’m paying extra money to get less,” Dukes said.

While students will feel the crunch of having to purchase textbooks, the professors will feel it in their pockets. Faculty members will not receive pay on furlough days, which amounts to 9.23 percent loss of income.

“It’s being cut by almost 10 percent. So yeah, I’ll feel that,” said Magie.

Oliaro pointed out that each of the unions involved agreed to furloughs in a joint effort to save money and reduce layoffs. Oliaro said that everyone is sacrificing in their own way. While students are not contribut- ing by paying more, staff and faculty have agreed to the 10 percent salary reduction.

“I think it’s created, at least, a sense of cooperation and a sense of community across the campus.”

Corrections

A story on Monday’s page 1 of The Collegian stated Russell Statham’s position in Associated Students, Inc. His correct title was vice president of finance.

A caption that ran Monday on page 6 of The Collegian incorrectly attributed the work of artist, Aliki. The correct caption should have read: several pieces of Aliki’s work can be found in the Ame Nison Center.

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VOLLEYBALL: hard off-season work should pay off

since the newcomers arrived and contested the status quo. “We have 4 newcomers who are bringing competition to the team so we actually have to fight for a spot this year,” Leonardo said. “So now, we have to always be prepared and be ready to go. It’s like a whole new mentality for playing volleyball.” The players have all been very much training, but some of them have impressed the coaching staff with their improvements. Sewell said based on their fitness and strength training, junior blocker Lauren Berger and Leonardo have stepped up in the weight room.

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REDSHIRT: Rouse already drawing comparisons to Clifton Smith

the defense the best look I can and definitely just help the team out in that way,” Carr said. On the defensive side of the ball, Brown looks to step up and make plays for the Bulldogs. Brown, the son of late defensive coordinator coach Dan Brown, hopes to have an impact on the special teams this year and may get on the field during series in certain down situations. And if he gets some playing time, Brown is ready to hit. “Whether it is on special teams or if I have to be on the sidelines rooting on my team, I will contribute in that way as well,” Brown said. “I hope that I get to go out there and hit somebody though. Brown’s greatest strength may be his football IQ, because he has been around football his entire life. Running back Robbie Rouse said that he would like to bring new spice to the team and contribute in various ways and is already getting comparisons to former Fresno State player Clifton Smith because of their similar stature and skill set. Rouse feels that it is an honor to be compared to Smith so early in his career. “I look at it as a privilege because he did great things here and continues to do great things,” Rouse said. Hill agreed, saying that Rouse is like Smith, just a little bit faster. Rouse feels that his greatest strengths are being able to hide behind his blockers, being only 5 feet 7 inches tall. Brown, Carr, and Rouse may have big impacts this season, but any one of them could be red-shirted and spend their first year on the sideline. But either way, the Bulldogs know that what they can expect in the future from the highly-touted freshmen.
Second-year coach Netherby-Sewell and Bulldogs move forward from 2008 pitfalls

By Sara Almario
The Collegian

With the bumpy 2008 season behind them, the Bulldogs’ volleyball team is determined to put more W’s on the board and make it to the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) Top 6 this time around.

The Bulldogs finished the 2008 season with an overall record of 7-20, 3-13 in the WAC.

The 2008 season was viewed as a learning experience for the team and second-year head coach Lauren Netherby-Sewell. At the end of that season, the team united for training and a back-to-basics volleyball program.

Coming into her second year as head coach, Sewell said that she will be helping the players refine their plays and improve their strategies.

“First year was very complex. It looked rough in a lot of ways, but we’ve improved in a lot of intangible ways,” Sewell said. “We have also improved our plays, so it will be a lot cleaner and more aggressive.”

Sewell said in the first year, she and her coaching staff were focused on changing the pre-existing system, which the players had difficulties getting used to. The volleyball program received a complete makeover, which came with a lot of hard knocks and conflicts.

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With the team more accustomed to Sewell’s style of coaching, they have been learning volleyball in a whole different perspective. Senior setter Allanah Munson, right, the ‘Dogs are looking to finish in the top of the Western Athletic Conference (WAC).

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With the team more accustomed to Sewell’s style of coaching, they have been learning volleyball in a whole different perspective. Senior setter Allanah Munson said that the coaches have done a great job in going back to the fundamentals of volleyball.

“They’re great, they have a natural, smooth style of coaching that I’ve never seen before. This year will be a whole lot better from the last one,” Munson said.

Sewell said because of the overwhelming season, the team fought through a lot of criticism, which made them stronger as a unit. She describes their relationship as “one big, happy family.”

“Going through a year with so many lessons, we’re a lot closer and we can handle anything,” she said.

As they look forward to this coming season, the team has a lot of advantages in their favor such as not losing a senior from last year.

They also have four newcomers that will add depth to the team. Three freshmen, Melissa Brand, Taylor Horton and Cecilia Agraiz along with sophomore transfer, Kelli Parker.

The veteran players have been training harder already being thought of as the future of the Fresno State football program by many fans. It appears that Carr will not be redshirting this season and will see time on the field in the opener against UC Davis on Sept. 5. That night might go a long way in deciding his fate and role with the team in 2009.

By Chris Aguirre
The Collegian

Every year there are many players on a football team that are expected to have an impact on the outcome of the season.

And most players know they will be counted on even before fall camp.

Then there are freshmen with hopes to find their way on the field in their first college season, but aren’t sure if the coaching staff will red-shirt them or not.

A redshirt ends a true freshman’s season and allows them and the team to preserve their four years of playing eligibility for when they are more prepared to play.

Quarterback Derek Carr, linebacker Travis Brown, and running back Robbie Rouse are true freshmen that are looking to contribute. Each of them has certain skills that set them apart from the rest of the 2009 freshman class.

“I think they’ll contribute,” head coach Pat Hill said. “I don’t know how much yet but all of them are ready to compete at this level. All the kids are physically ready but those three have really grabbed it mentally. They all have great instincts for the game.”

Carr is locked in a battle with Ryan Colburn to see who will lead the ‘Dogs this season and hopes to make an impact in any way that the team needs.

“Whatever impact they need me to have. I don’t really feel that I need to come out here and do anything special,” Carr said. “We got guys out here that can make plays at all-times.”

If Carr does not win the starting job, he will be the backup and prepare the defense for the opponents during practice on the scout team.

“During practice I will give See REDSHIRT, Page 7