ASI holds first meeting

Senators’ schedules make for earlier start

Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) convened its first meeting of the 2009-10 academic year Wednesday morning, an hour before any classes were scheduled to begin.

The revised senate meetings are scheduled to take place almost nine hours earlier this year compared to last, a move that may inconvenience students looking to attend.

When The Collegian asked ASI executive vice president Alex Andretti if the move would prevent students from sitting in on senate meetings she said that the time change was unfortunate, but any change to the schedule would potentially inconvenience some students.

“I think every time conflicts with at least some students’ schedules,” Andretti said.

Prior to the start of every school year, ASI changes its schedule to accommodate the needs of its senators, according to Andretti.

“Senators submit their schedules and we compile a list using Excel,” Andretti said.

“We match-up their available times and then we determine when the best time to meet would be.”

In the past senators have worked together to schedule times that were more convenient for students, according to Andretti.

At Wednesday’s meeting, students were conspicuously absent from the 7 a.m. meeting however several university officials were in attendance.

Present were Dr. Paul Olario, who stated that cuts made to the fall 2009 schedule have been finalized, director of student involvement Sally Ramage, and LT. Allen Gaal and university police public information officer Amy Armstrong, who both addressed university parking issues.

Student protestors vent

Deflated athletics budget forces teams to prioritize

Students raise opposition to fee increases.

By Brian Maxey

The Collegian

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By Ani Istanboulian

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A romanticized protest reminiscent of the 1960s reemerged at Fresno State Wednesday at “Vent At the Tent.”

Organizers set up a blue tent near the fountain and asked students to vent their frustrations over higher tuition, less classes, and the financial struggles they’re enduring.

The recent budget cut has affected just about everyone at Fresno State; from students to faculty members, everyone had something to say at the “Vent Tent.”

Joe Weston, English professor and California Faculty Association (CFA) Chapter President at Fresno State works with Students For A Quality Education, the student group that organized Vent at the Tent event together.

Weston felt the student body’s voice would definitely make an impact on the CSU Board of Trustees, the State

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Ladwig said the Athletic Department has to get down to what is absolutely essential and make cuts in places to improve the situation.

“In the past, we would produce 30,000 schedule cards, will maybe this year we will only produce 15,000 schedule cards of that sport,” Ladwig said. “Obviously if there is a reduction in the number there is a reduction in the amount you can produce. According to Ladwig every one has to work smarter when it comes to the budget.

He said athletics is trying to find less expensive ways to travel, such as booking their trips using web sites like Orbitz and Hotwire to find cheaper airfare and hotel rooms.

“If it’s cheaper to bus to San Francisco or to San Jose rather than to get on an airplane, we will do those type of things,” Ladwig said.

Fresno State athletic teams plan to condense travel, according to Boeh. The department has a policy in place where most teams will play their nonconference schedules in California or other bordering states.

As the athletic department reviews the budget for each of its teams, individual coaches are prepared for the budget cuts.

“We cut back on the budget in general,” Scott Winsor, head track and field coach said. “We needed to cut back and again do our part, watch travel and what we purchase.

Winsor said they looked at the bare essentials for running their programs the best way they can under the restrictions.

“It’s like watching where you go and how much you spend and when you go for hotels. You really have to watch your pennies,” Winsor said. “It’s no different than a family, you may not go out to the movie that night or you might not go golfing.”

“Two items that Winsor will not cut back on are the athletes per diem, the money the athletes receive on trips for their meals, and training shoes.

“As far as getting down to the athletics themselves we are not going to take money out of their pocket on any particular trip,” Winsor said.

What’s more, the administration and the coaches are making sure that student athletes still get the full experience, despite budget cuts.

“As we get through the financial crisis that the state, university and our department is going through, we will be able to make it with out affecting the experience for the student athletes,” Boeh said.

“Yes there is a budget cut, yes we feel it,” Ladwig said.

“We are hoping we are good administrators and good coaches so that it doesn’t affect the student athlete experience.

With all the budget cuts and the first games drawing nearer, Fresno State athletics is still hopeful for a good turnout.

“We’ll find out in the next couple weeks when the fans start coming to the games if the budget cuts have to be a damper on fan attendance,” Ladwig said.

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Students need health care too

Caffeine drip

DANIELA LOPEZ

Two twenty, full-time student with a part-time job. That description, give or take some years and a variation in college units and gender, fits many of us on this campus.

For most, the job we currently hold is merely to pay for bills, food and the occasional ‘let’s cross our fingers the bartender forgot the last two drinks’ hangover tab. Waaay more than that is passion or enjoyment. It’s more than likely not even a so-called stepping stone, just some temporary job to pay for our years as students.

Considering this lack of coverage, it’s wonder college students haven’t joined the heated health care reform discussion.

Most college students don’t face the reality of throwing a hip out or having to pay for their Alzheimer’s meds. Extra pounds, alcohol, perhaps even drug abuse aside, college students are a relatively healthy crowd.

This relative health, and the perception of being ‘invincible’ that is often associated with the young, probably accounts for the lack of attention to health care by college students.

But should this really be so? At a time when the federal government is proposing to reform the way the all Californians may cease to exist following the next round of budget cuts. Although students have been forced to economize and sacrifice in order to finance their education. Some have even delayed graduation and forfeited health insurance because they could not meet the required minimum amount of semester units.

This is far removed from the mission outlined in the master plan.

What’s more, the plan established a single continuum of access to public education and standardized admis-

sions in the works. What do I know is that it is imperative that we either be more health care options beyond the rigid private system.

Apparently the status quo works for those with upper-middle-class futures raised in the air, spit spewing from angry faces as they shout to the unlucky fellow on the podium. But it does not work for people like me.

And until real reform comes, we are merely left wondering what we will suffer a medical condition that could leave us thousands of dollars in the hole? Falling through the cracks is what they call it, I think. But even that might be misleading. How can we assume the numbers are small enough to fit “cracks” when in reality there’s a football field-sized ditch crammed with the uninsured.

Sociologist warns of “socialized medicine” and “portion size health care” while the nightly news shows the wildness of yet another town hall meeting. This merely serves to distract from the gravity of the situation.

Let us not be diverted to exaggerations founded on elitist ideals. The task at hand should be to work toward realistic health care systems that work for all people, not just the ones with the power, and health, to raise their fists.

That’s What the People Are Saying

“For all those whose cares have been our concern, the work goes on. The cause endures. The hope still lives, and the dream shall never die.”

— Ted Kennedy
The daily crossword

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The one thing that seems to be on everyone’s mind is Apple. From iPods to Macbooks to iPhones, these tools have become the latest craze among college students. Chart topping hip-hop group, the Black Eyed Peas believe “This is the Generation Now.” And generation now has spoken — once you go Mac, you never go back.

History major Val-Piere Dai’Re said he loves his iPhone. “After having it, I can’t live without it. It makes life so much easier.” Dai’Re has been an iPhone user for five months and finds that it is convenient when it comes to his school work. “Sometimes my house doesn’t get internet connection, so I use my iPhone to do research,” Dai’Re said.

Senior Carolyn Harris shares the same love, but for her Mac computer. “I started using Mac’s at work and just knew that the next computer I bought would be a Mac,” Harris said. “It’s so user friendly, simple and they look great. I will forever be a Mac.”

The Kennel Bookstore recognizes the desire for Apple technology and offers students, faculty and staff the chance to purchase their favorite Apple products on campus. “I think it’s safe to say that Apples are student oriented with all the software and features available,” said Kennel Bookstores Computer Department Representative Mike Underdown.

Mac computers start off as high end computers. Unlike Dell computers, Underdown said, you don’t have to customize because it already comes with everything.

Mac computers are equipped with a built-in camera and microphone. Users can edit and store photos, compose music with software called iGarage Band, make movies, and browse the web with Wi-Fi.

Self-proclaimed ‘super Mac nerd’ Underdown said that Apple software will take time to learn but consumers will be glad they made the switch. Now through Sept. 8, with the purchase of a Mac computer, the Kennel Bookstore is throwing in a free iPod Touch after mail-in rebate, a $229 value and a free printer while supplies last. According to Underdown, the Kennel Bookstore will dis-count other Apple products, such as the iPod, randomly throughout the year and have available software at a possi-bly discounted rate more than the corporate Apple store.

With all that the features iPod Touch has to offer at the tips of your fingers, the device appeals to multi-tasking students. According to Apple.com, the iPod Touch allows you to email your classmates, download hundreds of educational applications and enjoy thou-sands of pod cast lectures and videos from iTunes.

In addition, Wi-Fi internet connection is available any place an iPod Touch gets a sig-nal. Users can connect to pop-ular social networking sites such as MySpace, Facebook and even update their “tweets” on Twitter.

“It is instant access to a GPS, no matter where I am or how far I have to go, I can rely on it,” Dai’Re said about his favor-ite feature on his iPhone.
Textbook prices overwhelm students

By Marissa McPhail
The Collegian

If tuition costs haven’t made you cry, add on the prices of your textbooks and you might be reduced to tears.

“I paid $600 for my books this semester. Is this normal?” asked freshman Tawnie Kroll, in her first experience of buying textbooks on her own for each class.

Like Kroll, some students are upset about having to pay so much for textbooks in addition to the fee increase.

Business marketing major Samantha Clark, has gone through five years of purchasing textbooks.

“It’s ridiculous how much books cost,” said Clark, who spent $900 on books last semester. “I’m nervous about how much it’ll cost me this semester because most of the books that I have to get are brand new.”

Fresno State Kennel Bookstore employees said they feel for students when they are buying their books.

“There is no denying that textbooks are expensive.” Susan Bartel, Kennel Bookstore’s Book Department Manager said, “If I had to buy those books, I’d be upset too. Book publishers charge what they want to charge. We can’t control them. We have to price them on how we are billed.”

With Fresno State’s budget cuts, the Kennel Bookstore, a private and non-profit organization, is also suffering from money lost from books that had been ordered for classes only to find out that those classes were dropped from the schedule.

“As far as book cancellations and students returning their books after just buying them, this year has been the worst I’ve ever seen,” said Bartel, who has worked at the Kennel Bookstore for almost 30 years. “We’ve definitely been affected by budget cuts as far as the service we offer to the university. How could anyone associated with the school not be?”

The California State Student Association and the Kennel Bookstore have been working together for the past year to find ways to have students’ interest at best when buying books.

With a suggested 25 to 29 percent gross margin set by the CSSA, The Kennel Bookstore has maintained a 23 percent gross margin reduction, one of the lowest, if not the lowest margin in the CSU system.

“Even though the prices for books are still expensive, Fresno State students don’t have it as bad as other colleges,” Ron Durham, director of the Kennel Bookstore said. “We never raise the margin because of freight costs or labor costs. It’s already included in the 23 percent.

Book rentals have been added to the Kennel Bookstore system this year, as a new alternative for students, can save anywhere from 60 to 65 percent. A program that began in the fall 2008 semester, the Kennel Bookstore currently has four titles: Biology 19, Communication 8, Nutrition 53, and Anthropology 16.

“This is something we would like to do more of in the future, but it can be difficult,” Durham said. “Twenty percent of students don’t return their books on time and five percent of students don’t return their books at all.”

With technology advancing, the Kennel Book Store also offers students selection of over 100 electronic book titles that could save students anywhere from 20 percent to 60 percent.

“Perhaps in five years, the electronic books and electronic readers will be the popular thing to do, but I think it’s a generation thing. It just hadn’t caught on quite yet,” Durham said. The Kennel Bookstore has also worked with surrounding bookstores such as Sequoia Textbooks in giving students more options to choose from when buying books.

Durham suggests students seek additional online sources when buying books as well, such as www.half.com.

“They do have books cheaper, however, there are risks involved. If you buy a book and your class happens to get dropped, you can’t return it.” Durham said. “With the Kennel Book Store, students can return their books if they have their receipt.”

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MAP AVAILABLE
Construction begins despite cuts

By Jakob Smith
The Collegian

Even with budgets being cut across the Fresno State campus, some major construction projects are able to find funding.

One of these projects is the construction of a permanent facility for University High School. The school has been housed in portable buildings since its establishment more than nine years ago.

James Bushman, the head of school for University High, said in phone interview that funding for the new campus is coming entirely from Proposition 55, which passed in 2004. The proposition funds building and construction projects for public schools in the state of California.

The state grant will fund up to $18.7 million for the project, but Bushman said they are currently expecting the project to cost only $16 million.

Bushman also said in a news release that the project was approved last year, but was pushed back due to budget problems. He is eager for the completion of the campus.

“We have waited a long time for this opportunity, and we are very excited to have our new campus,” Bushman said. “The University High campus isn’t the only previously scheduled project that will finally come to fruition this year.”

Robert Boyd, associate vice president for facilities management, said that an update and repair project is being worked out for the heating and ventilation in the Agricultural Science building. The project, which was originally supposed to be completed last year, is currently in the “design phase,” Boyd said.

Boyd also said that plans for the new aquatics center, which will be located behind the softball diamond, are underway.

The center was previously scheduled for completion in September 2009. According to Boyd, both the aquatics center and the University High campus should be completed by September 2010. The heating and ventilation project for the agricultural science building should also be completed with in the next year, Boyd said.

However, even with some construction breakthroughs, Boyd said it seemed likely that other projects would be deferred until a later date in response to budget problems. He said it was too soon to tell which projects may be shelved as of now because a finalized budget for facilities management wouldn’t arrive until October, but he was planning on a reduction in the capital budget used for projects.

“We were told that the capital budget would be extremely limited, if any, for the 2009-10 year,” Boyd said.
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ing, but she is particularly looking forward to playing hometown rivals, the Pacific Sunbirds.

“I'm excited to see Pacific since everyone knows they've been good for the last few years and this is the year we've come far enough to really show them what we can do,” Gera said.

Sewell agrees saying Pacific is probably the toughest opponent they face this season because of their aggressive playing style.

“Pacific is the most difficult. They’re the most physical, they have a great conference and they have a long history of winning.”

With the competition being so steep, the Bulldogs must perform at a high level to defend their home court. Sewell expects that there will be fans from all over the state that will bring the competition to a high-

er level.

“It's great to play in the Save Mart Center. It's a wonderful facility and what we try to do to this year with scheduling is get more local games. The Pacific match and the Bakersfield match are going draw a big crowd so the environment will be energetic and fun and I'm looking forward to that kind of energy on our first tournament,” Sewell said.

FS Invitational schedule

The 'Dogs play three games in two days.

• CSU Bakersfield, Friday, 7 p.m.
• Green Bay, Saturday, 12 p.m.
• Fresno Pacific, Saturday, 7 p.m.

Sophomore hitter Brianna Clarke finished second on the team in 2008 with 238 kills, averaging 2.87 kills per set and ended with 279 overall points.

By Collegian Staff

Dilater to be honored at gala

Former Fresno State quarterback and Super Bowl champion Trent Dilfer will be hon-
ored on campus during home-
coming week in October.

Diler will be the highlight of the Top Dog Alumni Gala at the Save Mart Center on Friday Oct. 18, the night before the Bulldogs take on the San Jose State Spartans in the homecoming game.

Tickets are $100 for the event.

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In 2008, for the first time in Fresno State history, two freshmen, Platt and Clarke, made the WAC All-Freshman Team honors in the same season.

In 2008, Platt, an outside hitter, led the Bulldogs in scoring with 318 kills, 3.46 kills per set and 339.5 overall points. Rightside hitter Clarke came in second with 238 kills, 2.87 kills per set and 278 overall points. Though the 2008 season was rough for the Bulldogs as a team, the two sophomores consider it a steppingstone to their volleyball careers.

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Duo returns
Clarke and Platt are back with more experience

By Sara Almario
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 Trying to get ahead early
Bulldog volleyball looks to sweep through Fresno State invitational and boost early-season record

By Sara Almario
The Collegian

The preseason workouts are nearly over and it’s only one day away from game time for the Fresno State volleyball team.

The Bulldogs will compete against three tough contenders in the two-day Fresno State Invitational Tournament at Save Mart Center this weekend.

Fresno State will host the tournament for the second time. CSU Bakersfield, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and Fresno Pacific are all scheduled to compete.

True freshman outside hitter Cecilia Agraz, said she is excited for her first college game. Although she lacks experience handling opposing team’s offensive strategy she is confident that the Bulldogs have an edge on the competition.

“We’re excited to compete against all the teams, but I don’t know who the toughest is since I’m still a freshman,” Agraz said. “But I think this tournament will show how hard we worked in fall camp and to finish first in the tournament will show our hard work paid off.”

That is the goal of the team this weekend – to finish first and have a head start in the competition for season records.

Sewell said since this is going to be the first game of the season, they will probably use the tournament not only as a stepping stone to the season, but also to see how their system will work against other players and how to tighten their game up in time for the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) games.

“It’s interesting playing in preseason, you can’t really compare it to conference matchups since people are still working through their systems, finding the line up,” Sewell said.

Sewell has high expectations for her team to step up their game and be more aggressive with the ball. She expects them to dominate from the very beginning and finish strong.

“We want our hitting efficiency to be above 21 percent. One of our goals is to serve tough and put the teams on their heels right away,” Sewell said. “We have specific goals for ourselves and we want to see if we can do them.”

Lacey Gera, senior outside hitter, said that she’s excited to face all the teams compet-